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Truman Calls For Anti-Inflation Moves

That Reminds Me

BY FRANK R. JONES

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:
A recent addition to the businesses located on the Eastland Public Square is Wittrup's Flowers owned and operated by E. L. Wittrup who comes from a family of florists. His father learned the business in Denmark and his three sons have made the business their life's career.

"THE SOUL HARVESTERS"

Three young men — Harry Grantz, Grady Allison and Joe Haynes—all students at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, form a "threesome" known as The Soul Harvesters who will conduct a Youth's Week-End Revival at the Eastland First Baptist Church beginning Friday night, January 23 through Sunday night, January 25. These men, though young in years, are experienced in their work and the name "Soul Harvesters" is in keeping with their past accomplishments and with what they hope to accomplish by their program here. He that goeth fourth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him — Psalms 126-6.

PRELIMINARY FIGHTS FOR GOLDEN GLOVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

Some fifteen bouts are scheduled for Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock at the Eastland High School gymnasium as preliminary regional bouts for the Golden Glove Tournament to be held in Abilene at Rosefield House, Hardin-Simmons University, January 30, 31 and February 2. The local events are sponsored by the Eastland Quarterback Club and the Cisco Jaycees. Nell Day of Eastland is chairman of the program. Participating in the Saturday night event here will be fighters from Stephenville, Cisco, Eastland, Breckenridge and Abilene.

HOSPITALITY

In addressing the joint meeting of the Eastland Rotary and Lions clubs and their guests, directors of the Central Division of the U. S. Highway 80 Association, Monday at noon, Delbert Downing of Midland, pausing for emphasis as he addressed his remarks to those present from Eastland, said: "You have been wonderful hosts; your splendid hospitality is a great asset. Keep it." Here is an example of co-operation. Eastland Rotarians, Lions and Chamber of Commerce worked together in entertaining this group of representative citizens from along U. S. Highway 80 through the state.

3 From County At San Marcos

SAN MARCOS, Jan. 14—Three Eastland county people are among the 1,700 students now enrolled at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

This, the largest long-term enrollment in the history of the school, is expected to be exceeded in the coming weeks as students enroll for the next semester. To take care of this increase in the number of students, College authorities have planned a Greater College Building program. Already one new women's dormitory and a number of smaller structures have been added to the College plant.

Students enrolled from Eastland County include Graydon Baze of Gorman, James M. Metcalf of Ranger, and J. Talmadge King of Rising Star.

Chicago "L" Trying Radar

CHICAGO (UP)—Chicago's antiquated elevated railroad system is experimenting with radar to prevent accidents. Philip Herington, chairman of the Chicago Traction Authority, said if tests this winter prove effective, radar will be installed permanently on "L" trains.

Surplus Materials Lost In Fire



Roaring flames shoot into the skies at Buffalo, N.Y. as a four alarm fire swept through the old Bell Aircraft Corp. buildings. The buildings were holding untold thousands of dollars worth of WAA surplus materials. (NEA Telephoto).

W. B. McClendon Dies; Funeral In Ranger Thurs.

Wiley B. McClendon who for the past two months had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Bill Hamilton of Route 2, Breckenridge Highway, out of Ranger, died at the daughter's home this morning, January 14, 1948.

He was born in Bosque county on April 16, 1871. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Killingsworth's Chapel with Rev. David C. Ham in charge of the service. Graveside services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Roscoe where the body will be interred. Rev. Park of Roscoe will officiate there.

Survivors are six daughters, Mrs. J. J. Smith of DeLeon, Mrs. E. M. Rasco of Sweetwater, Mrs. G. O. Smith of Hageman, New Mexico, Mrs. Lacy Meredith of Baird, Mrs. Hamilton of Ranger and Mrs. Carl Powers of DeLeon.

One-half brother, Joe Ault of Abilene and two half sisters, Mrs. Guy Chalker and Miss Sarah Ault of Abilene, both of Abilene, and 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons and are, Don Powers of Stephenville, Tommie Meredith of Abilene, J. C. Smith of Dallas, Dean Smith of Gorman, June Rasco of Sweetwater and Derrell Hamilton of Ranger.

Petrillo Is Found Innocent

CHICAGO (UP)—James Cesar Petrillo was found innocent today of violating a law Congress passed in 1946 to curb his power as boss of the musicians' union.

Petrillo was found innocent of a charge that he violated the Lea Act in a strike against Chicago radio station WAAF in May, 1946. The government charged that he tried to force the station to hire three musicians it did not need, in violation of the law.

Petrillo, who waived a jury trial, was exonerated by U. S. District Judge Walter J. Labuy. It was the second time that the government had sought and failed to convict the pudgy president of the American Federation of Musicians on the same charge.

Fort Worth Livestock

Cattle 1500. Slow. Medium & good slaughter steers & yrags 20-27. Cows 20-21.50. Cannors and cutters 12-16. Bulls 16-22.

Calves 1200. Slow and weak. Good and choice slaughterers 23-27. Medium and good stockers 20-26.

Hogs 1100. Mostly steady. Top 27.50 for choice 195-300 lbs. Sows 23.50-24. Stockers 12-20.

