

MANY RELATIVES OF LAWMAKERS PAID BY U. S.

Senators and Representatives Keep Much of Clerk Hire Cash 'in Family.'

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WASHINGTON, April 23.—Congress is getting off fairly easy in the agitation for government economy because nobody, not even President Hoover, can investigate that distinguished body of the people's representatives.

But if congress should ever break down and tell all, as Senator Elmer Thomas (Dem., Okla.) has done to the United Press, the result would be informative, if nothing more.

It would show—not graft, heaven forbid—but senators and congressmen putting their wives, daughters, sons, brothers, brothers-in-law, nieces and stepchildren on the congressional pay roll as secretaries and clerks.

It would show that many of these favored relatives are really work.

It would show that others do not, except on pay day.

One senator from a farm belt state would be revealed bringing in a niece who, with six months' business college training, was placed on his office pay roll last summer at a salary higher than was paid to veteran stenographers in the same office.

Representative John E. Rankin (Dem., Miss.), chairman of the World War veterans committee of the house, would be shown maintaining as secretary of that committee a capable young man, who until recently was also serving as a newspaper correspondent in Jackson, Miss. He came back to Washington a few days ago.

Even the genial Senator Pat Harrison (Dem., Miss.), whose salaried speech about the "Love Life of a Bull Frog" described in a government pamphlet has provided the one bright spot in the economy debate, maintained a daughter on the pay roll last summer, but she has since been dropped.

Last summer congress was in recess. There was no session for nine months. Many senators looked their offices and had their mail forwarded. Business was at a minimum.

Yet Senator Park Trammell (Dem., Fla.), whose business affairs are heavy, maintained his four clerks, two of them, Trammell, one a brother, on the office pay roll. This is not to single him out. He traveled in numerous companies.

Each senator is allowed four office employees at fixed salaries ranging from \$1,800 up to \$3,000 a year. Most often the relatives get the higher salaries and a Washington girl is hired to carry the heavier load of work. If it isn't a relative, then it is a political hater from back home who is apt to get the big money.

Many, during the slack season, put members of the family on the pay roll and keep only one working clerk to watch the office and forward mail.

Senator Thomas had his wife on the pay roll. His secretary, Mrs. Nov. 30, last. She drew the highest salary, \$3,000 a year.

"She worked, though she wasn't a slave and didn't punch a time clock," Thomas explained. "I realize it looked bad to have Mrs. Thomas on the pay roll as my secretary, but it was done only as a matter of necessity."

He explained that he had used part of Mrs. Thomas' salary to supplement salaries of two of his other clerks when his quarters were small, and they were compelled to carry a much heavier load.

When he obtained larger offices last fall, he said, Mrs. Thomas was taken off the pay roll and another clerk was added in her place. The senator says he now has two extra temporary employees, who are costing him about \$50 a week out of his own pocket.

Speaker John N. Garner's wife has been his secretary for years and she has given the government full and overflowing value for every dollar she has drawn.

SUNSHINE GARDENS BUS LINE SALE IS APPROVED

Commission O. K. Given Purchase by William and Emily Schenk.

Purchase of the Sunshine Gardens bus line by William and Emily Schenk from Stuart Reed was approved by the public service commission Friday.

The line operates via Bluff road and Harding street to Sunshine Gardens.

Abandonment of local street car service at Jeffersonville will be permitted the Public Service Company of Indiana.

Michigan City municipal water plant was authorized to increase its minimum monthly rate for 7,500 gallons from \$5 to 75 cents.

Lease of the United Transit Lines service between Kokomo and Marion and between Indianapolis and Columbus by the Denny Motor Transfer Company was approved.

HAILED AS CORN KING

Dekalb County Farmer Is Declared Best in Country.

By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 23.—"Corn growing champion of the United States is the latest title being claimed for Herman Pankop, Dekalb county farmer, whose official yield of 156.2 bushels of corn an acre in 1931 won for him the title of five-acre corn king of Indiana."

A check by officials of the Purdue university agricultural experiment station, who co-operate with the Indiana Corn Growers' Association annually in conducting the five-acre corn plot project, has failed to reveal a record anywhere in the United States that equals Pankop's unusual yield.

