

GROUPS FOR TAX STUDY IS WTCC'S URGE

ABILENE, August 9.—Organization of permanent local expenditure and taxation committees in every city and town in West Texas is urged by three West Texas Chamber of Commerce in a report issued today by its Public Expenditure and Taxation Committee.

For several years the regional organization has advocated abolition of the ad valorem tax for state purposes. This long advocacy bore fruit with the recent approval of S. B. 224 by the Governor, officials pointed out.

The new law will, beginning in 1941, remit to the counties half of the ad valorem taxes collected for state revenue purposes.

In the 132 counties of West Texas, this will amount to a saving of more than \$2,000,000 annually.

For Eastland county it will amount to approximately \$28,553.

The tax remission law, together with the new road bond assumption law which allots back to the counties one cent of the gasoline tax, and which will mean several million dollars more to the counties, offers a real opportunity for education in local taxes, Mr. Hamlin declares.

Principal function of local committees will be to work cooperatively with local public officials in an effort to bring about economies in government and in passing the savings of the taxpayers, he reports.

He reports points out that 87 per cent of all public expenditures being on property taxes is for local government.

Service of WTCC committees and staff is offered to a local WTCC directors in organizing their local committees.

Suggested activities for the local committees include:

Request each group of local public officials to prepare budget in accordance with state uniform budget law; ask that tentative copy of proposed budget be submitted to committee for independent study and research; formulate recommendations as to curtailment of the proposed budget and recommendations as to use of tax remission funds and bond amortization funds.

Submit these recommendations to officials and work cooperatively to have them included in the proposed budget; offer public officials necessary clerical aid in preparation of the budget; help officials conduct public hearing and organize attendance of taxpayers; after budget is adopted, secure reports on time to time on how budget being administered and cooperate with public officials in administering it.

Copies of the report are being filed to the 200 local WTCC directors.

Street Dancing Plans Advanced

Plans were being advanced today for the second of a series of street dances to be held Saturday in Eastland.

The dance will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association, it was announced.

Five o'clock has been designated as the time for the event to begin on the south side of the courthouse square.

Visitors from over this territory were invited today to attend the scheduled Saturday night regular trades day program at 8 o'clock in the afternoon on the court square.

Eastland Outlaws Defeat T-P- Club By Score 4 and 1

The Eastland Outlaw Softball club of Eastland defeated the T-P club of Ranger at Carbon night by a score of 4 to 1. A crowd of fans witnessed the game. It was not generally known that either Eastland or Ranger had a scheduled game would play until late in the afternoon.

That saw the game said it was a ball game and that the Eastland club was in splendid shape even though some rain had fallen at earlier in the day.

COSTS \$750 BOND. A regular meeting of the Eastland Masonic lodge will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple, it was announced today by officials, who urged a full attendance.

Waves of Adjournment Enthusiasm



It's back to old swimming hole, or equivalent, for congressional Speaker of the House Bankhead and laughing page boys who gathered around him few seconds after he had announced adjournment of House for this session.

Staff Couple To Observe Wedding Date On Sunday

Their 50th marriage anniversary will be observed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Staff.

Open house will be held between 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. White, 74, and his wife, 68, have been resident of the Staff community since 1903. He has been engaged in farming.

The couple was married in Jones County. He was born in Mississippi and she is a native Texan.

There are seven children in the family. They are C. B. White of San Angelo, Mrs. R. H. Myrick of Alameda, Mrs. O. T. Hazard of Staff, District Clerk John White of Eastland, Wayne White of Staff, Roy White of Caddo and Harry White of Roswell, N. M. Grandchildren number 11.

Former Solon Of Galveston Speaks At Eastland Meet

Trend of the government was discussed Tuesday by Ex-State Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston at a meeting of the Eastland Lions Club at the Connellee Hotel.

Ben S. Scott was program chairman.

R. S. Searls, Dr. C. C. Cogburn and Tilman Stubblefield, members of the club's projects committee, discussed possible activities for the organization. These included a poultry experiment farm, dairying industries and a peanut plant.

Also suggested as a possible activity was sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop.

Cockrill Returns From Washington

J. W. Cockrill, secretary to Congressman Clyde L. Garrett, who returned this week from Washington, said Wednesday that he is establishing an office in Gorman to handle official matters but later the office would be maintained in Eastland.

He added that Congressman Garrett is still in Washington and since business requires his presence there for some time he did not know when he would return to Eastland.

Eastland Masons Meet On Thursday

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Breck Man In Race for Rotary District Governor

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex., Aug. 8.—Breckenridge delegates to the Rotary conference held Monday at Lubbock had returned Tuesday to say that the chances of Frank Roberts of Breckenridge being elected next district governor appear excellent.

Forty-five of the fifty clubs in the district had representatives present.

"We went about among the delegates talking as Rotarians to Rotarians," Mr. Holland said concerning the candidacy of Judge Roberts "and everywhere were given encouragement."

The election will take place at the meeting in Sweetwater early in April. Mr. Roberts' record as Rotary conference chairman, the recollection of the convention held in Breckenridge, and the fact he has been entered in the field early give local backers high hopes for his election.

One anticipation for the next president of this Rotary district is the fact that the next international convention will be held in Rio de Janeiro, South America, and the president will be sent there by the clubs.

The next Rotary conference will be held at Sweetwater, Mineral Wells being the other contender for the meeting at the Lubbock conference.

It could not be learned in either Ranger or Eastland who the Rotary clubs would back for the next district governor.

Legion Heads At Spa City Elected

MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—J. E. Sanders was elected Post Commander of the Farris Anderson Post, No. 75, American Legion, to succeed John E. Belcher. He will take over the duties of the office and be installed at the annual banquet on Nov. 11.

Other officers elected were first vice commander in five surrounding towns, they serving as contacts for the Legion in their communities: Jim Massie, Palo Pinto; Hugh Hennegar, Gordon; Tom Flynn, Graford; Mr. Whitaker, Strawn; Dave Deacon, Garner.