TEC Handling Placement Of Farm Workers

The placing of farm workers in Eastland County is now being handled by the Texas Employment Commission. "We started handling this program on January 1, 1948," stated Hollis Bennett, TEC office manager of the Eastland office.

Bennett said cooperation of all farmers, workers and farm groups was now being actively solicited by his office.

"Our farm labor problems are largely restricted in this area to peanuts and small grain crops", he said, "and labor demands are usually highest during cultivating and harvesting seasons of June, July and October-November respectively. We are now compiling the total acres planted and this will be reduced to the number of workers needed and checked periodically for seasonal changes. Goat and sheep raisers will be needing shearing crews this spring."

Bennett said any farmer requiring hands or any farm workers looking for jobs should get in touch with the employment service office at 311 West Main St., Eastland, at the earliest possible moment. He pointed out that accurate demand and supply information in advance of actual needs would help to prevent confusion and disappointment when the big rush begins.

He has already met with the county agent, and working agreements on the handling of farm placement problems are now being worked out.

"Our office will make every effort to serve both farmers and workers satisfactorily and if we are given the confidence of both, I am sure we can deliver the goods," he concluded.

Construction Employment In State Drops

Contract construction employment in Texas declined in December for the second consecutive month, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

December employment, totaling 99,925 was 25 per cent more than the 79,809 December 1946 total, however.

The fractional November-to-December drop, indicated by preliminary reports to the Bureau, showed a decrease of only 480 workers, the result of declines reported by subcontractors engaged in special trades. General contractors recorded a 3 per cent employment rise and heavy engineering projects construction showed a 4 per cent monthly gain.

Compared with December 1946, general construction employment rose 20 per cent, subcontractors' employment advanced 15 per cent and heavy engineering projects construction rose 43 per cent.

Eastland County Boys To Compete At Houston Show

Lavonne Langley and Frank Gray of Rising Star, and Jack Weston, of Carbon, have been selected to compete in the Calf Scrambles of the 1948 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, which opens January 31 and continues through February 15.

These Future Farmers of America were selected by their local Agricultural Teacher, the Area Supervisor, and finally passed by Lloyd V. Halbrooks, Associate Professor of the State Department of Agricultural Education, as being eligible to participate in the Scramble.

Some 322 farm boys from all over the State of Texas will gather at the sixteenth annual stock show to compete for 161 fine beef calves which will be given to the boys who catch them.

The 161 winners will manage and feed their animals during the next year and then bring them back to compete in the Fat Steer Contest of the 1949 Houston Fat Stock Show.

In addition to the calves they catch, the boys have an opportunity to win a share of the many prizes which are offered them each year, including a scholarship, cash prizes and free vacation trips.

The Calf Scrambles at the Houston show probably have done more toward encouraging scientific breeding and care of livestock than any major agricultural factor in the state.

The 1948 show at Houston, the longest and grandest in its history, will be produced at a cost of over \$375,000.

Believe Escaped Convicts Headed West In Red Car

SANDY POINT, Tex. — Six long term convicts of a group to 11 which escaped from Darrington Prison Farm were believed heading west today toward San Antonio or Laredo in a stolen red Ford.

Meanwhile, five of the escapees—all in their 20's—were on their way back to the farm after being captured near Nacordoches last night after a 70 mile an hour chase.

A convicted murderer and the convicts serving the longest terms were in the group still at large. They were believed armed with the rifle taken from the guard they overpowered while cutting wood on the farm yesterday afternoon.

Guard Luther Dowell, who was watching the detail when he was the victim of a ruse staged by a waterboy who grabbed him when he got close to his horse, was discharged today by O. B. Ellis, General manager of the Texas state prison system.

STOCKHOLDERS RE-NAME BANK OFFICIALS

Wyndle Armstrong Named Assistant Cashier.

At their annual meeting Tuesday, stockholders of the Eastland National Bank re-elected the bank's officers and directors who are as follows: President, Walter Murray; Vice-presidents, Fred Brown, and Guy Parker; Cashier, Russell Hill. Directors re-elected were Walter Murray, Fred Brown, Guy Parker, Russell Hill and James A. Beard.

In addition to re-electing the incumbent officers Wyndle Armstrong was elected assistant cashier. Armstrong has been with the bank for sometime.

The Eastland National Bank, as is shown by its year-end financial statement, is a growing institution and is rapidly taking its place among the better banking institutions of this area. A statement of resources lists loans and discounts at \$581,173.36 and cash and exchange as \$960,498.84. Deposits total \$3,152,851.81.

Capital stock of the Eastland National Bank, originally \$35,000 has been increased to \$50,000 with \$50,000 surplus.

Says U. S. Must Ask Repayment Of Europe Aid

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Treasury John Snyder said today the United States must require repayment "in every practical way" of its Marshall Plan aid to Europe.

Snyder told the Senate foreign relations committee that from 20 per cent to 40 per cent of a proposed 6-billion-800-million dollar Marshall Plan 15 month down payment may be given the 16 western European nations as long term loans.

He agreed with committee chairman Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan that this might mean the cost of the program to the U. S. for the first 15 months would be reduced ultimately to 4-billion-200-million dollars.

