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NOBODY'S BUSINESS

BY JULIAN CAPERS JR.

Austin, June 3.—The action of the supreme court of the United States in voiding certain vital essentials of the New Deal program is the biggest news in Texas, as elsewhere in the United States, that has broken since the European war. It is destined, many observers here believe, to have far-reaching economic and political reverberations in the Lone Star state.

The action of President Roosevelt, Josephus Daniels and other Democratic party leaders in advocating a revision of the constitution, immediately after the momentous decisions of the court, indicates that the political future of the Democratic party is to be profoundly affected, for one thing.

Any important Democratic development obviously will affect the people and the political leaders of one of the largest and most loyal of Democratic states. Texas' two senators and her many congressmen, all Democrats, must of necessity participate actively in whatever aftermath the court's momentous decisions may have. Texans today are unquestionably living in one of the most dramatic hours of the history of the American republic.

On the economic side, Texas business, along with the business of the remainder of the nation, must be profoundly affected by the court's NRA ruling. The NRA decision was so broad in its implications, as the president pointed out, that many other New Deal agencies probably will be affected. The AAA program, its sponsors admit, will have to undergo important revisions to make it conform to the court's interpretation of the constitution. Texas farmers have received more in government-paid benefits under the cotton program than husbands of any other state; their economic condition has been improved by the indirect effect of the AAA program on commodity prices to an even greater extent. Texas farmers also have shared largely in the wheat, cattle and corn-and-hog programs.

Obviously, oil—Texas' greatest cash crop—will be affected. The NRA decision has definitely killed the Thomas oil control bill in congress, which Gov. Allred, Rail Commissioner Thompson and Atty. Gen. McCraw opposed. The state has launched upon a production control enforcement program, utilizing the new legislation passed by the session just ended. Illegal oil has been seized and sold for the benefit of the state treasury. The Connally hot oil bill, the essence of federal control in interstate commerce, is not affected by the adverse NRA decision, having been re-enacted to meet constitutional objections, and Austin officials are hopeful that this and a strong program of enforcement under state conservation laws, will keep the oil situation under control. But some oil operators admittedly were cowed into observance of state laws during the past few months by a threat of complete federal control as an alternative. Will they stay "in line" now, and is the state conservation program sufficiently adequate to prevent collapse of production? These are questions raised by the NRA decision that are of vital import to Texas and Texans.

Other lines of business in Texas, too, have an interest. If there is to be no NRA, must Texas business return to the old dog-eat-dog competitive basis which was abandoned for NRA? And if so, will the state's anti-trust laws—virtually abandoned during NRA's regime—control again? The very existence of the Texas anti-trust laws has been brought into question by the decision of the court of civil appeals at Austin in the anti-trust suits brought by Gov.

June 15 Last Day To Sign For Exemption

Saturday, June 15th, is the closing date for cotton producers if Mitchell County to make applications for Tax-Exemption Certificates for this year. All producers must make application regardless of whether the farm is covered by a reduction contract or is not covered by reduction contract. Those not making application before the above date will not receive their share of Tax-Exemption Certificates, and will have to pay the tax on all cotton they gin this year.

The dates for the sign-up in different Communities have been announced. Those who fail to sign-up with their Community Committeeman may do so by coming to the County Agent's office Saturday, June 8th, Thursday, June 13th, Friday, June 14th or Saturday, June 15th, closing date.

BAPTIST WORKERS TO MEET WITH DUNN CHURCH

The Workers Conference for the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will meet with the Dunn Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 11. The theme for the meeting is to be Evangelism. Following is the program:

10:00—Devotional—Forest Huffman.
10:20—"Getting Ready for a Revival"—A. C. Hardin.
10:45—"The Place of Doctrinal Preaching in a Revival"—G. W. Parks.
11:10—"The Church in a Revival"—James Easterwood.
11:35—Sermon—P. D. O'Brien.
Noon—Lunch served by the local church.
2:00—Board Meeting. W. M. S. Meeting.
2:50—Business.
3:00—Sermon—Jimmie Fields.

TRIP TO LAKE SITE WAS POSTPONED

The trip to the proposed lake site scheduled for Tuesday afternoon of this week has been postponed on account of the heavy rains. The committee has not reset the time to make the trip but will probably do so as soon as the weather is settled.

Allred against the major oil companies. The district court held the suits were without merit, because the NRA has superseded by the state, the appeals court held the anti-trust laws were unconstitutional. The state supreme court must review the case, and its decision doubtless will be affected by the fact there is no longer any NRA.

Pending litigation testing out the validity of the Tennessee Valley Authority project is yet to be decided by the U. S. supreme court. The viewpoint expressed by the court in the NRA and other cases does not lend an optimistic aspect to the TVA test. And in the Colorado River Authority, Texas has a closely parallel project, which promise to give work to 5000 men, develop a great natural resource, and lower electric rates substantially throughout the whole central area of Texas.

Texas, too doubtless will have an enormous stake in the four billion eight million work-relief program, with state, counties, cities, school districts and other governmental units preparing applications for millions of dollars of the fund. There is certain to be a greater cleavage of opinion in Texas, as elsewhere, over the doctrine of state's rights, than there was over Woodrow Wilson's program of international relations. Every intelligent voter in Texas within another year or two may have to decide whether he shall follow Franklin D. Roosevelt or go back to the ways of the founding fathers. It is going to be one of the most interesting and exciting periods in the history of the United States.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License Issued

Henry C. Doss and Miss Auta Mae Land, Colorado; L. T. Wofford and Miss Sybil Stewart, Dallas; W. M. Vest and Miss Lillian Shurtliff, Colorado; J. D. Mitchell and Miss Ila Bee Periman, Snyder.

Transfers In Real Estate

Equitable Bldg. and Loan Assn. to Roy Davis Coles, Lot 8 and E½ Lot 7 in Block 10, Marshall Add. No. 1 to Colorado, \$1,350; Mrs. Lizzie Stewart to Frank Stewart et al, S½ Sec. 1, Block 25, T&P Ry. Co. surveys, \$10,000; J. L. Bird to B. T. Daugherty, 97 acres from Sec. 22, and 50 acres from Sec. 15, both in Block 25 T&P Ry. Co. surveys, \$1,000; W. O. Kinnison et al to R. H. Kinnison, Lots 7 and 8, Block 8, T&P Div. to Loraine, \$10; H. R. Rogers Guardian, to J. L. Strain et al, S. T. Pruitt Survey No. 1, \$100; W. O. Kinnison, Guardian, to Mrs. Ira Hall, Lot 3 and E½ Lot 4, Block 37, T&P Div. to Loraine, \$160.71; W. O. Kinnison et al to Mrs. Ira Hall, Lot 3 and E½ Lot 4, Block 37, T&P Div. to Loraine, \$10; Sarah M. Hyman et vir to C. F. Davis, SW¼ Sec. 8, Block 17, S. P. Ry. Co. \$2251.62; A. J. Coe to C. L. Root, part of Lots 3 and 4 Block 32, Colorado, \$10 and other considerations.

New Cars Registered

Wimberley Motor Co. Colorado Plymouth Sedan; Wimberley Motor Co. Colorado Plymouth Coupe; Colorado Motor Co., Colorado Ford Sedan; Q. L. Hearn Colorado Ford Coach; C. D. Hornberger Colorado International Pickup

DISTRICT COURT

The 32nd Judicial Dist. Court of Mitchell County convened Monday June 3rd.

The following Grand Jurors were empaneled: J. C. Pritchett, J. Ralph Lee, E. B. Smith, Earl Jackson, Ed Hallmark, J. Marvin Dorn, A. J. Hooks, J. M. Rodgers, H. B. Beights, R. A. Hood, A. J. Roach, U. D. Wulfjen.

Tuesday June 4th was appearance day, at which time the following cases were set for trial:

G. D. Mize Vs. City of Colorado Damage suit set for June 10th; R. P. Price vs. Jack Smith et al Damage suit set for June 13th; M. A. Wallace vs. Western Union Tel Company Set for June 24th R. W. King vs. J. C. Hall set for trial June 26th.

The opening for the criminal Docket is set for Monday June 17th.

Three divorce cases have been tried and judgement was given the plaintiffs by default in the following cases: City National Bank Vs. J. E. Franklin; Burton Lingo Co. Vs. Robt G. Thompson.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE IN SWEETWATER

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mote, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mearse and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nix and family, Moody Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Preston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brame and family, and Mrs. G. M. Richardson attended the funeral of O. A. Moore in Sweetwater Sunday. Mr. Moore was Mrs. G. M. Richardson's son-in-law and a brother-in-law to the others.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hardin and children left Tuesday for Eastland County to visit relatives for several days.

W. M. Kirkpatrick and family and Weyman Kirkpatrick and family were called to Springfield, Louisiana, this week by the death of I. M. Pair who was their brother-in-law and uncle.

Buts Hall and Elvis Narrell who have been attending school at Abilene are home for the vacation.

Three Members 7th Grade Get Honors

Three students in the seventh grade this year divided honors at their graduating exercises last Thursday night. R. L. Mahoney was the highest ranking student for the year with an average of 95.4-15. Quita Richards and J. W. King tied for second place with an average of 95.2-21. In addition each was presented with an "A Honor Roll" Certificate for having been on the A honor roll each time during the year.

The American Legion each year presents a medal to the boy and girl student in the seventh grade who come nearest to attaining the five points of good citizenship and scholarship as outlined by the Legion. This award was presented to Quita Richards and J. W. King.

HEAVY RAINS FALL THROUGHOUT SECTION

Rains that were welcome in May have continued to come in June and in places have been so heavy that a great deal of damage has been done to fields and crops. A great deal of cotton will have to be replanted, some farmers have already planted the third and fourth time. Cotton seed are getting scarce and if it becomes necessary to plant again it will be a problem to find the seed.

Heavy rains fell in many parts of this section early Saturday morning, again Sunday night, and again Tuesday afternoon. Fields in some places have been badly washed, the water breaking the terraces in many places.

No hail has been reported in this immediate territory but a section south of Roscoe suffered heavy loss Tuesday afternoon from hail and wind. Crops were completely destroyed and house-tops badly damaged. The same community was visited a few weeks ago by a hail.

Floods in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico have been raging for almost a week. Many lives have been lost in the raging waters of overflowed creeks and rivers, and millions of dollars of damage has been done to property and crops.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell and daughter Pauline of Roscoe visited friends in Loraine Monday.

S. S. Woodard and daughters Evelyn and Edith Mae, of Roscoe spent Sunday afternoon here with their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. W. King and family.

BIRD BRAND COWBOY BAND COMING HERE

The widely known Bird Brand Cowboy Band will be in Loraine on Friday, June 14, from 9:30 to 10:15. Everyone is cordially invited to hear them.

PRECINCT ONE VOTED FOR BEER SATURDAY

The beer election held in Precinct No. 1 of Mitchell County, which includes Colorado and Buford, carried in favor of the sale of beer with a majority of 207 votes. 300 votes were cast in favor of the sale of beer, and 193 against. Colorado's vote was 287 for and 178 against. Buford's vote was 13 for and 15 against.

J. M. McCarley of Happy came in Wednesday for a visit with his brother, W. D. McCarley, who has been ill for several weeks.

