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ARMY, NAVY GET CHICAGO'S 'FRONT YARD'

By WILLIAM McMENAMIN
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO — The famed "front yard" of Chicago from Navy pier to Soldier Field is destined for use as a great military training ground, with little space for civilian activities, Park Superintendent George L. Penogluie disclosed.

This area includes the whole of Grant Park from Randolph St. to Eighteenth St., between Michigan Ave. and Lake Michigan, bordering on Chicago's loop, one of the world's most congested business districts.

The army recently took over the Stevens and Congress hotels, two of the city's largest, and prepared them for occupation by 50,000 to 20,000 army air force trainees.

The navy is expanding constantly its activities at Navy pier and sailors practically have taken over the adjacent park areas, Donoghue said.

Donoghue said the army air force asked whether the park would be available to troops if they were quartered at the downtown hotels and the park board gave its approval.

Included in the area suggested for army use are the bandshell and huge area in front for concert audiences. Northerly island, Soldier Field, Adler planetarium, the Field museum, Buckingham fountain, softball diamonds and tennis courts.

Donoghue said the army and navy probably would "stagger" exercise and drill periods to make maximum use of certain sections of the park. Civilian use of certain areas including Soldier Field would be permitted on week-ends, he added.

The order was not expected to affect football games scheduled at Soldier Field but such extended attractions as circuses, rodeos, and similar events probably would have to be staged elsewhere.

Col. Walter L. Meyer, commander of the air corps radio training school took over quarters in the Stevens hotel, said to be the world's largest hotelery, in preparation for the arrival of the cadets.

The army air corps takes over the Stevens and Congress hotels Aug. 1 under a Federal district court condemnation order. The action was designed to save months of valuable time and expenditure of millions of dollars to construct quarters for the training school.

The two hotels and adjacent facilities will be known as the Chicago air corps replacement center. Enlisted men will be trained in primary work before being sent to Chanute field, Rantoul, Ill. for further training as mechanics, maintenance men, radio technicians, bombardiers and navigators.

Flight Training To Start August 7th At Sweetwater

SWEETWATER (UP) — The first group of American students ever to train as pilots in the Army here will arrive Friday, Aug. 7, Charles A. Prince, associated with Joe B. Plosser in operating the school, said today.

The school will continue under the operation of Plosser and Prince.

Army officials who will be in charge have already arrived.

Currently the school is being used for training of Royal Air Force cadets, but orders recently were received from Washington to evacuate the students now in training and to prepare for training of American students.

The Army officials will occupy positions similar to those held now by Wing Commander W. F. Moxham and other British officials who are in charge of the RCAF trainees.

Prince, who has been in Washington the past several days, said plans are being made to increase the training program as the course progresses.

Co-Eds Show Big Improvement After Stiff Exercises

AUSTIN — Mark up another score for stiff exercise!

University of Texas co-eds who took a "war-conditioning" physical training course showed an improvement of 24.69 per cent in total physical fitness, according to a survey of actual tests made at the beginning and end of the course.

Results of a battery of tests to the co-eds have been analyzed this summer by Miss Bertha Lee of McGregor, who has written her thesis for the degree of master of education in physical education on this problem.

She found that the 94 girls who completed the course had: stabilized their weight perceptibly; improved their lung capacity 4.32 per cent; their arm strength 36.87 per cent; shoulder strength 4.27 per cent; abdominal strength 13.25 per cent; leg strength 29 per cent; agility 11 per cent.

Transport Planes Are Being Built For Use By Army

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5—Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, told a Senate military subcommittee today that 21 per cent of the multi-engine plane production now is being devoted to transport craft.

Arnold said the Army would welcome more transport planes, but that the program already developed should not be interfered with.

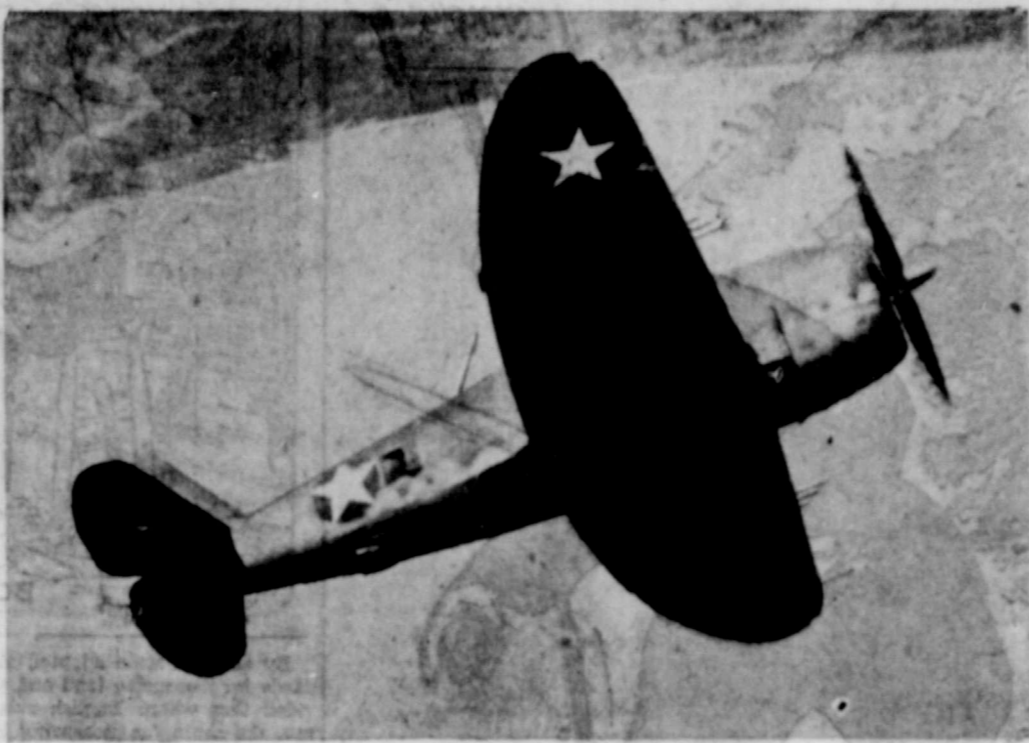
Sub Chaser Launched At Rockport Yard

ROCKPORT, Tex. (UP)—The seventh sub-chaser to be built in the yards of the Rice Brothers Company has been launched.

