

Around the Plaza

By JEFF DAVIS

A perturbing bit of information has been brought to our desk by Mr. J. Brown Macfarlane of 148 East Baylor street, whose natural curiosity about things makes him just the sort of acquaintance newspaper men cultivate. Macfarlane, who also finds time to write a little, was strolling around the other day when he came across a little anachronism which puzzled him a good deal. He hasn't had a sound night's sleep since wondering.

He was meandering through the lovely confines of Terrell Hills when his astonished eyes looked on two huge moving vans gathered just in the back yard of a large residence, evidently parked there all doomday comes.

The perturbing thing was that on the sides of the moving vans were painted, in large and unmistakable letters: Portsmouth, Southampton, England. He rubbed his eyes and looked again to see if he was in San Antonio or somewhere in the south of England. He had lived for a while in Portsmouth, by the way.

He wondered how two large moving vans from Portsmouth ever landed in a San Antonio back yard. After all, they couldn't have been driven over. He says he had the same feeling as if he had been strolling down a leafy lane in Merrie England and saw parked in a back yard two moving vans lettered Seobey, San Antonio, Texas.

Curious beyond endurance, he went to the back door and asked for a drink of water, but the girl who brought the water couldn't explain the vans. Just another great mystery to go down with the Great Mayan Exodus and the disappearance of the lost Atlantis.

B. F. Ladon, the assistant district attorney, was accused on the street by a beggar who was at least original. The man handed Ladon a note and to Ladon's relief the note didn't say anything about general conditions, unemployment, or the bonus. It stated with touching simplicity, that the bearer, a negro, was under a spell and couldn't work and would the kind man give him a nickel or a dime?

Ladon didn't give. He said he was under a spell and couldn't give away money. But it got him thinking about witchery and spell-casting and kindred pastimes, which are comparatively popular among the city's negroes and some of the foreign-born. As assistant district attorney he hears a good deal of it. People under spells frequently appeal to the law to do something about it.

A few years ago Ladon saw a spell broken very effectively by the ex-sheriff, Alfonso Newton Jr. A couple of Mexicans brought a pale, shaking companion to the sheriff's office with the explanation that the man had been put under a spell by a woman and would die immediately unless the sheriff did something about it.

Newton, a psychologist, did some fast thinking. Without ridiculing the "spell-casting," he removed the powder from two shotgun shells and made a cross on the sidewalk with the powder. Then he led the trembling man outside, and, with appropriate gestures and a great deal of mystic talk, touched off the powder. There was a puff of smoke and the man's spell was broken.

T. H. Ridgeway, the attorney, is a big peccan man. It is his hobby, and he has a regular peccan orchard on the Medina river, 13 miles from San Antonio. While others are out golfing, he is budding and grafting. It's a lot of fun, he says.

He has made some observations on lightning which upset the theory that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. By some freak of nature lightning strikes frequently in the peccan grove, which is on a low ground, but always hits the old trees. The young trees, which are being worked on, are never struck. Some of his trees have been struck twice by lightning.

By the way: Sergeant Clarence Lange, Brooks field tennis champ, and George W. Connors, in the service also, are on their way to Langley field, Virginia.

Who says little girls are timid things? Florence, the small daughter of H. L. Ewing of Frank Brothers, carries a pet mouse (with pink eyes) in the bosom of her shirt continually, and frightens small boys with it.

Russell Kirkland, the golfer, who went pouty like that out of our lives for several years, has turned up again and is now a writer.

CROCKETT 4040 FOR THE LIGHT

If your paper fails to arrive on time or if you want it daily or Sunday.

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NEW FEDERAL TAXES START TUESDAY TO BECOME RELIC

Nation Pays and Pays, Frontier Farm Worked by Descendants of Pioneer Near Cibolo.

Housewives, masculine citizens, and just about all others in the nation's 120,000,000 population will start digging Tuesday for about \$700,000,000 of new federal taxes.

They will pay on chewing gum, on home brew, on long distance telephone calls, and on a host of other things all the way up to automobiles and sales of stocks and bonds.

The payments will be felt more and more from Tuesday on, with another \$160,000,000 to be collected from a 3-cent letter charge and other postal increases beginning next month, and radically increased income rates to be paid next year.

TO BALANCE BUDGET.

Higher income taxes are running already against this year's shrunken incomes, but the big sock will be delayed until next month, when they fall due. From them the treasury hopes for \$219,000,000 additional revenue.

All told the new taxes foot up to \$1,118,000,000. They are the price of an attempt to balance federal budget, approximately this sum plus an additional \$200,000,000 yet to be found being needed to bring revenues up to the amount expected to be spent by the government in the year beginning July 1.

They are counted upon to prevent a recurrence of deficits, which ran the government over \$900,000,000 into the red last year, and nearly \$3,000,000,000 this year.

