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Rain Puts More 'Water' In Lake

Precipitation in Eastland following Thursday night's rain, shows that 80 inch fell in the city, with the rain much heavier in some

rural sections. Over the watershed, which means water for the City lake, as much as one inch has been reported, and the water is slowly pouring into the lake.

At 9:30 a.m. the lake showed a gain of about six inches of water. This amount may be doubled during the day, it is thought.



TOMBOY by ED BARCELO

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THE STORY: Private Detective George Kendall has been retained by the wealthy Albert P. Sutworth to keep Max Arno, the latter's daughter, from slipping with an ex-wrestler called Chief Big Bear, of whom Sutworth disapproves. George and his secretary Verna Denton have arrived in the vicinity of Seneca Springs where Big Bear has a gymnasium. Since they lack a suitable place of attack, they decide to try that to "bust" Big Bear. In case of failure, George will try something else. But first, George puts on a false mustache and spectacles as a disguise.

VIII
GEORGE KENDALL climbed the steps to the front door of the gymnasium slowly, debating with himself on what approach to use. As he glanced at the small statues of Indians, he envisioned Chief Big Bear, complete with war bonnet and tomahawk. George reassured himself that perhaps Chief Big Bear did not have a gymnasium full of gangsters and killers, or even crazy Indians, thirsting for scalps. But he still nourished fear. This, he reasoned, was only human.

After all, George's work as a detective had never brought him into anything dangerous before. Up to now, he had been hired only to run down bad debts and wayward husbands.

George opened the door cautiously and peered inside at a vestibule. It was empty. Grimly, he moved through the vestibule to a second door, partitioned with glass and with wire embedded in the glass. Squinting through the wire netting he looked into a large empty room—a gymnasium. He tried the door. It was unlocked and he entered.

Inside, George walked slowly past parallel bars and mechanical horses. He stepped over wrestling mats and ducked adroitly under a row of rings that were suspended from the ceiling. Although the gymnasium was empty, somewhere below, he could hear the murmur of voices chorusing and laughing.

He crossed the gymnasium floor

and passed through another door that led downstairs. The voices were louder now, and slowly he began to descend. When he reached the bottom of the stairs, he was confronted with still another door, and over the top of it was a sign: LOCKER ROOM. Here, in front of this door, the voices were at their full height.

Chief Big Bear was probably inside with some of his underworld cronies, but it was now, or never, and without further thought, George Kendall grabbed hold of the door knob.

A thousand screams racked his brain, lightning flew in every direction and the earth shook as George opened the door. This was a woman's locker room, whether the sign said so, or not. His face flushed, he slammed the door shut and dashed up the stairs. The screams ringing through the gymnasium and filling him with panic.

As he raced for the outside door, a man broke out of an office at the far corner of the gymnasium and started chasing him. George banged through another door and tumbled down the stairs. George leaped into the car, dragged himself inside and, as he slammed the door, Verna spun the car away from the curb.

She gave the machine plenty of gas, watching the rear view mirror, and headed away from Seneca

A SHOUTING man came out of the building and started pounding down the stairs. George leaped into the car, dragged himself inside and, as he slammed the door, Verna spun the car away from the curb.

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"Are you crazy?"

"It runs in the family. C'mon, you aren't going to chicken out on me, are you?" She pouted her lips.

"But I can't dance that well," he protested. The girl picked up a record and glanced at the title. She frowned and rejected it. "That's brown. You wouldn't like that. Maybe you would rather have something sweet."

"I tell you—"

POTPOURRI AND WORSE

(By Major Hoople McCorkle) Telegram Philosopher

For years now, a group of un-sung men have been working in most every community in the United States. They have been plugging away at a thankless job aimed at keeping America safe from aggression. These men are members of local draft boards who select young men from each community to serve with our armed forces.

It is not their own meanness that holds them down and makes them unpopular, but rather it is the job itself. They are forced to work without fear or favor, and any decision they make will be unpopular. Very few boys have any great "hankering" to spend a year or so in Korea, yet when they are called up for examination, it will be this draft board, who will do the calling.

If you happen to be a normal American you will pass the examinations, both physical and mental, and within a few weeks you will find yourself at some training camp or school, where you will

be instructed in the art of fighting. You will learn how to "rough it", and how to take care of yourself and others, in time of trouble.

Eventually you will become proficient, and in all probability some officer will tell you that you may go and tell the folks "good-bye." Then you will be shipped to some point where your presence is most needed, and if you manage to live a year or so, you may have opportunity to "go back home." This is war, and as Sherman said, "War is hell."

But back to the draft board. Those men selected you for this mission, not because they disliked you, but because it was their sworn duty. It is only natural for mothers to feel that the draft board singled out her son for "punishment." Such is not the case.

We have known many members of various draft boards, and we still have to find the first man we took for a crook. Their duties are not pleasant, though they are necessary.

So let's withhold our "cussings" and resentment—the draft board is not to blame. It is not "funny" to pick up some mother's son and rush him off to Korea with something like a 40-60 chance to live. No the board would find it more pleasant if it could send all the boys back home.