THE WEATHER

West Texas — Continued warm this afternoon and tonight.

Our Man-Made Thunderbolt



Formidable addition to the U. S. air arm is the Republic P-47, "Thunderbolt," heavily armored fastest single-motor plane in the world. Supercharged, the fighter can fly at 40,000 feet, has power-dived at 680 miles an hour, flies level at more than 400 miles per hour. Pictures are first of plane in flight. (Photo by Hugelmeier, First Air Force).

Uniforms Being Designed For The Girls In Service

AUSTIN, Tex.—The Women's Auxiliary Corps will not be the only uniformed body of women participating in America's war effort. Designs now are being submitted for a uniform for the girls employed by the State Selective Service System.

No general order putting them in uniform has been issued, but one is expected at any time.

Some of the girls favor the plan; others think it a useless waste of money and materials that could better be used for munitions.

"Scholarship" For A Nursery School Is Being Formed

AUSTIN — To start a fund for paying the tuition of some child in the University of Texas Nursery School, the Home Economics Association of Texas has presented the University with \$90, to be supplemented later. The fund will be called the Mary E. Gearing Scholarship Fund, in tribute to Miss Mary E. Gearing, who retired this year as chairman of the University's department of home economics.

Farm Cash Income Zooms 58 Per Cent

AUSTIN — Farm cash income of Texas during June totaled nearly \$65,000,000, or 58 per cent more than June, 1941. Dr. F. A. Buechel, statistician for the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, has reported.

Much of the gain was attributed to the opening harvest of the new wheat crop, estimated at 40,000,000 bushels out of the entire state's prospective harvest of 47,000,000 bushels, is approximately 87 per cent greater than usual, he explained.

Parachute Veteran Joins Air Force

FOSTER FIELD, Texas (UP)—If it ever becomes necessary for Everett Nicholas Farrell to bail out of an army airplane, he'll have one thing in his favor. The jump will be no novelty.

To date, Cadet Farrell has 26 professional jumps to his credit. Twenty-two of these were made while he was with a barnstorming troupe touring the Southwest. The other four were exhibition jumps at Phoenix, Ariz.

The U. S. Steel industry has a producing capacity nearly 65 per cent greater than the combined capacity of Germany and all of Axis Europe.

Farmers Receive Large Indemnity On Wheat Crops

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has closed its business for 1941 with one of the heaviest payments of indemnities that has ever been paid in Eastland county. 169 producers in Eastland county insured their wheat against all hazards under the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

All of the 169 farmers were paid an indemnity because of damage to the wheat crop. There were 15,414 bushels of wheat paid to these producers.

At the current loan price and the current market price received by the producers, this brought Eastland county \$16,597.54.

This income would not have been earned had it not been for the wheat insurance program.

Alvarado Reunion For Aug. 7 Cancelled

ALVARADO, Tex. (UP)—Directors of the Johnson County Pioneers' Association have decided to cancel the Old Settler's Reunion, which was to have been held for a week, starting Thursday, Aug. 6.

This would have been the 50th annual celebration, and elaborate plans had been made for it.

However, directors believed that it would be contrary to public policy to hold it this year.

NAZIS DROP TROOPS AND TANKS BEHIND RED LINES IN CONTINUED ADVANCES

Russians Retreat In Practically All Vital Sectors Of Fighting Front As Germans Put On Pressure In Stalin-grad And Caucasus Regions In The South

Raid Warnings Aided By Less Street Noises

CHICAGO (UP)—Reduction of city noises can solve the problem of experts who are concerned that the largest air raid sirens, even though above street level, will help the ears of nearby persons, according to H. A. Leedy, vice president of the Greater Chicago Noise Reduction Council.

Leedy, who performs research at the Illinois Institute of Technology, said that the effectiveness of air raid sirens can be doubled only by a slight reduction in city noises. He said that this reduction, measured in units of sound intensity, would be five decibels, and that to illustrate what can be done, London has reduced its noise 20 decibels during blackouts.

Leedy began a city noise study a year ago to make Chicago "quieter and pleasanter." His study now has taken on increased importance as a means of improving air raid warnings.

Greatest noise creators in cities are automobile horns, elevated trains, street cars, and truck and bus motors, Leedy's survey shows. In residential areas they are radios, banging screen doors, and noisy parties.

Leedy made recordings of noise intensity at 18 varied spots in the city during ten-minute periods throughout the day. An extremely loud blast of a policeman's whistle recorded the loudest single sound, 162 decibels at 50 feet. A riveter registered only 100 decibels at 15 feet.

To eliminate noise, the council has suggested rigid enforcement of anti-noise laws, chiefly pertaining to auto horns, and active effort by city populations in the interest of national defense.

AFL-CIO Peace Is To Be Talked At A Meeting Aug. 16-22

CHICAGO, Aug. 5—Conferees between the peace committees of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, looking toward an organic unity of the two groups, were forecast today for the week of Aug. 16-22 at Washington.

The forecast came from Harry C. Bates, head of the AFL Bricklayers Union.

Texas Shipyard Is Now On 24-Hour Day

HOUSTON, Aug. 5—Work in the Houston Shipbuilding Corporation's shipyards went on an around-the-clock basis of three eight-hour shifts, today.

It was stated that the yard was now operating on a full, seven-day-a-week schedule.