1 CENT ON GASOLINE.

Tuesday's crop of new taxes are of the excise, miscellaneous and stamp character and will hit a host of articles which, while for the most part not strictly necessities, are bought by millions of people.

Gasoline for the car will bear a tax of a cent a gallon. This, with the state tax, will total five cents. Oil for it will cost 4 cents a gallon more. Tires and tubes will carry a tax, computed by weight.

All but the humblest toilet preparations will be taxed 10 per cent, with soap, tooth paste and the like carrying 5 per cent.

Admissions to theaters, moving pictures and other entertainments will be taxed 10 per cent, with an exemption up to 41 cents. On all higher priced admissions, the tax will be imposed upon the full cost of tickets, meaning a 10-cent tax on dollar tickets, and a 20-cent tax on three-dollar tickets.

BEVERAGE TAX.

Forbidden beverages are freely taxed, despite the refusal of congress to legalize beer and wines and so claim the much greater revenues which could be diverted from the bootlegger. Beer is taxed somewhat, beginning Tuesday, through a tax of 15 cents a gallon on brewers' wort.

The tax is so framed as to exempt wort used for lawful purposes, and its purpose is freely admitted. Grape concentrates requiring only a bit of time to turn them into wine are taxed 20 cents a gallon.

Other taxes in the excise group effective Tuesday apply to radios, sporting goods, cameras, candy, chewing gum and numerous other articles.

POWER LEVY

A three per cent tax will be collected from all household and commercial consumers on the amount of their electric bills, sent and house conferences having shifted this tax from the power companies. The senate has voted it upon the power companies.

Telephone taxes will amount to 10 and 20 cents, according to the toll charge, upon long distance calls costing over half a dollar. A five per cent tax will be paid on telegrams.

Ten per cent tax will be collected on club initiation fees and dues, where dues are more than \$25 a year.

Bond and stock issues will carry a tax of 10 cents per \$100, with a tax of four cents per \$100 on transfers.

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—(P)—The government will have to balance its budget without whatever aid might have been expected from banking counter checks in Kansas City.

Instead of counter checks, the Kansas City Clearing House association said today, banks will use "receipts" for the handling of withdrawals. The association said the treasury had held such "receipts" are not taxable.

Filipino Paper's Publisher Here

B. G. Aquino, publisher, and C. Bugnina, circulation manager of the Los Angeles Star-Press, one of the leading Filipino newspapers of California, and Miss Ethel Smith, who is on the staff of the paper, are guests in San Antonio of Pedro V. Bowman, a prominent member of the Filipino colony here. The party is tending the southern states studying Filipino activities.

Luling Man Chosen Division Chief

Miller Ainsworth, of Lubbock, was elected commander of the Third Division of the state American Legion Sunday at its meeting at Brownsville. The convention also elected him as a candidate for the office of state commander.

HOMESTEAD DEFIES + + RAVAGES OF TIME



Julian Stapper, descendent of frontier physician, Dr. Felix Bracht, is seated in 80-year-old hand-made chair, hewn of pecan wood. Pecans were more plentiful than chairs in Texas in pioneer days of the '40's.

This house can't be judged from appearances because inside it contains elm, cypress, pecan and cedar logs. It was built near present town of Cibolo, then a wilderness, in 1849 by Dr. Felix Bracht from Germany.

Brig. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the Air Corps, will arrive at Kelly field next Monday and two days later he will deliver the principal address to the graduating class of the Advanced Flying school.

LIQUOR PLANE CHARGES FILED

A new charge was made Monday before United States Commissioner Paul A. Lockhart in connection with the seizure, on June 5, of an airplane loaded with Mexican alcohol, captured after a thrilling aerial chase from the Rio Grande to McMullen county.

Kelly Instructors Plan Long Flights

With restrictions lifted temporarily from long cross-country flights, two Kelly field flying instructors look off Monday morning and a third plans to leave Tuesday for distant destinations.

Youth Arraigned in Liquor Seizure

Robert Juarez, a young boy, was arraigned by the United States commissioner Monday in connection with the seizure, in an apartment in the rear of a house in the 1300 block of West Martin street, of 829 pints of beer, 288 empty beer bottles, coppers, etc.

Phil Wright Urges People To Stay Away From Fires

San Antonians were asked Monday to refrain from going to fires in the future, in an appeal to the public made by Commissioner Phil Wright.

He said that a crowd of about 20,000 curious citizens Saturday night at Longue baseball park when the stadium burned to the ground hampered the firemen in their work and probably increased the extent of the damage.

Every street for blocks around the park was blocked with cars and the fire-fighting apparatus responding to the second call had difficulty in reaching the scene of the fire, Wright said.

