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Italian Quake Kill 27; Many Cities Damaged

(By Associated Press)
ANCONA, Italy, Oct. 29.—Twenty-seven persons are known to be dead and 150 were injured in an earthquake which shook the Adriatic coast today.

It is believed the casualty lists will increase as towns in the area, which have not reported so far, were communicated with.

Practically every house in this city of 50,000 inhabitants was damaged.

Senigallia reported 20 dead and 100 hurt. The province of Marche reported 5 dead and upwards of 50 injured.

Naples and Rome felt the shocks, but were not seriously affected.

Troops have been sent to aid the victims of the disaster.

Winters Quartet at Revival Tonight

The revival at the First Christian Church, now in its second week, is receiving the hearty cooperation of that congregation and much interest is being shown. The pastor, Rev. F. M. Crabtree, is bringing splendid messages nightly to large congregations and R. E. Bacon, of Winters, is directing very uplifting song services.

Thursday night the Winters Male Quartet will be a special attraction at the local church, and will render several numbers. This quartet, of which Mr. Bacon is director, is known in all sections of the county for ability to sing in harmony and Ballinger citizens have an invitation to hear this excellent group tonight.

The revival is scheduled to close Sunday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services during the remainder of the week.

RANCHER-AVIATOR SAVES LIFE OF SICK WOMAN

(By Associated Press)
DEL RIO, Tex., Oct. 30.—During recent high water in this section, the plane of Emery Davis, rancher-aviator, twice served as a mercy ship, and was credited with saving the life of Mrs. E. L. Chapman of the Pumpville, section.

Mrs. Chapman, stricken at her ranch home 80 miles from Del Rio, was unable to reach Del Rio by highway. Davis brought her over in his plane.

When Everett Duke of this city was drowned in the South Concho River near Christoval, Davis took Earl Duke, the victim's father, to San Angelo to identify the body after it was found that road conditions prohibited an overland trip.

25 Acre Campaign To Go Over Top

C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, said Thursday that the small grain campaign recently started in this county was making good progress and he expected about 100,000 acres to be planted in this county this fall. A large part of this is already in the ground, Mr. Lehmborg stated, and many other farmers are ready to commence planting as soon as the ground dries sufficiently. The county agent further stated that he never saw a better planting time and that there was plenty of time to get good winter pasturage from small grain.

Many farmers who at first agreed to plant the 25 acres have changed their minds and are planting from 50 to 75 acres in oats. The season in the ground will insure the grain being up in a very short time and good growth during the next few weeks before a hard freeze.

Mr. Lehmborg believes that the 25-acre campaign will go over the top in this county and the total small grain acreage will average more than 25 acres to each farm.

Captain Robert Dollar, San Francisco shipping magnate, and Mrs. Dollar have made 35 trips to the Far East.

Oregon's prison flax processing plant is to be enlarged to handle 2,000 tons of fibre.

M. E. Conference Shows Good Work

Dr. W. H. Coleman, of Brownwood, was here Wednesday night to hold the fourth quarterly conference with the local Methodist church. The conference opened at 7 o'clock with a banquet served by the women of the church to all members of the conference. Thirty-five were present at the banquet and only a few who were out of town or sick were absent from this conference.

The head of every department of the church offered a written report Wednesday night which not only gave exactly the work done during the fourth quarter of the year but reflected the work of the entire year. Dr. Coleman complimented the reports very highly and every one showed a good growth and progress being made in all divisions of the church life.

He told the local officials something of the condition of the district especially on the circuits where rural churches are meeting with great difficulties in financial conditions. The city churches have not suffered so much Dr. Coleman said and will have to help others during the coming months before another crop is made.

All reports of the Ballinger church were exceedingly good Wednesday night and was proof of one of the best years work in the history of the church. The financial budget for the year was not up to date but was as good as any previous year at this time and with every member doing his part the church should be able to announce at annual conference all obligations paid in full, which will be considered a wonderful report this year.

Dr. Coleman and Rev. T. E. Bowman made short talks on the new Board of Christian Education which will look after the general activities of the church. The membership in this new plan is divided into three groups known as adults, young people and children and a superintendent was elected Wednesday night for each of them. Clifford Rhoden was elected for the adults, Sam Behringer for the young people, and Mrs. Joe Forman for the children. With them on the committee will serve other heads of departments of the church and three other women elected, Mrs. H. C. Lyon, Mrs. Troy Simpson, and Mrs. Robert Bruce.

Rev. W. H. Doss near the close of the session Wednesday night asked for permission to speak and stated in the beginning that he wished to hand his flowers to the living. Speaking to the presiding elder he told of the faithful, hard service rendered here during the past year by Rev. T. E. Bowman and his wife and the deep love they had won from the entire congregation in Ballinger. He concluded his remarks by asking that if it be the will of the presiding elder and the conference that they be sent to the Ballinger church again to labor with the people who have learned to love them. This brought an applause from the entire crowd assembled and Rev. Bowman spoke briefly telling of the great joy he had received from the work the past year.

