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## Food Prices, Grain Hit New High

Well...  
I Dunno,  
But...

Folks, it's just about circus time and the rodeo arena, doesn't look like a rodeo arena any more, but is taking on the appearance of the circus grounds.

The three big rings are already set up and the men are busy out there making all kinds of preparations. The horses, including the Shetland ponies are stalled in the chutes, lazing in the sun. The callopie is on hand and when, this morning it was suggested that the callopie be paraded up and down main street this afternoon, we came right near to telling the man that we would play it for him when he told us that the official player wouldn't be here until tomorrow.

Of course, we never played one, but we could manage to make a noise and that's about all they do anyway.

Speaking of the circus, that September Santa Claus we were telling the kids about yesterday, refuses to have his identity revealed. Wouldn't be hard to guess, though. And his gift tickets to the kids is typical of the good things that he does every day and never will let anybody know about it — that is if he can keep 'em from it.

Oh yes. Be sure that you go to the circus hungry and thirsty, 'cause the money that you spend out there for food and drinks will go for a good cause. The FFA chapter with the help of their sponsor, R. B. Thomas Jr. will have all of the concessions at the circus and there'll be all of the circus regulars, including soda pop, peanuts, cakes and hotdogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harness back from a wonderful trip to Colorado act like they're right glad they're back home. One of the first things they did on returning was to buy them a home, having sold their house out on Strawn Road just before they left for Colorado. The latter state may be the coolest but there must be something about Ranger that they like.

Mrs. Saunders Gregg tells us that she thinks that something should be done about the business people parking their cars on Main Street, leaving them there all day and taking up the space that shoppers would like to use.

This morning Mrs. Gregg wanted to do some shopping at Killingsworth's. She made the main drag several times and finally had to park in front of the Arcadia Theatre and walk down the street to the shopping place.

That's a point well taken. If residents can't find places to park, wonder what happens to the people from the trade territory that come in here to shop. We do all sorts of things to try to get the people here to trade, but if they have to park in the country and walk to the stores, well, what's the point. They'll go to the towns where they can conveniently approach the stores.

Might be something to be looked into.

### Chief Issues Warning About Loose Animals

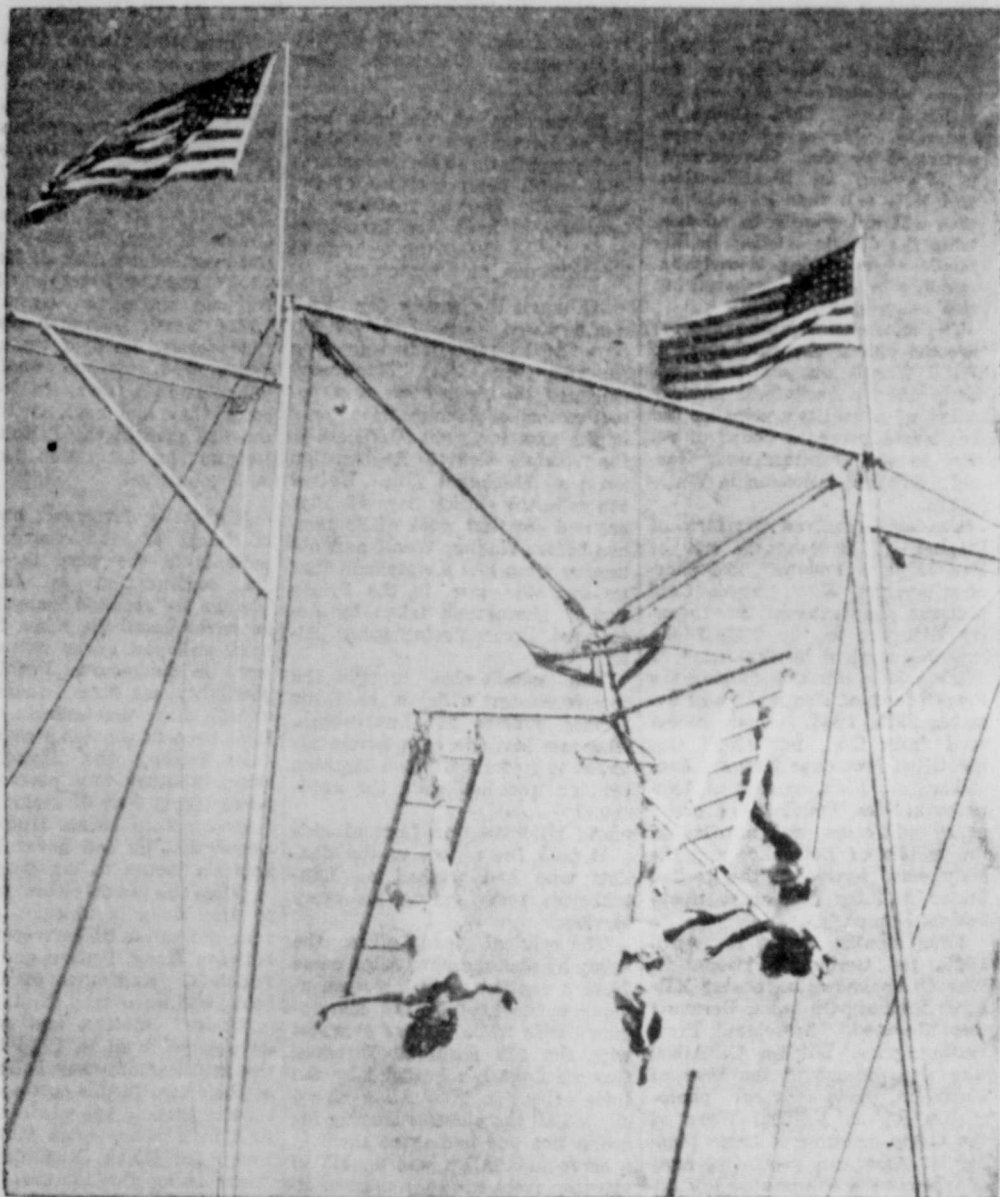
Chief W.G. Pounds stated this morning that from here on, persons who allow their livestock to get out of pens and damage property of other people will be held liable.