Capt. H. R. Greenlee, administrative assistant to the general manager made the announcement.

Second Fronters?



Men who might play major role in any invasion of Europe are U. S. Air Force officers Brig. Gen. Frank Hunter, Brig. Gen. Robert C. Cannon, Maj. Gen. W. H. Frank and Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan. All have arrived in England.

President Still Reading Verdict In Saboteur Case

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5—President Roosevelt held appointments to a minimum again today in order to spend as much time as possible reviewing the findings of a special military commission which tried eight Nazi saboteurs here.

The President received the commission's recommended verdict and sentence late Monday and he said at his press conference yesterday that he expected to complete his review of the case by Thursday or Friday.

Employment And Payrolls Are Up Throughout State

AUSTIN — Employment and payrolls in Texas continued to soar during June, and may be expected to go still higher as a number of other large war industries swing into full production according to a University of Texas economist.

Dr. F. A. Buechel, statistician for the University's Bureau of Business Research, reported that June employment rose three points over May, and payrolls gained 11 points. In comparison with June, 1941, employment gained 19 points and payrolls 47 points.

Texas business generally, he said, is nearly 30 points above June, 1941.

By United Press
The Germans have dropping parachute troops and tanks behind the Soviet lines today in an effort to split the Red Army, which was falling back in almost all of the vital sectors today.

The war in the air spread over a wide expanse of the global war front, from the United States Army's base in Iceland to the Mediterranean Sea, China and Australia.

For the second time in recent days the German bombers struck at Iceland, when an enemy raider misdirected a lighthouse near Reykjavik.

Latest advice from Moscow said the Germans had forced the Red Army withdrawals in the Bielajuga Sector, about 50 miles southwest of Salsk and around Tsimlyanska, along the Don River.

To last night's communique the Russians admitted a withdrawal northwest of Stalingrad.

On the other fighting fronts of the world the dispatches showed the following developments:

Chungking—United States bombers report "very satisfactory results" in a heavy attack upon the Japanese base at Hankow.

Bombay—Allied bombers score a direct hit and near misses in an attack on three enemy merchant ships moving across the Eastern Mediterranean.

Allied artillery and patrol action was intensified on the desert front.

Bombay—Gandhi is expected to serve a one-week "ultrafast" on the British, ending a threat of mass civil disobedience camping unless immediate independence is granted to India.

Bootleggers Of Steel Are Known A Prober States

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 5—J. Harden Peterson, Democrat, Florida, of the House subcommittee investigating cancellation of shipbuilding contracts at the Higgins Corporation Shipyards, said today that he knew the names of the "black market" steel operators.

He said, however, that the names cannot be made public at this time "because they might be moving steel right now."

Two Mules Injured In Car-Wagon Crash

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UP)—Waiting traffic news included the following item:

Two automobiles and a mule-drawn wagon collided in the 1800 block of Guadalupe street.

The injured were two mules, each treated at the scene for cuts about the legs.

Robbed In Khaki



Stranger nabbed for a Supreme Court justice is the U. S. Army armored division uniform worn by Lieut. Col. Frank Murphy on maneuvers in the Carolinas.

**What You Buy With
WAR BONDS**

A lighted whistle buoy is more like a floating light house than anything else. It weighs several tons, is moored to warn ships at sea, and operates a flashing light. The siren is operated by suction, created by the rise and fall of the buoy in the water. The device costs about \$6,000.



These safety devices are important to coastal vessels, especially in vessels running without lights during war time. You can help buy them for the Navy and the Coast Guard with your investment in War Bonds and Stamps. Put at least ten percent of your income in these war time securities every payday and become a member of the patriotic "Ten Percent Club."

Texas Has Disposed of Areas Larger Than Some States

By GORDON K. SHEARER
United Press Staff Correspondent

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 5—Texas has sold or given away more land than there is in several other states, but the huge territory to which it retained title upon joining the United States, still finances much of the state's activities.

Upon entering the Union, Texas retained title to a public domain of approximately 172,000,000 acres of land—or more than North Dakota and Oregon together.

It set aside more land than there is in Idaho or Minnesota for public education, and granted as much as there is in Arizona for other purposes.

The state capital, built in the early 1880s and now found too small for the state offices, was paid for by a grant of land of 3,025,000 acres, or more land than

there is in Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

Many of the old Texas families, particularly those residents along the Rio Grande, can exhibit grants of the land upon which they live issued to their ancestors by kings of Spain. In fact, parts of Texas that aggregate as much land as there is in all Kentucky are held under grants that were made either by Spain, or by Mexico.

After the Republic of Texas was set up, the policy of granting land for settlement was continued.

Grants were made also as partial payment to the soldiers who fought for Texas independence, 57,620 square miles being distributed in this way, or approximately the whole area of Illinois with some extra.

The Republic of Texas had piled up a big war debt in winning its independence from Mexico. First use of the state land was to pay off this debt, which took a slice out of the state approximately the size of Delaware—1,329,000 acres.

Another slice larger than Delaware was "disposed of" in scrip sales acts of 1879 and 1887.

The wide territory of the state was without practical communication, except by stage or pony express, until railroads were built. To encourage them the state granted an area that is greater than the whole state of Louisiana. Railroad grants totaled 32,153,878 acres or more than 50,000 square miles.

Surveyors were not all too particular in those days when the land had little value. Since oil discoveries have made it valuable numerous suits have developed, based

on allegations that there are "variances" between the various grants when they are measured out on the ground according to the meters and bounds stated in the grants.

Vacancy claims arise principally in the areas that were parcelled out to railroads, but there also have been important law suits for all land attacking surveys of other grants.

Other grants conveyed about 700 square miles to various equestrian institutions and grants of approximately 48,000,000 acres (enough to spread over Nebraska) for education.

