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COUNTY AAA ACTIVITY IS AT STANDSTILL

Temperatures Topple as Cold Wave Hits State

Through the
Editor's
Spectacles
By GEORGE

The business of fighting fires, said Chief Williams, Winters, state firemen's school instructor who is here to conduct a school for the Cisco department and their guests from other Oil Belt cities, has undergone considerable change during the past few years.

The first consideration now is safety of the men. It used to be, said he, that this was given no consideration, and in those days the man who was scorched the most was a hero. Now he is a fool. The men who died at Rockdale when caught by a falling wall were victims of carelessness, he said. Theirs were the only lives lost during the year, and they were lost at work that was routine after the building has burned down. Standing in the vestibule of a building; they were spraying embers with water when the toppling wall, pulled by the weight of an awning, caught them.

Firemen today are trained to approach a fire with circumspection and study it out before making an attack. The colors of smoke have been classified to denote what is burning. A smoke-filled building, its window glowing red, does not always mean that the inside is all ablaze. It used to be, said Williams, that firemen charged the front of a smoke-crammed structure with streams of water, beat out the smoke out, without knowledge of the position or extent of the blaze. Now ventilation is restored to and the smoke is cleared out without water. In many cases the fire is found to be a small blaze, localized and easily extinguished with a small hose. Water damage to stock not affected by the fire, and often responsible for 75 per cent of the actual damage, is thus averted. Williams told a story, relayed to him, of the fun a firemen's squad had in a racket store, washing pans and pots off the shelves with a hose under the old policy of fire-fighting. That sort of thing, he said, isn't allowed in well-drilled departments.

Many of the paid departments maintain today a discipline almost military in its strictness. Instead of playing dominoes or loitering around waiting for an alarm, the members go through a strict schedule of study and training. They are in constant training on duty. He said that many of the volunteer departments are better than many of the paid departments, however.

Rob Word Seriously Ill With Pneumonia

Rob Word is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home three miles south of Cisco. His condition this morning was reported unchanged.

H. S. Drumwright is transacting business in Dallas today.

Weather

WEST TEXAS—Cloudy, probably occasional snow tonight and Wednesday, except rain in the southeast and colder in the southeast portion tonight; Wednesday somewhat warmer except in the extreme southeast portion.

EAST TEXAS—Cloudy with occasional rains in the south tonight and Wednesday, and colder except in the northwest tonight, with freezing weather in the interior except in the Rio Grande valley tonight; Wednesday, somewhat warmer in the northwest portion.

TEMPERATURE IS LESS THAN WAS FORECAST

Panhandle Receives Brunt of Wintery Blast Today

(By Associated Press)
A wintry blast, blanketing the entire panhandle, today heralded arrival of a cold wave which moved deep into the southwest. Two persons were dead of traffic accidents in the panhandle because of slippery streets and highways and one to four inches of snow fell as the temperature tumbled to 18 at Pampa and 23 at Borger.

Other parts of the state did not have temperatures as low as expected. Paris reported 33, Tyler 37, Austin 38 and San Antonio 37. There were overcast skies in most of Texas with prospects of rain in the south.

TEMPERATURE HERE ONLY 32 DEGREES

The cold wave today failed to reach predicted severity here, when the thermometer fell only to 32 degrees, remaining there during most of the day. Rain which began falling near noon promised sleet or snow tonight if the mercury falls lower.

350 BAPTISTS GATHER HERE

Between 350 and 400 Baptists of the Cisco Baptist association were here today to attend the quarterly workers conference of the association, over which the Rev. H. D. Blair, associational missionary presided.

The program began at 10 o'clock with Rev. Russell Dennis, Tucumcari, N. M., leading the devotional. Dennis preached the at 11:30 a. m. in the place of the Rev. M. A. Jenkins of Abilene. His subject was "Grace."

Discussions founded on chapters of "Hebrews" and "Romans," were other features of the morning inspirational program.

During the afternoon the workers divided into various groups for conferences on phases of denominational work.

More than \$3,500,000 were spent in controlling insect pests in the Southern California citrus belt in 1934.

NEW DEALERS FEARFUL FOR OTHER ACTS

"Little AAAs" for 48 States Are Among Suggestions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7. (AP)—Secretary Wallace today called a meeting of farm leaders for January 10 and 11 to confer on shaping a program to replace the Agricultural Adjustment administration, brought to a full stop today.

Many new dealers expressed belief that more of the New Deal is doomed. Fears were held for the social security act, the Guffey coal control act, and the Wagner labor relations act.

Results included: Possibility that new taxes would be recommended. Talk of creation of 48 "little AAAs" or federal grants to farmers for "proper land use," or a quota system for crops to be sold domestically at government-guaranteed prices.

Some supporters asked for a constitutional amendment.

German Acts, Not Finance, Sent U.S. Into War-Morgan

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7. (AP)—J. P. Morgan told the senate committee investigating committee today that German acts, and not international finance, pushed the United States into the World war.

He said "We agreed to do all lawfully within our power to help the Allies win the war as soon as possible."

