



Kidnaped Baby

Mrs. H. J. Stephens Jr. sits beside her badly injured 8-month-old son, Daniel, in a hospital at Florence, Ariz., after the baby was kidnaped and molested. The baby was taken from the Spencer home at nearby Stanfield while the family slept. He was found lying by a road a half mile from his home. (AP Wirephoto).

Pasture Feeds Still Dwindle

AUSTIN (U)—Dry range and pasture feed supplies dwindled further over much of Texas the past week, and time to mature grass before the first frost is running out, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported yesterday.

Only a few widely scattered ineffective showers fell last week, mostly in the northwest and in South Texas.

Much more moisture is needed, even in favored localities, the USDA said in its weekly review.

The hot, open weather has helped farmers push harvest of cotton, sorghum, rice and peanut crops.

Wheat planting continued in the northwest even though moisture for germination was short in some areas.

"Dusting in" of oats for grazing continued in central and eastern counties.

Cotton harvest is about over in South Texas. Activity is in full swing in the blacklands and eastward.

Progress of commercial vegetables, particularly seed beds and early plantings of tender vegetables, was further improved by showers extending from the lower Valley through the Laredo area.

Livestock continued to lose flesh on the dry forage, and supplemental feeding was increasing.

Marketing of cattle and calves continued in heavy volume.

Living plants use carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and water from the soil to produce sugar.

Remorseful Man, 24, Held For Sexual Attack On Baby

FLORENCE, Ariz. (U)—An ashamed and remorseful young service station attendant, who begged that his name be kept out of the papers, has been charged with a sexual attack on a nine-month-old baby boy.

Bob Spencer, 24, has been accused of kidnaping, sodomy and aggravated assault in the complaint, filed by Pinal County Atty. Timothy J. Mahoney.

Mahoney said Spencer had signed a confession admitting that he took the baby, Daniel Ernest Stephens, from his crib in his home at Stanfield and molested him.

Stanfield is a farming center 40 miles west of Florence.

The baby was abducted about 12:45 a.m. yesterday by an intruder who tore open a screen in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stephens Jr. Stephens discovered the baby was missing a short time later and summoned police.

The child was found whimpering in a corn field.

Spencer was arrested in the same vicinity and jailed pending a hearing.

Red-eyed and weary, he pleaded with reporters that the case not be publicized.

"I've got a lot of friends," he said. "I'd hate to have this come out in the papers."

New Midland Bank Charter Approved

AUSTIN (U)—Charter for a new state bank at Midland was approved by the State Banking Commission yesterday.

Approval was given by the three-man commission after a hearing at which no opposition to the new bank was indicated.

Directors said they will begin operation of the bank as soon as possible. Its name will be Commercial Bank and Trust Co.

Present for the hearing were the following directors and stockholders: A. A. Bradford, Tom Sealy, Robert L. Wood, J. W. Starr, George Bush, B. J. Greathouse and Lynn Durham, all of Midland, and James Simmons, Monahan.

Members of the banking board are Banking Commissioner J. M. Falkner, Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd, and State Treasurer Jesse James, who was represented by Morris Stevens.

City Tax Receipts Down In August; Year's Total Up

Receipts in the tax department of the City of Big Spring were lower this August than last, but the total collections so far this fiscal year have been higher than in the same period last year.

Only \$2,796.06 were collected this August, as compared with the \$3,588.50 collected in August, 1953.

Yet total collections through August have been \$18,513.55 for this fiscal year—\$7,452.82 more than the \$9,360.73 received in the same five months last year. The fiscal year began April 1.

Collections this August were lower than last for everything except dog taxes and taxicab franchise money. Delinquent tax collections were still high, however, with \$1,637.93 coming in.

Other August collections included interest and penalties, \$344; occupation taxes, \$514.50; dog taxes, \$12; bus franchise, \$37.22; taxicab franchise, \$235.33; tax certificates, \$5.56; and taxi-bus drivers licenses, \$5.

Money collected by the tax department this year can be broken down as follows:

Current taxes, \$3,515.93; penalty on current taxes, \$123.37; delinquent taxes, \$9,587.51; interest and penalties, \$2,016.56; occupation taxes, \$798; dog taxes, \$61; bus franchise, \$229.55; tax certificates, \$39.50; and taxi-bus drivers license, \$59.

Riding THE GRUB LINE With Franklin Reynolds

Disclosing a startling unfamiliarity with West Texas, a writer in the November issue of Headquarters Detective Magazine has revealed that:

"Out in the counties where derick pumps run all through the night and day, a man's wardrobe is two suits of coveralls, and it's an odds-on bet that you can't find one man in twenty who was born in the town where his rig stands. When the oil runs out, he'll move on to another county or state or country, and he'll leave behind him a string of towns like Snyder or Lubbock or Big Spring that aren't much bigger than they were 50 years ago."

