EDITORIALS

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"Little Legislature" . . .

Recent talk of calling a special session of Congress to settle problems which have arisen since adjournment last July, has brought up the question of an interim legislature. To be made up of a group of congressmen acting as a standing committee, the body will serve in lieu of the regular

Several states have started actions along this line. Kansas formed a "little legislature" in 1933 and found it a general success. Sponsored by the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce, the council made recent surveys of state penal and charitable institutions. Its members made recommendations after months which were adopted by the leg-

Wisconsin is another state with a legislative council. Its twelve members are alloted \$30,000 a year with which to investigate and prepare bills in the next two years. The council takes the place of all interim com-

Of interest is Secretary of State Mar-shall's suggestion to the U.N. Assembly that t operate an interim group of representatives during the periods between sessions. The need of such action in legislative bodies is becoming more apparent as time goes on. These small legislatures could serve a very

useful purpose in the present-day world of

Given limited power to conduct temporary legislation subject to later approval of the Congress, itself, the legislative council could study and decide on such issues as may arise during an adjournment period of Congress. Serving as an executive group of the Congress, the council could work with the President in giving him a signal of congressional thought on domestic and foreign policy. It could also lessen the load of the regular session by making advance studies and writing bills in the interim periods.

A national legislative council, carefully chosen, could give adequate legislation at all times during the year.

In Texas, a "little legislature" would come very handy. Scheduling the regular session of the state legislature every two years has created a long period of inactivity during which time many issues arise that need congressional attention. An arrangement on the order of some of the other states' legislative councils could care for these problems and take action on items involving investigation and study prior to action in the regular congress.

Tintinabulation of the Bells ...

Platitudes you can hear any day, but it is not every day that you see proof of them. Our text for today is "The pen is mightier than the sword.

In the Battalion of Monday, September 22, 1947, one of the more serious editorials had to do with the dearth of telephones inthis paper's office. Aur viziers and thamberlains had at that time been talking up a storm trying to get service. That short, unassuming editorial did what the self-styled wheels could not.

Now this is the point-if in our desperation we had charged into Southwestern ephone Co.

States Telephone company's offices brandisking cutlasses and demanded a telephone, we would by now be enjoying private rooms with padded walls.

But by using our heads for something besides hatracks and our typewriters for something more than finger exercisers we accomplished our purpose without causing undue wear and tear on anybody but the

This is not "Fifteen for the Batt", but a note of thanks to Southwestern States Tel-

Vocational Guidance Proved.

testing is being discussed, the object is ties and interests so that he may engage in thrown up: "That's very nice in theory, but

all it is, is theory."

One of the largest heavy manufacturing concerns in the country apparently thinks otherwise. Allis - Chalmers Manufacturing Company has issued a pamphlet on "Scientific Selection of Engineering Personnel," in which they tell of remarkably good results they have had from using guidance tests, in placing engineering school graduates in the divisions of the company best suited to the talents of the new men.

Speaking of the broader subject of selection-tests in college, the pamphlet says:

Many colleges are expanding their counseling service, especially for new students entering these institutions. Several universis have been selected by the Veterans Administration to provide this testing and counseling service to servicemen who want to enter a university. In some universities testing and counseling is a part of the entrance program. Through such testing and counseling, the student has the opportunity

Sometimes, when vocational guidance to secure an accurate appraisal of his abilithe proper field of higher education.

A student who is counseled and guided into the proper vocational field, will have a much better chance of completing his school studies and achieving greater success in his chosen field after graduation. Before the war, some engineering colleges had a mortality rate of 50 per cent in the first year. Those who have analyzed the reason for this high rate report that a lack of interest and or ability in mathematics or science was largely responsible. Had these same men received counseling on the basis of psychological tests and been advised to enter the schools of business administration, medicine, law, commerce or some other course.

many more would have completed college. As a result of the experience in testing and counseling under the Veterans Administration, it is hoped that other universities will decide to extend service to all students upon entrance. This should improve our secondary educational system more than any other single factor.

A Resurrected Basso . . .