Miss Opal Moore and Troy Welch of Sweetwater were visiting relatives and friends in Loraine Wednesday.

Gleen Coon was in Sweetwater Wednesday on business.

Abilene Coming Saturday Afternoon

The second baseball game of the season for the local team is scheduled with the American Legion team from Abilene Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Abilene team has several players who were with the Mose Sims team three years ago and are excellent players. They all know the reputation of the local team for they have played here on several occasions.

Mr. Muns stated Wednesday morning that extensive training is to be had at the park the rest of this week to get in condition for the game Saturday. He expects a hard game and is hopeful that his charges will be in better condition than they were a few weeks ago when the first game was played.

WRITES FOR NEWS



ARTHUR BRISBANE

Mr. Brisbane is a regular contributor to this newspaper. Read and enjoy his comments on news of the day.

RAILROAD WEEK SET FOR JUNE 10 TO 15

Austin, Tex., June 4—Railway activities will be widely publicized all through the state as a result of a proclamation issued by Governor James V. Allred designating June 10 to June 15 as Railroad Week. From practically all of the principal cities of Texas and from numerous smaller places come reports of plans for proper observance of the Governor's proclamation. The part the railroads have played in the development of Texas, their importance to the nation as a principal vital industry, and the need for a sympathetic understanding of their problems by the public will be stressed in hundreds of public addresses, radio talks and at specially arranged railroad programs.

All of the western carriers are cooperating in making Railroad Week a success and it will be observed in all of the western states the governors of a majority of them having followed Governor Allred in issuing proclamations. "Open house" will be observed at yards, stations and shops and the public at major railroad points will be invited to become more familiar with the intricate details of railway operation. Luncheon clubs, chambers of commerce and other civic bodies are planning special meetings at which the activities of the railways will be explained.

As a result of a widespread observance or Railroad Week the carriers hope to focus public attention on the problems of the railways with the hope of creating increased interest in the carriers and thus stimulating railway traffic and increasing railway employment.

In his proclamation Governor Allred referred to the fact that the railways were making a notable contribution to economic recovery as a betterment programs and said that as a result of large expenditures railway service in the state had been greatly improved.

Successful School Term Closed Friday

The final curtain for the Loraine public schools, term of 1934-35, was drawn last Friday night when twenty-seven seniors received diplomas.

Dr. D. W. Wiggins, Dean of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, was the speaker. He used as his subject "Learn To Live Together." He pointed out that a great deal of our trouble today is caused by us not having learned to live together. We have selfish interests and instead of pulling together we pull away from each other. He expressed the hope that the people in the future will learn to live together so that social and economic problems will be easier solved.

The school this year closed one of the most successful years it has ever had. Units of affiliation have been received and on the whole the school has operated smoother than it has for some time. An excellent corps of teachers who worked in harmony with the trustees made the work pleasant.

MRS. MEADOWS MOVES STORE TO NEW LOCATION

The Mrs. J. L. Meadows Gro. store was moved Tuesday to its new location in the new Foy building on the highway. The store has a much better appearance in its new home.

GRAND JURY RECESSES UNTIL TUESDAY, JUNE 25

The grand jury for 32nd district court, which has been in session since Monday, recessed Wednesday until Tuesday, June 25th, at which time they will resume investigation of crime in the county.

14 indictments were returned before recess was taken. Six of the indictments were for violation of the liquor law; 2 for forgery; 2 for burglary; and 4 for chicken theft.

MAHON ASKS REDUCED FREIGHT RATES BE CONTINUED

Congressman George Mahon has conferred with government officials in Washington in an effort to secure an extension of the aid that has been rendered farmers of the drouth area. He has been working with the Commodities Purchase Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding a 30 day extension of the reduced freight rates on hay and feed being shipped into the counties that have suffered most from the drouth. The agreement which made possible the reduced rates during the last few months expired May 31. The Commodities Purchase Section has included 131 Mid-Western counties in the proposed area, 60 of which are in West Texas.

He has also made an effort through the Farm Credit Administration and the Texas Relief Commission to secure an increase in the amount of loan allowed farmers for feed for livestock.

Mr. Mahon said: "Now that rains have come over West Texas, our farmers have an opportunity to bring themselves back to a basis of prosperity if they can only be carried over a few more months until a new crop can be raised. I believe that those steps which the government has taken to help the farmers in the drouth area should not be withdrawn at this crucial time, but should be continued until returns from a new crop can be realized."

N. J. Briens made a business trip to Sweetwater Wednesday.

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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Supreme Court Kills NRA and Farm Mortgage Moratorium Act—New Dealers, Congress and Business Uncertain About Future Action.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

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THREE unanimous decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States shook the New Deal to its very foundations. In the first and most important, read by Chief Justice Hughes, the heart was cut out of the NRA, for the court ruled that the entire code structure of the act was invalid, the code making provisions being an unconstitutional delegation of authority by congress to persons not connected with the government's legislative functions.

By the ruling the exercise of congressional powers over commerce was definitely restricted to interstate commerce, or to such activities as have a provable direct connection with interstate commerce. The court held that no economic emergency could justify the breaking down of the limitations upon federal authority as prescribed by the Constitution or of those powers reserved to the state through the failure of the Constitution to place them elsewhere.

Next in importance was the decision read by Justice Brandeis, holding unconstitutional the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage moratorium act. This law provided for a five year moratorium in the case of collapse of efforts to scale down a farmer's debts to a figure that would enable him to pay off his mortgage. The court held that under the Fifth amendment to the Constitution private property could not be taken without just compensation. There has been no previous instance, the court said, where a mortgage was forced to relinquish property to a mortgagee free of lien unless the debt was paid in full.

In the third decision President Roosevelt's dismissal of the late William E. Humphrey from the federal trade commission was held illegal because the President did not remove Mr. Humphrey for the statutory grounds of inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but, as the President stated, because their minds did not meet upon the policies or administration of the commission. The court held that trade commissioners' terms are fixed by law.

THERE was consternation and confusion among the administration forces in Washington, and no one could say immediately just how much the New Deal had been damaged or what could be done to repair the damage to its structure. Donald Richberg, chairman of the national industrial recovery board, after a White House conference, issued a statement saying that "all methods of compulsory enforcement of the codes will be immediately suspended."

The question of the constitutionality of the Wagner labor disputes bill, passed by the senate, was raised by the NRA decision. The opinion was widely expressed that collective bargaining now cannot be enforced in any business enterprise by federal statute. In the senate demands were voiced to recommit to the committee on agriculture the amendments strengthening the AAA. Senator W. E. Borah said that the NRA decision clearly raises the question of the validity of much AAA procedure.

BUSINESS was as confused as congress and the administration after the killing of NRA. Heads of many large employing corporations intimated they would not make wage reductions or lengthen the work hours just because the way was open for such action, but always there was the qualifying statement, "It depends on what our competitors do." The big concerns would prefer to maintain the code hours and wages, but the smaller merchants and manufacturers, who were hardest hit by the code requirements, might depart from them enough to demoralize prices.

Among the dozens of national trade associations whose officers urged members to maintain wages and otherwise to continue the status quo are those of the automobile manufacturers, automobile dealers, chemical industry, retail dry goods dealers, cotton manufacturers, cement makers, oil industry, wholesale grocers, and grocery chain store distributors.

Harper Sibley, recently elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, called upon American industry and business men to preserve for the present wages and work hours established under the NRA.

Instead of cutting wages Standard Oil company of New Jersey and the Tide Water Oil company announced an increase of 5 per cent in salaries and wages, effective June 1.

The United Textile Workers, 350,000 in number, threaten to strike if any mills cut wages. And there is also a chance that 450,000 bituminous coal miners will go on strike because there is no wage agreement with the operators and a scale conference collapsed. The liquor business was thrown wide open without any federal regulation except that exerted by the Treas-

ury department in the collection of taxes. Officials of the federal alcohol control administration said that the Supreme court's NRA ruling took away from the FACA every iota of control it had over the distilling business.

ACTING with surprising suddenness, the senate passed the Copeland-Tugwell food, drug and cosmetic bill, which had been modified to meet the objections of Senators Clark, Bailey and Vandenberg. Dr. Copeland said he believed it would get through the house without difficulty. President Roosevelt favors the measure.

The bill greatly increases the scope of the 1906 food and drug act, in the definitions of adulterated or misbranded articles, and provides penalties of a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine for violations.

It was designed originally to permit the secretary of agriculture to order wholesale seizures, which would permit the destruction of a business. If he deemed the articles in question adulterated. As amended, however only a single article may be seized pending a court hearing. Exceptions may be made if there is "imminent danger" to public health.

Originally, also, the bill provided severe penalties for publishers and radio broadcasting companies, as well as advertisers, for violations of regulations to be laid down by the Department of Agriculture. This was changed so that no publisher, radio broadcasting company, advertising agency, or other medium for the dissemination of advertising may be deemed to have violated the "false advertising" provisions unless they refuse to furnish the name and address of the advertiser.

FRANK C. WALKER's present job as head of the division of allotments and information in connection with the work-relief program is not so important as had been expected, and probably by the end of the year or earlier he will be able to delegate his duties to others. Then, according to current rumors, he will enter the President's cabinet as postmaster general, to succeed Jim Farley.

Mr. Farley has definitely decided to retire from the cabinet voluntarily. It is said so that he can devote all his time and energy to directing the campaign of Mr. Roosevelt for renomination and re-election. He expects to remain not only as chairman of the national Democratic committee but also as chairman of the New York state committee. In order that he may have an income he plans to make a business connection with an important organization.

There has been a lot of talk about Mr. Farley's alleged ambition to be governor of New York. Melvin C. Eaton, Republican state chairman, dares him to run for that position.

ONLY nine states of the Central West will send delegates to the "Grass Roots" convention of the Republican party which opens June 10 in Springfield, Ill., but the meeting will nevertheless be rather national in scope, for it will be attended by unofficial delegates from other states and by national leaders of the party. It was believed that Harrison E. Spangler, national committeeman from Iowa, would be made temporary chairman.

and as such would deliver the keynote address. Others on the tentative program for speeches are Arthur M. Hyde, former governor of Missouri and secretary of agriculture in the Hoover cabinet, and Edward Hayes of Decatur, Ill., former national commander of the American Legion.

The keynote address, according to reports, will take inventory of American affairs under the Roosevelt New Deal and indicate the trend of the party in opposition. Mr. Hyde is to talk on the Great Emancipator at the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge cemetery, and Hayes is expected to deal with the theories of the Republican party on constitutional government.

A DOLF HITLER has proposed that Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium enter into a multilateral western European pact against aerial aggression. It follows the lines of the proposed Anglo-French air pact and would do for the nations named what the Locarno pact does with the land forces for France, Germany and Belgium.

KELLY PETILLO of California won the 500-mile auto race at the Indianapolis Speedway, setting a new record with an average speed of 108.24 miles an hour. Clay Weatherly of Cincinnati lost control of his car and was killed.

