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British Go Into Action Against Jews

Change Made In Supervision Of GI Trainees

The Veterans Administration has relieved its training officers of all responsibility for the direct supervision of the 45,000 non-disabled World War II veterans in training under the G. I. Bill in the 51-County Dallas Region.

Responsibility for the training of these veterans rests with the state schools and training establishments. Public Law 346 originally made the state and community accountable for this training but VA has been augmenting that service because state agencies and communities were not equipped nor in a position to carry out the responsibility delegated them.

Leon P. Howell, Acting Manager of VA's Dallas Region, said the change will permit training officers to devote full time to the needs of 7,500 disabled veterans in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Now that VA has been relieved of its obligation for the training of non-disabled men and women, VA will be permitted to better and more efficiently supervise disabled veterans under jurisdiction of the regional office, Howell said.

Communities and service organizations will be expected to assume their responsibility for assisting in veterans training.

VA, said Howell, will look to an increased extent to State Approval Agencies to carry out their obligations to approve only schools and job training establishments that are fully qualified and equipped to give good courses and instruction and are otherwise satisfactory on the basis of current inspections. Schools and job establishments are obligated to furnish effective education and training to each veteran that enrolls. The institutions must not keep a veteran in training longer than his conduct and progress warrant. They must provide VA with reports along the surveys and progress. VA will use these reports, along with surveys of veterans in the GI Bill programs, to safeguard the veterans' rights to adequate and progressive training and to prevent possible fraud against the government.

The new supervision policy varies among the different kinds of training institutions. No change was made among colleges and universities which already have the responsibility of supervising all veterans enrolled. VA, said the Acting Manager, will use periodic conduct and progress reports to supervise ex-service men and women in other schools and in job training establishments. Like procedures will be used in supervising veterans taking institutional on-the-job training.

The Veterans Administration Contact Representative, Wilson H. Moore, from the Mineral Wells VA Office, 105 N. E. First Street, will be at the Ranger Junior College the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P. M. He will help veterans and trainers with applications for pensions, compensation, hospitalization, insurance and training benefits.

CLASS FOR VETERANS
It was announced today that any veteran interested in a full time welding class in Ranger will have to register at the Eastland office of the training program. The class will be 25 hours each week.

Seed stock of the highly regarded Andrew and Zephyr oat varieties will not be available to the public until 1950.

Farm records for the past five years indicate that about 14 per cent of all hog feed is wasted because of pig deaths.

NAME OMITTED
Through an oversight the name of Patricia Fleckenstein was omitted in a story appearing in the Monday edition of the Times relative to the music recital at St. Rita's School Wednesday night.

Lana Turner Is Now Mrs. Topping



Movie actress, Lana Turner, and tinsplater heir, Bob Topping, who were married in an exclusive Hollywood ceremony, greet the press. Miss Turner wears a Champagne colored lace and satin gown, part of a trousseau that reportedly cost thirty thousand dollars. An elaborate reception followed the wedding. It was the fourth marriage for each, but Miss Turner said, "This time its for keeps." (NEA Telephoto.)

Negotiations Resumed In Rail Dispute

CHICAGO, Apr. 28, (UP)—Three operating rail unions today set May 11 as a date for a nationwide rail strike but the government arranged new negotiations at the last minute, and official announcement of the strike date was cancelled.

Shortly after official announcement of the date had been held up, it was announced in Washington that the government had arranged new negotiations in an effort to head off a strike.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK
Cattle 2000. Active and strong. Medium and good beef steers and yearlings 23-28. Good carcasses at yearlings 23-28. Good carcasses at calves 500. Active, strong. Good and choice slaughter calves 26-29, few to 30. Medium and good stocker calves 26-29, few to 30. Medium and good stocker calves 21-27.

Hogs steady to strong. Top 21-50. Sows steady, top 1516.

STYLE SHOW TO BE STAGED AT 8 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Final rehearsal for the Ranger Civic League's "Around the Clock Fashion Show" was held Tuesday night and final plans for the staging of the show Thursday night were being made today.

J. J. Kelly will give the welcome address and present the commentary, Miss Dorothy Henry, speech major at Texas Christian University and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry.

Music will be furnished by Mrs. Gwen Meacham of Dallas, pianist, Mrs. David D. Pickrell, violinist and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Sims, vocalists. The public address system is being furnished by D. A. Weems of the Weems Refrigerator Service and flowers and decorations are being furnished by the Strong Flower Shop under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Strong.

Charm of the show will be a garden wedding scene with an entire wedding party modeling imported gowns, and imported Swiss hair picture hats.