Snyder told the Senate foreign relations committee that if the 16 participating countries, however, are forced to exhaust their holdings in the United States "we would merely add further instability to their monetary status."

Supporting Three Families Keeps One Man Busy

BELLEFONTAINE, O. (UP)—Husbands who think they are having a hard time meeting the high cost of living might consider the case of William Henlon, 24. He's supporting three families.

Henlon was brought into court here on a charge of non-support. He pleaded guilty and promised to pay \$180 support-money, accumulate since Aug. 11, 1947, and \$10 a week in the future for the support of his second wife and one child.

Henlon also is paying \$15 per week for the support of his first wife and two children. And he is living and supporting a third wife at present.

Airplane Solves Icy Road Problem

YORK, Neb. (UP)—Leo Gotcher, who lives on a farm five miles west of here, does not like to drive on icy roads.

Neither does he want his six-year-old daughter Mary to walk to school in wintery weather. So when the roads get slick Leo cranks up the family airplane and flies Mary to school.

Latin - American Commission Of WTCC Plans Told

ABILENE, Jan. 13 — Establishment of a Mexican Consulate in West Texas and an extension of the teaching of the Spanish language as a required subject in public schools and state owned colleges, will be sought by the Latin - American Commission of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

These are only two of the eight objectives outlined by the newly formed commission, according to Chairman C. W. Meadows, Sr., of San Angelo. Another objective will be for the naming of a West Texan on the Governor's Good Neighbor Commission, "with particular view of aiding in perfecting a fair and equitable arrangement between our producers and the citizens of Old Mexico for seasonal Mexican labor."

The Commission also will foster efforts to clear the title to the International Big Bend park, by seeking acquisition of additional acreage at the ingress, which now is privately owned. At the same time the commission will work for additional highway, railway and air facilities to serve the park.

Manager D. A. Bandeen of the WTCC termed the objectives as necessary and worthwhile in the economic and cultural development of West Texas. Other members of the commission are L. D. Aston, Cleburne; Tim B. Cobb, Del Rio; Charles Stuckey, Monahans and Ed Nunnally, Bronte, who is secretary.

Americans In Berlin Unafraid Gen. Clay Says

BERLIN — Gen. Lucius Clay, commander in chief of American forces in Germany, said tonight that American representatives sit in Berlin with "no fears and no nerves" regardless of what may happen.

The statement was made in response to a United Press request for clarification of the American position in the light of Soviet "hints" that the western allies clear out of Berlin.

Clay made plain that the United States representatives have full confidence in their position regardless of what happens.

"We sit here as representatives of a country with immeasurable strength," said Clay, the top United States commander in Europe. "As such, we have no fears and no nerves."

Soviet Orphanages Full

MOSCOW (UP)—Six hundred and fifty thousand babies less than three years old are in children's homes in the Soviet Union, the majority of them war orphans or children of unmarried mothers, it has been announced. Moscow nurseries have 22,000 of them.

Master of Missing Transport



Ben A. Bostelman of Brooklyn, N. Y., master of the Transport Joseph V. Connolly, which had been abandoned in mid - Atlantic. (NEA Telephoto).

Say Fire Hold Forced Crew To Flee From Ship

HALIFAX, N. S. — Twenty seven weary survivors of the fire-ravaged U. S. Army funeral ship Joseph V. Connolly said today a small fire in the hold spread through the vessel in two hours and forced their abandonment of the vessel in the gale-swept Atlantic 1,000 miles east of New York.

The survivors arrived on the rescue ship Union Victory. Immigration authorities put a tight security guard on the vessel, but some of the survivors shouted a few details of their experience from the decks.