Indiana Woman Kills Hawk
By United Press
MT. VERNON, Ind., April 23.—A hawk that had a wing sprang from four and one-half feet was killed by Mrs. Sarah Axton, Poseyville farm woman, when the bird swooped to seize a chicken and became entangled in blackberry briars. The bird's talons inflicted a deep wound in Mrs. Axton's arm.

OIL MEN SAVE THEIR INDUSTRY

Production Curbed, Ruin Averted by Drastic Methods

The new economic order in the oil industry which has been marked by the cent price increase to \$1 a barrel, has pointed a way out of the depression for other lines of business.

This—the final story in a series of five on the new era in the industry—tells how oil is meeting the problem of overproduction that faces many other lines of business.

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TULSA, Okla., April 23.—Out of the depression and the huge oversupply of nearly all commodities that floods the market, to the detriment of business today may come the economic theory that unrestricted production is bad for public welfare.

In other words, if production is geared too high for market needs, then the federal government or the states should curtail production to a level akin to the demand, under this new theory.

Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, one of the foremost liberals of the day, sought to apply this theory in a recent dissenting opinion.

Though overruled by a majority, he upheld an Oklahoma law which had the effect of preventing an increase in the number of ice companies in the state.

Waiving heavy constitutional considerations, Justice Brandeis defended "the right of the people to meet changing economic conditions of the machine age."

He expressed doubt as to whether "it is economically wise or morally right that men should be permitted to add to the producing facilities of an industry already suffering from overcapacity."

Long before Justice Brandeis expressed this view, the oil industry had taken the same position and applied it to itself.

Managed by a tremendous oversupply, it suddenly curtailed its surplus production, with the result that prices have risen from 10 cents to \$1 a barrel and oil is showing other industries a path out of the wilderness of depression.

Oil men did not begin it themselves. State conservation laws, given more teeth after the disastrous price crash of last summer, did it for them. Now they have seen the wisdom of balancing production with market needs.

THE recent 15-cent price increase that brought oil to \$1 a barrel, the first advance since last November, meant an additional income of \$200,000 a day for producers in the mid-continent area.

It did not mean the return of prosperity, but it is possible in most cases to break even on \$1 oil and in some cases—where production costs are low—to make a little money.

This comes as a great relief after a year of the most tremendous losses in the industry's history, even though \$1 doesn't approach the \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 prices of a few years ago.

The movement for restricted production had its start in the great debacle of last summer, when a new field in east Texas, described as "the world's largest," came roaring in with huge surplus production and oil broke from \$1 to 10 cents a barrel.

Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma and Governor Ross Sterling of Texas, seeing a great industry being carried towards destruction on a flood of surplus oil, hurriedly sent troops to shut down the wells.

Out of this emergency move came stricter state proration laws limiting production. The wisdom of this course proved, the oil men adopted it.

It was hard to convince landowners, eager for royalties on their oil leases, who wanted to produce all the oil their land would yield.

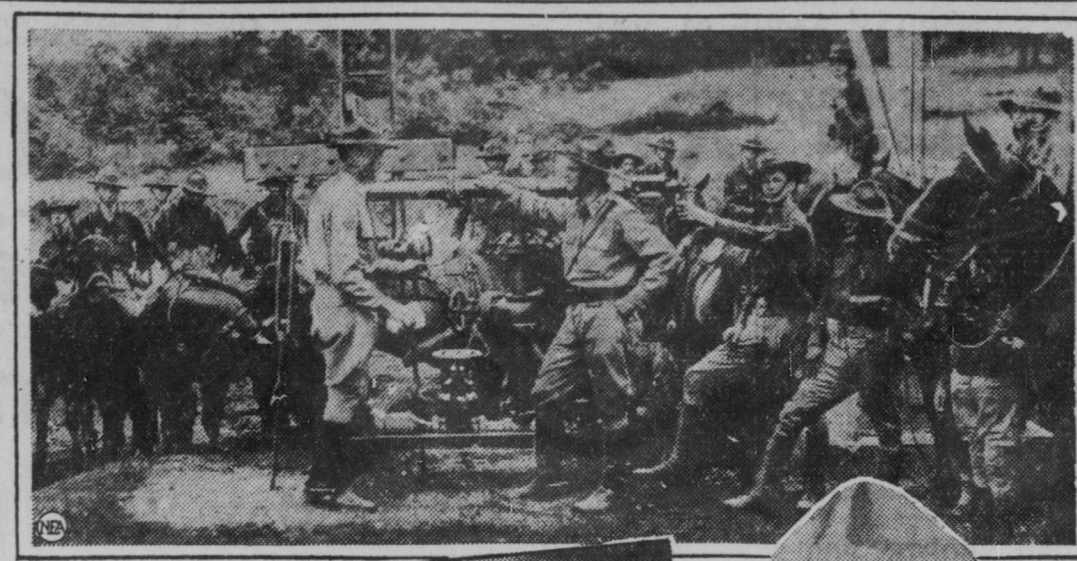
Eventually, however, they saw the wisdom of getting more money for less oil and the recent price increase is taken as an indication that the big purchasing companies have become reconciled to this changed viewpoint.

