

# Home Folks Ask Solons About Varied Subjects

By TEX EASLEY

Washington, Dec. 13—(AP)—Texans write their congressmen about almost everything under the sun. If they don't know where else to turn for information, they write Washington.

Mail about legislation tapered off with adjournment of Congress. But there's no let-down in variety. People ask their congressmen to help get priorities for construction materials, discharges from the armed forces, old age pensions, farm bulletins and pamphlets on how to raise babies. These are the subjects of the bulk of the mail.

## Requests Assorted

Here are some assorted requests that came to various Texas congressional offices in the past week:

A mother who lost her son in Korean fighting inquired how she could get a Gold Star pin.

An enterprising businessman wanted information about some iron ore deposits in Mexico and how to get authority from the Mexican government to develop them.

An ambitious mother, describing her daughter as a pretty blonde with considerable wealth in her own right, asked the congressman if he couldn't arrange the girl a date with a midshipman over at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The daughter is enrolled in a finishing school in this area.

A school superintendent wrote for the annual report of the Smithsonian Institution, and a wife wrote wanting to follow her soldier husband to Japan.

## Monument Wanted

Recently Rep. Walter Rogers of Pampa got a letter from an old timer in that part of Texas, writing for the Plains Historical Society and asking how to obtain a monument for the grave of a long-deceased Mexican war veteran and Indian trader.

George McLean of Friona, in the first of several letters to Rogers, said:

"I owned a stage station post office and agency trading post along the (Texas-New Mexico) state line a long time ago. . . . A

Mr. James E. Vaughan had me fix up his Mexican war pension papers every three months so he could draw his pension. When he died I buried him wrapped in his old Mexican war blanket."

## Enlisted From Tennessee

He had enlisted from Tennessee to go to the Mexican war, McLean wrote, and was captured by the Mexicans.

After being discharged he became an Indian trader among the Apache and Comanche Indians while they were both at war with the white people which was before Gen. McKenzie had battled the Indians in Palo Duro Canyon south of Amarillo.

"When the Indians were moved to the reservations (Oklahoma) his customers were gone and the large cattle companies moved in and chased the small fry out. This began in 1876. He then acted as a scout."

## Buried Beside Wife

When the old warrior died, McLean added, he buried him beside his Spanish wife who was killed by the Indians many years earlier near the stockade in which they lived across the line in New Mexico.

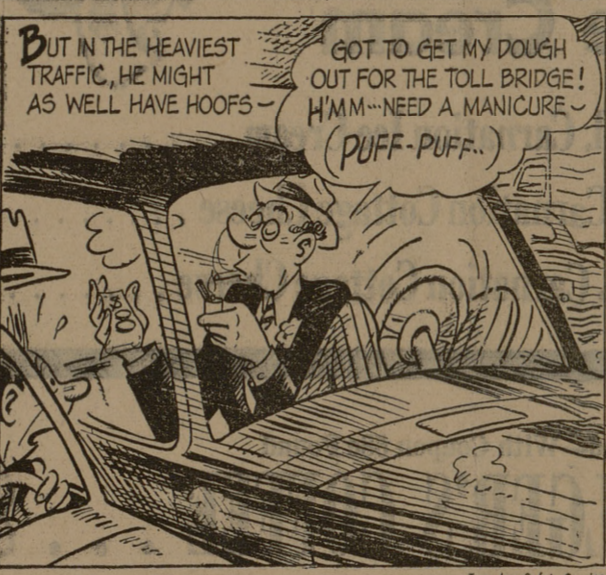
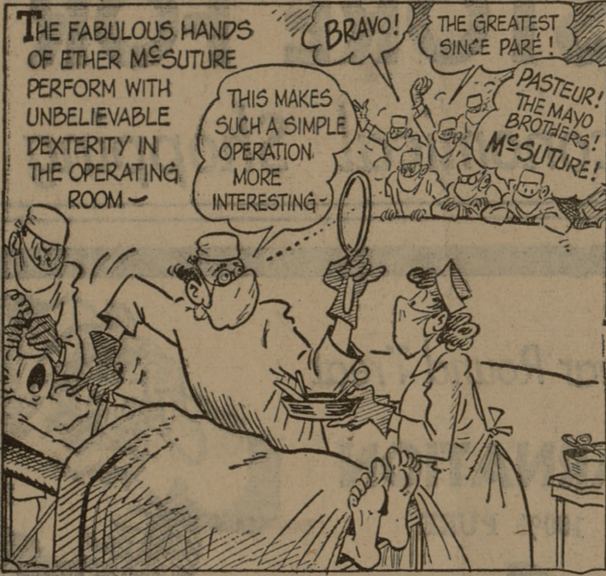
The Veterans Administration, Defense Department and Congressional Library searched in vain for records that would permit the government to put a tombstone free of the old soldier's grave. They found a James Vaughan but he died a few years too early to have been the right one.