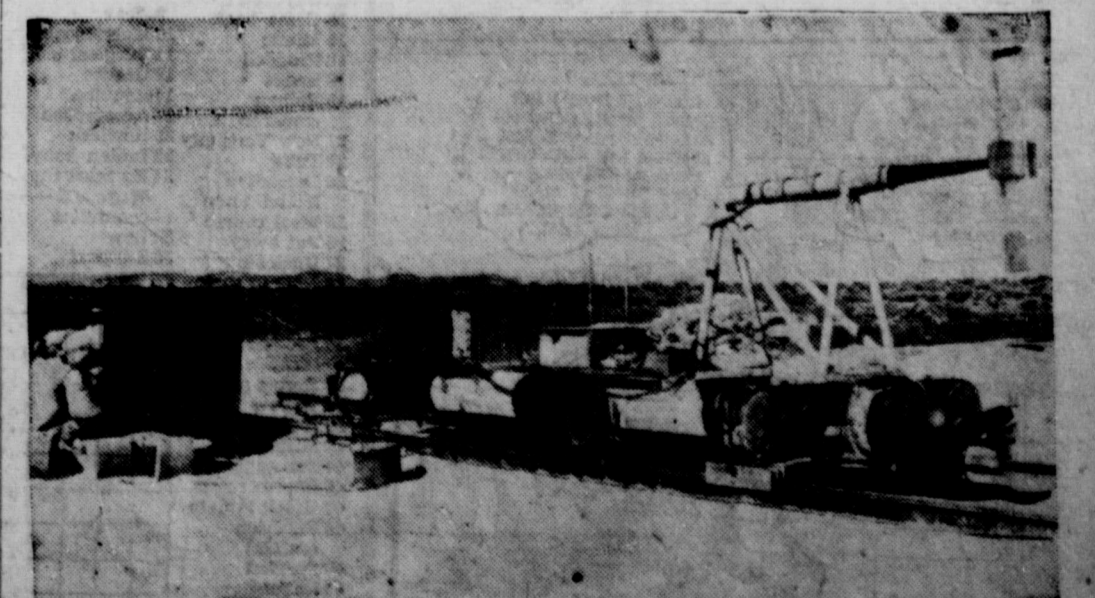
Reopening Air Base In Africa

LONDON — The U. S. Army Air Force disclosed today that it was reopening its long abandoned wartime air base near Tripoli, Libya, on the North African coast across the Mediterranean from Greece and Italy.

European headquarters at Wiesbaden, Germany, announced the base was being re-established to service planes heading for the Middle East. It was closed a year ago.

The army said the base would supply fuel and overnight service for planes from the United States enroute to such American missions as those at Athens and Dahrhan.

Speedy Sleds



Rocket-powered sleds, similar to this one, have attained land speeds in excess of 1000 m.p.h. it has been revealed by officials of the Northrup Aircraft Co. The sleds ride on steel and magnesium "slippers" along tracks laid across the desert near Muroc Dry Lake, California. They will be used in the future as outdoor wind tunnels, permitting study of airfoils at supersonic speeds without building huge indoor wind tunnels. (NEA Telephoto).

ASKS STRONG MEASURE TO STOP THREAT OF BIG SLUMP

WASHINGTON — President Truman called on Congress today to help achieve a "stabilized prosperity" by passing anti-inflation measures strong enough to remove the threat of a "severe" depression.

Appealing again for enactment of his 10 point anti-inflation program, Mr. Truman said the steady climb in prices, wages and profits already had caused "serious hardship and presents grave concern for the future."

The President's combined pleas and warnings came in his second annual economic report to Congress. The recommendations in his 35-thousand word message were based largely on studies by the council of economic advisers created under the so-called full employment act.

Mr. Truman's report saw the bad and good in almost equal proportion. But his dominant points seemed to accent the bad prospects.

"When an inflation is in progress, there is no way of predicting when it will break of its own accord," he said. "One can only be certain that if permitted to run its course, it will break with destructive force."

With this doleful possibility in mind, he said— "I therefore urge that the Congress consider with the utmost speed the nature of the problem which we have to meet and adopt the measures that are appropriate to its solution."

He put in a new plug for his \$40 for everybody income tax reduction plan, saying that the war against inflation should not neglect "the casualties."

Certain tax changes now will help those millions of families whose disposable incomes have lagged more and more behind the increased cost of living during the past year and a half," he said.

He also renewed his argument for higher taxes on corporations to offset his proposed 3-billion-200-million dollar reduction in individual income taxes.

In a report that was studied with tables, charts and sheets of figures, the President evidenced distinct worry about the fact that "many" Americans are running through their war bonds and savings accounts to meet current bills.

"Such use of savings for current living expenses is an ominous sign for the economy as a whole," he said.

Electric eyes control subway escalators in France. The lifts operate only when someone has boarded them.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (NEA).—Six months of operation under the Truman Doctrine, which provided \$300 million for relief, reconstruction and battling the Communists in Greece, give some idea of how the Marshall Plan for European recovery may work out—at best and worst.

At its worst, Communist opposition to American aid will be more serious than anticipated. It was hoped that the Communist guerrillas in Greece would be cleaned out last summer. They still hold a third of the country.

It was originally planned to spend \$150 million to aid Greek military operations, the other \$150 million to aid civilian economy. After only six months of operations, it has been necessary to take \$9 million out of the civilian fund and spend it on the army.

When the Communist guerrillas can be cleaned out, no one will hazard a guess. It is mountain fighting of the toughest kind. Even if they are driven out for keeps, the Greek army will have to keep constant and strong patrol along 400 miles of northern border.

REFUGEES from this guerrilla warfare—350,000 of them—have moved into democratic territory, making relief all the harder. Last summer's drought brought crop failures, which cut native Greek food supplies by a third. This, plus advancing world prices, have raised relief costs \$28 million above original estimates.

There have been some rumors that the State Department would have to ask Congress for more money—maybe as much as \$100 million more—just to carry out the first year's operations, ending next June 30. George C. McGhee, co-ordinator of the Greek and Turkish aid programs, says there has been no such decision.

Greece is one of the 16 European nations co-operating on the Marshall Plan. The Paris report from the 16-nation Committee of European Economic Co-operation allocated Greece \$510 million worth of aid from North and South America for the first year. If 70 per cent of this were to come from the U. S., it would be \$360 million.

State Department estimates on a country-to-country basis have not yet been made public. But, as the Paris report totals were cut down by the State Department and will be further cut by Congress, the Greek share may be under \$300 million. These are some of the bad aspects of the Greek and general European relief and recovery situations. But the picture is not all black. In addition to the 150 civilians and 100 Army officers in the American mission, there are over 300 U. S. contractors and engineers at work rebuilding public works. Two hundred thousand tons of food, and a like tonnage of military supplies, have been delivered.

