

DOWNPOUR CUTS AREA DROUGHT



Overflow

A swift stream of water coursed over the spillway at the old T&P lake, now a Couden recreation center. Rainfall on the watershed of the small reservoir south of the city ranged well over three inches.

Much Of State Receives Heavy Rain Torrents

By The Associated Press
Soft-soaking, farm-saving rains continued to pound water-short Texas Tuesday after Monday downpours brought precipitation for the year to near normal levels in some areas.

The Weather Bureau indicated 1954, to date, was the wettest of the last four years.

Locally severe thunderstorms—the kind that spawn tornadoes—were in the forecasts for North Central Texas, and sections of East Texas, West Texas and South Central Texas late Tuesday.

The Weather Bureau said severe thunderstorms were likely to occur during Tuesday over an 80-mile wide strip from Ozona in Southwest Texas to a point 80 miles northeast of Dallas, a distance of about 400 miles.

At Waco, where a killer tornado struck a deadly, devastating blow just a year ago, skies were overcast and dark on the grim anniversary and citizens were jittery for the second straight day. Up to five inches of rain beat down on the Central Texas city Monday from black skies.

The same day in 1933 that the tornado killed 114 and wrecked a part of the city of Waco, another twister struck a section of San Angelo, killing ten persons. San Angelo, too, was overcast as Tuesday dawned cold, rainy and gloomy. Temperatures ranged from a chilly 44 at Dalhart to a warm, humid 75 at Brownsville as the sun came up behind thick clouds.

Fairview in the South Plains reported up to six inches of rain Monday night as the region received some rain in torrents. Fairview is 70 miles northeast of Lubbock in one of the hardest hit sections of the Texas drought area.

Rain fell Monday night from a line north of Lufkin in East Texas' piney woods section to Waco, west to San Angelo and north of Lubbock some 50 miles or more. Tuesday morning only the El Paso area was clear.

Thundershowers pounded Wichita Falls, Abilene, Snyder, Mineral Wells, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, College Station and Del Rio as dawn broke across the water-soaked state. A heavy overcast was over the points where no rain fell. Lufkin, Dalhart, Tyler, and College Station reported heavy fog.

Dallas had an official 2.73 inches of rain up to early morning which brought the year's total to only 1.78 inches short of normal. It was the area's wettest spring in years.

The Weather Bureau's revised forecasts predicted showers and thunderstorms with locally high winds for the Dallas and Fort Worth areas during the day with skies due to clear and temperatures scheduled to rise by Wednesday afternoon.

In the soaked South Plains, cotton farmers were virtually assured of enough soil moisture for planting. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal said, "High winds, and violent electrical disturbances moved eastward across the Plains country late Monday night."

The result of an erratic, unstable Pacific cold front, the rains included 1.50 inches at Whiteface, 1.00 at Floydada, 1.25 at Lockney, an unofficial 2 to 3 inches at Level. See STATE RAIN Pg. 6, Col. 4

Eisenhower Signs Bill For Anti-Dust Storm Fight Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today signed a bill appropriating an additional \$505,218,741, including 15 millions for work to combat dust storms in the Southwest and other drought areas.

The bill provides funds previously allotted to a dozen federal agencies for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

The largest item is \$215,000,000 for veterans' compensation and pension payment. Other large allotments include \$55,000,000 for the federal aid roads program, \$55,000,000 for aid to school districts whose pupil population has been swollen by federal activities, and \$38,000,000 for public assistance grants to states.

Earlier today, Eisenhower asked Congress for an additional \$28,790,761 for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Of the total, 25 million dollars would go for grants to states for hospital construction. That would be in addition to the 50 million dollars in the President's original budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

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Rain Leaves Its Mark

Heavy rain this morning left its mark on Big Spring streets. A truck loaded with sand (top picture) crunched through pavement in Monticello addition, while vehicles "drowned out" on 10th street near the high school athletic plant (lower picture) when waters impounded by the Birdwell tank detention dam backed over the street. Several other streets in the city were damaged by torrents which flowed swiftly during early morning hours. (Staff Photos by Keith McMillin).

SOUGHT \$200,000

FBI Nabs Gun Wielder In Dallas Extortion Try

DALLAS (AP)—The FBI said today it was possible more than one person was involved in a bizarre extortion plot to collect \$200,000 from 20 prominent Dallas Jewish families.

The case came to light last night when FBI agents swarmed upon James Hollis Jones, 49, as he tried to shoot his way out of a FBI trap. His one shot went wild, the FBI said.

He was arrested as he approached a package supposedly containing \$200,000 that had been pitched on a railroad right of way by a member of one of the families threatened.

FBI Agent J. K. Mumford intimated other arrests might be made.

"It's definitely possible the man had help in the extortion," Mumford said. "I've got my entire office out today running down leads."

He declined to elaborate except to say "We will run out every lead on the matter."

Death by fire, dynamite and gunfire plus maiming with acid had been threatened in letters received by members of 20 prominent Jewish families.

James Hollis Jones, the man taken in the brief action by FBI men, said today he was a member of a family prominent in Texas legal circles, an FBI agent said.

Mumford said Jones faced at least 20 counts of extortion and a possible charge of attempted murder of a federal officer. Early today only a John Doe charge of extortion, obtained several days ago, had been filed.

Last night, the wild-eyed Jones was bashed over the head as he pulled a .38 caliber revolver when FBI agents identified themselves. He had time to fire only one shot, and it missed.

THE WEATHER

NO SPRING AND VICINITY: Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening, with 200 of hail with showers this afternoon; 2 to 4 1/2 inch steady tonight and Wednesday with early morning fog. High today to be 74; low 54. Tomorrow high 74; low 54. Next day high 74; low 54. See EXTORTION Pg. 6, Col. 1

Car Accident Fatal

LONGVIEW (AP)—A highway accident took the life yesterday of Frank Rogers Sepaugh, 48, Carthage. He died when his car left the road and plunged down a steep embankment.

Average In County 2.5

Heavy downpours early Tuesday drove this area's worst drought to the ropes. Rainfall over Howard County ranged from two to four inches or more. The average appeared to be around 2.50. Moss Creek lake was all but filled. Fears were expressed for security of the dam on already filled Powell Creek Lake.

Lake Colorado City, the Texas Electric Service reservoir on Morgan Creek, had increased by 1.3 feet by 10 a.m. Tuesday, and floodwaters were still pouring in.

Streets washed badly here and there over Big Spring and rising waters behind the Birdwell detention dam blocked 10th Street until midmorning. A truck fell through collapsed pavement on South Monticello.

Water had monkeys in the City Park cages clinging to the ceiling before receding. Floods left behind sharp damage to the park as they poured into the Couden (formerly T&P) lake and sent it roaring over its spillway.

Stanton reported 2.1, and water went over U. S. 80 within the city in at least two points. South of Stanton rains up to 4 inches were measured.

Garden City had 3 inches, a figure which increased to the east and west but fell off to little more than an inch on the south edge of Glasscock County.

Sterling City reported 3 inches. The North Concho there was on a 16-foot rise and still rising.

Coahoma gauges consistently measured 3.50, but on the Wolf farm two miles to the east a gauge caught 4 1/2 inches.

Foran, in south Howard County, had 2.55 inches with enough hail to knock off some leaves. The oil-field road south of Foran was under water for an eighth of a mile.

South of Trinity Memorial Park on U. S. 87 five miles south, water coursed over U. S. 87.

The state highway patrol and highway department were notified that Wildhorse Creek was out of banks and over the Snyder highway at 6 a.m.

Except where cotton was already up to a good stand and off to substantial growth, replanting will be in order.

At Knott, where there was an average of two inches, the report "nobody cares about having to replant; they seem kinda happy about it."

Ackerly's area averaged 1.5 "just what the doctor ordered." Lamesa had 1.5, according to the TESCO measurement, and most of Dawson County had that much.

Gall reported 1.28 of an inch with heavier rains to the north. This came just at the right time to keep grass and palatable weeds growing.

Snyder recorded 2.92 inches, and at Colorado City the official gauge at 7 a.m., with rain still falling, was 2.30.

Everywhere, flats in pastures resembled lakes and stock tanks were brimming.

Inside Big Spring the rainfall varied. The U. S. Experiment Station reported 2.7 inches (eclipsing the old record of .49 for the date in 1925); Bruce Frazier measured 2.17 at H. C. J. C. in eastern Big Spring. The Herald, at 900 Main, had 2.60. Webb AFB caught 2.30.

At 1210 W. 6th, a gauge measured out 2.30 and at 1417 Wood the figure was 2.55. East of town, TESCO showed 2.22 in its gauge.

