



Ed Kruse, six foot, seven inch Air Force sergeant, holds John, of the Phillips Morris Show, up on one hand in DuPage Meek Hall.

California Leads In Big Leaguers

AP Newsfeatures
ATLANTA, Ga. — The population of a state apparently has little to do with the amount of big-league baseball talent produced in that state.
Based on the 1940 census California was the fifth ranking state in population, but it ranks first in big league stars. Thirty-eight players were born in California.
Pennsylvania ranks second with 29 stars. Twenty-five stars were born in Illinois, making the Sucker State third ranker among producers of prime baseball beef.
New York has more people than any other state but it is fourth in baseball population with 19 stars. North Carolina and Texas each have 11 native sons in the majors.
Canada has three stars in the big leagues. Italy, Scotland and Czechoslovakia have one player each in the majors.



L. J. TOLLE, a Floriculture major from San Antonio, has been selected to head the Student Floral Concession for the coming year.

Donahue Will Attend TVA Meet

Dr. Roy Donahue, extension agronomist here left by plane yesterday for Knoxville, Tennessee, where he will attend the out-of-valley supervisors' conference called by the Tennessee Valley Authority, May 3 through 6, J. D. Prewitt, acting director of the Extension Service, announced.
Dr. Donahue will be on the conference program to explain how Texas holds its annual meetings with farm unit demonstrators. Dr. Donahue will return next Sunday.

Theatrical Producer Not Man for Idle Chit-Chat

By GEORGE TUCKER
(For Hal Boyle)

NEW YORK, (AP)—Max Gordon is not a man for small talk. "Nothing older than yesterday is worth talking about," he said. Now Max Gordon is a famous theatrical producer. He is a man of the world. Statesmen on both sides of the ocean are his confidants. Twice he survived nervous breakdowns. Once the stock market wiped him out.
With his background, Max ought to be able to charm the birds out of the trees if he wished. He has everything a great conversationalist needs—years of rich experience, friends of distinction.
"But he doesn't go in much for the conversation. He volunteers nothing."
Max was born in the slums of the East Side and his father was a jazz pinner. He began in burlesque, booked acts for vaudeville, and finally became an independent producer in 1930.
Since then, his judgment has backed between 60 and 70 shows, among them "Robert," "Design on Living," "His Master's Voice," "The Shining Hour," "The Great Waltz," "Jubilee," "The Women," "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," "Dodsworth," "My Sister Eileen," and "Fido Yesterday."
"I want you to see him the other day and asked him to talk about himself."
"What's there to say?"
"Oh, he says nobody could put on that many plays without having things happen."
"Have you been written?"
"Didn't you ever try to get Walter Huston to play 'Dodsworth'? Didn't they say he was in Washington, looking for him? And after you had failed, didn't you run into Huston out riding? Didn't you close the deal on horseback?"

"Yes."
"What happened?"
"Just what you said happened."
Gordon is a sturdy, compact man, with owl eyes. They are wide open as he stares at you. He has a framed message from Winston Churchill on the wall, and a picture of Bernard Baruch.
He also has two telephones on his desk, and when they ring he sits there quietly, a receiver at each ear, until the calls are completed then he hangs up.
This happened while I was there, but he changed the routine. He said, "okay, I'll meet you in ten minutes."
He swung his chair around to me. "This has been going on twenty minutes. How long will it last? I'm hungry."
"The casual luncheon that would have provided Alexander Woolcott with four Sunday night broadcasts didn't either, did it, Mr. Gordon?"
"It begins to look as if no luncheon is going to happen to me."
"But it did."
I hope Max got a good one. With plenty of talking serum sprinkled in his coffee.