No, they are normal men, fathers of boys in Korea. They are doing their duty, so what more can we ask?

Occasionally we locate an individual who makes us have that creepy feeling. We do not question them, of course, but we ask ourselves this question—"What are they living for?" So far is the balance of the world is concerned it would be just as well that they did not exist. They never do anything, either good or bad, but they refuse to lend their time, talent, or energies to anybody or anything. They are just living because they are living, or maybe are too lazy to die. You'll never know, even if you ask them.

They never worry about the past, don't know what is going on at the present time, and are not interested in the future. Just exist from day to day, because God doesn't see fit to bounce them into eternity with a bolt of lightning.

When they finally die they will not be missed, simply because they never did anything to leave their

mark. In the higher brackets of civilization we find our "plumage-lazards", both male and female. These people never exert themselves to do anything. They know they are to eat and sleep at somebody's expense, other than their own. They go so far as to refuse to contribute a smile toward the world's betterment.

If they are in the poorer class they will only work when necessity arises, and then they will complain.

Yes, what are these people living for?

The men and women who are getting something out of life are always busy. Some of them are rich and some are poor, but regardless of their financial status, they are always busy. They work for themselves and for their loved ones, but are never too busy to stop and lend a hand where there is something to do that will benefit others.

Some of our better citizens may neglect their own businesses, in order to head or work on various committees that will make for a better community.

We learned a long time ago that when we want a job done, we will of necessity be forced to get a busy man or woman to do it. Those who are idle will likely be idle the next time you meet them, but if you find a fellow who

is doing six jobs at one time, who entertains company in his office while holding two conversations over two telephones, and all at one time—well if you need somebody the head of a drive for funds for the Lions Club or Red Cross, choose him, for he will get the money, and on time.

Maybe we are only atoms of humanity, but regardless of size or color, we have a mission in life. If we complete this mission, and the Good Master calls us home, those with whom we have associated through life, will really miss us. It means that we did enough to leave a mark.

Now check up on yourself. What are you living for?

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Comic strip panel 1: 'HOPE I CAN GET THIS IN THE HOUSE WITHOUT HECTOR SPOTTING ME!' 'I WOULDN'T TRY HIDING THAT IN THE HOUSE, POP--- I KNOW ALL THE SPOTS!'

Comic strip panel 2: 'OH! OH!' 'QUICK, SON, GET BEHIND THAT CASE!' 'A BODY CAN GET STAMPED I DEATH STANDIN' IN THE PATH OF THESE HOME-COMING COLLEGE YOUNGSTERS!' 'HI, FOLKS! DAD! SON! MOM!'

By Merrill Blosser

Comic strip panel 3: 'THAT NIGHT... THERE'S GOTTA BE ONE SEASON...'

Comic strip panel 4: 'WHEN HECTOR DOESN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS!'

VIC FLINT

Comic strip panel 5: 'WHAT WAS YOUR CLIENT'S NAME? HIS BILLBOARD SAYS HIS NAME WAS P. J. SCRIBBLE, OUTSIDE OF WHO WERE HIS ENEMIES?' 'I DIDN'T SEE HIM.' 'I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO.' 'WELL, WHAT HAPPENED?' 'I JUST OPENED A DOOR I SHOULDN'T HAVE OPENED, THAT'S ALL.' 'WILL YOU PLEASE MAKE SENSE.' 'HE GAVE IT TO HER STRAIGHT THEN, EACH DETAIL EXACTLY AS IT HAD HAPPENED. "HOW WAS I TO KNOW IT WAS A WOMEN'S GYMNASIUM?" 'YOU MEAN CHIEF BIG BEAR WAS TRAINING LADY WRESTLERS?' 'DON'T BE FUNNY. THESE BABES WERE BIG ENOUGH TO BE WRESTLERS, BUT I'M SURE THEY WEREN'T. IT WAS A LADIES' REDUCING CLASS. BIG BEAR IS THE ANSWER TO A FAT GIRL'S PRAYER.' 'SHE LAUGHED HEARTILY.' 'I'M GLAD YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY.' 'SO WHAT'S NEXT ON THE AGENDA, PEPPING TOM?' 'WELL, I'M NOT GOING BACK TO THAT GYMNASIUM. THAT'S FOR SURE. STILL, HE'S A PANDA, BUT YOU AGREE—' 'SHE WAS CLOSE TO HIM NOW, STARING INTO HIS EYES AND HER HAIR BRUSHED HIS CHEEK. "YOU'RE MORE OF A BLUE, SO YOU COULDN'T BE NA." GEORGE DROPPED HIS DRINK. "YOU'VE NEVER BECOME A SUCCESSFUL ALCOHOLIC THAT WAY," SHE SAID. "WELL, IT ISN'T MY LIFE AMBITION," HE REPLIED. "TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR AMBITIONS." SHE LEANED CLOSER AND THE LIAC FRAGRANCE HAUNTED HIM.'

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane

Comic strip panel 6: 'YOU'RE AN INTERESTING FINGER-PRINTS, ALEX!' 'JUST THOSE OF MR. FLINT AND THE DEAD MAN INSPECTOR.' 'OH GREAT! NO MOTIVE, NO CLUES, NO NOTHING!'