Softball Game Thursday Night

It was announced today that the Ranger Softball team will play a Lane Star team from Eastland at the Ranger field Thursday night.

The game will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and promises to be a thriller. The Eastland team has not been defeated this season and has played some of the strongest teams in this area already.

The public is invited to attend.

Soviet-Finnish Treaty Approved

HELSINKI, April 28, (UP)—Finland's parliament voted 157 to 11 today to approve the Soviet-Finnish treaty requested two months ago by Generalissimo Josef Stalin.

The treaty was approved after three hours debate. Parliament earlier voted down a proposal to disapprove, made by Liberal Party Leader Kalle Kauppi.

TOM BRENEMAN DROPS DEAD THIS MORNING

ENCINO, Cal., April 28, (UP)—Tom Breneman, 46, master of ceremonies of radio's "Breakfast in Hollywood," fell dead today at his home an hour before his daily program was to go on the air.

A heart attack is believed to have caused his death.

More than 600 persons crowded outside his restaurant in Hollywood, waiting for the program and unaware of his death. The program was cancelled.

Breneman had appeared in good health yesterday when he presided at his programs. He recently returned from a month's vacation which had been recommended by his doctor.

For seven years, Breneman had served as master of ceremonies on the radio program in which the audience participated. The program featured women, with the eldest woman present being given an orchid and a kiss by Breneman.

His radio program was made into a movie a few years ago with Breneman in the leading role. He wandered through the story, "Breakfast in Hollywood," as a member of broken romances and a general good fellow.

Just six months ago, he moved into a new restaurant in Hollywood. Breneman lived on a two-acre estate here, and was mayor of Encino, film star-studded community, at the time of his death.

Breneman was married to the former Billie Dunn, one-time radio actress. He had two children—Gloria Anne, 19, and Tom Jr., 14.

Breneman first went on the air in 1927. In 1929 he created the "Tom n Wash" skit.

Tennis Club Wins From Cisco

The Ranger Junior College Tennis Club met the Cisco Junior College Tennis Club Tuesday afternoon in a series of tennis matches.

The scores for the tennis singles were as follows: Junior Artburn won (11-9) (7-5), Mike Ready won (6-1) (6-2).

The doubles scores were as follows: Jack Littlefield and Stan Robinson won (6-1) (6-2), Jack Littlefield and Mike Ready won two and lost one, the score of these sets were; won (6-1) (6-1) lost (4-6).

During the Tennis matches Ranger Junior College only lost one set.

Mustard seeds have coats that resist soaking up water. They can live in the soil without sprouting or rotting for many years.

All-Day Services To Be Held At Staff Church

All day services will be conducted Sunday at the Staff Baptist Church, ten miles southwest of Ranger, it was announced this week by the Pastor, Paul Stephens.

Sunday School will begin at 10:30 to be followed by the morning service at 11:15. The message of the morning will be delivered by Youth Evangelist "Dub" Jackson, a veteran P-28 fighter pilot who is now studying for the ministry at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Dinner will be served at the church. Afternoon services will feature special music, old fashioned congregational singing and messages by Baptist Missionary H. D. Blair and Rev. Jasper Messinger of the Second Baptist Church of Ranger. John Peery, a young singer and preacher from Houston, Texas, will speak at the evening worship service. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services at Staff Baptist Church, "The Little Country Church With A Great Big Welcome."

Senate Committee Accuses Firms Of Overcharging

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28, (UP)—The Senate investigating committee today accused certain American oil companies of gouging the Navy of up to 38 million by overcharging for Arabian oil.

The companies promptly denied it. They said they had saved the Navy more than \$26,500,000.

The Senate committee's charge highlighted a report on its investigation of the Saudi Arabian oil development during World War II. The Arabian American Oil Co. (ARAMCO), which bore the brunt of the committee's criticism, issued its reply in printed form at the same time the committee released its report.

Socialite Given 5 Year Sentence

BUFFALO, N. Y., Apr. 28, (UP)—Mark H. Hanna, III, socialite scion of a wealthy Cleveland family, was sentenced today to five years imprisonment on each of two counts of forgery.

The forgery charges were contained in a federal indictment to which he pleaded guilty two days ago. Sentence was handed down by Federal Judge John Knight.

Hanna, who was charged with forging two checks totaling \$60,000, was scheduled to appear in State Supreme Court later today to be sentenced on three additional counts of forgery and larceny.