U. S. officials say the Greek government is co-operating with no more than a normal amount of political squabbling. It has a balanced budget, has dropped 16,000 bureaucrats from the public payrolls, and is collecting taxes.

The American mission, under Gov. Dwight Griswold, is in control. It is seeing that the relief gets distributed. It holds the dollar receipts from sales of Greek exports and the drachma receipts from sales of relief and reconstruction supplies to the Greek people.

Good tobacco, raisin, fruit and olive crops are now being marketed and are moving to the U. S. A trade mission has been sent to western Germany to re-establish something like normal trade relations. Before the war, German coal and manufactures were traded for Greek tobacco, fruits and olive oil.

Before the war, U. S. exports to Greece ran about \$7 million a year. Imports from Greece were about \$14 million. For 1947, imports from Greece will be about \$28 million. Exports, including relief, will be over \$70 million.

Total Greek exports to all countries next year are expected to reach \$100 or even \$150 million. What this means is that the Greeks are getting back in business.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



"I'll Bet My Pop Can Lick Your Pop!"



Shy Yet Bold, Young Deer Disrupts Peace In Small Town-For A While

OLDHAM, S.D. (UP).—The people in this quiet little village of 360 had no idea that a young deer could have such a revolutionary effect on their town.

At first, the sight of a small deer walking around the edges of the residential section was novel. Folks looked at the little animal and smiled.

The timid deer became bolder. It walked confidently up and down the streets, and when no one was looking it would chew up a shrub in someone's front lawn. It nibbled at trees and ate the leaves. Then it would raise havoc in a garden.

The annoyed citizens decided that would have to stop. They planned to get rid of the animal, even if they had to destroy it.

But the plan didn't get far. The youngsters, going back to the fall term of school, said the deer was welcome—whether it ate everything or not. They formed a committee to take care of the deer.

Farm boys brought hay and corn to school and fed the animal. Town youngsters fed it candy. Youngsters from high school to the first grade ran through the streets with their pet after school.

Parents became more lenient. They weren't surprised at all to find the deer investigating things on their back porches in the morning. The animal walked through main street like a taxpayer.

There was only one thing that bothered Oldham residents. The game warden at nearby Lake Preston said he'd have to take the deer away next spring for breeding at a game reserve.

But after a talk with the game warden, the school children hurried home to their folks with good news. The warden had said the deer probably would be back.

Only next time, they said, it would have a little one with it—another timid little animal to eat shrubbery, tear up gardens and give the citizens pleasure.

MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STORY: I tell Leiphon that Hostler, my agent, had me put in the sanitarium after I tried to kill myself over Oscar Craig. I tell him that Oscar had been killed in the war—that he had married Margo instead of me before going overseas. Leiphon seems to understand. He says that the police are looking for motives in the murder of Avis and Art—and that Jeff Haverson and I had apparently had the same motive.

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LEIPHAN had been a busy man since the time he'd talked to me before. He had gathered complete reports on every shred of conversation, every tiny incident that had taken place at the studio the day before the murders. He knew that Jeff Haverson was supposed to be my boy friend. He knew—this from dear Liz Leyden—that I had learned only that day that Jeff Haverson was married to Avis Vaughn and that she wouldn't divorce him.

He knew, too, that Jeff had threatened to do something about the stranglehold Avis had on him. An intricate maze of painstaking work went into Leiphon's flat statement that at least two of us had identical motives. And then he said something else with a teasing half-smile twitching at the corners of his mouth, something that he had lifted from the liner in my play. Whether it was meant in mockery or warning, I did not know. Or whether he simply wanted me to know that he had taken the trouble to read the script that I had written.

I sat there thinking about it after he had left, trying to make up my mind what he had meant by it.

"Poison is a woman's weapon," Leiphon had said. He had been laughing at me when he said it. But it was true. Psychologically, I just couldn't imagine Jeff Haverson, for instance, slipping poison into that drink he'd poured for Avis. And then managing to get some of it in Art's coffee, too.

Not Jeff! And that only left me and Liz.

Excitement ballooned within me. Why not Liz? Why not? He sometimes acted more like a woman than a man. His soft, often effeminate manners. His too graceful hands. His little catty ways. Of course, Liz would use poison if he wanted to kill somebody. In fact, I couldn't imagine any other way he would try to kill anyone.

BUT granted Liz might kill by giving poison, there was still his motive for killing Avis and Art to be discovered. And I hadn't the slightest inkling of what it could be. I knew nothing about him. For the first time I regretted the repulsion which had caused me to shrink from cultivating any degree of friendship with him.

Well, I'd start in the morning finding out all I could about Liz. There was his date calendar, for instance. He never kept it openly on top of his desk as most people do. Instead he always kept it in the upper right-hand drawer of his desk and after making a memo on it he would put it back there with a certain secretive air. I'd get up early and go down to the office and have a look at that date calendar before Liz arrived.

And so in my impulsive way I started the chain of events which nearly cost me my life.