HAWAII was treated to a magnificent display of American naval power in the Pacific that continued through two days. First the forty planes that had taken part in the mid-Pacific maneuvers returned and the entire armada of 225 planes participated in an aerial review. Then the vessels of the fleet returned and moved to Pearl Harbor, the great naval base, which they all entered in a crucial test of the harbor's capacity as an anchorage. The navy's largest submarines were with the battleships and cruisers, and there were 700 marines on the target ship Utah.

Navy Memorial day in Japan, the thirtieth anniversary of Admiral Togo's destruction of the Russian fleet, brought forth a pamphlet from the navy's propaganda bureau which made significant allusions to the United States. It said:

"Then Russia was the rival and the danger. Today that is changed. We have had to face in another direction. We are confronting another great sea power which is increasing its navy with Japan as the target."

"We need a navy sufficient to protect our sea routes to the continent of Asia and to face the menace in the direction of the great ocean. That is why Japan demands parity with the greatest navies. If Japan's just and reasonable demands are rejected by the powers, causing failure of the efforts to reach a new naval agreement and leading to a naval construction race, the responsibility will not be ours. In such case the only thing for Japan to do is to resort to resolute measures for self-protection."

THOUGH the League of Nations council ended its session in Geneva with the hope that it had arranged matters so that war between Italy and Ethiopia would be averted, the prospects for such a settlement are not bright. Under pressure from Great Britain and France, Mussolini consented to recognize the league's jurisdiction over the quarrel and agreed to arbitration. But immediately thereafter Il Duce told the chamber of deputies in Rome he would not allow Germany to make of Ethiopia "a pistol perennially pointed at us in case of trouble in Europe" and asserted he was ready to take the supreme responsibility to sustain by every means Italy's position in east Africa. He alluded bitterly to Britain and France, and indicated that he believed that Ethiopia was perfecting its army with the help of European powers inimical to Italy.

Following this address, Mussolini ordered the mobilization of thousands of officers and technical experts of the class of 1912.

SAN DIEGO'S beautiful world's fair, the California Pacific exposition, was thrown open to the public practically completed. Thousands of visitors moved along the ancient El Camino Real to Balboa park on the opening day and viewed with delight the handsome buildings and interesting exhibits. The climax of the opening ceremonies came in the evening when President Roosevelt addressed the throng by radio from his study in the White House.

JAPAN, ready to take control over more Chinese territory, delivered to the government at Nanking an ultimatum charging that Dictator Chiang Kai-shek, as well as Gen. Yu Hsueh-chung, chairman of Hopei province and commander of Chinese troops in north China, were directly responsible for a long list of alleged infractions of the Tangku truce signed May 31, 1933, marking the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese hostilities over Manchuria.

Dispatches from Tokyo said Japanese officials admitted plans had been made to include Peiping and Tientsin within the demilitarized zone, which at present lies north of the two cities. Threats were made to bomb and occupy both those cities.

FIGHTING desperately to save the franc and prevent inflation, Premier Flaminio of France staked everything on a demand that he be given dictatorial financial powers until the end of the year, and lost. The chamber of deputies voted against him, 353 to 202, after a dramatic debate, and Flaminio and his cabinet immediately resigned. Mr. Fernand Bouisson, who was committed to the support of the franc, was called on to form a new government.

DR. ALAN ROY DAFOE, Judge J. A. Vain and Minister of Welfare David Croll of Ontario, guardians under the king of the Dionne quintuplets, put on a party for those famous babies on their first birthday, and there was a great crowd of visitors in the little town of Callender. But Mr. and Mrs. Dionne, resentful because the infants have been removed from their charge and home to a special hospital across the street, refused to attend the festivities. The five little girls, who are in good health and growing rapidly, were displayed briefly and were permitted to caw or cry into the radio microphone.

CARLOS MENDIETA, president of Cuba, has announced that he will not be a candidate next winter to succeed himself. Therefore the race is expected to narrow down to Miguel Mariano Gomez, twice mayor of Havana, and Mario G. Menocal, former president of the island republic.

BRISBANE

THIS WEEK

Goodby, NRA
Wall Street's Dormouse
Good Wages, Short Hours
Lottery Swindles

The Supreme court unanimously declares NRA unconstitutional.

High judges, whose decision nobody can veto, short of a constitutional amendment, say congress must do its work and cannot abdicate in favor of the Chief Executive.

The most important decision in many years, this probably makes further argument about extension of NRA unnecessary. You can't extend that which is dead. American businessmen may now resume business not led by the kindly light of professors and others.

Alice's puzzled Dormouse, at the Mad Hatter's tea party, could not understand his watch, that would not keep time, although the Dormouse did everything. He dipped the watch in his tea, but butter in the works. "It was the best butter," he said, "but nothing seems to please it."

The stock exchange is something like that watch—nothing seems to please it, either.

At first, stock broker gentlemen, whose "Kaaba stone" is the stock ticker, began a weird dance of joy when they heard that NRA was dead, and pushed up stock prices.

Then, suddenly, as the day wore on, one broker asked another, and every broker asked every other broker, "How do we know what is coming next?" And then they put the prices down.

It is announced, but not by Mr. Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, that a great strike will be called in protest against the Supreme court's NRA decision. Mr. Green is too wise to permit, if he can prevent it, a strike against the United States Supreme court. He may, should, and probably will, take a wiser course and work, as organized labor has worked successfully for generations, to improve working conditions.

Some union men know that wages, hours and other conditions improved in the old way are more durable than increased pay based on political fiat. It is necessary for some one to provide as well as for some one to take it.

Peddlers of tickets in the Havana lottery send out "come-on" letters, trying to sell tickets to foolish Americans. On one such letter this is printed:

"Arthur Brisbane says large sums of money . . . are won by Americans buying foreign tickets."

What Arthur Brisbane has said, and now repeats, is that through foreign lottery schemes Americans are swindled out of large sums. He who invests in a lottery throws away his money, adding foolishness to incapacity. The Havana lottery is as much of a trap for fools as any other lottery.

Postmaster Farley's plan to hasten air mails allows a crowd of 10,000 to see a whirling autogiro drop down on the roof and deliver mail, another autogiro coming to get mail bags and carry them away.

Mr. Farley's plan is to have the autogiro fly between outlying flying fields, where high-power, fast planes land, and carry mail bags to the roofs of city post offices, saving time lost in slow street travel.

One branch of the Standard Oil company, the New Jersey branch, managed by Mr. Teagle, notifies 6,000 of a bonus of 5 per cent added to their pay envelopes to meet the higher cost of living.

With no sign of smoke, flame, crater—nothing to indicate an extinct volcano—a new and live volcano suddenly begins eruption in an out-of-the-way place in Iceland. A great hole appears in the earth, flames and red-hot lava rise. No overflowing of neighboring farms as yet.

What would natives have thought had this happened in earlier days, when everybody believed that hell, the devil and all his wickedness were just beneath our feet and heaven just over our heads?

Postmaster General Farley thinks of printing on all postage stamps, Sursum Corda, which means "Lift up your hearts." He sees a great summer ahead, "a summer of content."

"Car loadings," says the postmaster general, "are up." Income reported by our taxpayers "are up," "more people are buying automobiles than before."

For some, the big news is that Little, the San Francisco golfer, has defeated Doctor Tweedell, the British challenger.

For others, more important news is the killing of 300 Chinese by Japanese troops. The 300 killed are said to have been professional bandits. The killing of 300 armed Chinese bandits cost the lives of only six Japanese, which sounds like efficiency.

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Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted

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Washington.—President Roosevelt announced a year ago that the Tennessee Valley authority and the experiment of government production of electric power on a huge scale was to serve as a yardstick on electric rates charged by private power companies.

Lately, J. R. McCarl, comptroller general of the United States, has had his bookkeeping sleuths at work on the records of the Tennessee Valley authority, it being a government corporation. Mr. McCarl was not concerned about the yardstick for power rates nor was he interested in experiments designed to prove the value of government ownership in the power field. His job was to determine what had happened to all of the money that had been taken from the treasury and spent in the effort to transform the Tennessee valley into a modern Garden of Eden.

It happened that Mr. McCarl's report on the audit of TVA affairs was made public coincidentally with a movement by the TVA directors for new legislation—amendments to their basic law which would give them additional authority. This circumstance being examined by a congressional committee under the strong lens of a magnifying glass. I believe it is generally agreed that TVA suffered in prestige, and government ownership advocates came off second best because disclosures before the committee were of such a nature as to convince most sound thinking observers that there is a colored gentleman in the TVA woodpile.

For instance, Mr. McCarl showed in his report that the federal government had expended a total of \$132,792,000 in development of the power facilities, equipment and necessary appurtenances. This property was transferred by the federal government to the Tennessee Valley authority, a corporation, and is carried on the corporation books at \$51,000,000. This is 38 per cent of the actual cost to the taxpayers of the property transferred.

Disclosures of this fact brought many charges in the course of the committee hearing and led to the conclusion by several house members that no electric rate based upon 38 per cent of the cost of the production facilities could be considered honest. In other words, the thought was that a yardstick based on such a method of calculating investment necessarily would have to be made of rubber.

Mr. McCarl told the committee also that he had found various haphazard and "trick" methods of bookkeeping and that he had found it necessary to disallow expenditures of something over two million dollars which he said were illegal. The comptroller general did not refer to these expenditures as having been fraudulently made but he told the committee it was his opinion that the law had to be stretched rather far by any spending agency to construe the payments as justifiable.

The comptroller general took sharp exception to the bookkeeping methods used by the TVA. It is upon these records that the electric rate is based. Likewise it is upon the basis of these records that the TVA must show whether it has earned a profit. "Despite the apparently excessive depreciated value at which the Muscle Shoals property was taken up on the books, the authority is not using the valuation basis for depreciation but instead is basing depreciation on the earnings from the sale of power by charging 10 per cent of the gross revenue to operations as depreciation and accumulating the amount of such charges as a reserve for depreciation. "Assuming a very conservative rate of valuation consumption for example, 2 per cent, the amount of depreciation, based upon the value at which the properties in question were capitalized by the authority, would be approximately \$1,000,000 per annum.

"A larger revenue will proportionately increase the reserve for depreciation at the present 10 per cent method of amortization, but to accumulate a reserve on the 10 per cent plan equivalent to the amount that would be charged to depreciation on a valuation basis at 2 per cent, the gross revenues would have to be more than ten times the present amount or about \$10,000,000 per annum.

"There is very little basis for assuming that revenues will ever reach such a figure."

The comptroller's report touched on many other phases of TVA affairs which he found subject to criticism and it made mention of a factor that, it seems to me, ought to be of vital importance to communities throughout the country. That factor is taxation. It is to be remembered that government agencies, federal, national, state or local, pay no taxes into the treasury of its jurisdiction. Consequently, the government which fosters a municipally owned power plant simply must forget, for taxation purposes, that such property exists within its do-

main. Likewise, such a plant is not required to consider interests on the investment in the shape of dividends to the stockholders who, in turn, pay taxes on their income.

Doctor Morgan and other directors of the TVA were subjected to questioning of a type about as severe as any witnesses before a house committee in recent months. They had friends on the committee who attempted continuously to shield them from the fire of TVA opponents, but apparently Chairman McSwain was unable to choke off the attack by such men as Representative McLean of New Jersey and others who doubt the advisability of the federal government engaging in power production.

