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# 15,593,000 BALES CROP IS FORECAST

Through the Editor's Spectacles  
By GEORGE

New federal regulations on duck hunting provide a 30-day open season in Texas from November 27 to December 26, inclusive, E. T. Personett, of the U. S. biological survey has announced. The 1935 and the 1936 seasons were likewise limited to 30 days in furtherance of the government's program to restore migratory bird life. The program, Mr. Personett said, has been successful in checking the decline in the numbers of this wild life and started them definite on the increase. In addition to reducing the annual kill, the program includes establishment of refuges or sanctuaries in marsh lands where the birds may rest, breed and feed. The increase in the bird population so far attained is not sufficient, it was explained, to warrant lengthening the season and it is not likely that there will be any longer open season for several years.

A daily bag limit of ten ducks will apply and it will be necessary for hunters over 16 years of age to have a federal duck stamp, which may be secured at the post office.

Federal open season on mourning doves and on white-winged doves will be from September 15 to November 15.

State regulations will probably conform to these.

## May Baseballers Defeat Cisco Team Sunday

A team of Cisco softballers lost a tough one to a group of scrappers from May, Sunday afternoon at the local soft-ball park by the score of 7 to 6. The boys from May collected 9 hits off five Cisco pitchers to earn their 7 runs while Burnett pitched the whole game for May, whiffing 13 men.

The game was just as close as the score indicated with May's 9 errors discounting any advantage they might have gained in hits.

White started on the mound for Cisco and was relieved in the third stanza by Bennie who in turn gave way to Rylee for the fourth and fifth innings. Sublett pitched the sixth, seventh and last frames while Dick did his stuff in the eighth.

May collected 7 runs with 9 hits and committed 9 errors, while Cisco made 6 runs, 7 hits, and 5 errors.

## RED FRONT TO BATTLE NANCE

Further entertainment in the way of baseball will be furnished tonight at 8 o'clock at the soft-ball park when Nance meets Red Front in the first game of a double header after which the Jacees will take on Scranton in a game postponed from last week. Both games promise to be scorching and there is no telling what might happen when two such games get under way.

Mrs. P. B. Glenn and children of Jacksonville are here at the bedside of Mrs. Glenn's mother, Mrs. A. L. Mayhew.

## Weather

### EAST TEXAS:

Fair tonight and Tuesday.

### WEST TEXAS:

Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.



# Wage-Hour Passage Favored

## Army Is Chiang's Stock in Trade; Will He Risk It Against Japan?



**TODAY**  
So far, Japan's advance into North China has been opposed mainly by such ill-equipped soldiers as the shabby chap at left with the old-fashioned broadsword. It might be a different story if Chiang Kai-Shek should decide to use his crack troops, like the modern warrior at right.

## "Crack" Troops Have Not Been Used Against Japs

What's going to happen when—and if—China's Central Army smashes head-on against the Japanese military machine? No one knows, but Glenn Babb, an experienced foreign correspondent who returned to America recently after years abroad, gives here his best guesses.

By GLENN BABB  
AP Feature Service Writer  
The question of how the "crack divisions" of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Central Chinese Army will fight against the Japanese

must wait on an even more urgent question. That is, will Chiang risk his army?

Not only would actual combat involve its prowess, but also Chiang's very position as China's No. 1 man.

Hasn't Done It Yet  
China—or various factions of Chinese—have been fighting Japan for 6 years. And never yet has Chiang risked his "crack" troops. They are the greater part of his political capital. If he smashes them against the Japanese, as other Chinese armies have been smashed, he will have shot his wad and lost.

But, if the clash does come, these modernized divisions probably will put up a much better fight than the shabbily equipped

and poorly led forces the Japanese have encountered thus far.

Near Nanking, General Chiang maintains an ambitious training school.

For 6 years German officers, now numbering about 50, have been working with the Chinese. Their chief is General Falkenhayn, formerly a standout in the Reichswehr.

The system has been for a selected division to move to Nanking and go through the mill for several months. Late estimates had it that 38 divisions—perhaps 450,000 men—had been through the grind. But they are scattered and their quality varies.

The German instructors judge the Chinese soldiers and junior

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# Eastland County Tournament Will Be Held on Cisco Course

## "Cotton" Harrison Injures Back in Accident Friday

SHREVEPORT, La., August 9 (AP)—Wilbur "Cotton" Harrison, 23, Temple, Texas Christian university football star for the past three seasons and former Temple high grider, received fractures on 2 vertebrae, possibly three, in an oil field accident in Bellevue field near Princeton Friday.

He was employed there as a roustabout during the summer months. He was turning the jack on a tripod when one of the poles on the tripod fell across his back.