Harry Churchhill will succeed Ed Sanders at Adjutant and J. E. Belcher, present post commander, will be Historian.

D. C. Harris was voted the honor of "Buddy First Class" for the next Legion year. Rev. Bryan Keathley, Past State and National Chaplain, will continue to serve as Post Chaplain.

Other officers re-elected include George Oliver, Service Officer; W. O. Gross, Judge Advocate; Bill Cameron, Liaison Officer; Paul Grable, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mabel Wilkinson, Guardian.

GORMAN WILL BE SITE FOR MEDICO MEET

Speakers from Fort Worth and Temple will be heard at a meeting of the Eastland-Callahan Counties Medical Society Tuesday night in Gorman.

Ordinarily the organization meets every other month at Eastland but a plan to rotate the meetings this summer in order to increase interest was voted recently. Last session was held at Ranger.

There will be a light lunch at 7:30 with peaches and melons served afterward.

The scientific program will begin at 8 o'clock and will include the following:

"Paroxysmal Tachycardia," and a report of a case, Dr. R. K. Harlan, Temple.

"X-Ray Diagnosis of Diseases Affecting the Chest," Dr. R. C. Curtis, Temple.

"Diagnosis and Management of Anemia," Dr. John J. Andujar, Fort Worth.

"Discussion of Newer Methods of Psychiatric Treatments," Dr. Giles W. Day, Fort Worth.

"Surgical Technique of Duodenal Ulcer," Dr. F. L. Snyder, Fort Worth.

Aubrey Jameson Visits Austin In Interest of School

BRECKENRIDGE, Texas, Aug. 8.—A. M. Jameson who has sufficiently recovered from illness to resume his duties in local school work has been in Austin the past two days attending the meeting there of school directors, local directors, shop teachers and coordinators.

Mr. Jameson is coordinator of the department of part time cooperative training in diversified occupation of the Breckenridge school system.

So far 51 students here have signed for this work from which twenty-five will be selected. The plan is for them to attend school half a day and then work downtown half a day.

The diversified occupations program is an outgrowth of the part time cooperative vocational education act of 1917. The aims of the diversified occupations program are identical to the general aims of vocational work. Considerably shortened and summarized, these aims are interpreted to mean the establishment of a form of education which will prepare for, secure and promote advancement in gainful occupation.

In addition to the two-days conference on employer, employe and vocational school relationship and meeting will be held Wednesday for all coordinators on the subject of "New Problems."

Mr. Jameson has made an enviable record in the past two years in his vocational education work in the local school.

The above news item will interest Mr. Jameson's many Ranger friends who are glad to learn that he has recovered from a recent spell of illness and able to be back on the job again.

Mr. Jameson is the son of D. L. Jameson of Ranger.

Cleveland Police Probing Tales of Weird Beatings

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 9.—Police searched for another possible Chinese torture chamber slaying victim as they continued investigation of one apparent beating to death and tales of bamboo whippings of other Chinese who failed to contribute to China's war fund.

Five Chinese were held. Detective Martin Cooney said he was told that the missing man was a 45-year-old chef.

He said he was informed that the man was flogged and tied with rope for eight hours last Friday night in a torture den.

Wong Youn, whose battered body was found in Lake Erie on Monday, also was a chef.

Eastland Rain Is Over Inch and Half

J. A. Beard, official weather observer at Eastland, reported Wednesday morning that rainfall for the previous 24 hours measured 1.80 inches. The measurement included all of Tuesday's precipitation.

BUSINESS OF U. S. GAMBLE CHARGES F D

By United Press. HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 9.—The president today began disposing of the last of the last 145 bills passed the 76th congress, after charging that congressmen who deflected his neutrality, lending and housing program, had gambled with the fate of humanity and the future of American business.

He made those charges yesterday at a press conference with Mrs. Roosevelt standing at his side and offering comments, and he left unanswered the question of whether he will appeal to the voters of the country to retaliate against the congressman who opposed him.

In sharp criticism of the Republican minority in congress and the 25 per cent of the Democratic majority who teamed up to defeat the program, Roosevelt said this bloc had made two bets with American people—that war will not come before congress meets again and that private enterprise can take up the slack caused by dropping 1,000,000 from the relief rolls, as well as virtual suspension of the PWA program which gave jobs to 2,000,000.

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SAVING IN DEPARTMENTS IS REQUESTED

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Freeman Burford Surrenders To U. S. On Hot Oil Charge

DALLAS, Aug. 9.—Freeman W. Burford, wealthy independent oilman, formally surrendered to U. S. Marshal Wright here today on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Connally hot oil act, for which he has been indicted by a federal grand jury in New Orleans.

Burford later was released on \$5,000 bond.

He chatted freely with reporters as he sat in the marshal's office.

"If there is anything I can do to help clean up the political mess in Louisiana I am only too glad to help," he said.

"Furthermore, I think there is an oilman in Oklahoma that the grand jury in New Orleans might like to know. Probers can count on my cooperation."

Rehabilitation Of Twister Area Is Started Today

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—Emergency work crews and Red Cross disaster-organizers were rushed today into tornado-riddled lower Michigan where twisters in five different areas injured hundreds of persons, flattened buildings and devastated crops.

The tornadoes swept out of localized low pressure areas but had drifted eastward yesterday and struck throughout the lower half of the state.

Texas Township of Kalamazoo county was hardest hit. There the only fatality was reported.

Japs Protest On British Ship Stop

SHANGHAI, Aug. 9.—An angry Japanese protest disclosed today that the British destroyer Tenedos had landed bluejackets at Swatow to protect British subjects from a mob.

The protest which complained of the wounding of one Chinese indicated that the British bluejackets had taken an active part in defense.

First Peanuts Of Season Marketed

RISING STAR, Aug. 9.—E. M. Crisp has the distinction of marketing the first peanuts here of the new season crop, having sold 141 bushels threshed from seven acres the past week. He received \$1 per bushel in the field for the crop.