There appeared just now way at all in which friendly members of the house committee could justify the action of the TVA board in its attempts to block private power development. It was shown in the course of the hearing that the TVA had gone far away from its base of operations to buy two small parcels of land—one not much larger than a city block and the other only a few acres in extent. Under questioning, TVA directors admitted this land lay in the middle of a proposed reservoir planned by a private power corporation. In acquiring the parcels of land the TVA made it impossible for the private interests to proceed with their power development because the land in question would have been in the middle of the reservoir 300 feet under water. The private interests could not force the TVA to sell and without that land the whole reservoir program was destroyed.

The TVA probably will win and obtain the amendments its board of directors desire. There are public ownership advocates in sufficient strength to carry out the President's idea in going ahead with the TVA development. It is made to appear, nevertheless, that as a result of the disclosures before the house committee, TVA may not henceforth proceed in a manner quite so arrogant.

Politics is politics and apparently politicians will play the game always.

If better proof be needed, it seems to me the demonstration over immediate payment of the cash bonus to war veterans will suffice. The bonus has been lickered for this session of congress but all indications point to a belief that the country may not be so lucky in the next session of congress which is not far ahead of the 1936 elections.

An organized minority—the World War veterans—were very close to success in forcing congress to appropriate \$2,600,000,000 and pay it over to them. They failed because President Roosevelt—like three Presidents before him—had to view the problem from the standpoint of the country's welfare and not the welfare of this minority. Credit is due the President for the stand he took just as credit was due Presidents Hoover, Coolidge and Harding. He will be criticized and attacked by this local minority just as the others were criticized and attacked. While a veto message is regarded by many as not being as strong as it might have been, nevertheless Mr. Roosevelt was firm and his firmness gave courage to enough senators to avoid the debacle of additional waste.

I am informed that the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and various and sundry other organizations of former soldiers, sailors and marines are prepared for a bitter fight next year against those representatives and senators who dared to oppose cash payment of the bonus now when it is not due until 1945. The soldiers' lobby is the greatest and most expensive lobby in Washington now. It knows its power and it does not hesitate to characterize opponents of the cash bonus as traitors. The lobbyists are certain to go into every state and congressional district next summer and seek to defeat those who dared to follow their own conscience and vote against this raid on the treasury.

As a result of the vote on the bonus and the subsequent Presidential veto some keen political observers have begun to calculate in their own minds what the view of the country is. It was pointed out, for example, that a maximum of four million would be entitled to a bonus. At the same time attention was called to the fact that new voters are arriving at the age of franchise at the rate of approximately two million a year or almost thirty-six million since the end of the World War. These observers contend that the new voters and those who are not entitled to the bonus constitute a majority. Thus, they seek to show that there is a great majority of the voters of the country unwilling to see such a sum of money voted to a minority, especially at a time when the government is taxing its citizens and borrowing in billions to give relief to all whether they fought for their country or not. The question is then whether the politicians will wake up in time to represent the majority or be fooled by the power of a highly organized minority.

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SYNOPSIS

Kentucky Jones, veteran cowman, attends the inquest, in the little town of Waterman, into the death of John Mason, banker and financial mainstay of the district. Jean, daughter of Campo Ragland, owner of the Bar Hook ranch, where Mason met death, to Kentucky's mystification surreptitiously passes to him the bullet which had killed Mason. Kentucky goes to work on the Bar Hook ranch. The verdict is accidental death. Sheriff Hopper is dissatisfied.

CHAPTER III

Campo Ragland struck a match, and as the light of three or four lamps filled the room the faces of the riders likewise lightened. From Waterman, Kentucky Jones had pushed his horse steadily, and as darkness closed down he had overtaken the Bar Hook people. With them he had ridden the long Bar Hook horse trail across the Bench, until they came out at last upon long rolling reaches, and the rambling buildings of the Bar Hook loomed before them, dark and shapeless.

The kitchen wing in which they now gathered was built of big square-hewn logs; but the interior was neat. Jean Ragland said, "There's no fire made." And Kentucky noticed the odd way in which they all fell silent for a moment, as if it was a strange and uncommon thing that a fire should not spring into being and set coffee on itself, at a deserted ranch.

"You see," Campo Ragland said to Kentucky, "we generally have a cook around here; lately it's been a lame boy named Zack Sanders. Used to be a rider, but his horse fell on him and turned him into a cook. But this boy is kind of gone missing on us, it seems."

"Been missing long?" "Last week he was supposed to take two days off, and he rode over to see a girl he has over here thirty, forty miles," Ragland said. "I didn't notice it so much Saturday, when he didn't come in, that being the day that this—this accident happened to Mason. But in Waterman today his girl said he left there Saturday sun-up. That's four days gone."

"He'll probably show up," Lee Bishop opined. "Oh, I suppose so," Campo Ragland jerked himself into activity again, and began throwing wood into the great stove. "The way things have been going around here, it gets a feller nervous, I guess."

In a little while the big stove began to fill the room with a lazy warmth, and the hot smoky smell of frying beef and potatoes began to thaw the riders out. With the heartening warmth the mood of the Bar Hook changed, so that for a little while it could have been any ranch house, anywhere—except that the presence of Jean Ragland made a difference here. That girl could subtly change the time and place, making it different from any other ranch house and any other night. Perhaps no cowboy ever rode for the Bar Hook without feeling that he was in some part riding for this girl.

Looking at her now Kentucky Jones would not have guessed that she had today testified concerning a death that had occurred within fifty yards of this door; and that in the midst of those proceedings she had felt impelled to thieve the heart out of the evidence of that death.

He had come here to find out the exact nature of the shadow which had fastened itself on the Bar Hook, and upon Jean Ragland as a part of the Bar Hook; and, accordingly, he turned now to studying the others as they ate. Lee Bishop, the solid, square-set foreman, undoubtedly would stand steady as a rock in a pinch. Evidently he was a man born at a branding and raised in the saddle, for he would hardly have attained a foremanship at thirty had he been handicapped in experience.

The other two cowboys Kentucky Jones classified as a couple of kids. Jim Humphreys, though only five years younger than Bishop, would perhaps always be a kid. And Billy Petersen was the youngest, essential to every outfit, who would be given the undesirable jobs of horse-wrangling and night herd, and errands which were a nuisance.

Campo Ragland remained silent throughout the meal; and for the moment Kentucky could make out no more about him than he already knew—which was little enough.

"Sure miss Zack Sanders around here," Campo said at last, getting up. "Might's well set out what we'll need, handy to breakfast, I guess."

"Dad," said Jean, "I'll take care of all that."

"You get along to bed," her father told her gruffly. "I want you to get some sleep."

Jean obediently picked up a lamp. Kentucky Jones moved efficiently about making ready for morning. Out in lonely camps upon the range these men would have got their own breakfasts effortlessly, without thought; but

here, where a cook was supposed to be, a cookless breakfast loomed as an ordeal untold.

"I wish I knew—" Campo began; he was ladling fresh coffee into a big pot with an enormous spoon—"I wish I knew—" Suddenly he stopped, and stood staring, while from the poised spoon a thin trickle of dry coffee dribbled to the floor.

Jean Ragland had returned, and was standing in the broad doorway. She still carried the lamp, and its sharp near light, illumining her face remorselessly, showed that her features were drawn by a hard and unaccustomed emotion. It took a moment or two for Kentucky Jones to realize that what he saw in the girl's face was fear.

For a moment no one spoke. Then Ragland said, very low, his coffee spoon still motionless, "What is it, Jean?"

Jean Ragland's voice could hardly be heard. "Someone's been through the house."

"Been through the house?" "Ransacked it—through and through!"

Her father let the big spoon splash into the coffee pot. Jean turned, throwing the light into the room beyond, and for a moment father and daughter stood together in the doorway, staring at what the others could not see. Then, slowly, with a curious uncertainty, Campo Ragland moved out of their sight. Jean followed him with the lamp.

Kentucky Jones, with the others, went to the door through which Campo had disappeared.

The room was long and broad. In one end a huge fireplace with a six-foot opening was built of rugged chunks of the native rock, and near this Campo stood, holding up a second lamp.

They heard him say, "You're right; there's no question about it."

Jim Humphreys said, "Is there anything we can—"

Ragland shot them a quick glance, as if momentarily he had forgotten that he was not alone. "It's nothing much, I guess," he said in a rocky voice. "This dump has been searched, all right. That's all. Wait back, you."

Jim Humphreys and Billy Petersen returned to the kitchen. At the doorway Kentucky Jones turned and stood for a moment in a final survey of the main room. He saw Ragland pass on into the next room. Jean moved to follow him.

Then suddenly the girl stopped and stood rigid. Following her eye, Kentucky Jones saw at once what she was looking at.

On the wall hung a cheap picture frame, perhaps ten inches in its longer dimension, made of narrow dark wood. And it was distinguished from other picture frames by the fact that there was no picture in it. Through its glass could be seen the torn manilla paper which had backed the frame, and a section of the wall.

Jean Ragland set her lamp down, stepped forward and jerked the empty frame from the wall. For a moment she stood irresolute, glancing quickly about her.

"Do you want me to wrangle that for you, too?" said Kentucky from the doorway.

For an instant she stared at him, her eyes wide and hostile. It was surprising to him—a little. That afternoon, at the inquest, she had pressed into his keeping the bullet she had taken from the evidence. But now he knew that she had not elected him as her ally, nor wanted more than momentary aid.

Her father's step sounded close at hand beyond the other door. Jean dropped the picture frame behind a wooden chest that stood against the wall, and picked up her lamp again as her father re-entered.

They went back into the kitchen. Campo Ragland paused in the main room a moment to exchange the briefest sort of word with Jean. But his announcement was to all of them, at once.

"Somebody's ransacked this dump," he told them slowly. "Somebody's ransacked it good. There's a rifle gone."

Lee Bishop said, "Is that all?" "They pried open the cash box, but didn't take anything, so far as I know. It beats me."

"We can spare a rifle, I guess," Jean said sharply. Except for a certain soberness, Kentucky was unable to make out in Jean's face any sign of the cold still terror he had seen in it a little while before. But he saw now that a change had come over Campo Ragland. Campo's face was stiffly expressionless; but the eyes were those of a man lost in uncertainty.

Kentucky Jones knew Campo to be typical of the Wolf Bench breed of owners, a man as durable as the hide of his own range-bred ponies. Behind his genial facade Campo had always been completely sure of himself. But now, while the outer aspect of the man

was still little changed, Jones saw that the inner confidence was gone, as if the qualities which had made him the fit boss of a hard-held and forever-resistant range were cut through at the root.

"We may as well get some shut-eye, I guess," Campo said. "One of you fellows better turn out in the morning and load the stove."

"I'm a pot-buster," Kentucky offered. "Leave breakfast to me."

"All right. Might's well turn into Zack's bunk, then."

Alone in the little lean-to room off the kitchen where Zack had lived, Kentucky Jones sat for a little while on the bunk, and smoked a final cigarette. It was time to take stock of what he knew.