Farm Plans for RA Clients Completed

EASTLAND, Jan. 7 — Farm plans of 135 Eastland county farmers enrolled as rehabilitation clients in the Resettlement administration program have been completed. George I. Lane, county supervisor, announced Monday. Farm plans of 25 others enrolled in the program are complete, Lane added.

Quota of clients for the county this year, previously announced at 200, was announced Monday by Lane "as many as we can get."

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Where Proper Relief Lay

By IRVIN S. COBB

LATE in life Messrs. Abrams and Shapinsky took up golf. Both were retired cloak and suit merchants of the type made famous in Montague Glass's immortal stories.

On a glorious September afternoon they were going over the links of their country club. They were playing for a stake of a dollar a hole, and the competition was spirited.

Mr. Abrams drove into a bunker. With his iron he made four ineffectual swipes, raising the sand in the clouds. Then he stooped down, picked up the half buried ball and tossed it out on the fairway.

Mr. Shapinsky stiffened with indignation. "Look at that!" he whooped. "You couldn't do that. It's against the rules."

"I already have done it," said Mr. Abrams, calmly. "But again I tell you it's against the rules," declared Mr. Shapinsky. "I have been playing this game longer as you have and I tell you it says in the book where you should not touch the ball with your hands at all. What am I going to do if by such tricks as that you should win the match?"

"Sue me," said Mr. Abrams.

(American News Features, Inc.)

President's Message to Night Session of Congress



URGE GROWERS NOT TO 'DUMP' PEANUTS AFTER AAA RULING

County Farm Debt Adjustment Group Organize Monday

Organization of the Eastland county farm debt adjustment committee took place at a meeting at Eastland last night. W. R. Ussery is chairman of the board and Felix Boland and A. M. Hearne are the other members.

George I. Lane, supervisor of the farm resettlement program in the county, is executive secretary to the board.

Present to assist in the organization were H. L. Tweedy, district supervisor out of the Waco district office and Mr. Sims of Lubbock, who shortly will take charge of the Coleman district office. County Agent Metz Heald was also present.

Meeting dates of the committee were fixed for the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p. m.

Farmers and creditors will have in this committee a government-sponsored agency through which they may approach a satisfactory adjustment of obligations. "It is not a debt-beating institution," said Mr. Heald. "Any farmer wishing to adjust his obligations or refinance them through means that will be made available, may make application to the committee and fill out the necessary forms. His case will then be heard at the next meeting of the committee."

Heald pointed out that the committee will give an agency which both the creditor and the farmer may approach with confidence to bring about adjustment of obligations that are burdensome or in an unsatisfactory condition.

Offices of the committee were established in the Eastland National bank building.

Warren's Condition Is Not Serious

L. A. Warren, Cisco oil operator who was injured in a highway accident Sunday between Gladewater and Longview, arrived by ambulance at Graham sanitarium last night, his condition less serious than had been feared. He is suffering from a minor chest contusion and an injury to his right knee which may require surgery. There are also general bruises.

He was hurt when the car in which he and a friend were going to Longview was run into by another car.

NICK MILLER BUYS STORE

Nick Miller and Dick Lauderdale, for ten years partners in Miller-Lauderdale store which they founded in 1925, today announced purchase by Mr. Miller of Mr. Lauderdale's interest in the store.

In a formal statement they thanked customers and friends for their business they enjoyed during the ten years, promised continuance of the high class merchandizing policies which have made the store prosper and sought continued patronage.

The store recently moved in more commodious and beautiful quarters in the First National bank building.

JAPS PROTEST FIRED UPON

PEIPING, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Japanese military protested to the North China government against alleged firing on Japanese officers by the Chinese soldiers as they were entering the city. The Chinese reported exactly the opposite happened.

From Chinese sources it was reported that civil war was imminent in Mongolia.

Port Washington, Wis., has no municipal tax.

President Roosevelt is shown above as he delivered his message to congress at a much-discussed night session. The nation's chief executive wore formal morning attire for the occasion. Vice President Garner is seated in the left background with Speaker Byrnes seated next to him. (Associated Press photo).

MRS. REEVES IS IMPROVED

Condition of Mrs. J. E. Reeves, injured late Sunday when she and her daughter, Vera Mae, 17, were struck by a "hit-and-run" driver, was reported improved at Graham sanitarium this morning. There was possibility she would be removed to her home today.

Mrs. Reeves suffered a chest contusion. She and her daughter were struck as they started across A avenue at Tenth street on their way to church Sunday evening.

Police today said they had no further clues as to the identity of the driver of the machine who speeded up after he had struck the women.

Cotton Leaders Look to Congress After AAA Ruling

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7. (AP)—Regret over the voiding of the Agricultural Adjustment act mingled with the expressed belief by cotton leaders that the government will, in some manner retain regulatory control of cotton production.

"The cotton farmers are not going back to the old cut-throat method of growing cotton at a price below the cost of production," said N. C. Williamson, president of the American Cotton Co-operative association, when he learned of the high court's ruling.

"Congress will no doubt co-operate with the administration in passing legislation necessary to continue the program which has doubled the cotton farmers' income during the past two or three years," he continued.

E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the co-operative organization, also believed some new plan will be worked out.

"Certainly some sound means will be worked out within the limits of the constitution which will provide adequate crop control," Creekmore stated.