He pointed out that it is strictly against the law to allow animals to roam around and unpened and the law will be strictly enforced from now on.

Cows and other animals that are found doing damage to property will be taken in by the police and the owners required to pay for the damage before the animals are released.

Chief Pounds stated that he is having so many complaints on this sort of thing that he intends to put the full force of the law to work, and no leniency shown in such cases.

### AERIAL BALLET



One of the thrilling aerial features of the Gainesville Community Circus, coming to Ranger Thursday, is the aerial ballet featuring a dozen charming Gainesville high school and college girls, whisked high into the air for graceful convolutions on aerial ladders and trapeze bars.

### FAMOUS FIGHTING SHIPS WILL MARK 150TH YEAR

By James Mahony  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
BOSTON (UP)—The Navy's oldest and most famous fighting ships—the U. S. Frigates Constitution and Constellation—will mark their 150th anniversary in September, lying side by side at Boston Navy Yard.

The Constitution, affectionately known as "Old Iron Sides" still presents the same appearance as when it earned respect from the Barbary pirates and the British Navy. But the Constellation, the one-time "Yankee Race Horse" is stripped of her masts and rigging.

Only the weakened hull is left of the nation's oldest warship because the Navy lacks funds to recondition it as a national museum. The Constitution was restored in 1930 as a result of contributions of \$400,000 from American school children but the Constellation didn't fare so well. Congress failed to appropriate enough money to restore it as a relic of the Navy's early days of glory.

Though launched within two weeks of each other, the vessels are not sister ships. The Constellation was launched first on Sept. 7, 1797, at Baltimore, Md., while the larger Constitution took to sea on Sept. 20, 1797, at Boston.

Both were extremely fast and fought with distinction around the world. It was not until the appearance of steam and steel ships in the Civil War and the "eagles of the sea" ended their active fighting.

The sentiment of the nation including Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "Old Ironsides," saved the two ships from being scrapped and they have played a passive part in every war since.

Even during World War II, the two frigates were recommissioned as "ships of the line" with full ceremonies. President Roosevelt ordered them to "active" duty in 1940 and throughout the war they served as honorary flag ships—the Constitution at Boston and the Constellation at Newport, R. I.

With the war's end, the Constellation was towed from its berth to Boston, almost being scrapped in the process, and was hauled alongside "Old Iron-

sides," for reconditioning.

However, there was not enough money to complete the necessary work and the hull was too rotten to attempt a trip back to its home port.

Instead, the Constellation will remain here alongside its prouder sister "until adequate funds are available repairs as a naval relic."

### Biggest Fish Hatchery In Texas Planned

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texas is planning what may be the largest fish hatchery in the United States.

The state game, fish and oyster commission has announced that bids are being taken on excavation of fish ponds at the projected hatchery on the San Marcos River, 30 miles south of Austin.

All told, the hatchery will include 92 ponds in which to raise fish—and certainly will be one of the largest if not the biggest in the country, game commission officials report.

The ponds will average 320 feet each in length, and the complete hatchery will cost Texas around \$250,000.

### 100-Year-Old Timbers Build A New House

ROGERSVILLE, Wis. (UP)—Albert Pucker is building a new house, free from prevalent worries about how to get new lumber.

He is using 100-year-old boards he salvaged from a mill razed near Waupun, Wis.

The mill, a Wisconsin landmark, was built in 1846, two years before Wisconsin became a state. Pucker said the lumber, mostly hardwood timbers was in perfect condition despite its age.

### LIE FORSEES NO WAR IN NEAR FUTURE

BOSTON — Trygve Lie secretary general of the United Nations said today he is convinced there will not be another war "within the foreseeable future."

In a speech prepared for the 58th annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters, Lie acknowledged that "frictions and differences" now divide some nations.

But, he added, "I cannot make myself believe that this situation will be allowed to lead to another war within the foreseeable future. We, in the United Nations, are proceeding on the rock-bound thesis that there must never be another war."

Lie said he believed that "no country with the power to make war regards war as a practical proposition now or in the future... that no country on earth can tolerate another war, even within limits of warfare as we have known it in the past."

He said he looked forward to the day when "the most basic and damaging disagreement, which exist today will be dissolved. They will be resolved because they must be resolved."

### Australian Navy To Get Two New Aircraft Ships

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The Australian navy expects to get its first aircraft carrier in September of 1948, and the second one about one year later.

Australian Navy Secretary Alfred R. Nankervis, according to a radio broadcast heard here, said the two fighting ships will be similar to the Thetis and Glory type. The Thetis and the Glory recently participated with the Australian navy and air force in Pacific battle maneuvers.

Secretary Nankervis said Australian carriers will be modified slightly for Pacific service, but otherwise will be the same as the British flat-tops.

### P. W. SQUYRES DIES; SERVICE IS PENDING

Pearly W. Squyres, for 29 years a resident of Ranger, died at his home at 500 South Oak Street in Ranger, Tuesday, September 9, 1947.

Funeral services are pending word from a grandson who is in the Pacific.

Mr. Squyres was born in Robertson County, Texas January 26, 1879. He was married to Mrs. Florence Collier at Cedarville on September 27, 1905. To this union were born eight children, all of whom survive and all of whom are here for the services. This member of the family stated today is the first death in the family.

Pending the completion of plans for the funeral the body is at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lola Harrell and Killingsworth's Funeral Home is in charge of the services.