He did not conceal from himself that his interest in the murder of Mason turned upon the involvement of Jean. The foundation of the thing was, of course, the fact that John Mason was dead, shot from the saddle within fifty yards of Ragland's door as he arrived from the 88 on Bob Elliot's pinto horse. Jean Ragland had stolen from the evidence the bullet that had killed Mason—and the sheriff probably had the mate to that bullet. Upon this foundation now rested a miscellany of puzzling and unrelated details.

A Bar Hook rider had lied about his whereabouts at the hour of Mason's death. A lame cowboy cook was missing from the Bar Hook ranch house, taking away a rifle and a picture out of the frame. Jean thought little of the disappearance of the rifle, much of the empty frame. Unquestionably, he needed more of the missing fragments before he could piece that picture together.

In the meantime the range was thrown out of balance by the death of the cow financier. Bob Elliot, facing ruin, could save himself only by forcing Ragland over the edge in his place. In one stride Kentucky Jones had stepped into a situation of greater pressure than any he had before encountered in an active life.

For what seemed a long time he lay awake, while his mind quartered the case like a lion hound failed of the scent. Presently he became aware that there was something he had left undone. Without striking a light he opened a seam in the lining of his coat and extracted the bullet which Jean Ragland had pressed into his hand that afternoon. He opened the window, and found that the snow was drifted here against the log wall. Kentucky Jones hesitated a moment more; then flicked the bullet that had killed John Mason out into the drifted snow.

Whatever else happened the work had to go on. Campo Ragland had contracted to ship five carloads of two-year-old steers to a southern feeder, but although the cars were already waiting on the Waterman siding, the gather and cut for the shipment still lacked many head. The two other Bar Hook cowboys—Harry Wilson and Joe St. Marie—had come in from Waterman during the night; and with this full force Campo himself jumped into the job of finishing the work in a day.

After breakfast Kentucky Jones made an opportunity to familiarize himself with the scene of Mason's death. "I suppose," he asked Lee Bishop, "that's the pump house?"

"Yeah, that stone dump. The place where I found Mason is about three horse-jumps southwest. He was lying face down with his head this way, and I—but I guess you heard all that."

"It worked out so I missed part of the inquest," Kentucky said. "Did it come out why Mason was riding from the 88 to the Bar Hook? Seems kind of funny—the way things stand between the two brands."

"Yeah, that was all thrashed out," said Lee Bishop. "Old Ironsides was always a great hand to keep in touch with all corners of Wolf Bench; and he was just making one of his regular circuits of the range."

"I heard he was riding one of Elliot's plugs."

"Yeah. His way of doing was to borrow some horse that could be counted on to go home by itself, and at the next outfit borrow another such a horse, and so on. This time he was riding an 88 horse."

"Yes, I got that," Kentucky said. "One of Bob Elliot's top horses—a big pinto, with white forelegs."

"So they said. We got to get going, Kentucky. You and me aren't working with Campo today; there's a little job over here we got to wrangle separate. Rope you a low grade horse."

They took the trail toward the rim before Kentucky could talk to Jean alone.

For a long time they rode in silence; Bishop had given no hint as to the nature of their errand, as yet.

"I don't know exactly what we're up against here," the foreman said at last; "I haven't said much to the old man yet. I think we'll be able to tell just about how it's going to work out when we get up here four, five miles. It's made a beginning, I think."

"What has?" said Kentucky. "You'll pretty soon see. I wish to God Jean was out of here. There's no better cattle woman anywhere than Jean. But this might not be a good place for her, pretty quick here."

"What's become of her mother?" Kentucky asked him. "She's putting in the winter out on the coast."

"I reckon she's got judgment," said Kentucky. "The foreman shrugged moodily. 'You can call it judgment. It looks more like a run-out, to me.' He checked himself, already sorry for what he had said. He tried to apologize, and made it worse. 'There isn't anybody means any better than Mrs. Ragland does; it's just that somehow she doesn't take to cattle, I guess.'"

"Looks like Jean would have gone with her?"

"Jean takes after her father," Lee Bishop said. "This busted-up country is bred into her blood and bone. She's a true Ragland. There's been a Ragland running cattle on Wolf Bench since the first long-horn showed."

"And how long has there been an Elliot?"

"Well, there's always been an Elliot, too; though until Bob Elliot took it over from his old man, the 88 was just a kind of chicken-yard outfit. It's Bob that's got ambitious."

Kentucky Jones decided to try one of his shots in the dark. "Lee," he said casually, "have you let anyone in on the fact that Mason was not killed at the time he was supposed to be?"

Lee Bishop turned to face Kentucky Jones slowly. "How's that?" he said without expression.

"Let it go," said Jones. "From the way you talked at the inquest, it seemed to me like you didn't join in with the others in figuring that Mason was killed before the snow began."

"I said," Lee Bishop responded combatively, "that there wasn't no snow under him, didn't I?"

"You mean you grant that he was dead before snow flew?"

The foreman did not answer for almost a hundred paces. Then he burst out with a sudden unaccustomed display of black temper. "I'm tired of these fere everlasting questions! I don't want to hash this thing over no more, you hear me?"

They came out now upon a high point of the rim, a monstrous declivity so sheer that it seemed as if at some time the world itself must have cracked to let the desert down. Far below the Bake Pan country began, a flat plain stretching into blue distance.

At a glance the vast flats seemed utterly devoid of life. Cowmen's eyes, however, could pick out here and there among the dark dots of sage and cat-claw other dots that were cattle. But what interested the riders on the rim was something else—a greater concentration of cattle, a long, dark irregular string of them lying on the face of the desert like a blacksnake whip.

"Uh huh," said Lee Bishop. "There you have it! How many head would you count that drive?"

"Maybe twelve hundred," said Kentucky. "88 stock?"

"Sure they're 88! You know now



"Sure They're 88!"

why Bob Elliot put on six more hands?"

Already, then, this thing had come. Legally the public domain was open to all, whatever tradition or moral justice might hold. But Bob Elliot must have known that the brand which held this range would defend it bitterly; and this land had been Bar Hook graze for a long time.

Perhaps, Kentucky Jones considered, Bob Elliot could not wholly be blamed. It was hard to withhold all sympathy from a man making a stubborn fight in the face of a crush-out. But it seemed to him that there was something grossly unnatural about the manner in which the move was being made. In Elliot's position almost any enemy of Ragland might have been expected to attempt a gradual infiltration of the Bar Hook range. But this sudden, openly hostile mass move was like nothing Kentucky Jones had ever seen. The thing was too swift, too unequivocal, too bald-faced.

"Eight riders," Lee Bishop commented. "He certainly is figuring to make this stick! He wouldn't be laying on all those riders if this was anything more than a beginning, Kentucky."

"Can the Bar Hook stand it, Lee?" "We'll d—n well see," said Lee Bishop. He squinted at the sun. "It's pretty near a three-hour ride to get down to where them cattle is, but I guess we got to go; sorry we didn't bring no sow bosom and hard-tack, Kentucky."

"To h—l with grub," said Kentucky swinging his horse into the down trail. Out from the herd, as the Bar Hook men drew near, rode a lank anguished man on a hammer-headed roan pony.

"This is Bill McCord," Lee Bishop said in an undertone; "he's from away. Bob Elliot's run through half a dozen range bosses in the last three years, but this one will suit him, I guess. He—"

"Yeah—I know him. If he found you drinking at a crick he'd ride through upstream, to see if you objected to mud. Hello, McCord."

McCord ignored Jones. "Howdy, Bishop."

"I see you're moving a few head of stock," Bishop began.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for June 9

THE HOLY SPIRIT (Pentecost Lesson)

LESSON TEXT—John 16:7-11; Romans 8:10-17, 26, 27.

GOLDEN TEXT—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Romans 8:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Keeps His Promise.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Coming of the Holy Spirit.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How the Holy Spirit Helps Us.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Work of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit Promised (Joel 2:28, 29).

The prophet foretold that in messianic times there would be a mighty effusion of the Holy Spirit.

1. He was to be poured out.

2. He was to be bestowed upon all flesh, irrespective of age, sex, or class.

3. This out-pouring was to issue in extraordinary activity and service.

4. This activity was to be accompanied by marvelous signs.

5. This Prophetic Promise Was Partially Fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21, 32, 33).

The unusual behavior of the disciples at Pentecost, with Peter's preaching which resulted in the conversion of thousands, evidenced the supernatural, but the cosmic signs which the prophet predicted to take place in heaven and earth were not in evidence.

The real fulfillment of the prophet's prediction is in the future and will find fulfillment in connection with the regathering of Israel and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

III. Some Names of the Holy Spirit.

1. Comforter (John 14:16, 17).

"Comforter" means literally "one called to one's side as a partaker, an advocate, a helper and defender." He is called "another Comforter" as he was to take the place of Jesus.

2. The Witness (John 15:26). The Spirit peculiarly witnesses of Christ. He does not speak of himself, but takes the things of Christ and shows them unto us (John 16:13).

3. The Spirit of Truth (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit guides into all truth. Those who are taught by him know the truth.

IV. Some Works of the Spirit.

1. He regenerates (John 3:3-8). The new birth is peculiarly the Spirit's work.

2. He teaches (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit was to take up the work of teaching the disciples.

3. Convicts the world of sin (John 16:8, 9). The Holy Spirit alone can show men the demerit of their lives and their shortcomings before God.

4. Convicts the world of righteousness (John 16:10). The resurrection and ascension of Christ prove that he is the Righteous One and that righteousness is only possible as he is accepted as Savior.

5. Convicts the world of judgment (John 16:11). Sin unatoned for shall be punished. The sinner who refuses the righteousness which God provided in Jesus Christ shall be judged.

6. Gives victory over the flesh (Rom. 8:2, 12, 13). By the energy of the Holy Spirit the carnal nature can be kept in subjection.

7. He leads the believer (Rom. 8:14). The Spirit-filled believer lives the life of the Son of God.

8. He gives assurance to the believer (Rom. 8:15-17). The Holy Spirit witnesses together with the human spirit to the reality of the new birth.

9. Enables the believer to pray according to the will of God (Rom. 8:26, 27). The Holy Spirit helps the believer's infirmities in prayer.

V. The Diversity of the Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:4-11).

In the Church there are to be found those possessing the gifts of wisdom, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, divers kinds of tongues and their interpretation.

VI. The Sealing of the Spirit (Eph. 1:13, 14).

Into the regenerated life comes the Holy Spirit at once. The indwelling of the Divine Spirit is God's seal of ownership. It is not only a seal of ownership, but of security. It is also the guarantee of the completion of the work of redemption.

VII. The Unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-6).

Christian unity is only possible when effected by the one Holy Spirit.

VIII. The Sin of Grieving the Spirit (Eph. 4:30).

The Spirit may be grieved by failure to respond to his initiative, by yielding to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the vainglory of life, by failure to render full and free obedience, as well as failure to surrender every faculty of the being to his control and direction.

Joy

Joy is the mainspring in the whole round of everlasting nature; joy moves the wheels of the great timepiece of the world; she it is that loosens flowers from their buds, suns from their firmaments, rolling spheres in distant space seen not by the glass of the astronomer.—Schiller.

Nobleness

Be noble, and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own.—James Russell Lowell.