But ignorance is indeed bliss. Mapping a plan of action relieved the tension I was under. I went to bed and to sleep I dreamed happily of exposing my collaborator as the fending murderer of Avis Vaughn and Art Cleves.

And somewhere in the dream Bob Leiphon got mixed in. He was looking at me in just the way Jeff Haverson had looked at me that day up in the hills.

FOLLOWING through on my plan of the night before I was

up early and dressed, breakfasted and down at the studio long before my usual time. There was nobody in the Writer's Building when I arrived. Not even a stray secretary. I felt that I had at least a good hour in which to search Liz Leyden's desk before there was any chance of his showing up.

His desk was just the usual office type. There was a shallow top drawer which held pencils and typewriter erasers and rubber bands and a discarded cigaret lighter. There were three deep drawers on each side: in the upper right-hand one I found his card-index memo pad. It was a wash-out as far as clues were concerned. All the appointments noted on it were apparently business ones for they were all with people connected with the studio and during working hours. That for all his secretiveness, I was so disappointed I could have cried.

I went through the other drawers just to be thorough. Two of them were empty, one held unused typewriter paper and carbon, one held carbon copies of our script.

As a last resort I studied the blotter on his desk, feeling like one of those cheap Hawkshaw's kids' funny books. There was very little blotting on it for Liz did practically all of his writing on the typewriter and only rarely picked up a pen. I took out my compact and used the mirror in it to decipher what writing there was. Most of it turned out to be simply fragments of his rather florid signature. And then down in one corner I found the blurred parts of two words that evidently had been the beginning of a personal letter. "D—res—Av—s..."

That was all that was intelligible. But that was enough to send my volatile imagination way above the boiling point, for it was the most obvious guesswork that the original words must have been "Dearest Avis." And that hinted at far more intimacy between Liz Leyden and the dead star than I had suspected.

It was certainly enough to start my mind creating a whole series of complicated relationships between the two of them.

(To Be Continued)

Sticks To Rule After Arrest For Speeding

OMAHA, Neb. (UP).—Wallace E. Huen, 21, arrested for speeding, refused to drive to the police station with the arresting officer and was towed in.

"Why didn't you drive to the station?" Judge Lester Palmer asked.

"Well, the officer had my driver's license," Huen replied, "and I understood it was a violation of the law to drive without a license."

Stamp Honors Gold Discovery

The centennial of the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, Coloma, Calif., will be honored with a new 3-cent postage stamp, shown above. The stamp reproduces Sutter's Mill, and will be purple in color. Its first-day sale will be at Coloma, Jan. 24.



A Dog's Best Friend Is a Dog



When this German shepherd dog was run over by a truck at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., the first to reach him was Nemo, a French poodle. Realizing another car might run over the injured dog, Nemo encouraged him to get off the road. The poodle is pictured above guarding his dying friend, allowing not even the veterinarian to get close until Nemo's owner called him off.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for U.S. Representative and other words.

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A Page from the Past

BY FRANK A. JONES

19 YEARS AGO TODAY
From Files of the Daily Telegram of Jan. 14, 1929:
Of the 9,000 cars in Eastland county slightly more than one-third or 3,000, had obtained the 1929 license plates at 8:00 o'clock Monday morning, figures at the office of A. M. Hearn, county tax collector, disclosed.

A crowd that comfortably filled the auditorium of the Carbon Methodist church attended a mass-meeting held there Saturday night for the purpose of discussing the agricultural needs of that community. Dr. S. P. Rumph presided over the meeting which was addressed by Rev. F. A. Hollis, County agent J. C. Patterson and E. R. Trimble, G. W. Hines and others.

Rue P. Parcell, district governor of Texas Rotarians, will visit the Eastland club on Tuesday, February 12. Rotary president Joseph M. Weaver announced. Classification talks by Earl Bender, abstractor, and Tom McManus, insurance, were features of the meeting. The program for next week will be in charge of Tom Lott, Wayne Jones and J. E. Lewis.

NEWS FROM STAFF ROUTE NO. 2
Mrs. M. O. Hazard, Cor.

STAFF—Jan. 12, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were visiting in Olden Monday evening with the Berry Elliot family.

Rev. H. D. Blair of Cisco, was visiting with friends in the community last Tuesday afternoon.

John M. White was in Eastland last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald of Eastland, were visitors in the home of Mrs. Hazard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker last Wednesday afternoon.

Horace White and family have recently moved from Morton Valley to the Lewis Nabors farm in this community. We welcome Mr. White and family into our midst.

Cecil Nelson attended the Auction sale at the Sig Faircloth auc-

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Mrs. Winston Boles and Mr. Boles in Eastland last Friday.

R. A. Parker has been ill for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fonville and sons, Jimmie and Earl, of Ranger Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and son, Donald, of Eastland were the dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDonald have sold their farm in this community and moved to Comanche the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Myrick and daughter, Miss Wanda, of Abilene, were dinner guests of Mrs. Myrick's brother, Wayne White and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foreman of Ranger were guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

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Down Miami Beach, Fla., way, this is the latest bathing suit fashion. Mary Hill is the model, and she demonstrates how this classic one-piece suit is equipped with a down-the-front zipper, to spare her the unpleasantness of wriggling out of a wet bathing suit.