Dr. Coleman expressed his appreciation for the fine attendance at the quarterly conference and thanked the women of the church for their part in serving the banquet. He stated that when another such meeting was held that he would appreciate an invitation and would drop everything in order to be here.

Columbia Starts Flight to Berlin

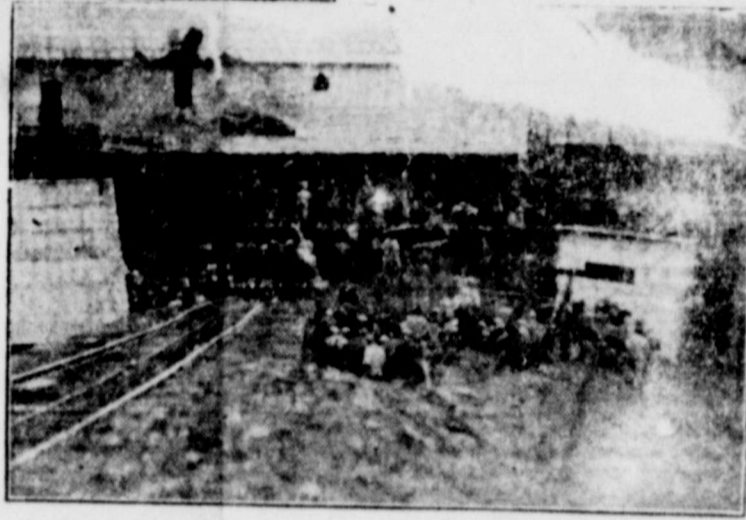
(By Associated Press)
CROYDON, England, Oct. 30.—Captain J. Errol Boyd and Lieutenant Harry P. Connor, transatlantic fliers, hopped off from here today for Berlin in the monoplane Columbia, the same ship which they used in their flight to here from Newfoundland and the same which Clarence Chamberlin piloted to Germany in 1927.

Where 39 Died in Oklahoma Mine Blast



Twenty-nine men were entombed by a terrific explosion that wrecked the Wheatley No. 4 coal mine at McAlester, Okla. The blast, coming up in shaft, damaged mine building (above) and killed a miner working at the mouth.

Anxious and curious crowds thronged about the mouth of the wrecked Wheatley coal mine where twenty-nine men were trapped by a violent explosion and another miner was killed outside.



Legion Players to Start Rehearsals

The American Legion players will start next week on rehearsals for their 11th annual show. Due to other things to attract people on Armistice Day the date will be a little later in November when nothing interferes. Admissions will be cut this year to meet the times but the high type performance usually staged by this organization will be maintained and an effort will be made by all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to show to the largest crowds this year in their history.

The Legion this year has faced financial difficulties in taking care of the library building and is badly in need of a good run on its annual show this year. Expenses of keeping the library open and furnishing an auditorium on numerous occasions makes the place burdensome at times and without good receipts from the annual show it would be impossible to continue to render this service to the town of Ballinger.

This year those in charge of the Legion players has accepted a three-act comedy, "She Loved the Other Man." The play is comedy from the beginning to the finish and has no serious spots anywhere in the bill. The bill is light and well suited for amateur performers and yet has plenty of properties, scenery changes, and a cast of eight people, all playing good parts. The director stated Thursday morning that no changes would be made in the cast this year and that all parts would be taken by those who have worked in many former productions and are well known here for their ability as entertainers.

In addition to the play itself, a lot of time will be devoted this year to specialty numbers. A large chorus of costumed girls will be presented in beautiful dance and song numbers with special lighting effects and scenery to add to their beauty.

In announcing the date of the show a little later a number of towns in the county will be included in the list of places where the play will be presented. Requests have already been received from a number of these places and a committee was here this week from Miles to secure the play for that place this year. This will be the first visit of the Legion players to that city and they will play there under the auspices of the American Legion.

Mississippi spent more than \$3,000,000 last year improving elementary and high school buildings.

A coin minted by the Ottoman empire at Constantinople in 1255 was recently found on a farm near Savannah, Ga.

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5 Miners Missing Following Blast

(By Associated Press)
CHARLEROI, Belgium, Oct. 30.—Five miners are missing today after a blast in the Portenaille coal mine at Montaigny les Tilleurs. The missing men are believed to be dead.

Japanese Troops Start Fight On Head Hunters

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, Oct. 30.—Two thousand Japanese troops today sought the head-hunting Taiyai tribe savages in the jungles and mountain fastnesses of central Formosa. The Taiyals several days ago massacred eighty-six Japanese residents of the village of Musha, and possibly wiped out other villages, decapitating many of the victims and taking their heads as trophies.

Japanese last night occupied Musha only after beating off two savage attacks.

Neighboring tribes indicated that the Taiyals' principal grievance was forced labor on the roads and other public places under Japanese direction with little or no pay.

Fritts Gets Death In Murder Trial

(By Associated Press)
CLAIREMONT, Tex., Oct. 30.—A jury here today gave Will Fritts the death penalty on charges of having fatally shot D. W. Hamilton at Hamilton's home, near Rochester, on October 24, 1928. The verdict came here on a change of venue reaching the jury yesterday.

