

# THE HEDLEY INFORMER

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## CASH SPECIALS

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## Easter Programs

A group of B S U students from Canyon headed by Stephen Milner, a former Hedleyan, put on a splendid program at the Baptist Church Sunday morning following the Sunday School hour. The attendance was large and the program was one of the best of the year so far. It consisted of scripture reading, talks and special musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal.

At the evening hour our local ladies' music club put on their annual Easter program consisting of special musical numbers which were well rendered. This type of music has been receiving a good deal of emphasis for the past few years on the part of this music club, and the large attendance Sunday night is evidence that our people are growing more and more to appreciate this high type of music. Thanks a million ladies; Keep up the good work.

Another good feature of the program was an earnest and well prepared sermon on the resurrection by our own beloved and popular preacher, Truman E. Caldwell.

## At the Churches

Attendance at the Sunday Schools was higher last Sunday. We hope that those who have not been attending Sunday School and preaching will begin now. Easter is past, which is a special day with all churches and a day on which so many people will attend church. Let us continue with our last Sunday's record. To do so we will find it necessary for all to attend Sunday School and church. Let us turn our steps toward God and the churches. We are told that we can not make foot print in the sands of time sitting down. Let our steps lead others right.

## W. E. Reeves Has Birthday

W. E. Reeves celebrated his 82nd birthday, April 9. A bountiful dinner was prepared at noon, only a few relatives being present.

In the afternoon a number of friends called to wish Mr. Reeves many more happy birthdays.

He received many nice gifts, attesting the esteem in which he is held by his many friends.

## Banks in Good Condition

Financial statements of the four Donley County banks reveal that deposits now total \$1,008,672.57, a very favorable figure for this time of year. Total resources of the four banks total nearly one and one half million dollars.

## Legionnaires to Meet April 19

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary of the 18th district will meet in Memphis, Wednesday evening April 19 in their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. John Deaver of Memphis, 18th district president and Chas. Haisel of Pampa, 18th district commander of the Legion, will preside over the business session. The Memphis Legionnaires under the direction of Post commander Orlie Jones are preparing a big feed and dance for all legionnaires.

Miss Sarah Hendricks spent the past week-end in Turkey.

## Mrs. W. A. Franklin

We are very sorry to report the death of Mrs. W. A. Franklin 67 years of age, who passed away at her home in Deming, N. Mex. last Thursday, April 6. Funeral services were conducted Friday by Rev. Gamble, Baptist pastor. She is survived by her husband, 4 sons and 6 daughters, among whom is Mrs. J. M. Lynn of Hedley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn and son and Clifford Franklin of Vigo Park went to Deming last week to be at Mrs. Franklin's bedside.

## Brotherhood Meeting

The brotherhood meeting at the First Baptist Church Tuesday night was well attended, about 40 men being present. A very interesting program was given, after which all enjoyed sandwiches, pie and coffee.

## NOTICE

The Bethany Peniel College male quartet will give a concert at the Nazarene Church on Friday night, April 14, with Dr. L. T. Carlett as special speaker. The public is invited to attend.

## NOTICE

The workers conference of the Panhandle Baptist Ass'n meets with the church here next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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W. B. Mayfield

## W. M. SOCIETY

Mrs. J. B. Masterson entertained the Masterson Circle of the W. M. S. Wednesday April 5 in an all day session. The forenoon was spent at quilting and pleasant conversation. At the noon hour a most delicious covered dish luncheon was enjoyed. Bro. Biggs and Mr. Masterson were guests.

After luncheon a short business session was held. Mrs. Newman was asked to serve on the Social Service committee and she willingly consented. It was voted to make the first Wednesday in each month an all day work meeting, and every third Wednesday afternoon a program meeting.

Next came the Social Service program, Mrs. Reese bringing the devotional. The program proved most interesting and educational. Especially did all enjoy the Negro Pensioner, by Mesdames J. B. Masterson and I. E. Biggs. The next meeting will be on the afternoon of April 19, Mrs. Frank Kendall, hostess. Reporter

Misses Joyce Tinsley and Martha Sue Noel of T. S. C. W. at Denton spent the Easter holidays here.

Rev. Walter Patterson, J. B. Patterson and Albert Martin spent last week end in Abilene. They attended a singing convention at Low Sunday, and Rev. Patterson preached at Buffalo Gap Sunday night.

O. L. Johnson and Leon Reeves attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the new school building in Memphis Monday night.

David Hull of Abilene visited the Hedley family the past week end.

## SPECIALS

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BIG TOP

By ED WHEELAN

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THE TRAPEZE WAS LOWERED AND THE PARASOL THROWN UP TO HER. IN A MOMENT TO THE THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE OF THE MULTITUDE...

SHE HAD JUMPED FROM THE SWINGING TRAPEZE LANDING SAFELY ON THE TINY WIRE.

WOW—THAT GIRL IS A WONDER! I THINK OF HER DOING THAT DANGEROUS ACT WITH THE ELEPHANT JUST BEFORE THIS ONE!!

MEANWHILE, JEFF BANGS SENT FOR HIS PUBLICITY MAN, DON WRIGHT.

HOLY SMOKE—LOOK, SHE'S HANGING THAT TIGHT UNDER HER!!

SAV THAT ELEPHANT WASN'T ACTIN' NOT ON YA LIFE!!

DON, THANKS TO MYRA, WE CAN TURN ALTA'S RAMPAGES THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING INTO SOME SWELL PUBLICITY LISTEN....

LALA PALOOZA—A Real Work of Art

By RUBE GOLDBERG

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MESCAL IKE

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WHAT'S ALL TH' FUSS ABOUT OUT THAR?

HE SAYS HE AIN'T... BUT THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

GO SEE IF HE'S PIE-EYED

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LOVE SPEEDING HIGH SHOPS

WHY'S HELEY BATES!

'SMATTER POP—Like Telling Your Pet Gag to the Comics Editor

By C. M. PAYNE

MY POP SAID, EAT SOME CHEESE, IT'S GOOD FOR YA!

AN I SEZ, I DONT CARE FOR IT, I'LL JUST EAT TH' HOLES!

MM-FF?

POP NEARLY DIED!

HOW?

LAFFIN'!

POP—The Highest Point of Argument

By J. MILLAR WATT

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T ARGUE ABOUT! AREN'T THESE MOUNTAINS HIGH?

ONLY THE TOPS OF THEM!

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'—Now What Does Kitty Mean?

By POP MOMAND

YES—TH' YOUNG LADY LIKES THIS SUITS VERY MUCH! SHE HAS DECIDED TO TAKE IT!

IT'S ONE OF TH' BEST WE HAD IN TH' HOUSE! SHE'S NOT MAKING A MISTAKE!

IT'S SUCH A WONDERFUL CHANGE FROM THAT HORRID JAIL! I WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO TAKE OFF YOUR HAT AND STAY A WHILE?

