

# Draw Pearson Exposes Grain Storage Scandal

**DREW PEARSON**

New scandal to explode into headlines will result from a team of government investigators now trying to trace \$3,800,000 worth of government grain that has mysteriously vanished from Southern storage bins.

So far the investigators have found that:

1. Warehousemen have been peddling the taxpayers' grain for their own private profit.
2. Other warehousemen have negligently allowed grain to spoil.
3. At least 43 instances of missing grain still haven't been accounted for.

These findings have been reported to Congress by Lindsay Warren, General Accounting Office, which checked the books of the Dallas Commodity Office covering the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. A copy of this confidential report has been obtained by this column.

"From our examination to date," the report declares, "it appears obvious that even a conservative estimate of shortages in grain alone would exceed \$3,800,000."

Though "shortages were known to have existed in early 1951," the report complains that "action in regard to the known irregularities has had to be literally forced on the Commodity Office. Even after the situation had deteriorated to the extent where prominent grain operators in this area were demanding corrective action to protect the trade, the responsible administrative officials continued to issue statements that all was well and that no action on their part was necessary."



**ANGIER KIWANIS CLUB OFFICERS.** — Pictured here are the men chosen to guide the Angier Kiwanis Club for 1952. Left to right: Leonard Ogburn, vice president, Tom Ward, secretary, Clyde Adams, president, and Ellis Parker, treasurer. The officers were installed at a meeting last week by Joe Talley, Governor of the Carolinas District Kiwanis International, from Fayetteville (Daily Record Photo).

# Coats Happenings

**By CLYDE BRYAN**

The Coats P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting on the evening of January 10, at seven o'clock. There was a large number of parents present. It was a short meeting due to the fact that the Senior Play followed at eight o'clock.

Immediately after the Senior Play Miss Edith Allen held open house for the Seniors, at the Teacherage.

Miss Phyllis Timberlake, Mrs. Gladys Phillips, and Mr. James Valsame received the guests at the door and directed them to the dining room where Miss Jerry Cobb, assisted by Mrs. Mildred Creech, poured punch.

Among those enjoying Miss Allen's hospitality were: Frederick Byrd, D. C. Ryals, Maynard Moran, Marvin McLean, Jimmy Vaughn, Dennis Pope, Jean Hawley, Fanny Sue Langdon, Becky Upchurch, Melva Williams, Laura Grace Ennis, Lela Ruth Cobb, Fred Holmes, Gail Pope, James Tadlock, Delano Whittington, W. F. Williams, Dorothy Barnes, Gertrude Byrd, Ruth Denning, Hilda Williams, Peggy Center, Peggy Maness, Jo Ann Fax, Sue Stewart, Howard Smith, Ruth the \$9.00 charge was that it was an oversight and that the payment should not have been made," the report points out.

The Senate Agriculture Committee will try to get the explanation from the Department of Agriculture.

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billion dollars a year ... some of which could have been saved if we had followed the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Iran and Egypt — Diplomats also recall the manner in which Churchill secured from Roosevelt full control of policy in Egypt, Iran and the Middle East. The result of that policy, partly spelled out in Egyptian riots and closed British Consulates in Iran, is too fresh to need repetition here ... but the manner in which American wartime commanders backed up British supremacy, may have been forgotten. Gen. Benny Giles, lecturing U. S. newsmen who criticized British policy in Cairo in 1943, said: "Gentlemen, I have noticed that you have been writing political news. You are war correspondents, and you will write nothing critical of British policy in the Middle East."

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# Winchell

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named J. March of Lake Wales, Florida, who maintained a sumptuous apartment at the Hotel Plaza on 59th St. Grunewald dwelled there with him. His duties included keeping the old man out of year and although March died four years ago, Grunewald still maintains the Plaza apt. Later he lived with Guy Havenling, the late U. S. Internal Revenue Commissioner. This connection was why they said in Washington: "If you

have a tax situation, see the Ditchman."

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