Pipe Surely Should Be

Broken in by This Time

Hallin Hatem Ellis of Shawnee, Ohio, is smoking a pipe that dates back to 1656, when it was purchased by Ato Hatem, at Haman in Persia. He handed it down to Nader Hatem in 1700 and it went in turn to Aca Hatem in 1740; Soma Hatem in 1870, on to Alias Hatem in 1890, and to Hallin Hatem Ellis in 1905, says the Detroit News.

Without much fear of contradiction save from the occasional archeologist who dares puff a clay pipe made by the mound-builders, Ellis may say when he sits down to draw the smoke through six feet of pipe stem that he is inhaling from the oldest pipe in active service in these United States.

Mounted on a glass bowl and standing 30 inches high, this ancient pipe is inlaid with ivory. When in operation, the glass bowl is filled with water, and the smoke is inhaled through the water from the tobacco bowl on top of the glass receptacle. The tobacco is soaked in water first, and is kept burning by means of charcoal.

Advice to Girls

Some girls who set out to be agreeable score a victory over those who spend hours trying to look pretty.

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I will think—talk—write . . . Texas Centennial in 1936! This is to be my celebration. In its achievement I may give free play to my patriotic love for Texas' heroic past; my confidence in its glories that are to be . . .



This editor does not claim to be very smart. Many of our ideas prove unworkable sometimes. Nevertheless, here is another one. It appears to us that it would be a good thing for this community to prepare for raising berries and grapes in commercial quantities. If each farm in the territory had only a few acres in berries and grapes we believe our economic situation would be greatly improved. Mr. Crutcher has demonstrated that berries is a good crop for this section. The quality is as fine as can be raised anywhere and Mr. Crutcher has been making money with his crops—others could do as well.

We think this territory should get out of the one-crop habit, and it seems to us that nothing would be a better crop than berries and grapes. We could build a small canning factory to take care of the surplus that could not be shipped fresh. That would create a small additional payroll. We believe it would mean more money for every farmer and every business.

We realize that times have been hard for the past few years. Taxes have been hard to pay and it has been a problem for all of us to make ends meet. But conditions are improving right along and we hope it will not be long until we will all be prosperous again. Unemployment has been, and is yet, a big problem in the United States. The federal government has been doing everything possible to relieve the situation. It has been offering to loan money to political subdivisions to make needed improvements. This offer, however, has not met with much success because the communities were not able to stand additional taxes in order to create work. Now the federal government is offering to loan money to subdivisions for such work and it is offering to make an outright donation of 45 per cent of the total amount in order to get something done. 55 per cent of the amount borrowed will have to be paid back over a

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"In a recent survey taken by this paper and published by this paper, we covered the city with an inquiry. 'Which influences you most and which do you buy from most: Newspaper advertising or hand bills?' Our personal survey published over the name of those questioned shows that over 88 per cent preferred newspaper advertising, and that few actually purchased goods through hand bill advertising. In fact, we found a startling situation where a very large percentage of our people were downright prejudiced against all kinds of thrown-around literature, resenting the littering up of porches, lawns, shrubbery, and door boxes with hand bills and a similar type of publicity. This Very Large Percentage was so decided about it that they went on record as refusing to buy from merchants so inconsiderate of their rights."

ON TEXAS FARMS

Minnie Fisher Cunningham
Service Editor

Hansford county has gone in for subirrigation tile in a big way this spring. Through an agreement with relief agencies labor has been furnished from the relief rolls for making and installing the tile while the farmers have furnished the cement and sand and have agreed to pay one-fourth of the produce from the subirrigated garden for the year 1935. In this way 30,000 feet of tile have been put down.

Twenty other gardens using 12,000 feet of tile have been subirrigated by farmers in this county working independently—making a total of 32,000 feet of tile which will subirrigate Hansford County gardens, according to G. Lester Boykin, agricultural agent for the county.

Hemphill county tried out lath subirrigated gardens a few years ago finding them satisfactory but not very durable. Last year County Agricultural Agent H. M. Cantrell supervised the installation of tiled relief gardens which proved very successful. This year 16,000 feet of concrete tile have already been made and laid in the county.

Nearly five miles of concrete tile have been made and laid by relief workers in Ochiltree county this spring, according to the report of J. T. Stovall, county agricultural agent. The exact figures are 25,957 feet. The tile has been furnished in such cases as actual material costs plus a one-fourth toll of the garden crops which are produced on the subirrigated land. The material cost has been approximately one and one-fourth cents per foot.

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J. W. Hammett, who has been spending several weeks here with his daughter, Mrs. W. O. Kinnison, left Tuesday for Slaton.

OVERWORK NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AILMENTS OF BODY

Austin, Texas June 3.—"One of the most maligned words in the dictionary is overwork," said Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. "It is employed as an excuse to avoid unattractive social engagements. It is used to impress others with one's particular importance. It is frequently mentioned as the reason for one's business failures. And it certainly is most unjustly blamed for many bodily ills.

"As a matter of fact overwork is not nearly the hobgoblin it is painted to be. Abstractly speaking, overwork is a very decent term, behaves itself on most occasions, and does little damage to the lives of most of us. And more likely than not, where lack of health is concerned, overwork has had little if anything to do with the situation.

"Actually, work of a normal, or even above average, is not prone to do one any real damage. On the other hand, certain practices associated with the work or with living are likely to be the real offenders. Those who, for example, are victims of impure air, illogical diets, auto-intoxication, worry, lack of exercise and insufficient sleep are usually the first to blame work for their sorry condition. And, no doubt, even an average amount of work can easily turn into a sense of overwork when one's capacity to do the job has been weakened by "The best bulwark against ill effects from hard and sustained work is the conscientious adoption of a well-rounded and properly balanced health program. And by this suggestion is not meant a fanatical adherence to a long set of fancy rules, but only a reasonable sense of the primary duty every one owes to himself to get plenty of fresh air and some exercise, to eliminate the excessive use of stimulants, to obtain an average amount of sleep, to eat moderately; in short, to treat one's body with the respect that it demands."

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Mr. Smith Is Somewhat Wrought Up!

He's just finished trying to cull the worthwhile news out of a dozen dailies, and what is really going on in the world is still somewhat vague. That's the reason for his display of temper. Mr. Smith might have saved himself this emotional outburst if he had read the

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POULTRY AND EGG SHIPMENTS DECLINE

Austin, June 3.—Poultry and egg movements from Texas to interstate points by rail during April were sharply below those of a year ago, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Forwardings of poultry and eggs combined totaled 113 cars of which 72 cars were poultry and 41 cars eggs. During April last year there was a total of 162 cars made up of 80 cars of poultry and 82 cars of eggs. The decline from last year was 31 per cent. The decline in rail shipments is in part due to increased shipments by water to Atlantic and Gulf ports. It is also probable that truck ship-

ments have made further inroads into this traffic, especially to New Orleans. Receipts of eggs from outside the State were only 20 cars, all of which came from Kansas. Last year 67 cars were shipped in, 63 from Kansas, 3 from Illinois, and 1 from Wisconsin.

LONE STAR TWINKLINGS

Sunday School and church was well attended at Pleasant Valley Sunday.

Roy McPherson is visiting Alva Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cockran and family Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spradling spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hamilton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Finch Tuesday evening. Mrs. Bill Barron and children, and Miss Nell Whirley spent Friday night in the home of Mrs. J. F. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Compton visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin of Longfellow Sunday. G. C. Martin spent Saturday with Marlin Gibson.

Dewey Winstead and Mrs. C. H. Manly of Crown King, Arizona, came in last weekend to be at the bedside of their father, J. M. Winstead, who has been very ill.

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Early Texas History Revealed In Bexar Archives

SERIES II, NO. 8

Austin, Texas—Texas' first legal advisor was Thomas F. McKinney, a member of Austin's original "Three Hundred" colony. A merchant formerly engaged in the St. Louis and Santa Fe trade, he came to Texas and became an agent of the Provisional Government during the revolutionary period. In this capacity he bought the first vessels for the Texas Navy. The firm of McKinney & Williams transacted nearly all the financial business of the new government. This same firm built one of the first wharves on Galveston Island, McKinney's partner in this firm was Samuel May Williams, who became Austin's secretary when the colony was first established. After Texas was annexed to the United States, McKinney moved to Travis County, which he at one time represented in the Legislature. He died at his home on Onion Creek in 1873.

Much of the McKinney material is in other collections, but several original documents and numerous photostatic copies are in the family archives division of the University of Texas library.

One of these originals is a letter written by McKinney from Quintana, on the Texas coast October 29, to R. R. Royall, president of the Council of all Texas. The letter, which deals with one of Texas' earliest maritime problems, that of defense from the Mexican naval forces, is countersigned by six other settlers, including two members of the original "Three Hundred," J. H. Bell and James Knight. The text of the communication is as follows:

"The Mexican cruiser is off this place, has been seen yesterday and the day previous fired one shot at Velasco which fell short of the shore four guns fired at her from shore none however took effect it has made her however less bold in her movements, yesterday she appeared but at a very respectful distance. You will doubtless say by all means go and take her. So we say and we will endeavor to do at all hazards, but really we find ourselves in a very awkward situation for want of authority upon which to act many of the most efficient men we have are citizens of the United States and may be brought to an account there and charged with piracy; but for the present occasion we are blind to all other considerations save that of taking the Mexican Vessel whose only hope in my opinion for escape is in her heels.

"The Government will doubtless send a maritime force to annoy our coast and cut off our supplies and intercourse with the United States, if they can succeed almost total ruin will be the consequence, the fact is self-evident and requires no reason to be set forth. Now what are we to do to protect ourselves and the country such a calamity. I would beg leave to suggest that the most active and energetic movements on our part are requisite to counteract the advantage which the Government of Santa Anna has over us by having armed vessels already on the Gulf and some of them actually upon us, for should Santa Anna send all of his naval force here and land a body of men, which under existing circumstances is altogether possible we are without remedy. But to come to the point we are aiming at, once, would it not be well for the consultation to make a declaration against the Central Government and issue commissions for armed vessels and let them be taken there by Capt. Hurd at once and in three weeks or four at farthest our coast will be cleared and our intercourse with the United States free, and our supplies can be speedily and abundantly obtained to carry on the war. Capt. William A. Hurd, Lieutenant Charles Harby of the United States Navy, Wm. A. Leidesdorff, Jno. Chase, are all ready to embark in the business, the character of them all we presume is sufficiently known to you. They are unexceptionable in our humble opinion and will do honor to our cause. Hurd and Leidesdorff are here and will aid us in our attempt to take the Mexican Vessel that is off, and will wait here to hear from the consultation to ascertain if commissions will be sent down for

them we earnestly beg if possible that you send them for on it we conceive depends our very existence. Should the commission be sent you will please send on instructions what kind, what amount of supplies for the army, in what quantities and where, the same are to be landed as the weather may be bad and conveyance difficult. From this time we would suggest the propriety of landing men and supplies at La Vaca, this is for your consideration and we wait your orders."

RELIEF ROLLS BEING RECHECKED THIS WEEK

Austin, May 27—County relief administrators this week began a re-examination of the Texas relief lists to determine the validity of cases now on the rolls. Federal emergency relief authorities ordered the study in this and all other states because the percentage of residents on relief varies widely from county to county and state to state. It is believed that analysis of the results may disclose reasons for these variations.