Here in the way other TESCO figures stacked up: Otischalk 2.42, Lamesa 1.50, Iatan 2.2, Morgan Creek 2.75, Eskola 1.91, Sweetwater 1.95, Snyder 2.90, Colorado City 2.23, Andrews 1.10, Odessa 1.05. See AREA RAIN Pg. 6, Col. 3

County's Road Bonds Are Sold On Bid Of 1.69

County commissioners sold \$225,000 in road bonds Monday at an effective interest rate of 1.6948 per cent.

It was the second-best interest rate ever received by the county on a bond issue. A 1945 series of road bonds (\$150,000) sold for 1 per cent.

Low bids on the bonds Monday afternoon was submitted by a syndicate composed of the First of Texas Company and Hunt & Company, both of San Antonio.

Twelve other firms and syndicates submitted bids for the bonds. Competition was keen with less than 0.15 of one per cent separating the high and low offers.

Proceeds from the bonds will be used to purchase right-of-way for the Highway 20 freeway across the eastern portion of Howard County. The bond issue was approved by taxpayers voters of the county April 24 by a majority of better than 24 to 1.

Representatives of the First Southwest Company which is handling the issue for the county, said Monday the bonds probably can be cleared through the state comptroller's office for delivery to the purchaser by May 28. Printing will be started immediately.

They estimated also that a tax levy of eight cents per \$100 on the county's present valuation will retire the bonds. Earlier it was estimated that a 10-cent levy would be required.

With prospects good for a \$24 million increase in property valuations this year, it is possible an even smaller levy will be necessary.

Net interest cost on the \$225,000 issue, over a maturity period of 10 years, will be \$32,832.50.

Both Big Spring banks were represented in syndicates submitting bids for the road bonds. The State National Bank teamed with the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas and another firm, while the First National submitted a bid in combination with the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis and William N. Edwards, Fort Worth.

Wentz Sworn In As State Fire Official

AUSTIN (AP)—Mark Wentz of Big Spring was sworn in as state fire insurance commissioner today.

The oath of office was administered by Associate Justice Meade Griffin in the governor's reception room at the Capitol.

Taylor Gets 15-Year Term; Robinson Trial Opens Today

A jury in 118th District Court found Thomas Ray Taylor guilty of robbery Monday and assessed his punishment at 15 years in prison.

Taylor testified in his own behalf and denied holding up the Reed Service Station on Highway 80 in west Big Spring. He admitted having been in Big Spring on Mar. 12, the day the station was hijacked.

He said he and a companion were on route from Midland to Fort Worth and stopped in Big Spring. The defendant said that when he reached Big Spring he remembered that he had left no money with his wife in Midland, and that he had started back to Midland when he and Donald Eugene Robinson were arrested in Stanton.

Robinson, also charged with robbery, went on trial today. First witness put on by the prosecution was L. B. (Red) Fields, service station operator. Fields said \$177.33 was taken from him at the service station by two men, one of whom he identified as Thomas Taylor.

Fields testified that although he saw part of the face of another man during the robbery, he could not identify Robinson as that person.

"I'll give you one more chance. Go back and pick up the package," he said.

Curtis Chase, who also testified



Trim Beauty

Shapely Phyllis Coates says now is the time to get your body into condition for summer and stresses the importance of exercise and diet.

HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY

Shapely Miss Suggests Exercise For Thighs

By LYDIA LANE

HOLLYWOOD — The other day at lunch Phyllis Coates and I were talking about my trip to Europe—I plan to go in July—and vacations in general. "Summer will be here before you know," Phyllis remarked. "That means an open season for figures. A well made dress or even a pair of pedal pushers can conceal your figure flaws but a beach costume tells the whole truth."

"I have a friend who loves to swim but she is so unhappy about her figure that she'll never wear a bathing suit," Phyllis added. "She was forever talking about reducing but the starting date was always tomorrow. Her husband made a few wise cracks about her being out of shape but she laughed this off until he became interested in someone else."

"Well, within two months she was wearing a size twelve and her figure could match anyone's."

"What did she do?" I asked.

"What does anyone do who wants to reduce?" Phyllis replied. "Diet and exercise are the only way."

"She is one of my good friends so when she told me her sad story I gave her my favorite diet. Incidentally, I originally got the diet from you, Lydia. It's a fourteen day high protein routine and it works like a charm."

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"What did she do about exercise?"

"Her figure was pretty good," Phyllis remarked, "but she did need some work on her thighs. So I gave her an exercise that is an old favorite of mine."

"You lie on the floor stretched out on one side with your head resting on the arm nearest the floor and your other arm bent with palm on the floor for balance. Then you bend both knees up almost chest high and sharply extend your legs straight forward so that they make a right angle with your body. Hold and then swing them back into the first position which makes a straight line with your body. This may seem awkward at first but with practice it becomes a one, two, three routine. One up to your chest, two straight out and three down. When done correctly the full weight rests on the thigh pressing against the floor. This stimulates the circulation and nature does the rest."

"That's a very good exercise," I commented, "because it has the maximum of effect in the very spot you want to take down. How many times do you do it?"

"I go twenty a side but I would not advise that as a starter. I think in exercising," Phyllis wisely commented, "you have to feel your way. The goal can be forty at one period—twenty each side—but it may take a long time before you feel like working that hard or long."

If you are planning on having fun in the sun, look ahead and start getting your figure into shape now.



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New Officers In Sorority Are Installed

LAMESA — Mrs. Bob Wallace was installed as in-coming president of Iota Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at the chapter's Founder's Day Dinner recently in Barts Restaurant.

Mrs. Ralf Gregory, out-going president, was in charge of the installation ceremony. New officers are Mrs. H. L. McQueen, vice president; Mrs. Harley Myers, recording secretary and Mrs. Olin Nix, Jr., treasurer. Mrs. J. R. Leuenberger was resumed sponsor of the chapter.

Retiring officers are Mrs. Wallace, vice president; Mrs. David Aynes, recording secretary and Mrs. McQueen, treasurer.

Following the installation, Mrs. Wallace presented retiring president, Mrs. Gregory, with a miniature gavel, set with pearls signifying her year's work as president.

South America Topic For Phillips WMU

A Royal Service program on South America was presented at the meeting of Phillips Memorial Baptist WMU Monday.

Mrs. Noel Morgan gave the program assisted by Mrs. R. P. Beard, Mrs. D. W. Powell, Mrs. R. M. Stroup, Mrs. A. J. Allen, Mrs. R. Z. Mize.

Mrs. Beard presided and Mrs. Allen gave the closing prayer. Ten attended.



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Garden Club Short Course To Be Held At Tech May 13

About 430 representatives from at least 50 garden clubs in District I are expected to attend the short course to be held in Lubbock Thursday on Texas Tech campus. The course is sponsored by District I but directed by Tech.

Profits from the registration fee will be used to set up a district fellowship in the college, the participating students to be chosen by members of the organization.

Registration is set for 8 a.m. in the main Agricultural Building, with the program being held in the new Student Union Building. On the clinic program are Prof. E. J. Urbansky, head of the Tech Department of Horticulture and Park Management; Dr. Donald Ashdown, Amarillo, entomologist in charge of greenbug research control of PanTech Farms; R. L. Shelton Jr., Tyler, director of parks and recreation department and Dr. William Scalon, Bartlesville, Okla., chemist for Phillips Chemical Company.

A tour of the Tech greenhouses is planned, with lectures on landscape design, insect control, culture of roses, and the new kinds of roses. Fertilization of home gardens will be discussed, followed by a general question and answer period. The four speakers and other members of the Tech horticulture and park management department will form a panel.

WSCS Plans Meeting Here

Big Spring District of Methodist WSCS will hold a one-day meeting at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church May 18.

Guest speaker will be Lydia E. Gerhart of Orlando, Fla. She is serving the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a speaker at local, group, district, conference and jurisdictional meetings.

She entered missionary service through the avenue of secretarial work, first at Deaconess Home and Settlement, Philadelphia. She has taught as an accredited teacher in leadership training schools and summer schools of missions.

Dr. J. H. Crawford will give the devotion and Mrs. H. H. Stephens, district president, will be in charge of the business.

Best Short Cut Told Vealmoor HD Club

Members answered roll call with "My Best Household Short Cut" when the Vealmoor Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Porter Hanks recently. Mrs. Dwan Williams gave the devotion from Matthew.