The article was titled "Houston Doesn't Give A Damn" and is descriptive of police scandals down there amid those glamorous millions (millions of millionaires, millions of people, and of course millions of dollars). In it's comment about "Bing" Spring, Lubbock and Snyder it was comparing these salty, rugged frontier outposts with the suave and cultured and sophisticated Houston.

If we could get the name and address of that writer (who has probably never been any farther west than the Hudson River) we'd like to send him one of the State Highway Department's new road maps and we'd ask Jimmie Greene to throw in some Chamber of Commerce propaganda, too.

One of the most interested visitors at the recent farm and ranch field day sponsored by the Abilene Reporter-News, southeast of

Abilene, was Jack Burkhalter, county agricultural agent at Colorado City.

Jack looked the affair over pretty thoroughly, expressed a desire for a similar event in Mitchell County, and went back home with an inspiration and an idea.

Now he has gotten the implement dealers in Colorado City and Loraine to agree to give demonstrations of their stubble mulching machinery on the Leroy Lucas farm at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24.

Jack explains that the cover on the land is sorghum stalks left standing after the grain was combined.

The dealers, he says, will show off their best in sweeps and chisels which will stir the soil but will leave the stubble on the surface to prevent soil and water erosion. These surface residues, it will be pointed out, in the demonstration, will not only offer protection during the blow season, but will cause granulation of the surface and will help the soils absorb rainfall when it comes.

"As we all know too well," Jack says, "wind erosion and lack of moisture in the soil have been big problems in this area. Plans should be made now to leave all sorghum residues on the surface through the blow season as dead litter to prevent soil movement. Winter crops can be seeded in the litter, and on clean tilled land, to offer good protection in rotation on dryland."

The Mitchell County agent is

suggesting a legume cover on irrigated land each winter to boost yields of the following cash crops as well as to prevent erosion.

Any farmer interested in preventing erosion, and in getting more of the scarce rainfall stored in his soil, and who has some stubble, will find it interesting to attend this field day and see the demonstrations which will show a variety of ways to get the job done.

Jack Burkhalter went to the Mitchell agent's job from Dawson County where he was assistant to Lee Roy Colgan, county agent at Lamesa.

C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma, vice president of the Texas Farm Bureau, and Kenneth Ingwalsen of Washington, D. C., director of leadership services for the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be the main speakers at the district meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau to be held at the Settles Hotel here Sept. 20.

DeVaney will discuss current agricultural issues and Ingwalsen will talk on the techniques of policy development in community, county state and national farm bureaus.

While the meeting, which starts at 10 a.m., is open to the public, and will be held in the ballroom, it has been called to get county officers, directors, office personnel and those most actively interested in Farm Bureau together.

Following the two principal discussions, which will include acreage allotments and diverted acres, there will be a general round table discussion of farm and ranch problems, after which the meeting will be adjourned for noon.

The big event of the day will come at the afternoon session and it will be the election of a district Farm Bureau queen from the county queens who have been selected in the district. The district

queen elected here that afternoon will go to the state convention to contest for the state title, the winner of which will be a guest of the American Farm Bureau Federation at its national convention.

Howard County doesn't have a queen to go into the contest this year.

Capper's Farmer warns that the truck hauling cattle or hogs to market should be watched, because it can bring such diseases as shipping fever, brucellosis, tuberculosis, blackleg, cholera, swine erysipelas, vesicular exanthema or other diseases to cattle and hog herds.

The well known agriculture journal suggests it will not be out of order for the stockman to insist that the truck be cleaned out and disinfected before being used to haul animals to the farm or ranch, and that when it comes there to haul them away the herd owner should be sure none of the bedding or manure is kicked out where his animals might be infected.

Suggested solutions for cleaning truck beds are (1) one pound of soda to 10 pounds of water; (2) a pound of soda ash to 25 pounds of water; (3) a pound of lye to 50 pounds of water.

Scientists at the USDA's experiment farm laboratory at Kerrville have discovered that three phosphorus insecticides fed to yearling cattle have killed cattle grubs for as long as three weeks after treatment.

Now these scientists hope further tests will show that the phosphate insecticides residues will disappear rapidly from the animal's tissues.

For the present, however, practical farm use of such insecticides for such a purpose is a long way off, but this is a picture of what may be coming in the future.

Savings Bond Drive For Last Quarter Is Slated In Texas

A "Put-Texas-Over-The-Top 1954 Savings Bond Drive" during the remainder of the year will be carried on vigorously in an effort to reach the state's 1954 quota of \$199,300,000, according to Ira L. Thurman, Howard County Savings Bonds chairman.

"While purchases of Savings Bonds have increased so far this year, the rate of increase during the past eight months has not been sufficient to reach the goal and an all-out effort is needed during the remainder of 1954," Thurman said.

Importance of the Savings Bonds program to each individual, every community, the state and the nation is being stressed by the volunteer Texas Advisory Committee for U. S. Savings Bonds, the chairman emphasized. Governor Allan Shivers is honorary chairman. State chairman is Nathan Adams, dean of Texas bankers and honorary Board Chairman, First National Bank of Dallas, while co-chairman is Ed Gossett, Dallas, prominent attorney and former Texas congressman.

