

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round —

# Axiom That Two Bodies Can't Occupy Same Space Stymies Important Legislation

By DREW PEARSON

The old physical axiom that two bodies can't occupy the same space has stymied vitally important legislation in the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. It's quite a joke on Capitol hill, but not for the public.

"The bodies," in this case, are two quite animate congressmen—Democrat Bob Cresser, of Ohio, and Republican Charles Wolverton, of New Jersey, both of whom want to occupy the same office.

This office—next to the interstate commerce committee's meeting room—has always been the private sanctum of the committee chairman. However, outgoing Chairman Wolverton, Republican, has refused to pack up and leave so Cresser, new Democratic chairman, can move in. Meantime, the white-thatched, 74-year-old Cresser, who gets about in a wheel chair, must shuttle up and down between the committee room and his old office on the first floor.

Cresser, however, has done little shuffling or legislating. While his temper has been mounting against Wolverton—and against Speaker Sam Rayburn for refusing to oust Wolverton—important bills on national health insurance, freight rates, and other matters also are piling up in the committee.

No hearings have been held (at this writing) on any of this legislation, though congress has been in session almost eight weeks. Wolverton, who moved in when he became chairman two years ago, insists he has priority under a 1918 resolution giving house members the right to remain in an office they occupied during the previous session.

Meanwhile, the committee's legislative slag-pile gets higher and higher while the two prima

donnas fight it out.

## Snow Causes Bee Losses —

All sorts of stories have been written about the tragic cattle and sheep losses of the West, but not a word about the plight of bees. However, their loss has been just as heavy.

Though bees hibernate through the winter, they must leave their hive every six weeks or so for a breath of fresh air. Western snowdrifts have made this impossible, and as a result, beekeepers in the snow-bound states lost 50 percent of their bees.

NOTE: Bees have been over-producing lately, and the honey industry has appealed to Secretary of Agriculture Brannan to take some of the surplus off its hands. The western loss, therefore, will not affect the supply of honey nationally.

## Southern Warning —

A broad hint that southern senators will not help repeal the Taft-Hartley act if civil rights are jammed down their throats has been given by Georgia's Senator Dick Russell. Since Russell represents the south on the Democratic policy committee, his warning is important.

A good many southern senators voted for the Taft-Hartley act in the first place, Russell has quietly reminded his colleagues. But they might now be willing to support Truman regarding the Taft-Hartley act if he in turn compromised for a softer stand on civil rights.

NOTE: Administration leaders say Truman is not likely to compromise. Civil rights was one of the most important planks in his election platform.

## Help Needy, Truman Urges —

President Truman had a significant private session with Speaker Sam Rayburn and the members of the house ways and means committee the other day, at which he again urged changes in the social-security program, especially help for the aged and blind.

If individual states can't provide adequate assistance to their aged, blind, and dependent children, Truman urged, then the federal government must increase grants to the states. Help should go to all the needy, the president added, not merely to those over 65.

"The program now in effect isn't nearly meeting the relief needs of the nation," Truman asserted. "We have got to broaden the base of public assistance so that all destitute people are eligible for benefits. In addition, we must increase individual benefits to correspond to higher living costs." At the same time, he added, relief recipients should be permitted to supplement their meagre benefits by part-time employment—when able to work—without getting involved in red-tape restrictions by the states.

## Casual Seasonal Workers —

Representative Aime Forand, of Rhode Island, reported that most of the Truman proposals were embodied in a bill he had introduced the day before. Speaker Rayburn also endorsed increased federal grants for general relief purposes. He warned, however, that Truman's request for broadening the social-security old-age pension program to cover casual employees and seasonal farm workers would have tough sailing in congress.

"I'm a farmer myself, and I know something about the administrative difficulties you would encounter if casual farmhands were enrolled under the program," declared the speaker. "A farmer goes into town and brings back some hands to help him with his harvest. When these workers are through on one farm, they move to another.

"Maybe all the work they get is three or four weeks in the Spring and again in the Fall. It

would impose too great a book-keeping burden on farmers who employ them for a few days if these people were brought under the program."