ALLEY OOP

Comic strip panel 7: 'SHUCKS, I'D HOPED DOC WOULD'VE HAD ME BACK IN THE LAB BY NOW.' 'EITHER HE AN OOOOLA WASN'T WATCHIN' TH' VIEW SCREEN OR DEGGGA REALLY DID GUM UP TH' TIME MACHINE LIKE SHE SAID!' 'WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW SHE JUST VANISHED—FOUR' LIKE DEGGGA? THAT!' 'ALL THERE WAS LEFT WAS THESE HYKSOB RAGS HANGIN' ON TH' SABLEE.' 'I THANK YOU... I'M GOING TO KEEP HER!' 'THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!'

By V. T. Hamlin

Comic strip panel 8: 'YOU TELL ME, DOCTOR, THAT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT! ALL I KNOW IS EVE GOT THE LITTLE WITCH THAT'S CAUSING ALL THE TROUBLE...'



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SO Chief Big Bear was Max Arno in private life. That cleared up one point. The young woman standing in the doorway facing George Kendall seemed to know a lot about Chief, or Max, whatever he was called. Who was the girl?

"I saw two names downstairs by the doorbell, but I didn't think they were one person," George said.

"I thought you were a friend of his." A gleam of suspicion seemed to flash from her eyes. "Did you want to see him about anything special?"

"Well, I guess you'd call it special." George considered asking a man to give up pursuit of an heiress far from an everyday occurrence.

"Why don't you go into Max's place and wait," she said. "He should be home soon. He has a morning class at his gymnasium."

She crossed the hallway, turned the knob and opened the door for George to enter.

"Go in and sit down," she pointed to the living room. "Make yourself comfortable. I'll join you in a minute."

George went into the living room of the apartment. He looked around the room. No windows could compare with this. It reflected elegance and expensive tastes from wall to wall. Max had certainly done all right with whatever he did all right with. Nothing had been overlooked.

a contrasting gray. Paintings lined the walls and the drapes which covered the windows were patterned with roses against a gray background and the effect had been speckled with gold flecks. The stoneware and tables were tailored to weird, sweeping arcs and the glass-covered cocktail table was laden with the finest liquor that money could buy.

"Well, why don't you sit down?" The girl returned from her apartment.

George whirled around.

"Is there something frightening about me?" the girl asked.

HE saw that she was wearing a contrasting coat of lipstick and his nose caught the fragrance of lilac perfume. "No, it's just that I didn't hear you coming."

"You seem kind of nervous," she observed. "Would you like a drink?" The girl seemed to have the run of things.

"That would suit me just fine," he said.

"I'm not much of a hand at this," she said, lifting the decanter, "but if you don't have ulcers I think you'll be able to see it through."

"I'm sure of it," he said. She handed him his drink and he sat down on the divan. Making herself a drink, she sat down beside him, and suddenly he felt uncomfortably warm. There was nothing baneful or naive about this girl, he thought. She just moves right in and sits down.

"We'll have some music while we're waiting for Max," she said. "Do you like Mario Lanza?" She reached over and turned on the record player.

"I guess he's pretty good," George answered, sadly uninspired for conversation. He fumbled in his coat pocket for cigarettes. "You have a nice place here." His voice was still feeble.

"The credit goes to me. Max leaves the place in a mess every day. That's why I often come over

here and straighten it out. Tell me, did you ever play a saxophone?"

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ALLEY OOP

Comic strip panel 9: 'THE GIRL DEGGGA SHE JUST VANISHED!' 'YEH... I KNEW WHAT'S HAPPENED! I'VE TIED THE MACHINE HER BACK TO TH' LAB THAT'S WHY... BUT WHY HER, STEGGGA ME?' 'MY GIARS, OOOOLA, WHY'D THE TIME MACHINE BRING BACK A LIL' OL' CAT INSTEAD OF ALLEY?' 'OU TELL ME, DOCTOR, THAT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT! ALL I KNOW IS EVE GOT THE LITTLE WITCH THAT'S CAUSING ALL THE TROUBLE...'

By V. T. Hamlin

Comic strip panel 10: '...AND I'M GOING TO KEEP HER!' 'THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!'

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Tax, Fiscal Riddles Could Put New President in Doghouse

BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The new President of the United States may well bump his head on some tough new tax and fiscal problems weeks before he ever gets to warm his britches on his new White House chair.

For instance, how is he going to balance the budget, covering the \$7 billion to \$10 billion deficit which he will inherit from the Truman administration in the first six months of 1953?

A short-term, public-debt issue of \$8.86 billion, 11-month Treasury notes bearing 1 1/2 per cent interest, will come due on Feb. 15, 1953. This will be the new administration's first big refinancing operation.

How will it be handled? Every bank will watch. The last Treasury note issue to be refunded was for \$10.8 billion bearing 1 1/2 per cent interest. It came due Oct. 1 and was refunded for 14 months at 2 1/2 per cent interest.