There is today, as there was then, "too much oil." The difference is that proration is holding off the market, a tremendous known surplus of oil which, if suddenly released, again would sweep the industry into chaos.

THE great east Texas field alone contains enough oil to supply the entire United States for possibly two years.

It can furnish a million barrels a day—and was doing so when Governor Sterling sent troops to shut down the field last summer.

Although hundreds of additional wells have been drilled since that time, state proration laws are



Stern military measures by the governors of Oklahoma and Texas stopped crashing oil prices that had dropped to 10 cents a barrel last summer and started them back to the \$1 price that obtains in the mid-continent field today.

Limiting production to 325,000 barrels a day. The limit allowed now is only sixty-seven barrels a well a day.

This east Texas field that nearly wrecked the industry when it was running wild still exerts a tremendous influence on the market.

An oil man told me this: "If east Texas were permitted to run wide open again, oil would crash again to 10 cents a barrel or even less; if this great field should magically vanish, oil prices would jump from \$1 to \$2 a barrel overnight."

In the big Oklahoma City field, which Governor Murray shut down with troops last summer, production now is restricted to 20,000 barrels a day, a fraction of the possible output.

AND so oil has met its problem of overproduction by reducing its output and the industry has found that, under these conditions, less oil can be made to produce more money.

In this, it points the way to better times for other lines of business now burdened with tremendous oversupplies to the consequent depression of prices.

As a result of this change from an era of reckless gambling to one of hard-headed business methods, the oil industry has lost two of its most colorful figures—the unknown newcomer who became an oil king almost overnight and made millions and the lucky "wild-catter" who struck it rich and soared to wealth as he discovered a vast new field.

Their day is done. With the oil business stabilized and 85 per cent of it now in the hands of big companies thoroughly equipped to investigate the possibilities of competition, the chance for the newcomer has faded.

And if a "wild-catter" should discover a vast new field today, state proration laws would restrict his production to save the industry from being drenched with a surplus of oil far beyond the market's requirements.

THE END

FIVE SUSPECTS ARE NABBED IN ROBBER DRIVE

Negro Is Caught in Act of Breaking in Store, Police Claim.

Five theft suspects were captured, two prowlers were routed and several others are sought by police today in connection with seven burglaries Friday night in which loot totaled nearly \$400.

Nabbed by police as he crouched in the interior of the William G. Miller Dry Goods Store, 2626 Northwestern avenue, early today, James Gardner, 30, Negro, of 2453 Martin-dale avenue, was arrested on a burglary charge.

Police said they recovered several hundred dollars' worth of loot at the suspect's home.

A police squad in charge of Lieutenant Ralph Dean sped to the store when a burglar alarm sounded shortly after midnight. They found Gardner clutching a wrecking bar as they entered, they said.

Captured After Chase

Speeding away as a police squad in charge of Clarence Griffin drove beside his parked car, Jack Melvin, 44, of 1945 North Dearborn street, was captured after a chase of several blocks in the vicinity of 1600 North Beville avenue, Friday night.

He was arrested on a vagrancy charge and ordered held under bond of \$2,000 in connection with recent thefts of auto accessories.

Patrolman Kenneth C. Downs chased and captured William Dunbar, Negro, 41, of 315 Indiana avenue, after an alleged attack on Fred Pappas, 3558 West Sixteenth street, as the victim walked near his home late Friday night. He is charged with vagrancy.

Companions Escape

Two companions of the suspect escaped. Forced to flee from an alleged stolen car when pursued by two men, a 15-year-old boy was captured late Friday at Twenty-fifth street and Martindale avenue.