Earl Hamilton, son of D. W. Hamilton, also was shot dead at the same time, Fritts receiving a ninety-nine year sentence in the penitentiary on that charge.

Fritts claimed self defense following an argument which is said to have begun when Fritts upbraided young Hamilton for testifying against him at a previous liquor trial.

Baldwin is Named Leader of Party

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Oct. 30.—Former Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin was reaffirmed as leader of the Conservative party by a vote of 460 to 116 today after being charged with general inefficiency in leadership.

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Houston Salesman Kills Wife, Daughter and Self

Former Editor Will Be Buried Today

(By Associated Press)
DENISON, Tex., Oct. 30.—Funeral services for Henry E. Ellis, 60, retired newspaper editor, were held here at 2:30 this afternoon. Burial will be made at Groesbeck tomorrow.

Ellis died yesterday after a long illness.

Mr. Ellis was born at Jefferson, Alabama, August 15, 1870. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ellis. After the death of his father in 1880 and after the grade school in which he was enrolled was closed when he was 15, Mr. Ellis came to Texas in 1885 and located in Groesbeck, Limestone county, where his mother and sister joined him the following year. Mr. Ellis clerked in a hardware and furniture store, worked in a railway station and later served as deputy county clerk. Working in the daytime, the youth studied law at night. He was admitted to the bar in 1892 and practiced nine years.

Elected mayor of Groesbeck in 1894, Mr. Ellis served two terms. He was a member of the state Democratic executive committee of 1896-98 and represented the 64th floratorial representative district in the 26th and 27th legislatures in 1889-1901.

Mr. Ellis acquired the Groesbeck Journal in 1901, and did special work on the Houston Post at the same time. He came to Denison as editor of the Denison Herald in September, 1911, and continued in that capacity until November, 1912, when he became staff correspondent for the Houston Post. Returning to Denison in July, 1913, Mr. Ellis organized a stock company which took over the Herald from Mrs. E. A. Thompson, then owner. He served as president of the company and editor of the paper continuously for 17 years.

In 1930 Mr. Ellis retired from work, trying to recover his health after a series of major operations beginning in September, 1928.

He was affiliated with three lodges, having served as past grand chancellor and past supreme representative of the Knights of Pythias. He was a member also of the Elks and the Woodmen of the World. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a past president of the Denison Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis had one daughter, Mrs. C. P. (Teresa) McKenzie, of Mexia.

The College of Charleston, S. C., opened its 145th term this year.

Name Houston for E. O. S. Convention

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANGELO, Oct. 30.—Houston was named as the next convention city of the Texas Order of the Eastern Star at the annual meeting here today.

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(By Associated Press)
HOUSTON, Oct. 30.—Andrew E. Hart, 38, a refrigerator salesman, fatally shot his wife Helen, 35, and their daughter Vivian, 13, today as they slept, then shot himself through the head.

The coroner returned a verdict of double murder and suicide. Mrs. Hart recently told neighbors they were "up against it" financially.

The shooting was done with a pistol Hart borrowed yesterday from A. L. Atwood, saying that he wanted "to do some pistol practice with a doctor."

Hart's father is E. O. Hart, wealthy Chicago real estate dealer.

Court Adjourns Thursday Morn.

Judge E. J. Miller dismissed the jury in district court here Thursday at noon and adjourned court until next Monday morning, at which time the criminal docket will be taken up again. A number of cases were heard this week and Wednesday afternoon the last jury case was tried that could be taken up by the court this week.

The case of the State vs. T. A. Coleman, of Miles, for possession of intoxicants, was heard Wednesday afternoon and after a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the penalty at one year in the penitentiary.

A large number of cases remain on the docket here to be heard and two full weeks probably will be required to clear the docket of cases ready for trial at this term.

Two Kidnappers Held by Officers

(By Associated Press)
KEWANEE, Ill., Oct. 30.—Two men are in custody here today and possess are closing in on two others who are alleged to have kidnapped Earl O. Yocum, wealthy banker of Galva, Illinois, Saturday. Yocum was held three days for ransom and finally released.

Mrs. Yocum said the ransom was paid, but details of the transaction were withheld from the authorities, Yocum refusing to cooperate with the police seeking his abductors. He explained that he didn't want "to be put on the spot."

Proposals looking toward linking the North and Black Seas by a canal will be considered at a conference of central European countries.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
West Texas—Fair, probably frost tonight. Fair Friday, with rising temperatures.
East Texas—Fair and colder except the southeast portion; probably frost in the interior tonight. Friday fair and warmer in the west portion.

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One farmer in Ballinger Wednesday telling of the wonderful season in the county at present stated that in building a fence on his place this week post holes dug would fill with water within a very short time if left open. He stated that he had worked at night in the ground and had planted 89 acres between rains and it was all up and doing fine. He said, "Tell the farmers to get busy and plant oats and wheat."