The peanuts were planted in March, several weeks earlier than most of the farms in this section. The general peanut harvest is not expected to get fully under way until about Sept. 1. Recent fine rains here insure a good yield this year, farmers declare.

Stowaways Saved From Gas



Last year several stowaways died in belly of a ship when fumigators of U. S. Public Health Service came aboard and sprayed hydrocyanic acid into hold. Brazilian aliens, pictured above, were more fortunate. When fumigators sprayed acid into false bottom of freighter Ayuruoca, these stowaways, nearly overcome by gas, tapped for help and were dragged from ship just in time.

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Hargus Family's Reunion Set For Sunday August 13

Annual reunion of the Hargus family will be held Sunday at the residence of B. L. Hargus east of Eastland, according to an announcement today.

A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

In addition to members of the family, the public was invited also to attend.

Commission Will Talk Staff Drop

AUSTIN, Aug. 9.—Changes in the staff of the Texas Railroad Commission to comply with Gov. O'Daniel's appropriation veto will likely be decided at a conference in San Antonio tomorrow.

Commissioner E. O. Thompson estimated the total required reduction in staff at 63, including the summer force of student engineers.

Band To Head Eastland Delegation To Desdemona Homecoming Friday

Eastland's delegation to the Friday morning opening of the two-day Desdemona Homecoming will be headed by the high school band, H. J. Tanner, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce announced today.

Since the parade in which the band will take part is scheduled at 10 a. m. Tanner said it would be necessary for motorcade and band members to meet at 8:30 at the Chamber of Commerce in Eastland for the departure.

The number of businessmen to participate in the Friday motorcade had not been determined this morning. It was suggested that all who may take part.

REPORTS ON ILLNESS OF DUCE HEARD

By United Press. LONDON, Aug. 9.—Private sources today reported that Premier Mussolini of Italy had suffered a heart attack, complicated by other illness and he had flown to Rome for medical attention.

Informants said that according to their advices today, Mussolini was somewhat better but that he would need a long period of comparative rest.

These sources regarded it as significant that Mussolini did not visit all of the war maneuvers in northwest Italy.

The informants said that he would have attended the games as usual unless his condition gave rise to some anxiety.

It was believed that Mussolini's constitution and the care he takes to keep himself in the best possible physical condition would favor his recovery from the reported heart attack.

Rising Star Girl Writes About Work

The following is a report of a club girl on the work that she has completed the past two years. The girl is Ethel Gales of Rising Star. The report is told in her own words.

In September, 1937, we organized a 4-H Club. The first year we had 17 members. I was elected garden demonstrator. This I enjoyed very much.

The club demonstrations for this first year were clothing and gardening. I made a house coat which cost 83 cents. I also made a slip which cost 30 cents. I made two dresses.

My garden demonstration cost about \$2.50. I planted it with my Dad's help. We planted it in blocks like a mine patch quilt. It did well until the dry weather. It was watered until the city water got low, but in spite of this mother and I canned about 375 cans of vegetables.

This, my second year of 4-H club work, I was elected president. We have 23 members now. The demonstrations are poultry and clothing. I have raised 19 pullets. Our place for keeping the chickens is very inconvenient, but in my work next year I plan a great improvement.

This year in clothing I have made a luncheon cloth out of 100 pound flour sacks that I got at the bakery. I bought two sacks costing five cents each. I made the cloth out of one sack and the napkins out of the other. I hemstitched the edges. I also made a dress out of silk material.

This year I was elected for the delegate to go to the A. & M. Short Course. This was the most enjoyable time of my life.

My club work has brought me very much pleasure, and I have truly enjoyed every bit of it. I am looking forward to next year's work.

Legion Group To Order Uniforms; Deadline Nearing

Early cooperation of members in turning in their orders for new uniforms was asked Wednesday by Henry Pullman, commander of the Eastland American Legion post.

Pullman said that 30 members of the post have already turned in their order for the uniforms. It is the desire that as many of the legion members as possible secure an official uniform.

Only nine days remain in which to submit uniform size. The orders should be turned in to J. H. Mitchell.

The uniforms are composed of a cap, shirt and tie.

Pullman said that the uniforms would be used for special and veteran occasions.

THE WEATHER

By United Press. WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; scattered thundershowers southeast portion tonight. Warmer tonight.

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We Expect Much, but We Give Little

We expect a great deal from government. We expect it to maintain order, to protect our property, to maintain friendly yet advantageous relations with other countries.

We expect all those things and a lot more. What do we give? Well, we give the taxes we pay consciously or unconsciously, and we vote (some of us) every year or so.

By and large, most people contribute no direct time or effort to making democratic government work. Such contribution as we do make is usually confined to criticism of those who are giving their time to make it work, whom we lump under the name of politicians.

In fact, the pitifully small attention given by the average person to public matters is well shown by a recent survey made by two Harvard professors. Their findings are shown in an article, "Where Does Your Day Go?" in EveryWeek Magazine.

And the amount of time devoted to civic and political activities was found to be no more than it takes to pronounce the four words themselves. Only about one-tenth of 1 per cent of the people queried had any such activities whatsoever.

In Germany, everyone puts in certain time at the service of the state. Spain has now instituted such a regime—15 days a year, hot or cold. Countries of that stripe are insisting on a levy of public service, or service to the general interest of all.

We don't want that here. The democratic way is to accept voluntary service to the republic in matters of general interest. That's what the word republic means. It derives from res publica, Latin for "the public business."

Yet for this public business, the average American has no time, not even the time to be well informed about it. His only interest usually is to squawk about how it is done by those who do take an interest. If you doubt it, just try organizing a committee among your friends for some public purpose and see how many will actually lend an active hand.

August Temperature Readings



Mr. White Honored On 50th Anniversary

The Staff H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Wayne White Wednesday, August 2, at 2 p. m.

The house was called to order. The recreation period was led by Mrs. Helen Pope. Then they gave Mrs. W. H. White, our club mother, a handkerchief shower for her 50th anniversary.