Survivors are the wife, Mrs. P. W. Squyres of Ranger; the following sons and daughters, Homer Squyres, Riley Squyres, Nollie (Punk) Squyres, all of Ranger, Eugene Squyres of San Diego, California, Mrs. Lola Harrell and Mrs. Opal Ferguson, both of Ranger and Mrs. Gertrude Buchanan of Seabrook, Texas. Two sisters, Mrs. Mary Marable of Amarillo and Mrs. Della Powers of Dallas, 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, also survive.

### Anti-Trust Suit Hits Glass Works

WASHINGTON — The government today opened an anti-trust drive against two of the nation's top glass manufacturers, charging them with conspiracy to monopolize the fiber glass industry.

Named in a civil suit filed by the Justice Department in the Toledo, O., federal court were the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., of Toledo and the Corning N. Y. Glass works.

Also named was the Owens-Corning Fiber Glass Corp., Toledo.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark said the fiber glass firm was set up jointly as part of the alleged conspiracy.

Clark also accused the companies of conspiracy to keep competing domestic and foreign products out of U. S. markets.

He said the firms entered into cartel agreements with principal foreign producers "in order to butress their monopoly in the United States by dividing territories and getting exclusive rights to patents and technical information."

### Breckenridge Man Charged In Truck- Car Accident

W. J. Harrison about 45, of Breckenridge, has been charged in a complaint filed in Justice of the Peace E. E. Wood's court at Eastland with "failure to stop and render aid," in the accident a few days ago when an arm of Darwin Doyle of Cisco was torn off when his car was side swiped by a passing truck on the Breckenridge-Cisco highway. He was released on \$1,000 bond to appear before the grand jury.

District Attorney Everett Grisham stated that Harrison said that if he struck any car at all on the road that night he did not know it.

### FORT. WORTH LIVESTOCK

Cattle 3800. Moderately active, slaughter classes steady, stockers slow, about steady. Mature steers scarce. Few Good lightweight yearlings 59. Medium and good fat cows 14.00-18.00.

Calves 2400. Moderately active. Slaughter classes mostly fairly steady, few late deals on easier side. Good and choice fat calves 18.50-23.50.

Hogs 600. Active. 25-35 higher than Tuesday's general market. Sows and pigs strong. Good and choice 18.00-20.00. 25-28.25.

Sheep 1900. Active, fairly steady. Medium and good slaughter spring lambs 20.00-23.00.

### Circus Reserved Seats Include Admission Cost

Those sponsoring the appearance of the Gainesville circus in Ranger Thursday stated today that the reserved seats being sold for the performance include admission.

It was pointed out that there has been some confusion on this point and they wished to get it clear.

Budapest men visited a number of towns in this vicinity Tuesday in the interest of getting schools closed for the afternoon performance and so their return report that they had seen the circus and that they had seen the circus and that they had seen the circus.

### Airport Action Pending Study Of Few Details

Mayor Lee Dockery stated today that action on the airport improvements program is pending further details of the proposed plan.

This grew out of the city commission meeting Tuesday night when members decided to investigate some of the details before making a decision.

Mayor Dockery is planning to go to Big Spring to confer with the CAA engineer there as to certain requirements and other details relative to accepting the offer of the government for aid in the program.

### Legion Meeting Thursday Night

The regular meeting of the Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion hall.

R.H. Hanford, post commander, is home from the Veterans Hospital in Dallas for a few days and will preside at the meeting.

All members are urged to attend.

The statue of Freedom in the nation's capital was modeled by here from Rome.

Thomas Crawford and shipped here from Rome.

### LANDLADY STARTS FASTING



Mrs. Ana E. Boyer, 73-year-old landlady who "loves" to read memoirs, biographies, and books of letters, glances up as she termed her hunger strike a blow against "the Spanish-Inquisition-like arbitrary and unreasonable methods of governmental rent control." Mrs. Boyer, who says she hasn't eaten since the fourth of September, claims she will fast until she is allowed to raise rents on her tenants. (NEA Telephoto).

### STOP-GAP AID NECESSARY TO AVERT HUNGER

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George C. Marshall said today a stop-gap aid program for Europe is necessary before the Marshall Plan takes effect. The plan is to take effect in October.

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### Pioneer Air Lines Traffic Still Growing

HOUSTON, Tex. — Reflecting growing public usage of the air ways, Pioneer Air Lines traffic figures for the month of August reached new highs in passenger volume, according to a statement released today by Col. Robert J. Smith, company president.

Passengers carried totaled 6,472, an increase of 614 over the previous record established in July. Revenue passenger miles were up to 1,703,048 over the July all-time high of 1,564,019.

The amount of mail carried decreased slightly in August, totaling 27,963 pounds compared to 28,972 pounds in July. Express shipments rose to a new high of 13,131 pounds.

Air freight, started as a new service by Pioneer on August 1, resulted in 1,963 pounds of varied cargoes being flown.

### PERSONAL INCOMES ALSO CLIMB TO NEW RECORDS

CHICAGO — Wholesale food prices throughout the nation and grain prices on the Chicago Board of Trade soared to new all-time highs today, and the U. S. Department of Commerce reported that personal incomes also had climbed to a new record.

Food and kindred stores, reported at New York that the index of wholesale food prices rose 31 points at the past week to \$7.02, a new all-time high. Twenty of the 40 basic food products used in compiling the figure showed price increases. The only price drops were of peas, radishes and eggs.

September wheat futures, but not as the Chicago Board of Trade opened, and milling industry forecast increase in the price of a bushel of wheat if the wheat continues to climb.

The starting wheat price barely topped the previous peak of \$2.73 1-2 set yesterday.