Violence Strikes In Italy



Blood streaming from his face, an injured demonstrator is led away by friends during the first mass violence in Milan, Italy, since the Communists were defeated in the national elections last week. A general strike was threatened in Milan following the rioting. (NEA Radio-Telephoto)

MEN OVER 40 CLUB FINDS MANY JOBS FOR OLDSTERS

CHICAGO (UP) "Help Wanted" advertisement don't say so but many jobs are available to men over 40 years of age.

The Men Over Forty Club in Chicago is begging for more members. Its president, T. H. Gilmour, says job offers from employers far outnumber the club membership. That, he says, indicates industry's confidence of continued prosperity.

But the club is choosy about whom it takes into the fold. Only one applicant out of every 10 meets the requirements.

To join the organization a man must have passed 40 and be in good health. He must have earned more than \$4,000 a year (based on the pre-war wage scale) in executive or specialized work. The club thoroughly checks each applicant's background as to character and ability. One who lost his job through his own negligence never is accepted.

Membership itself is short-lived. Some men are members for one or two days and then are employed. For others, it might take a week or more. They then become alumni.

Every man works regular hours without pay while a member. His work consist of "selling the club" to employers. But the member himself does not apply for any job. Employers submit available positions to the club.

"Our biggest trouble is in lining up the right man with the right job," Gilmour said. "We never try to fill a round hole with a square peg. That would ruin the faith employers now have in the club."

Experience and salary of each job must fit the man's background. Most members have earned between \$5,000 and \$10,000 Gilmour said, and most get jobs paying about \$6,000. There have been

members, however, who made more than twice that amount. The club has been asked to fill positions paying \$40,000.

The jobs mainly are for executives in industrial and professional fields: salesmen, purchasing agents, accountants, engineers production and advertising men.

"A man over 40 can't do the manual labor he could twenty or even ten years before," Gilmour explained. "But we need men who have good heads and mature judgment. Many in that classification lost their jobs through poitices or mergers, or when their firms folded or moved out of town. They are the ones we want to help."

Women, Gilmour said, interfere with the club's work because they don't understand it. Women don't see why their husbands must work at selling the club. Women figure that their men might just as well apply for the jobs themselves.

"Women don't realize what a man 40 years old is bucking. They fail to see what the club worker gets to the presidents of companies and others who hire the high-calibered man. We don't have to fight to get past the receptionist and just hope for a chance to see the personnel manager," he said.

If Interested, Veterans Asked Look Into This

Veterans who are interested in full time welding class (25 hrs. per week) at Ranger are asked to come to the Vocational School office in Eastland.

Veterans who are interested in full time (25 hrs. per week) cabinet making class at Rising Star are asked to come to the Vocational School Office in Eastland.

Veterans who are interested in full time Auto Mechanics in Eastland should come to the Vocational School office and register in order to determine whether or not a full time class can be organized.

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THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy.
Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today.
Maximum 86
Minimum 69
Hour's Reading 86
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. today.
Maximum 90
Minimum 68

JAFFA CENTER OF ATTACK BY IRGUN ZVAI LEUMI

JERUSALEM, April 28, (UP)—British tanks went into action today against Jewish forces of the Irgun Zvai Leumi which "hammered their way into Jaffa, the big Arab city next to Tel Aviv.

The Arab population was fleeing Jaffa. Irgun Zvai Leumi fighters broke Arab defense lines in the North-east suburb of Jaffa, and pressed southward against weakened resistance down upon the port area while Haganah troops continued an offensive drive from south of the city.

An Arab defeat seemed probable, and some 60,000 civilian Arabs in the city were seeking escape. They swarmed aboard Egyptian and Lebanese schooners and sailing ships in the harbor and others sought to flee through the Jewish lines.

Irgun combat units breached the Arab defenses after a bitter 18 hours of fighting, in which they mortared the business and residential districts of Jaffa almost continuously, gradually eliminated Arab strongpoints, and finally reached the sea north of the port area.

The Irgunists mopped up the entire Meshiya suburban area and pressed on toward the port, while Arab defenders, hard pressed from three sides and with their backs to the sea, fought back desperately.

Third Victory For Stassen Seems Certain

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, (UP)—Harold E. Stassen picked up a substantial lead today in returns from Pennsylvania's primary election and appeared headed for his third victory over the field of Republican presidential aspirants.

The former Minnesota governor, who scored in the Nebraska and Wisconsin primaries was running more than 10,000 ahead of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, New York, with three-fourths of the write-in votes counted from yesterday's balloting. Sen. Edward Martin, favorite son candidate, was running third although far behind.

