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U. S. Faces Two Crises At Conference

Well...
I Dunno,
But...

On next Friday night two football teams from Ranger Junior College's squad will play a game and proceeds from the admission will be used to purchase sideline jackets for the players.

This is a good opportunity for the public to lend support to these players who according to reports from the coaches, promise Ranger prospects for a very good season in the fall.

Like we've said before there's nothing like a winning football team to untie a town and nothing brings it any more publicity than a winning team. This is our chance to help send those boys off to a good start by evincing a little interest through our attendance at that game next week.

They tell us that they have two complete teams plus some reserves for the coming season and from the description of the players, the teams should be able to give Ranger some real football.

It was announced today that the annual spring clean-up, paint-up and beautification campaign will open on Monday April 19. Organization for the campaign is now underway.

Called to our attention today is the fact that now is the time to begin getting Ranger spick and span for the big Sixth District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs convention that will be held in Ranger next spring.

This is our opportunity to sell Ranger to hundreds of women and to send them away at the close of the convention with a pleasant memory of an attractive town.

To make our business and residential sections more attractive, a little raking and craping, painting and planting will be necessary and will require the cooperation of all of the town.

Plan to do your part in this effort.

Growing out of an experience as a first grade teacher in Ranger schools, an idea has been advanced by Mrs. A. P. Avery as a project for the Ranger Civic League.

While teaching in the lower grades of the schools, Mrs. Avery found that so many of the first graders had difficulty in keeping up with their pencils, so she is asking all members of the League to bring with them to the meeting of the League on April 21, their surplus pencils and these in turn will be given to teachers as a reserve supply to be used in emergencies.

Not only a helpful idea for teachers and students, but a good way to dispose of those extra pencils that clutter up desks.

Came across these this morning.

Angry father at 2 A.M.: "Well, young lady, where have you been until this hour?"
Daughter: "I've been sitting up with the son of the sick man you told mother you were sitting up with."

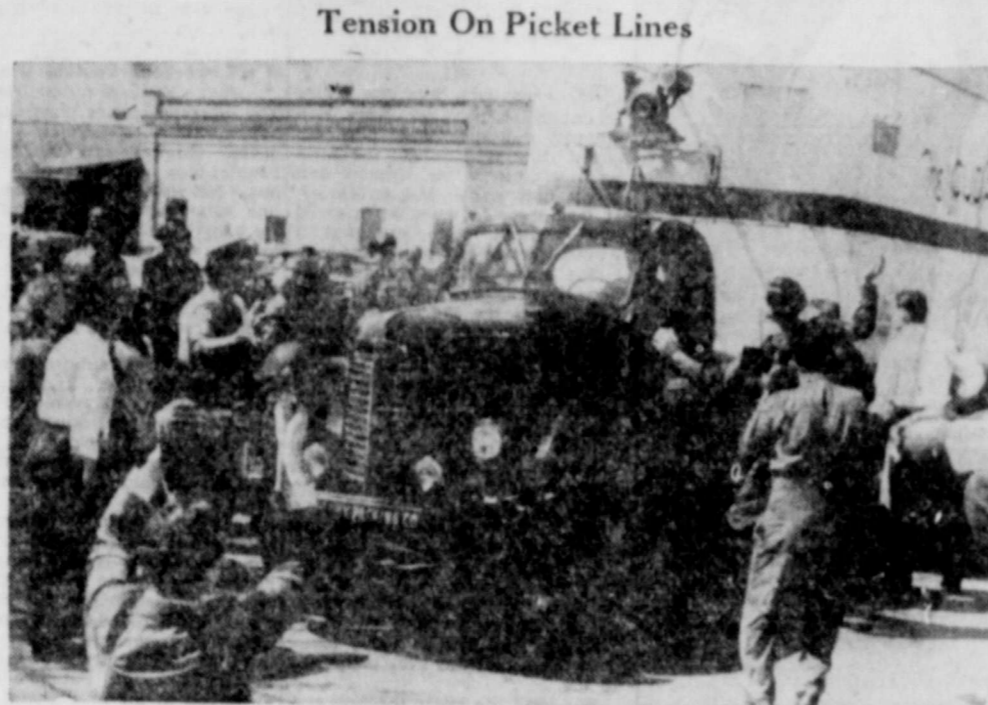
And this one.
"Madame, what do you mean by letting your child snatch off my wig?"
"Sir, if it's a wig think nothing of it. I was afraid the little devil had scalped you."

Fire Causes Little Damage

It was reported this morning that little damage resulted from a small fire at Hodges Oak Park School this morning.

The fire was started from some defective wiring which was being repaired today. Firemen answered the call to the school.

Bombed Out
MINNEAPOLIS, (UP)—Mrs. John Martens asked for a divorce on the ground that her husband set off DDT bombs under the door of the bathroom in which she had locked herself.