May and December wheat futures jumped the 10-cent limit in the first hour of trading. May wheat sold at \$2.80 1-4 a bushel and December wheat at \$2.84, a new all time high for that contract.

The Commerce Department announced at Washington that personal income reached an unprecedented annual rate of \$197,000,000,000 during July. This was almost \$2,000,000,000 higher than the June rate which was the previous peak.

The department said the income rise was brought about by "higher farm income, increased wage and salary receipts and a larger number of World War II veterans receiving state bonuses."

Meanwhile, the nation awaited a new government corn crop report which may indicate if further price increases are in store this year.

A poor corn crop could throw the entire farm economy out of balance. If corn is scarce farmers will feed wheat to their livestock and this would mean high feed prices. High feed prices would be reflected in high prices for meat, poultry and dairy products and in bread and other cereal products. And high prices might mean union demands for wage increases.

Twenty Hurt  
In Bus Crash

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Twenty persons were injured today when a bus missed a curve, knocked over a light post and plunged down a ravine, stopping perilously close to the banks of the Red Cedar River.

All 32 passengers aboard the bus were hurt or shaken up, but none was killed.

State police helped rush 20 persons to a hospital for emergency treatment, mainly for cuts and bruises. One passenger reportedly suffered a broken leg.

Officers said the bus, bound from Lansing to Flint, Mich., apparently went out of control on the curve and struck the lamp post. It flattened the post, grazed a large tree and rolled over an embankment into the ravine.

The vehicle threatened to overturn into the river, but stopped at a sharp angle and passengers were removed safely.

The ancient custom of decorating the bridal bed with rosemary still persists in a few remote parts of Europe.

### The Weather

Partly cloudy.  
Temperature at 1:00 p.m. today  
Maximum 93  
Minimum 78  
Hour's Reading 80

Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 5:00 a. m. today  
Maximum 97  
Minimum 73



# Bulldogs And Rangers Thrill Fans In Scrimmage Tuesday

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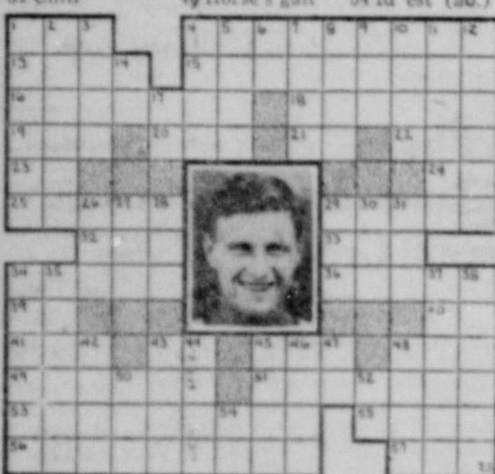
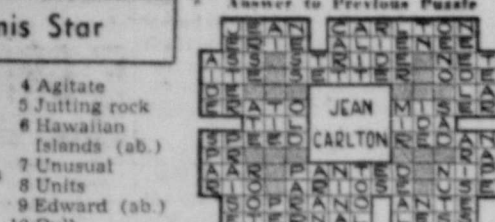
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## Humble To Air Games For 13th Straight Year

For the thirteenth consecutive year, broadcasts of the Southwest Conference Football Games will be brought to radio listeners by Humble Oil and Refining Company.

The 1947 season promises to be an exciting one, true to the traditions of the Southwest Conference. In addition to all the conference games, Humble will also broadcast the important inter-sectional and inter-collegiate matches. Not since before the war have the conference teams had a schedule which involved so much travel. Humble will carry broadcasts of games played from one end of the country to the other.

from the S.M.U.-Santa Clara game on the Pacific Coast to the Baylor-Miami U. game on the Atlantic.

Kern Tipton, Ves Box, Charlie Jordan and Bill Michaels, all veterans of many Humble broadcasts, will be back at the mikes this fall. These top Texas sports announcers will give accurate and colorful play-by-play descriptions as well as describe the interesting highlights that add so much to the enjoyment of every game.

Further announcements of the stations carrying each game, times of the broadcasts and the announcers will be carried each week in the newspapers and posted weekly in all Humble stations.

## Michigan Bonds On Sale Sept. 9

LANSING, Mich. (UP)—The State of Michigan will offer a \$30,000,000 bond issue Sept. 9 to provide additional funds for payment of bonuses to World War II veterans.

Several large brokerage syndicates are expected to bid for the bonds at public sale, according to state treasurer D. Hale Brake. Michigan last March marketed a \$250,000,000 bond issue to provide initial funds for the bonus payments. The issue was one of the largest ever offered by a governmental unit at public sale. It was handled by a far-flung financial syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust organization of New York City. The syndicate offered an interest rate of 1.475 per cent on the issue.

Offer of the additional \$30,000,000 bond issue is expected to provide sufficient funds to complete bonus payments, although voters in November, 1946, approved issuance of \$270,000,000 in bonds.

Payment of the veteran's bonus is now more than half completed. An estimated 600,000 ex-service men are eligible, although only about 400,000 have filed claims thus far. The state is paying veterans at the rate of \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month of overseas service, with a \$500 maximum for any one veteran. Relatives of veterans who died in service or of service-connected disabilities receive a flat \$500 death benefit.

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## PROSPECTS FOR BOTH TEAMS GOOD

Ranger football fans, out to see what the prospects are for the year came away enthusiastic Tuesday afternoon after witnessing a scrimmage between the Ranger High School Bulldogs and Ranger Junior College Rangers.

They were enthusiastic over the prospects for both teams and pleased with the advantages of having the "double dose" of football with full schedules for the high school and college teams and the added advantage of scrimmage between the two teams.

Both teams start their 1947 season this week-end with the Bulldogs matched against the Portland Mavericks at Eastland Friday night and the Ranger slated for a game with Henderson College at Axtell Saturday night.