Education's share in the state land is larger than the 49,000,000 acres—more nearly approaching 56,600,000 acres (equalling all of Kansas, Connecticut and Delaware because there has also been dedi-

cated to school purposes all excesses found in surveys of the grants, river beds and submerged coastal areas.

Most of the land has been sold or leased, with the proceeds being placed in permanent funds from which the educational or other institutions draw interest-income.

The University of Texas and A. & M. College fund annually receive large amounts from oil royalties and has more than 2,000,000 acres left out of its original 2,329,000. The University has received more than \$32,000,000 from this source and is collecting about \$900,000 a year.

An area almost as large as that of West Virginia and Wisconsin

together and only a little smaller than South Dakota has been set aside for public schools below the college grade.

Of this, 4,239,000 acres were distributed to 239 counties—others of the present 254 counties were not organized when this distribution was made—and the counties lease it for the benefit of local school funds.

A much bigger grant—42,000,000 acres—has been set aside for administration by a state land board for the benefit of the public schools. Approximately 1,200,000 surveyed acres of this remains unsold, but \$95,000,000 in cash and first lien land notes have been turned into the permanent school fund.

In addition to this surveyed but (Continued on page 2)

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Studying Inflation

President Roosevelt is making a study of inflation. This is supposed to be in preparation for action in some form or other, perhaps a new executive order, perhaps recommendations to Congress, perhaps both.

With the fact-finding facilities at his disposal, the President will not have to rely upon what every man knows. And yet, we wonder what his researchers will produce other than elaboration upon a few fundamental sets of facts?

First, the factories that used to make consumer goods now are making armament and munitions and supplies for the fighting forces. To do this, they are employing every worker they can get.

Therefore we have more money but fewer consumer goods. This year, as a nation, we shall have close to 110 billion dollars' worth of goods on which to spend it.

That leaves 40 billions for savings, including war bonds, for taxes and for inflation. Out of that 40 billions we can and will pay excessive prices for anything we want and will not lead to inflation. That will be inflation.

Second, Mr. Henderson has imposed ceilings on almost everything. But not on farm products, and not on wages.

Farm income this year is expected to reach 14 1/2 billion dollars, almost exactly the peak it attained in 1919. But prices now, on the things farmers buy, are less than three-fourths as high as in 1919. So the farmer, collectively, is in position now to buy a third as much again as in his most prosperous year in history—except that the goods do not exist for him to buy. So what? So he has a big excess available toward inflation.

Third, prices already are very high. Paced by the sprint in agricultural commodities, the most recent basic commodity price index of the Labor Department shows that prices generally have risen more than two-thirds since August, 1939.

Fourth, the wages paid to workers—whether computed hourly, daily, weekly or yearly—are at an all-time high. Almost no group has failed to profit from this. The War Labor Board has set 15 per cent above the level of Jan. 1, 1941, as the point at which wages are to be pegged.

Fifth, all these and other economic developments are based upon efforts to maintain the American standard of living and if possible to improve it. But we can't do that until we have beaten Hitler. The standard of living depends upon usable goods, not on paper or metal bearing mystic symbols imprinted by the Treasury. The goods with which to maintain our standard of living do not exist, and cannot be manufactured so long as we are fighting the axis.

In the words of a man who should know: "Our standard of living will have to come down." Who said that? President Roosevelt.

VETERAN U. S. SENATOR

Word puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a man in the center of the grid.

The Mountain Behind



BY PETER EDSON

NEA Service Washington Correspondent

IN an effort to see what may lie ahead, take another gander at this War Labor Board decision giving the employees of the four "Little Steel" companies an increase of \$2.20 a week, which has been magnified into something that is going to break the nation. This speculation may be as futile as most crystal gazing, or trying to predict the outcome of the campaign in Egypt and the valley of the Dan. But now that joy riding is on the wane, experting becomes the favorite amateur sport, so pull up a chair.

In the first place, the Little Steel cases aren't settled yet, and there is a possibility they'll be right back in the WLB lap before long, for this reason: The C. I. O. Steel Workers' Organizing Committee and the four companies have to get together and sign something. The WLB decision merely settled the question of wages and union security. Unsettled is the time element—the question of how long this contract is to run. The unions may take the position that this is just another contract, and should therefore run for just another two-year period. The steel companies may take the position that since this is a war contract, it should be made for the duration. If the two parties can't get together, watch for the case to come back to the WLB docket.

The general interpretation of the WLB decision on wages was that it was a victory for labor and a slap at employers and anti-inflationists in and out of the government. This probably would be denied by a majority of the Labor Board members, and labor maintains it took a licking. The WLB position is that it is just as interested in preventing inflation as is any other department of government. Furthermore, the four WLB representatives of the public, when they decided to vote with the four employer representatives and grant increases of only 44 cents a day, were afraid the labor representatives would pull out and wreck the war labor mediation setup for a second time. But labor agreed to "take the cut."

WAS it a "cut"? The Labor Board insists it was. In setting wage-level-vs.-cost-of-living ratios back to Jan. 1, 1941—in disregard of accepting as a base the ratio existing when steel got its last increase in April, 1941—WLB claims it really was cutting wages back to the relative cost of living ratios that existed in 1937. In other words, the Labor Board presents its action as restoring steel wages to the levels of five years ago and wiping out all the wage increases steel labor had gained in that time. Actual dollars and cents wages are higher, but the value of the wages is lower.

THE PAYOFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON, NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—With talk of major league clubs signing Negroes, the question arises as to the number of their capable of making the grade. Satchel Paige, the famous pitcher, is now the only one whose name means anything to the average organized baseball fan, and the fabulous Satch is too old. He must be on the top side of 40.

But competent judges acquainted with the better Negro baseball say a number would help big league outfits. Offhand, they list Josh Gibson, the huge catcher; Clarkson and Ray Dandridge, the second base combination of the Newark Eagles; Shortstop Butts of the Nashville Lutes; Pitchers Barney Brown of the Philadelphia Eagles, Impe Barnhill and Barney Morris of the Cuban Stars and Gene Smith and Chip McAllister of the Black Yankees.