Mrs. T. M. Harrison left Cisco this morning for the Shreveport hospital to be with her son. Odell, Marcell and Cullen, brothers of "Cotton" are living in Cisco with their mother. They did not make the trip to Shreveport.

The accident victim was an intimate friend of W. E. Cooper, athletic instructor in Cisco high school, and was popular in football circles in the southwest.

"Cotton" Harrison's condition was said to be comfortable.

## RETURNS FROM FUNERAL

P. R. Warwick has returned from Houston where he attended funeral services Sunday morning for W. B. Royer. Following the service there the body was taken to Greenberg, Pa., for burial. Mrs. Warwick and Mrs. Royer accompanied the body. Mrs. Warwick will be gone for about three weeks.

## Qualifying Rounds To Begin September 4; Finals Monday

Responding to the persistent interest that has demanded such a tournament, the Cisco Country Golf club will hold an Eastland County Golf tournament at the local course beginning Saturday before Labor day on Monday, with finals on Monday, it was announced today by President J. E. Caffrey of the club. The tournament will be open to all Eastland county players, Mr. Caffrey said.

Organization of committees to direct the play will be announced shortly, although it is probable, the country club president said, that the same groups which had charge of the 1937 invitation tournament will also direct this.

Qualification play will begin Saturday, with match play Sunday and the finals Monday.

So great has been the interest among golf players at Eastland, Ranger and other county communities in addition to Cisco that this event is expected to prove such a success that it will be made an annual affair. No expensive prizes will be offered.

## Baptists to Meet in Cisco This Week

The West Texas Baptist colored association will meet Aug. 10-15 here in the 34th annual session at the St. Mark's Baptist church, Rev. E. W. Wyatt, pastor, has announced.

He urged all to come and make it a good meeting.

## First Sermon in New Lawn Series Delivered Sunday

The first in a series of four outdoor sermons on "Pictures That Preach" was delivered last night on the lawn of the First Methodist church by Rev. Joe Patterson. Millett's "Angelus," was his picture for the opening sermon.

Before a large crowd, the pastor gave the significance of the painting, something of the author and throughout his sermon he stressed prayer in the home and closer communion at all times with God. The impressiveness of the sermon was increased by singing of several old songs in connection with the service.

The Rev. Patterson has not decided what his sermon next Sunday night will be but it is likely that it will be the painting, "Hope," he said.

## Strawn Boy Scouts Camping at Lake

Seven members of Scout Troop 75 of Strawn arrived at Lake Cisco Sunday for an indefinite camping stay.

The boys attending are Robert Earl Noland, Watson Frazier, Pat Hinkson, Wilson Strope, Jack Parks, Elton Heath and R. B. Thomas.

Scoutmaster Morris Frazier accompanied the boys and will have charge of them during their stay.

## LABOR GROUP RECOMMENDS ISSUE TODAY

## Would Strengthen Collective Bargaining, Committee Asserts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The house labor committee formally recommended today the enactment of the revised version of the wage-hour bill already approved by the senate, asserting it would greatly strengthen collective bargaining.

The bill, designed to apply only to industries of interstate commerce and those directly affecting such commerce, empowers the national labor standards board to fix minimum wages at 40 cents an hour and 40 hours per week.

## Mr. and Mrs. Surles Visit Injured Mother

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Surles visited Mr. Surles' aged mother Sunday. Mrs. Surles injured her back last week.

Mrs. Surles about 76, lives near Dothan.

## BAND LEADERS MEET SUNDAY

## 15 Directors Present For Session

Contest music for next year, beginning bands and their improvements, function of the band in schools, financing local contests and other subjects were discussed Sunday afternoon when 15 band directors of this section met at Cisco high school in response to an invitation by Cisco Bandmaster R. L. Maddox.

The group exchanged their views and ideas and offered their experiences and helps in band work, also, during the session that lasted about three hours.

The close of the meeting was featured by a watermelon feast on the high school lawn.

This type of meeting, a strong factor in promoting goodwill among bands of this section, will be repeated in DeLeon the second Sunday in September, the group decided.

Those present at the session Sunday were: George Corse, Stamford; Russell Shrader, Sweetwater; Dick White, Abilene; D. W. Crain, Abilene Christian college, Abilene; M. G. Smoot, DeLeon; James King, Coleman; William King, Daniel Baker college, Brownwood; O. O. Lively, Gaston Schools, Joinerville; W. R. Parker, Brownwood; A. G. Macy, Dublin; N. H. Howard, Comanche; Bertram Geeslin, Star; Thomas Wallis, Santa Anna; J. C. Burkett, Breckenridge; Robert Maddox, Cisco.