AW—ER—THANKS, MISS KITTY—BUT I IMAGINE YOU'RE A BIT TIRED AND WOULD LIKE TO GET SETTLED IN YOUR NEW PLACE!!

YES—I WOULD LIKE A LITTLE REST...

WELL—ER—UM—GOOD-BYE!!

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Jerry On the Job!

Lightning Service

by HOBAN

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## Projects in Agriculture

Our Agriculture class has been  
doing some work in learning to  
judge livestock. Mr. Harmon  
took us on three trips to judge  
hogs, dairy cattle and draft hor-  
ses.

We first went to Mr. Bridges'  
farm, where we learned to judge  
hogs. We all did well on judging  
swine. The purpose of our judg-  
ing hogs is that if we go into the  
swine raising business we will  
know what kind to get.

The next trip we made was to  
Mr. Long's. We went there to  
judge his dairy cows. The pur-  
pose of learning to judge cows is  
for the same purpose as learning  
to judge hogs. Most of the boys  
did well in judging, but a few  
were wrong.

We went to Mr. Long's place to  
judge draft horses. We all did  
better on judging the horses than  
anything we had judged before.

Mr. Harmon explained to us  
how to judge horses before we  
ever began. Every one of the  
boys did nicely on judging the  
horses. The purpose of judging  
horses is also the same as the  
purpose of judging cows and  
hogs.

We appreciate Mr. Long and  
Mr. Bridges' courtesy in letting  
us come to their places and judge  
their stock and get practice in  
putting into practice our new  
theories.

I think the Agriculture class  
has been doing nice work and  
will continue to do nice work.

We are going to judge sheep,  
if we can find any, and poultry.  
Billy Procter

## Assembly

Assembly met on Friday April  
7, with the Juniors in charge of  
the program. The first num-  
ber was two songs, Harbor Lights  
and Hello by six high school girls.  
The Juniors then rendered two  
sketches of their play, Don't Go  
West, Go Western.

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## The Easter Pageant

At 6 o'clock Saturday evening  
April 8, the Juniors and a few  
outsiders journeyed toward Law-  
ton, Okla. They went for the  
purpose of seeing the Easter  
Pageant in the Wichita Mountains.

As the clock gradually passed  
6 the cars took off leaving 4 of the  
students to go with the remain-  
ing car. We were all anxious for  
the journey to end in that some  
were tired before starting, and  
all of us were worn out by the  
time we started home.

Hellis, Okla. was the first stop  
that was made and everyone just  
knew that they felt different from  
what they did in Texas. As we  
drew out of our cars, to our  
surprise we found that coach's  
car, the car that was left, was  
just behind us. We stayed there  
long enough to get some fresh  
Oklahoma air then started on our  
way. Our next stop was Good  
Between steps we ate part of the  
food that we had taken with us.  
We then drove on toward Altus  
and stopped for another rest.  
Even though one car had quite a  
bit of food it seemed to go down  
rather fast. Our last stop before  
the Wichita Mts. was Cache. It



# THE HOOT



was beginning to grow colder in  
the meantime and we could im-  
agine ourselves almost frozen by  
the time 4:30 came. Anyway we  
were not long getting there, and  
we were one of the 250,000 cars  
there, believe it or not.

Around 11 o'clock some got  
out of the cars and walked toward  
the stage while others said they  
would stay in the cars until it  
began. Well at any rate those  
who stayed missed part of the  
show. At 2 o'clock the remain-  
der of the gang went to see the  
pageant. Led by Coach and  
Woodley we finally found a place  
to sit down. A family of Indians  
sat next to us on one side, and I  
spent my time shaking (from  
cold). We missed the first pag-  
eant but saw the second one  
which lasted until 4:30. There  
were so many cars that it took  
until 12 o'clock for all of them to  
get out of the mountains.

A good time was had by the

following, who arrived in Hedley  
at 12 o'clock Sunday: Coach  
Gregg, Woodley, Johnson,  
Madge Richerson, M. and Mrs.  
Tom McDougal, Glen Richerson,  
Jonimerle Pickett, Don Hickey,  
Katha Davis, Ralph Alewine,  
Faye Leach, Paul Bailey, Seretha  
Gunn, Geraldine Rice, Yennie  
Watt, J. O. Hiekerson, Doyle  
Messer, Paul Stewart, Foster  
Pickett and Emory Stone.

## Attend Track Meet

Saturday April 8, Coach Gregg  
took his track team (Edwards  
and Sims) to Claude for the an-  
nual Plains Track Meet. The  
track was muddy for the prelim-  
inaries but it was in fair condi-  
tion for the finals in the afternoon.  
Edwards failed to equal his  
record set there last year in the  
high hurdles, however, he led the  
field to an easy victory. Bruce

was taken by surprise on the  
low hurdles and let a fast man  
from White Deer pass him on  
the last hurdle, and force him  
into second place. M. L. Sims  
was not at his usual stride and  
failed to place in the 880 yard  
dash, his only event.

In spite of the weather there  
it was a good meet and some new  
records were set.

## Junior Play

The Junior class presented  
their play, Don't Go West Go  
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ous comedy presented in three  
acts. The receipts were small,  
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# Electricity Reaches the Homestead; Farming Regains Favor With Youth



## Rural Depopulation Trend Reversed as Agricultural Industries Begin Developing New Cultural and Mechanical Opportunities

By JOSEPH W. LABINE

"How y'onna keep 'em down on the farm?" We used to have a lot of fun singing that good-humored old ballad in the War days. The question was qualified, of course, by the addition of the words, "after they've seen Poree." The idea was supposed to be that once a lad from the cornfields of Iowa or the plantations of the Old South had had a fling at the world's gayest capital it was no simple task to reconcile him once more to a life of hard chores and high boots.

Everybody sang it, nobody believed it and it was swell propaganda for raising an expeditionary army.

Today it's not so funny. Keeping 'em down on the farm is a serious problem. Better educational opportunities, lean times and the broader sophistication for which that same war was largely responsible have lured to the city many a young man who would otherwise have proudly adhered to the farming tradition.

### Land Up, Population Down.

In 1925, some 8.6 per cent of the land area of the United States was in farms; in 1930 this ratio had increased to 5.7 per cent, and by 1935 it had jumped to 55.4 per cent. During these same years the rural population, which had been 46.1 per cent of the nation's total in 1925, declined to 43.1 per cent in 1930 and to 43.1 per cent in 1935.

But in a real democracy the social and economic pendulums do not swing too far out of line before a way is found to bring them back. The last few years have seen a new appreciation of sociological readjustment, and its effect has been to create new machinery for spreading to the farthest reaches of the land the cultural and mechanical benefits which have all too long obtained chiefly to the cities. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the concerted drive now under way to extend electricity to the farms.

The Rural Electrification administration, organized in 1935, and "feeling its way" for the last two or three years, is getting into full stride with plans to electrify 500,000 American farms between now and June 30.