JOE PRESS manages the white Brooklyn Bushwicks, perhaps the most successful semi-professional outfit in the land. Press scouted for the New York Yankees for years, sent up Tony Cuccinello and Buddy Hassett, among others.

Before a game with the Black Yankees at Dexter Park, Brooklyn, the other night, Pilot Press ventured the opinion that Gene Smith could win in the big show. And then Chip McAllister, moundmate of Smith, shut out the crack Bushwicks.

Press asserts that Negro baseball is full of pitchers who have everything. "I am not saying that they would win if they got on the big time," he explains. "But I know I have seen 15-game winners in the majors with less than Barney Brown, Impe Barnhill or Barney Morris."

PRESS declares that Catcher Gibson, No. 1 star of Negro baseball, can hit the ball out of any park ever built. You can't tell Dick Seay, second baseman of the Black Yankees and veteran of 15 years, that shortstops like Clarkson and Butts would not click in the big leagues.

OUT OUR WAY



By act, the state adopted standards for measuring land and provided that where English rule is used, the chain for measuring land shall be 22 yards long, divided into 100 equal parts called links. An acre is required to be measured horizontally containing 4,840 square yards and 640 acres is declared to constitute a square mile. Many of the grants are in mile square sections.

Texas Has—

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enough 1,200,000 acres, it is estimated there is 5,500,000 acres of river beds and submerged land along the Texas Gulf Coast and 29,000,000 acres located in more than 200 counties in which the state still retains an interest for its schools.

Different boards handle the lands that have been set aside for the colleges and that for schools. Different policies have been followed by them in handling the lands—particularly in leasing them for oil and gas exploration and development.

The college board follows the trend of oil development and has a public auction of oil and gas leases whenever the trend makes the time appear favorable for leasing. The board sets a fixed amount of acreage and royalty and sells the lease to whoever bids the biggest bonus. The auctions are held at Austin with an auctioneer who knocks down the tracks like other property at a sale.

The board that handles sales and lease of state school lands has so far favored sealed bids as a method of getting the best price for the lands that are leased or sold.

Sometimes the bonuses are the controlling factor, sometimes it is the amount of royalty that is to be paid to the state out of the oil, gas or other minerals recovered. This board places land on the market whenever there are inquiries from prospective buyers. The right to reject any or all bids is retained, so if the sealed offers are not large enough, the board does not have to sell.

Outright sales of land have been less profitable to the state than leases for oil and gas.

Sales are made as low as \$1 an acre in some areas, but when oil or gas is discovered under the land many times that is offered merely as a bonus. On oil production, the state usually receives one eighth.

Actual area of the state has shifted from time to time. Biggest changes have come from resurveying, showing errors in old boundaries but there are recurring changes along the border between Mexico and Texas. The Rio Grande frequently shifts its channel, and with the changes of the channel, property becomes either a part of Mexico or Texas.

Texas recognized the grants that had been made by Spain and Mexico prior to establishment of the Republic. Then no new land titles were issued until Feb. 1, 1838, when the State General Land Office was opened.

The grants by the Republic include what are known as "headrights." These were granted to every person then living in Texas except Indians, Negroes and descendants of Negroes.

Heads of families were given a "league and a labor" (4605 1/2 acres), thus originating a term still found in many deeds. Single men, 17 or older, were given one-third of a league (1476 acres).

Immigrant grants of 640 acres for families and 320 acres for single men also were authorized. Grants for military service amounts to 3,149,234 acres.

Because of their Spanish and Mexican origin many deeds give land descriptions in varas of 33 1/2 inches.

She's in the Army Now!



—and happy about the whole thing!

"They also serve who only stand and wait" is cold comfort for the American woman of 1942 whose fighting spirit and love for her country make her look with longing eyes toward the battlefield where her brother, husband, son or sweetheart is stationed.

Her chance to help is here! Besides her hours at the Red Cross, her production work at a factory bench, her job as Air Raid Warden or seller of War Bonds, she carries a little white ration book in her purse—badge of an American housewife who is re-arranging her menus to include less sugar, conserving gasoline by walking instead of riding and stands ready to accept with a cheerful smile any other restrictions that are necessary to bring Victory. Hats off to the lady—she's in the Army now!

For latest war developments on the home and fighting fronts, read the ads and articles in your home newspaper—

THE RANGER TIMES

Audit Of State Books Shows Several Inactive Accounts And Old Records Dating Back To 1851 Are On File

GORDON K. SHEARER
Editorial Press Staff Correspondent
AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—On Jan. 31 of this year, 29 men walked quietly into the state treasury at Austin and ordered State Treasurer Jesse James and his staff to turn the treasury over to them.

It wasn't a hold up. It was a surprise visit of state auditors to check up on all state funds. Four men loaned by the state comptroller's department participated with the auditors in the "raid" which verified the cash, deposits and securities and the Treasury records showing Jesse James responsible for the safety of \$355,689.150.

A cash count was the first step in the audit when covered all operations of the treasury between May 31, 1940, and Jan. 31, 1942. The cash count was made quickly with the large force in order that state business might proceed. A smaller force checked the books and accounts more leisurely.

Of course, the state treasury never has such a large amount of cash as \$355,689.150 in it. That would require a guard almost as complete as the one maintained by the U. S. Government over its gold deposit at Fort Knox.

The check did show that the state on that day had \$148,683,696 cash. Most of it was in banks that are designated as state depositories.

The remaining \$108,717,150 for which the treasurer is responsible is in securities which the treasurer holds for the state—securities that belong to county road district, to banks that have state cash deposits, to insurance companies, and to other businesses that are required to give security as a pre-requisite to operating in the state.