Representatives Wilbur Mills, of Arkansas, and Herman Eberharter, of Pennsylvania, supported Rayburn. John Dingell, of Michigan, an original sponsor of social-security legislation, said the same difficulty would apply to enrolling casual domestic servants.

"By all means the program should cover permanent workers on big corporate farms, as well as butlers, maids and other servants who work steadily for one employer," said Dingell. "But casual domestics who work a few days here and there would be difficult to enroll unless we resorted to the 'stamp' plan used by the British."

## Real Estate Transfers

(Editor's note: A glossary of the abbreviations follows: WD—warranty deeds; QCD—quit claim deed. The instruments filed at the Holt county courthouse are listed from whom to whom, date, consideration, legal description):

QCD—Etta L Cook Kellar to Wilma L Rothchild 1-13-49 \$ Pt NE 1/4 NE 1/4 30-26-12.

WD—Joe Stoecker to Fred L Kanzelmeyer & wf 2-26-49 \$4,500—Lots 4 & 5 All of 2 except N 5 Ft. Blk C Nellys Add Atkinson.

QCD—Mary L Rotherham to Mrs Lena Kirschmer 10-11-48 \$175—Lot 11 Blk 23 Pioneer Townsite Co Add Ewing.

QCD—Lena Kirschmer to Herbert Kirschmer 2-23-49 \$1—Lot 11 Blk 23 Pioneer Townsite Co Add Ewing.

TRUSTEES DEED—Wm J Nickolite Tr to Emanuel Uhrenholdt & A J Scholz 12-20-48 \$4,800—SW 1/4 NE 1/4—N 1/2 SW 1/4—N 1/2 SE 1/4 28-26-9.

WD—Joe M Shonka to Joe M & Donald A Shonka 2-19-49 \$1—All 1-25-13.

WD—C E Lundgren to Etta E Shriner 2-3-49 \$1—West 80 ft lot 24—Blk 37—Riggs Add—O'N.

WD—Martha Savatos to Eldon F Sedivy 2-23-49 \$2,000—NE 1/4 NE 1/4—S 1/2 NE 1/4—NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 34-32-10.

WD—Mary A Melcher to E H Chase 2-23-49 \$7,000—SW 1/4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 28-31-14.

WD—Frank M Ellis to J Victor Johnson & wf 2-49 \$1—West 60 ft of east 120 ft of lots 1-2-3-4-5 Blk 45—Riggs Add—O'Neill.

WD—J F Hladik et al to Ludvik Pochop & wf 2-2-49 \$13,200—W 1/2 SE 1/4—SW 1/4 36-29-10.

WD—Richard L Tomlinson to R L George & wf 7-15-48 \$9,280—E 1/2 33-31-11.

WD—Fred Tebold to Tim Read 9-7-48 \$6360—SW 1/4—S 1/2 NW 1/4 33-26-13.

WD—C M Stevens to Longene D Mudloff & wf 2-6-49 \$7000—SE 1/4 32-39-9.

WD—Lou I Moore to Paul G Grugman & wf 10-23-48 \$9,000—S 1/2 14-29-11.

## FAMILY PARTY PLANNED

EWING—The Rockey Implement Co. will be host at a family party to be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday, March 10. The party will be sponsored by the International Harvester company and will consist of demonstrations of equipment, educational films and stage acts.

## 'Aunt Cathie's Cat'

### Title of Junior Play

EWING—The Ewing high school class play, "Aunt Cathie's Cat," will be presented here on March 31 and April 1. The play was previously scheduled for November 18 and 19, but was postponed indefinitely following the blizzard on November 18. The play is under the direction of Supt. A. S. Evans.

## Californian a Guest of Thursday Club

EWING—The Thursday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Lyle Dierks. Hostesses were Mrs. John Spittler and Mrs. Perry Saiser.

Mrs. John Archer won high honors and Mrs. Earl Billings had second high score. Guests were Mrs. M. B. Huffman and Mrs. A. S. Evans, of Ewing, and Mrs. Forrest Hopkins, of Long Beach, Calif. A dessert lunch was served.