### Electrification Booms.

During the first six months of this year it will have spent or allocated funds to bring the benefits of electricity to a number of farms equal to more than one-third of all the electrified farms there were in this country at the end of 1938. It is safe to predict that, with the farms to be added, independent of REA aid, to the lines of the utility companies (whose rural programs REA spurred to record activity) the present total will be doubled.

Cloaked in these statistics are implications certain far vaster than the figures themselves, portents far beyond the power of any allegorical string of electric light bulbs seven times the length of the globe to illuminate.

It takes no more than a little anecdote to illustrate how electricity,

coupled with this day of the automobile, the highway and the radio, may well be a starting gun for the long awaited back-to-the-soil decentralization which may some day supplant the breadline. The anecdote concerns a southeastern farmer who



This lad may some day be a better poultry-raiser than his dad, homing future hens under an electric hover.

had been persuaded finally to sign up with an REA co-op only after the most spirited resistance.

### Social Significance.

"I never would have believed what it has meant," he told the co-op superintendent some time after electric power had begun to relieve his family from most of its drudgery. "My boys who are just entering or about ready for high school are making their plans about what they are going to do, on the farm, when they grow up. It used to be they talked about what they were going to do when they grew up, seeming to have in mind everything else except farming."

Nor will the cities be without compensation for the benefits extended to the farms. Manufacturers will be materially helped.

New figures from the REA statisticians reveal that the total lent or made available by REA in the four years which will end June 30 will be \$231,000,000. Of this amount, \$150,000,000 is for material orders, from which all industry draws ex-



Stringing four lines of aluminum cable at once near Horton, Kan. REA projects have required 115,000 miles of this cable.

Above: REA and Co-op officials rode beside modern power lines in an ox cart symbolizing the inconveniences of rural life in a bygone day, as Center, Ala., paraded to celebrate its new electric service.

tensive benefits. Twenty-nine million dollars will have gone into poles; \$6,500,000 into line hardware and cross-arms; \$1,500,000 into insulators; \$27,000,000 into transformers; \$18,000,000 into cut-outs and brackets; \$1,500,000 into grounding equipment; \$49,000,000 into conductors and \$8,000,000 into guy wires, clamps, rods and anchors.

### Aluminum: A Sample.

The effect upon industry is easily seen by making a brief analysis of any one of these items. Take the largest—conductors—for instance: The United States has consumed some 600,000 miles of aluminum cable, steel reinforced—and 115,000 miles of this have been required by REA in four years! New 1939 orders will help to stabilize employment for Arkansas' vast bauxite mines, from which the ore used in REA aluminum cable comes; for aluminum plant workers, for the railroads, for aluminum reduction and fabricating plants and even for the steel industry, which provides cores for the cables.

Still further good news for industry, as well as an indication of the fuller life in store for the half million farms to be added to REA lines in the remainder of the fiscal year, is an immediate demand for \$90,000,000 worth of appliances which the program is expected to create.

On the face of past records it may be prophesied that 130,000 families will buy refrigerators; 230,000 will buy washing machines; 85,000, water pumps; 80,000 vacuum cleaners—and 435,000 will buy radios, which is just one more indication, perhaps, that it is the cultural benefits of electricity that appeal to the farmer, for only 400,000 will buy electric irons.

### Small Towns Profit.

Profit has come, also, to the small urban communities which exist as marketing and recreational centers for surrounding farm areas. As an example, from 1935 through 1938, 600,000 farm homes were electrified in the United States, almost all requiring new wiring. Of the \$50,000,000 expended for this aspect of the work, half was spent for labor performed locally by small electrical contractors who had not had much employment because of lack of local home construction. The other \$25,000,000 has gone to distributors and manufacturers of wiring materials.

Even with the vast nature of this year's program there will be much left to be done. When REA first began to function, only one farm in nine had electricity; when this year's program is carried out to its fullest extent three farms in five will still be without it.

It must not be imagined, either, that REA's path has been entirely rosy. REA makes no grants; it lends money only, and theoretically cannot be counted as one of the "Santa Claus" agencies. Its loans must be self-liquidating or it won't lend.

But of all the millions loaned up to March 1, 1939, less than \$100,000 in principal and interest had been repaid. Officials were plainly worried that revenues and repayments were not up to expectations.

Now John M. Carmody, REA administrator, hopes a remedy will be found in legislation by the states which will be favorable to REA co-operatives experiencing financial difficulties. REA's legislative plan, now in effect in six states, will seek to have lightened the state tax burden on co-ops, relieve them of control by state power commissions and exempt their securities from "blue sky" laws.

How successful Carmody will be remains to be seen. It seems plausible to expect remonstrances from utility companies whose rural lines are beneficiaries from no such leniency.

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## Bruckart's Washington Digest

# Official Washington Is Watching Events in Europe With Uneasy Eye

State Department Voices Disgust of American People at Hitler's Dastardly Actions; Our National Resources of War Materials Should Be Developed.

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WASHINGTON.—Obviously, official Washington, as indeed the whole world, has been watching what has been going on in Europe in the last few weeks. They have been watching with more uneasiness, more genuine fear, how Hitler has been expanding the Reich, seizing, crushing, stealing, new territory, subjugating new peoples, as his insane ambition leads him on and on. Those charged with official responsibility have watched because there can be no mistake about the dangers inherent in this wild remaking of the map of the world.

Our government has had the courage to speak out, through its department of state. It has said the Hitler action in overpowering the peoples of Europe, the minority races, is a dastardly thing. There was nothing else that could be done about it. Secretary Hull and Under Secretary Welles, of the department of state, have left no doubt in the minds of other nations, however, that we, as a people, are angry about what Hitler has done. But again: we can do nothing more than protest, because the United States has no business going to war over some other nation's troubles.

But while our state department has been getting on record with its disgust, and there has been a great to-do about strengthening our national defense just in case trouble would break out and involve us, Washington bureaucrats and some selfish elements in congress have been foiling correction of our greatest weakness. President Roosevelt has used his most patriotic voice to force action by congress in development of airplanes for defense, in construction of new battle boats and has moved strongly for production of equipment, guns, and the like.

### Strategic War Materials That Must Be Developed

But with all of this hullabaloo, we have not heard nor seen any plans for development of our national deposits of raw materials which are used in the stock pile of war resources. It might not be so important were it not a fact that a score or more of these materials have to be imported. I regret the necessity for being so bold, but it is proper to say that our war and navy departments have advanced not a single program, or even a thought, as to how this nation could gain certain raw materials if we were to be involved in a war that would cut off importation of them.

The war department has prepared a list of some of these "strategic war materials" and it has listed some of the most important, such as nickel, tin, manganese, rubber, etc. That is as far as it has gone.

It is true, and the swivel chair officers will stress the fact, that congress passed a law a few years back that was designed to encourage American production of these essentials. It was called, popularly, the buy-American act. It even went so far as to afford authority for payment of premiums, up to 25 per cent above foreign quotations, in order that American capital would go to work here on these essentials. But has anything resulted from it? The records answer, no.