Coach Onis Warden and his assistant Coach Sam Ails of the Bulldogs and Coach Boon Yarborough of the Rangers, have been giving both teams the works since September 1 with no workouts a day last week and one each day this week.

The squads are both large enough and ability is sufficient to offer the coaches a wide range of choice in selecting their first string men. The college has some of the best players from teams in a dozen or more towns and the high school team has four starting regulars and five squad lettermen besides promising material in the squad.

## FROM THE SIDELINES

By Walter Arterburn

Looking upon the football field Tuesday, we found the Bulldogs scrimmaging the Junior College. This is the first scrimmage the Bulldogs have had outside the team. From the sideline it looked as though both teams mean business. They had a good scrimmage with both teams showing a lot of hustle and good spirit.

The Bulldog offense looked good with J. G. Wright under the center running off the T. Towns, Lanier, Williams and Gray were alternating as the other backs.

The defense looked good with all the line in there fighting. It looks like the line positions will depend on Deaton, Imhoff, and Lee at ends; Balch, Wilson, and Campbell at tackle; Langley, Munterlyn, and Bush at guard; Bonney and Heinlen at center.

The Bulldogs really have the backing this year. In the stands and along the sidelines were football fans who are interested in the Bulldogs and what they are going to do this year. They meet Saturday for their first game Friday night.

Cabbie Gets 'Gator

NEW YORK (UP)—Someone left a four-foot alligator—stuffed—in the back of Hyman Prager's taxi cab. Prager took it to a police station.

## SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—College football practice is upon us with its customary freak, grotesque and distorted pictures of grinning athletes and remarkable publicity blarney.

Tub thumper George L. Carroll of Maryland officially opens the silly season with this deathless line: "A complete variation of the Shaughnessy T is in store for returning lettermen and the modernized Faurot split T will open the eyes of the new-born first-year men."

That's Jim Tatum for you. Although they've been playing college football since 1889, Sunny Jim is going to show the boys a thing or two.

Amos Alonzo Stagg must get many a belly chuckle reading about all this new-fangled football stuff.

The grandest of the Old Blues would be the first to tell you that even a complete variation of the Shaughnessy T and a modernized Faurot split T, whatever that is, won't get an outfit anywhere without good blocking and tackling.

Tub thumper Carroll also informs us that new coach Tatum ordered built a complete practice field, enclosed by a wooden fence, away from the prying eyes of the public and chiefly visiting scouts.

There is reason for secret practice only in a coach's mind.

Watching games, clever scouts pick out weak sisters in the line, a back that is weak in pass defense, etc. They can assist in building a defense.

This is important when a team is playing a high-pressure schedule, and has to be ready for one.

## War Department 2-Year Man-Hunt For A War Prisoner Proves Battle Field Death Identification Good

(Editor's Note—The following story is published as a matter of vital information to those of our readers who are interested in the Government's Program for the Return and Burial of World War II Deceased, and particularly to those who suffered the loss of a loved one. This release is concrete evidence of the care exercised by the Government in affecting an identification and it is felt that its publication will aid greatly in minimizing the doubts existing in the minds of sorrowing Americans residing in the area covered by this newspaper.)

The strange "man-hunt" story to come out of the maelstrom of World War II was marked closed today when a battlefield identification of a soldier's remains was reaffirmed before a board of review in the Quartermaster General's Memorial Division in Washington.

The case involved the fate of Stephen C. Lautenbach, son of Mrs. Ulys C. Podoloff, 268 Sherman Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. Lautenbach, an Infantry Rifleman in the 7th Division, was marked by the Army as missing in a skirmish outside the French town of Haguenau on November 29th, 1944. A body recovered from the battlefield was identified four days later on December 3rd, 1944, as that of Lautenbach. Mrs. Podoloff, if emergency addressee, was notified in the middle of December and the body was buried at the United States Military Cemetery, Hochfelden, France.

Four months later, in April 1945, the German Prisoner-of-War Camp known as Stalag XII-A, at Limburg-On-Lahn, Germany was liberated. Associated Press Photographer, William C. Allen, who was present at the time of liberation, made several photographs of the Medical Ward of the Camp, showing a large number of American prisoners, most of whom were in more or less advanced stages of malnutrition. The photograph was reproduced as a wirephoto in the New York Times of April 8th, 1945. Mrs. Podoloff continued from page one.

saw the picture and noticed that one of the persons pictured bore what she believed to be a startling resemblance to her son. Not having had any message from her boy she concluded when she saw the photograph that her son was possibly an amnesia victim.

Unwilling to relinquish hope, Mrs. Podoloff appealed to the Army for assistance in finding the boy in the picture.

In answer to Mrs. Podoloff's plea, the Army enlisted the aid of photographer Allen, who was able to give the slim primary leads which eventually led to the identification of the youth in the picture as Leslie H. Wolf of 311 High Street, Watertown, New York.

Exhumation of the body buried as Lautenbach at Hochfelden and comparison of bodily features and dental characteristics of the body with known features of Lautenbach have reaffirmed beyond doubt the Army's original identification of the remains.

Although the search for the youth whom Mrs. Podoloff believed to be her son had gone on for two years, the "man-hunt" achieved the fever-heat of a detective thriller denouncement only in the past fortnight. Officials of the Army's Graves Registration Service blanketed the United States in the closing days of August and the first week of September before finding Wolf and obtaining from him a statement that he was the man in the Prison Camp photograph taken by Associated Press Photographer Allen.

The search also brought the Quartermaster officials to three former buddies of Lautenbach, who saw him die in a heroic attempt to storm a German Machine Gunner who had slain the auto-squad.

It took them, too, to the dentists who had worked on Lautenbach's teeth during his army service.