## COME FROM ORCHARD

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Huntley and family, of Orchard, moved into the Farrier Tenant house, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Metsche and family. The Huntleys have two children, Kenneth, 1 1/2 years-old, and Rollis, five.

## THEATER REOPENS

CHAMBERS—The Golden Gate theater has resumed having shows twice a week, Thursday and Saturday nights. The shows had been discontinued early in January due to adverse weather conditions.

## Mrs. John Wintermote Leads WSCS Lesson

CHAMBERS—The WSCS of the Methodist church met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clair Grimes. Twelve members were present. Mrs. Glen Adams led the devotionals and Mrs. John Wintermote had the lesson.

Refreshments featuring cherry pie-a-la-mode, were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess.

## Other Chambers News

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**JOHN TURNER,**

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Farrier and sons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elkins.

Mrs. Gordon Brown was a "gag" prize winner on WYAX on Tuesday, February 22. A joke she submitted won the honor for her.

Miss Geneva Rasmussen, who has been working in a hospital at Estes Park, Colo., arrived on Tuesday, February 22, for a three-weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rasmussen, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Alderson and sons, Gary and Mark, attended a belated Christmas dinner Sunday at the home of Mrs. Alderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dorn, at Bartlett. Despite the late date, they had a white "Christmas" and gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elkins and Mrs. Stanley Elkins were business callers in O'Neill Friday.

## LYNCH NEWS

F. S. Keeler was at Spencer Friday, February 25. John Carlson, who had been visiting at his daughter's home there, accompanied him to his home here.

Mary Lucille Osborn and Faye Bjornsen were Monday evening, February 21, callers at the F. Keeler's.

William Storjohann, of Holt county, was in Lynch Wednesday, February 23.

The Daniel Kirwins were here from the Ft. Randall vicinity Wednesday, February 23.

R. E. Wiley and Harold Os-

born were here Wednesday, February 23, from Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Redlinger and daughter were recent visitors of Lynch relatives, coming from Page.

Mrs. Pearl Spencer spent Tuesday, February 22 at the Keeler home.

Neil Bjornsen and wife are moving from the Pauline Mulhair farm, east of Lynch, to the Haun farm, north of here.

Harold France held a farm sale on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and will move to Lynch where he will be in the welding business.

Mrs. Lee Mulhair, Mrs. Fred Wurtz and Lucille Keeler were afternoon callers at the King and Micanec homes Friday.

N. P. Nelson was a visitor from Bristow Tuesday, February 22.

An average person consumes about 45 tons of food during his lifetime.

## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

IRISH LASSIES TROOP I Irish Lassie Girl Scout troop I had a Valentine party Sunday, February 20. The king and queen were Wayne Donohoe and Mary Lou Wilson. Attendees were: Mary K. Tunner, James Cronk, Dewayne Weir, Rose Mary Corkle, Patty Sullivan and Bunny Bazelman.

Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Tunner, Mrs. Zee, Mrs. Cronk were the hostesses.—By Sara Lou Moss, troop scribe.

## PURPLE PANSY TROOP II

Our regular troop meeting was held Monday evening, February 21, in school lunch room.

We had little business because we had a going away party for Nan Rickly, who is leaving our troop to move to California. We held our party in the M & M cafe. Nan was presented with several going away gifts.

Before we left for the party the membership cards were passed out, and the year pins to the girls who have been in the Girl Scout one year, and the girls had their pictures taken.—By Mildred Crabb, troop scribe.

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**The Secret Land**

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A two-man tornado out of the West! Charles Starrett as the Durango Kid and Smiley Burnette, the West's No. 1 comic—

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With Nancy Saunders, Hank Newman and the Georgia Crackers.

Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, Total 50 — Children 10c, plus tax 2c, total 12c. Matinee Saturday 2:30

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Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo in Color by Technicolor!

**A Song Is Born**

Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, total 50c — Children 10c, plus tax 2c, total 12c. Matinee Sunday 2:30

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**WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - MARCH 9-10**

Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake in

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