The number of college students this year is estimated at nearly 2,250,000, 60 per cent more than in 1940 and four times as many as in 1920.

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Rodeo Open To Professional, Non-Professional

FORT WORTH, Jan. 14 — The rodeo at the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8, will be open to all rodeo performers, professional and non-professional alike, show officials announced.

The decision was reached after the Rodeo Association, which announced Jan. 1 that the Fort Worth show had not been approved, again refused to approve it for participation of RCA members at a meeting in Denver.

"We have no fear of not having either enough cowboys or good ones for the rodeo," Edgar Deen, secretary-manager, said. "There are far more good cowboys who work rodeos at the RCA than in. Besides, the fact that the RCA again has refused to approve the Fort Worth show doesn't mean that RCA boys won't participate. We expect a lot of them will do so in fact, about as many as last year for we do not believe the majority of RCA members are in sympathy with the action taken."

The RCA, while refusing to approve the Fort Worth's premium of \$300 per event per performance, has approved the Houston show at \$275, Denver at \$211, and Tulsa and Boston at \$250. The RCA demands that Fort Worth raise its premium to \$350 per event per performance was based on the argument that the Fort Worth show made more money and should pay more. The show executive committee, in refusing the increase earlier this month, based its decision on the discrimination involved rather than the \$4,750 extra expense the higher premium would entail.

The show has invited 365 cowboys, not RCA members, to enter the rodeo which will be produced by Verne Elliot, veteran rodeo impresario. The rodeo registration office will open Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum here.

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New Councilors Named For A & M Research Fund

COLLEGE STATION, (UP)—Twenty-two leading businessmen agriculturists and educators of Texas have been named as new councilors of the Texas A&M Research Foundation, increasing the council membership 48 to 70. Councilors represent five groups, the public, agriculture, Texas industry, faculty and staff of A & M College and alumni of the college.

Christi; C. M. Malone, Houston; Vestal Askew, San Angelo; Walter W. Cardwell, Luling; Edgar H. Hudgins, Hungerford; William R. Archer, Houston; George W. Armstrong, Fort Worth; H. A. Burow, Bonham, T. J. Harrell, Fort Worth; Raleigh Hortenstine, Dallas; E. C. Erhard, Bastrop; J. T. Davis, Sterling City; Carrell M. Gaines, San Antonio; C. C. Kruger, San Antonio.

College Councilors: F. C. Bolton, executive vice-president and dean of the college; M. T. Harrington, dean of arts and sciences; T. W. Leland, head of the department of business and accounting; S. A. Lynch, head of the department of geology; A. W. Melleh, vice director of the engineering experiment station; C. N. Shephardson, dean of agriculture.

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Gift Tea Honors Mrs. Summerlin Saturday P M

A gift tea honoring Mrs. B. W. Summerlin, the former Miss Emilee Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. (Johnie) Hart, 601 South Bassett Street, Saturday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. F. Taylor, 700 South Seaman Street. Co-hostesses were Meses. E. E. Layton, Guy Patterson, Don Parker, Carl Elliott, Earl Bender, Joe Tow, and Earnest Halkias.

Receiving guests were: Mrs. Layton, Taylor, H. M. Hart, mother of the honoree, the bride, Mrs. A. H. Summerlin, mother of the groom, of Rotan, Miss Johnnie Lou Hart, sister of the honoree, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Alvin Kolk of Rotan, sister of the groom; and Miss Sue Bender of Fort Worth. Mrs. John Davis of Abilene presided at the white satin heart shaped brides book, which was lighted on each side by white tapers in crystal candelabras, and an arrangement of white carnations and doll bride. Pouring tea were Mrs. Carl Elliott, Mrs. Don Parker, Mrs. Earnest Halkias and Miss Sue Bender. Mrs. Tow and Mrs. Crossley were in the gift room, where many beautiful gifts were.

Pink mints, heart shaped orange bread buttered, and whit coconut cake squares daintly trimmed with pink was served from the table which was laid in a white maderia linen cloth, which was decorated with a centerpiece of a white satin heart outlined with maline rosettes and pink carnations. Silver and crystal was used in the serving.

The gift room was decorated with roses, the piano had an arrangement of pink and white carnations, and azelias were on the piano, flanked on each side with white tapers. Furnishing music during the evening were: Mrs. Leon White, Misses Helen Lucas, Marleceer Elliott, Veda Sneed and Milton Herring. Eighty guests registered.

Personals

Mrs. R. M. Mays of Burkburnett is a medical patient at the Eastland hospital.

Miss Wilma Dragoon, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Beall in San Angelo, is reported as being ill in a San Angelo hospital.

A guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter Tuesday was Mrs. George Hall, who was enroute to her home after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Conrad Reaves at Comanche. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Reaves were former neighbors of Mrs. Carpenter, when Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter lived in Big Spring.

Mrs. Claud Strickland, South Seaman, has sold her rent house on Burkett, which is occupied by Y. and Mrs. Homer Lancaster. Mrs. Lowerthal from Oklahoma has bought the property.

R. E. Sikes went to West Texas on business Tuesday.

Marilyn Wittrop and Mary Halkias spent the past week-end in Denton with Miss Myrlene Griffin, who is attending North Texas College.