Tension On Picket Lines

Although the no-rock-throwing rule is enforced, at the Cudahy Packing Co., plant in Kansas City, Kansas, company trucks entering or leaving the plant are still encountering threats from striking United Packinghouse Worker pickets who act as if they are hurling missiles at truck drivers. Aside from this simulated action, a truck driver was arrested shortly after this for exceeding the 5 mph speed limit at the plant. (NEA Telephoto).

CLEAN-UP TO START MONDAY APRIL 19TH

Monday April 19 has been set as the opening date for the annual spring clean-up, paint-up and beautification campaign in Ranger and organization for the campaign is now underway.

Plans were formed Thursday night at a meeting of the clean-up committee of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce of which Dr. Calvin Hpris is chairman. Other committee members are C. R. Pruet, H. P. Earnest, F. P. Brashier Sr., J. A. Knox and W. F. Creager.

A general meeting for completion of plans and appointment of committees will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and letters to all clubs and organizations are being sent out asking that they be represented at the meeting. Anyone interested in the campaign is invited to attend the meeting.

The city commission is cooperating in the drive and on two days will provide free hauling of trash that has been collected. The first free hauling day will be Tuesday, April 20 and the next on Friday, April 23. A fee will be charged for hauling on all other days and the public is urged to take advantage of this offer on the part of the commission.

Name Fits His Job
HASTINGS, Neb. (UP)—The new president of the Central Nebraska Wild Life Association is named Worthy Woods.

COUNTY SINGERS MEETING IN EASTLAND SATURDAY-SUNDAY

The fifty-third annual session of the Eastland County Singing convention meets in Eastland Saturday night and Sunday. E. P. Robinson of Ranger is president of the convention and will preside at the Eastland meeting.

The program, which will be given at the Eastland High School auditorium, where arrangements have been made for extra seats and sound equipment, to accommodate upward of 2,500 people, will get underway for the Saturday night session, at 7:30 o'clock. The program Sunday will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue for a bout an hour and one-half when recess will be taken for lunch. Beginning at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon the program will continue until the convention votes to adjourn.

According to the program committee in charge a large number of well known quartet organizations will be present and have parts on the program, as well as many noted individual singers.

Some of the oldtime singers of this section have suggested that this convention afforded an opportunity for many of the older singers to meet their friends of former days and said they were looking on the meeting as a "home coming affair".

Headquarters for the convention will be at the Connellee Hotel and at Judge R. L. Rust's office, which is located on the west side of the public square. At one or the other of these places you should be able to contact that "old friend" if he or she is in attendance at the convention.

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Indirectly Admits Fall Of 4-Power Control

BERLIN, Apr. 9, (UP)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay tacitly acknowledged the collapse of four-power rule over Germany today by passing up a scheduled call for a meeting of the strife-shackled Allied control council tomorrow.

Clay's announcement that the council would not meet on its normal date came as points of friction in the wrangle between Russia and the Western Powers increased steadily.

Bearing down on the sorest point, the Soviets persisted in an apparent campaign to close the air corridor of the Western Allies through the Soviet zone to Berlin. They made fresh charges that an average of 23 Anglo-American planes violated regulations over the zone each month.

The Americans and British, bristling at the about-face of the Soviets in their attitude on the Berlin crisis Monday, showed signs of renewing their once cancelled orders for fighter escort of their transports over Soviet territory.

Says Communist Supply Line Cut

NANKING, Apr. 9, (UP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek told the National Assembly today that the Chinese Communists' line of supply for outside aid had been cut at Yenan, Kalgan and Chefoo.

The main point of the government's present military strategy, he said, was to see that the Communists supply lines to the outside remain cut.

It is not compulsory to file an entry on an animal prior to show day but those in charge would like to know how many animals to prepare for.

The show will open at 10 o'clock in the morning with a competitive judging contest for 4H Club and F. F. A. members and for farmers and dairymen.

There will be seven classes of animals in the show, four of these classes are females and three are of male. The animals do not have to be purebred or registered to be shown it was said.

It will be a classification show where the animals compete against another. This practice is now popular and has been used for several years in exclusive dairy shows.

Immediately after the judging a short program will be held. R. E. Burelson Dairy Specialist of A & M College will talk on artificial breeding. Besides Burelson, other speakers have been invited. Exhibitors can remove and take animals home by midafternoon.

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TWENTY NAZIS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

NUERNBERG, Apr. 9, (UP)—Twenty SS officers were found guilty by an American tribunal today of participating in more than 1,000,000 murders during the Nazi reign of terror in Europe. Sentences will be announced tomorrow.

Those convicted included five generals, 10 colonels, three majors and two lieutenants.