A demonstration on "Care of the Feet and Shoes" was given by Mrs. Sue Newman, HD agent. The "white elephant gift" was won by Mrs. Carl Peterson. Eight members attended the meeting. The group will meet again on May 21 in the home of Mrs. John Jackson.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Franklin have been their daughters, Mrs. I. H. Lucas of Ennis, Mrs. Don Kerr of Henderson, and Dolores Franklin of Dallas.



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Presbyterian Circles Have Bible Study

Circles of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday for Bible study.

Mrs. Dalton Mitchell was hostess and led the study for Ruth Circle No. 2. Her text was Acts 9:1-31; Acts 22: 3-21 and Galatians 1:1-17 with each member taking part.

Mrs. Catherine Eberly read a report on personal evangelism, "Beginning With Me."

Money was collected to help send two Latin American children from Kato Morrison School on a trip to Caribbea Caverns and to help furnish clothing for needy students at the school.

Refreshments were served to 10 members. Mrs. D. Davis will be hostess at the next meeting.

Mrs. J. L. Thomas led the Bible study from Acts 9:22 for the Ella Barrick Circle in the home of Mrs. Perry G. Jones.

Mrs. A. A. Porter reported on the birthday objective from the "Survey" magazine. Mrs. Porter gave the opening prayer. Roll call was answered by six. A social hour followed the business meeting. The next meeting will be held at the church.

Eager Beaver Club

Hostess gifts were aprons, presented to Mrs. Leroy Findley, when members of the Eager Beaver Sewing Club met recently in her home. Handwork was the entertainment for the afternoon.

Nine members and their children attended, with one guest, Mrs. J. L. Stevens, and Joyce. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Richard Grimes on Avion.

YPF Has Weiner Roast

Twelve members of St. Mary's YPF and one guest, Jackie Touchstone, attended a wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell after the regular meeting on Sunday evening.



Plantation Scene

Mary Ann Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Green, of Forsan, is shown as she presided at the banquet given for the Senior Class of Forsan High School by the Junior Class, recently. The setting was an old-time plantation garden, and the menu, decorations and program were planned along that line.

Juniors Honor Seniors In Garden Setting

FORSAN — Under a false ceiling of blue paper and the light of a hand-made moon, the Junior Class of Forsan entertained the Senior Class at a banquet in an old southern plantation garden setting.

The gymnasium was decorated in garden style, with lawn furniture, arched gate, rose vines and small trees.

Small tables were centered with arrangements of flowers and the speaker's table was decorated with a colonial lady holding flowers and a candle. A complete house front had been arranged on the stage.

Eighth grade students, with blacked faces and pigtails, served the guests. Old southern tunes were played during the meal, after which, a welcome was given by James Skeen. Bubs Gressett gave the response for the Seniors. The class history was given by Johnnie Parks; the class will by Lela Fletcher and the class prophecy was foretold by Nancy Story.

Claudette Moore gave an original dance, and a minuet was performed by Loritta Overton, Don

'American Heritage' Is Topic For Club

LAMESA — "Essentials of American Heritage" is the program topic for the Woman's Study Club at 7:30 this evening in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

K. D. Smith, principal of North Elementary School, will be the speaker. His subject is "Education — Preserving Our Heritage."

Mrs. J. B. Lovell will speak on "American Home—Our Greatest Asset" and Mrs. Ebbie Lee will discuss "American Fine Art — Tapestry of Heritage."

Mrs. Douglas Black, accompanied by Mrs. Matt A. McCall, will present a vocal solo. Mrs. Arpie White is in charge of the program. Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Clyde Privitt and Mrs. Elmer Cope.

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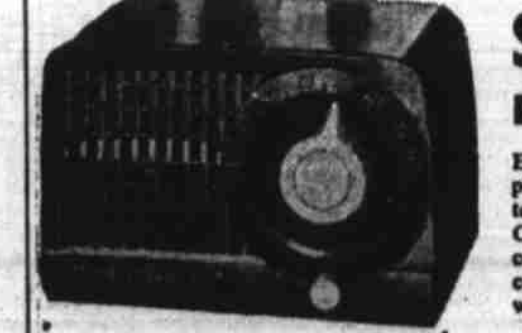
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MRS. J. GORDON BRISTOW

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Playground Expansion Is Cited As Need

The Chamber of Commerce should endorse a program for obtaining more playgrounds in Big Spring, in the opinion of Mrs. J. Gordon Bristow, wife of our state representative.

Mrs. Bristow, who is the mother of two, believes that there should be at least 10 community playgrounds in the city. The ideal situation, she says, would be to have one for every 12 or 14 blocks.

"As it is now, the children here do not have adequate play facilities," she pointed out. "It was so bad in our neighborhood that I finally created a playground in our yard."

The city also needs at least two more swimming pools, Mrs. Bristow believes, and one of them should be for colored people.

Mrs. Bristow is positive that Chamber members will consider the possibility of more playgrounds just as they have considered other beneficial programs for the youth of the city. It is her opinion that the Junior College is the best project ever promoted by the Chamber.

The college has not only been a center of education, but it has also been a civic and cultural center, she stated. Clubs and organizations meet there regularly, and the annual flower show is held in the auditorium.

The Chamber also receives Mrs. Bristow's praise for the work spent in obtaining the Colorado River Municipal Water District lake to furnish city water. "I can remember when Big Spring was not even considered as a site for Texas Tech because there was not adequate water here," she said. "The lake service will change that situation."

Organization of the first garden club here was undertaken by the Chamber, Mrs. Bristow remembers. There are five local clubs now. "The Chamber of Commerce promotes our town in every way," she said.

In addition to caring for her children, Mrs. Bristow is quite active in social activities here. She belongs to the 1905 Hyperion Club, the Garden Club, the Park Hill P-TA, is on the YMCA board, and the Citizens Traffic Commission. She has served a four-year term on the city zoning board and is now state division chairman of minerals and wild life of the Texas Federation of Womens Clubs.

Mrs. Bristow was born in Big Spring, attended Texas Tech College, is a Sunday School teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and resides at 534 Hillside Drive.

\$4-Million Suit Is Filed On Hayworth Honeymoon Movie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A four-million-dollar suit has been filed in connection with "Champagne Safari," the movie account of the African hunting trip taken by Rita Hayworth and Moslem Prince Aly Khan on their honeymoon.

Defense Film Corp., the distributor, brought the court action yesterday, complaining that the film has been maliciously and wrongfully kept from the screen.

The suit was filed against Beckwith Corp., financial backers of the venture, and Columbia Pictures, Inc. Harry Cohn, president of Columbia, also is named as a defendant. Miss Hayworth, who is now the wife of crooner Dick Haymes, is under contract to Columbia, and the pact provides that Columbia must give permission for her appearance in any film.

Helicopter Rescues Two Off Mountain

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—An Air Force helicopter pilot, maneuvering his plane in the air currents swirling around lofty Mt. McKinley yesterday rescued a flier and his wife who had been marooned for four days on the peak's snowy slopes.

After three days of 100-mile-per-hour winds and fog, Capt. Ralph Searle of the 74th Air Rescue Squadron landed the copter at the 7,500-foot level of McKinley and picked up Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collins of Fairbanks. Collins' light plane crashed last Thursday as he attempted to land supplies to a party climbing the highest peak on the North American continent. Collins and his wife escaped injury.

Use Of Lie Detector In Hartley Case May Bring Helpful Clues

By DION HENDERSON
LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP)—Today you are a high school boy in La Crosse, the western Wisconsin river city where 15-year-old Evelyn Hartley vanished from a baby-sitting job more than six months ago.

You are called from your classroom to another room where there is a chair and a mysterious-looking machine. It is a Steadling polygraph. The device is attached to your arm, to a band around your chest.

A man named A. M. Josephson asks you your name; you tell him. He asks where you live; you tell him. He asks what grade you're in; you tell him. He asks, "Do you know what happened to Evelyn Hartley?" You say no. Then you are disconnected from the polygraph, which is a standard lie detector, and go back to your classroom. You meet another boy on his way in and you grin.

It's a break in the school-day routine—a lark.

"But," says Dist. Atty. John Bosshard, "it wouldn't be a lark for the young man who couldn't truthfully say no to the big question."

Not that the La Crosse County

prosecutor really expects to have this mass quiz program turn up the abductor of the pretty young baby sitter who was snatched from the home of a family friend while her small charge slept unharmed in another room.

It turns up leads, though. There have been a dozen already—checked out as fruitless, but still leads—and this is only the fourth day of the long project. Twenty to thirty boys can be processed a day, and there are more than two thousand in the city's three high schools. Josephson says it's the largest such test in the history of crime detection.