Cookies and punch was served to visitors, Miss Frances Hazard and Miss Virginia White; members, Mrs. O. T. Hazard, Zona Griffin, C. L. Henderson, R. E. Crawley, Tom Lowery, Wayne White, W. H. White, S. T. Williams, Allen Crosby, Helen Pope, and Miss Florence Crosby.

The Staff H. D. Club will meet in the home of Mrs. John White, Wednesday, August 16, at 2 p. m.

Miss Ruth Ramey is to meet with us, and demonstration "How to Use the Kitchen and the Equipment." Visitors are welcome. Everyone should be present.

Master Mason Degree Next Tuesday Nite

One candidate was initiated in the Entered Apprentice degree at the Ranger Masonic lodge last evening when some 25 members of the organization were present for the work.

Announcement was made at the close of the meeting that a Master Masons degree would be conferred next Tuesday night at 8. Refreshments will be served at the convocation Tuesday.

FORT WORTH IS OPTIMISTIC ON FALL BUSINESS

FORT WORTH, Aug. 9.—The Fort Worth Press said today that "practically all Fort Worth business men expect a sharp upturn in business prosperity during the rest of 1939."

Simultaneously President R. C. Bowen of the Bowen Bus Company said that his firm would spend \$300,000 immediately in new stations and rolling stock.

"The action of Congress in deserting the spending policies of the New Deal and returning to the conservative trend so long urged on it by business has greatly improved the business sentiment of Fort Worth."

"Some businesses are already adding more employes and undertaking new enterprises through investments."

Mannequin Used In Clothing Theft

LONDON—A new type of London fur raider has appeared. Raiders who broke into the Mayfair salon of Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the queen, took a woman to act as mannequin while they made their pick of the stock.

They escaped with furs valued at \$25,000, but touched none of the gowns.

Juror Selection In Rich Ranch Case Is Stalled

KERMIT, Aug. 9.—Juror selection in the case of the five alienists would be held today, attorney for Hollis Scarborough, said today that a sanity hearing for his client and Selection of a jury began last Thursday.

New Dealer Leads In Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 9.—D. Johnson, New Deal candidate today widened his lead in the nomination for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Picket Proposal Home Abandoned

FORT WORTH, Aug. 9.—Painters who had decided to picket the Fort Worth Gov. O'Daniel, the painters met last night for a scheduled discussion of picketing the place after members had explained that five non-union had been hired to repaint it.

Another Taft Looks to Future



Scanning the western horizon for votes—maybe. Real nation-wide campaign for convention delegates to behalf of Senator Robert Taft, candidate for G. O. P. presidential nomination, however, will await Ohio's October return from "vacation" tour of west.

Held in Shooting of Great-Uncle



Audrey Thompson, above, 15-year-old farm girl, is held at Ashland, Miss., for shooting of her great-uncle, 55-year-old Boss Thompson, at backwoods home near Hickory Flat, Miss. Girl's mother, Mrs. Emma Thompson, says daughter defended her against uncle in argument brought about by Boss's refusal to do any more shopping in town for women.

Mingus Man Is Buried At Strawn This Afternoon

George Howard, 72, of Mingus, died at his home Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The deceased had been a resident of Thurber and Mingus for nearly 50 years and was well known throughout the section in which he had lived. He was a carpenter by trade and began work with the T. P. company at Thurber in its early development of the Thurber coal fields.

Big Peaches Are Shown In Eastland

Peaches measuring 10 inches in circumference were displayed Wednesday in Eastland by Brady Leveridge, who lives near Serrano.

Wheat Marketing Main Objection Removed By AAA

Cleveland plumbers found a diamond ring, returned it to the owner. We'll hold our opinion on their honesty until we find out what the bill was.

Mystery Oil Man Of Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La.—With the widening of the inquiry into Louisiana's "hot oil" situation, part of the graft and corruption picture which nine federal and state agencies are probing, the one question heard where financiers, businessmen and oil men gather, is: "When is Bill Helis coming back from Greece?"

For William George Helis, who came rolling into Louisiana "practically broke" in a battered old automobile some five years ago, now is the dominant independent oil producer in the United States (some say in the world) and his fabulous fortune came from Louisiana oil.

MYSTERY OIL MAN

Three are other Americans with greater fortunes, though only a few. But Bill Helis enjoys one of the biggest individual yearly incomes of any American citizen.

"Hot oil" probes want his expert testimony on various phases of a racket that by common report has run into millions of dollars in Louisiana since the state began to push back gold.

WHAT "HOT OIL" MEANS

"Hot oil" is oil produced from wells, in excess of the "allowables" the official production limit prorated among oil producers by state authorities. In Louisiana, that means the state department of conservation. William G. Rankin, commissioner in charge of that department, recently resigned on request of Gov. Earl K. Long.

Commissioner Rankin, in the face of public clamor and formal demands of citizen organizations, to the end refused to open the public records of his department to public inspection.

A federal law with teeth in it menaces hot oil operators if they ship their hot oil over a state line, though the federal government has nothing to do with the setting of pro-rata allowables of production. It is the Connolly Act, also known as the "Hot Oil Act." It expired June 29, 1939. Congress waited until the very day it expired, then re-enacted it.

Helis, who drove into Louisiana from the California oil fields, an oil adventurer, practically penniless, and in some five years rose to fantastic fortune and close association with leading political figures in Louisiana under the administration of Gov. Richard Webster Leche, who resigned under fire June 25, 1939, in one of the amazing figures of the American oil fields. His fortune, made in America, had reached staggering proportions before he became legally an American citizen, Saturday, Aug. 20, 1938.

BORN IN GREECE

He was born in Tropes, Greece Oct. 17, 1886, he told the United States Circuit Court in New Orleans, where he took the oath of allegiance to the United States before United States Circuit Judge Rufus E. Foster. He entered the United States through the port of New York in 1904, a penniless Greek immigrant, just 18 years old. He couldn't speak a word of English.