It is a pity that some of the live bats in Ballinger could not be used for Halloween decorations. A number of buildings here that have become haunts for bats have millions in them and it is a hard and expensive job to rid a place of bats once they have taken it as a home. About the only good it is easy to see in these creatures is the spooky look they have in a banquet hall and they are common symbol of Halloween as displayed with cardboard. Real live bats should make good decorations and in that case a few buildings here should rent for big money for social occasions this week.

Tomorrow night will be the time when ghosts will walk and spooks of all kinds creep about the earth. That is the real spirit of Halloween and no one objects to that pastime for the younger generation. Many youths have received the wrong idea of this night and have made it into a time when they consider it all right to tear up and destroy that which belongs to others. Officers locally have issued warnings this year and this little piece is used in the hope that parents will read it and make an effort to have their children behave this year. The officers say that they are willing for the children to have a good time and do all the "spooking" they desire, but to cut out the prowling on other people's property and doing damage to others. Here last year many cars left at the curb in front of homes were robbed of spare tires, motor-meters, shifting gear knobs and anything else that could be taken from the car. This is not celebrating Halloween but plain stealing and a close watch will be made by officers and special night watchmen this year and people caught taking things that belong to others will be treated as thieves caught in the act. Enjoy the night but watch your step.

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POLICE NECESSARY AT HOUSTON GRID GAMES

HOUSTON, Oct. 30.—The police department will have an adequate representation on hand at high school football games played here in the future, Chief Percy Heard announced.

The department was criticized by Major W. D. Bronson, supervisor of physical education for the public schools, after a recent free-for-all fight at one of the games, between two local teams.

Major Bronson said the schools had not been "properly backed."

"We have tried," Chief Heard answered, "to cooperate with the schools during games and in all matters. We have tried to place as many officers on duty at the games as we thought necessary. But we can't send all the officers to these games. Few people realize that on week-ends the majority of officers are needed in the downtown sections to handle the heavy traffic. But we have done our best in the past and we will continue to do what is our duty in the future."

HOW'S your HEALTH

Edited by DR. JACO GALESTON

HOW TO CATCH COLD

How does one "catch cold"? That's a problem that has puzzled scientists for many years.

And despite much information that has been gathered through scores of experiments, there is still no final answer to the query.

But, if the final and efficient answer is still unavailable, we do know that certain conditions very substantially contribute to the "catching" of colds.

Contact with a person who has a cold is one such condition. In any group of persons brought in close contact, the presence of one who has a cold, particularly if he is careless, will bring out a crop of colds.

Most winter colds are due to germs. The germs pass from the sick to the well in the excretions of the nose, throat and lungs of the sufferer.

Jones has a cold. He is caught short on a sneeze. He catches it on a bill or a letter which he

holds in his hand, and which is destined for Smith's desk. It gets to Smith by way of the office boy. Smith and the office boy are in this fashion exposed to Jones' cold.

Of course, neither of these may catch cold, for susceptibility enters the picture. Susceptibility to catching colds is greater in those whose nose and throat are defective, who do not rest enough, who live and work in an over-heated atmosphere, who are undernourished and over-dressed, and who do not exercise enough.

Chilling the body may bring on a cold. This is particularly true if the feet get wet.

Fresh air, it has been found, is a good preventive of colds, particularly when taken out of doors and in combination with some form of exercise.

But above all, the easiest way to catch cold is to hob-nob with one who already has a cold.

(Tomorrow—Bunchies)

MOVIES

"Blaze o' Glory," Musical Drama, Ends Run Tonight

Through the astute direction of Renaud Hoffman and George J. Crone, and the artistic performance of Eddie Dowling in "Blaze o' Glory" which opened yesterday and closes tonight at the Palace Theatre, here is something which Sono Art, the producers, can point with pride as a worthy successor to Dowling's well-liked vehicle of last season, "The Rainbow Man."

The offering is a beguiling piece of work about the effect of war

on its characters, and it is also endowed with the presence of Betty Compton of happy memory; Henry B. Walthall, whose presence always adds to a play or picture; and Frankie Darro, as capable a youngster as there is on the screen, and others whose names are not so noteworthy but who are effective in dramatic roles.

This is a musical drama—if you can imagine such a thing—with a diverting story in which melody runs a close race with dancing and dramatics. The producers have given the production a lavish investiture with scenes that run from the stage of a theatre to the trenches of the late war.

WARDENS INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE HUNTING LAWS

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Oct. 30.—Game wardens have been instructed to enforce the new game laws as they effect hunting of ducks and game rigidly. W. J. Tucker, executive secretary of the game, fish and oyster commission, stated in an attempt to counteract the impression the new restrictions are more liberal than the former law.

The law now limits the killing of ducks of 15 per day and places a possession limit of 30 on each hunter. A limit of four a day is allowed on geese with the posses-

sion limit set at eight. Numerous requests for clarification of the law have been received from puzzled ninrods who want to know exactly how many ducks and geese they can kill.

Under the old law hunters were permitted to kill 25 ducks a day but the weekly limit was 50. Tucker stated that a hunter could kill 15 ducks each day of the week and would not be violating the law as long as he did not have more than 30 in his actual possession at a single time.