The new President and his Secretary of the Treasury may try to continue this "cheap money" period by trying to refinance the issue expiring on Feb. 15 at the old rates. Or, the new administration may be willing to let this rate rise a little. This is what many bankers want. They want the Democratic "cheap money" era to end.

BUT if the new fiscal policy allows this short-term interest rate to rise too much, it will get close to the interest rate which long-term government bonds have customarily paid. Part of the new policy may be to end this short-term financing and force more of the government's debt into long-term bond issues. Gradually this might force up all interest rates and so increase the cost of government as well as private borrowing.

The savings bond program comes into this picture, too. For some months past, total redemptions of matured and unmatured savings bonds have been in excess of sales. The program is not considered to be in bad shape. But the problem faced by the new administration will be whether to offer, say, 3 per cent interest on new savings bonds to increase purchases.

New administration policies on all these government borrowing problems will have to be determined early.

Tax rates present the new President with similar problems. The excess profits tax expires for any taxable year beginning after June 30, 1953. Rate changes in surtax on individual incomes expire Dec. 31, 1953. So do the surtax rates on the head of a household and the limit on combined individual normal and surtaxes. Excise tax increases of the 1951 revenue act expire March 31, 1954.

THESE three items bring in an estimated \$8 billion in revenue a year. Will the new President want to renew them, or let them die? take a chance on being able to cut government spending by that much later on?

Social Security payroll deduction tax rates are scheduled to go up from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent for both employers and employees on Jan. 1, 1954, for a five-year period. This increase has been postponed in years past. But since both political parties are on record in favor of expanding the social security system, this time the rise may stick.

But all these matters bring up the possibility of a brand new tax program under the leadership of a new President. Complete overhaul of the federal tax code has been advocated for many years, but never put through. The New Man will have a chance to show what he can do here, if he has a mind to. And the political chickens in the campaign promises to cut taxes will then begin to come home to roost.

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Mr. Mrs. Hooper Host Christmas Dinner, Friday

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hooper hosted a turkey dinner Friday evening for employees of the distribution department of Texas Electric Service Co., and their wives.

The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas holiday theme. Following the meal the 34 guests attending played games of 42 and Canasta.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the Banking rooms of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m., on the 13th day of January, 1953 being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting.

GUY PARKER Vice-President

Friendship Class Honor Teachers At Dinner

The members of the Friendship Class of the First Christian Church held a covered dish Christmas dinner Friday evening in the annex of the church.

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Jones, Hannah Lindsey, Laura Murrell, Ida Morris, Nora Andrews, Ida Harris, Exa Hunt, Minnie Love, Nora Vaughn, Millie Fritman, May Harrison, Robert Jones, Ella Westbrook of Fort Worth, R. L. Watson, and Misses Sallie Ray and Beulah Speer.

Guests present were J. B. Steele of Frederick, Okla., J. A. Beard, J. D. Steele, Mmes. Richard Middleton, Joseph M. Perkins, J. O. Earnest, Roy Birmingham of Fort Worth, Mary Hancock, and Miss Jessie Lee Ligon.

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins was guest speaker and told the Christmas story, entitled "The Sad Shepherd" by Van Dyke. Mrs. Millie Brittan told Peter Marshall's "Let's Keep Christmas."

Members present were Mmes. T. M. Johnson, T. A. Bendy, Ora B. Mmes. N. L. Smitham and T. E. Bendy, who have been long time teachers of the class were the honorees. They were presented gifts from the group by Mrs. Dave Finney, president.

Christmas carols led by the pastor with Mrs. E. A. Beskow at the piano completed the evening's entertainment.

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Southwest School of Printing advertisement with text 'To parents who wonder...' and 'Are you wondering what your high school son is to become?'.

CONTROL OF RATS CITED AS YEAR 'ROUND JOB BY EXPERT

Rats are highly expensive rodents to have around the farm. It is estimated that each will eventually eat \$2 worth of food but the big loss comes in what is wasted and destroyed—about \$20 worth. In addition, says J. E. Poore, assistant district leader, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, rats are known to be carriers of some 27 different diseases including typhus fever and bubonic plague.

With the coming of cooler weather, Poore says these undesirable tenants will be moving into their winter quarters especially into grain bins, feed sacks and buildings where the winter's feed supplies are stored. The first step in a successful rat control program is a farm clean-up.

destroyed or removed from the farm. Stack bottoms, other feed waste and manure piles should be scattered in the field so they will not provide hiding places for rats. Tall weeds also make fine rat hide outs if left standing.

Clean up, poison and then rat-proof farm buildings is Poore's advice. Farm buildings in a good state of repair aren't likely to be infested with rats. Check to see that walls are tight, and foundations and floors are in good shape.

A strip of galvanized metal, 3 feet high, placed around the building will keep rats out, says Poore, provided they can't get in through the floor. If a new granary is being built, set it in piers at least two feet above the ground, and then construct it so rats can't get in.

Pile posts and lumber on supports at least two feet above the ground and scrap lumber, not worth saving, and junk should be

Poore recommends following the farm clean up with a poisoning program. Last year, in a campaign which he supervised, 11,878 rats were killed at a cost of about four cents per rat. Warfarin bait was used and the amount needed to kill a rat averaged a little less than one quarter of a pound.