Returns from 7,028 of the state's 8,249 precincts gave Stassen 42,482.

Sullivan Resigns Democratic Post

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28, (UP)—Gael Sullivan today submitted his resignation as executive director and vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He will become executive vice president of the Theatre Owners of America.

Sullivan told National Chairman J. Howard McGrath that the offer from the theatre owners was so attractive that he could not turn it down.

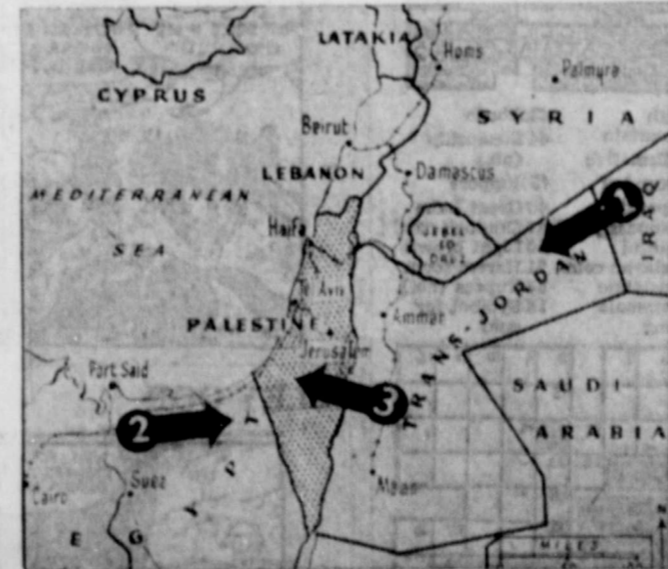
His resignation is effective May 10.

New Jersey has had 2,742 newspapers and other periodicals since its first publication appeared 190 years ago.

Reception Date Corrected
Through error the date of the reception for Judge and Mrs. J. E. Hickman was listed in Tuesday's edition of the paper as Friday, May 1, when it should have been Friday, May 7.

The reception will be held at the Women's Club in Eastland on May 7 from 3 to 6 o'clock and from 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock in the afternoon and evening.

Arabs Draw Palestine Net Tighter



Unconfirmed reports are indicating that Arabs are converging on Palestine for a showdown fight with the Jews. This late map shows: (1) Eight thousand troops from Iraq coming through Trans-Jordan; (2) Two trainloads of infantry from Cairo moving towards Palestine; (3) King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan sending palace guard preparatory to taking command of his Arab Legion, which is already in Palestine. (NEA Telephoto.)

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Changing Sentiment Points Up Need for New Defense Plans

BY PETER EDSON
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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Worsening world political conditions plus a changing sentiment on Capitol Hill may require a completely new look at basic U. S. defense plans. A universal military training appears to be hiked. But in its place may be substituted what some UMT opponents will consider far worse—a permanent peacetime draft. Postwar American military policy has been built on the belief that UMT was an essential foundation. The reason the armed services wanted a UMT program outside the regular military establishment was that they did not believe American traditions would ever permit the U. S. to have conscription in time of peace.

As originally conceived, UMT was to give a full year's training for all able-bodied 18-year-olds. But when congressional leaders convinced former Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson that a full year's training bill could never be passed, the plan was cut down. It was revised to provide only six months of basic training. After that was to come an optional enlistment in the regular Army, Navy or Air Force, or an equivalent—meaning a longer period—in specialized training, in the National Guard or Reserves. That's the way the plan is now before Congress, gathering dust.

GENERAL staff studies show that the science or art of war has developed so rapidly that it now takes 3000 hours of training—over a year—to make a good foot soldier or able seaman. If this man is made into a specialist—a paratrooper, an aircraft mechanic, or a naval technician—another 3000 hours are required.

On the somewhat fancy 40-hour-week schedule worked out in the pilot Unlese camp at Fort Knox, Ky., a trainee would get only 1600 hours of military training in six months. On a one-night-a-week's additional drill in National Guard or Reserve, the trainee would get an additional 500 or 600 hours—in two years. So at the end of that time he would have half as much training as is required to make a good soldier, sailor or airman.

These are some of the facts which should make military planners take another look at their hands. The need for some new thinking on military manpower policies is highlighted by changing sentiment in Congress and by changing sentiment as revealed in public opinion polls. Congressional majorities, never too enthusiastic about UMT, now seem inclined to support peacetime draft. The latest Gallup poll shows 77 per cent in favor of UMT, 63 per cent for conscription.