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SUNDOWN STORIES



WONDER SEVEN

By Mary Graham Bonner

"I have turned the time back a long, long, long distance," the Little Black Clock began, and now the scene that was before their eyes was so dazzling and so beautiful that John and Peggy could simply think of nothing to say.

"We are on the island of Rhodes," said the Little Black Clock, "and the blue water is that of the Mediterranean Sea. Alho this island is not very near Greece, it belongs to Greece, and the people are just celebrating a victory after a terrible Siege of Rhodes by seeing the statue erected on a firm and splendid post in the harbor. We are in the harbor of Rhodes now."

The Little Black Clock and John and Peggy were sitting in a most magnificent barge.

All around them were beautiful, ray, fascinating looking boats.

It was the loveliest sight Peggy thought she had almost ever seen, and John wouldn't have missed those wonderful boats for anything in the world.

The sun was shining so brightly and made the statue shine in its golden light.

"The statue is one of Apollo," the Little Black Clock told the children. "In ancient times the people worshipped Apollo as god of the sun, and so they have put this statue up to him in celebra-

tion of the great victory they have won. They call this Seventh Wonder the Colossus of Rhodes."

"I don't wonder it was called a Wonder," John answered.

"It won't last long," the Little Black Clock said. "An earthquake will dash it to the ground—but we've turned the time back so now we have seen all of the Seven Wonders of the World."

And the children shook the Little Black Clock's hands and hugged him and said:

"And you're the eighth wonder."

(Tomorrow—Wonder Talk)

Baby's Colds Best treated without dosing—Just rub on VICKS VAPORUB OVER 17 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

ONE TAXI TO EACH 114 PERSONS IS BERLIN RATIO

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Oct. 30.—One taxicab for every 114 inhabitants of a metropolis is not too many, the traffic division of the Berlin police department has ruled.

The question came up when an association of taxi operators asked the police to order 4,500 taxicabs off the streets on the ground they were cluttering up traffic—and incidentally keeping down the average income per cab. That would have left another 4,500 cabs for the whole city.

The department ruled that 9,000 cabs for a metropolis of 4,300,000 inhabitants is not too many, and that if fares are few just now, business will pick up when the general situation improves.

PUFFY

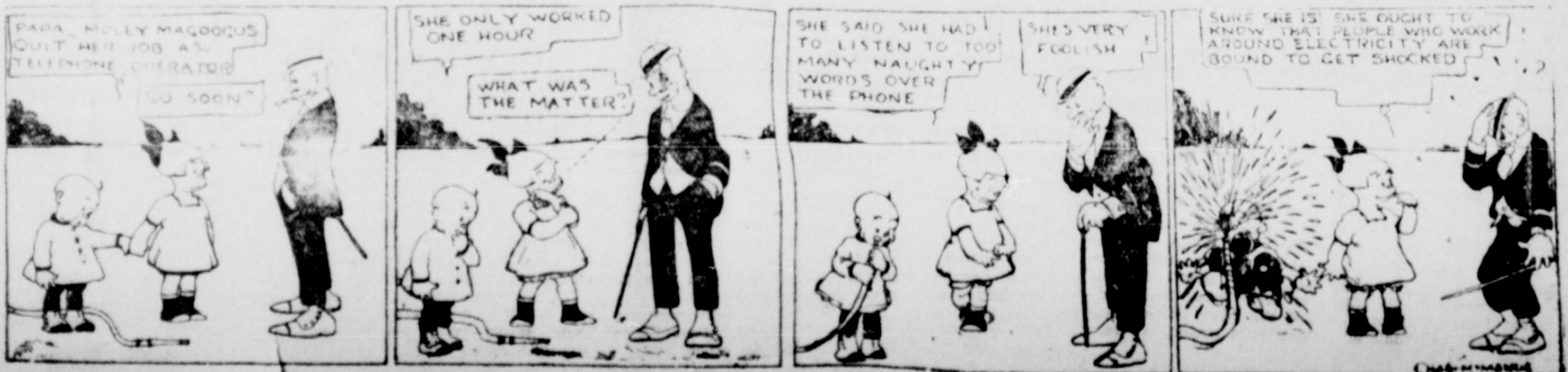


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Terrell Advocates 25% Cut In '31 Texas Cotton Acreage

AUSTIN, Oct. 30.—Under the present business depression it appears necessary to reduce cotton acreage next year, George B. Terrell, Texas commissioner of agriculture, wrote in an article prepared for The Southern Cultivator. Terrell said he would welcome any practical plan to accomplish a reduction.

He said a cut of 25 per cent would be sufficient.

A 25 per cent cut would reduce the next crop to approximately 10,864,500 bales.

Small production in this country and resultant high prices might encourage greater production abroad, Terrell warned.