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President-Elect Faces Array Of Urgent Foreign Questions



BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Important questions of foreign policy demanding the immediate attention of the new U. S. President will begin to sock him in the eye before he can get caught up on the sleep he lost during the campaign.

He must be constantly briefed on progress of the Korean war and the cease-fire negotiations and let the weight of whatever influence he may have be felt on decisions which the UN makes on Korea.

On Dec. 15 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council will meet in Paris. It will be attended by America's top diplomatic and military officials. The council will set European defense goals and military policies for next year. The new U. S. President will have to make known his ideas on these subjects.

Tied right in with this is the fact that the U. S. Mutual Security act expires June 30, 1953. This is the basic legislation which authorizes the spending of \$5 billion on foreign arm; aid and military-economic support for this year. It breaks down like this:

Area	Military Aid	Economic Support
Europe	\$3,128,000,000	\$1,282,000,000
Near East and Africa	499,000,000	51,000,000
Asia and Pacific	541,000,000	203,000,000
Latin America	52,000,000	20,000,000
Palestine refugees	60,000,000	70,000,000
Arab refugees	70,000,000	64,000,000
Point Four, all countries		45,000,000
Korean relief and reconstruction through UN when operative		

WHAT the new President and new Congress will have to decide is whether these programs are to be abolished, cut back or expanded, and how much.

The Reciprocal Trade Agreements act authority expires on June 12, 1953. If foreign aid is cut back, there will be strong arguments made that foreign countries must be permitted to earn more dollars. That would mean liberalizing U. S. import restrictions.

The U. S. Export Control act, by which strategic materials have been denied Soviet Russia and other countries behind the Iron Curtain, expires on June 30. Along this same line, the emergency suspension of imports on foreign-produced copper expires Feb. 15. Similar exemptions on lead and zinc expire March 31, on metal scrap June 30.

All these matters call for early recommendations by the new President, to determine what his administration trade policy will be. There are also a number of important international agreements hanging fire on which the new President may urge action or allow to die.

FIRST is a North American frequency broadcasting agreement. It involves Cuba, Mexico, Canada, Dominican Republic and Haiti. Then there are six treaties of friendship, commerce and navigation awaiting ratification.

The highly controversial United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and the Genocide Convention have been awaiting U. S. ratification or rejection since 1948. Authorization for U. S. participation in the UN Children's Emergency Organization is expiring. A group of International Labor Organization agreements awaits U. S. action. The U. S. Commission for the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization—UNESCO—wants authority to receive private monetary gifts.

If all this isn't enough to keep the New Man busy, authority to lease ships for the movement of migrants from Europe is expiring. So is authority under which the U. S. has been aiding fugitives from behind the Iron Curtain, under Wisconsin Congressman Charles J. Kersten's bill.

This brings up the whole question on the future course of the American psychological cold warfare, the Voice of America and similar foreign-information programs. They must all be given new directives to support the new President's foreign policies.

ing which so weakens the rats until they die. Bait usually must be taken for some five days before death results.

In some cases, other types of poison must be used to completely rid a farm of rats, says Poore. Other effective poisons are available but many must be used with extreme caution, he adds, because they are deadly poison. He suggests before using these poisons that a rodent control service fieldman or the local county agent be contacted for advice.

After a complete program has been carried out on a farm, don't let re-infestation occur, says Poore. Watching for signs and getting new arrivals before they have a chance to become established will keep the farm relatively clear of rats. With feed supplies short in most sections of the state, Poore says farmers just can't afford to feed rats. The \$22 per head they eat and waste will go a long way toward taking care of the feed needs of the farm livestock, especially if the rat population on the farm is high.

Light Opera Be Shown During The Fat Stock Show

FORT WORTH — For the second year, the Fort Worth Opera Association will present a light opera in the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

The popularity of last year's production with Fort Worth citizens and out-of-town visitors encouraged the opera association a-

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gain to choose one of the familiar and well-loved operettas, Sigmond Romberg's "The Desert Song." Songs include such favorites as "One Alone," "Romance" and "The Desert Song."

First presented on Broadway in 1927, the operetta will create nostalgia for some and will introduce the younger generation to the romantic plots and beautiful melodies of the shows of the flamboyant and 1920's. The production is a blending of comedy, intrigue, excitement and the lure of the desert.

J. H. Snowden, opera association president, said, "We hope to continue presenting light opera productions during the Stock Show each year and we assure our audiences that each production will be carefully chosen and will be produced with stars from stage, screen and radio."

President-Manager W. B. Watt of the Stock Show declared that last year's light opera, "The Merry Widow", was quite successful from the standpoint of the exposition as it drew crowds and gave the visitors a superb attraction in addition to the rodeo and horse show and the exhibits of fine livestock.

The Stock Show opens Friday, Jan. 30, and first performance of "The Desert Song" will take place Feb. 2 and the operetta's run will continue through Feb. 8, closing day of the livestock exposition.

ish for the current waterfowl season was reported by the Assistant Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The season ends one hour before sunset on Dec. 29. It opened at noon on Oct. 21.