Josephson is the polygraph expert fresh from your years of service as an expert with the Army's Criminal Investigation Division in the Far East. He was hired last month to head the new La Crosse City-County Crime Laboratory.

"The tests have renewed the interest of the public," he said. "We may finally get a tip, a fragment of information, that someone didn't think was important back when the case was hot. One of those will lead us to the answer."

The mass polygraph quiz is only the latest turn in a long course

of intense police work since last Oct. 24, when Dr. Richard Hartley's daughter was taken from the home of Prof. Viggo Rasmussen, a fellow faculty member at La Crosse State College.

The only real clues have been several separate finds of blood-stained clothing belonging to the girl and to the man who took her, and a pair of large tennis shoes matching tracks left by the abductor.

The duration and intensity of the search could have cost enough to bankrupt the county, except for the way local law enforcement officials organized it, Bosshard said. Detective Capt. Leo Hilhm was assigned to the case as coordinator. City police, sheriff's officers and the prosecutor's staff joined in whenever they were needed.

Biggest item has been telephone calls and travel expenses running down tips, Bosshard said, and added that these likely wouldn't run much more than \$1,000. It would be hard to compute salary-time costs, he said, because officers try to arrange things so other county business can be handled on Hartley case trips. The whole expenditure, he said, likely

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was less than the cost of hiring two or three outside investigators. Instead, the county has drawn a bonus in public awareness of law enforcement problems, he said. He cited the crime lab as an example. It was set up by joint city-county appropriation this spring with a first-year budget of \$10,000. He said he knows of no other community in the 50,000-population class with a comparable crime detection unit.

Expert Wants To Study California Kidnap-Author

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A nationally known penal authority wants to save convict-author Caryl Chessman from California's gas chamber for use as a "guinea pig" for criminologists.

Dr. Negley K. Teeters of Temple University described the 34-year-old convicted kidnaper as a "brilliant criminal psychopath" who should be studied in order to "find out about his breed and thus know more about hundreds of young delinquents who are following in the same pattern."

Scheduled to die Friday, Chessman has written a best-seller book about his 5 1/2 years in death row at San Quentin Prison. Teeters said Chessman has an IQ of 172 compared to the normal 100.

Quantrill's Raid Relieved In Kansas

SHAWNEE, Kan. (AP)—Some 30 horsemen set fire to a paper facade of pre-Civil War Shawnee last night in a re-enactment of Quantrill's raid on the community 82 years ago.

At the height of the excitement, and to the accompaniment of pistol shots (blanks), the judges' platform collapsed, spilling a number of local dignitaries. There were no injuries.

The "raid" was part of the town's celebration of the 100th anniversary of territorial Kansas. Quantrill was leader of a lawless element operating along the Missouri border.

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Talks May Foreshadow Taking Off Gloves Regarding Foreign Policy

In his radio-television address to the nation Mr. Dulles acknowledged the U. S. is meeting with difficulties in trying to line up a nine-nation group of free peoples to resist the Communist advance into Southeast Asia, but on the whole he thinks "good progress is being made."

Copyreaders Have Their Trouble Over Rendering Of Various Names

A curious new figure in American literature pops up with disconcerting regularity in think pieces, personal columns and book discussions these days. It is somebody called O'Henry. Evidently the newer generation has confused a candy bar with a great short story writer named William Sydney Porter, who used the pseudonym O. Henry.

Washington Calling—Marquis Childs

Other West Powers Think Our China Policy Overlooks Reality

GENEVA — One can detect here at Geneva a deep undercurrent of distrust over American policy—or lack of it—on Communist China. With the Chinese Communists taking such an intransigent stand, this distrust is not likely to be allayed in public. Nevertheless, it is the subject of constant discussion in private among most of the delegates.

There are many persons here with wide knowledge of China, both past and present, quite apart of course from the Communist delegations, who maintain a spin-like silence behind their own security curtain. These officials and observers range from West German diplomats with years of experience in China to those who have just now come from Peiping.

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A Point Of Order, Please

The World Today — James Marlow

Humor Failure With Senator McCarthy At Hearings On His Quarrel With Army

WASHINGTON (AP)—For 13 days as a witness at the Senate inquiry into Sen. McCarthy's row with Pentagon officials, Secretary of the Army Stevens has been sitting upright, and just as dignified, as a man on a high-handed bicycle.

Notebook — Hal Boyle

Lavish Graveyards Are Big Surprise To African

NEW YORK (AP)—The oddity almanac—facts and fancies from a world of wonders: What feature of American civilization do you think would most startle a visitor from darkest Africa?

This Day In Texas

Death came on this day in 1931 to William Leslie Black, who did more than any other man to establish the Angola goat industry in Texas. Black, a New York stockbroker, came to Texas to manage his Meador County ranch when the managers he hired failed to make it a paying proposition.

'Fair Trade' System Economics Is Problem To Manufacturers

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Inez Robb's Column

Experimental TV Station Is Proving Children Are Harmless

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — It is barely possible that mid-century children are not little monsters, as you and I had begun to fear, in view of their addiction to teevee fare that features mayhem, murder, a gallon of gore and Gyp the Blood.

These Days—George Sokolsky

FBI Chief Has Achieved Unique Position In Life Of The Nation

J. Edgar Hoover has celebrated his thirtieth anniversary as Director of the FBI. He is one of the two longest serving bureau chiefs in government. How much he is respected was evidenced last week when his name came up in the McCarthy-Stevens hearings.

Famous Words OF FAMOUS PEOPLE. JAMES A. FROUDE 1812-1895. "HUMAN IMPROVEMENT IS FROM WITHIN OUTWARD."



Hoover Observes Anniversary As FBI's Director With Pride

Miller's Note — When he took over as acting director 10 years ago, J. Edgar Hoover found the FBI leadered with a political machine whose only qualification was friendship with a local politician. Here's the story of how he has raised it to the nation's top law enforcement agency and a behind-the-scenes look at the way the FBI works, day by day.

By DON WHITEHEAD
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WASHINGTON (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover's greatest pride on this, his 30th anniversary as FBI director, is this:

"I'm proudest of the fact that we've made law enforcement an honorable profession. In all my career that achievement has made me happiest."

"By observing civil rights, by eliminating the third degree and the evil practices that once existed, we have achieved a standing in the country of which I'm proud. And it's largely due to the character of our personnel."

Hoover said he is hopeful the FBI will be divorced for all time from partisan politics and that his

own successor will come from FBI ranks.

Looking back over the stormy years of FBI development, Hoover said in one of his rare interviews: "I'm heartily in favor of promoting from within the bureau."

"When I took over the directorship in 1935, FBI agents held their jobs because of political ties. They were political appointees, and the only requirement was 'Do you have the endorsement of your committee?'"

"I stopped that. All my assistants and associates have come through the ranks. My feeling is that my successor, when the time comes, should be designated from the ranks. Not on any basis of seniority, but on ability."

"We have developed some fine executives within the FBI. You can't buy the kind of energy and devotion they've given to the bureau."

The general impression has grown through the years that the FBI is a one-man show, largely because the name J. Edgar Hoover has become linked inextricably with the name FBI. Hoover does have the final decisions, but in the background is a 10-man brain trust through which Hoover works in directing his fight against crime, espionage and subversion.

Each morning at 10:30 Hoover's 10 top aides gather in what is known as "the executive conference." Assistant Director Clyde Tolson is chairman in the absence of Hoover. With him are Assistants to the Director L. V. Boardman and Louis B. Nichols, and the assistant directors and division chiefs.

One member of the conference said: "There are no holds barred in our meetings. We thrash out policies and procedures within the framework of our responsibility. Each decision is arrived at by vote. If there is a split vote—we must give the arguments on both sides to the director for his final decision."

"The director wants the best opinions even if they run counter to his own. He wants recommendations too on a course of action. Once a decision is made, then we close ranks and carry out the job."

Discussing this executive conference meeting, Hoover said: "I don't want yes-men. I must have the arguments for and against each question. I can't accept recommendations without reasons."

"We get everything out in the open. I will not stand for griping and grapevine gossiping. If anybody has got a gripe, I tell my people to go to someone who can do something about it or bring the gripe to me. I just won't have belly-aching behind the barn door."

Just what kind of a bureau did Hoover want to develop when he took over the directorship in 1935? What was his concept of FBI responsibilities?

"When I was a special assistant to the attorney general in the early '20s," he said, "I saw the defects in the evidence with which attorneys had to work. There was a need in the department for persons trained in the gathering of evidence."