The principal defendant, Gen. Otto Ohlendorf, was found guilty of commanding an organization which killed 90,000 people.

Presiding Judge Michael S. Musmanno, Pittsburgh, said evidence indicated Ohlendorf was a dual character with a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality.

However, Musmanno said, the tribunal had no alternative to accepting Ohlendorf's admission that he headed the mass murder organization.

Entries Being Filed For April 20 Dairy Show

Entries are beginning to come in for the Eastland County Dairy show to be held at the Softball Park at Eastland Tuesday, April 20, according to show officials.

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the show, first of its kind in the county for several years.

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DELEGATES TO JAYCEE STATE MEET NAMED

Ranger's Junior Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the state convention in El Paso, April 15-17 by Perry Horton, Morris Newham, C. E. May, Jr., Price Crawley, R. B. Thomas Jr., Pete Brashier, James Ratliff and Allen Full, according to an announcement made today.

The State Headquarters Office of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce at Abilene, Texas, reports everything in readiness for the largest convention ever held in the twenty (20) year history of the Texas organization.

According to word received from U. A. Hyde, Executive vice-president of the group, the Registration Office at El Paso reported more than 800 advance registrations had been paid for a full week before the opening date of the meeting.

"Our experiences with these meetings," he said, "indicates that on the basis of advance registrations we may expect well over 1,000 delegates, and perhaps as many as 1,500."

The program of the meetings lists a meeting of the State Board of Directors on Thursday, the opening day, forums and training classes on Friday, and a general business session on the final day.

Keynote speaker of the convention will be Paul D. Bagwell of East Lansing, Michigan, a vice-president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The convention delegates will consider the adoption of a revised constitution, elect officers for the fiscal year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 and select a site for the 1949 convention.

Lions Hear Talk On Outlook For College Football

Dr. W. P. Watkins was in charge of the program at the Lions Club meeting Thursday at noon at the Ghoshon Hotel and presented Coach Boone Yarbrough who outlined the prospects for Ranger Junior College football next fall.

Coach Yarbrough stated that the coaches are building up both a defensive and an offensive team which will assure them of a fresh team in reserve all of the time. He also announced that an intrasquad game will be played here a week from tonight and urged that club members support the team by their attendance. He indicated that prospects for the next season are very good.

At the club meeting delegates to the state convention in Wichita, Falls May 2-3 were named and are Lee Dockery, Joe Dennis, A. N. Larson, J. A. Bates and R. V. Galloway.

Nicol Crawford presided at the meeting.

Students Hear Pan-American Flowers Talk

Mrs. Ethel Brooks Gilmore was the guest speaker for the upper grades of Hodges Oak Park School Thursday afternoon and spoke on "Flowers of the Pan American Union."

The talk was vital and timely in as much as next week is Pan-American Week, and aroused much interest among the students. She illustrated her talk with a booklet in which she had placed paintings of the various flowers.

Much interest in Pan-American Week is being shown at the school, according to reports today, and Pan-American Day, April 14, will be observed by the students who will attend school in costume and a Spanish meal will be served students at noon.

Noah Webster was the first great American lexicographer.

Opposes Colonial Powers' Ouster; Loan Request Received In Silence

Dewey, Stassen End Campaigns In Nebraska

Harold E. Stassen and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York wound up their pre-primary Nebraska campaign today.

Stassen ended his tour for votes in the free-for-all primary next Tuesday, using the same system that won him 19 of Wisconsin's 27 GOP convention delegates earlier this week. He shook hands with voters and answered their questions.

Dewey scheduled five or six appearances during the day and will appear tonight at a big rally in Omaha.

The New York governor said he expected the Nebraska primary to play a "real part" in the selection of the GOP's candidate this year. But, he said, he would pay no more attention to the results than he did to those in the Wisconsin primary Tuesday in the Wisconsin ed to win a single candidate.

The Nebraska GOP primary does not select delegates. It amounts to a popularity contest between seven candidates, Dewey, Stassen, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, House Speaker Joe Martin of Massachusetts and Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Abilene Fire Takes One Life, 9 Families Homes

Mrs. Aubrey Jameson, of Ranger, field worker for the American Red Cross, was called Thursday in connection with a fire in Abilene in which one man burned to death and nine families made homeless.

Turned to death was William Burner, 91, whose body was found in a second story bathroom after the fire was extinguished. Two men who discovered the fire made frantic efforts to save Mr. Turner but could not reach him because of fire and apparently he could not hear shouted directions to safety. When first discovered he was trying to extinguish flames with buckets of water.

The structure that burned was an old landmark known as the Adams Hotel.

Red Cross workers and the local disaster chairman were lending assistance to the families that had their belongings wiped out by the flames.

"Riding the rods" refers to hoboes riding on the brake rods under railway cars.