A congressional committee also lately has answered "no" by drafting another bill to encourage production in the United States of these war essentials. The house committee on military affairs has reported a bill which Chairman May hopes will do the work, but even Chairman May is doubtful of its success. He is doubtful because, as he said, when the bureaucrats in the executive branch of the government do not want to encourage domestic production, they simply sit in their chairs and swing their feet back and forth.

### Officials Unwilling to Learn From Other Nations

Those fellows in the executive departments apparently are unwilling to learn from other nations either. I came into possession of a document, for example, that made a confidential report to the national emergency council more than a year ago. It told that the British government had stored in warehouses enough nickel and tin for a three years supply to be used by industries manufacturing war materials. This was done by the British government, notwithstanding the fact that London is the seat of the great International Nickel corporation which owns the largest nickel mines in the world and does 88 per cent of the world's trade in nickel. The British thought it was wise to have the essential material available, when and if needed, and it had that conviction even with the largest nickel mine known now located on British territory at Suds-worth, Ontario, Canada.

Further, according to that report, the British were unwilling to leave the main nickel refinery on United States soil. It was moved to a Canadian spot where, according to the report, it would be "out of distance of any long range guns." The

British royal commission which made the study added that while they and the United States are friendly and none can see any reason for that friendship ever to be disturbed, "no man can forecast the future."

"The shortage of nickel," said the report, "might be a weakness sufficient to determine the issue of a war."

I discussed this question of war essentials with various members of the house—Representative Murdock of Arizona, Representative Francis Case of South Dakota, Representative Scroggins of Nevada, among others. To a man they said that the will of congress was being thwarted by bureaucrats who are unwilling to encourage American industry. Mr. Scroggins, for instance, a former governor of his state and a mining man, told how the bureau of mines had reported there was no worthwhile nickel deposits in Alaska. The same agency has found no reason to encourage American capital to develop manganese deposits in the United States. Mr. Case has been trying to get congressional action on measures to get some use of the metal deposits of South Dakota, but always selfish corporate interests, seeing no further ahead than the point of their red noses, have stalled the programs.

### Pleads for Money to Develop Mineral Resources

Mr. Murdock, also a mining man, made a plea on the floor of the house the other day for congress to provide some money enabling realistic procedure with respect to our unknown and undeveloped metal resources—so that we would know in case of war, if for no other reason.

"Since my school boy days," said Mr. Murdock in house debate, "I have been told that Alaska is a treasure house of natural wealth and economic resources. I believe we have been and are overlooking that fact in our dealing with that far off corner of our country. I feel that we ought to develop those resources; we ought to know more about them."

Mr. Murdock's statement causes me to ask the question: since it is our national policy (at present, at least) to spend billions of dollars under the guise of making work, why not designate some few of the millions for worthwhile national development?

Reference was made the other day to testimony given two years ago before the senate finance committee. I looked it up and found that the late Francis P. Garvan, then president of the chemical foundation, had caused an investigation to be made of Alaskan metal resources. The report brought in by a Wisconsin university professor, who did the searching and digging on the ground, makes one wonder what undercurrent of influence has prevented the development of metal claims, such as nickel and tin, up there. Very few of the national legislators knew of the testimony.

### Buying for Reserves Would Start Brand New Industries

In my conversations among Rocky Mountain congressmen, I could not avoid the conclusion that capital funds held in the United States will not be put to work on such things without some encouragement from officials in Washington. I know that some representatives and senators are of the opinion that the federal government ought to offer to buy these war essentials here and disregard foreign sources. They believe that a commitment to buy for reserves, if made by the federal government, would start brand new industries going in many, many parts of the United States. All of the while, however, we have the bureau of mines and the war department sitting back and making it hard for Americans to develop America.

This whole situation would be hardly worth analyzing were it not for the facts: 1. The federal government is spending billions for defense, along with other billions that are being wasted, and, 2. It is a measure of safety to have all, or as much as possible, of the things we would need, in event of war, where they can be handled by Americans for Americans. And it is more important, too, because numerous reports have reached Washington in the last year to the effect that German, or Belgian, or British capitalists have been making overtures to holders of American mining claims for operating leases on properties that yield such things as essential war metals. It is my belief that sooner or later congress will learn that the bureaucracy, which it created, has wasted too much time; it will learn that foreigners own all of the metal resources here—and we will be buying back the finished material at the prices foreign monopoly cares to establish—just as we are now buying nickel.

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## Star Dust

★ Ties That Don't Bind  
★ Gene Charms Royalty  
★ Listed for a Beating

By Virginia Vale

JOSEPH BENTON NORTH has performed fifty-two marriage ceremonies, and not one of them had any lasting effect. He can recite the marriage rituals of forty-seven varieties of religion, ranging from the voodooistic ceremony to that of the Church of England, but he uses a mixed ritual which he made up himself. As you've probably suspected by now, he is a minister without portfolio, one who officiates only in the movies.

Of the many screen players whom he has "married" North reveals that Claudette Colbert exhibited the most nervousness; he thinks that was because she is the most religious. The calmest person, he says, was Rochelle Hudson; she took two of his ceremonies in her stride, and



CLAUDETTE COLBERT

apparently thought they were amusing. Laura LaPlante cried, and Marlene Dietrich kept arranging her hair and dress.

His most recent appearance on the screen as a marrying man was for "Wuthering Heights." Merle Oberon and David Niven were the bride and groom, and he used the ritual dictated by the period.

The Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, of England's royal family, were asked recently to name their favorite motion picture star. Ignoring Norma Shearer, Janet Gaynor, Clark Gable, and the other top-notchers (including Shirley Temple), they replied "Gene Autrey."

When Billie Burke broke her ankle she was considerate enough to pick a perfect time in which to do it. She tripped as she was leaving the "Maiden Voyage" set, and snap went the ankle. Being a seasoned trouper, her first thought was of the picture, and the delay that might be caused by her accident.

But it happened that all of her walking shots had been made. She was due just to sit in the rest of the picture anyway.

How'd you like to look ahead to taking a beating? That is what Walter Pidgeon has been doing. For "Six Thousand Enemies" is slated as his next picture, and the script calls for him to be soundly beaten by one of the six thousand—with a husky pugilist selected by the casting department for the role. Pidgeon has been using his spare time between scenes of "Fenthouse" to practice up a bit, but he is none too optimistic about his own skill, even though the script does put a limit on the amount of damage that is to be done to him.

Fred Allen is one of the few radio stars who does not own a farm. He hasn't a car, either; he prefers to live in a hotel and ride in taxis. Most of the big-time radio stars feel that they can't get along without a country home. Frank Black, Paul Whiteman and Benny Goodman have farms in Pennsylvania; Lanny Ross and Lowell Thomas each own acreage in New York state; Tommy Dorsey's place is in New Jersey, and Morton Downey's in Connecticut. And if you don't believe that they really turn into farmers whenever they get a chance you ought to hear them talk!