The Assistant Executive Secretary said waterfowl are abundant in the coastal areas and that "many hunters probably will have good shooting during the closing days."

He said both geese and ducks have been present in unusually good numbers throughout the season but explained that the drought had caused the birds to concentrate.

"The good November rains brought water to some areas for a time and the waterfowl scattered temporarily with beneficial breaks for many hunters," he said.

North Texas which had generally slim luck during the earlier part of the season, because of drought (shaded water surfaces, profited by the late November rains. These filled some tanks for the time being and attracted many of the fat mallards which were winging southward at the time.

The Assistant Executive Secretary said the waterfowl harvest along the far-flung coastal region has been described by some hunters as the best in many years.

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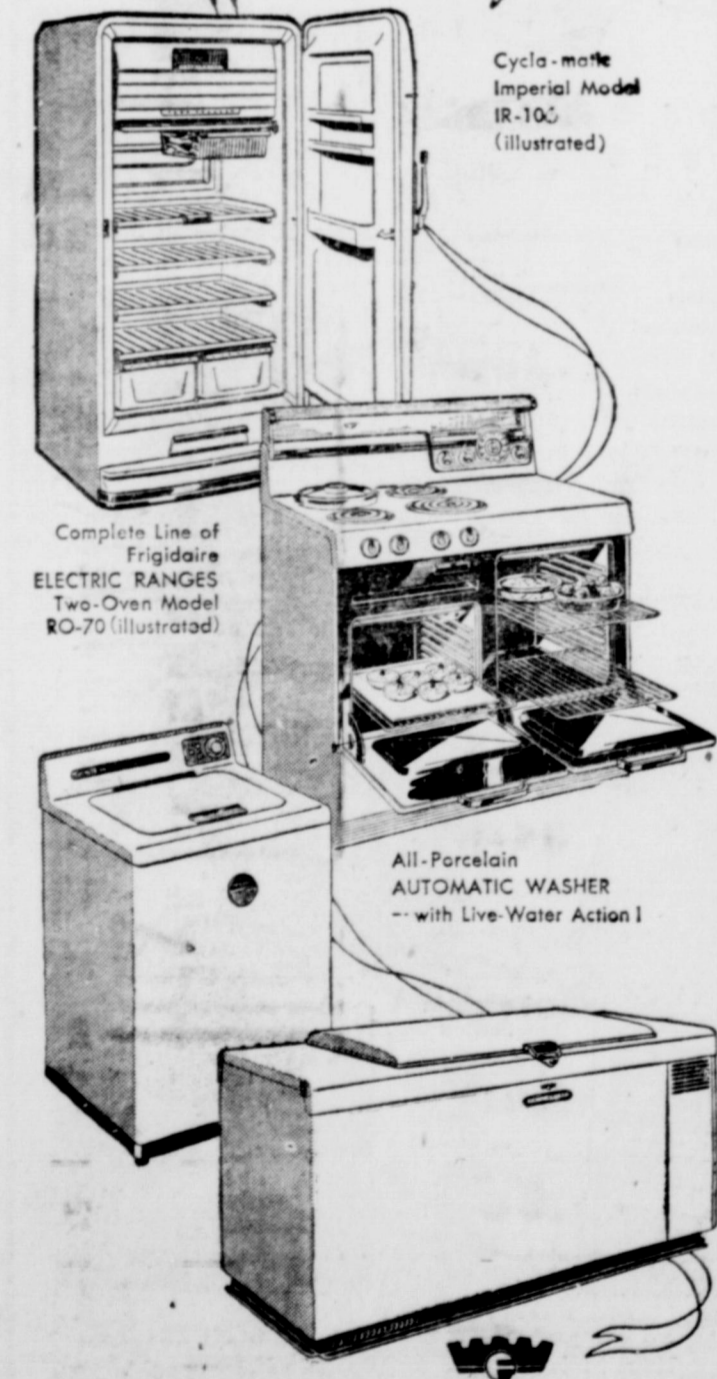
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THE STORY: Private Detective George Kendall, retained by the wealthy Albert P. Sutworth to prevent his daughter Marilyn from eloping with an ex-convict called Chief Big Bear, has come to Seena Springs, a small city where Big Bear operates a gymnasium for women. After an unsuccessful attempt to see Big Bear at the gym, George goes to his home. A young woman who has an apartment on the same floor says Big Bear's real name is Max Arno and that she drops in to keep the ex-convict's apartment presentable. They wait for Arno, listening to records and dancing, while Vera Denton, George's secretary, waits outside the building.

POSSIBLY a storybook private eye would have been equal to the situation, but George was simply a detective who ran down bad debts and discovered where wandering husbands went. Besides, this pretty girl didn't look like a death-stalked woman that private eyes meet in stories.

All in all it wasn't a ridiculous situation, George decided, but he danced. He held her gently, at a respectable distance.

"You dance well," she said.

"Thank you," George replied.

"Don't be so afraid of me. I hardly ever bite strangers."