"This inquiry does not mean that we are setting out to reduce the Texas case load to an arbitrary figure," said Mrs. Val M. Keating, director of the social service department of the Texas relief Commission. "It does mean, however, that we expect to determine the eligibility to relief of every client on our rolls. Such a check very likely will reveal that in some counties the load is too high in others that persons eligible to relief have not been so classified."

Special workers, directly responsible to the state relief office, are being sent into certain counties to conduct this re-registration. A questionnaire will be used interviews which, when answered and signed by the client will contain the information upon a decision as to eligibility will be made.

In determination of budgetary, deficiency, or lack of subsistence requirements, these workers will use a budget provided by Mrs. Keating's office. Instructions have been issued to reject all applicants whose incomes exceed the budget allowed. This budget is not uniform, Mrs. Keating said. It varies according to conditions peculiar to counties and will be higher in some than in others. In all cases, however, it is based on the family's needs and is established to cover minimum subsistence requirements.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES AVERAGE 6 A WEEK IN APRIL

Austin, Texas, May 27—An average of six commercial failures per week were reported in Texas during April, the same number as in March, as compared with five per week in April, last year, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Average liabilities per failure during April were \$10,826, a decrease of 22.3 per cent from March and 12.5 per cent from April, 1934.

TEXAS MILLS USE LESS COTTON THAN YEAR AGO

Austin, June 3—Only 2,786 bales of cotton were used in sixteen Texas textile mills during April, a decline of 25.6 per cent and 53 per cent respectively from the previous month and April last year, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Production of cloth, totaling 3,511,000 yards, was down 24.3 per cent and 37.5 per cent from the two comparable periods. Sales, 2,689,000 yards, were 31.6 per cent below those of March but 2 per cent above those of April last year. Unfilled orders on April 30, amounting to 6,510,000 yards, were 8 per cent below those of March 31 and 27.5 per cent below those on the corresponding date last year.

EMPLOYMENT DECLINES; PAYROLLS INCREASED

Austin, June 3—Reports from approximately 1,600 establishments show a total of 70,955 employees, a decline of about half of one per cent from both the previous month and from May a year ago, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, report as of May

15. The weekly payrolls of the reporting firms aggregated \$1,614,000, an increase of 1.3 per cent over April and 4.4 per cent over May, 1934.

Industries showing gains in the number of employees over the two comparable periods were: Brick, tile and other similar building materials, commercial printing, electric railway, car shops, ice cream factories, laundries and dry cleaning, meat packing and slaughtering, millwork, paper box manufacturing and structural iron works.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

There were 198 present at Sunday School with 6 visitors Sunday. Visitors are always welcome and we hope you will be with us again.

Rev. C. B. Meador used as his text at the morning hour the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians. The Lord's Supper was observed at the morning hour. Text for morning hour was "Do This Least You Forget Me." At the night service he used the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Next Sunday is laymen's day. There will be a nice program presented by the children of the primary department. Let's have a full house to hear these children. It will help them to know that you are interested in them by being present.

Prayer meeting will be led by Bro. Bruce's Sunday School class with Charles Hamilton as leader.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CO.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. Juan Cyrbedez, on April 29, a boy. Pedro Oroma April 1, a boy. W. H. Franklin April 28 a girl. W. A. Calloway, April 22 a boy. Elby L. Clipper, April 6 a girl. Mary Lou Thompson April 19 a girl. Willie Ross April 3 a boy. Charles Smith April 6 a boy. Edurbyra Nausrez April 18 a girl. L. E. Candler April 19 a girl. Louis B. Elliott April 21 a girl. Marquito Juarez April 22 a girl.

Cecil L. Treadway April 21 a boy. Cecil Earl Davis April 24 a girl. R. R. McAnnally April 19 a boy. Robert Kent Howell April 8 a boy. Oscar Campbell April 12 a boy. Otis Charles Rich April 12 a girl. Wilford M. Morris April 29 a boy.

Connie Darden April 24 a girl. J. W. Merrett April 28 a boy. Hill Hines April 10 a boy. R. R. Gillis May 5 a boy.

DEATHS

Pedro Jimenez age 62 years. J. Bradley Jones age 69 years and 3 days.

Gladys Brackington age 17 years 4 months and 19 days.

Emma Minor age 57 years 4 months and 20 days.

Henry B. Ashby age 53 years 9 months and 28 days.

Charles Benjamin Hargroves age 13 years 9 months and 1 day.

Susan Mae Moore Reynolds age 33 years 3 months and 2 days.

William S. Mints age 73 years 6 months and 23 days.

Henry Clyde Miller age 47 years 7 months and 8 days.

Oscar Lee Holland age 47 years 6 months and 4 days.

T. H. Prescott age 60 years 2 months and 22 days.

METHODIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church met at the church Monday afternoon at four o'clock in a program presented by five little girls of the church. Song.

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"In the Garden". Devotional, 18th chapter of Matthew—Wanda Mae Smith. Prayer—Mrs. Ed Williams. Poem, "Because He Loves Me So"—Dorothy Honea. Song, "Help Somebody Today"—Louise and Marie Manly. David and the Lion—Gloria Martin.

We then had a very interesting talk by our secretary of children's work by Mrs. Marvin Boyd. Delicious punch was served to eight members and one visitor. We were glad to have Mrs. Boyd with us.

Mrs. Tommie Roberts will leave this week for New Mexico, where she will join her husband who has work there.

Mrs. A. O. Fain of Sweetwater visited in Loraine last Thursday and remained for the seventh grade graduating exercises Thursday night.

Earl Flowers of Abilene visited friends in Loraine Saturday night and Sunday.

Garland Mustain of Snyder is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tartt.

Miss Metta Dean of El Paso is visiting her mother, Mrs. Zora Dean.

Mrs. Collins and children of Sweetwater and Mrs. Sharp and daughter of Abilene, spent last weekend here with their father, S. P. Jackson.

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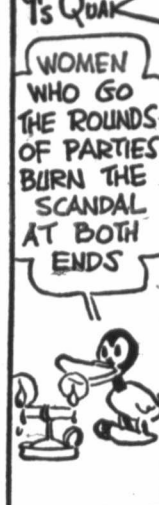
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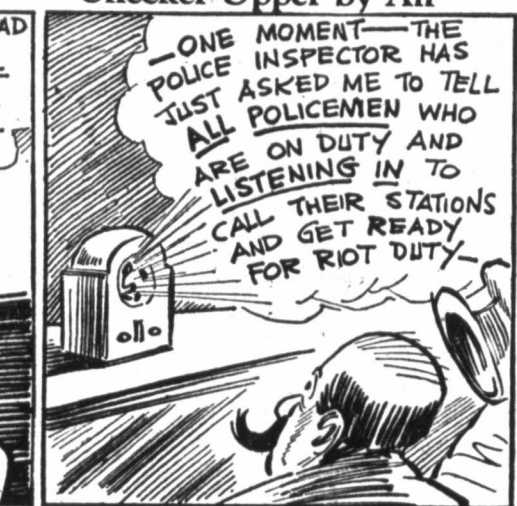
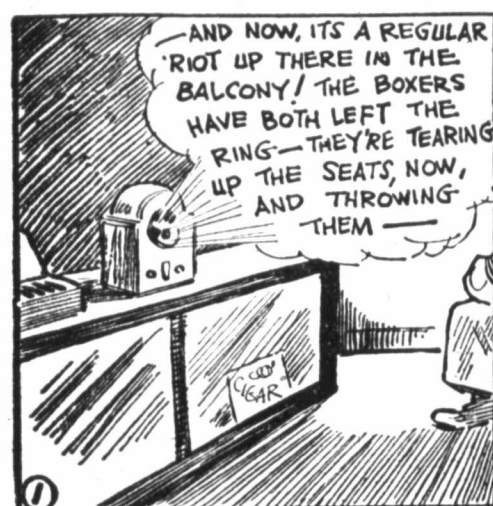
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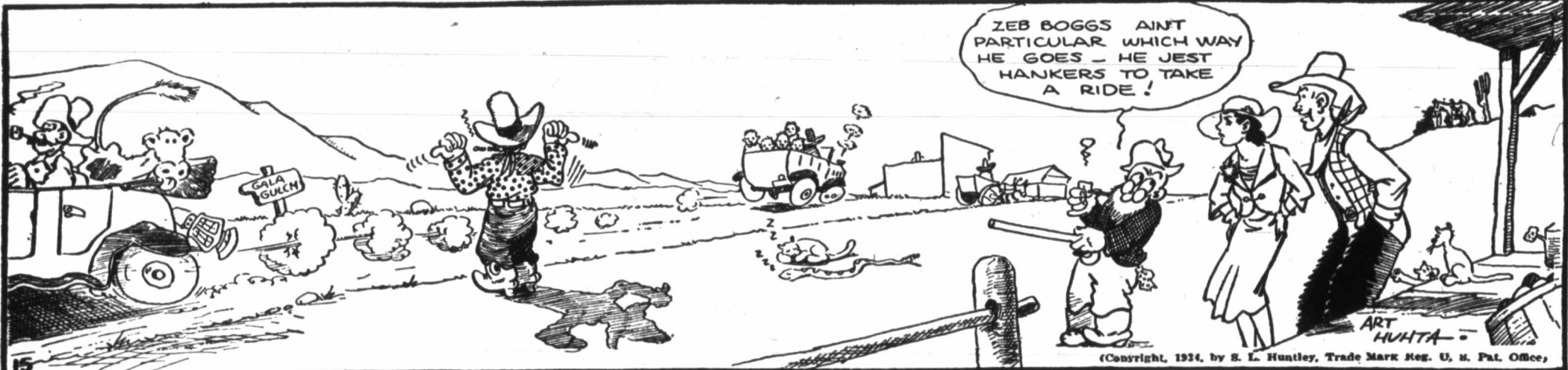
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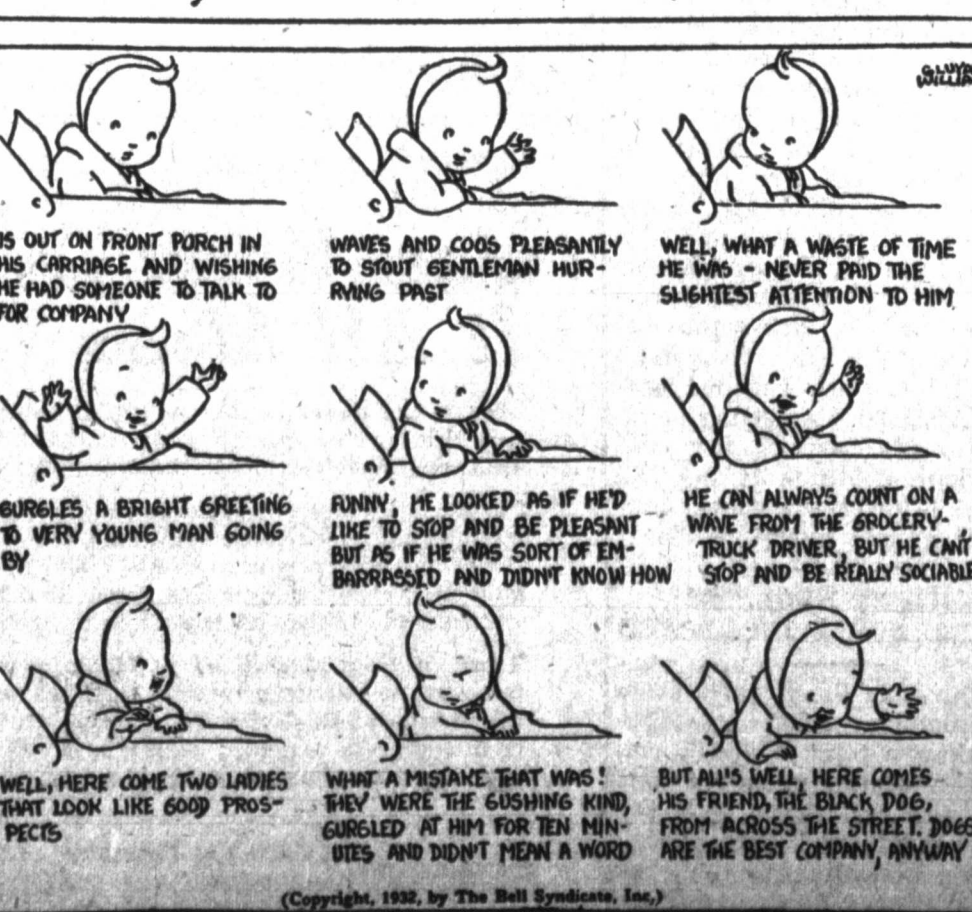
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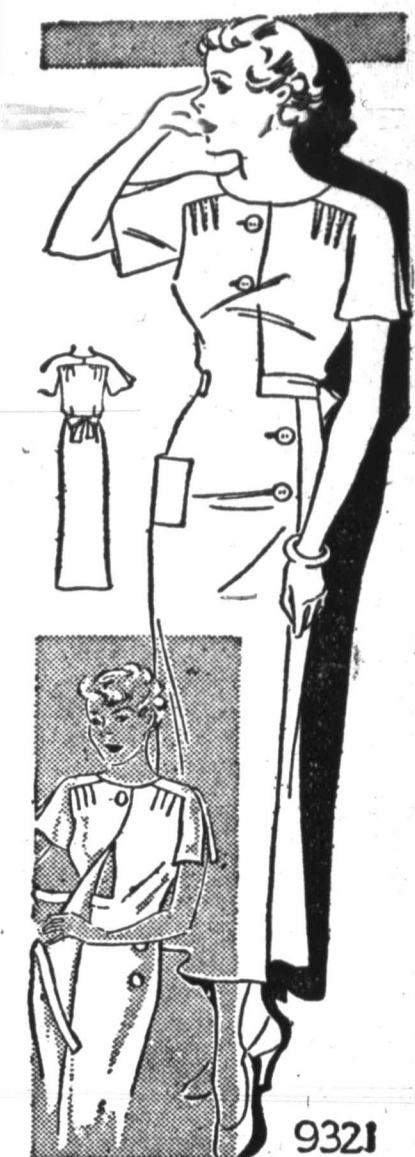
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Slenderizing Lines Characterize Frock