Those radio introductions are likely to go haywire, as did one in which Pat O'Brien was involved the other day. He went to the midjet auto races in Hollywood with Norris Goff, who is "Abner" of radio's famous "Lum and Abner" team. Barney Oldfield, the former auto racing champion, introduced them as follows: "Norris Goff, better known as 'Abner' on the radio, and Pat O'Brien, who plays 'Lum.'"

ODDS AND ENDS—The reason that movie studios aren't more lavish with their screen tests is that the average test costs \$10,000. . . . The death of Ernie Hare deprives radio of one of its most beloved old-timers. . . . Looks as if the "Castle Walk" would out the "Lambeth Walk" as the most popular dance when RKO releases "The Story of Fernon and Irona Castle" with Rogers and Astaire. . . .

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# THREE SHUTTERED HOUSES

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

SYNOPSIS

Driving home through a torrential rain, young, well-to-do Clint Jervies picks up a girl, scantily clad, running in terror-stricken flight down the road. She rides a short ways, leaves the car and runs into the woods. He decides to talk to his dear friends, Inspector Tope and Miss Moss, about his adventure. Clint still thinks of her as Miss Moss, his former guardian, though she and the Inspector are married. Clint, having settled down, now manages the Jervies estate himself. In three shuttered houses, all gloomy and forbidding, on Kenesaw Hill, near where Clint picked up the frightened girl, lived three families. In one house lived old Denman Hurder, his wife, who had been Ella Kenesaw, and his daughter, Kitty Leaford, and her daughter June. Living in a second house was Aunt Evie Taine, Uncle Justus and brothers Rab and Asa. The third held old Matthew Bowdon and his wife. Living on the estate was a man known only to June as "Uncle Jim." Following their usual custom the three families gathered in the Hurder home Saturday night. Kitty, June's mother, retired early with a headache. She was given warm milk, and insisted on taking two sleeping tablets, one more than usual. Strangely upset, June slept fitfully, and in the middle of the night went in to see her mother. Her uncomfortable position warned June that her mother was not sleeping. She was dead. Panic stricken, June ran from the room, out the unlocked door, and into the storm to get Doctor Cabler. It was here that Clint Jervies picked her up.

CHAPTER IV

Inspector Tope and Miss Moss had found in marriage the calm happiness of middle age. The Inspector had looked all his life on violence, yet with gentle, comprehending eyes. For a score of years or more he was at the head of the Homeicide Bureau at Police Headquarters, and won for himself there a reputation not soon to be forgotten. Miss Moss was in a different fashion as shrewd as he.

While they were away on their leisurely honeymoon, Clint had planned a surprise for them: There was among the properties of the Jervies Trust a one-story, six-room house sandwiched on a narrow lot in Longwood, hidden in a backwater away from the traffic arteries, with four trees on this lot, and room for a flower-garden. Dana Jervies, Clint's father, had taken his bride there thirty years ago; and he had kept it afterward for the sake of sentiment. Clara and Mat lodged in this house for a while after their marriage; and when Inspector Tope and Miss Moss came home from their honeymoon, Clint met them at the station and drove them to this familiar door.

Miss Moss, with tears of pleasure in her eyes, protested; but Clint said strongly: "Why, of course you'll come here. This is where all the Jervies family starts housekeeping, you know. Can't go against tradition." And when she argued she was not of the Jervies family, he insisted gently: "You're the only mother I can remember, you know."

She yielded at last, said they would stay a little while; but Clint said they should lodge here till he wanted the house for his own bride. "And that will be a long time, by all the signs," he promised.

On the morning after Clint's ride over Kenesaw Hill, he rang the bell as they were about to sit down to the breakfast Miss Moss had prepared; and Tope, in an old blue dressing-gown and slippers, the morning paper crumpled in his hand, opened the door for him.

He greeted Clint, and he called over his shoulder: "Mrs. Tope, here's Clint for breakfast."

She appeared for a moment in the dining-room door to smile a welcome, and bade them both sit down at the table.

"Almost ready," she promised. She watched these two for a second, a deep fondness in her eyes, before she disappeared into the kitchen again. When she presently returned, with the coffee in one hand and a platter of eggs and bacon in the other, Tope said:

"Wait, Clint. Start over now." And he said to Miss Moss: "Mrs. Tope, Clint's had a curious adventure. See how it sounds to you."

And Clint told them how, driving back to town, he had overtaken a girl in her nightgown, running through the rain upon that lonely road. "Now what do you make of that?" he asked, challenging them.

Miss Moss reflected. "I know a little about that place!" she told them. "I know there are three houses, side by side. Matthew Bowdon lives in one. He's a lawyer, trust law mostly. The firm is Bowdon and Taine. Mr. Bowdon must be an old man now. Two of his grandsons are in the firm with him, and Justus Taine, his son-in-law."

Clint exclaimed: "Well, what I want to know is, who was this girl? What had frightened her?"

The Inspector got up and crossed to the telephone. "I wonder if Charley Harquail is downtown," he said. "He might know if anything has happened out there." Charley was a reporter, and he and the Inspector were old friends. Tope called the newspaper office, and Miss Moss and Clint listened to the one-sided conversation.

When the old man turned back to them again, there was a quickening

interest in his eyes; and Clint caught him by the arm, demanding: "What is it, Inspector? What did Harquail say?"

Tope sat down at the breakfast-table again. "I need another cup of coffee, Mrs. Tope," he said. "To think this over." And while she poured it, he began to explain: "You heard me ask Charley if Denman Hurder had any children," he reminded them; and he chuckled. "That surprised Charley," he said, with a certain gratified vanity in his tones. "Charley wanted to know how I got onto it, and I asked him what he was talking about."

He hesitated, said soberly: "This is what he told me: Mr. Hurder had a daughter named Katherine. She eloped, twenty-odd years ago, with a man named Jerry Leaford. Leaford didn't amount to much, Charley said. He said there was a row at the time, and finally she and Leaford went home to live with



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her folks; and then Leaford left her, and disappeared for good and all."

He added, and his tones were sadder now: "The reason Charley had all this stuff so pat, Mrs. Leaford died last night, and he'd been getting up an obit for her."

"Died?" Clint cried. "She was alive—"

"It wasn't her you saw," Tope reminded him. "She must have been past forty now."

"You asked something about children?" Miss Moss prompted.

"I asked Charley if she had any children," Tope explained. "He didn't know. They just got a flash about her death, from the district man out there; and they wanted to give her a good obit, because of course Hurder is a big advertiser. Charley said the district man was going to get all the dope, children and so on."

The others sat thoughtful, watching him; and the Inspector was silent for a moment. He said at last with an apologetic glance at Miss Moss:

"You'll think I'm seeing things at night, but—there's something wrong out there!"

Miss Moss urged slowly: "Why do you think so? Mrs. Leaford was sick, and the telephone was out of order, and they sent someone for a doctor. Isn't that all?"

Tope shook his head. "No one runs for a doctor, no matter how big the hurry is, without putting some clothes on."