George acted as if he wasn't sure she wouldn't. Suddenly, in the middle of a record, she stopped. "Do you like mathematics?" she asked.

Now she was the one that was unimpaired. It wasn't a brilliant question. "What made you think of that?"

"I don't know," she said. "I guess it's just that I always wanted to meet a man who would discuss the problems and theories involved in plane and spherical trigonometry or dimensional quadratics."

"Say, what kind of a girl are you?"

"Is there anything strange about liking trigonometry?"

"No," he said disgustedly. "You don't look like the genius type."

"You don't approve?"

olds of it happening?" She set the book down and got up. "I'll show you a graph I was working on last night. It shows you exactly what the mathematical probability of my getting married is."

He knew nothing of charts or graphs, and cared less, but he was certain that her mathematical chances were extremely high, as long as there were men on earth.

She returned with her purse. She opened it and removed a piece of paper with a lot of lines crisscrossing it. "The lines on this paper are rather fine," she said. "I guess I'll need my glasses."

Suddenly, the doorbell rang. "That must be Max now," she said. She pressed a buzzer near the front door and then came back into the living room and began wiping her glasses.

He could hear heavy footsteps pounding up the stairs and the sound of muffled voices. Max had company with him and Kendall suddenly wished he'd brought a gun.

THERE was a loud knocking at the door. "That doesn't sound like Max," she opened the door and three policemen spilled into the front room.

George Kendall bit his tongue and the trigonometry book fell to the floor.

"What's going on here?" the taller of the three policemen asked. "Going on?" the girl asked.

"Nothing, why?"

"We got a report that there was a crime committed here," the tall one said, looking behind the window drapes. "Where's the body?"

"There must be some mistake, officer," the girl said.

"Maybe so," he said, lifting his cap and scratching his head, "but we want to investigate."

The officers began to search through the apartment. They looked in closets, behind doors, under the sink and in cupboards. One of them got down on his hands and knees. "May be bloodstains," he explained.

George saw that the men were in earnest and he felt weak and tremble in his arms and legs.

(To Be Continued)



CHEER FOR THE SOLDIERS — The Salvation Army throughout the state carries on an extensive morale program to bring cheer into the lives of our Armed Forces. Thousands of cups of coffee and hundreds of thousands of doughnuts are served to the soldiers by the Salvation Army. They are also furnished matches and writing materials and other needed items. The boys in the picture are typical of the boys from our own town, or any other place in the USA. To them the Salvation Army always brings a touch of home.

minimum applies to work in general occupations and a minimum age of 18 applies to hazardous occupations, such as motor vehicle drivers or helpers, elevator operators, the operation of power-driven woodcutting machines and off-bearing; jobs involving exposure to radioactive substances; occupations involved in the operation of punch presses, shearing machines and power-driven metal forming equipment; jobs in or about slaughtering or meat-packing establishments or rendering plants, and in occupations involving the operating of power-driven bakery machines such as dough mixers, batter mixers, bread dividers, and cake and cookie cutting machines.

Employers hiring young workers 14 and 15 years old should take special care to see that they do not work in unhealthy surroundings, nor in tasks that are unsuited to their strength, he said.

He pointed out that the child labor provisions of the Wage and Hour Law permit the employment of 14 and 15 year olds in certain non-manufacturing jobs such as office work, but they may not be employed for more than three hours a day or 18 hours in a week when school is in session, nor more than 8 hours a day or 40 hours a week when schools are closed. In addition, the employment of these 14 and 15-year-old children is limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

departure from the command.

(3) Has enough funds to cover all expenses incident to the leave.

(4) His absence can be charged against the quota of authorized absence.

Rev. Marshall was of the opinion that many servicemen will take advantage of the opportunity to spend the holidays in the United States. In event an extension of leave is desired Rev. Marshall advises the servicemen to apply direct to his reporting station or commanding officer for the extension since he is on ordinary leave. It is not necessary for Red Cross to verify he need for extension of this type of leave. However, if an extension of leave is requested because an emergency has arisen in the home, Red Cross will verify the need in accordance with their regular policy.

Fan American World Airways has announced it would have 1000 seats available for military personnel in Europe who wish to fly home for Christmas. For those servicemen whose duties do not permit a leave during the holidays the airline has established a special tourist rate for families who wish to visit the servicemen in Europe. The armed forces have a liberal policy for week end passes for military personnel whose families visit them.

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Woman's Club Scene of Christmas Dinner, Relinquished to Husbands

Husbands of members of the Thursday Afternoon Club took over Thursday evening, at the annual Christmas dinner given each year in their honor.

Mr. Joseph M. Perkins, program leader, introduced Mr. James Horton as president of the Husband's Auxiliary. Horton conducted an evening of fun and horseplay, highly amusing to members, who were reported to have been sitting spellbound, wondering what "would come next" from the completely unrehearsed program.

Mr. Horton directed I. C. Heck,

secretary, to read the minutes. He then called on different members of "the committee" for reports. Judge Earl Conner gave the economic report, Robert Perkins reported on national parks. Mrs. Horton was called upon to give a detailed report of her vacation trip to Hawaii.