If you regularly get the Satevepost, you had about one chance in five of learning for yourself why publishers sometimes go mad and advertisers go madder. The August 23 issue of the magazine came up with a really wonderful example of that old nemesis-ridiculous juztaposition. That is, an ad that was perfectly o. k, by itself ran next to a story that was also perfectly o. k. But

when you put them together—ouch!

The ad in question, for Columbia Records, plugged Ezio Pinza, "the magnificent lyric basso of the Metropolitan Opera," and Tan a handsome picture of the gent. But the story on the adjoining page, the seventh Instalment of an eight part serial, was called The Voice of the Corpse.

No one noticed this goofy propinquity Till about 800,000 copies had roared off the press. Then things started to pop. The awful news went up the chain of command. Terse orders came down. The presses stopped, Col-

umbia's ad was switched with one for Gaines Meal, a dog food, and 3,000,000 more Sateveports rolled out without incident.

Upside-Down Plug . . .

Our tribute for this week goes to Webster, the New York Herald Tribune Cartoonist, for his delightful series, The Unseen duction is one step proposed by Audience, and his cheerful criticism of radib. A recent job we liked especially showed an enchanted citizen listening to the follow- are: ing upside-down commercial coming from

" This remedy is not at all like a doctor's prescription. On the contrary it has only two ingredients—bicarbonate of soda and a little horse-radish for flavoring. We call the product Zoz, for no good reason, and if it amuses you to spell it backwards, go ahead. Zoz will occasionally relieve an attack of indigestion. Some day when you happen to be in a drug store buy a bottle. It costs 98. cents and there is no large, economy-size

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As MacKenzie Sees It

British Palestine Withdrawal Easement, But Not a Solution

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The tragic Jewish-Arab problem, the Holy Land has seen bloodshed in Palestine may find temporary and destruction develop out of the casement, but little which will contribute to a useful solution, in Britain's announcement that she Britain's announcement that she plan for the establishment of a will end her murdate if the United legislative council, but that was

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There will be e as e ment be- Arabs and Jews. cause the quarrel between Jews has grown ncreas ingly bitter through the years until presence of t h e mandate in the power in the Holy Land has

able to the Jew-

ish inhabitants. As things now stand it's better Jews. However, one of the world's most difficult questions will remain to be answered by the Unitmain to be answered by the United Nations. That is how to fulfill
Britain's Balfour Declaration of
1917 by providing "a national home

mended that the Holy Land be divdied into two states, with Jerusalem—sacred city of Christianity,
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sed since that pledge was given, complicated than ever.

Mental Resources Neglected . . .

Scientists Could Win British Economic Battle, If Allowed

By Science Service

should use her scientists to battle economic difficulties the way she used them to help win victories during the war, the executive comof the Association of Scientific Workers declared here in a report on science and the economic

Greater efficiency in coal and steel production and major gains in other industries are predicted Britain turns her scientists to

the present crisis.
Turning at least one-third of the scientific manpower, laboratories and equipment of Great Britain's armed forces to civilian pro-

Other urgent proposals for Britsh science in the economic crisis

The addition of three scientific and three technical members to the Advisory Planning Board to the

Drafting of a plan for utilization of science and technology in Brit-ish industry and agriculture. Even more extensive pooling of scientific research and develop-

ment in essential industries than was done during the war. Formation of regional research

Representation of scientific and technical workers on existing production committees. Here is the way the committee

believes science can help England close the critical gap between exports and imports: More efficient use of coal would

mean more coal. Raising the average efficiency of coal utilization from 20% to 25% would add 50 million more tons of coal each Oxygen used instead of air speeds steel production. Work on this has been done in both Russia

and the U. S. Other savings in steel could come from more careful calculations of stresses, from standardization and from closer ontact between producers and us-

Waste products in the chemical, metal, brick and cement industries should be turned back into raw materials. Timber, bricks and cement should be saved by developing the pre-stressed reinforced and

LONDON, Sept. 29-England cellular concrete used on a large scale in Sweden. New mass production methods should be developed.

Then in 1937 the British Peel Royal Commission, having spent seven months in Palestine review-

This proposition was turned down by both Jews and Arabs.

Disorders again swept the land.