At least Three Killed In Blast In Illinois

LOUISVILLE, Ill. Apr. 9, (UP)—An explosion destroyed a combination restaurant, filling station and bulk plant today and authorities said three bodies were removed from the debris.

Rescuers said they were not sure how many persons were in the establishment at the time, but they said they expected to find three more bodies.

Authorities said three others were injured, one of them seriously.

Two of the dead were identified tentatively as Mrs. Pauline Krut-singer, operator of the restaurant, and Delmar Jennings, filling station attendant. A third body was unidentified.

Oysters are at their best in all months which contain the letter "r".

Dr. Joseph L. Guillotine, for whom the guillotine is named, did not invent it.

Medal For Unknown Soldier

At the White House in Washington, Prince Regent Charles of Belgium, left, presented President Truman with a Belgian War Cross to be awarded the American Unknown Soldier of World War II, who is yet to be chosen. (NEA Telephoto).

BOGOTA, Colombia (UP) April 9—The United States was expected today to try to shut off demands of many Latin-American countries for action by the Inter-American Conference to oust European colonial powers from the Western Hemisphere.

U. S. Delegate Paul Daniels was preparing a statement which may be read at Today's meeting of the subcommittee on colonies.

At the same time, President William Martin of the Export-Import Bank was to try to ease the diplomatic blow suffered by the United States last night when announcement of President Truman's request for \$500 million more of loans to Latin-America through the bank was received by the conference in stony silence.

Martin will address the full economic committee late today.

The United States is seeking, in the colonial issue, to head off any action here which might embarrass Britain, France, The Netherlands and Denmark, which hold colonies in this hemisphere.

The United States does not wish to oppose legitimate aspirations of any American countries, but it feels that it is unfair to attack the colonial powers at a meeting such as this where they are not represented.

There was a serious diplomatic crisis within the American delegation as a result of the action of the Latin American countries in receiving announcement of the new \$500,000,000 request in absolute silence.

Wesley Elliott Is Injured In Plane Crash

Wesley Elliott of Ranger was injured about 2 o'clock this afternoon when the Cub plane in which he was flying crashed at the edge of Highway 80 West just opposite the Ranger Airport.

Extent of his injuries had not been determined at press time but a physician at the scene stated that he felt sure that he had at least sustained a broken leg and possibly more serious injuries.

Elliott was pinned in the wreckage and it took about 30 minutes to extricate him.

According to reports of the crash, Elliott was coming in low for a landing when the plane suddenly dropped. Dr. G. S. Boswell traveling along the highway was the first to reach the scene.

A Killingworth ambulance answered the call to the wreckage. Elliott was a licensed pilot.

Peanuts Firm To Slightly Stronger

Peanut prices held firm in the Southwest during the past week while peanuts sold firm to slightly stronger in the Southeastern states. Demand continued slow in both regions, according to a report released today by the southwest area office of the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Peanut oil strengthened slightly, the agency reported, but meal showed little change. Several cars of oil moved in the southwest at 27 1/2 cents a pound, basis prime crude of five per cent refining loss. Meal was still quoted around \$76 a ton f.o.b. southwestern mills. Shelled No. 1 Spanish peanuts brought 16-3-4 cents a pound, and No. 2's a penny less, in occasional sales in the southwest.

Heavy rains delayed peanut planting in the southeastern states, while lack of moisture held up field work in North Central and South Texas areas. Farmers got some planting done in East Texas, where ground was in better condition. Oklahoma growers had not yet started planting.

College Gets Another Building

Another building was moved onto the Ranger Junior College campus today and work of rebuilding it will get underway at once.

This is one of a number of surplus buildings which have been secured for the college and will be made into a classroom building.

To Attend Inauguration
Dr. G. C. Boswell is to be in Waco on Tuesday, April 13 to attend the inauguration of Dr. W. R. White, as president of Baylor University.

Dr. Boswell will attend as a representative of Ranger Junior College.

THE WEATHER
Fair, not quite so cool tomorrow.
Temperature at 1:30 p. m. today
Maximum 72
Minimum 59
Hour's Reading 71
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a. m. today
Maximum 83
Minimum 58

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Communists, Though Minority Control Power in Costa Rica

BY PETER EDSON
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WASHINGTON (NEA)—If O. Henry were alive today and writing of Latin-American revolutions, he would have a new type of character to introduce in his plots. It would be the Latin-American Communist. The current revolution in Costa Rica offers an example. This little republic between Panama and Nicaragua has always been considered one of the most stable of the Central American countries. It has had no tradition of rich Spanish grandees and big estates. Coffee plantations on the central upland plateau have been run by small and middle-class land owners. There have been few great accumulations of wealth and little peasant poverty. Biggest operators in the country has been United Fruit Company. Most of the plantations used to be on the Caribbean coast, which is low and tropical. When disease hit the banana plants there some years ago, United Fruit moved over the mountains to the Pacific coast. The railroad from the eastern port of Limon to San Jose, the capital, is British-owned. The extension to the Pacific is owned by the government. United Fruit runs most of the shipping. In summary, Costa Rica's living standard is higher than in most parts of South America. There has been no great exploitation of the population. It hasn't been a country where there was great unrest. It was a place where you would expect communism to take over as it apparently has in the current election revolt.