"In our law schools we study subjects such as equity, evidence, procedures and codes. But I marvel at the lack of instruction on how to go out and build a case that will stand up in court."

"What I saw in 1919-20 was that cases were not built. Evidence was gathered haphazardly and with no continuity, although evidence is the basis for proving innocence or guilt."

"In the FBI, I tried to build on the basis of what you find in a

large law office where one section deals with the trial, another with briefs, another with evidence, etc. After all, the Department of Justice is just a large law office for the American people and in the FBI we have the agency that gathers the facts."

"We don't try the case. We don't evaluate the evidence. We merely act as the service agency."

"I thought our agents should have legal training or be experienced in accounting, and that is our standard."

"There's still a crying need today in our law schools in teaching the gathering of evidence. There is a large gap in the legal training. We have requests from law schools for agents to lecture classes on FBI methods of gathering evidence."

In the breakdown of local law enforcement, enraged citizens demanded action from the federal government. Congress in 1934 passed a series of crime bills which almost overnight changed the FBI from an unarmed force with no authority into a crime-fighting organization.

FBI men were authorized to carry arms and make arrests. It became a federal crime to kill a government agent. Laws were passed giving the FBI authority to go into action against kidnapers, extortionists, bank robbers, racketeers and criminals fleeing across state lines to avoid prosecution.

Hoover built up a giant master file of fingerprints, established a national crime laboratory for scientific analysis of crime clues. He started the National Police Academy, where police from all over

the nation come to study FBI crime detection methods and the scientific means of gathering evidence. The facilities of the FBI were opened to all local law enforcement agencies.

By 1939, he reported that not a single organized crime gang was operating.

Looking back on these days, Hoover said: "Praise came to the FBI after the pendulum of public opinion had swung from the early days of disrespect. But I know the pendulum of public opinion can swing just as rapidly back the other way unless we conduct ourselves properly."

"I don't put much faith in statements about what somebody is going to do. It's better to wait and talk about your accomplishments. That's why we don't announce in advance our plans. Let's have constant, consecutive pressure on crime in the American way—with out framing, without the third degree and without a whitewash."

"I'm happy to say we've made progress in the country in divorcing law enforcement from political influence. Where there is political influence in enforcement, it is reflected in graft, corruption and incompetency."

"In the old days, we were frequently criticized because we sometimes didn't cooperate with local police. There had been a breakdown in the relations between the federal officers and local au-

thorities. There was jealousy and conflict and resentment."

"The reason we didn't confide in local police at times was obvious. I remember once in the pursuit of John Dillinger we were informed he was to visit a dentist in a Midwestern town. We took the local authorities into our confidence. That afternoon a paper came out at 2 p.m. headlined: 'U.S. Lays Dillinger Trap.' Well, he saw the paper and he didn't keep his late afternoon appointment."

"In another case, a police chief was called as a character witness in a kidnap trial. We couldn't take such men into our confidence."

"But I say this: A community gets no better law enforcement

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than it deserves. Once a group of Eastern businessmen came to me. They said they had raised money privately, quite a sum of money, and they wanted me to help them use it to improve law enforcement in their city.

"I told them to take their money and go home, and do the job themselves. I told them if they'd take off their coats and apply themselves, put the finger on local politicians and put men into office who are dedicated to good public service, they'd get good law enforcement."

Riding THE GRUB LINE With Franklin Reynolds

In an effort to determine just how much conservation farming and ranching aids in getting moisture into the soil when the rains do come, Painter Wylie and members of his staff at the Colorado City station of the Soil Conservation Service, have conducted some interesting and revealing moisture tests.

They used the soil wet by the heavy rain at Westbrook and Spide on April 27 as their outdoor laboratory. This rain did an enormous amount of good for those communities and also added materially to the Colorado City water supply. The water that added to the municipal supply was runoff, of course, water that did not get into the soil.

Wylie now points out that if all the rangeland on which this rain fell had been in good range condition, and that if all the cultivated fields had been properly terraced with adequate closures, and that if all the cropland had been improved through legumes and crop litters, there would not have been nearly as much runoff and that this additional moisture in the soil would have meant more bountiful crops this year and much more and better grazing.

"To check the effectiveness of certain soil conservation practices in getting water to enter the soil after these large rains, we made a number of moisture penetration tests five days later," says Wylie.

"We were unable to find any rangeland in a good or excellent range condition in the area covered by the rain so we used relic areas and fence rows in the same site. Another factor we had to take into consideration was that some of these soils had fair moisture before the rain and it was then a case of moisture meeting moisture."

Tests revealed the following: (1) Mixed rangeland in poor condition, penetration 10 to 11 inches; (2) mixed rangeland in fair condition, penetration 30 to 38 inches, and (3) mixed rangeland in good condition, penetration 32 inches or more.

On clay upland rangeland the tests showed: (1) Clay upland

rangeland in poor condition, penetration six to 10 inches; (2) clay upland rangeland in fair condition, penetration 30 to 32 inches; (3) clay upland rangeland in good condition, penetration 40 inches, and (4) clay upland rangeland in excellent condition, penetration 48 inches.

On cropland the following penetration figures were turned up: (1) Mixed land straight row farming, penetration 31 inches; (2) mixed land contoured with partly closed terraces, 68 inches or more; light land straight row farming, penetration 19 inches, and (4) tight land with contour rows and partly closed end terraces, 60 inches or more.

The above tests, Wylie comments, are not conclusive or all-inclusive but they do indicate a trend, and they do prove that conservation farming and ranching practices do aid in getting more moisture into the soil, which is the storehouse or pantry for potential grass, cotton, feeds, and other adapted crops.

The rainfall that doesn't enter the soil is gone forever so far as the farm or ranch is concerned, says Wylie. On the other hand, the rainfall that is saved in the soil helps to grow more crops and grass. Co-ordinated soil and water conservation practices, utilizing all the best practices on the land, which amounts to treating each acre in accordance with its needs, will help farmers and ranchers save all the rains that fall for future use, states the conservationist.

O. J. Hamrick, who farms in the North Lorraine Community in Mitchell County, has completed about three miles of terraces on his place. He built these terraces with his own equipment, using a single disc terracing plow. They have two-thirds end closures and are built to an effective height of 15 inches.

Hamrick says he plans to plant some guar this year as a soil improving crop.

W. E. Smith Jr., who lives in the Westbrook Community, says he is mighty well pleased with winter peas as a winter cover crop.

He planted eight acres of tight clay loam cropland to Austrian Winter Peas last October at a seeding rate of 12 pounds to the acre, in regular width rows with his ordinary tractor planter. With hardly any rain at all they came up and stayed green all winter. In fact, from the time they were planted up until April 11, the rain they received ran probably from one-half to three-quarters of an inch.

These peas are now half way knee high and have good nodulation which indicates plenty of nitrogen for the crop that will follow them.

Smith's place recently got a four-inch rain and he says he observed that the terrace channels which were growing the peas took up the water within a few hours, whereas the terrace channels on bedded fallow land held water for several days. All his terraces are level, closed-end terraces.

Said Smith: "Those winter peas must help the soil take up water as I never saw such a difference in the way that ground took up that heavy rain in contrast to the nearby fallow land."

A moisture test run five days after the rain showed penetration to be down five feet or more under the peas and only about three feet on the nearby fallow land.

Smith plans to use winter peas in rotation for soil improvement and he also plans on trying some Guar this summer. If the Guar is successful he says he will use peas in the winter and Guar in the summer for soil improvement.

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Highway Bond Issue Is Issue In Louisiana Legislative Session

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The Louisiana Legislature's 60-day session opened yesterday with crackling controversy expected over administration plans for swift enactment of a \$2 million highway construction bond issue.

Both the highway bond issue, to be introduced today, and a \$7 1/2 million dollar bond issue for institutions construction, to be introduced later, are to be offered as legislative acts, requiring only a majority vote in each house.

Both former Gov. Earl Long and Lt. Gov. C. E. Barham said they think the issues should be presented as constitutional amendments, subject to approval by the voters.

State Revenue Collector Rufus Fontenot touched off another battle when he called for the Legislature to refund five-twelfths, or about \$122,000 of the \$293,369 in 1953 taxes paid on 4,250 slot machines, smashed since last July.

Fontenot claims that collecting the \$100 per machine tax and then cracking down on the illegal slots was unfair.

He also wants the \$100 tax on slots repealed.

Denver Woman Draws Sentence In Slaying

DENVER (AP)—A 60-year-old Denver woman drew a 15-month to four-year prison term yesterday for the slaying of a drinking companion.