## Chicken Barbecue For Bible Class

The chicken barbecue for the adult Bible class of the First Presbyterian church will be held at Lake Cisco tonight at 7:30, it has been announced.

As a result of losing a friendly contest recently the men will entertain the ladies of the class.

## COMMITTEE VOTES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee voted unanimously today to report out the general farm bill within a week after convening in the next session of congress.

## Car Is Stolen Before Eyes Of Its Owner

Many cars are stolen all the time but its seldom one is stolen before the eyes of the owner.

That's what happened Sunday night about 8 o'clock when, according to report received at the police station, W. W. Nicks parked his 1929 model coupe at D avenue and 8th street.

As he left the car, the reports said, another man got into the machine and started to drive it off. The owner, thinking it was his brother, did not protest. As the thief drove off Mr. Nicks realized that his driver was not his brother. He yelled, "Where are you going," but it was too late. The owner took up the chase in another car but it was too late.

## PICNIC HERE SUCCESSFUL

## 1st "Get-to-Gether" of Entire Company

District picnics have been held by Rockwell Bros. & Co. before but the big get-to-gether of company officials Saturday in Cisco and at the Lake was the finest ever held by the company and prospects are that it will become an annual event in Cisco.

After high praises for the Cisco hospitality, the fine picnic plans made by F. E. Harrell and the many facilities afforded by the Lake Cisco area, the group left proclaiming it a very successful event.

A check reveals that all managers of the widespread company but two were present.

Officials and their families here Saturday were:

James W. Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sproule, M. Newman, G. G. Meisner and Miss Mary Higgins, of Houston; F. B. Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reese, Morris Smith, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lamb, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Norriss and

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## Activity of Fall Market Impresses Henry Drumwright

Back from 14 days in New York city, Henry Drumwright, manager of John H. Garner's department store, said he was impressed with the upward trend and activity of the fall market where he bought extensively for the Cisco store. The market period attended by Mr. Drumwright, who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tully Garner of the Brownwood store, was for the southern section of the country, and buyers were numerous.

"It was what we termed a 'stiff market,'" Mr. Drumwright explained, "with heavy buying from all parts of the section represented. There was a very optimistic tone. Prices are trending upward, and the influence of the labor situation is being reflected.

"Moderate changes were noted in styles. Skirts are slightly shorter. The dark colors, such as wines, browns, dark greens, etc., are popular. There are some new blues. On the other hand very navies."

Mr. Drumwright said he was impressed by the evident industrial revival throughout the east. Factories and plants which a year or so ago were dark, are now lighted up and vibrant with activity. Many industries, he said, are still affected with labor troubles, but in general there is a great activity.

"Politically speaking," said the Cisco department store manager,

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## INCREASE OF 3 MILLION OVER YIELD OF 1936

Texas Has 12,000,538 Acres of Cotton in Cultivation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The agriculture department today forecast a 15,593,000 bales cotton crop for this year.

The forecast was based on conditions on August 1, and acreage in cultivation on July 1.

Last year's crop was 12,398,082 bales. Texas was estimated this year to have 12,000,538 acres in cultivation. The crop is 82 per cent normal with a forecast of 4,314,000 bales.

The condition of the nation's crop on August 1 was said to be 81.3 per cent normal; acreage 33-429,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 9 (AP)—Cotton broke at more than \$2.00 a bale today in frenzied selling induced by the government crop forecast.

## Another Step In Completion Of Stadium Made

With the completion of the track encircling the gridiron another important step toward completion of the football stadium project has been taken. The track will be rolled Tuesday, W. F. Wilson, director of the project said today. This will be done in order to put the track in shape for topping it with cinders which it will receive later. Mowing of the playing field will also begin this week, he said.

There is little left to do on the north stands and construction on the seats of the south stands will begin tomorrow. The fence is yet to be completed and a few other minor details are to be attended to but outside of that there is little work left before the field will be ready for the 1937 season.

Mr. Wilson has shown his ability as a contractor in that he has brought the work up to the present with very little delay in order that Ciscoans might be able to see the Lobos battle on home ground this fall.

Probably this WPA project has made as rapid progress as any federal financed project that has been put over in the county. There has not been a hitch or disturbance among the laborers since it first began. Asked the cause of such harmony among the workers one of the old workers said:

"It is the superintendent, W. F. Wilson," he said, "Wilson is human, and knows how to handle men. He's no driver, but he quietly and pleasantly tells his men what he wants them to do, and every man on the job does his best to make good, and put the job over just as Wilson wants it. That is the whole secret."