He got his first job as a dishwasher in an obscure little Greek restaurant in downtown New York. He held that job nearly two years, studying English every waking moment.

"I never could learn to like dish-washing," is his only comment on that period. Then, with his savings in his pants pockets, he headed west. In the Oklahoma oil fields he got a job as "roughneck" on a rig. He set out to learn the oil game the



Mrs. Roland Brown (Marie Helis), wife of movie director. Attractive oil king's daughter once was queen of New Orleans carnival ball.



Bill Helis, senior and junior. Father and son look over map of Greek oil fields as they work together.

William George Helis, Sr., represents Indian, and there was granted his first naturalization papers which "an election official and a court officer told him made him an American citizen." Following that episode, he represents, he established residents in nine different States.

He was accepted as a qualified voter in all of them, and voted in elections.

In the World War, he represents, he volunteered and served with the Kansas National Guard, which qualified him as an American citizen, anyway. He had resided in New Orleans since 1934, he reports so he could make visit to his native Greece, and thus learned he wasn't legally an American citizen.

So Saturday, Aug. 20, 1938 United States Circuit Judge Rufus E. Foster in New Orleans administered the oath of allegiance and the Greek with the biggest income became the American with the biggest income.

GREEKS MEET GREEK

His real Louisiana start was in the Levee field, it is a desolate stretch of coastal marsh down in lower Lafourche Parish (county) just below the bayou the bayou town of Golden Meadow, La., on the road to the Grand Isle bridge. Bill Helis, his closest friends say got his stake from two fellow-Greeks, one running a Greek restaurant in Lafayette, La., the others running a Greek restaurant in Memphis, Tenn., and made the both rich men.

Money was flowing in now Helis widened his Louisiana operation, and except for that one Grand Isle episode where he pulled up pipe voluntarily on a half-complete job he hit oil every time. It is an open secret among his closest friends that he financed

that in 1913, he was resident in the ascending to the throne of Greece of the present ruler, George II.

King George II of Greece grateful. Bill Helis emerged the biggest oil lease in the every square inch of Greece whole 50,000 square miles. For while other oil men gazed at the idea of oil in Greece, Bill Helis had sent his geophysicist there, and finished an exhaustive two-year survey.

That's where Bill Helis and son, "Buddy" to the rest of the family, are today, living in Athens, directing their American oil crew.

HIS SON WORKS WITH HIM

Under the terms of lease Greece, Bill Helis can employ Greek workmen, he has no objection to build roads or construct any other he gives the Greek 8 per cent of any profits, he can export all the oil that oil, his own, duty free.

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BRAVE KNIGHT

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 1 Sir — of Ivanhoe, hero of the novel "Ivanhoe." 7 He was a brave knight of King... 13 Small wild ox... 14 Pertaining to weight... 16 Olive shrub... 17 To run swiftly... 18 To darn... 20 Indians... 22 Pedal digit... 23 College girl... 24 Senior... 25 Spendthrift... 28 Wind... 30 Musical note... 31 Eight-sided figure... 32 Ruby... 33 Units of work... 35 Mama... 36 Transposed... 38 Skin of an eel

VERTICAL

- 15 Goes to excess... 21 To strut... 23 Urgent... 24 Sir Walter... 26 Ascended... 27 Oleoresin... 28 Gnawed... 29 Gibbon... 34 Barometer line... 37 Proportion... 39 Falsifier... 40 To make a sweater... 42 Microbe... 43 Case for religious relics... 46 In line... 47 Theater box... 49 Membranous bag... 50 Sheltered side... 51 Dorsette... 53 Beverage

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters. The grid is 12 columns wide and 15 rows high.

TRY A WANT AD—IT ALWAYS PAYS!

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.

SERIAL STORY WAR AND A WOMAN

BY BETTY WALLACE
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Yesterday Linda meets Jimmy at the airport. He sought her out, she explains, hoping to ease out of his engagement to Marcia. He tells her, he begs Linda to marry him.

CHAPTER XII

Linda Storm's senses were swimming away from her in a sudden incredible thrill of Jimmy's strong, hungry arms around her. His voice in her ear, leading, "Marry me, darling," drowned out the voice of conscience, the sound of everything she had been listening to within her own mind. For an endless moment they clung together, two people alone in a turbulent world of their own.

"I love you so," he was whispering. "I dream of you, and think of you all day long. I love you."

"I love you, too," she confessed brokenly. "Jimmy, Jimmy!"

But after that one, revealing moment she forced herself to push away. Sternly, she held fast to logic and reality. When his eyes were on hers, it had all paled to insignificance. But sitting up straight brought it back. "We can't be married, Jimmy. We can't. Not now—or ever—"

"Linda, don't say that! I won't listen to it. We've got to be married. You know that as well as I do."

"Listen, Jimmy." The red of her mouth was a tight line, and the wide golden eyes were brave and non-united.

"You know the meaning of duty. No one knows it better. My duty is here, with Daddy. While he's alive, I couldn't possibly marry you. Not so much on Marcia's account as because of your work. Oh, don't say anything, please! I've gone over this in my mind thousands of times, and I know. You're not the kind of man I could ask to give up his work, either. You know that. We'd both be miserable if I took you away from flying. Even from the Navy. You could be a commercial pilot, with your training. But you don't want to be. You can't tell me, I'm sure of it. Day by day, you'd begin to hate me for taking you away from the life you've been brought up to. We must accept that."

There was a stillness. Jimmy's face was strained, waiting for her to continue.

"That's your side of it. My side of it is the incontrovertible fact that it would kill me to know that you're working every day, learning every day, how to make war more horrible. Every time I picked up a newspaper, I'd die a little bit, fearing the inevitable moment when you are ordered out to put that knowledge into use. Think of diving low over a city, Jimmy. Think of bombs killing women and children. It's murder! But you'd have to do it. Don't you see? And then there's Daddy. And Marcia. And George. No, we can't. We can't."