More Action In Congress Is Predicted

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP)—It's just beginning to get good in Congress now. Meaning, there'll be a little more action. Congress has passed the 100 half-year mark in this year's session with four bills gone and only two or three left to go.
Nothing more has happened since the first few bills of the session. This is because these months are always used in getting the big bills ready for debate and vote.
They're pretty much taken up with long committee hearings on the bills.
About the only action completed by Congress—meaning House and Senate together—was passage of the new rent control law.
True, both houses okayed continuing the Marshall Plan another year. But neither house has yet voted the money for it.
This week the House expects to vote on a new labor bill. But we won't have a new labor law until the senate also votes, which won't be for some time.
Meanwhile, this week the Senate expects to vote \$300,000,000 to help states do a better job in educating their children. That won't become law, either, unless the House also approves, some time later.
President Truman's civil rights program is still up in the clouds. And it may get blocked out of this session.

Contracts Let On Beef Cattle Center

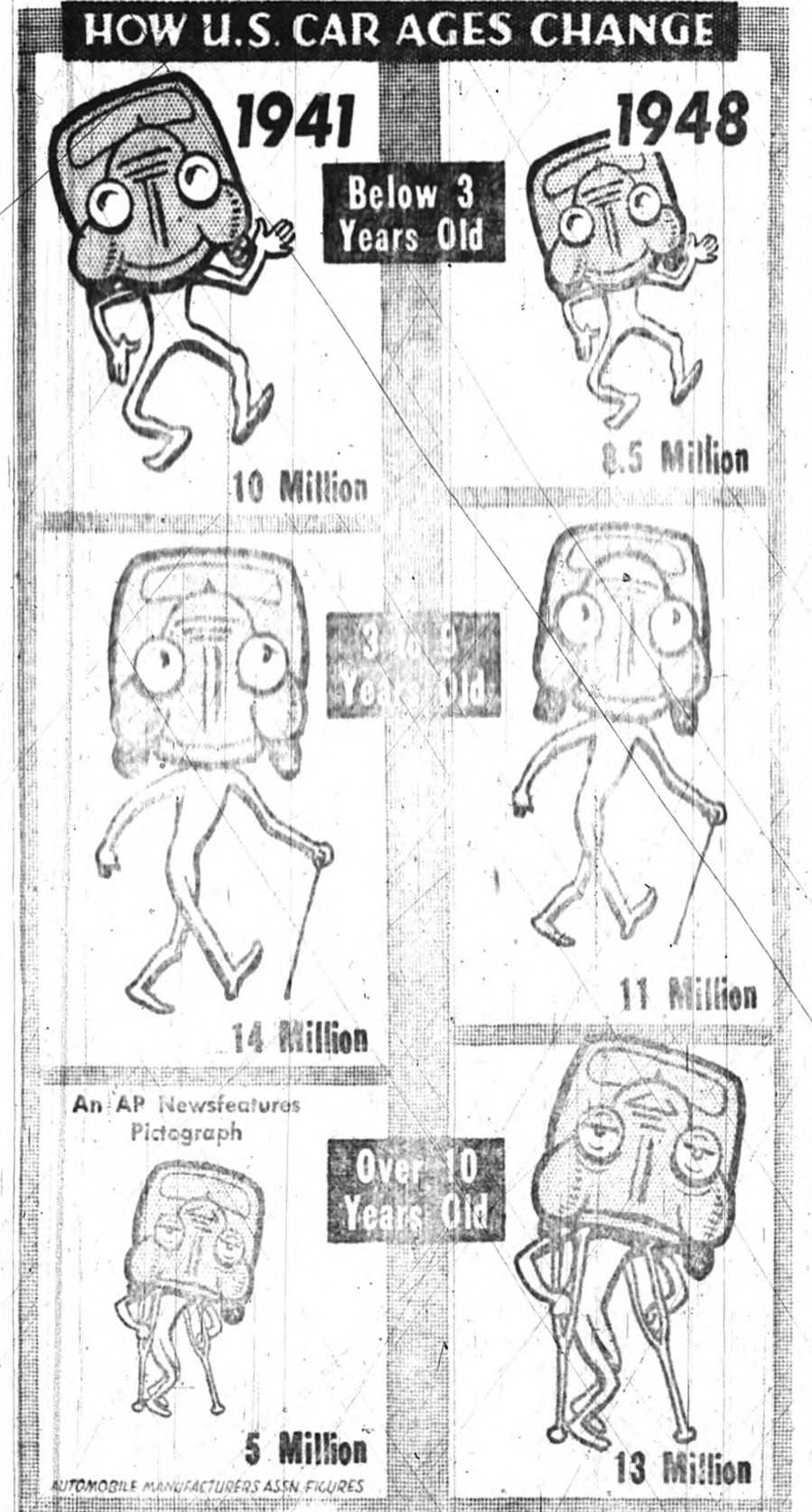
Bids on the Beef Cattle Center Building have been received and the contracts let for the general construction, electrical work, and the plumbing installations. J. H. Getz, assistant to the A&M System Architect, said today.
R. B. Butler of Bryan received the contract for the general construction work. The contract for the electrical work was given to W. E. Kutzbach of Bryan. J. W. Hoyak will install the plumbing.
The Beef Center Building will cover 11,000 square feet. The building will be framed with steel and have a corrugated asbestos roof. The interior partitions will be concrete tile, Getz said.

