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## General Motors Expansion Answers Depression Rumors

If it be true that money talks, the announcement by General Motors that it will spend 1 Billion or so to expand its production facilities is a resounding statement of the corporation's faith in the future of America.

A soundly managed industry does not spend that much money for expansion, if its top officials are not convinced it will pay off. And no one ever has accused GM's managers of not knowing their business.

In making the announcement, Harlow H. Curtice, GM president, gave his views on future business conditions in this country. He said he can see no depression in sight, adding that in his opinion "the national economy should be strong and healthy throughout the year." And he gave some compelling reasons for his belief. Mr. Curtice said:

"The fact that we are embarking on an unprecedented expansion program at this time is evidence that we have confidence both in the immediate future

and in the long-term growth of the market for our products. This program is a measure of our faith in our country."

The GM announcement followed by a few weeks one by Henry Ford II that the motor company he heads will spend some \$600 Million on an expansion program. It would appear that both giants of the automobile industry are confident that the nation will take the cessation of hostilities in Korea without stumbling into a depression, but, instead, will go forward into a healthy peacetime economy.

What these two are doing is being done also on a smaller scale by business firms everywhere. Instead of losing momentum and cutting back to see what may happen, they are enlarging facilities and making plans to go after new business. It would appear on the whole that only those who like to be frightened are paying much attention to those who moan of hard times ahead.

— Houston Post

## Lewis Denounces Eisenhower Nominee

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John L. Lewis today denounced Albert C. Beeson, President Eisenhower's nominee for the National Labor Relations Board, as a "self-styled union-buster" who "possesses an astonishing bias" against labor.

Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, wired all members of the Senate Labor Committee, not considering the nomination:

"It is inconceivable that any senator . . . who takes the time

to read the record would in good conscience unleash, with the power of government behind him, such a raging protagonist of the exploiters of labor in the nation."

Meanwhile, the committee scheduled a fourth meeting on the nomination of Beeson, a San Jose, Calif., businessman who would bring the five-man board to full strength.

If approved by the committee and then by the Senate, Beeson would be the third Eisenhower appointee to take a seat on the NLRB — thus giving the administration a clear majority. Beeson has told the committee he would approach his duties without bias.

During close questioning by committee Democrats last Wednesday, Beeson said he thought the NLRB under former President Truman had administered the Taft-Hartley law to favor labor over management.

Chairman H. Alexander Smith R-NJ expressed confidence that Beeson will be approved by both the Labor Committee and the Senate, but a committee vote appeared unlikely today.

Democrats have indicated they fear that Beeson might reflect the management point of view in board decisions. Lewis said in his wire that Beeson "admits to a prejudicial favoritism toward employers and a vengeful attitude toward labor which borders on hysterical malignancy. I protest the confirmation of the self-styled union-buster Beeson."

Most recently, Beeson has been industrial relations vice president for the Food, Machinery and Chemical Corp. of San Jose.

The United States has admitted more than 40 million aliens since the end of the Revolution.

## The Battalion

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## Roadblock Ahead Seen For Federal Held Strike Vote

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Top administration officials were reported today that President Eisenhower's proposal for secret government-supervised strike vote in labor disputes is all but dead.

The proposal was certain to come in for more discussion during Secretary of Labor Mitchell's return appearance at a Senate Labor Committee hearing for further questioning on Eisenhower's 14-point program for revising the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Mitchell, due half an hour later before the House Labor Committee, was to be followed at the Senate hearing by W. B. Barton, general counsel of the U. S. chamber of commerce.

Informed sources who asked not to be quoted by name said the administration has been doubtful all along that Congress would approve the strike vote recommendation. They said Eisenhower's chief labor advisers now feel the proposal would meet overpowering opposition in the Senate.

Barton said the Chamber feels Eisenhower's labor message to Congress had "a sincere ring and paves the way for needed changes" in the Taft-Hartley Act.

However, he disclosed that the Chamber supports only about a half the President's recommendations—including a form of the strike vote proposal—and "questions" others.

Barton said the Chamber believes a strike vote should be taken prior to a walkout "and only after collective bargaining negotiations have reached an impasse."

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## Dr. Gee Is Named To Okla. A&M Post

Dr. Lynn L. Gee, of the bacteriology department, will become head of the Oklahoma A&M college bacteriology department this week.

Dr. Gee will serve in the Schools of Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture, in addition to Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Gee, professor of bacteriology here since 1948, is a graduate of Brigham Young university, Colorado A&M college and the University of Wisconsin. He is a native of Pocatello, Idaho.

Dr. Gee was on the Purdue university staff before coming here. He served four years in the U. S. air corps.

## News Briefs

A SHORT COURSE, sponsored by the Chemical Engineering department, will be held at the Memorial Student Center Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. "Instrumentation for the Process Industries Conference" is the title. Dr. J. D. Lindsay is chairman.

RICHARD A. HAAS has been employed by the Texas Forest Service as assistant forester at Woodville. He has been employed by a consultant forestry firm in South Carolina.