## Tennis Court's Completion Near

Plans were made today for a speedy completion of the community tennis court located near the Methodist church. Workers were awaiting the arrival of cement and other materials, this morning before beginning work. All cement has been poured with the exception of one strip which will be the alley of the court and a small section at each end. This part of the work should be completed this morning if everything moves along on schedule.

The only work remaining after the cement is poured will be the erection of the backstops, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Powell spent Sunday in Dublin.







# FLAME TRAIL

BY MARIE DE NERVAUD

**SYNOPSIS:** Fire destroys Kay Crandon's ranch house and barn. Neighbor Josh Hastings tries to buy her ranch and court Kay, but she hates him and is determined to rebuild. Ted Gaynor, a puncher she impulsively hired, fights Scrap Johnson, a cowhand who molested Kay, shooting it out, they wound each other. Hastings finds them unconscious and kills Scrap with Ted's gun. Ted crawls to a cabin where a girl (Marion) nurses him. The gun puts sheriff Farley on Ted's trail. Kay sees Ted and Marion together in the cabin, and later, delirious after a fall, babbles it. The sheriff breaks into Marion's cabin at dawn.

### Chapter 34 Taken Prisoner

The sheriff's eye travelled swiftly over Marion. Convinced of the truth of her statement that she hadn't a gun, he motioned her to one side.

"You keep out of this now," he ordered. "I'll be wanting you to answer some questions later."

Striding past her, Zeke Farley crossed over to Ted's bunk, just as one of his posse was making a rope fast about Ted's wrists and ankles.

"Thought you'd given us the slip, didn't you?" he gloated. "Well, it ain't so easy in these parts to get past the law."

Ted, who had been so rudely awakened from a sound sleep, took rapid measure of the situation. He struggled to a sitting position and faced the sheriff with steady eyes. "I don't know what this is all about," he declared. "If you're looking for murderers, the man to find is Scrap Johnson. He did his best to murder me, and darn near succeeded."

"We've found him," the sheriff answered grimly, "with a bullet through his temple."

From what Ted had overheard from the first searching party that had passed the shack, he was prepared for this answer, but his expression of intense surprise couldn't have been more natural, if it had been real. It was up to him, he felt, to tell a straight and convincing story of what had happened, and not complicate it by anything he had overheard.

"Never from any shot of mine," Ted explained. "I was taking a drink of water, and turned around to see him stealing up on me and pulling his gun. He got the drop, and my shot went wild. It might

have nipped him, but it never hit a bull's eye like a shot in the temple. But even if it had, it was a plain case of self defense. He—"

"You can tell that at the trial," Zeke Farley broke in gruffly. "Sam Cutter'll be up here any time now, and he'll take you in charge. Scrap Johnson was murdered just over the Idaho state line, so that means you'll be tried in Clear Water Basin."

"You may as well know, though," he added, "that your story's full of holes. The bullet that killed Scrap Johnson came from your gun. We've got both the gun and the bullet, and the report just came in yesterday."

Ted's surprise at this statement was genuine and mixed with incredulous dismay.

"Must be some mistake there!" He caught Marion's eyes on him, with a mute warning in their brown depths, and the angry report he was about to make died on his lips.

She was right about going slow! Anything he said now might be twisted to count against him. The only thing to do was to go peaceably, and trust justice and fairness to acquit him at the trial.

**A Whispered Word**

A shout from the woods broke in on them. A minute later Sam Cutter and his posse came stampeding up the steps and crowded into the shack.

In the confusion, while Zeke Farley was explaining the situation to the new arrivals, Marion slipped around beside Ted.

"Try to get them to leave you here a few days longer," she whispered, "and don't mention Dad whatever you do!"

She shrank back, as Sam Cutter came over toward them. He was a powerful man with a bull dog jaw and a shrewd glint in his squinted gray eyes.

He took both Ted and Marion in for a minute without speaking. Then he said, with heavy sarcasm, "I'm sorry to break up your little outing, but your boy friend will have to come along with me."

Marion flushed at his tone, and an angry oath escaped Ted in spite of his resolve to keep cool.

"But for this young lady, I'd be dead now," he declared. "She has nursed me through this crisis, and anyone who insults her will have me to reckon with later." He glared at the men crowded around him.

"He isn't strong enough to be moved yet," Marion broke in, but Sam Cutter interrupted with a hoarse laugh.

"I reckon he'll stand the trip," he jeered. "And if he doesn't, that'll save us just so much trouble." He motioned to his men to get Ted outside.

"I can ride, all right, if you'll untie my ankles," Ted protested. "You needn't worry about my trying to make a break. I'm as anxious as you are to get this thing cleared up."