Beside the deposits that the state has in Texas banks, it has a large deposit in the United States Treasury. At the time of the audit this deposit amounted to \$66,734,035. It is an accumulation of amounts paid by Texas employers under the employment compensation law to insure their workers against periods of non-employment.

During enforced idleness the former workers are paid from the fund under the direction and supervision of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Because of a federal tie-up in the unemployment compensation activity, the fund must be kept in Washington.

At the time of the audit, the treasury had securities that had been put up by Texas depository

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



THE DRAWING FROM SACRED BULL IN BRITISH MUSEUM.

banks with a par value of \$83,381,400.

To qualify and keep in good standing as depositories for state cash the banks must furnish double the value of the cash in securities.

The state is not satisfied merely with securities that have a face value double the amount of cash deposited. A state depository board passes on the value of the securities offered by the banks. Occasionally a state fund swells rapidly and deposits amount to more than half the value of the security, but such conditions are short-lived.

The audit disclosed that the state and its various officers and agencies have a number of dormant accounts in banks both in Austin and in other places in Texas.

These dormant accounts range from 30 cents shown to the credit of former State Comptroller S. H. Terrill in an Austin bank, to \$1,963 in a state land account dating back to 1926 for its last activity.

recommended that the various items be traced down so the money in the banks may be transferred to proper funds.

Beside these small accounts that the state has owing to it by banks, the audit disclosed that some of the Texas counties have not repaid in full loans made to them in 1918 and 1919 by the state for drought relief purposes.

The treasurer holds notes with unpaid balances against Brown County for \$10,470; Fisher county for \$1,675; Kerr county for \$152; Lamb county for \$3,500; Ochiltree county for \$30,000; Farnsworth county for \$5,000; San Patricio county for \$453; Scurry county for \$5,481 and Stonewall county for \$950.

Recently the Texas state treasury has become custodian of the cash and securities of the Texas Teachers' Retirement System.

\$10,891,939, and \$114,200 interest.

One of the accounts in the treasury dates back to June 8, 1865, which shows how difficult it sometimes is to conclude a state-financial transaction.

Under a law of 1861 an issue of state bonds was authorized to supply a deficiency in the general revenue. A special tax was levied to provide funds for paying off the bonds. The bonds never were issued but \$79,409 in taxes was collected. A journal entry of May 31, 1865, shows that this \$79,409 was borrowed from the special loan fund for the general revenue account.

As the bonds were never issued for which the special tax had been collected and the purpose of the bonds was to aid the general revenue, the transfer put the money where it was intended to go, but it still is carried as a state account.

State Schools Are Expanding A War Training System

AUSTIN, Tex.—Extension of the state school system's war training is planned for the fiscal years of 1942 and 1943. Nine new courses will be made available for out-of-school persons in rural areas above the age of 15 years.

The expanded program is effective Aug. 1. The new courses cover instruction in increasing

milk, poultry, egg, peanut, soybean, pork, beef, mutton, and vegetable yields.

Business men, too, are going to have war schools under supervision of the state department of education. There will be classes in merchandising in defense areas training new employees, training supervisors, managers, and buyers.

The average motorist puts 8,000 miles on his car in a peacetime year, or enough to take him from New York to San Francisco two and a half times.

One of Texas' most famous gloves, the Drummond Philox, now pictured in many parts of the world, was discovered in 1833 in Texas by the botanist, Thomas Drummond, who collected Philox seeds and distributed them widely in other parts of the country.

THANKS—

I wish to express my appreciation to the people of Eastland County for their loyal support in my race for County Clerk, and hereby renew my pledge to continue to give you the very best and most courteous service possible by a grateful County Clerk and an appreciative corps of deputies.

R. V. (Rip) GALLOWAY
Your
COUNTY CLERK

SERIAL STORY SPORTING BLOOD BY HARRY HARRISON KROLL

A VISITOR
CHAPTER IX
AFTER Strickland Ballard had left, Hunter sat on his cot wanting somehow to laugh, though it was much nearer a crying matter. Ballard had come with a vague hope of fastening the crime on Hunter. His real reason was to shield poor Junior. Because Hunter's motive all along had been pretty much the same thing, it might seem as if they could get together. The trouble was that Hunter Dent was not quite prepared to carry a crime of which he was innocent to save another who seemed guilty.

Whatever Ballard's call, it took him hastily away. When Anderson came for Hunter to talk over the telephone, he laughed ironically.

"If I have any more high-and-mighty guests like you, Dent, I aim to install a private phone. There you are."

"Hello," Hunter said.

"This is Tracy Hanning. I can't be with you until 10 o'clock. Will that be time enough?"

"Okay. We'll make it time enough."

Hunter returned to his cell. Anderson obligingly brought the morning paper. Aside from the war news, the most interesting thing to Hunter was the dope on the local mystery. The girl, Sarah Kiker, had been released. The police would be watching her every moment to discover her escort the night of the murder. The long-expected break in the ordinance plant scandal came. The elder Ghibardo had been arrested in the charge of fraud in the contract for building the great plant, and his case would come up in Federal Court. The First National, and other local financial interests, were allegedly involved. Other financial interests meant Strickland Ballard, who had his finger in every pie that came along. Perhaps it was this involvement that had taken Ballard away so quickly.

Tracy Hanning came at the appointed time. They went over the whole matter, detail by detail.

DURING the afternoon Hunter entertained himself looking out his single window. The autumn afternoon spread over the western part of Middleton. The jail overlooked the river, and the old water-front section of town where the stick-up had been

staged. It was a mean, dismal, but picturesque mixture of dirty warehouses, old rickety buildings, poor dwellings in need of light and paint and sanitation. River rats, thieves, gamblers, riff-raff of all sorts, inhabited the neighborhood. Down there were plenty who would have esteemed it the opportunity of a lifetime to kill a man and take \$17,000 off him. But what on earth was the messenger from the bank doing in that section of town with the bag of money on him, at such a time of night? And even more mysterious was the manner the thugs had found out the messenger was on his way. The killers had to know beforehand a lot of things that somebody was going to be red in the face trying to answer.