According to Washington reports, the No. 1 Communist in Costa Rica is believed to be a woman. She was born Maria Isabel Corvalan. She now goes under the name of Carmen Lyra. She is 46 years old. She was once a school teacher, but she is better known as a writer. She has apparently never been outside her own country. Lyra is generally believed to have engineered the formation of the Communist movement in Costa Rica. Her modest house in San Jose has been a meeting place for native Communist leaders. She picked men to be the leaders of her movement. Chief among them is Manuel Mora, now head of the Popular Front, a duly elected member of the Congress and chairman of its finance committee. When the Communist movement was first started in 1930 Mora was a young man just out of college. He began his political career as an opponent of "Yankee imperialism," which all native patriots like to shout about. He is considered an orator and writer of ability. During the war Mora became pro-American. He took the lead in advocating co-operation with American capital seeking to develop his country and raise its standard of living. This was after the Third International was abolished by Moscow. The Communist party in Costa Rica then dropped that label and became known as Vanguardia Popular—the Popular Front. Mora is titular head of the party.

A notable leader is Rodolfo Guzman. He is probably the only one of the group who has ever been to Moscow. He went there in 1933. He had received only primary school education in Costa Rica. He came back from Moscow a well-schooled labor leader. In all there are believed to be not more than 20 real leaders in the Popular Front. They form the Costa Rican Politbureau and organize the cells at lower levels. Last year the Popular Front in Costa Rica got hold of a radio station. It has been mostly active, as has its newspaper. But the movement itself has been on the decline. It registered 16,000 voters in 1937. Its present strength is believed less than half that figure. An American strength has gone down, however, its influence has gone up. Today the Front has seven seats in Congress. The Republican party has 23 seats. The Unionist party 24. The Popular Front therefore holds the balance of power. That's just what it wants. No party can do anything without its co-operation. That gives the Communists control of the situation.

THE SCOREBOARD

Cards' Gripe About Masi Stresses Lack of Catchers

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—(NEA)—An old-time scout calls the Cardinals' catching the worst in the history of the majors. "Well, not quite that bad," comments Eddie Dyer, "but it's certainly a puzzle." The manager of the St. Louis Nationals last season had to alternate three backstops fairly evenly. Young Joe Garagiola doesn't get the ball away fast enough. The Dodgers, for example, would steal everything but the Red Birds' blazers. For this and other reasons, certain pitchers don't choose to throw to Garagiola.

Harry Brechen, for instance, insists on Del Rice, who, it will be recalled, handled the Cat throughout the 1946 World Series. He even marched in with the little left-hander when he went in to save the pennant game. The trouble with Rice is that, while he treats southpaws as though he owned them, he can't hit right-handers with two bats, or a paddle. This is too bad, for the fellow has power. He manufactured a dozen home runs against left-hand pitching last season in 97 games, and wound up batting all of 218.

Del Wilber, the Cardinals' third masked man, is big and slow and doesn't hit enough. This is why Dyer is taking such a good look at squaw John Bucha, who is attempting to jump all the way from Columbus, Ga., and Omaha. And to think that in January, 1946, it could have had Phil Masi and \$50,000 from the Braves for Walker Cooper," means the personable Dyer, "but Sam Breason insisted upon the \$175,000 from the Giants."

The Dyer tag on Cooper gives you a rough idea of what good catchers are worth today, stresses the acute shortage of capable hands behind the plate.

Competent judges agree that in addition to Cooper and Masi there are more than three Grade A catchers with the 16 big league clubs, giving them a total of just five. The others are the remarkable Bruce Edwards of the Brooklyn, Buddy Rosar of the Athletics and Ray Imanno, who teams up with the amazing Ewell Blackwell for the Reds. Rosar, by the way, is the only American Leaguer among the five.

Jim Hegan of the Indians is one of the more promising of the young catchers. Yogi Berra of the Yankees has to demonstrate that he can throw quickly and accurately enough, and Niarhos has to prove himself.

There is no question about major league catching being the worst in history outside of wartime.

The only explanation for this is that the better kid players consider catching too hard work and don't care to run the risk of injury behind the plate. The catching, therefore, is assigned to the most inept youngsters on the lot.

Coaches could solve this by picking out prospective catchers from other positions at an early age. That would be doing them a great favor.