Complaining he had been whispering about her, Mrs. Carrie Anderson pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in shooting Walter B. Reed, 37, last November 8. He was killed during a party in the rooming house where both lived.

Officers said Reed was secretly planning a surprise party for Mrs. Anderson when she took offense.

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Plan To Shorten Probe Switched

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill.) today offered a revised plan aimed at cutting short the McCarthy-Army hearings, but it ran into immediate opposition from the Army and from Democratic senators. A vote was delayed until this afternoon.

From the witness chair, Secretary of the Army Stevens said the Army believes the hearings should continue in public and that "all the facts" should be put on the table. Stevens said he thought the committee and the public should get a chance to see the witnesses on the stand, just as he has been subjected to 13 days of public questioning.

"All witnesses necessary should come before the committee in public hearings," he said. Dirksen's proposal would suspend the public hearings after Sen. McCarthy testified, and they possibly would not be resumed.

These were the main differences from an earlier Dirksen proposal: 1. Once the public hearings were suspended, there would be closed hearings for any rebuttal witnesses the principals to the dispute insisted should be heard. Transcripts of the closed door testimony would be made public.

2. With suspension of the public hearings, Sen. McCarthy would be freed to resume his own hearings on Communists in the government but with the restriction that he could not look into military installations or personnel.

3. The committee would be authorized to hold closed door hearings on the principals to the dispute in a plane piloted by Bryant Harris. The plane was unable to return to St. Lawrence this morning due to high water on the highway south of Garden City.

Ernst was described as being five feet, seven inches tall and weighing 185 pounds, with blond hair and grey eyes. When last seen he was wearing a light jacket and trousers, grey cap and work shoes.

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Brownell Asks Power To End Red-Led Unions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has asked Congress for far-reaching power to dissolve Communist-dominated labor unions. A request for this and other new anti-subversive authority was sent to Capitol Hill yesterday by Atty. Gen. Brownell, who said he has the backing of the White House.

Brownell proposed that the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) be empowered to disband not only Red-led unions, but also Communist fronts, to dissolve business firms it finds are Communist operated and in a position to harm national security.

The attorney general also suggested that Congress permit the government to bar subversives from privately owned defense plants.

The union-dissolution power was proposed as a drastic substitute for the Taft-Hartley Act requirement that union officials deny Communist overtures to the National Labor Relations Board before their unions can be eligible for board services.

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New Completion Is Reported On North Edge Of Moore Field

Duncan Drilling Company today announced the completion of its No. 1 Homan on the north edge of the Moore pool for a 24-hour potential of 70 barrels of oil.

Continued swabbing at Phillips No. 1-B Clayton, wildcat in South Borden, is yielding a small quantity of oil.

Phillips No. 1-B Clayton, 662 from north and 672 from west lines, southeast quarter, 17-32-4n, T&P survey, is swabbing from total depth of 8,250 feet. In 12 hours recovery was 37 barrels of oil and 13 barrels of acid and salt water.

Union No. 1 Porter, C NE NE, 17-32-2n, T&P survey, reached 6,600 feet in lime and shale.

Trans-Teas, Green and McSpadden No. 1 McKee, C NE NW, 23-32-3n, T&P survey, bared to 3,410 feet in anhydrite and shale.

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VFW Schedules District Meet This Weekend

More than 100 war veterans are expected in Big Spring this weekend for a District No. 25 convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Members of the VFW auxiliaries from throughout the West Texas district are expected also. Jim Tyler, quartermaster for the Big Spring post, said delegates are due to attend from Kermit, Pecos, Alpine, Monahans, McCombs, Sanderson, Midland, Odessa and Crane.

Registration for the convention is to start at 3 p. m. Saturday at the VFW Post, 901 Galud. Saturday afternoon and evening will be given over to entertainment, feature of which will be a dance starting at 9 p. m. at the Settles ballroom. Music will be provided by the Mangel Puga orchestra.

A post officers school will be conducted Sunday morning, starting at 10 a. m., at the post quarters. Duties of various officers will be discussed and responsibilities will be explained.

Principal business session, at which new officers are to be elected, is to start at 2 p. m. Sunday, also at the post quarters.

A barbecue luncheon will be served at noon Sunday at the local post.

Members of the Big Spring VFW Auxiliary are to be in charge of registration and will assist with other parts of the program. A tea is scheduled for 4 to 6 p. m. Saturday at the Settles for visiting ladies. The auxiliary groups also will elect district officers during the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Present district VFW officers include H. F. Currie, McCombs, district commander; and W. G. Ray, Midland, senior vice commander. Ruth Ray, Midland, is president of the district auxiliary and Betty Mcullen is secretary.

Local post-officers include C. W. (Buddy) Proffitt, commander; Tyler, quartermaster; Nathan Wilson, senior vice commander; Carl Knappe, junior vice commander; Dr. Houston Zinn, surgeon; Hartman Hooser, advocate; U. G. Fowell, chaplain; and J. B. McKinney, Charles Lebkowsky and Corbit Foster, trustees.

Big Spring auxiliary officers are Jacqueline Wilson, president; Allen Gues, senior vice president; Gertrude McCana, junior vice president; Maxine Wilson, chaplain; Juanita Hamlin, treasurer, and Margaret Barnett, conductress.

Philip White new Stanton Lions Head

STANTON — Phillip White has been elected new president of the Stanton Lions Club. Other officers named were O. W. Winstead, first vice president; O. J. Jenkins, second vice president; Glenn Brown, third vice president; Jack Ireton, secretary-treasurer; John Rousseau Lion tamer; and B. A. Lively, at large.

Claude Nowlen, John Wood, and Ralph Jones were named directors.

HOSPITAL NOTES

BIG SPRING HOSPITAL Admissions — Charles Stigen, 1612 Rochester; Richard Allen, Rt 1, Rocketer; E. J. Smith, 901 Runnels; Mrs. J. Webb, Sterling City; Betty Lou Findley, 662 Steakley; Della Turnbow, Lamesa; R. V. Thomas, Akron, Ohio; A. L. Axton, 106 Wright; W. A. Miller, 1204 Gregg; Pauline Miller, 511 Hillside Drive.

Dismissals — Mrs. Dock Wallace, Gall Rt; R. J. Smith, 419 Dallas; Elizabeth Williams, Garden City; Dean Barnwell, Monahans.

Driver To Face 2 Counts Here

John Ross Sims of Midland, arrested Monday afternoon following a hit and run accident at 3rd and Gregg Streets, was charged in two courts today. He is accused of driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.

Sims pleaded not guilty to both charges. He was released from city court on statutory bond of \$100 pending trial for leaving the scene. Bond set in County Court on DWI charges was \$500.

Sgt. V. H. Henderson of Webb Air Force Base reported the hit-and-run accident to police about 4:40 p. m. Monday. He said his car was struck by a dump truck. Sims, who gave his address as 1801 South Beard, Midland, was arrested a few minutes later at the east city limits.

Four other accidents were reported to police Monday and Tuesday morning. Apparently there were no injuries. Officers said.

At 7:22 a. m. today vehicles operated by J. L. Davis Jr., 906 1/2 Aylford, and J. Q. Carroll, 603 Douglas, were in an accident at 5th and Aylford Streets. Davis was driving a one and a half ton truck.

Lucille Irene Franklin, 1605 Lancaster, and Albert C. Brown, 601 Bell, were driving cars which were in collision at 4th and Scurry Street about 9:15 a. m. Monday.

Another collision at 3rd and San Antonio, occurred about 12:18 p. m. Monday. Drivers were Robert Verne Pogue, Webb Air Force Base, and Oscar Payton Carter, 210 Carey.

O. W. Cathy, address unknown, reported to police that an old model panel truck collided with his automobile at 17th and Gregg streets about 12:17 p. m. Monday. Driver of the truck did not stop, he said.

AREA RAIN

(Continued From Page 1) Midland 1.3 (some hail), Crane trace.

At Forsan W. B. Dunn said that rain started about 3:15 a. m., approximately an hour behind the Big Spring fall, but rain came in torrents.

In the Elbow community, Jack Wilcox had more than three inches.

Over to the west in the Lomax vicinity, Arthur Stallings came in with a report of 3.25 to 3.35 inches over the community.

In southeast Howard County, Frank Covert said that rain amounted to 3.9 inches at Moss Creek Lake. Within three hours that body rose nine feet, attesting to intensity, and by mid-morning it was up 15 feet, putting it to 35, just one foot below service spillway level. Covert predicted it would fill to brimming. Roads to Powell Creek Lake, which would catch most of the Forsan drainage, were impassable.