Poultry Scientists Plan Chicken Fry

The Poultry Science Club will hold its annual chicken fry at Cashion's Cabin on May 14 at 7:30 p. m., Delvin Barrett, committee chairman, has announced.
The outing is held each year in May honoring the senior members of the Poultry Science Club. Attendance for the affair is limited to the members of the Poultry Science Club, the staff members of the Poultry Husbandry Department and their guests, Barrett said.
The menu for the chicken fry will be one half fried chicken with potato salad and tea. A charge of \$1 will be made for each person.

Open Door Policy Wins Judge's Congratulations

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Gerald Trapp's open door policy while drunk landed him in front of a judge — who congratulated him.
Gerald, a 25-year-old aircraft worker, was arrested yesterday morning and taken before Municipal Judge Henry Keeler. Thereafter, he testified that Gerald walked wobbly down Atlantic Boulevard, trying the doors of parked automobiles. Every time he found one unlocked, he opened it wide and left it that way.
He explained that:
"I was teaching all those auto owners a lesson. Leave car doors unlocked is an awful temptation to auto thieves."
Judge Keeler agreed. He imposed a one day sentence or \$10 fine — then suspended it.



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Fish Band And Drill Team To Visit Houston

The A&M Freshman Band and the Freshman Drill Team will participate in the annual high school ROTC program in Houston May 6-7.
Houston will be well represented in the Freshman Band with 41 of the 81 high school boys from that city.
The ROTC program Thursday night, at which time the outstanding cadet in the Houston high school program will be named, should revive memories for drill team member H. J. Thomas.
Thomas graduated from Sam Houston High School in the spring of 1948 and received the title of outstanding cadet at the same ROTC program last year.
Drum Major of the "Fish" band is Richard J. Green of Brownsville, and the present company commander is James W. Rogers of Texarkana, Texas.
The Drill Team which will participate in the Final Review is composed of 38 freshmen. It was organized last September and has drilled daily since that time.
The team, under the direction of team commander Richard A. Ingels of Dallas, will put on a fifteen minute precision drill using several unique and original movements which were perfected by the team.
Members of the band and drill team will be guests of the Houston A&M Club on their visit to Houston.

Thomas Gradian Is Promoted in Japan

Thomas E. Gradian, 34, has recently been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Army. He is currently serving in Japan. He was previously a Captain in the United States Army and served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II.

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Indiana U Queen Is Declared Ineligible
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 28 — (AP)—Nan Epso's name was not on the ballot as junior men at Indiana University voted today for a queen to reign at their prom Friday night.
The "Independent Independents" nominated her.
The prom committee ruled last night Nan had not met the requirement of residence on the campus for a full semester. It did not mention that Nan is a goat.