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City That Isn't There Awaits Birth

SITUS CITY, Tex. (UP)—This city, which doesn't exist, has a well-financed chamber of commerce that doesn't exist either. Citrus City is an expertly planned municipality in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, but it's only in the blueprint stage. Howard Moffitt, manager of the Texan Development Company, planned the city and is selling lots for \$500 each. His "city" includes 700 lots, has a main street 210 feet wide with six parking lanes and all its streets are named after fruit and flowers of the area. Lot purchasers are advised to grow shrubbery, trees and flowers on their property according to the name of the street they're on. From each \$500 for lots, Moffitt puts \$50 into a chamber of commerce fund. So Citrus City has a chamber of commerce with every citizen a member. But it has no residents, and its chamber has nothing. Except money.

The average farm person in 1920 produced enough for himself and 28 per cent of another person. By 1945 he was producing enough for himself and 4.45 other persons.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



GOLDFISH ARE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL BAIT IN MANY STATES. SINCE THEY ARE MERELY FANCY CARP, AND IF LIBERATED IN STREAMS WOULD LIKELY REVERT TO TYPE, GROW LARGE, AND BECOME A NUISANCE.

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The Innocent Impostor

By Renee Shann

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THE WEEK: Patience found out to London. There they took to attend dressmaking school. It is the only freedom allowed her by the two old-fashioned aunts who have brought her up and with whom she lives in the country. On the commuting train she met Paul Taylor who lives in a neighborhood village and who had himself attracted to the same young girl. They date secretly. Patience knowing her aunts would disapprove. Paul tells her he loves her. Patience's dream of happiness is shattered when the aunts discover her perfidy. Force her to promise not to see Paul again.

THE weekend routine went as usual. Flowers for the church. The morning service. Patience and her aunts were regular churchgoers. Chatter with the various people they knew as they came out. No one at all exciting. No one young and gay. A dull life for a girl of 20, thought Miss Alice, as they walked home to the roast beef that was awaiting them. And then cheered herself by remembering that after all the dear child went three times a week to London. She sat nibbling the end of her pen. She made several false starts and then in the end the letter she wrote came quite easily. As easily—the happiness you've given me. Knowing you has been the loveliest thing that has ever happened to me. . . . She read the letter through and then put it in an envelope and sealed it. She posted it the next morning. It was a Saturday. This afternoon he'd be waiting for her train to come into Stortford station hoping that possibly she'd be on it. She was helping Aunt Alice

with the church brasses when the clock struck three, the time she would have been arriving. A tear fell onto the heavy vase. And then another. "Patience dear, try not to take it too much to heart." "I'm all right," Aunt Alice. At least I will be," she said, but her voice was all choked up. She polished vigorously away at the vase to hide her unhappiness.

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If he were not there on the train, if he'd decided to travel down on another one. . . .

BUT he was waiting at the barrier. Her heart shook at sight of him, and her knees turned to jelly. He strode towards her and took her arm in a firm grip and said angrily: "What is all this nonsense? That ridiculous letter I received from you this morning—" "It's not nonsense. Paul. I meant every word of it." "I don't believe it."

It was impossible to argue with him there on the platform with people hurrying and scurrying all around them. They found seats in the crowded carriage, and as soon as the train started went out into the corridor. Here at least they were more or less alone. Paul looked down at her and now the anger was fading from his eyes. "Patience darling, they can't do this thing to you."

Patience gripped the brass rail running along the window. "The trouble is they can." He looked at her for a long moment. "You're not really going to let them get away with it?" "How can I let it?" "Stand up to them. Tell them to go to blazes—"

"Oh, Paul, if you knew them you'd understand that what you're suggesting is quite impossible." "I understand one thing," he flung at her bitterly: "I don't matter to you the way you matter to me."

She wrung her hands. "Paul, that's so untrue. You matter to me more than anyone else in the world. I never dreamed I could feel this way about anybody. I—"

"That's so easy to say." "I mean it." "Then prove it by telling your Aunt Helen when you get home that you're breaking that promise you gave her. Breaking it because she's no right to insist on your making it. Tell her you're engaged to me and you want to marry me." (To Be Continued)

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Fear California's Drought Threat May Affect Nation's Food Supply

By James C. Anderson
 United Press Staff Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A drought is threatening California, the nation's richest farm state in gross income and producer of a large share of the fruits and vegetables eaten in the United States.

Economists and farm experts are gravely concerned lest the two-year-old dry cycle continues unabated through the remainder of the normally wet spring season and again next winter. They fear the drought will have a definite effect on prices and the supply of at least 17 items of food in which California is a major national producer.