"What was the matter with Mrs. Leaford?"

"Charley said heart trouble," Tope explained. "But that covers a lot of ground. If a man gets shot, or stabbed, he dies of heart-trouble, as far as that goes. Heart failure will kill a person; yes. But it takes something to make a heart fail. Takes quite a lot, too. These hearts of ours go on pumping pretty steadily, unless something happens to them. I'd like to know what made her heart fail."

He took up the telephone, and Miss Moss moved to his side. "Inspector," she urged, "it isn't our business."

He smiled at her. "Let me poke my nose in," he begged. "I can't keep out of a thing till I know."

He used the phone for a while, turned back to them again. "That was Inspector Heale," he said. "At Headquarters out there. He hadn't even heard about Mrs. Leaford being dead. I guess it's nothing." He grinned at Clint.

"Son," he demanded, "what do you mean, coming in here and stirring us up this way? Can't a girl go for a walk in her nightgown along a country road in the rain without starting so much talk? I don't believe there was any girl, anyway. How much did you drink last night, young fellow?"

Clint chuckled. "Had one high ball," he confessed. "It bores me to see these kids lushing it up the

way they do." He spoke to Miss Moss. "This girl I took home, Mabel Gaye—she was tight. Bound she'd kiss me good night. Wanted me to stay—"

Miss Moss smiled at the austerity behind his words. "She'll be grateful to you today," she suggested.

Tope said in a mirthful tone: "And you no sooner get rid of her, than another one comes out in her nightgown to waylay you, Clint. What is this strange power of yours?"

Clint laughed, and then the telephone rang. Tope went briskly across the room. He said:

"Hello! . . . Yes, speaking . . . Oh, yes, Inspector."

A silence, while he listened. Then: "Yes, thanks."

Another silence; and then Tope said: "Why, I'll come out and see you, and bring him along. Sure."

He put up the receiver and turned back to them; and Miss Moss saw that his eyes shone.

"What is it?" Clint demanded. "Inspector Heale tells me he called up the Medical Examiner," Tope explained. "Doctor Derris had had no report on the death, so Heale called the family doctor. Doctor Cabler notified him. Doctor Cabler hadn't notified him. Cabler was called in late last night, slept late this morning. That's why he hadn't phoned Doc Derris. He said there wasn't any hurry."

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"Before that, I guess," Heale explained; and he looked at Tope and then at Clint inquiringly. "But I want to know how you heard about it," he reminded them, and Tope bade Clint tell the tale of his adventure the night before.

So Clint repeated his story; and Inspector Heale listened without interruption till he was done.

"The girl was Miss Leaford," he explained then. "Mrs. Leaford's daughter. She found her mother dead, and the telephone was out of order on account of the shower, so she ran to get the doctor."

He grinned. "I didn't know she made the trip in her nightgown," he admitted. "They're a queer lot up there, and she's as queer as the rest of them."

"They're that way about everything," Inspector Heale insisted. "You take electric lights. Hurder put them in his house, here a few years back; and then the others hooked his meter, to save meter deposits. The light company kicked, but those folks on the Hill, they mostly get their own way when they want it. Old Mrs. Bowdon—she's seventy if she's a day—you can argue with her till you're blind and she don't give an inch."

"And Mrs. Taine's as bad," Heale continued. "She's one of these thin, stringy women in a black dress; and she talks in a kind of whisper as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. She can strip the hide off you and never raise her voice. She's a worker, too. She'll put on overalls and go right at it. Do anything. For instance, she wired her own house and Bowdon's, and hooked up the wires in Hurder's cellar. If I didn't know they had money, I'd think they didn't have a cent, the way she works all the time."

Clint began: "Miss Leaford—"

The Inspector said guardedly: "Why, she might be all right, for all I know. She's always slipping around through the woods, alone, like a wild animal; and she never speaks to you. Passes you right by—"

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Clint swung the car off the main thoroughfare. "This is the road," he said. "I'll show you."

And he drove more slowly, studying the way. Woodlands shut them in on either side before he stopped at last, where there was a path, and a house among the trees.

"This is where I let her out," he explained.

Tope nodded, looking toward the house. "Probably Doctor Cabler lives there," he suggested. "How far had she ridden with you?"

"I was coming down this hill," Clint explained, and he drove on, said presently: "It must have been along here somewhere that I overtook her."

Tope commented: "No houses anywhere near."

"They're on top of the hill," Clint replied. He put the car swiftly up the grade and the three houses came into view.

Tope said, in a low tone as though he might be overheard: "Drive slowly, Clint."

"I'll stop," Clint amended. He pulled up the car beside the road, and got out, under pretext of inspecting the tires; but at the same time, under the brim of his hat, he looked attentively at these three houses by the road. So did Tope and Miss Moss too.

There was an undertaker's garland attached to the door of the house in the middle; and a car with a doctor's tag stood beside the road. The day was warm and fine after the shower; yet nowhere did Clint see a window open. Some of the shutters were closed and at other windows thick curtains hung. Behind the houses, the woods were dark and still.

When Clint presently drove on, he looked at Tope to see what impression the older man had received. "Well, there they are," he said. "What do you think?"

Tope answered with a slow smile: "Why, I get notions. Fool notions, maybe, Clint; but I've got in the habit of believing them. It feels to me as if the people that lived in those houses were afraid."

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"The girl was afraid," Clint agreed. "But what would they be afraid of?"

"Well," Tope reminded him, his tone suddenly grim. "A woman died of poison in there last night. If she'd known it was going to happen, she'd have had a right to be afraid."

So Clint was silenced; and they came on into the suburban town that was their destination, and found Police Headquarters. Miss Moss elected to stay in the car while they went inside.

Inspector Heale came to meet them. He was lean and gray, and his brows were extravagantly bushy. He shook Tope's hand, and spoke some hearty word.

"Might have known you'd be around," he said humorously. "You old buzzard! How do you hear about these things so soon? I didn't even know Mrs. Leaford was dead till you called me up."

"Done anything?" Tope asked seriously.

Inspector Heale bade them come into his office and closed the door, and he shook his head. "No," he confessed. "Doctor Derris's gone to look her over, of course. Doctor Cabler hadn't notified him. Cabler was called in late last night, slept late this morning. That's why he hadn't phoned Doc Derris. He said there wasn't any hurry."

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"And Mrs. Taine's as bad," Heale continued. "She's one of these thin, stringy women in a black dress; and she talks in a kind of whisper as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. She can strip the hide off you and never raise her voice. She's a worker, too. She'll put on overalls and go right at it. Do anything. For instance, she wired her own house and Bowdon's, and hooked up the wires in Hurder's cellar. If I didn't know they had money, I'd think they didn't have a cent, the way she works all the time."

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## FARM TOPICS

TAR OIL EMULSION FOR APPLE APHIS

Spraying Early Advised to Kill Eggs on Trees.