Powell Lake was already to spillway level before nearly three inches fell within the space of a few hours on the watershed early Tuesday. City Manager H. W. Whitney was concerned whether the spillway could handle the load.

North of Big Spring the Mill Broughton place near Fairview reported 2.75 inches. S. L. Lockhart, on the Borden-Howard county line north of Luther had 2 1/2 inches.

No reports were available from Vincent, but the fall was reported to be similar to that at Coahoma. Dick Stevens, eight miles northeast on the Snyder highway had 3.25.

Lenorah, in central Martin County, had 1.5 inches, and this came in two distinctly hard showers which encompassed probably no more than an hour.

Klondike, in southwest Dawson, had 1.5 and cotton farmers planned to replant. One farmer reported some light hail. It was too wet to accurately inspect fields.

Patricia, also in that area, had 1.2 to 1.4 inches. The rain fell slowly over a period of hours and little damage resulted to young cotton. Most of the farmers had just finished planting. Five miles west of Patricia, the amount was about the same but light hail fell, enough to damage cotton lightly. Twelve miles west of Patricia the fall figured out at 1.5 inches.

Southwest of Big Spring Elbow Creek went on a rampage. The flat section of Sulphur Draw, traversed by the T&P yards, was all but inundated, and conceivably Elbow Creek could aggravate this condition within the next 24 hours.

John Johansen said the City Park was hard hit. Trash piled up and trash cans from the park went floating down to the lake.

Increase in water at Moss Creek was about 1,620 acre feet, or roughly 540,000,000 gallons.

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County Agent Nick Owen at Sherman said that in general the rains were "a good thing. They will help greatly to provide sub-moisture needed to take us through the summer." Owen said, however, that the cool weather accompanying recent rains may be harmful to the cotton crop if prolonged.

Smith Service Is Slated In Merkel

Funeral services will be conducted at the Starbuck Chapel in Merkel Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. for William Henry Smith, 80, longtime Merkel resident who died in a hospital here Monday night.

Mr. Smith had resided in Big Spring since 1949 when he came here to live with a nephew, Joe Lazenby. He was born Nov. 9, 1873, in Alabama, but lived most of his life in Texas.

He was a life member of the Masonic order in Merkel and the lodge will conduct graveside rites. He also was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Essie Lazenby of Big Spring, Mrs. Annie Imman of Kilgore, and Mrs. Mary Gay of Rockland; and three nephews, Fayette Howard, J. W. Lazenby and Frank Lazenby, all of Big Spring.

The body will be taken to Merkel Wednesday morning by Nalley funeral coach.

Man Arrested On Car Theft Count

Police arrested James Griffin in the 500 block of West 4th early today on charges of car theft. The man was in an automobile which had been stolen from Stanton some Monday afternoon, officers said.

Griffin was transferred to Stanton authorities this morning. He was apprehended at 3:57 a. m.

STATE RAIN

(Continued From Page 1) land, 1.50 at Plains, and 1 inch at Tahoka.

Matador had 2.28 inches of rain and some Panhandle points more than an inch. In Hale County, two inches of rain in two days stopped cotton planting on some 200,000 acres. In the Lubbock area, one farm reported 100 acres under water.

Some streets were blocked in Waco where water was six feet deep in places. A woman told of watching a boy swim across a street. Waco creek overflowed in places. Lake Waco was full and the Boque River was bankfull.

Twelve families were forced from their homes at Waco. The flooding was caused by the heavy rush of surface water from the 5-inch downpour. Hundreds of cars were drowned out. The water had receded, but skies remained cloudy and the forecast called for more showers.

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CTC Session Is Slated Tonight

A meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission will be held at the Howard County Junior College small auditorium tonight at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Lee O. Rogers, who will preside at the meeting, stated that business will be conducted in an informal manner. He hoped to see a number of CTC members present. Other people who are interested in traffic safety are invited.

Purpose of the meeting is to consider a revised traffic ordinance which has been drawn up by the CTC legislative committee. Mrs. J. Gordon Bristow, chairman of the legislative committee, will explain the ordinance.

If the CTC approves the ordinance tonight, it will be presented to the city commission for consideration. Unless commissioners approve it, the ordinance has no legal significance.

A record of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's recent speech to the White House traffic safety conference will be played, and several reports will be made by other CTC committee chairmen.

Jack Douglas will lead a discussion on engineering problems about the city. Roy Reeder will give a report on the safety committee. Lewis Price will discuss CTC publicity, and K. H. McGibbon will talk concerning the juvenile drivers committee.

Bill Horne of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will give a report on the recent teen-age road-o-hold here.

Pay Hikes OKed By C-City Board

COLORADO CITY — The School Board here Monday night approved pay raises for school employees not covered by recent amendments to teachers' pay scales.

J. W. Watson, secretary of the school board, said the school district turned down a raise for himself and his wife, who works in his office.

"I met these people who come in to pay their taxes," he said, "and I believe that in these times, expenses should be held down as much as possible."

The board also set May 24 as the day for the equalization board to meet to consider school tax values and went on record as not objecting if the zoning board changed the boundaries of the block west of the Junior High School from "residential" to "commercial."

Ed Williams, superintendent of schools, announced that all six year old children and their parents would be invited to the primary school building Friday at 9 a. m. to receive information on their entry into school this fall.

C-C Prepares For Membership Drive

Letters are being sent to a number of prospective members of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce this week. Dan Krause, chairman, said letters from different committee heads will be sent the prospective members daily.

The local Chamber membership drive begins next week. Krause stated that the letters are to familiarize the candidates with operation of the Chamber and to make them aware of its activities. The prospective members will be contacted personally next week.

No Action Taken On Zone Proposal

After a stormy public hearing Monday evening, the City Planning and Zoning Commission failed to take action on a proposal to change the 2000 block of Scurry (west side) to a business district.

The hearing had been called by Chairman E. B. McCormick to determine if the block should be changed from a class B residential area to a class F business district.

A number of people attended the meeting, some being for and others against the proposal. All voiced their opinions.

After everyone had their say, the commission closed the hearing and went into a formal meeting. A motion was made to recommend the change to the city commission. The motion died for lack of a second.

No further action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

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UNCLE RAY'S CORNER



Expert looking through a comparator.

Standards of measure go back to ancient times. Then, as now, people needed standards when they set up buildings and when they measured goods.

A cloth merchant, for example, needed to tell his customers how much cloth he offered for sale. If he said that a piece of cloth was as long as he could stretch his hands apart, he used a standard of a sort, but it was a poor standard. A man six feet tall has a longer stretch, or reach, than one who is five and a half feet tall. Usually the reach of a human being is equal, or just about equal, to his height.

You might test that statement to see how it works for you. Facing a wall, stretch your arms as far apart as possible. Let a friend mark the point reached by each of your middle fingers. Then measure the distance between the marks. This will show how nearly

your reach agrees with your height.

There were standards of measure in Egypt before the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. On that pyramid the standard used was a cubit. The cubit was almost exactly equal to 20 and two-thirds inches.

The royal cubit of Babylonia was about one-fourth of an inch longer than the royal cubit of Egypt. The common cubit of the ancient Hebrews was about 17 and a half inches long.

The original cubit was supposed to equal the length of a man's forearm, from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger.

Another early measure was the foot. This arose from the length of a man's foot. In those days, as at present, there was a difference in the length of the feet of various men.

Several standards for the foot existed in ancient Greece. Usually the Greek foot amounted to about 12 and a half inches, but the builders of the Parthenon seem to have used a foot only 11 and two-thirds inches long.

The people of Belgium once had a standard foot 13 and one-fifth inches long. In England a 12-inch foot was adopted.

In modern times, measurement is far more accurate than it was long ago. By using a machine known as a "comparator," a scientist can measure a space as tiny as one millionth of an inch!

Tomorrow: Crushing Machines.

RETURNS HOME

Runaway Youth Evicted From Underground Room

By JOHN BAUSMAN

NEW YORK (AP)—A teen-age runaway, who for 12 days kept house in an unused subway cable-splicing room, has been evicted from his hideout 20 feet below a busy street intersection in Brooklyn.

The youngster, Robert C. Lindahl, 15, had equipped his neat bachelor quarters with an old auto seat for a bed, a flimsy wire chair and other comforts salvaged from a dump. A picture of a basket of flowers adorned the wall.

The boy told police he had discovered the underground room while playing with friends, and decided to move there in order to escape school and his father's rule about being home by 8:30 at night.

Police discovered Robert asleep in his secret lodgings yesterday after a friend who had been entertained there let the boy's family know where he was.