This is the fourth consecutive year in which rainfall in the state has been below normal. In the first two years of the cycle rainfall was only slightly under average, but in the last two years it has been as low as 60 per cent of normal. The 1947-48 rainfall total in fact, is the fourth lowest in the 51-year history of weather bureau records.

So far, it has meant little to California's \$300,000,000 vegetable and melon crops or its fruit and nut industry, which returned growers \$431,180,000 in 1947.

California primarily is an irrigated state and farmers simply pumped more water from the underground reserve and drew more heavily upon water piled up behind the network of dams and reservoirs.

This year, an almost normal yield is expected in those irrigated crops. But the drain on the water reserve has been staggering. One more dry year and there won't be enough water left to irrigate everything.

The drought already has struck those farmers producing field crops—a \$614,000,000 industry. Cattle and sheep raisers were hit first, since rainfall provides the only moisture for the pasture lands.

In the San Joaquin Valley, the heart of the drought area in the northern and central sections of the state, as much as 70 per cent of the grass crop was lost this year. Louis Arbura, of the California Farm Bureau Marketing

Association estimated that cost cattle and sheep raisers in the valley about \$85,000,000.

An estimated 200,000 head of cattle already have been shipped to other Far Western states or marketed nearby because the parched grass lands could not support them. At least 50,000 head of sheep have been farmed out to neighboring states. Many producers have had to import feed from as far away as Wisconsin and Kansas to nurture their remaining livestock.

The seriousness of the situation was reflected in a report by the state crop reporting service, which estimated one-third of the state's grain crop this year probably will be lost. Most production will suffer and a shortage of fresh milk was predicted. A million tons of hay, normally held in reserve at this time of year, already has been used for feed.

At the moment, the effect of the drought has been confined largely to approximately 9,000,000 consumers inside the state in the expected boost in milk and meat prices. California does not produce enough of either commodity to export to other states.

But if the drought continues through the 1948-49 wet season from November through February, housewives from Bangor, Me., to Portland, Ore., will feel the effect in higher prices for such foods as lettuce, grapes, avocados, olives, oranges, prunes, walnuts, artichokes, spinach, tomatoes, and many canned fruits and vegetables.

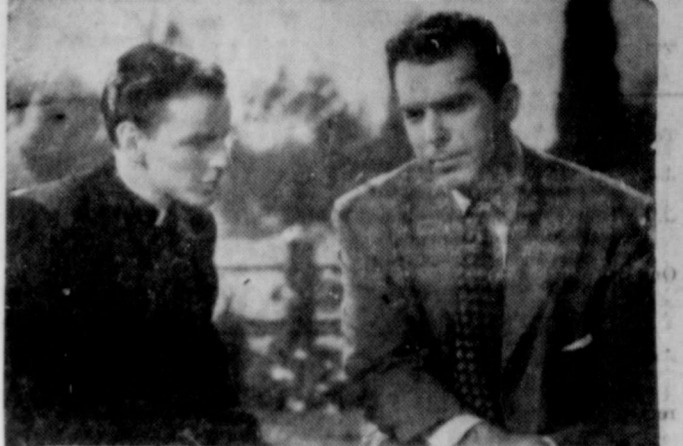
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out cash. The judge ruled that poker debts are not collectible, at least in his court. His ruling was in a suit in which one man charged another with stopping payment on four \$100 checks written during a poker game.

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Society-Clubs

Eighth Grade Students Have Banquet Thursday

Eighth grade students of Ranger schools were entertained Thursday evening at a banquet held at the First Baptist Church at 7:30. Members of the Child Study Association prepared the food for the banquet which was given by the students.

Tables were lighted by white candles in crystal candelabra and centered with arrangements of white gladioluses. Bridal wreath extended down the length of the tables. Place cards were silhouettes of old fashioned men and women done in colored art paper and covered with white paper lace. Programs were of red lace covering old fashioned faces. Butterflies made from gladioluses were favors.

Donald Varner acted as toastmaster and introduced the following program: Dr. G. C. Boswell, guest speaker; Dorothy Roscoe, welcome address; Cora Beth Whitley, monologue; Rheta Beth Perlestein, violin solo, accompanied by Cora Beth Whitley; Betty Lou Hagaman, vocal solo; Clara Mae Jacoby, reading.

Miss Mary Joy Wilson, class sponsor, announced the names of the best all-around girl and boy, who were Dorothy Roscoe and Eugene Sutton.

Faculty guests present were Dr. and Mrs. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ervin, Miss Meta Anne Scott, Miss Kathleen Dunlap, and the sponsor, Miss Wilson.

Charles White Is Honoree At Party

Mrs. Carl White entertained with a birthday party Wednesday afternoon at the Willows Park honoring her son, Charles, on his seventh birthday.