Winfield Louden, 56 North Audubon road, and Harry Weaver, 308 North Layman avenue, the boy's captors, told police they recognized the car as a stolen Monday night from Butler university. Louden and Weaver are Butler students.

As a police squad returned from investigating the robbery in which Gardner was captured, they saw a Negro flee with two auto tires after breaking into the Dunlop Rubber Company at 909 North Capitol avenue.

Route Two Prowlers

Giving chase, they captured Frank Graves, 36, Negro, address unknown, who admitted the theft, they said. Graves was arrested on a vagrancy charge and is held on \$2,000 bond.

Returning to their apartments at 20 North Oriental street, late Friday night, P. G. Ralston and Ralph Randall, occupants of adjoining apartments, routed two prowlers in the act of looting both residences. Nothing had been taken, Ralston and Randall told police.

Others reporting thefts to police: Beverly Green, 1106 North Olney street, 525 W. Swindler, 1625 North Capitol avenue, 967; T. D. Hoyer, 3515 Massachusetts avenue, 515; Sol C. Bodner, 5425 Central avenue, 535; Larry Fisher, 1618 South Randolph street, 515; and Fred Coomer, 3455 East Washington street, 546.

\$2,000 CUT THREATENS \$12,000-A-YEAR MEN

Economy Bill Aims Slash at U. S. Farm, Shipping Board Members.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Salaries of federal farm board members will be reduced from \$12,000 to \$10,000 under the general economy bill which a special house committee was completing today. The bill will be placed before the house next week.

Similar reductions will be made in the \$10,000 salaries of the international joint commission will be cut to \$5,000.

The committee agreed to include in the bill a provision giving President Hoover the authority he requested to reorganize the executive departments of the government.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to: Sam Haynes, 1912 North Illinois street, Buick sedan, M-1-600 from 1012 North Illinois street.

Resident Albert Lawson, quartermaster corps, Ft. Harrison, Plymouth sedan, 48-099 from Harrison.

Louise Williston, 3055 North Meridian street, Stutz coupe, 105-792 from West and North streets.

G. E. Steiger, 2175 North Pennsylvania street, Studebaker sedan, 69-075, from McLean place and Capitol avenue.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to: Ed Campbell, 4221 Brookline road, Ford touring sedan, 1-1-1225 East Ohio street.

Black coach, with stolen license plate 1-1-1225, found at Michigan and Hickory streets.

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Goes West



Claudette Colbert has "gone west," but only in the movie sense. Her future pictures will be made in Hollywood. She has lived in New York since she came to America from France at the age of 13. This picture shows her atop a baggage truck on her arrival at Los Angeles.

ACTION BALKED IN WATER CASE

Commissioners Still Await Cuthbertson's Return.

Commissioner Howell Ellis' motion for immediate investigation of the Indianapolis Water Company rate increases entered its fourth week of inaction today due to dilatory tactics of Chairman John W. McCordle of the public service commission.

For the third time Friday afternoon McCordle and Commissioner Jere West refused to let Ellis commence the probe when the motion was brought up at the commission conference.

Their reason is the same as advanced when the motion first was made three weeks ago—that they will not act until Commissioner Harry K. Cuthbertson, who wrote the rate increases in an order as part of the compromise settlement in the water rate reduction case, returns from a rest at Martinsville.

The Ellis' motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank Singleton when first introduced. Both Ellis and Singleton refused to approve the water company case settlement on the grounds that it is illegal to raise rates without hearing those who must pay the increases.

BANK OFFICIALS GIVEN BLAME FOR FAILURES

Promoted Too Much Stock and Real Estate, Says Judge Chamberlin.

Bank officials who became "promotion agents for stock-selling institutions and real estate developments" caused Indianapolis bank failures, Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin told the Sahara Grotto Luncheon Club Friday.

"If they had confined their activities to banking," said Chamberlin, "and not become promotion agents we probably would have had no bank failures in Indianapolis."

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CHARITABLE GROUPS WIN ESTATE FIGHT

Attack Is Dropped on Will of Bartholomew D. Brooks Involving \$250,000.

The 1920 will of Bartholomew D. Brooks, West Indianapolis business man, which left the Indianapolis Home for Aged Women, the Indianapolis chapter of Red Cross and other charitable groups \$250,000, has been held valid.