ACID HURLER INJURES TWO

Miss Petra Rivera, 18, of 509 Lehigh street, and her mother, Mrs. Alahandra Rivera, are both under medical attention, after an assailant dashed an acid through a window screen on the sleeping girl early Sunday.

According to the police report the girl was sleeping next to an open window when someone threw the acid through the screen, burning Petra's face, shoulder and arm. Attracted by her daughter's screams, Mrs. Rivera ran into the room, and was burned on the hands as she stripped the daughter's clothing off.

ALAMO IRON WORKS TRADES PUMP IN ON CITY'S SHOVEL

A bid of \$450, to be paid in merchandise, made by the Alamo Iron Works for a steam shovel was accepted Monday by the city. The shovel is no longer needed by the city as the rock quarry has been closed. Street Commissioner Paul Steffler said.

Sgt. Maloukis on Way to Recovery

Sergeant S. J. Maloukis of the military police is recovering at the station hospital, Fort Sam Houston, from injuries received when he was struck by a automobile on the Fredericksburg road Saturday night.

S.A. Man Held After Shooting Another

One man was being held by the sheriff's office Monday and another was in Robert B. Green hospital with two bullet wounds in the abdomen, as a result of an argument early Sunday morning.

Air Mail Rates to Be Hiked July 6

Domestic air mail rates including air mail to Mexico and Canada will be raised 1 cent for the first ounce and 13 cents for each ounce thereafter on July 6, the postoffice announced Monday.

Ex-Bexar Deputy Seeks Comal Post

Ed Uecker Sr., who served as a deputy sheriff here about 20 years ago, is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Comal county, according to his son, Ed Uecker Jr., who is state game warden for Bexar county.

LEAGUE PARK FIRE PROBLED

City Fire Marshal Ed Wolff and fire department officials Monday were investigating the fire which destroyed League park and several nearby buildings late Saturday at a loss of \$65,000.

BEXAR VOTERS TO DECIDE ON DRY REPEAL

Democracy will not hold Run-Off, Plurality Rule Invoked.

Bexar county voters will take part in the state-wide vote on prohibition repeal when they go to the polls on July 23 at the Democratic primary election. It was decided at a meeting of the county Democratic executive committee Monday morning.

No vote was taken by the committee on the question of allowing negroes to vote at the primary, but orders of the state executive committee to exclude negroes from the polls undoubtedly will be carried out, John K. Weber, county chairman, said.

BEYOND ENDURANCE

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The inclusion of the vote on prohibition repeal was optional with the committee, but was recommended by the state executive committee.

PLURALITY RULE.

The Democrats will not hold a run-off election for county candidates, it was decided Monday. The plurality rule will govern the election, and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes will be the nominee for each office.

ASSESSMENTS LISTED.

Assessments as voted Monday are: for district judge, \$700; district attorney, \$950; district clerk, \$900; county judge, \$975; judge of county court at law, \$600; county attorney, \$1000; sheriff, \$1000; county tax collector, \$1000; county clerk, \$1000; county assessor, \$950; county treasurer, \$450; county surveyor, \$50; county commissioner, \$450; justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, \$775; constable, precinct No. 1, \$200; justice of the peace and constable for precincts No. 2 to 8, inclusive, \$25, and public weigher, precinct No. 6, \$10.

REHEARING ASKED in Constable Case

A motion for a rehearing was prepared Monday by J. Franklin Spears, attorney, to be filed in the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals in the case of the State of Texas vs. Cesna Johnson, deputy constable of Precinct No. 6. The case was tried as a last case in connection with the outgoing from office of deputy constables in April by vote of the county commissioners upon recommendation of the county attorney, Judge W. W. McCrory of Ninety-fourth District court held that the deputies could legally hold their positions. Saturday the Fourth Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the case. Spears said Monday that if his motion for a rehearing, filed as attorney for Johnson, is denied, he will carry the fight to the Supreme court.

Brackenridge High Group to Organize

Brackenridge senior school American Legion medal men will meet for the purpose of organization in the school auditorium, at 7:30 p. m. on June 29, according to announcement by Henry Ford, ex-student. All Brackenridge graduate cadets, about 140 in number, who have received the medals given annually by the American Legion, Alamo Post No. 2, are eligible.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA MONICA, Calif., June 20.—Mr. Hoover says he is not going out and "lecturing" for the job. That's funny like a pitcher says, "I don't need to even warm up against this team." I believe if some one of the Democratic candidates would say the same thing, he would be nominated. For the Democrats have lost many an election between June and November. This is one year the more a man promises the less he will be believed. Voters are not going to vote for a man this year with any hope of him helping 'em any, they are just going to vote for him for?—Well I don't believe they will even go to the trouble of voting. They have had everything else so they are afraid they might lose their vote.

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