J. C. Holton, commissioner of

COUNTY AGENT IS DIRECTED TO STOP WORK

\$3,000 in Benefit Checks Are Held Up by Order

As completely as a jammed projection machine arrests a motion picture into a "still," the ruling of the United States supreme court yesterday halted all man-

HOG PRICES RISE
CHICAGO, Jan. 7. (AP)—Hog farmers witnessed one of the most spectacular market price rises in history following the AAA decision.

ifications of the Agricultural Adjustment administration. The effect of the ruling was immediate to every individual affected by the AAA.

County Agent C. Metz Heald at Eastland received a telegram this morning stopping action on all programs under the AAA and ordering him to take charge of all forms, records and property of the AAA.

Three thousand dollars in farm benefit payment checks, undelivered to contracting farmers for 1935 cooperation, were impounded. Another thousand dollars in these checks had not arrived. Until and unless the congress recognizes a "moral obligation" to the contracting farmers and appropriates funds from some source to pay these checks, they will not be delivered. Effect of the adverse ruling on checks already in the hands of the farmers was not known.

5 Programs Halted
All five programs under the AAA in Eastland county were brought to abrupt halt. Four AAA paid employees in Mr. Heald's office were released. They are W. W. Kelly, in charge of the corn-hog program; J. B. Hart, in charge of contract division for all programs; Miss Connie Groves, in charge of the subsidiary division and Miss Genevieve Lyons, general stenographer.

The five programs affected here are: the cotton control program; corn-hog, peanut, potato and wheat control programs. In charge of these were county committees number 13 for cotton control; 12 for peanut control; 12 for corn-hog control, six for wheat and six for potato control. The latter program was the most recent.

Telegram
The telegram received by Mr. Heald read:
"C. M. Heald,

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HOUSE GROUP OKES BONUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The House ways and means committee Monday approved a cash bonus bill supported by three major veterans' organizations.

Committee members said an attempt would be made "as soon as possible" to obtain a rule and bring the measure to the floor for a vote.

The bill is backed by the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. It provides for immediate cash payment of the full maturity value of the veterans' certificates, refunding of interest on past loans and the option of holding the certificate and receiving 3 per cent interest until 1945—the original maturity date.

Committee members said those present voted unanimously to report the bill to the house.

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150 Attend WTU Dinner and Dance Saturday Night

About 150 employees and guests of the West Texas Utilities company's B district enjoyed the district's annual New Year's buffet-supper and dance on the roof garden of the Laguna hotel Saturday evening. The guests were served from a table laid at the west end of the roof garden, and beautifully decorated. The decoration was done under the direction of Dallas Wales, manager of the hotel.

The tables were covered in white linen, falling to the floor, and bordered with blue crepe paper banded with the ruffle of white. An American flag was effectively draped, while in the center, just back from the edge of the table was placed an enormous sugar-cured ham. Behind this was a great cake bearing the name "West Texas Utilities," and from this group garnished dishes were set out to the ends of the board. Other foods were attractively arranged in the background. After the supper, dancing was enjoyed. Ray Judia and his Melody Boys played for the dance.

A similar dinner and dance was held in each of the districts of the West Texas Utilities company either on Christmas eve or near New Years.

The Notebook

MONDAY

The Welfare association will meet at the mayor's office at 9 a. m. All members are urged to attend.

The Cisco Garden Club will meet today.

Music Study club will have the annual luncheon at 1 o'clock at

Mothers!



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Heads Scientists



Dr. Karl T. Compton (above), president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was named president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the annual convention in St. Louis. (Associated Press Photo)

the home of Mrs. J. E. Spencer, 510 West Eighth street.

The Delphian Study club will meet at the club house at 9:30 a. m.

TUESDAY

The W. M. S. of the First Methodist church will meet at 3 o'clock at the church.

Circle 1 of the Womens Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 3 o'clock with Mrs. G. C. Rosenthal, Humboldt.

Circle 2 will meet at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. A. Lash, 509 West. Circle 3 will meet at 3 o'clock with Mrs. R. C. Hayes, 710 West Eighth street.

Cisco chapter O. E. S. will hold a stated meeting at 7:30 p. m. Visitors welcome.

WEDNESDAY

The Humble Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Jack Jones, Humboldt at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY

1920 Bridge club will meet with Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Humboldt at 3 o'clock.

The Friendly Twelve Forty-Two club will meet with Mrs. H. C. Henderson 505 West Seventh street, at 8 o'clock.

The Darning and Mending club will meet with Mrs. W. W. Wallace Humboldt, at 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY

The Twentieth Century club will have the annual informal luncheon at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alex Spears, 400 G avenue.

The Community Choral club will meet at the First Baptist church at 7:0 p. m.

Personals

Mrs. E. L. Howard and daughter, Gwen, have returned to their home in Waco after a visit with relatives in Cisco.

P. R. Warwick and Lee Heltzel transacted business in Albany Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Armstrong have returned from a visit in Fort Worth.

A. E. Jamison is transacting business in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. King and children have returned to their home in Bellville after a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. King.

A Bible printed in London in 1748 is used by W. A. Coats at Birmingham, Ala.