"We can. There isn't going to be a war while we're alive, Linda. They're bluffing, all of them. This country's so strong it doesn't have to fight. All we need to do is be prepared and show them we could fight."

"There you go again," she said wearily. "We're different. Let's not argue any more. Go back to Washington, Jimmy. Get on the Ranger, forget me. Some day you'll marry Marcia. Even if it takes you a while to forget me."

"Her voice broke. 'I'll forget you. I'll make myself forget you.'"

"You can't do it. This thing is stronger than we are."

"But there's no solution, Jimmy. His hand closed over her arm, rough, and yet gentle. "Promise me you'll break your engagement. After that, I can wait as long as you say."

"What you really mean is that you can wait until Daddy—until—"

"Until you're ready, no matter how long it takes."

"I'll never be ready while you're in the armed service, Jimmy."

Her hands were tightly clasped in her lap. She turned her face away from him, looked out of the window. The taxi was passing the university now. The familiar ivy-covered buildings blurred before her eyes. And then, as they rolled down the tree-shaded street, she saw a figure walking slowly. A familiar figure, a little stooped, a trifle heavy.

She clutched at Jimmy's sleeve. "There's George! He must have spent the morning in his lab. I think he recognized me."

"What if he did?" Jimmy was deep in some conflict of his own. "He doesn't count."

But Linda had a swift, dreadful vision of George mentioning this to Daddy, and fear laid its icy fingers on her heart. She must be frank with George. She must exact a promise from him. Together, for a little while, they

could play act for Daddy's benefit.

"The ship I've got to catch back leaves in half an hour." Jimmy was saying urgently. "Linda, for God's sakes, promise me you'll— you'll come to San Diego."

"I can't promise you anything." Where did this sudden strength come from, she wondered inwardly? To sit here beside him, to love him as utterly and completely as this, and still to have the power to deny that love—were all women made like this? Was this what Miss Rourke had lived through, too, in the five years she had waited to marry her doctor?

And Marcia—was her waiting as exquisitely painful? Her letter had been light, but the postponed wedding must hurt deeply. For the first time, Linda Storm fully understood everything she had done to Marcia King. Out of her pity for that other girl, she said finally, "It's got to be goodbye, Jimmy."

She tapped the driver on the shoulder. "Stop, please." Before Jimmy could move to prevent her, she had opened the door and was jumping out.

When she reached home, after stumbling, confused minutes, she found George sitting on the front steps, his brief case across his lap.

"I was waiting for you," he said. "It was you I saw in the cab, wasn't it?"

"Yes." Her head ached horribly. She sat down beside him. Jimmy must be at the airport now. Another big silver ship was taking him away as speedily as he had come.

"Who was the man with you, Linda?"

"I don't have to answer that, George."

"I think you do. I have a right to know."

"I'll never see him again," she said quietly. "What difference does it make?"

"Linda, we can't go on without trust. You're my promised wife, you wear my ring. I asked you yesterday what it was that was so important you'd have no time for me, and you stooped to a subterfuge in order not to answer." He was talking slowly and deliberately, without passion. As if he had thought over carefully how best to present this to her, the whole while he sat here, waiting.

She wanted to laugh, suddenly. George, the typical professor, who must have everything orderly and classified.

"Here's your ring," she was saying, while that horrible laughter and choking, difficult tears fought in her voice. "Now I'm not your promised wife. I won't tell you anything!"

(To Be Continued)