"That brings up young Temple. He is the lad whose face is going to be red before all this is over!" Hunter concluded.

Hunter got a pretty good night's sleep that night, and the next morning at 9 o'clock he faced Judge Elkhart and heard his bond fixed at \$10,000. Hanning took Hunter back to jail. Hunter didn't feel so good. Nor did his feelings look up as he saw the day pass. Always an active outdoor man, this enforced idleness was killing him. He slept fitfully, dreaming of Junior Ballard's dying, of the lost money, and questions about why the money was moving, and where, sort of half-dreams. After breakfast the next morning Anderson came to his door.

"Visitor," the sheriff announced. He let Bella Ballard in. "Rattle the door when you want to leave, Miss Ballard," he said when he left.

"They think Junior has a chance now. The doctors won't allow him to speak, to see any of us. But Dr. Ferguson thinks if no complications set in he will get well."

Hunter said warmly, "Well, I'm proud to hear that, Red. I really am."

She looked around and grinned. "I like your apartment, Hunter."

"No wisecracks, please. Or I'll have Anderson lock you up with me."

"I think I would like that."

"Like grief! I'd tear these jail walls down to escape anything like that!"

"Love that would burst through jail walls and jump heavy bond awes me. If you really would like to get out of here, at least temporarily, I bet it could be arranged."

"You BET it could be arranged! No more of that. I've seen the fruits of such wickedness, and I'm fed up on the flavor."

She said, with mock sadness, "You don't like the Ballard family trait very much, do you, Hunter?"

—I mean the sporting instinct which is such a marked characteristic of ours.

"No—bluntly, I don't care for it at all."

SHE came and looked down at him, and tousled his hair. "So you don't like us?"

"I didn't say that. I don't like this so-called sporting blood you all have. Granting that life is pretty much of a gamble, there are still enough good laws in the universe for anybody to live by."

"Come on," she urged. "It's a good text and the sermon should be uplifting. Your idea is use your brains, work hard, be honest, early to bed and early to rise."

"You can't upke me ashamed of the old-fashioned virtues. I guess we can be realistic."

"Please!" she begged. "When folks go realistic they are usually disagreeable."

"Just the same, when Junior gets out of the woods he is still likely to be in a jam. I've been trying pretty hard to shield him. But I can't do it and get my neck in the noose. You and I know Junior's involved in this nasty business. My idea is that young Temple gave the secret of the money movement away. Someone bet Junior he could not intercept the messenger, stage a fake stick-up, and get away with it. Now the messenger is dead, the money's gone, Junior's shot, I'm in jail, your daddy is about to have a nervous break-down, and—well, isn't that enough? Wouldn't you be sold on the old-fashioned platitudes if they would have prevented this, as they would?"

She was smiling when he looked up at her loweringly. She had an insolent and beautiful way of standing, her hand on her hip, just eyeing him.

"I'll lay you a wager, Hunter."

He said crossly, "Go play like you're a squirrel and run up and down a tree and bark."

"I'll wager you your freedom, terribly as you profess to hate us—"

"I never said I hated you."

"—saturated as your evil heart is with a desire for revenge, that in no time at all you will be asking me to marry you, and what's more, I might say yes, and we'd be married!"

"Red, will you please run along? Will you? I'd hate to—"

"It's on the barrelhead," she laughed. She rattled the door for Anderson to let her out.

An hour later Sheriff Anderson was back. "Get your knitting. They've got the hot-seat ready and are fixing to burn the seat of your pants out. Come along."

(To Be Continued)

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PLANS FOR LABOR DAY RODEO ARE TALKED AT MEETING ON TUESDAY

George Glascock of Cresson, who has staged the annual Labor Day Rodeo in Ranger for the past three years, met with a group of Ranger businessmen Tuesday afternoon in the office of the Chamber of Commerce, and discussed the advisability of putting on another rodeo this year.

No definite decision was reached at the meeting, but several plans were discussed. Glascock stated that he was not interested in putting on the rodeo under the present conditions, with the fences, arena and chutes in their present location, because the arena was not suitable for a good show. Many of the seats are in such a position that it is hard for spectators to see all the action, and the location of the fence on the west side is bad from a gate receipt standpoint, as it is too far away and cannot be guarded. Therefore many slip in without paying, he pointed out, making the rodeo costly to the producer.

After several suggestions were made it was decided to make a survey and see what the cost of rebuilding the fences and arena on the present site would be, and the decision would rest on the survey.

Dr. P. M. Kuykendall, chairman of the rodeo committee, is making such a survey today, it was reported at the Chamber of Commerce office, with the view toward determining the approximate cost.

When all factors pertaining to the rodeo are gathered, including the cost of remodeling the grounds, another meeting is expected to be held to determine whether or not it would seem advisable to hold the annual event this year.

A number present expressed the opinion that a rodeo should be staged, as usual, if the cost is not too great.

Nursery Parents Meet Here Tuesday

Parents of the Ranger Nursery School met Tuesday and heard interesting discussions on "Children and Their Friends," presented by Mrs. Terrance Barton.

After the meeting Miss Edna Moad, supervisor of the school, served ice cream and cake to all present.

After an inspection of the school the group was dismissed.

Red Cross Chapter Will Meet Friday

The Ranger Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting on the mezzanine floor of the Gholson Hotel Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was announced here today.

The annual report of the chairman will be presented at this time, and officer of the chapter for the coming year will be elected.

All members have been urged to be present for the meeting.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis are spending today in Brownwood. They were accompanied to Brownwood by Mrs. W. H. Mayes who will remain for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Cox and Glenda left this morning for their home in Powderly after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Jacoby and sons of Terrell are here for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson and J. A. Johnson, Jr., have returned from a week's visit in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Porter of Dallas have announced the birth of a baby girl in Dallas, Tuesday. Mrs. Porter will be remembered as the former Miss Goral Dean Pulley daughter of D. E. Pulley.