"It Wouldn't Be Cricket"

Baseball's Inroads Worry Britons

By ROGER D. GREENE
LONDON, Jan. 6. (AP)—It takes a good deal to ruffle the calm of British clubmen.

There is the story of the belted earl who summoned a lackey and, pointing to another gentleman apparently fast asleep in a nearby chair, languidly remarked: "Remove the gentleman, Bodkins. He has been dead three days."

But a large amount of rumbling and snorting may be heard as one strolls down Pall Mall and lingers within earshot of wrathful elder sportsmen.

Demmed Impudence!

The general tenor, in snatches, goes something like this:

"Gad, sir! the ruddy cheek of these Americans—"

"A barbarian game called baseball—"

"Stealin' our best fellas—"

"Demmed impudence!"

"Oh, right-ho! Infernal cheek—"

"A cad's trick—"

"We've got to save cricket, you know."

"Rather! Life-blood of the Empire, and all that. I shall write a letter to the Times about it, demme if I don't!"

Deplore Proselyting Attempt

All this fury arises from the inroads of American baseball at the expense of England's own national pastime, cricket—and particularly from an attempt to lure Harold Larwood, star fast bowler, into the ranks of the British National Baseball Association.

As a cricketer, Larwood gets only about \$2500 a year.

Then along came John S. Hanley, president of the association, which is popularizing the American sport here, and offered Larwood \$5000 a year or \$20,000 for a three-year contract to play baseball.

Larwood declined. "I shall," he said, "remain loyal to cricket. It wouldn't be cricket, don't you know, to play baseball. Anyhow, not all the money in the Bank of England would make me play baseball unless I were sure that I would not be a mug at it."

The 'Dean' of Cricketers

Fleet-street sports commentators are lashing their typewriters about it.

As a cricket bowler (the player who throws the ball toward the wickets) Larwood was hailed as a British version of "Dizzy" Dean

or "Schoolboy" Rowe. There are cricket experts who will tell you that an English cricket bowler throws a faster ball than an American pitcher. They take it as gospel over here.

The scribes tell the public the difference between American baseball and English cricket and of what a great baseball pitcher Larwood could become.

It was all very sad. They explained that a baseball "wicket-keeper" has no wicket to keep but wears a ferocious wire mask, and they got along all right on a few other details. But the shambles began when they started awarding the batter anywhere from five to a hundred strikes and enough "outs" per man to last a whole inning and enough innings per team to last a season.

One scribe solemnly declared:

"Larwood was wanted not as a pitcher but as a striker."

Imagine calling Babe Ruth a striker!

Under the Courthouse Roof

THE NINETY-FIRST DISTRICT COURT

(Judge Davenport, Presiding)

Jury List—Jan. 13

The following jury has been summoned for service in the 91st district court for the week beginning Monday, Jan. 13:

F. S. Crawley, Robert Jones, W. M. Bagley, Frank Chambers, I. L. Gattis, Lee Littleton, Dan Tankersly, G. G. Webb, J. L. Laster, Eastland, Hub Lewis, W. E. Higgenbotham, T. E. Clark, C. H. Hartman, W. L. Yeager, A. N. Crownover, R. H. Horn, Cisco; O. S. Brazzil, Okra; B. L. Williams, E. C. White, L. H. Stroud, Tom Gray, C. C. Moorman, Ranger; Fred Walker, J. T. Daugherty, R. Gray, T. J. Brown, Carbon; C. C. Webb, E. L. Laminack, Nimrod; Nathan McFadden, Carl Butler, A. S. Crossley, Olden; J. R. Bucy, S. H. Morris, C. B. McCoy, R. L. Williams, Jess Hagan, B. R. Lamance, W. B. Hooker, Gorman; Francis Marshall, Pioneer; Lee Yardley, Chaney.

Grade crossing accidents increased in California in 1935.

Bach Is Subject of Junior Music Lovers' Meeting

The Junior Music Lover's club met for their regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Bobbie Grace McWhorter, J. S. Bach, musician and composer, was the subject for study. Velsie Wood was leader for the afternoon. The story of Bach's life was given by Bobbie Grace McWhorter. Daisy Wood gave a discussion of the value of Bach and his works to the musical world.

Following the lesson and the business session Laverne Reich played "Minuet" a piano selection by Bach. Mrs. Krauskopf played a violin number, "Gavotte" by Bach-Kreisler. She was accompanied by Mrs. Troy Powell.

Refreshments were served to the following members and visitors:

Betty Lou Powell, Margaret Laverne Key, Ima Jean Curry, Julia Jane Moore, Marcell Robbins, Joyce Rainbolt, Daisy Wood, Velsie Wood, Laverne Reich, Anita Hanson, Sarah Siddal, Mrs. Troy Powell, Assistant Counselor, and Mrs. Krauskopf, Counselor.

LEAVES FOR FOR SCHOOL

Miss Lena Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White left Sunday for Washington, D. C. where she will enroll in Fairmont, an exclusive girls school.

RETURN FROM FT. WORTH

Mrs. R. F. Gilman and daughter, Jane, have returned from Ft. Worth where they accompanied Mrs. B. E. Guffey, Mr. Gilman's sister, on her way to her home, Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Guffey has been a guest in the Gilman home for the holidays.