By Arthur J. Jervies, Professor of Pomology, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Any period of warm weather in the spring is an ideal time for the application of tar oil emulsion spray for the control of apple aphis. This material, when applied at the proper strength, will kill the aphis eggs now on the trees.

The stock emulsion, as received from the manufacturer or dealer, will contain 63 or 98 per cent actual tar oil. This should be diluted to provide 2.5 per cent actual tar oil in the diluted spray. Growers who have difficulty controlling the apple aphis would do well to apply one of the tar oil emulsions while the trees are dormant and the temperature is above freezing, since the treatment offers one of the most effective methods of control.

Plans for spraying tar oil emulsion should be made early enough to insure the completion of the job by the time the fruit buds appear silvery, since the use of such a mixture after that stage of bud development may cause serious injury. Furthermore, the application of excessive amounts of material should be avoided in the interest of safety and economy. This important, however, that the trees be completely coated with the spray, since any aphis eggs which are missed will not be killed. Best results are obtained by floating the material into the trees with the wind in the form of a fine mist.

### Many Reasons Why the Hen Lays Eggs on Floor

Floor eggs are objectionable for many reasons. They are likely to be broken and, being about the egg eating habit. Then, too, they are often fouled. And of great importance to R. Q. breeders, they cannot be credited to the hens that lay them.

The primary reason for floor laying is lack of sufficient nests, advises a poultryman in the Montreal Herald. If a hen is ready to lay and the nests are all occupied she will do the next best thing—lay on the floor. So the first preventive measure is to provide plenty of nests.

Another reason is comfort. If a hen ignores an empty nest and lays on the floor, she's probably more comfortable there.

The type of floor may be another reason for floor eggs. There is usually a higher percentage of such eggs where the nests are equipped with the old type swinging door that is held in place with a trigger. This makes a rather cumbersome trap and the hens appear to fight shy of it. Either thin plywood or metal traps seem to be least objectionable being light, easily worked and positive.

### Watch for Corn Bugs

With a large amount of stored corn, it is especially important to watch for insect damage, says the Prairie Farmer. The two past mild winters have caused such insects to increase. Dry corn, stored in a dry crib, well ventilated, is not likely to be damaged by insects. First indications of damage can be detected by finding holes in the ends and along the sides of the kernels. If a crib of corn becomes infested, it should be fed, sold, or if it is to be fumigated, must be shelled and treated in a tight bin.

### Wire Fence 75 Years Old

It was an Illinois farmer named Peter Sommer who first tried to make woven wire fence, says the Keystone Steel & Wire company. That was 75 years ago. He first tried stretching smooth wires between posts, and leaving in cross wires by hand. That worked pretty well but took too long, so he developed a machine. Operated by two men and a boy, some 10 rods of fence could be made in a day. The fabric had small square openings.

### Hard-Shell Hens

By selecting chicks from thick and thin-shelled eggs, respectively, poultry breeders at the University of California have developed two distinct lines of hens, one of which produces hard-shelled and the other soft-shelled eggs. A good laying flock then can be developed from the hard-shell hens, and the soft-shellers can go to it.

### Insectproofing Plants

According to the Country Home Magazine, modern greenhouse gardeners now keep out lice and red spiders under control by feeding their crops poisonous chemicals which are more deadly to insects than to plants. Dr. V. H. Morris, of the Ohio Experiment station, employs sodium selenate for this purpose, adding one part of selenium per million to his culture solution weekly and satisfactory results have been reported.

## It's Pretty to Wear And Easy to Make

ISN'T the dress with paneled skirt and lifted waistline (No. 1716) a lovely thing for larger women to wear? It's so simple, so soft and slenderizing, with a bodice that fits perfectly, because the shoulders are shirred and the waistline gathered. Make this of silk crepe, georgette, chiffon or flat crepe. Wear flowers or a jeweled pin at the becoming, deep V-neckline.

For slim figures, the bow-trimmed bolero frock (No. 1705) is particularly flattering, and it's



new as tomorrow morning! The dress, even without the bolero, is a real charmer, with its high neckline, flaring skirt and tiny waist. Thin wool, flat crepe or silk print are pretty materials for this.

The Patterns. No. 1716 is designed for sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 and 52. With long sleeves, size 38 requires 5 yards of 39-inch material; with short sleeves, 4 1/2 yards.

No. 1705 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 40. Size 12 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39-inch material, and 1 1/2 yards of ribbon for bows. To line bolero takes 1 1/2 yards.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

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Men like Ex-Lax because it is an effective and dependable laxative. It gets results!

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## NERVOUS?

Do you feel so nervous you want to scream? Are you cross and irritable? Do you scold those dearest to you?

If your nerves are on edge and you feel you need a good general system tonic, try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made especially for women.

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## RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE How Do You Feel?

Tired? Irritable? No ambition? Look at your watch—note the time. The same time tomorrow, compare how you feel then with the way you do right now!

In the meantime, stop at your druggist and, tonight, drink a cup of Garfield Tea.

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### BABY CHICKS FOR SALE

Sugar 25 lb. sack \$1.27      Flour, 48 lb. 89c

### PLENTY OF DRESSED FRYERS FED ON RED CHAIN FEED

Flour, M System, 48 lb. sack	\$1.29	Milk, small cans, 7 for	24c
Tomatoes, No. 2, 4 cans	25c	Potted Ham, 7 cans	25c
Meal, Guss Dodger, 20 lb.	35c	Beans, pinto, 18 lb.	99c
Mustard, qt. jar	10c		
Spuds, 25 lb. sack	25c		
Salt, 25 lb. sack	33c		
Soap, laundry, 7 bars	25c		
Soap, toilet, 6 bars	23c		
Peanut Butter, qt. jar	24c		
Prunes, dried, 4 lb.	25c		
Rice, 5 lb. 25c      Crackers, 2 lb. 12c			
Hominy, No. 2 can, 4 for	25c		

## M System Grocery

### BASEBALL

Hedley has again joined the Hall Co. baseball league, and will try to get up a team. All interested in playing are asked to see C. H. Reid.

Roy Hunter and family of Dalhart stopped over in Hedley last Wednesday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Coffey. They were enroute to Wichita Falls where Mr. Hunter will undergo medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Boston and son Dan of Clarendon visited in the J. R. Boston and W. E. Reeves homes Sunday.

### Governor O'Daniel Writes

Mr. R. H. Watson  
Hedley, Texas  
My dear friends:

I appreciate your kind petition of recent date which contained a number of helpful suggestions, all of which will receive every consideration. I am highly pleased to know of the interest you have taken in solving the affairs of State. Trusting that you will see fit to continue your suggestions, I am

Sincerely yours,  
W. Lee O'Daniel  
Governor of Texas

### CHARM BEAUTY SHOP

Get your new spring permament at the Charm Beauty Shop. A wave to fit your personality at a reasonable price.

Charm Beauty Shop  
Wynona Kyle, Operator  
Phone 23

A number of friends brought 16 tractors and listed Brownie Quisenberry's land Tuesday. Brownie is convalescing from a recent illness.