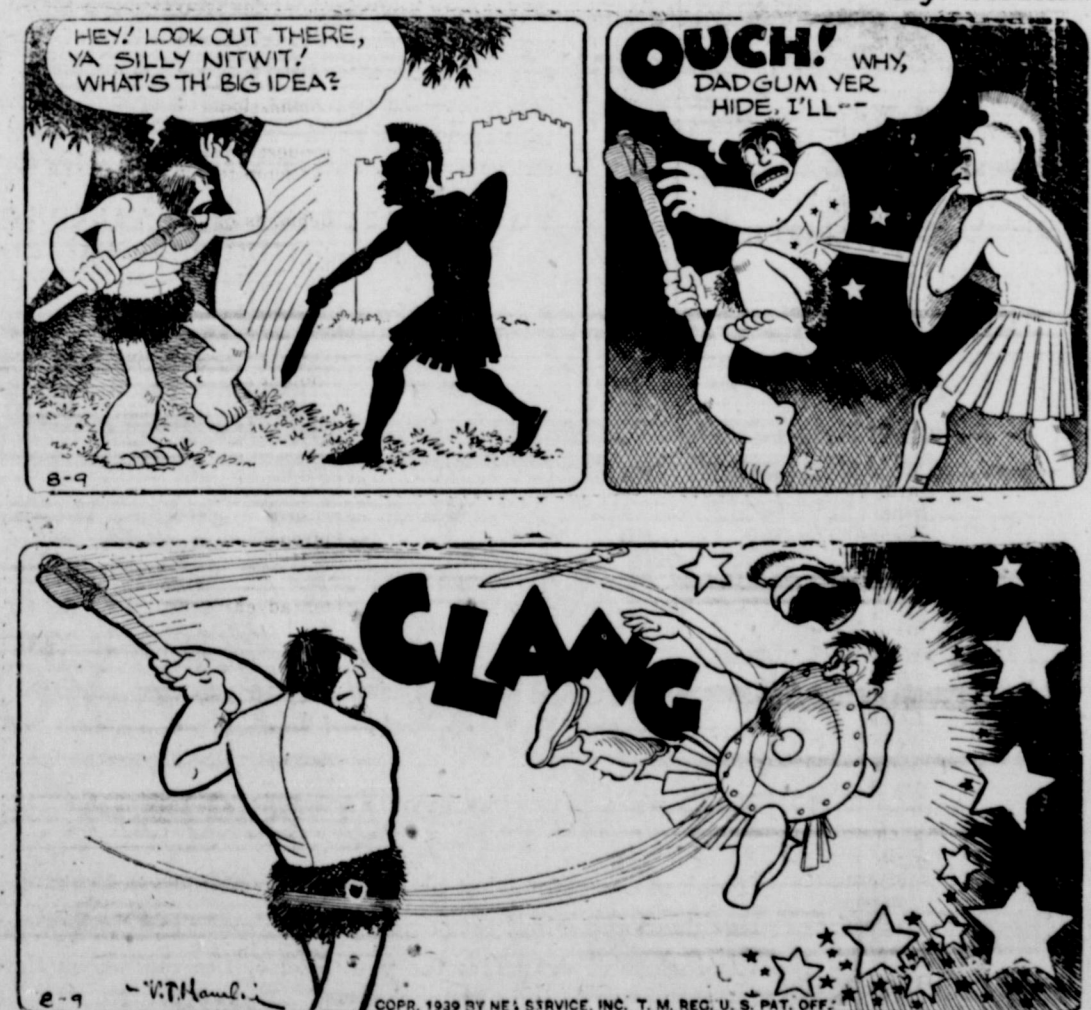
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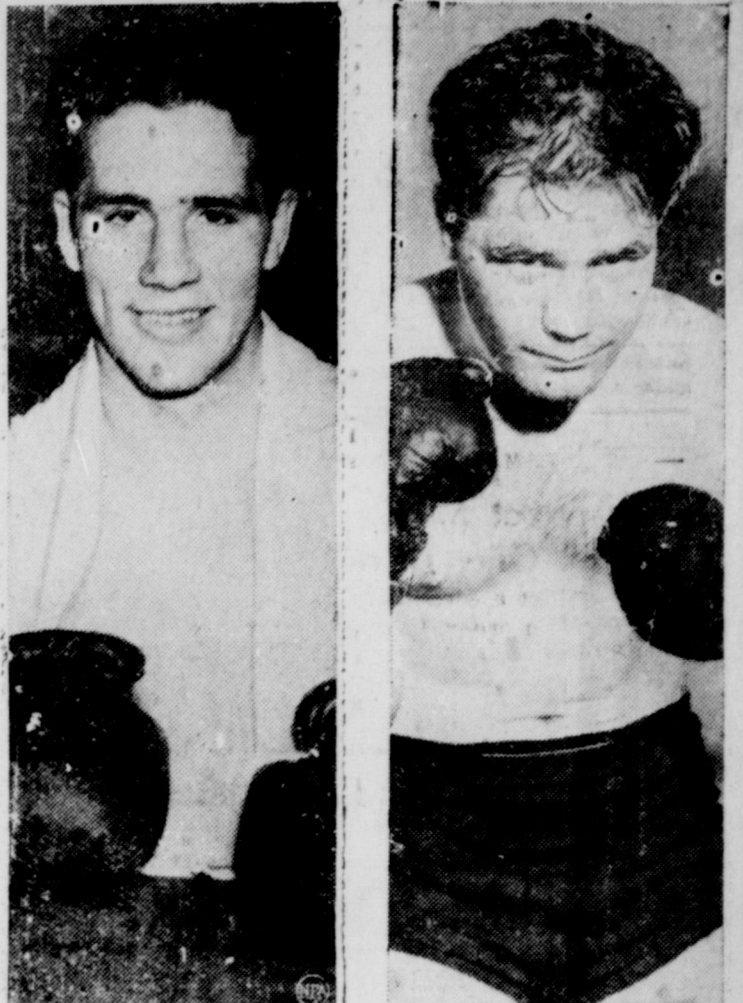
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Conn In Bow As Heavyweight



Although he expects to scale no more than 171 pounds, Billy Conn, left, light-heavyweight champion, makes his bow as a heavyweight in a 10-round match with 185-pound Gus Dorazio, right, at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Aug. 14.

BRUCE CATTON - - IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Although it has commanded newspaper headlines all over the country for upwards of a fortnight, the fundamental problem in the federal relief situation has so far escaped public attention. It is no exaggeration to say that it is the most serious problem that has arisen since WPA was started.

Briefly, the whole work-relief program is headed toward collapse. The collapse is not at hand — yet — but it is on the horizon. And if the trend which was begun by the new WPA appropriation bill continues, the country is heading back toward the old system of dole.

First of all, the "payless furlough" ordered for the 650,000 WPA clients who have been on the rolls 18 months or longer is going to mean permanent removal from work relief projects for most of those people. When their 30-day furlough ends, they must get re-certified for WPA by local relief agencies and await their turn.

"In my opinion," says Deputy Administrator Howard Hunter, "few of these people will get back on WPA. In most places, the pressure on us is so great that we'll have to fill their jobs immediately. After all, we've got a million people certified and awaiting places on WPA."

The 650,000 18-months people, furthermore, have filled most of the "straw boss" positions on WPA projects. Because of their long experience, they have provided WPA with its foremen, time-keepers, checkers, and so on. Their departure will cripple WPA projects everywhere. What little claim in operation will largely vanish when they go; in some towns, WPA projects are simply going to be abandoned.

Next comes the removal of wage differentials. This will mean drastic pay cuts for WPA workers all over the north and middle west; in the south, it will mean sharp pay increases—by \$10 a week or more in some states—which will make the WPA wage well above the prevailing wage level for private employment. As a by-product, this will mean that southern cities will have to pay more of their own money for WPA projects.

For there is still another difficulty ahead. On Jan. 1, \$1 of local money must be put up to match each \$3 put up by WPA. Since the proportion of sponsors' contributions has been rising steadily of late, this will not change the picture much in most parts of the country.

But it may mean utter breakdown of work relief in the great industrial cities, where the money to meet this added cost is not available.

This provision, hiking their WPA costs, will hit those cities just when the relief load normally is highest, and just when reduction of WPA rolls has given them a local-relief-cost increase beyond that normal increase. Some of those cities, Mr. Hunter figures, won't even be able to handle the rise in direct relief costs—to say nothing of the rise in WPA costs.