W. O. W. Camp



Cisco Camp No. 500 meets first and third Tuesday nights in each month.

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Big Six Adopts '3-Ring' Variety of Basket Ball

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6. (AP)—The three-ring idea, whereby Big Six conference quintets hope to take the "greater circle" route direct to better basketball, came through its public debut with flying colors.

The innovation concocted at a meeting of five conference coaches calls for a third circle 12 feet in diameter—similar to the two free throw circles—inscribed about the center-jump circle.

All tip-offs after "held ball" are executed in the nearest of the three circles—the center ring or either of the two free throw areas—and all players except the two jumpers are barred from the circle until the ball is tapped.

Coaches expressed the opinion this "zoning of the jump ball" would speed up the game, eliminate many out-of-bounds plays and, because of the restriction keeping players others than the jumpers out of the "jump-ball" area, would minimize the advantage enjoyed by exceptionally tall players. They said it would increase scoring, too.

First Test 'Highly Satisfactory'

First tested when Kansas met Ottawa (Kas.) university in a non-conference game, the idea was described as highly satisfactory, particularly from the standpoint of curtailing out-of-bounds plays. Heretofore, many "jump balls" occurred near the edges of the court, where the slightest tip in the wrong direction might send the sphere outside.

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one of the three large circles takes more than a tap to it across the boundaries.

The new wrinkle also coaches the opportunity to out scoring plays from the floor in the same manner that center plays have been mapped to. It minimizes the advantage of the tall center in that virtually player—tall, short, fat, will jump at some time in the game without the risk of crowding by the other.

The idea is another item of the advance of the game. Dr. James Naismith, now a member of the University of Kansas faculty, invented it at Springfield, Mass., Y. M. C. A. back in 1891.

Allen Is Bell-Weather

The Big Six, led by Dr. F. C. Allen of Kansas, pioneered many experiments in improvement of basketball.

Allen, whose record as a testifies to his ability, is a moving spirit last season's experimental games in which baskets were hoisted to 10 foot level, with field goal up to the value of points, instead of two. His was that goals two feet standard height would be the abilities of long and players. The hoops are 10 feet above the floor, however.

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C. of C. Directors Will Meet Tonight

The board of directors of the Cisco chamber of commerce will meet this evening at 7:30 in the chamber of commerce offices.

Eastland to Seek Jersey Club Session

EASTLAND, Jan. 7.—Attendance of Eastland business men at the Texas Jersey Cattle club meeting in Mineral Wells Wednesday and Thursday, or at the banquet of the first night, was urged by chamber of commerce secretary H. C. Davis Monday. Eastland and Eastland county are seeking the 1937 session of the body which will attract approximately 150 to Mineral Wells this year.

Another group meeting which the Eastland commerce delegation is seeking is that composed of home demonstration, agricultural workers and county agents who annually meet following the cattle club sessions.

County Judge Garrett, in behalf of Eastland and Eastland county, will make formal presentation of the invitation, it is planned.

To Hear Hauptmann Plea on Saturday

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 7 (AP).—The court of pardons will consider Bruno Richard Hauptmann's plea for clemency at 10:30 a. m. Saturday.

The announcement was made by Albert B. Hermann, clerk of the court of pardons. He said the place of the meeting would be announced later in the week. There was uncertainty whether the court would meet in the executive offices or at the state prison.

Should the court meet at the prison it would probably hear Hauptmann personally.

"Bat" Abolished by Texas Prison Board

HOUSTON, Jan. 7 (AP).—The Texas prison system board voted today to abolish the "bat" as a method of punishment in the state's far-flung prison system as soon as solitary confinement cells are provided.

Strat Richards, Crockett, was selected assistant general manager of the system.

The motion to discontinue use of the "bat" was made by Dr. Sidney Lister, Houston physician, and was adopted with only one dissenting vote after being amended to provide that it would not become effective until the legislature makes an appropriation for solitary confinement cells.

The "bat" is a leather strap with a handle, used to punish incorrigibles. Board members expressed the opinion that solitary confinement in dark cells was the only desirable substitute for that mode of punishment.

The legislature will be asked by the board to consider the question of providing solitary confinement facilities at its special session expected to be held in the near future.

NEVER MIND THE LADY

by David Garth

SYNOPSIS: Terry Willett has called on Allaire West in Washington, and been frozen out. Allaire disappeared that night, and Willett went on to New York, preparatory to returning to his job in the tropical land where he first met Allaire, LaMarr, having tried to blackmail George Fox, Allaire's young diplomat friend, has turned to her play-boy father, Ray West. And Ray cannot find Allaire; he has been talking from New York to his wife in Washington, and both are pretty much perturbed.

Chapter 28
A CLUE

Ray's lawyers were no help. They pointed out that no steps could be taken until the story was verified or denied, and Allaire had to do that.

Ray immediately set the machinery in motion. He called a firm of private detectives he'd used before. They sent a man right over, and together they tried to sift the threads. The only thing they seemed to have to go on was a possible connection between Allaire and a man named Willett.