W. I. Rains and wife and the W. C. Bridges family have been ill with the flu.

### PASTIME THEATRE

Clarendon, Texas

Fri Sat April 14 15  
Donald O'Connor in  
**Tom Sawyer, Detective**

Also Cartoon and Traveltalk  
10 25c

Fox Movietone Every Friday

Sat prev. Sun Mon Apr 16 16 17

Bing Crosby in  
**Paris Honeymoon**

Also Fox News and Cartoon  
10 25c

Tuesday Only April 18

Barbara Stanwyck in  
**Always Goodbye**

Also Paramount Variety  
Bargain Day  
Admission 10c to everybody

Wed Thurs April 19 20

Joan Crawford in  
**The Ice Follies of 1939**

Also Our Gang Comedy  
10 25c

Going Attractions

April 22 28 24 Dick Powell in  
"Going Places"

April 26 27 Robert Montgomery  
in "Fast and Loose"

Matinee Every Day 2:00

Evening shows at 7:45

### COZY THEATRE

Sat Only April 15

Jack Luden in  
**Phantom Gold**

Also Chapter 5 of new Serial  
"Hawk of the Wilderness" with  
Herman Brix  
10 15c

### BOSTON-NOLAND

At 9 o'clock Easter morning April 9, Miss Eugenia Noland, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. E. Noland and Bob Boston, son of Mr and Mrs U. J. Boston of Clarendon, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents. A background of ferns, Easter lilies, sweet peas and white iris gave a pretty setting under the glow of white tapers in tall silver candelabras. The tapers were lighted by Miss Vera Noland, sister of the bride.

The couple entered to strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March played by Mrs. Loyd Benson, who also played "I Love You Truly" during the ceremony. The ring ceremony was read by Rev. G. S. Hardy who officiated at the wedding of the bride's parents.

The bride wore a tailored navy blue sheen and a hat of the same shade with accessories of chartruse. Her corsage was of gardenias. Only members of the families and a few intimate friends attended. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short trip to Roswell, N. Mex., where Bob attended and graduated from the Military Institute of that place.

On their return he will go to Fayetteville, Ark. where he is now attending the University of Arkansas and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He will receive his degree in Business Administration in June.

Mrs. Boston is a graduate of Clarendon high school and attended Clarendon College. She is employed at present in the Donley County Agent's office and will remain in Clarendon until June.

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

### 12c SALE

Dust Pans 12c      Toilet Tissue, 3 for 12c  
Waste Baskets 12c      Men's Supporters 12c  
Men's Ties 12c      Envelopes, 3 pkgs. for 12c  
Clothespins, 3 doz. 12c      Tire Tape, 3 for 12c  
Wash Rags, 3 for 12c      Tea Glasses, 2 for 12c  
Peanuts, regular 5c size, 3 for 10c  
Free--a balloon with each 5c bag of hot buttered popcorn

Other bargains too numerous to mention

Hedley Variety Store

No. 953

### Official Statement

### OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SECURITY STATE BANK

at Hedley, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of Mar., 1939, published in the Hedley Informer, a newspaper printed and published at Hedley, State of Texas, on the 14th day of April, 1939.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 84,164.81
Loans secured by real estate	7,143.61
Overdrafts	140.91
Securities of U. S., any State, or political subdivision thereof	20,708.32
Other Bonds & Stocks owned	1,985.00
Banking House	3,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	2,150.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	5,800.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	32,076.98
Other Resources:	
Commodity Credit Corp.	
Cotton Notes	25,579.04
Total	\$182,748.73

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 35,000.00
Capital Debentures Sold	15,000.00
Surplus Fund	7,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,113.85
Individual Deposits, subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	111,880.57
State Funds on Deposit	5,000.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,923.78
Cashiers Checks Outstanding	1,330.83
Total	\$182,748.73

#### STATE OF TEXAS)

County of Donley )  
We, J. W. Noel as President, and C. L. Johnson as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. W. Noel, President  
C. L. Johnson, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of April A. D. 1939.

Zeb Mitchell, Notary Public,  
Donley County, Texas.

Correct--Attest:  
Tomie M. Potts }  
Tom McDougal } Directors  
J. B. Masterson }

Lyman Davenport and Misses Carmen Adamson and Lela Ruth Watt of W T S T O at Canyon visited relatives here during the Easter holidays.

Rosecoe Planell and family of Pampa visited in the Rev. Wells home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClure of Rocky Ford, Colo. visited in the G. E. Kinslow home last week.

A Hendricks Jr of Alliance visited in Hedley Monday.

Joe Everett and family of MeLean visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Bowlin and Masterson were delegates to the annual conference of the W. M. S. at Pampa Tuesday.

Miss Ven Biggs visited in Bo via part of last week. Foyd and Dean Bates returned home with her for a visit.

Earnest Johnson of Amarillo visited his parents Sunday.

Rev. I. E. Biggs is assisting in a revival at McNight.

### Baby Chicks For Sale

The highest test, full blood A A chicks at only 3c, any and every breed. Please see us before you buy.

Quality Hatchery  
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E. K. Hooker and Ira Lawrence

### Entertains

Mrs. Masterson entertained her Sunday School class with a delicious breakfast Easter morning at 8 o'clock. 12 young people were delighted by those palatable waffles that only Mrs. Masterson can make. They were served with butter, maple syrup, bacon, coffee and tea. The table was very artistically and suitably arranged with a basket of easter eggs marking the center and small marshmallow rabbits perched on easter eggs for individual favors. After each person was filled to the brim, the dishes were washed and all the guests went to Sunday school. Mrs. Masterson is not only a wonderful teacher but a lovely. Those attending were James Biggs, Billie Johnson, Clifford Whitfield, Curtis Babcock, Lottie Mae Randall, Hazel Whitfield, Margie Babcock, Marie Irene Strickland, Joan Shaw, Yvonna Meeks, J. M. Dickson and Doris Marie Everett.

### Gleaners Class

The Gleaners Class will meet with Mrs. J. B. Masterson Friday, April 14, with a miscellaneous program, each bringing a subject of her own choice. Mrs. Richmond Bowlin, reporter.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

M. E. Wells, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00, Charles Rains, Supt.  
Song Service and Preaching, 11:00  
Evening Services:  
Preaching, 7:30 by the pastor.

### Church of the Nazarene

Walter Patterson, New Pastor  
Sunday School each Sunday morning, 9:45  
Preaching service, 11:00  
N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m.  
Preaching service, 7:15 p. m.  
W. F. M. S. Monday afternoon at the church, 3:00  
Wednesday evening Prayer meeting, 7:00  
Friday night choir and orchestra practice, 7:30 to 8:00.

### WEST BAPTIST CHURCH

V. A. Hansard, pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
Preaching 1st, 2nd, and 6th Sundays. Morning services at 11 a. m.; evening services 7:30 p. m. Visitors are always welcome.

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