On top of all of this, WPA's administrative staff is being slashed—from 36,000 to 24,000 workers, roughly. This will mean greatly lowered efficiency, ranging all the way from actual project operation to keeping chiselers off the rolls.

All in all, WPA is heading for an impossible situation. It is a cinch that the WPA problem will be a red-hot issue for the Congress which reconvenes next January. One of two things is apt to happen then:

Either the protest from people back home will become so strong that Congress will overhaul the law and liberalize its provisions—or the present trend will be continued and the whole work relief program will be replaced by a return to direct relief, locally handled.

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U. S. Will Study Coastal Fishing

WASHINGTON — Commercial fishermen along the North Atlantic coast won't have to depend so much on fishermen's luck any more if the conservation and experimentation program gradually evolving from the Bureau of Fisheries proves successful.

Charles E. Jackson, acting commissioner of the bureau, outlined a four-point program in a report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

The program:

1. A new research vessel has

been fully equipped for deep-sea operations and will begin early next year annual spring and fall surveys of the Atlantic fishing grounds from Nantucket Shoals to the Laurentian Channel. One purpose of this survey will be to ascertain the effect fishery operations have upon the abundance and distribution of the supply.

2. Special gear installed in the boat, which, in reality, is a floating laboratory, will enable biologists to take a census of young haddock too small to be caught in commercial nets. They thus will be able to forecast commercial supply decreases or increases a year or two in advance.
3. Definite measurements will be taken of the effects of currents, winds, water temperatures, and

predaceous sea animals on the survival of the young.

4. The bureau plans to experiment with commercial fishing gear constructed loosely enough to release undersized fish without loss of the marketable fish.

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IN BULLFIGHTING, DOES THE MATADOR OR THE PICADOR KILL THE BULL?

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WANT AD IN THIS PAPER WILL BRING QUICK RESULTS!

Army Masses for Peace-Time War Maneuvers



When National Guard unit, above, detained at Gainesville, Va., it was signal that summer war games at Manassas, Va., Plattsburg, N. Y., and San Francisco—the greatest peace-time maneuvers in U. S. history—were about to begin. Twenty-five thousand troops are engaged in skirmishing over several hundred Manassas acres.

Registration Of Birth Important For All Students

By United Press
AUSTIN, Tex.—Parents of children starting school for the first time this fall are urged by the State Department of Health to make sure that they have a birth registration certification regarding their child and if not, to take proper legal steps as soon as possible to obtain this record.
Parents who do not have registration notification of the birth of their child are advised to contact their local registrar of vital statistics with whom the certificate was originally filed.
In many Texas school districts, a notification of birth certificate is required to prove the child is old enough to enter school. As the Vital Statistics Department will be

called upon to answer numerous requests for school certificates, securing this record early will speed up the process of securing the needed forms before school opens.
Acquiring a record of birth is not only an important part of the task of getting the child ready for school but is an essential item in the larger job of preparing the child for the future. The time will come when he will need a record of his birth. Proper registration now will prevent difficulty later on in life.
In addition to its importance at the time of admission to school, birth registration may be necessary for obtaining a work permit, an automobile driver's permit, the right to vote and the right to marry; for proof of parentage, inheritance of property, settlement of insurance and in establishing identity.
TRY Our Want-Ads!

Two Killed In Army Maneuvers

By United Press
ROUND LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 9.—One of four airplanes enroute in formation for army maneuvers in northern New York sideswiped another 5,000 feet up today and crashed into a meadow, killing two air corp flyers.
The sideswiped plane was forced down by the damage.
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School To Open In Desdemona On 4th of September

The Desdemona school will open for the 1939-1940 term on September 4th, which is the first Monday in September.
The American Legion Post of De Leon in co-operation with the State Health Department in its child welfare program is sponsoring and in part financing a plan to have all school children in the De Leon Post area inoculated against diphtheria.
Inoculation of Desdemona school children will be undertaken some time in September. It will be done under the direct supervision of some local reputable physician. All parents whose children have had diphtheria or who have been inoculated for diphtheria are urged to communicate such information to superintendent of schools before time for the inoculation of the school in general as such children must not be inoculated again.
Parents and children are urged to co-operate in this matter as this is part of a nation-wide campaign to eradicate this dreaded disease. The board of trustees have given their tentative approval of this matter.

Japs Seize Priests at Chinese School



Seeking names of students intending to go to southern China, operatives of Japanese-dominated provisional Chinese government seized Father Henry Kroes, left, registrar, and Father John Fu K'ai P'eng, right, Chinese professor of philosophy at American Catholic University, Peiping, China. Father Kroes was later released. Rev. Father Rudolph Rahmann, center, was roughly handled when he attempted to aid fellow instructors.

Desdemona Homecoming Aug. 11 - 12

Desdemona's big annual homecoming, expected to be the biggest and best in the history of the town, starts on Friday, Aug. 11, with two big days of entertainment promised for the visitors.
The Homecoming will start with a big parade Friday morning with something doing all day during the two-day celebration, and with a special musical program planned for Friday night, ending with a big square dance.
The program Saturday will start at 10 o'clock and will continue until late at night, when Gorman will have charge.
The Annual Homecoming at Desdemona is one of the outstanding events of its kind held in this part of the country, and is one of the oldest homecomings in Eastland county, which draws people, not only from Eastland and surrounding counties, but from over a large portion of East and West Texas, where former residents of

Angled Apology



From University of Chicago, former President Herbert Hoover obtained apology for inference, made on school's roundtable radio program, that he is using financial lures to "buy" southern delegates to 1940 Republican convention. Here's Hoover fishing in western waters of Gunnison river, Colo.—but for trout He celebrates 65th birthday Aug. 10.

Eastland Personal

R. L. Wilson of Cisco was an Eastland business visitor, Wednesday.
Jack Harper, Dallas, was a business visitor Wednesday in Eastland.
Mrs. A. F. Taylor and Ann returned today from Ardmore and Oklahoma City. In Ardmore they visited with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Kilgore.
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