The original lead given the Army by photographer Allen came from a caption of one picture among a file kept by the cameraman's wife while he was overseas with the 9th Armored Division. Cut off from her husband by the tides of battle, Mrs. Allen had clipped all the pictures bearing his credit line and had saved them in a scrapbook. Allen was unable to identify from memory anyone in the photo but one picture from the background as Leonard Nevius, of 1105 W. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Nevius was traced by the Army to 1655 Piedmont Road, Charleston, West Virginia.

Unable to identify other persons in the picture, Nevius, however, named several individuals who were in the camp, including Captain Charles M. Berry, of (196 Peachtree Way), Atlanta, Ga., and Joseph W. Hutton of (817 Spring Garden Street), Greensboro, N. C.

Although an interview with Berry, who had been seriously ill in the camp, was unavailing, Hutton's assistance proved invaluable in the furtherance of the "manhunt". Hutton, an American Army "Medic" with the 120th Infantry, 30th Division, before his capture August 9, 1944, in France while in the prison camp acted as the assistant to Captain Charles A. Gallup, of (Los Angeles General Hospital), Los Angeles, Calif. Captain Gallup was the senior American Medical Officer in charge of the Prisoners-of-War in the ward photographed by Allen.

Hutton, interviewed at his home in Greensboro, had in his possession a black book in which he had kept the names and home addresses of several fellow prisoners of war. Among these names were those of Dan R. Ellis of Wadsworth, N. C.; James W. Bliton, of Holly Hill, S. C.; Bradford F. Grant, of (672 Washington St.), Defiance, Ohio; Alex J. Haag, of (2027 Bradley Place), Chicago, Ill.; and Raymond Koenig, of (3714 North Bosworth Avenue), Chicago, Ill. Each of these, when interviewed, gave additional names either from memory or from records they had kept, until 47 of the 116 men in the Prison Camp Hospital on Liberation Day had been identified.

Hutton, it developed, had been in charge of the records of all patients in the ward throughout his confinement at Limburg. Though he recalled many names, he never heard the name Lautenbach and had never written this name in his records. Probing the possibility, as Mrs. Podoloff believed, that Lautenbach might have been in the camp as an amnesia victim, the investigators asked whether any persons suffering from loss of memory had been confined there. Hutton declared that he had never had an amnesia victim in his charge.

When the investigators' trail led to Alex Haag in Chicago. A two-year old series of correspondence between Haag, Hutton and David Podoloff, stepfather of Lautenbach, was uncovered. Young Lautenbach's relatives had attempted without avail in 1945 to find the youth whom they believed to be their son. In this correspondence, the parents appealed for help. And in a letter from Hutton to Haag, the North Carolinian said, "Concerning the Picture, I certainly agree with you, it is a clear case of mistaken identity. The parents, poor-things, will cling to this straw of hope. The boy whose picture is circled was my patient before being moved across the ward. His name is Wolfe. I do not know his first name. His diagnosis were pneumonia and malnutrition."

Haag told the Army interviewer that he had also received a letter from Lautenbach's mother in October 1945 in which she said, "Sgt. Hutton believes that boy we think is our son, his name was Wolfe, and he was there three

weeks from March 7th. You stated a couple of days and that seems to be the information given by Lowe."

In a long-distance telephone conversation arranged by the Army, Haag and Hutton discussed the case and reaffirmed that the man was "Wolfe." Neither was able to give any further clue as to "Wolfe's" identity.

Hutton and Haag agreed that at the time of Liberation, the German Captors were unable to control the near-starving Russians in the compound, and that on the eve of the American capture of the Prison Camp the Germans had armed the Americans so that the Americans could protect themselves from the comparatively worse-off Russians. Because of the extremely dangerous condition within the camp, all Americans in the hospital were confined to their wards until the American Liberators appeared. One of the first persons to arrive, in addition to Photographer Allen, was a Red Cross Representative who provided all inmates of the ward with telegraphic blanks on which, to send messages to their next-of-kin. No Americans were allowed out of the barracks, until medical personnel of the 617th Collection Company evacuated them by air from the combat zone. The two men agreed that there was no possibility of any individuals wandering off, even had they wished to.

Had it been necessary, the Army Investigators would have appealed to the Red Cross or to Western Union for aid in tracing all men sending telegrams on that day. However, it appeared to be simpler to check the whereabouts of the man "Wolfe", and in the search for this soldier, the Army turned up a one-in-a-billion coincidence finally breaking the link between the man Lautenbach and the man in the photograph.

Records in the Provost Marshal General's Office in Washington showed that Prisoners of War named "Wolfe", "Wolf", "Wolff" and "Woolf"—numbered thirty-nine in all. One, named Leon Wolf, of (260 South 2nd Ave.), Mt. Vernon, N. Y., was shown as having been a prisoner at Stalag XII-A. He was interviewed at his home and found not to be the man in the picture. Conversation turned to the circumstances of Wolf's capture. It developed that Wolf had served in the same Division—the same regiment—the same battalion—the same company—the same platoon as Lautenbach. He had been present when Lautenbach was killed. He had heard Lautenbach's last words, "Let's get the sons a—" as Lautenbach rose to charge the machine gun nest and was dropped by a burst of fire. A short time later Wolf was captured.

Captured with Wolf was Preston F. Schultheis, of (4519 Broadway), Union City, N. J. Schultheis also had seen Lautenbach. (Continued on page 3)

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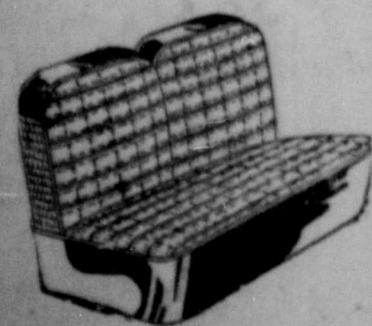
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## War Department

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 bach fall and, in fact, had searched Lautenbach's rifle-belt for precious ammunition when his own short supply became exhausted.