Pfc. Carl Young of Ft. Sill is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Young.

Mrs. Albert Miller and son of Brownwood are the guests of Mr. Miller's father, A. F. Miller.

Lt. Fred Jolly and Lt. and Mrs. Ray Harman of Camp Walters were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Campbell during the week end. The Campbells also have as their guest Mae Malphette of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartman and children recently of Eastland are now making their home in Ranger. Mr. Hartman is connected with a local machine shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Rainbolt announce the birth of a baby boy at the City-County Hospital this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hamer and family have returned from a visit in Austin and South Texas.

Garrison Named On Nations Social Protection Board

AUSTIN, Tex. — State Police Director Homer Garrison has been notified today of his appointment to the executive committee of the National Advisory Police Commission on Social Protection. The notification came from Charles P. Taft, assistant director of Defense Health and Welfare Services.

The committee is assisting the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services in its program of general disease control.

Chairman of the seven member executive committee is Donald S. Leonard of the Michigan State Police and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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"Ideal girl" of soldiers at Fort MacArthur, Calif., blonde Marjorie Woodworth won title in camp personality contest.

Plans For Meeting Demand For Horses Has Been Arranged

AUSTIN, Tex. — In order to help meet the growing demand for saddle and draft horses and mules, Texas farmers and stockmen who need a stallion or jack should make application immediately to the Jack and Stallion Division of the State Department of Agriculture, Austin.

The department issued that statement today with the announcement that there are now several of the state-owned jacks and stallions available. The stallions include Belgian, percheron and saddle types.

The animals may be leased by stockmen or farmers for \$20 yearly, with remuneration to be derived from breeding fees. The fee limit is \$10. The animals will be delivered to the leaser free of charge by the department.

Curtailment of supplies of rubber and gasoline is expected to bring about a greater demand for horses and mules, and thereby increase the demand for the services of the state-owned jacks and stallions. It is estimated that the state animals have already increased the wealth of the state by about \$2,000,000, although since its creation in 1934, the Jack and Stallion Division has never cost the people of the state a penny for its upkeep and administration.

Out of every 100 men released from California prisons, an parole, 92 make good.

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Society, Club and Church Notes

Family Reunion Held Sunday

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Cox, route 1, with all of the children and grandchildren but one attending.

The all-day gathering was attended by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith and children, Betty Ann, Cecil Clay and Annette of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilbert and children, James, Florence, and Mary Francis of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pulley and daughter, Dena; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Burks and daughter, Carolyn Sue; and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Cox and daughters, Catherine Hall and Glenda of Powderly, Texas.

Ladies Golf Club Has Breakfast

Members of the Ladies Golf Club of the Ranger Country Club were entertained with a 10 o'clock breakfast at the Club Tuesday morning. Preceding the breakfast golf and putting contest held. In the pitching Mrs. T. J. Watts was winner and in the putting contest Mrs. Walter Davis was the winner.

The breakfast was arranged by Mrs. W. H. Mayes and Mrs. Odell Cole who are hostesses for the month. Breakfast was served ranch style at a long table which was centered by a miniature corral with cowboy and horse. Napkins were small red bandana handkerchiefs.

Those attending the breakfast were: Mmes T. J. Powell, Carl Heinlin, Ernest Latham, Davis, Watts, Eugene Baker, Felton Braisher, Jess Weaver, David M. Phillips, Mayes and Cole.

W. S. C. S. Meets

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the president Mrs. J. A. Johnson, presiding.

The opening hymn was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" which was followed by a business meeting in which the minutes were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. G. D. Nicholson. Reports of all officers and committees were heard and the following nominating committee appointed: Mrs. A. J. Ratliff, Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth and Mrs. C. E. May. A report of the committee will be given at the first meeting in September.

Reports from the bulletin were given by Mrs. C. E. May who read the invitation to the Spiritual Life Retreat which will be held in Georgetown the week of September 7. The principal speaker

for the retreat will be Dr. Hugh Taint.

The devotional for the afternoon was given by Mrs. Lillian Wolfe, who took as her subject "Will A Man Rob God?" The theme of the devotional was stewardship, stressing the three types of people, the faithful, the indifferent and the "none-of-my-business" types.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. M. H. Hagaman.

Auxiliary Has Meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Legion clubrooms with the president-elect, Mrs. A. H. Powell, presiding.

In the business meeting plans were made for a "42" party to be held Thursday evening August 13 for all legionnaires and their friends.

Plans were also made to accept an invitation from the Eastland unit to attend a meeting there August 12 at which meeting officers for the Eastland group will be installed.

Delegates to the state convention which will be held in Ft. Worth August 19, 20, and 21, were elected as follows: Mrs. F. C. Ward, Mrs. A. H. Powell, and Mrs. Con Hazard.

Near San Francisco, both in Muir Woods and Santa Cruz Redwood Park, are trees ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 years old.

Straight-Shooting Shuttlers



Men who shuttle planes across North Atlantic for U. S. Army Air Force Ferry Command must have good shooting eyes. Left to right: Capt. Clyde Pangborn of Wenatchee, Wash.; Capt. Robert Spilsbury of Vancouver, B. C.; and Capt. John Lambert of New York eye target somewhere in Britain.

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"This device has long been used as a test of smooth driving," State Police Director Homer Garrison said today. "The person who tries it will perhaps realize for the first time just how smoothly a car can be driven—and how much wear can be saved on tires, brakes and clutches."

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Bray doesn't know how much wheat he has but he has already stored more than 100,000 bushels with still more to be cut. He attributes his remarkable success to ideal weather. Last year his crop was hailed out.

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