JANUARY 31 is the deadline for paying poll tax to vote in elections this year. Persons who become 21 this year may obtain exemptions at the Court House in Bryan.

SEVEN STAFF MEMBERS and one graduate student from the Department of Range and Forestry will participate in the annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management at Omaha, Nebr., which begins today.



## Braces to Ballet

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## Program to Aid Texas Teachers Of Agriculture

Prof. Henry Ross of the Agricultural Education Department Texas A&M College is directing an organized program designed to bring technical agriculture assistance to the nearly 1,000 vocational agriculture teachers in Texas.

Under the new program, Professor Ross meets with area planning committee composed of vocational agriculture teachers to determine the in-service assistance needed in technical areas. He then arranges for A&M specialists to meet with the teachers for training purposes. Dairy, poultry, animal husbandry, entomology, farm shop and other A&M specialists have been called upon to assist in this new program.

He estimates that teachers of vocational agriculture will call for 150 such meetings in 1954-55.

"Changes in the technical aspects of agriculture take place so rapidly that vocational agriculture teachers must have expanded help from A&M," Ross says.

## Marilyn Gets Suspended By Studio

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Marilyn Monroe is suspended again, for refusing a movie role, and there is talk that the picture she rejected may be made without her.

She was suspended Jan. 5, when she disappeared. But Frank Sinatra left a reconciliation with his wife Ava Gardner in Rome and flew to Hollywood on time for his role in the same film.

Shooting was delayed, and when Miss Monroe turned up married to Joe Di Maggio her studio relented and gave her until yesterday to report.

She didn't, and was promptly suspended again.

## Killer Shot By Highway Police

TEXARKANA, Tex., Jan. 26 — (AP) — Four highway patrolmen last night cornered and killed a 54-year-old former railroad worker who critically wounded his estranged wife and then shot to death a policeman trying to arrest him.

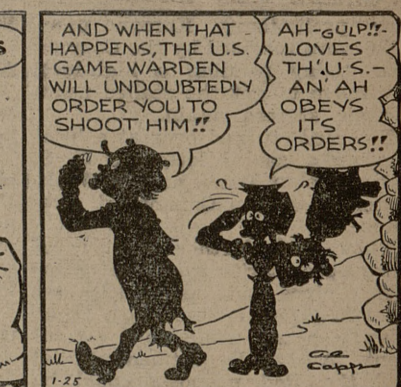
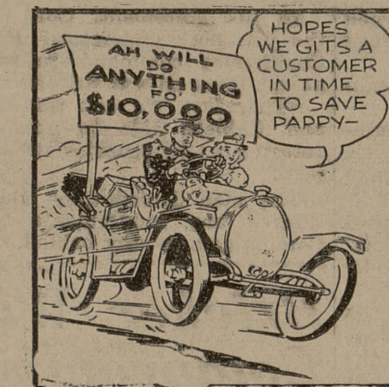
The four patrolmen found C. Jack Strachan in a clump of trees near Simms, Tex., Strachan's home. The fugitive opened fire, and was killed trying to fire again, though wounded, police reported. Meantime, his wife Josephine, 44, was in critical condition in a Texarkana hospital with a bullet wound in her head.

## Commentator Sets Publication Dates

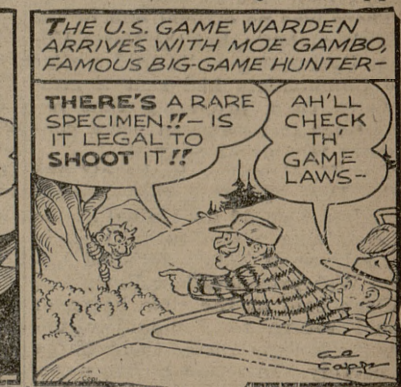
The next issue of the Commentator should be off the press by Feb. 27, said Bob Hendry, editor. The following issue will be completed in April and the last one the latter part of May, he said.

The next issue of the Agriculturalist has been delayed by advertising, but should be printed by the first part of February said Ed Stern, editor. The next issue should be off the press by March and the last issue will be printed sometime in May, Stern said.

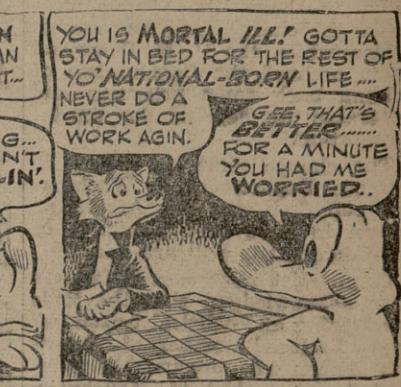
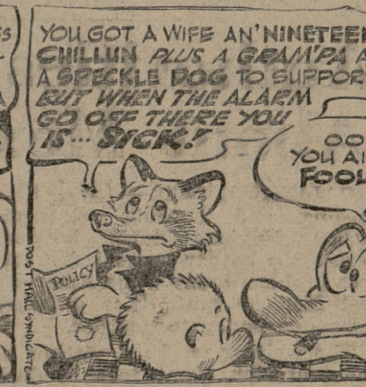
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