It had been a lot of fun, Robert said, "but I won't do it again. The police said they'll put me in a real hole—with bars—next time."

The noise of traffic clanking across a manhole cover overhead didn't disturb him after the first night, he reported.

During the day Robert would push aside a sliding steel door and slip out of the subway tunnel where it emerged into an open cut near the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Then he would head for Manhattan, where he collected as much as \$3 a day in handouts and tips for running errands. However, his resources had dwindled to 2 cents by the time he was sent home.

Empty bottles and cans in his hideout showed his meals there consisted of root beer and beans. He had religious candles for light and a can of alcohol for cooking.

Back home—where he lives with his grandmother, three sisters and his father, a widower cab driver—Robert was given a bath and a hearty meal. His father, grinning

over the escapade, packed the shaggy-haired boy off to a barber shop.

Former Child Star Told To Cut Spending

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Superior Court judge, noting that actress Margaret O'Brien's fortune declined \$34,623 in two years, has ordered her mother and guardian to curb her expenditures stringently.

The onetime child star of films, now 17, will have to get court approval of any expenditures exceeding \$500. Under California law, Superior Court has jurisdiction over the business affairs of wage-earning minors.

Judge Victor R. Hansen made his ruling yesterday at a hearing on accounts submitted by Mrs. Gladys O'Brien, guardian and mother of the actress. The accounts showed the Miss O'Brien's worth in December 1932 was \$190,000 but in December 1933, had dropped to \$155,377.

Mrs. O'Brien, explaining the heavy expenditures, said it was necessary for Margaret to be herself before the public in furtherance of her acting career.

The accounts were approved by the court with the exception of \$1,325 in charitable contributions, which the mother said she would transfer to the estate from her own funds.

The first foreign salute to American sovereignty was fired in the Dutch colony of St. Eustatius in the West Indies in 1776.

Child's Temperature Might Rise Due To Many Reasons

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Easy, Dad, don't rush for the doctor every time Junior's temperature slips above the standard 98.5.

He may have nothing more than a case of "bubble gum fever." Worse yet, it may be a case of "school fever," once a standard joke among small fry, and now a scientific fact.

The truth is, explains Dr. Fred M. Taylor, Houston, Tex. pediatrician, lots of things may bring Junior's temperature to a boil—not just some pesky bug.

Taylor addressed some 500 Oklahoma doctors yesterday at the State Medical Assn. convention. "Some child may be having trouble getting along with his teacher or playmates," Dr. Taylor explained.

"This emotional upset may cause his temperature to rise. The psychiatrists refer to this as 'school fever.'"

Even chewing can make Junior's temperature rise above the 98.6 mark. He said a perfectly normal child may have a temperature of 100 or 101 degrees "just from exercise itself."

This includes bubble gum chewing.

The thing to do, Dr. Taylor advised, is not to rear a child by relying on the thermometer to tell when danger is at hand.

"Too often they feel the temperature should be stuck at that little red arrow. It is normal to vary. A child may go for weeks or months with an afternoon elevation of temperature. Sure it is warm—by exercise. Let the child rest 30 to 45 minutes and then take his temperature."

'Bobby Pin Notch' Shows In Teeth

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—A study of teeth among Santa Fe school children showed a large number of cases of "bobby pin notch."

This is a wearing-down of irreplaceable tooth enamel by opening bobby pins with the teeth.

Dr. David Striffler, public health dental director, said "an amazing number" of cases of notches in the front teeth were found in the survey, especially among junior high school girls.

He urged girls to find some other means of opening bobby pins.

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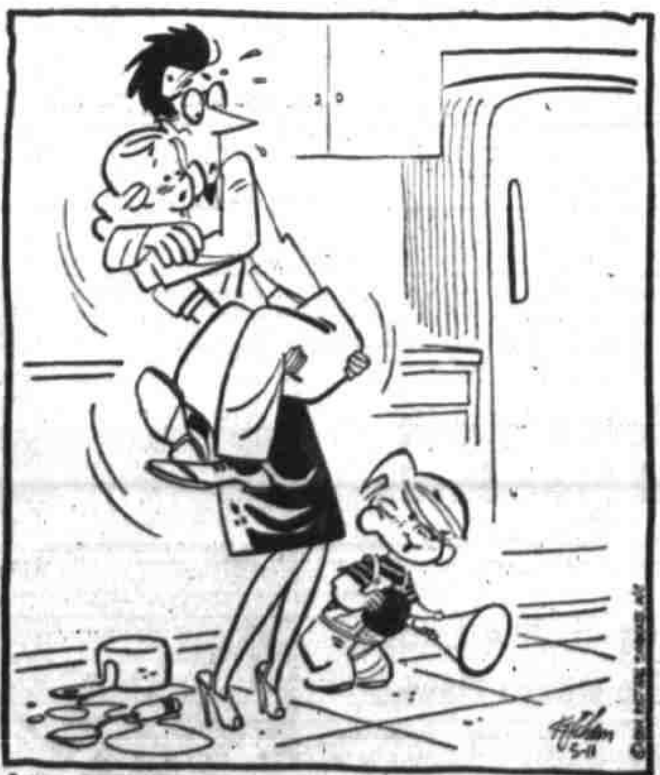


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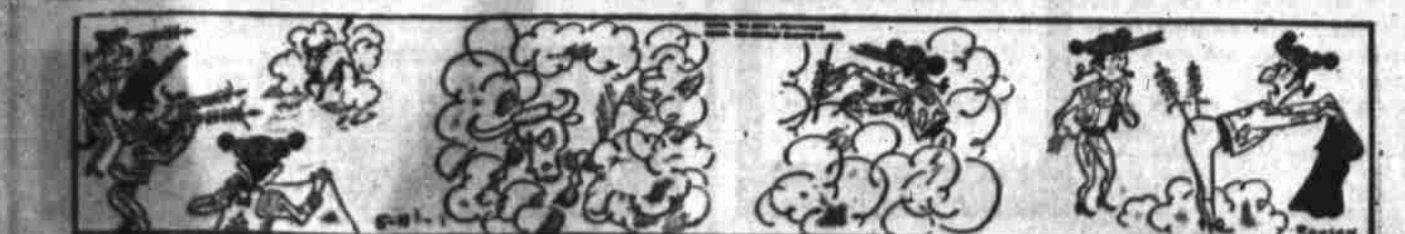
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Sen. Humphrey Tells CIO Meet Nation Should Expand Economy

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) told a CIO "full employment" conference today the nation should set its sights on a 500-billion-dollar economy by 1960. The economy now is running at about 360 billion dollars a year, but Humphrey said vastly increased national production is needed to prevent a decline in living standards.

Northwest Dam Partnership Plan Favored By Ike

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Eisenhower administration favors a "partnership plan" for construction of another huge hydroelectric power project on the Columbia River, Interior Secretary McKay said last night. McKay, a former governor of Oregon, told a television and radio audience how the administration proposal of a "partnership policy" would apply to the construction of the proposed multi-million-dollar John Day Dam, an Army Engineers project.

Accused Swindlers Acquitted By Jury

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A federal court jury yesterday acquitted two Midwesterners men accused of swindling dozens of mid-South investors of \$400,000 by promoting a Texas oil-gas venture that failed. The defense contended the deal was merely a risky business venture that went sour. The jurors huddled barely 20 minutes. They got the case Saturday, but the judge gave them the weekend off.

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Immigration Board Set To Hear Today Haymes' Arguments

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Board of Immigration Appeals listens today to arguments why crooner Dick Haymes should not be deported to his native Argentina. Advance word was that neither Haymes nor his movie actress wife, Rita Hayworth, would attend the hearings. A spokesman for the five-member board said a decision in the case can be expected by the end of May. Haymes could appeal an adverse ruling to the federal courts.

Financier Leaves Insurance Policy To TV Actress

NEW YORK (AP)—Despite protests by A. Pam Blumenthal's widow, a jury has ruled a \$50,000 insurance policy left by the late financier should go to television actress Lisa Ferraday. The jury decision in State Supreme Court yesterday granted the money to Miss Ferraday as guardian of her 7-year-old daughter, Carol Kincaid, who was named as beneficiary. Mrs. Blumenthal's attorney had called the Hungarian-born actress a home-wrecker and declared Blumenthal, who died Jan. 28, 1953, named Carol as beneficiary to defraud his creditors. Miss Ferraday wept when the verdict was announced. The actress, whose real name is Mrs. Elizabeth deMeyer Kincaid, met Blumenthal in 1948 after she had separated from her husband, Air Force Col. E. L. Kincaid.

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