"The federal farm board," Terrell said, "is endowed with broad powers and it has already exercised some of those powers indirectly and sustained a loss of millions of dollars to the government. The board is authorized to aid in preventing and controlling surpluses in any agricultural commodity through orderly production and distribution; to investigate the conditions of over production of agricultural commodities and advise as to the prevention of such over production and to make investigation and reports upon the following: land utilization for agricultural purposes and reduction of the acreage of unprofitable marginal lands in cultivation.

It seems that with its powers the farm board might lend financial assistance in preventing crop surpluses by aiding in the reduction of acreage. If it cannot and will not do this and will not name a profitable price for cotton and wheat, our great export crops, and continue to let the gambling exchanges make the price without regard to supply and demand, there is nothing left for the board to do and it might as well be abolished.

"There is no over production of cotton as proclaimed by many so called economic writers. There is an under consumption caused by depressed business conditions and low purchasing power.

"The farmer's purchasing power is cut one-half, caused by low prices and day laborers have no purchasing power when they are not earning wages. No writer has yet named the cause of the world panic. The true cause and motive may never be told. It was not caused by over production of cotton and other farm products.

"The total production of cotton for 1925, 1926 and 1927 was 47,836,000 bales while the production for the past three years was 43,687,000 bales, a decrease of 3,349,000 bales under the production for the first three-year period. Yet the average price for the first three years was 16.2 cents per pound while the aver-

age price for the past two years was only 13.6 cents. The consumption should have been more the past three years on account of lower prices and increases in the population.

"If the farm board will guarantee in advance that it will pay 15 or 18 cents per pound for the next year's cotton crop through the stabilizing corporations, conditioned that the grower reduce his acreage 25 per cent, every cotton farmer in the South will sign the contract for the reduction in acreage.

"These contracts can be secured and signed through existing agencies. Enough contracts should be prepared by the board and placed with the state departments of agriculture, extension services of the colleges, chambers of commerce and banks and I would guarantee that they will be signed within 30 days by all farmers where a profitable price is guaranteed.

"There is absolutely no risk to this plan if carried on from year to year. The price of cotton can be guaranteed, more easily and more safely than the price of wheat was guaranteed at \$2 per bushel during the World War.

"I have always been opposed to the government dabbling in private business, but since it has entered the field of guaranteeing profits for railroads, wages for organized labor, prices for manufacturing by means of the tariff, I want it to go the 'whole hog' and guarantee profitable prices for farm products or get out of the field of private business."

AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD WILL TEST NEW LAW

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Oct. 30.—The Austin city school board has decided to test the validity of the school law passed by the 41st legislature assessing independent districts a per capita assessment for the maintenance of a county school superintendent's office. The Austin board has retained a law firm to prepare an opinion on the law and should the opinion warrant, litigation will be started.

Other independent school districts will be asked to participate in the movement.

BETHEL NEWS

The bright sunshiny weather Saturday and Sunday brought smiles to everyone, a good crowd attending Sunday school at both churches.

The stork was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Shelburn on the morning of the 20th of October and left them a bonny baby girl. At the last report mother and child both were getting along nicely.

Miss Alma Koenig and friend, Miss Lanora Froschier of Santa Anna were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Koenig.

Mr. Ashworth of Coleman, an old friend and neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little, visited them Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Campbell of Ballinger visited home folks Sunday.

T. A. Crockett and family visited in the home of Bob Crockett at Norton Saturday night and Sunday, and also visited in the home of R. D. Martin and Bert Fletcher of Maverick Sunday afternoon.

Grandpa Greenhill has recently sold his farm southeast of Bethel.

The downpour of rain Monday made it bad for school buses evening and Tuesday morning again. One became so badly stuck it took all near neighbors and trustees until in the night to get it out. Children were compelled to walk home or spend the night with neighbors so bus drivers as well as others are hoping for dry sunshiny weather.

David Wood, one of the bus drivers and manual training teacher, is now located with Mr. and Mrs. David Duke where he will spend the winter.

Plans have been made and announced that the Parent-Teacher Association is to have a Halloween social at the school building Friday night if the weather and roads are favorable for going.

Mrs. W. A. Hall went to Lockhart recently for a medical examination.

News has been received that our

former pastor, Rev. Ezell, of the Methodist Church here, has been transferred to Sterling City. The name of our new pastor has not yet been learned.

Mrs. John Greenhill was quite sick the first of last week but much improved at this writing.

Delbert Davenport is attending court at Ballinger this week, serving as a juror.

"REPORTER"

CREWS NEWS

Rev. J. A. Branaman filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday at the Baptist Church.

Our Sunday shower failed to appear until 11 p. m.

Mrs. L. C. Davis of Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilkerson.

E. F. Beck was in Ballinger last week on grand jury duty.

Mrs. T. H. Hill of Ballinger spent the week-end here visiting and attending church services.

A. Broyles and children of Talpa visited Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings of Independence were guests in the Branaman home Sunday.

Doris and Inez Hill spent Sunday with Fannie Beck.

Cleo Branham and Nadine Wilkerson were guests of Sylvia Lucas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young motored over to Santa Anna Saturday for medical advice. These dear old folks have been under the care of a specialist for some time and their host of friends over the county will be glad to know that Mr. Young is reported to be in fine condition and Mrs. Young is recovering nicely. We all sincerely hope they will be with us many years.