One of the senior congressional secretaries on Capitol Hill is Jules Leverett, 55, aide to Rep. Clark Thompson of Galveston. It was on Dec. 15, 1919 that he went to work for the then Congressman Clay Stone Briggs.

Looking back over 32 years of handling congressional mail, he says:

"People write a lot more now than they did years ago. There was a time when the letter carrier was the only contact most citizens had with the federal government. They used to write for garden seeds. Now they write for everything."

## The Human Race



## Beware Of Xmas Tree Fires, Warns Forester

A Texas forester warns households now decorating their homes for Christmas to make sure the Christmas tree isn't a fire hazard. First of all, buy a tree in good condition, with fresh leaves or needles, says C. W. Simmons, extension farm forester of A&M.

Keep the trunk in a container of water. And keep adding water to the container just about every day. It will need it.

Check the electric light cords that connect the tree lights and be sure that all poor connections are repaired. If cotton is used around the base of the tree, get that which has been treated for fire control.

Never use candles to light a tree—it's too dangerous.

Alice Burke speaks on Christmas program

Alice Burke spoke on the Christmas Meditations this morning at 9:30 over Station WTAW. The program was sponsored by the College Station Council of Church Women.

The guest speaker's program included poetry and a Christmas story.

Miss Gail Crawford to teach in Austin

Miss Gail Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crawford of College Station, will begin teaching in the Austin Public Schools after Jan. 5.

A November graduate of Baylor University, Miss Crawford received degrees for a double major in English and Education. She attended A&M during two previous summers.

At Baylor she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Alpha Pi.

## More Petticoated Reporters

# Women Gain Bigger Place In Texas Newspaper Work

Waco, Tex., Dec. 13—(AP)—Petticoats in a newspaper editorial room—long a man's domain—are getting more numerous in Texas.

A Baylor university student found that 28 out of 29 Texas editors who answered a questionnaire employed women in the editorial room.

The student is a woman reporter herself—Miss Betty Dollins, reporter on the Waco News Tribune and Times Herald.

The 28 newspapers employ a total of 134 women as reporters or department editors.

Half Are College Grads

Sixty-seven of these women—exactly half of the total—are college graduates. Average salary is \$55 a week. Four women are listed in the \$70 to \$90 a week bracket. Four others are listed as earning more than \$90 per week.

Fifty-five of the 134 women are married. Only two are required to do photographic work. Sixty-one are employed on society desks, 27 are news writers or editors and

the remainder do a variety of jobs. Only four have been employed one year or less. Ten have been employed four years and the others have 10 years or more of service.

Future Said Bright

Twenty-three editors said "yes" to the question, "Do you consider the future bright for women in newspaper work?" Two said "no" and four failed to answer.

Fifteen of the editors are completely satisfied with the work of their women editorial workers. The 15 stated that women are just as capable as men. Two refused to take a stand on the relative merits of men and women as editorial workers. Five said women are not very capable and three said "it depends upon the individual." One said both sexes have their disadvantages in the editorial room.

Editors List Grips

Editors directed the following criticism against female editorial workers: They are indifferent spellers; they are absent more often

than men; they cannot go to meetings; they do not want cover meetings at night, and cannot cope with figures.

The women have a strong opinion in one of their own sex is an editor. In filling out questionnaire, she reported that she does all the general work. She proof, writes heads, does front page layout, and handles figures. She added "I will put record in journalism against t any man. I do more work t any man would attempt. I beli my publisher will verify this st ment."

"Sob Type Has Hurt"

One editor added a brief es He stated, in part, that "wo reporters have been hurt by sob sister type and by those v have used the privilege of rep ing to establish a little empi 'get something' on a person o gain influence in their commu He added that "good report knows no sex."

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