Mrs. Earl Throne, Mrs. John Hicks and Mrs. D. E. Thorne were in Ft. Worth Monday.

Steen Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Herring, has gone to Abilene where he will be employed in a Super A&P Store.

M. P. Herring, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Herring, Sr., and who has been managing the A&P Store at Graham, has been transferred to Vernon, where he will manage an A&P Store.

M. P. Herring, Sr. was a business visitor in Baird Monday.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS By Boyce House

Men strive for success. But what is success? Measured by the standard of their day, many men were failures—and yet they achieved immortality. Defeat may be the path to finer fame and greater glory than victory. Who occupies the larger space in history — Hannibal, the military genius of ancient carthage, who lost only one battle; or Scipio, the Roman who won that one battle? Hundreds of biographies have been written about Napoleon; a half dozen about Wellington, the victor of Waterloo. Who will be remembered longer: Robert E. Lee or U. S. Grant? Lee's name shines with glorious luster; he is the embodiment of chivalry, if knight-hood, galantry; Grant is remembered only because he overwhelmed Lee by the sheer weight of numbers.

Your columnist is probably the only person in Texas who has neither read the book, "Gale With the Wind" nor seen the movie of that same name nor heard the song, "Open the Door, Richard" nor ever been in THAT store in Dallas.

As far as his contemporaries were concerned, Shakespear was just one of the boys.

The checking out time of hotels is getting earlier and earlier. It used to be in the afternoon; now, at most of them, it is 5 or even 4

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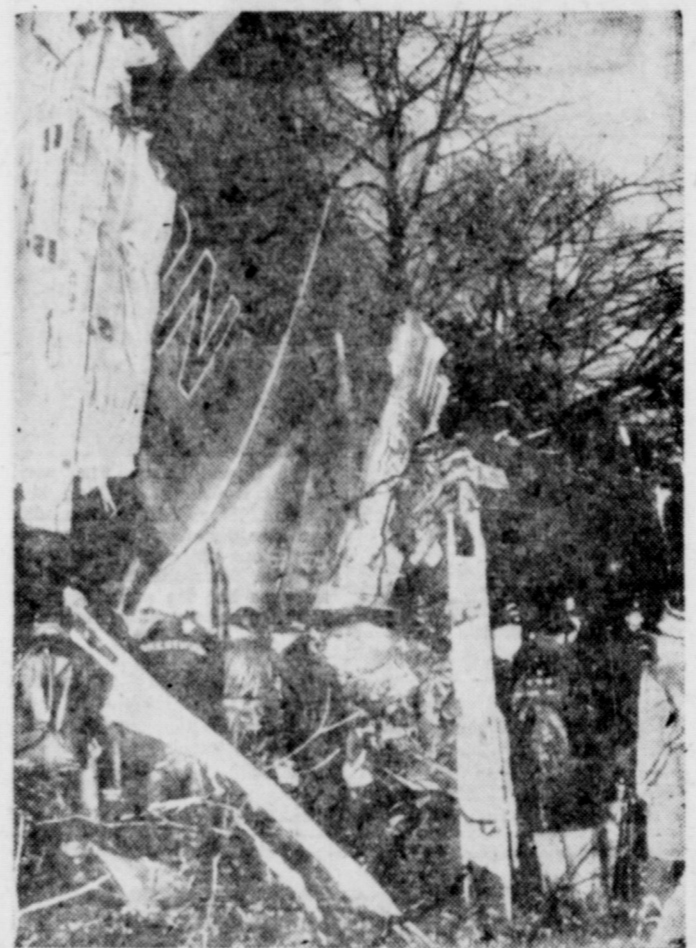
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Five Killed In Plane Crash



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Telephone preview for 1948

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INSTALLATIONS
Shortages of switchboards, cable, and wire continue, but we were able to install 460,000 new telephones last year for a net gain of 295,000. This year we expect to equal or better that total.

CONSTRUCTION
Dollars spent on construction last year came to 115 million, close to three times as much as in any prewar year. In 1948, the job will take even more money—150 million dollars! That will buy new buildings, switchboards, cable, wire, and other things needed to supply more and better telephone service.

DEMAND
Demand for telephones continues at 50,000 a month. New orders keep the waiting list long, but it is smaller now than a year ago. About 200,000 persons in the 700 exchanges we serve are now waiting for service, but 3 out of 4 of them applied in 1947.

LONG DISTANCE
Improvements in long distance service are coming in 1948 as we add more miles of wire needed to handle calls. More than 18 million calls a day were made in the Southwest during 1947. This is well over a million more than the previous year, and a new record. The trend is upward for 1948.

SERVICE
Telephone service will grow better as more switchboard equipment brings relief from the extra-heavy loads now being carried. More than 18 million calls a day were made in the Southwest during 1947. This is well over a million more than the previous year, and a new record. The trend is upward for 1948.

RURAL SERVICE
We connected 50,000 more rural telephones last year. Our large-scale program to bring telephone service to more farms will continue in 1948. We hope to be serving 260,000 telephones in rural areas by the end of this year, nearly twice as many as at the start of 1946.

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