Although neither Schultheiss nor Woolf had been able to identify Lautenbach other than as "The German Interpreter", a previous interview had established that the Company's German translator had been Lautenbach. This information came from First Sgt. Bernard A. Howell, now on recruiting duty at (270 Broadway) New York City, who had appointed Lautenbach the company's interpreter a few days before the fatal fire-fight of November 29, 1944. Howell also stated that he had gone with Lautenbach's platoon on that day and had seen Lautenbach fall. "I turned him over," Howell stated. "He was dead."

Later, the three former buddies of Lautenbach were brought together and discussed the events of the day of Lautenbach's death at length.

Meanwhile, a search of the demobilization records now stored at St. Louis revealed a roster prepared by the 617th Medical Collection Company showing the names of individuals evacuated from the Limburg Camp. The only Woolf (or similar name) listed was that of Leslie H. Woolf, of Watertown, a name which had never been received by the Army from the International Red Cross, apparently because of Defect in the German Army's normally adequate Prisoner - Reporting procedure. Woolf's address was given as (311 High Street), Watertown, N. Y.

The Army Investigator then in New York City attempted to reach Woolf at Watertown and finally reached him through co-operation of the Watertown Police Department. An all-night drive through New York State brought the investigator to Woolf's home by morning, and Woolf was able to identify himself as the individual in the photograph whom Mrs. Podoloff believed to be her son. To substantiate his identification of himself, Woolf agreed to go to nearby Pine Camp, N. Y., and pose in an army uniform in a similar position to the one in the picture. The resemblance was more than striking; discounting the difference in looks resulting from a weight gain of over forty pounds since liberation from prison. The pictures were virtually identical.

In a statement made to the investigator, Woolf told how he had occupied the bunk and had passed out crusts of bread to the starving Russian Prisoners, outside the window behind his bunk. He explained his unusual position, crouched with a box in his lap, by saying that he had been using the

box as a table on which to write the telegram which Red Cross would send to his parents.

On Friday, September 5, 1947, the case was closed. Hutton, the medic who had tended the sick in the Limburg Camp, and Woolf, the man in the picture, met in a Washington office. Hutton recognized his former patient; Woolf remembered his former nurse.

While the spectacular manhunt had been going on, other Army researchers had been busy on the mustier, dustier but equally important task of identifying through records the body in Lautenbach's grave as the body of Mrs. Podoloff's son. Every record of dental work done on Lautenbach by army dentists at Camp Croft, S. C., and Camp Pickett, Va., was consolidated on a single chart. To this chart was added information supplied by Lautenbach's civilian dentists. The consolidated chart showed two extractions—upper wisdom teeth—fifteen silver amalgam fillings, and one gold inlay. X-rays and jaw-casts were made of the body lying in Lautenbach's grave, and from these X-rays and castings a parallel chart was made. The chart also showed the upper wisdom teeth extracted. The fifteen silver amalgam fillings on the Lautenbach chart agreed in every particular with the fifteen fillings in the teeth of the body. There was even a gold inlay in the same tooth, and in the inlay lay the only discrepancy between the Lautenbach chart and the body's chart. This discrepancy was only one of technique. Lautenbach's civilian dentist had stated that the inlay had been placed in the tooth according to one type of standard preparation; the X-rays indicated another type of preparation. In all, the similarity of number, type and location of silver fillings, coupled with the extraction of a similar number of teeth—the identical teeth—and the presence of a gold inlay in the same tooth on each chart was mathematically beyond the possibility of coincidence.

A final link between the living Lautenbach and the dead soldier was provided by Dr. G. J. Piner, of (111 Alton Place) Brookline, Mass., a dentist at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Framingham, Mass. Piner, a former army dentist who worked on

Lautenbach's teeth at Camp Croft, S. C., in May 1945, was able to identify the work he had done on Lautenbach with the aid of dental records which he had signed at Camp Croft, photographs of the teeth of the dead soldier and a stone cast of the dead man's teeth.

He recalled Lautenbach, the individual, because while he "was polishing the fillings he had put in Lautenbach's mouth, Piner was notified that his change-of-station orders had been received. Lautenbach's name, face and teeth remain in his memory, Piner explained, because the soldier was the last patient he treated before leaving Camp Croft.

In addition to the evidence of the Teeth, which is considered to be second only to fingerprinting as conclusive identification, an autopsy performed at the first exhumation showed the body to have had the appendix removed. Lautenbach's army records indicated an appendix scar. At the time of the first exhumation, however, it was impossible to take fingerprints, even with the advanced "moulage" technique used by identification experts in many cases.

Found on the body at the time of exhumation were clothes liberally marked with identification points to Lautenbach, either by name or by laundry mark number. The usual army procedure for laundry marking is the initial of the last name followed by the last four digits of the serial number. Since Lautenbach's serial number was 11092050, his laundry mark would be "L2050". This mark was found on shirt, undershirt, trousers, and belt. The shoes were marked on the inside with a tape bearing the name Lautenbach. A standard army identification tag with the marking "Lautenbach," Stephen C. 11092050" was on a chain around the neck of the body. Clipped to the undershirt was an expensive fountain pen, bearing the initials SCL, which has since been returned to Lautenbach's mother as a treasure which she had given her son when he went to war. Also on the body was an identification bracelet bearing Lautenbach's

name, and two letters to Lautenbach from his mother.

Despite this evidence the Pathological Examination which showed the remains to be of substantially the same size as those of her son, Mrs. Podoloff held with a mother's fierce devotion to the hope that the boy in the picture was her son. She turned to the belief that in the confusion of battle her son had been captured by the Germans and stripped of his clothing before being evacuated to the enemy rear area. The body of a dead German, she believed, had been dressed in her son's clothing and substituted on the battlefield for the body of Lautenbach.