Grady Pipkin was asked to report on his recent tour of Europe. Judge Cecil Collings in his report on resolutions, remarked that the men were thankful of their many blessings; for their friends and acquaintances, and for the privilege of sharing with their wives the wonderful food, and asked that a resolution be passed limiting the women to one dress a year, one pair of shoes a year and one beauty parlor luxury a year. Mr. Horton called for a discussion and Buck Pickens recommended that the Majestic Cafe be reopened so that the husbands could get a good meal each Thursday. Frank Sparks suggested that a listening post be established so that the men might learn, where and for what their wives spent their money for. Mr. Heck added that "things" must not be in too bad a state as Mr. Perkins came all the way from Canada. Mr. Horton disregarded a spider bite and threw away his crutch, and Judge Conner missed a picture show all in order to attend the dinner.

Mr. Horton turned the chair back to Mr. Perkins, who as speaker of the evening talked on "Canada". He also conducted a quiz upon the neighboring country and awarded pictures of interesting scenes in Canada to the following winners, Mmes. W. P. Leslie, Rosalie Lorreta, Messrs. Jim Horton, and Grady Pipkin.

In closing the program, Frank Sparks was elected president of the auxiliary for 1953 and a special committee was appointed to carry on for the year. Committee members are Buck Pickens, Hubert Jones and D. L. Houle.

W. W. Linkenhogger served for Santa and assisted Mrs. Hammer in distributing gifts from the Christmas tree.

Guests were received in the library and served tomato juice cocktail from a table laid with a red cloth and decorated with a musical cathedral playing "Silent Night" placed before a background arrangement of poinsettias. They were then invited into the club room where tables laid in white linen and spaced with large felt Christmas trees, decorated with sequins. Straw artificial Christmas trees centered the tables which were placed to form the letter U, and were lighted with large red candles. The walls of the room were hung with Christmas stockings and Christmas bells and one large lighted head of Santa. Decorating the piano was an angel scene, with poinsettias forming a background.

Hostesses were Mmes. Frank Casaberry, Fred Davenport, P. W. Patterson, Iral Inzer, W. W. Linkenhogger, Ben Hammer and Clyde Young.

Present were Messrs and Mesdames Frank Castleberry, Earl Conner, Cecil Collings, Frank Crowell, Fred Davenport, Pearson Grimes, Ben Hammer, I. C. Heck, James Horton, Iral Inzer, Hubert Jones, W. W. Linkenhogger, Milburn S. Long, Arthur Murrell, Joseph M. Perkins, Robert Perkins, Grady Pipkin, W. B. Pickens, C. Melvin Rathel, E. R. Townsend, M. A. Treadwell, Clyde Young, Frank Sparks and Mmes. C. W. Hoffmann, D. L. Houle, W. P. Leslie, Rosalie Lorretta, Frank Lovett and B. W. Patterson.

Sandra Herrell Hosts Christmas Dinner Party

Sandra Herrell was hostess to the Christmas Dinner, Monday evening given by the Young People's Class of the Olden Baptist Church for the class membership.

The house was beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe and red candles. The tables were laid with linen cloths and decorated with a centerpiece of candles and holly. The beautiful meal was served buffet style. A beautifully decorated pine tree and candles furnished lighting for the meal.

Recreation followed the serving of the Christmas dinner. Present were Margaret Alford, Thomas Lindsey, Rita Jones, Bill Bryan, Carroll Nelson, Shirley Matlock, Wanda Yielding, Jimmy Colburn, Thelma Edwards, Freddie Rowch, Cooter Nelson, Bill Butler, Francis O'Brien, Dale Norton, June Thomas, Kenneth Reece, Elnora Patterson, Alvia Rodgers, Joyce Thomas, Betty Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Sandra Herrell, hostess and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Herrell.

Beethoven Club Christmas Party Program Held In Taylor Home

Mrs. A. F. Taylor hosted the Christmas Party for members of the Beethoven Junior Music Club, Wednesday afternoon at her home 709 South Seaman Street.

Members were received by their hostess and registered by Dorothy Simmons.

Lou Ann Corbell led assembly singing of Christmas carols, with Helen Taylor at the piano. Barbara Hightower and Jana Weaver each played a piano solo, followed by two songs, "Year Ago" and "White Christmas" sung by Sallie Cooper, with Mrs. Taylor at the piano.

Helen Taylor played a piano solo followed by a Christmas game, conducted by Alice Joyce Cushman.

The tea table was laid with a white linen cloth and decorated with an arrangement of Christmas greenery, white candles and reindeer. Jana Weaver served the white snow-ball cake and tree shaped sandwiches and holiday candy. Sallie Cooper ladeled hot spiced punch.

The living room was decorated with poinsettias and greenery. The gift exchange was conducted by Michael Tuggle and Ernest McAlister from the beautifully lighted tree.

Others present were Ellen Whitley, Jeannie Pittman, George Ann Bennett, Ella Joy Walker, Jane Howell, Marian Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jessop will spend Christmas week visiting with Mr. Jessop's father, J. A. Jessop and other relatives in Topeka, Lyndon, Kansas and Michigan Valley.

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