"Savings Bonds now have a most vital place in our country's sound money and financial program," the county chairman said. "They are an investment that is absolutely safe and one which guarantees the full principal, plus three per cent interest compounded semi-annually when held to maturity. They can readily be converted to cash any time to meet an emergency, or for some planned project. Each individual is permitted to buy up to \$20,000 Series E and \$20,000 Series H Bonds per year."

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Collapse Of The EDC Stirs New Action For Cooperative Defense

It seems that Moscow rejoiced too quickly when the Communist members of the French General Assembly provided the margin by which the European Defense Community pact was killed.

could not tolerate the rearming of Germany without safeguards directly underwritten by Britain. So the plan is to enfold West Germany with NATO.

Washington Calling—Marquis Childs

Alternatives Under Study For Salvaging Part Of EDC Plan

WASHINGTON—In the words of the old nursery rhyme, the problem is how to put Humpty Dumpty together again. It is how, in short, to get France and Germany back in a common defense framework.

is believed to be what Britain and the United States are ready to settle for. A German national army of 12 divisions would be coordinated in the common defense of the West along with French, British and American divisions.

Among restrictions being discussed, number one would be a ban on the production of atomic weapons. It has been proposed that Germany accept voluntarily the kind of inspection which would insure that the size of the German military establishment be within agreed limits.

It is not, of course, merely what Mendes-France himself may happen to want. If the question of German sovereignty and German membership in NATO were presented on a take-it-or-leave-it basis,

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The World Today — James Marlow

Troubled Times Symbolized By Dulles' Hurried Flight To Europe, TV Speech

WASHINGTON (AP)—That the United States is living in a troubled period was illustrated last night by Secretary of State Dulles who talked to the nation while flying to Europe.

cause another crisis had occurred there: The French had wrecked EDC—the European Defense Community—by refusing to join a single European Army with Germany.

Dulles was cautious even on the subject of helping Southeast Asia economically. The treaty signers agreed, as he explained, to "cooperate in the development of economic measures which will promote economic and social well-being."

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Just before the final vote that killed EDC the aged Edouard Herriot made a highly emotional plea for French nationalism that is believed to have swayed some doubtful deputies. When Herriot showed his complete lack of realism when arguing for an alternative solution in permitting German rearmament while not "infringing" the security of France, he said:

Notebook—Hal Boyle

When Fantasy Gets Hold And Just Won't Let Go

making on a mall-order saxophone. And inside, Avery and Wolfson deal out a game of two-handed showdown. The first ace wins Montgomery Ward.

After being more than eight games out, the Milwaukee Braves begin to pull up. On the last game of the regular season, they tie the Giants for the National League pennant. Comes the playoff, best two out of three.

The Braves win the first. The Braves win the second. It is now third game and the bottom of the ninth, the Giants leading 4 to 2. Johnny Antonelli, whom the Giants got in a trade with Milwaukee for Bobby Thomson, is pitching.

Investment In Uranium Stocks Might Return Lot Of 'Blue Sky'

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Warnings against reckless investment in uranium stocks are beginning to come out of some of the Western states. It seems like the "uranium boom" is costing some people a lot of hard-earned money.

are where the uranium search and "blue sky" speculation are being concentrated, although a few West Texans could be participating. Here are Hastings' rules for potential investors:

Today And Tomorrow—Walter Lippmann

Manila Pact Sets New Course In Providing For Intervention

Our latest treaty, which was signed in Manila last week, is not just one more in the series of collective security pacts. It marks a new venture. The older treaties, like the U. N. Charter, NATO, Rio, Anzus, deal with the invasion of an innocent country by the organized military forces of an aggressor.

would bear the main burden, can expect much from the other members beyond their moral support. Unlike a true alliance, such as NATO for example, this pact does not create collective power to cover the collective liability. In the Manila treaty we have acquired an undefined right and an implied obligation to intervene under certain conditions in Southeast Asia.

Call For Face Lifting

WEST POINT, Va. (AP)—This town's bigger and better garbage truck will change the face of things quite a bit. A survey showed it could not get through the alleys until the power company moved 41 poles, the telephone company 39 and property owners some 123 other various obstructions.

Angry Hawaiian Gods

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaiians were not surprised when a cave-in occurred in a tunnel from the Honolulu side of the mountain range. What can be done to placate the gods? This is what the Hawaiians recommend: "Nothing less than the sacrifice of a black pig with a red stripe down the body can undo the mischief."

POTOMAC FEVER

WASHINGTON—Maine votes. Politicians watch the state for political trends. You know the old saying, "As Maine goes, so goes Vermont—and sometimes Kansas."

Rabbits Too Healthy

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AP)—The federal government is suing two feed companies for \$8,500, charging their rabbit feed caused failure of medical experiments. The suit contends the Public Health Service experiments at the University of North Carolina were spoiled because the feeds contained aureomycin.

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Get Heaters Ready, Williams Suggests

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