"We need a place to start," said the detective. "You want her as fast as you can and picking up a trail in a city like Washington is no cinch on short notice. Now, do you seriously think she's run off with Willett?"

"I don't know what to think," Ray said helplessly. "She was out at my country place a couple of mornings ago, and she said she could do a great deal about something—or other and she would. We were talking about her attitude toward men."

"Do you know anything about Willett, Mr. West?"

He tried to think and the name seemed to stick in his mind. In the lucid light of mind-clearing shocks he had a chance to think deeply. He was convinced he'd heard that name before.

Willett? Willett? And then something shone through the mists. He got up and strode about the room.

"Now I've got it," he said suddenly. "He was on my car. I'm sure it was he. Willett! Terry Willett! That's it! I found him on my car and he rode to Wash-

ington with us. I was a little tight so I don't remember much about him, but he got off at Washington."

He stopped in his stride. That didn't help much; it was a known fact that Willett had been in Washington. Ray said so gloomily.

"Well, you can't tell," said the detective. "Did he say anything to anybody—leave the train alone, or what? Did anybody else get off your car at Washington?"

"Yes," said Ray. "Puff Harrington did."

"Who, Mr. West?"

"Carolyn Harrington, Senator Harrington's daughter."

"They get off together, sir?"

"I don't know. I suppose so."

The detective arose purposefully.

"Well, that's a fair enough place to start. Where's the phone, Mr. West? We'll get in touch with Miss Harrington."

He paused for a word of advice.

"There'll be fifty men on this case inside of an hour. That means reports, telephone calls, perhaps identifications to be made. This isn't a very good place for a headquarters. I mean, something might leak out. You have a house in town, haven't you?"

"Yes, but it isn't staffed."

"Well, it would give us a better chance of privacy than this club. Can you open it just for a while, Mr. West?"

"All right," said Ray impatiently. "I'll attend to it. Now get busy after Puff Harrington."

Terry had been out attending to a few last details and when he returned to his room late that afternoon he found Puff waiting for him. It was the first time he'd seen her that day.

"What, she inquired severely, 'have you been doing?'"

"Buying tickets and things."

"No, I mean in other and darker days. Ray West is all of a dither to see you."

"Who? Allaire's father?"

"None other. He had some queer notion I'd know where you were. He called Washington and was referred to Louise's. Might have been embarrassing if I hadn't had the foresight to ask Louise to 'front' for me in case

the Senator or the Senator's wife should make a surprise call.

"So Louise stalled off Ray until she'd talked to me and I thought I'd better see what was on his mind. Ray's rabid on the subject of making your further acquaintance. I repeat therefore—what have you been doing? If it's a shotgun affair, beloved, then all I can say is that Allaire is a lot better than I am."

"He wants to see me? Why, I wonder?"

"Ravenously. His voice quivered with eagerness. Had I seen you lately? Did I know where you were?"

"What did you tell him?"

"That I hadn't the slightest idea where you were. I hadn't. So you were out buying tickets and things? My, my!" She blew a smoke ring nonchalantly.

This was beyond Terry.

"I'd better see what he wants—"

"Call his house if you're interested. I forget the number—better look it up."

As soon as he heard Ray West's voice he knew something was wrong; he sounded, as Puff had said, eager, on edge.

"Where are you, Willett?"

Terry told him, still wondering.

"I've got to see you right away. George Fox will come over for you. Don't go away."

He hung up. Terry looked at the girl.

"He acts drunk as an owl. Wants to see me." He sat back and lit a cigarette, frowning slightly. And George Fox—had he said George Fox?

"You've done something terrible," Puff accused. "I'll bet it's something about Allaire?"

"What do you mean—something about Allaire?"

"The only person who can get Ray up in the air is Allaire. He's absolutely lost with her."

Willett didn't want to talk about her. Neither had Steve Perry. He'd asked them for God's sake to change the subject. Willett felt like asking the same thing. That girl may have lingered in his mind, but the sooner he forgot her the better.

There wasn't any percentage in reminding himself how soft he got when he was around her. Willett didn't believe in being soft; you never got anywhere that way—just left yourself open to aches and pains.

He wished suddenly he was on his way back right now, because every once in a while he had a feeling he'd like to see her again

and that was the same as sticking his neck out.

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Terry is chief actor in a tricky scene, tomorrow.

Human and Other Nature

By W. F. BRUCE

Most of us have seen the army of unemployed only in squads at drill before the doors of some employment bureau or in companies en route by box car or flat car as they transported themselves from one center of idleness to another. I say at drill, for unemployment can become a habit with its peculiar technique as well as any other regular activity; there is activity in it, or most men would not be engaged in it; man is built to act, to be in motion except while he is recuperating in sleep.

Every one of these Americans is entitled to his share of the goods that America produces out of her soil and forests and mines and factories every year—if he will share in the labor that it takes to get these goods into usable form. A few of them may be confirmed hoboes; some may

be spoiled by the dole; some may have run through with what did at one time come their way. But many of them have the look of anxiety, or despair, or vengeance on their faces that is an expression of their sense of an injustice somewhere.