Motion for dismissal by plaintiffs attempting to set aside the will late Friday in Hamilton circuit court at Noblesville was sustained by Judge Fred A. Hines and the long legal fight closed.

With the motion for dismissal came a story of the work of attorneys in tracing down a 1924 will which had been produced by Robert Hackney, business partner of Brooks.

Attorneys for the charitable groups discovered paper on which the will had been written was not manufactured until 1925. Manufacturers of the paper and handwriting experts had been summoned as witnesses and the motion for dismissal came suddenly with fifty talesmen summoned for jury duty and about seventy-five witnesses waiting to be called for testimony.

Hackney was acquitted several weeks ago in criminal court in connection with the alleged forging of a 1930 will.

HAZARDS ARE REMOVED IN MOUNTAIN FLYING

45,460 Carried Over Death Area Safely, Survey Shows.

By United Press
NEW YORK, April 23.—Flying across the Pennsylvania mountains, "Hell's Stretch" and "Aviators' Graveyard" has become as safe as over any other route in the world, the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America reported today.

The organization announced that the four-trunk aviation lines which cross these mountains have carried a total of 45,460 passengers without injury to a single passenger. Of this number, the United Airlines transported 17,457 persons; American Airways, 2,998; Transcontinental and Western Air Lines, 13,333; and Pennsylvania Airlines, 11,672.

TAX OFFICE STAYS OPEN

County Treasurer Gives Saturday Crowds Chance to Pay Up.

The county treasurer's office will remain open until 4 this afternoon and next Saturday afternoon. Timothy P. Sexton, treasurer, has announced.

Although May 2 is the final date for paying taxes, it is likely the deadline date will be delayed.

"Jockey" Robs Benefactor

CHICAGO, April 23.—When a shivering youth, who said he was a jockey, stopped Walter Ellingham, San Francisco, on the street and asked aid, Ellingham let him sleep in a room of his hotel suite. In the morning Ellingham found the "jockey" gone, also \$61, a revolver and a \$100 watch.

BANK FAILURES FEW

Situation Greatly Improved, Reserve Board Reports.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Marked strengthening of the banking situation is reported by the federal reserve board. In March there were only forty-five bank failures, the fewest in fifteen months. So far this month only three national banks have suspended.

These figures contrast with 122 failures in February and 342 in January.

Furthermore, banks which reopened in March had nearly as large deposits as those which closed.

It is estimated by the board that \$250,000,000 has been brought out of hoarding in the last two months.

FOUR CANDIDATES ARE INDORSED BY LAWYERS

Circuit Judge, Prosecutor Aspirants Voted On by Bar Group.

The Indianapolis Bar Association following tabulation of the poll of the members announced today it indorsed candidacies of Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin, Republican, incumbent, and Earl R. Cox, Democrat, for judge of the circuit bench; Judson L. Stark, Republican, and Herbert E. Wilson, Democratic incumbent, for prosecutor.

In the run-off primary which was tabulated Friday all members of the association, irrespective of party, voted for one Republican and one Democratic candidate for each office, choosing from the two aspirants receiving the highest number of votes in the primary a week ago.

The vote follows: Chamberlin, 241; A. Jack Tilson, 33; Cox, 160; James E. Deery, 114; Stark, 150; John O. Lewis, 115, and Wilson, 274.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

Engineering and Pharmacy Schools of Purdue Plan Event.

By Times Special
LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 23.—Citizens from throughout the state will be given opportunity to see the four engineering schools and the pharmacy school of Purdue university in full operation the evening of May 5, when these schools unite for their annual "open house," always one of the most attractive features of the annual 4-H club round-up.

Faculty and students promise one of the most complete demonstrations ever given here and visitors, as well as the club members, will gather an idea of some of the instructional work of a more spectacular nature and also many of the interesting research projects.

City Artist to Display Works

By Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., April 23.—George C. Calvert, Indianapolis, will display his personal art collection on the De Pauw university campus for three weeks. Opening for the collection will be held Sunday afternoon, when Calvert will present to the university a valuable painting which is to be hung, temporarily, in Asbury hall, De Pauw's newest college building.

English Editor Is Drowned

WINDERMERE, England, April 23.—Edward T. Scott, editor of the Manchester Guardian and a member of England's most famous newspaper families, was drowned in Lake Windermere late Friday while rowing in dinghy to his yacht.