Misses Thelma Cox and Nestelle Branaman were among us

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Mr. and Mrs. Theo Manning and children of Winters visited in the Lucas home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King.

Mrs. Beryl Campbell was bitten by a spider one day last week and suffered severely from it, but is said to be better. Her many friends hope it will not be as serious as was feared at the start.

Alma Phipps spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Chester McBeth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Traylor and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor Sunday.

We are glad to report Mr. Jayroe recovered from an attack of appendicitis last week.

What grain we have in the ground is looking fine, but owing to weather conditions not much drilling can be done.

Miss Mamie Hubbard spent the past two weeks with her father and family Miss Hubbard is a trained nurse of ability but we failed to learn her present location.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schwartz visited their son, C. W. Jr., and family, of Dale Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Gerhart, Edna and F. L. Jr., spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. T. White.

Dewey Wilkerson of Winters was among the Crews visitors Sunday.

Little Bradley Pape is suffering with an infection from a nail cut he received last week and is unable to walk yet. We hope a speedy recovery for the little fellow and that he may soon be able to take his place in school.

R. T. Lucas was right sick with flu a few days last week but is

able to be about at present.

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OLD RICE FIELD CHANGED INTO PASTURE FOR CATTLE

(By Associated Press) SHELDON, S. C., Oct. 30.—What to do with an old rice field did not puzzle W. A. Campbell very long.

Looking over the 150 acres of marshy ground, Campbell decided it had possibilities. Now he looks out across the same field as he beholds a large herd of beef cattle grazing in a pasture knee-deep in carpet grass.

L. V. Starkey, chief animal husbandman at the state agricultural college, points to the Campbell farm as an example of what can be done with old rice fields along the South Carolina coast.

Miss Zenna Young, nurse and companion of Mrs. W. J. Young, spent a pleasant Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young.

Mancie and Weidon King spent Saturday night with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Joe Irvin.

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BLANTON NEWS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended Sunday and good lessons reported in all departments.

We are sorry to report little John Kennedy and Louise Wade on the sick list this week.

Vernon Jones and Miss Lorene Wade surprised their numerous friends Tuesday, October 7, when they motored to Ballinger and were united in marriage.

Miss Annie Mae Wehler also of this community and Howard Dennis of Ballinger were united in marriage Sunday at 5.

Miss Grace Moore was a guest Miss Alice Foreman Saturday and Sunday.

Lillian Witter of Ballinger home folks Sunday.

Miss Carrie Witter was a guest of Miss Pauline Malone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope and family and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wood were guests in the J. A. Foreman home Sunday.

REPORTER

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SUES CITY OF S. ANTONIO

(By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 30.—Suit for \$100,000 against the city of San Antonio, filed by the McKenzie Construction Company in connection with the construction of the Olmos dam, will be transferred to Corpus Christi for trial.

The suit was filed in the 94th district court here, and shortly after the filing the plaintiffs brought in a motion for a change of venue on the grounds that the obligation claimed due by the construction company had been used as a political issue during a city bond issue campaign in May. The motion alleged it would be impossible to secure a Bexar county jury which had not formed an opinion.

It was also set forth in the motion that no Bexar county jury of taxpayers would render a verdict for the plaintiff, which would increase city taxes approximately five cents on the \$100 valuation. The claim grew out of the alleged failure of the city to leave the construction alone while the dam was being built as a main link in a flood prevention program in 1926 and 1927. The petition set out that arbitrary rulings of the city engineer had delayed the building of the dam, making the cost of construction exceed contract prices.

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Congressional permission has been received by California Indians to sue for land losses involved under treaties made in 1851 and 1852.

Society

Ann Creasy is Party Honoree

Ann Creasy, charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Creasy, was honoree on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the occasion being the celebration of her fifth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Creasy assembled a group of young friends of Ann's on the lawn of her home on Fourth Street. Swings, see-saws and games gave entertainment throughout the party hours.

The birthday cake was a pretty three-tiered one, iced in snowy white with candle and holders in pink. Chocolate ice cream was served with the cake to Ann and Mary, Lou Creasy, Hudson Herring, Mary and Clara Beth Lynn, Isla Mae and Doris Jennings, Jane and Carolyn Cheatham, Jean Bozelle, Juliette Simmons, Marjorie McGregor, Charlotte Miller, Pauline Thorp, Mary Helen Henson, Anne Kiechle, Mary Lou Drake, Armour Lynn McGregor, Virginia Crager, Frank Pearce, Overton Parish, Ross Murchison Jr., Walter Trimmer, K. V. Northington Jr., Donald McGregor, Jimmy Bozelle, Bobbie Penn, Sim Cottle, James Striplin, Charles Timmons, Rothal O'Kelly, John Miller, Bobbie Wright, Claude R. Stone, Alexander McGregor and Aileen Bradford.