Based on tooth charts alone, army statisticians determined that the chance of such a switch of bodies would be one in twenty-four octillion. (24,000,000,000,000,000,000). Even this superastronomical figure did not take into consideration such factors as size, weight and the presence of an appendix scar—all factors which would have made the odds against duplication even more overwhelming. Further to complicate the odds against a switch of bodies, one octillion individuals to be substituted would have had to have been on the same battlefield at the time of the engagement.

In commenting on the reaffirmation of the original battlefield identification of Lautenbach, Brigadier General George A. Horkan, in charge of the Army's Graves Registration and Memorial activities said:

"I sincerely regret that our efforts on behalf of this steadfast mother have proved so tragically disappointing. The handling of the Return Program is a difficult and depressing task. It is the desire of the War Department to do everything possible for the next of kin and particularly to assure them that the identity of their loved ones has been established beyond any doubt.

"The search for the man in the Associated Press Picture and the conclusion of the investigation should give additional assurance to bereaved Americans that the Army spares no effort to insure

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## Personals

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Messrs. and Mmes. Welsey Poyner, W. L. Jacoby, and Marcus Matthews attended the rodeo in Dublin Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson returned this past week-end from a weeks visit in Lamar, Arkansas. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton, Leota and Gene Hamilton, a n d Miss Margaret Chambliss of Eastland have returned from a vacation trip to Victoria, Port Lavaca, and Austin. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Taft in Victoria. Misses Hamilton and Chambliss have returned to Fort Worth where they are students.

Charlie Black of Houston, formerly of Ranger, is here for a visit with friends.

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## SOCIETY

### WSCS Has Meeting Monday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the church for its regular business meeting.

After the opening prayer, the president presided over the business session in which reports were heard from officers and committee chairmen.

Mrs. L. E. Wolfe gave an inspiring devotional, the theme of which was "Carest Thou Not?", based on the scripture Matthew 25: 31-46. The song "Help Somebody Today" was sung.

Mrs. L. E. Latham directed the study of the bulletin in which Mmes. W. F. Cragger, Arthur Deffebach, and S. M. McAnelly gave reports.

The Lord's Prayer was said in union in closing. The next meeting will be held September 15 at which time Mrs. Cragger will direct the council program.

### Hodges P-T.A. Has First Meet

The Hodges Oak Park Parent-Teacher Association met Monday afternoon at 3:45 for its first meeting of the year.

After the president, Mrs. G. E. Harper, opened the meeting, Mr. Elmo Smith, principal of the school introduced the teachers. In the business session which followed, the organization voted to buy a motion picture projector, to sponsor a Halloween carnival, and to have its regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday at 3:45 p. m.

Mrs. J. L. Latimer was elected vice-president and Mrs. Glenn Simon chairman of committees for the Halloween carnival.

About 40 members were present.

### Junior Class Elects Officers

The Junior Class of Ranger High School met Monday, September 8, to elect class officers for the coming year.


Those elected were: president, Keith Munterlyn; vice-president, Charlie Campbell; Secretary-treasurer, Dorthea Belle Hightower; reporter, Betty Reuter; sergeant-at-arms, Alvin Langley; student council representative, Wanda McKinney.

The following committees were also appointed: social committee, Sue Vaughn, Charles Wheat, Marvin Wilson and Byrelline Parks; finance committee, Jack Waddington, Jane Hardy, Meredith Sides, and Mary Lou Townzen.

### To Continue Bible Study

Rev. D. C. Ham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announced today that the study of the Bible which has been conducted at the church will be continued tonight at the regular Wednesday evening prayer service.

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## Hospital News

E. C. Hollman has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where he was a medical patient.

Mrs. B. H. Powell and baby son were removed to their home Tuesday from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. T. M. Boon and son have been removed to their home from the West Texas Hospital.

Miss Lillie Bains of Eastland has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she was a medical patient.

Mrs. S. J. Bains, who has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital, has been removed to her home in Eastland.

Mrs. W. E. Higginbotham of Eastland has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

ing prayer service.

The study tonight will begin with the Book of Joshua, covering the first four chapters of that book.

Members are urged to be present and the public is invited to attend.

W. P. Stroepe has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where he received medical treatment.

Eob Franklin has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where he was a medical patient.

Miss Shirley Alford of Eastland has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she underwent a tonsillectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yarbrough are parents of a baby girl born Sunday, September 7, in the West Texas Hospital. The mother and baby were removed to their home today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Weisen announce the birth of a baby girl, Sunday, September 7, at the West Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Bush are parents of a baby daughter born Saturday, September 6, at the Ranger General Hospital. The baby, which weighed 61-2 pounds, was named Sylvia Sue.

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The night before she died she sat quietly with me. Always before when she had gone home, she turned at the door and said "goodnight." This night, as the stars faded and the moon went down, and it was time for her to go, she stood as usual in the door. The familiar little smile hovered about her lips.

"Goodbye," she said.  
The oddness of the farewell was fleeting with me. I dismissed it.

The next morning the news was brought to me.

My beloved friend was dead.  
By suicide.

I was sorry for the young priest who stood by her grave and said:

"We shall pray for her soul."  
My friend, so small and unafraid, was, I am sure, already standing before her Maker... I couldn't bear to think of her alone.

I held the flowered housecoat in my hand... the one she had worn the night before... and suddenly my burdened heart was at peace.

My friend had gone Home and a God of Mercy and Justice had welcomed her.

You cannot... and I cannot... presume to judge what He said to her.

It's none of your business and none of mine.

Perhaps He might have said: "My child, my little truant... why did you not stay at School?"

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