These have continued ever since

with varying degrees of intensity

"There is no reason why we should not use mass production methods of our own just because our markets are too small to use those of the U. S. A.," the statement says.

Research in transportation operation is needed. And science in agriculture can go far toward making Britain self-supporting in food, the committee states.

Charging that science has been neglected in the economic crisis here, the group urges a new effort to muster science for the war of

Wareing Elected Navarro President

The Navarro County A&M Club held its first meeting Thursday night. This meeting was for or-ganizational purposes. E. C. Ware-ing was elected President, T. N. Ellis was named Vice-President and C. D. Ranking, Treasurer. H. C. Minyard is the new Secretary and L. M. Harris has assumed the duties of Social Chairman. Other business discussed in-cluded a revision of the constitu-

tion of the club, the payment of dues for the year, and social plans for the coming semester.

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Time, Not Money, Hard to Spend In Hollywood

BY BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 29-(AP) Spending money is no problem for the glitter queens and kings of the movie factories, but spend-

of the movie factories, but spending time is another matter.

An independent survey (conducted by this reporter) shows that movie stars, who work a theoretical eight-hour day, spend an average of only 53.2 minutes of actual emoting before the cameras. Also, this vastly unscientific report declares, they donate 67.3 minutes in the movie of the world championship for 16% years now, and among office buildings there are no rivals in sight. clares, they donate 67.3 minutes for makeup (double this for women), 12 minutes to studying the script, 17 for arguing with the director, 14 for press interviews, 25 for miscellaneous functions.

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This leaves a whopping amount of time to kill, and some slay the hours aimlessly, others make use of them. Joan Crawford, for example, is an inveterate knitter, as are Deborah Kerr and Jane Powell. Ronald Reagan and Robert Taylor talk politics with anyone around. Fred MacMurray, a frustrated artist, sketches anything in the country so far at leave the stated anything in the stated anything in the country so far at leave the stated anything in the stated anything rated artist, sketches anything in the country—so far as I can sight, pausing now and then to read the stock market reports.

Cary Grant indulges in guessing games. Lana Turner is one of the carth. It is the transmitter of station WKY at Oklahoma City, owngames. Lana Turner is one of the carth. It is the transmitter of station WKY at Oklahoma Publishing carth. It is the Oklahoma Publishing carth. It is the transmitter of station WKY at Oklahoma Publishing carth. It is the Oklahoma Publishing carth. It is the transmitter of station with the object of the carth. It is the transmitter of station with the oklahoma Publishing carthed the oklahoma City, owngames and t

few who reads books between scenes and she always has a phonograph playing the latest records. Gene Kelly figures out his next dance routine. Loretta Young sews things for her children.

Van Johnson answers his fan mail. Clark Gable pulls a chair out the set and shoots the breeze In 1922 the British announced a with the crew, Olivia DeHavilland reads palms, Robert Mitchum rejected by the Arabs. The propo-(Ed. Note: Suppose picked that up playing an A. & M. cadet in WNBL?) sal was put forward again in 1935 and was turned down by both

Then there are some who spend the time laboring over a hot rac-ing form But they prefer to remain anonymous ing the situation, recommended that separate Jewish and Arab states should be created.

Calloway Heads Rio Grande Club

Neal Calloway of Elsa was elected president of the Rio Grande Valley Club at its first meeting of the year. Other officers are Harry Rob

-clashes between Jews and Arabs, and clashes between British and erts, Edinburg, vice-president; Bob Scoggins, Rio Hondo, treasurer; Gus Celaya, Brownsville, secreta ry; Neal Steitz, Donna, and Jerry McManus, Raymondville, reporters. The club will meet every second

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BY MAX HALL
(For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29—(AP)
America's era of building soaring skycrapers has ended, and may not september of the september of the

The second tallest radio antenna, 927 feet, is that of station WNAX at Yankton, South Dakota, owned by the Cowles Broad-

ota, owned by the Cowles Broad-casting Company.

The Oklahoma City and Yank-ton shafts are reported to be ex-ceeded by a big transmitting tow-er at Budapest, Hungary It was blasted down by the Germans when they fled Budapest. The Hungar-ian legation said today that it has been restored, and that it is 314 meters high. That would be 1,030 feet.

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