PATTERN 9321



Quite the neatest trick we've observed for a long time is this cleverly arranged, yet delightfully simple, home frock. Especially nice for those of us who gain and lose weight or who just naturally love a smart looking wrap-around for sheer comfort and convenience. And, of course, a boon to expectant mothers. Note how the belt slips through a slit and may be simply adjusted to fit the figure. Meanwhile, one has stepped right into it as into a coat. No petticoat needed. Nice shoulders and back, aren't they? Most attractive in solid color cotton broadcloth or printed or plaid cotton of any sort.

Pattern 9321 may be ordered only in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, and 48. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yards 36 inch fabric.

SEND FIFTEEN CENTS in coins or stamps (coins preferred) for this pattern. Be sure to write plainly your NAME, ADDRESS, STYLE NUMBER AND SIZE.

Address your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Department, 232 West 18th Street, New York, N. Y.

SMILES

HARDLY EXPECTED

"I want to be honest, sir. I can't support your daughter, but she has her heart set on marrying me."

"Never mind; do your best. I can't support her either."—Kansas City Star.

The Proof

Mrs. A.—Shall I ask the cook for references?

Mr. A.—No, get her to submit samples.

New Animal on Scene

"I notice a Wall Street item says that the bulls have stopped fighting the bears."

"Yes, they both have all they can do, fighting the wolf at the door."—Pearson's Weekly.

Related Meeting

Bloom—I'm glad I met your wife. She seemed to take a fancy to me.

Black—Did she? I'm sorry you didn't meet her sooner.—Pearson's Weekly.

Or Something

"I grew taller after I joined the medical corps." "You must have slept on a stretcher."



LOCALS

Farm Radios or Elec. Sets Batteries cheaper than ever before. Hutchins and Hall Drugs.

Mrs. Lillie Bennett and son Byron are spending the weekend in San Antonio.

Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson, who has been attending school in Denton, is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith.

See the Ice-Ball Kerosene Refrigerator, only cost one penny a day to operate. Hutchins and Hall Drugs.

Mrs. I. J. Pierce spent the weekend in Colorado with her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams and son Gene spent last weekend in Abilene.

Mrs. Cora Hall spent Sunday and Monday in Inadale with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Long.

Tropical and field straws for men and boys. Fred B. Ison Dry Goods.

Miss Emma Lou Howell of Sweetwater is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howell, for a few days.

Miss Abbie Kinnison of Ballinger is here for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Kinnison.

Don't be gypt, get Government standard Dip. 75 cents 1/2 Gallon at Hutchins and Hall Drugs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin and son Edwin, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Henry Horne, of Edna, Texas, visited in the B. F. Trott home Tuesday. Mr. Martin is Mrs. Trott's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leggett left Saturday for Lubbock, where Mr. Leggett will attend a band school this summer.

Betty Lee Frocks, special price Fred B. Ison Dry Goods.

Douglas Taylor is spending the week in Colorado with his brother B. L. Taylor.

Mrs. R. E. Cope and daughter Mary Frances, and Misses Ruth and Bessie Nell Johnson left Monday for Denton, where they will attend school this summer.

Claude Willis left Thursday for Abilene, where he will attend Simmons University this summer.

Carl Pool Shirts and Pants, made better 4 ways: 1. Design; 2. Material; 3. Workmanship; 4. Comfort. Fred B. Ison Dry Goods.

Miss Ruby Lee left Saturday for her home at Olden. She was accompanied by Ruby Hendrick and Emma Louise Zellner who will accompany her on a trip to various points of interest in Texas. They also plan to visit Old Mexico while on the trip, and plan to be away for a month.

A community garden is being planted in the City Park. Many varieties of vegetables will be planted and cultivated by men on the relief roll.

Many boys and girls who have been away attending school at colleges and universities during the winter have returned to their homes here for the summer.

Friedman-Shelby Shoes for all the family. Fred B. Ison Dry Goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bennett and sons left Saturday for Greenville, where Mrs. Bennett and the children will spend the summer with her parents. Mr. Bennett will attend the University of Texas this summer.

DON'T SLEEP ON LEFT SIDE—AFFECTS HEART
If stomach GAS prevents sleeping on right side try Adlerika. One dose brings out poisons and relieves gas pressing on heart so you sleep soundly all night.
Hutchins & Hall, Druggists.

Classified Ads

271 acres in Eastland County on the Leon River, 2 sets improvements, 65 acres in cultivation. An ideal stock farm. Close to market. Will trade for farm here or sell at a bargain. See J. A. Crosby.

Our Sale—Good bundle cane at 4 cents per bundle. Dee Compton. 5-2-tp.

Egg Stamp and Pad \$1.25 News office.

Typewriter ribbons, a new tock at The News Office.

Fly, Garden, and Chicken House Insecticides, also Sprayers. Hutchins and Hall Drugs.

The Sunday School class of Mrs. R. E. Bennett enjoyed a picnic in Ruddick Park at six o'clock last Thursday afternoon. They all report a good time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends in Loraine who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our wife and mother. Your words of sympathy and deeds of kindness will always be remembered by us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crownover of Crane visited Mrs. Lillie Bennett and mother Mrs. W. H. Finley, this weekend. Mrs. Finley returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Callahan and daughter Iona, and Miss Maggie Jeter visited Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Fain in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Callahan and Miss Jeter attended the funeral of O. A. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilcox left Sunday for Weatherford to spend the week with Mr. Wilcox's parents.

Mrs. Frances Kiker of Colorado visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neill, Monday.

J. B. MAHON

Groceries and Fresh and Cured Meats Phone 50

STEAK

Forequarter
Pound
18c

Vinegar Gallon 25c
None Better for Canning and Pickling

Mackerel 3 cans 25c

Mustard quart 15c

Syrup Texas Special Gallon 58c

Peaches Extra Fancy Dried 2 lbs 25c

COFFEE, 3lb jar Admiration 39c

Campbell's PORK & BEANS 5c

LAMP CLOVES, Rayo 15c

PINEAPPLE, Libby's 25c
3 Flat Cans

Malted Milk

1 POUND CAN
PLAIN FLAVOR

39c

FRUIT JARS:—

PINTS, Dozen 75c

QUARTS, Dozen 90c

HALF GALLONS Doz. \$1.15

CANS:—

NO. 2, per 100 \$2.90

NO. 3 per 100 \$3.90

GARDEN SPRAY For house plants, garden and window boxes. Kills insects 30c
Red Arrow Bottle
Makes 8 gallons

GULF FLY SPRAY and GUN, \$2.50 value \$2.25

FRESH PINEAPPLES

ONE PINT SPRAY 50c

COCOA, 2 lbs. 19c

MATCHES, Rosebud, carton 29c

RED TOP AXLE GREASE, 3 lb. Bucket 29c

PEACHES, big nice ones 2 dozen 25c

COCOMALT, 1lb can with Big Little Book 48c

PRUNES

Gallon 33c

TEA

1/4 lb pkg. TASTY

15c

H. E. Thomas

PHONE 198

SUGAR 25 pounds \$1.28
pure cane

FLOUR 48 pounds \$1.95
Red & White

SYRUP

Gallon OLD MARY'S
Pure Cane

53c

COFFEE

EARLY RISER
Pound

19c

MACKEREL

3 CANS

25c

TOMATOES

3 No. 2 CANS

25c

MACARONI SPAGHETTI

BOX, EACH

5c

PICKLES

QUART SOUR

17c

SALMON

TALL CAN

11c

SPUDS

LARGE NEW ONES
10 POUNDS

25c

SALT

ICE CREAM
10 POUNDS

15c

SOAP

BIG BEN
6 GIANT BARS

25c

OATS

LARGE PACKAGE
RED & WHITE

23c

EXTRACT

8 Oz. VANILLA

23c

BIRD BRAND COWBOY BAND

Will be at our stores

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

BE SURE AND HEAR THEM

Ice Cream Powder

2 BOXES

15c

TEA

1/4 lb RED & WHITE

23c

George & Narrell

PHONE 11

PRUNES GALLON 33c

APRICOTS Gallon 49c