The United States government had an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco that consisted of measured portions of gold, silver, iron, coal, oil and other natural resources. The exhibit was entitled, "Your Share." Each citizen that observed it was looking upon something that belonged to him. And yet many of the observers did not possess his share in kind or in any other equivalent value. "Sharing the Wealth" means, at least, that every individual who is willing to work for it may have his part of the comforts and conveniences of modern civilization. What do we expect him to do then if he is in earnest about but finds himself shut off from an opportunity to get even the necessities of a decent living. A part of the condition that produces want in the midst of plenty must be blamed on to human selfishness, and that is no doubt the major part. How are we going to eradicate selfishness; by law? or education? or conversion? or by revolution?



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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Keep yourself in the love of God. He that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.—Jude 21, 24.

Know, not for knowing's sake,
But to become a star to man forever;
Know, for the gain it gets, the praise it brings,
The wonder it inspires, the love it breeds,
Look one step onward, and secure that step.
—ROBERT BROWNING

Our great business undoubtedly is, not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Carlyle.

Cattle Thieving

THE old horse days of the cattle rustlers, whose daring raids and hidden canyons have been dramatized enough in wild west literature, may be gone but their modern prototype is more efficient even if less colorful. Instead of cutting off portions of a herd or strays and driving them secretly into some hidden rendezvous, the cattle theft of today backs a swift cattle truck up to a loading place, lets down a ramp and drives several stolen animals into the bed, speeding away with them almost before one can say Jack Robinson. Fine bulls, choice steers or moth-

er cows and calves may be snatched from a range in a twinkling and hurried off to a hiding place where their identity may be permanently lost. With the improvement in the market for cattle, this type of theft is becoming such a menace that cattlemen of the southwest are desperately organizing against it.

BACK in the old days the cattle and horse theft was summarily disposed of at the nearest tree. The temper of the range man toward this type of thieving has not changed today and once the epidemic becomes as bad as it did in the earlier days one need not be surprised to learn of similar instances of swift and effective justice.

Campaign Issue

NO single decision of the supreme court in recent years has caused so much and so wide reaction and comment. The adverse ruling on the NRA created a tremendous stir, marking the wind of the court's majority attitude toward New Deal measures, but the ruling against the AAA, striking down the most ambitious program ever undertaken for the aid of the American farmer, affected a larger and more responsive element of the population. A state of confusion now exists over the results of the ruling and few leaders have any clear and positive thought upon what ought to be done. As might be expected the ruling set off another demand for amendment of the constitution. At such a time the wisdom of those who placed such safeguards around the process of amending the constitution is well realized. At such a moment, when disappointed elements are more vocal and there is a considerable state of public disturbance, it is no time to change the basic law of the land.

ONE thing is certain. It is that the AAA is going to become an issue in the next campaign. The time of striking down the legislation is perhaps propitious from the standpoint of its influence upon the democratic campaign in the agricultural areas. The cotton south and the wheat west will no doubt have their attention directed toward the supreme court and the figure of Roosevelt as a champion against an uncompromising attitude for constitutional rigidity. The appeal for a constitutional amendment to make possible a future AAA will be a potent vote-getter for the administration once the flow of checks to the farmers has stopped.

Powell, hoover, twinkled on screen and stage.

Rachel Crothers, dramatist, decided to put individuality into the movies. Making a percentage deal with Producer Samuel Goldwyn, she wrote the scenario, directed the cast for a week, helped design the gowns, helped create the settings, sat in with the cutting editor. Payment will depend upon the picture's success. Hollywood writers say she has helped blaze a new trail.

New Air History

Flying alone from Hawaii to California, and setting a Mexico City-New York mark, Amelia Earhart again made aviation history.

Laura Ingalls sped from Los Angeles to New York in 13 hours, 34 minutes, to establish a new mark for women fliers, and Helen MacCloskey did 166.63 miles an hour to write up a new feminine international record for light airplanes.

Helen Richey, first woman to hold a transport pilot's job, resigned and later was appointed air-marking pilot for the bureau of air commerce.

Governmental affairs yielded no outstanding new name, but women continued to hold the important positions already won. John Smith no longer found it a matter for comment that a woman should be a cabinet member or a United States minister.

And he might have been amused, but hardly surprised, by the formation of a "League for a Woman President."

Politics**At Random**

By BYRON PRICE
(Chief of Bureau, The Associated Press, Washington)

Al Smith's return to the open arena of politics has enlivened the democratic scene greatly, although opinions differ as to the ultimate importance of the event.

It is beginning to be understood generally that Mr. Smith's objections to Mr. Roosevelt and his policies are fundamental, deep-seated, earnest and tinged with a personal exasperation which almost surpasses the bounds of ordinary language.

The conviction that the break between the two is complete and enduring, on Smith's side at least,

THE GAY THIRTIES

arises from several great and small causes.

One is the comparatively minor incident of the rejected White House invitation. Another is Smith's constant devotion to the aims and activities of the Liberty league, now the most active engine of organized effort against Roosevelt. The strongest cause, perhaps, is the now widely-disseminated knowledge of private and semi-private remarks Smith has made about the "new deal."

Putting two and two together, political circles believe they have arrived at a perfect four, denoting clearly that Smith is out to make active and perhaps desperate battle against the administration, and particularly against the head of the administration.