Sam Cutter gave him a long look and curtly ordered his men to cut the ropes that bound his feet together.

"I ain't worryin' about his making a break," he remarked, "and it'll be a whole lot easier going." He turned to Zeke Farley. "Thanks for the tip about this bird. I'll try to do as much for you some day. I reckon the girl friend comes in your territory." He gave Marion a boldly admiring look.

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and added, facetiously, "Some guys have all the luck!"

**Zeke Is More Gentle**

Without giving Ted a chance to have a word with Marion, they hustled him out. Zeke Farley motioned his men to follow and wait for him outside.

Left alone with Marion, he studied her carefully.

She waited, resolved to have him break the silence. With every nerve tense, she was determined not to say anything that could be used against Ted, or that would involve her father. She was thankful that she had Zeke Farley to deal with instead of Sam Cutter, whom she put down as a bully and a brute.

"Let's hear your story, now," Zeke Farley said finally. His voice was more gentle, but none the less firm.

"There's not much to tell," Marion answered. "I came out early one morning to find Ted Gaynor crawling across the clearing delirious and apparently dying from loss of blood. How he ever got as far as this, I don't know. I got him in just before the storm broke, and naturally did what I could for him. He pulled through, but it was a narrow squeak."

"Had you known Gaynor before?" the sheriff asked.

"I never saw him in my life before," Marion answered, looking straight into Zeke Farley's eyes.

"Humph!" was his only comment, but his eyes held an unwilling admiration for Marion's straightforward manner.

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**Marion's strange father returns, mentally upset, tomorrow.**

**Veteran Texas Instructor Dies**

AUSTIN, Aug. 9. (AP)—Dr. Killis Campbell, 65, veteran faculty member at the University of Texas, died here Sunday after an illness of 11 months.

Dr. Campbell, an authority on the works of Edgar Allan Poe, became an instructor in 1899 and taught until last year when he suffered a stroke.

He is survived by his widow and five children. Mrs. Alice Hawes Patton of Nacogdoches, Mrs. Catherine Willey McConchin of Taylor, Mary Atkin Campbell of Tyler and Killis Jr., and Hawes Campbell of Taylor.

Funeral service and burial will be held here Monday.

Dr. Campbell was born in Enfield, Va., June 11, 1872. He received a bachelor of literature degree from Peabody College for Teachers in 1892 and was graduated from William and Mary College in 1894. He received his doctor's degree from Johns Hopkins in 1898.

He was a member and past president of the Modern Language association of America and was founder of the American literature

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## IN AND ABOUT MORAN

(By Staff Correspondent)

A Ciscoan admitted here yesterday that Moran's sparkling aqua pura is as good to drink, and has a flavor as pleasing to the parched pallette, as that of his home city. That is news, the very essence of news.

Above mentioned party begged that his name not be made public lest he become a man without a town.

Members of the drug store group here were discussing, among other matters of civic and national importance, the heat and drought situation, when the discourse wandered to the subject of just what the store's many stock thermometers might have to say about the temperature. Upon examining said thermometers, one of the group spoke up, "Some says one thing and some says another."

"Jest like folks," drawled one of his fellows.

Which is a wise piece of philosophy, rural or otherwise.

Moran citizens gazed hopefully at a darkened sky last week as gathering clouds twice gave promise of relief from the withering drought that threatens to denude pasturelands and dry tanks in this locality.

Farmers and ranchers here are already making arrangements for hauling or pumping of stock water from creeks.

Many stockmen, due to the shortage of grass in pastures, have already been forced to feed their animals. Only a small amount of feed is necessary as yet, but soon, ranchmen fear, stock will depend wholly on feed from the barn for subsistence. Bundle hay is a scarce article here. Prudent stockmen have bought up the

group within the association. He has written numerous magazine articles and edited collections of literature.

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## Gun Fills Museum With Wild Game

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9. (AP)—One man's gun has filled an entire museum here with African game.

The hunter is Leslie Simson of Oakland, born the heir to a vast Spanish land grant in California. Later he became a successful mining engineer in South Africa.

In 1910 Simson retired from business and for more than two decades roamed the lonely places of Africa. His trophies constitute possibly the finest personal collection of African fauna in the world.

To house a part of them he gave \$150,000 toward erecting the Simson African hall for the California Academy of Sciences here, now open to the public. Enough game to fill two similar halls awaits suitable housing.

The group entitled African Water Hole, executed by Frank Tose, curator of the academy, is one of

the largest museum displays ever created.

Surrounded by mementoes of years in the jungle, Bachelor Simson lives with a lone Japanese servant on a hill overlooking San Francisco bay.

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