Mrs. Carr Names Little Niece Honor Guest

Little Miss Jean Weston was the inspiration for a cleverly planned children's Halloween party on last Saturday afternoon, when her aunt, Mrs. Floyd Carr, invited a group of children to her home on Pou Avenue.

Guests were met by Gloria McGregor, Cordelia Lynn and Bill Crabtree and given Halloween caps.

All Halloween games were played in rooms gaily decorated with witch day symbols and emblems. The high spot of the afternoon's fun came with the cutting of the cleverly fashioned Halloween cake which centered the elaborately bedecked breakfast table.

With Hershey bars, animal cookies and green icing a barn and barnyard were simulated, with an old owl sitting on top. Edible pies were served with the cake. Whistles were favors for Jean Weston, Tommy Hall, Dorothy Bruce, Armour Lynn, Patsy and Donald McGregor, David Caudle, Jane and Al King, Jane and Carolyn Cheatham, Marjorie and Alexander McGregor, Mary Lou Davis, Mary Brian Woody, Mary Belle Richards, John Weeks Earnshaw, Virginia Crager, Francis Pearce, Bobbie Wright, Walter Allison, Mary and Clara Elizabeth Lynn, Virginia Nance, K. V. Northington Jr., Jean Bozelle, Claude R. Stone, Lorene Strain, Ross Murchison Jr. and Ross Black Jr.

Simeon Cottle Jr., Celebrates Seventh Birthday

The lawn at the home of Mrs. Sim Cottle on Sixth Street presented a most festive appearance on last Friday afternoon, where a large group of happy youngsters were gathered to assist "Sonny" in celebrating his seventh birthday.

Familiar games, airplane swiftness and various riding devices kept the children happily busy until the late afternoon hours. The guests were invited into the spacious living room, where the pretty birthday cake iced in white with red tapers, encircled with vivid red autumn berries, centered the tea cart. Wishes were spoken and the cake cut and passed with ice cream. Halloween whistles were favors.

Included were: Jane Cheatham, Paul and Walter Trimmer, Jack Bandy Alexander and Marjorie McGregor, Sam Wellhausen, Curtis Harber, Wanda and Doris Lane, Joe Jr., Charles and Juliette Simmons, J. Burns Harwell, K. V. Northington, Rita and Hardy Jackson, Jimmie Dickey, Quentin White, Bobby Penn.

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SYNCHRONIZING TEST WITH THREE STATIONS FEASIBLE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Synchronization tests of three stations operating on a single wavelength have satisfied engineers that such a plan is practical.

After a year's experimentation with WEAF, New York, and associated transmitters at Schenectady and Pittsburgh the National Broadcasting company now feels it is ready to investigate the practical application of simultaneous operation of synchronized stations.

For the tests, which are being continued, the regular transmitter of WEAF was used, while at Schenectady and Pittsburgh associated transmitters of WGY and KDA were tied in. The tests were run during the evening program hours.

The engineers are fairly well satisfied, reports C. W. Horn, general engineer of NBC, with what has been done in the line of laboratory experimentation. The question now to be determined, he added, is how the idea can be applied practically to broadcasting.

The NBC plan differs considerably from that used by WOC, Davenport, and WHO, Des Moines, which have been operating together on a signal wavelength all summer. According to Mr. Horn, it has been possible to go further and produce synchronization that delivers a clear and undistorted signal anywhere within the service area of the three stations involved.

The method used has not been disclosed.

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Santa Anna Will Offer Stiff Fight

TURKEY SCHOOL HERE STARTING THURSDAY

C. W. Lehmborg has announced a turkey grading school to be held here next Thursday, November 6, at the Mid-West Poultry Association building. All raisers and dealers are invited to take part and to hear the U. S. requirements for standard grades on birds for this year. The school will open at 2:00 p. m. and both live and dressed birds will be used in the demonstrations.

Coaches Felton Wright and Harley Davis will leave here Friday at noon with 20 Bearcats for Santa Anna to engage the Mountaineers in the afternoon in the fifth conference game of the year for the Ballinger team. The winning of this game means that only one game remains on the calendar for the year in the conference and will insure meeting Winters on November 21 undefeated. So far the Bearcats' goal line has not been crossed by a team in the district and the team expects to maintain that record Friday at Santa Anna.

Wednesday afternoon practically all the team was at practice and apparently in condition to enter the game. Flynt, who had been confined to his home with a bad cold, was back at the field Wednesday in uniform and others who have been on the crippled list reported in uniform.

H. S. Strain stated Thursday morning that he had only received enough transportation for 12 men to date and fans are urged to notify him how many they can take to Santa Anna and leave here not later than 12:30 Friday. The game will be played at 4:00 o'clock and the coaches want to arrive there in time for the men to limer up a little before having to suit out and go to the playing field.

Santa Anna so far this year has shown a very weak offense and some fans who have watched them play declare that they cannot make a first down on the local team. The Ballinger offense is not clipping any too good and with a strong defense which Santa Anna will offer will have a hard time in making scores. One bad break for the locals might allow Santa Anna to score and this would be a real mountain to overcome against their defense.

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