After games were played refreshments were served to Glenda Lee Rains, Sharon Kay Thompson, Linda Beth Brock, Betty Jane Wade, Elizabeth Seymour, Neta Ray Chandler, Alyce Pounds, Meta Ann Bowen, Joy Ann Ball, Kathy Rogers, Kenneth June Sawyer, Georgia McCleskey, Mary Beth and Virginia Mae Milno, Mary Ann Herweck, Bernie D. n Milmo, Junie and Richard Herweck, Dwayne Hale, Tommy Ashman, Tim Covington, L. H. Pounds, Jimmy Gilbert, Bobby Don Hodges, Dale Keith, Jackie Ray Neely Gene White, and the honoree, Charles White.

Young 4-H Girls Hear County Agent

The Young School 4-H Club girls met Tuesday afternoon, April 6, at the school. Cevellia Woods, president of the club, presided over the meeting which opened with club songs.

Mrs. Helen Marquardt, county home demonstration agent, was present and gave a demonstration on planting and raising tomatoes and other important points on gardening.

At the close of business the meeting was adjourned by the president.

Those present were Dianne Plumley, Jo Ann Ball, Cevellia Woods, Patsy Ann Hise, Lucille Ainsworth, Linda, Lou Needam, Gail Mae Sarge, Sherry Ann King, Delores Steward, Virginia Strickler and Margaret Hartman.

Farewell Party Honors Employee

Employees of Scott Store were entertained Thursday evening at a farewell dinner party at the Chickie Inn honoring Charlene Groves who is moving away.

Those attending the dinner were Misses Allene Mitchell, Altha Mae Dooley, Oro Mae McGee, Velma Brown, and Mmes. Marie McCoy, Virge Johnson, and Groves the honoree.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miller and Theo Leite were in Dallas Thursday to be with his mother, Mrs. Betty Miller, who underwent surgery at St. Paul's Hospital.

Joe Holt of Seagraves, formerly of Ranger, was here Wednesday evening to visit James P. Morris, who has been seriously ill, and Mrs. Morris.

Hospital News

Mrs. W. L. Roark, who underwent major surgery at the West Texas Hospital recently has been removed to her home.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Joe Martin has returned to his home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital where he underwent a tonsillectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Veale are parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, April 6, in the West Texas Hospital.

The condition of James P. Morris, a patient in the West Texas Hospital, is reported to be improved.

Mrs. Rena Parsons was transferred today from the West Texas Hospital to Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. W. Hughes of Eastland has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she received medical treatment.

Mrs. H. L. Perrin is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Billy Bollinger has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Lee King is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Miss Janie Gallina of Strawn is a patient in the West Texas Hospital where she underwent an appendectomy Thursday.

Mrs. Betty Wilkes of Eastland has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

F. M. Wilhite has returned to his home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital where he was treated for a leg injury.

Mrs. Eddie Squires has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Sarah Hamlett of Eastland has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been released.

George Allen Bence of St. Louis, Missouri, who has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital, has been dismissed.

Public Health Nursing Week April 11-17

The State of Texas is planning to observe national "Public Health Nursing Week" April 11-17, as proclaimed by President Harry S. Truman. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officers, urges high school graduates to consider public health nursing as a career.

"Public health nursing offers young women opportunities for lifetime careers which are highly useful and satisfactory. The demand for professional nurses now exceeds the supply in public health and other fields of work," Dr. Cox said. "Possibilities of travel, worthwhile service, income and other features of nursing profession compare very favorably with those open to women in other careers."

Education for nursing is available in 33 schools in Texas and enrollment is now under way for fall classes, which open about September 1. All schools still have vacancies. Applicants should be graduates of high school or have some college credit, with a record of good scholastic standing, be in good physical condition, and of high moral character. An interest in people and their problems, also ability to work well with one's hands is necessary.

Details regarding nursing education can be secured from hospitals, physicians, nurses' organizations, and local health departments, as well as the Texas State Department of Health.

Texas Would Use Red-Green Lights For Traffic Only

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—The standard traffic colors of red and green would be eliminated from electric and other night signs if the committee on engineering of the governor's highway safety conference wins approval of the legislature.

Gov. Beauford H. Jester has established several committees in Texas, each working on problems relating to traffic control and safety. The committees met here and compared notes.

The committee on engineering, one of the most important, offered several recommendations which it said would promote safer driving and thereby save lives. "It is recommended," the committee said, "that in its long-range plans the State Highway Commission make a study of outdoor advertising along highways, with a view to the removal or the limitation of any and all features of same that in its opinion create or contribute to the safety of the traveling public."

"In conjunction with the municipalities, it is suggested that steps be taken looking toward the future elimination from electric and other night signs of the standard traffic colors of red and green."

Other committee recommendations urged that: "The highway department be given endorsement to further emphasize the pavement markings of center lines, lane lines, and no-

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