Differ As to Results

What such an opposition may amount to, measured in terms of final results, is a question about which the politicians do not agree.

Talk that Smith may try seriously to head off a Roosevelt renomination, perhaps by becoming a candidate himself, has encountered much skepticism among party leaders.

Those who speak of a possible Smith candidacy must know that experience has shown it virtually impossible to break any President's hold on the machinery of his party.

They must recall that even the astute, virile and popular former President Theodore Roosevelt was beaten decisively in just such a battle by the discredited, politically inept President William Howard Taft.

No one calls the present President Roosevelt inept politically, or without popular appeal; in fact, it is Smith whose recent record is most scarred by defeats. The tradition of his great public following suffered greatly in 1928, when he not only lost his own state, but saw the republicans break the solid south. Four years later he fought a pitched convention battle with his old friend, Franklin Roosevelt, and lost.

These are among the reasons why it is doubted in so many quarters that Smith intends to become a candidate again, or entertains any serious hope that he can prevent Roosevelt's renomination.

Wily Opponent

What then? Obviously, there are several other courses open to Smith—none of them pleasing to the Roosevelt camp.

While the 1928 nominee may not be the political "strong man" he once was, even his political foes scarcely regard him as a wholly negligible quantity.

They argue that most of the voters who will listen to him already are against Roosevelt anyway, but they concede that he is a wily and dangerous opponent always, and they would rather have him with them than against them.

His personality, his experience, his connection with the important Tammany organization, and his rank in the party as a former presidential nominee all suggest that his dissent cannot exactly be ignored, nor laughed off.

The precise character of his future activities must await further clarification from Smith himself. If he knows just what he will do, and whether he will go the length of bolting the party ticket, he is telling no one.

The one clear conclusion, on the basis of all the facts, is that Smith is capable of making a great deal of trouble of one kind or another for Roosevelt, and evidently intends to.

HUGE GRAPEFRUIT

McALLEN, Jan. 7. (AP)—Biggest grapefruit of the 1935 harvest is claimed by R. W. Kirby, grower here who shows visitors one measuring two feet in circumference.

Forty-one thousand acres are contained in California's state redwood park areas.

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"County Agent, Eastland County.

"Following telegram signed by C. W. Warburton and Chester Davis quote decision supreme court holds control program unconstitutional stop. Action these programs suspended pending further notice stop. Notify members state committees and boards, state field men, county control associations and committees to discontinue work and incur no expense pending further information stop. Notify county agents as federal employees to take charge all production control association forms, records and property unquote. You are to carry out these instructions to the letter stop. Be governed only by instructions from official sources stop. We will endeavor to keep you advised.

"H. H. WILLIAMSON."

Mr. Williamson is director of extension work in Texas.

Mr. Heald announced today that he had followed these instructions and that all activity under the control programs had

been suspended pending further instructions.

Expect Payment

He said it was his opinion, based on press reports, that Congress would recognize a moral obligation to contracting farmers, provide funds for payment of benefit checks now withheld by the adverse court ruling. It would be done with respect to remainder of the program, he said, uncertain. At the present everything is at a standstill will remain so pending further word from official sources, said. No transfers of certificates or pooling of certificates was permitted.

During 1935 and to January 1936, Heald said he had distributed in benefit checks to Eastland county farmers on AAA programs a total of \$96,370. The total, with the \$3,000 in pooled checks and the \$1,000 undelivered payments, have run over \$100,000 if the prime court opinion had brought it to a halt, he said.

BACK TO SCHOOL

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LIFE IN 1935**11. Women Score in Arts and in Air**

By HERBERT YAHRAES
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

Women in 1935 continued to hold a prominent place in the headline parade.

If John Smith and family found their achievements something less than spectacular, that was because John Smith and family by this year had grown accustomed to seeing women riddle the idea that this, after all, is a man's world.

Perhaps women's widest acclaim the last 12 months was won in the fields of art, entertainment and aviation.

Three major Pulitzer prizes went to women writers: Josephine Johnson, novelist, Zoe Akins, dramatist, Audrey Wurdemann, poet. Anne Morrow Lindbergh gained new esteem for her account of the Lindberghs' air tour to the orient. Lillian Hellman

long a struggling press agent on Broadway, wrote "The Children's Hour" and became one of the year's most celebrated playwrights.

Leginska's Opera

Ethel Leginska composed, conducted and helped stage the opera "Gale," given a successful premiere in Chicago. Antonia Brico, Californian of Italian descent, established and brought to a high degree of efficiency a symphony orchestra composed entirely of women—considered a remarkable accomplishment because scarcely a one of her players had had symphony orchestra experience.

Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink entered the movies at 74 and seemed assured of success. Shirley Temple, child star, continued to captivate John Smith as well as his daughter, Eleanor

LANDON AT ALLEN HOMECOMING

Henry Allen (left) is shown with Gov. Alf Landon at a "homecoming" dinner in honor of Allen's return to Topeka, where he lived during his days as governor of Kansas. Allen, who also is a former United States senator, has entered the newspaper business at Topeka. (Associated Press Photo)

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