The new draft bill drawn up by Chairman Walter G. Andrews of the House Armed Services Committee calls for drafting 550,000 men in the next five years. It is presented as an emergency measure. The impression is that such a bill would not have to be renewed if the international situation quieted down.

BUT no one can predict when that might be. If war is avoided, it will be only because the U. S. maintains armed forces strong enough to keep Russia from open military aggression. And there is no indication that the Communist threat against the U. S. will subside in the foreseeable future.

The only other hope would be through international agreement to build up a UN police force stronger than the armed force of any single nation. And the Russians are blocking creation of such a force. From the American point of view, therefore, the big question is whether peacetime conscription could ever be wiped off the books, once it got on.

For one thing, conscription might be found cheaper than UMT. Today there are no firm figures on costs. The UMT plan to train 700,000 young men six months' basic training each year has been estimated to cost a minimum of \$1,530,000,000. This is \$2500 per man per year. Drafting 550,000 men into the regular services at a cost of only \$2000 per man per year, would come to \$1,100,000,000.

Eastland County Towns & Communities

(Editor's Note—The following is taken from the forthcoming book, "History of Eastland County," by Ed T. Cox.)

CURTIS, continued

The Curtis Baptist church was organized about 1890 as that is the time of its first appearance on the minutes of the Cisco Baptist Association. M. E. Surles was pastor-in-charge with a membership of 43. The next pastor shown was T. J. Nicholas in 1897, followed by W. B. Cobb in 1898-99. G. P. May in 1903, T. H. B. McAllister in 1904, W. J. Rogers, 1907 and E. E. Mason in 1908. In 1910 W. J. Smith was pastor followed by Thad Johnson in 1911, H. J. Lee in 1912-14 and P. D. O'Brien in 1915.

Union Baptist church in the Cook community was organized about 1902 with a membership of 15 with F. C. Dick as pastor for that year. G. P. May was pastor in 1903 and the membership had increased to 41. He was followed by J. A. McIntyre in 1904-5, J. W. Tennyson 1907-08, B. G. Ruchburg, 1910-13, E. E. Mason 1914, B. G. Ruchburg, S. H. Williams 1916-17, T. H. B. McAllister again in 1918, Frank Skaggs, 1921, J. W. Vaughn 1922-24, B. F. Sandie, 1926, I. K. Holmes 1928. He was followed by E. H. Scott probably from 1930 to 1933. Following were W. R. Ivie and Leon Woods.

The Church of Christ had an organization at an early date under the name of Cook Christian Church, meetings were held at the Curtis school house.

In 1899, when C. E. Statham was pastor of the Rising Star and High Methodist churches, he organized a Methodist church in the Cook community later known as Barnes Chapel. Three houses of worship have been located at that many locations.

The minutes of the Cisco Baptist Association for 1941-42 and 1942-43 lists Nimrod Baptist church with Charles Myrick as pastor and a membership of 66.

Curtis has been served by the following postmasters: Daniel B. Curtis, Nov. 14, 1884 (established); George W. Hardin, 1894; William L. Smith, 1899; Geo. W. Hardin, 1901. The office was ordered discontinued March 31, 1911 and mail sent to Nimrod.

Sabano was served by the following postmasters: James E. Broiles, Feb. 14, 1901 (established); Robert R. Wells, December 1, 1902; Stephen D. Crouch, January 2, 1904; John R. Hollis March 1, 1907; Earle Shell, Sept. 26, 1907; Guy Westerman, April 29, 1916. This office was discontinued December 31, 1917 and mail was sent to Nimrod.

DESDEMONA

Blair's Fort seems to have been the fore-runner of Desdemona. The late W. C. McGough, in his unpublished memoirs, gives the following accounts of its building and occupants:

"November 1, I got to Hog Creek, where Desdemona now is and decided to build a Fort there. We built six log cabins, four ten feet square for one side of our fort and six for the other side, leaving fourteen feet between the cabins. This gave us 24 rooms fourteen feet square.

We built six log cabins, four and spot oak, four feet long.

Families forting at Blair's Fort were W. H. Mansker, C. C. Blair, W. C. McGough, Jas. Ellison and Mr. Kuykendall. Single men were: Sing, Sam and John Gilbert, Ben Taylor, J. E. McGough, Joe and Sam Young, Joe Smith Bill Foller, John Mansker, Hall Smith and a Mexican boy named Leon.

Some others were in and out and it was not unusual for prospectors and scouting parties to make it a camping place.

Of the families and individuals who built and resided in Blair's Fort, C. C. Blair moved over the line into Erath county and settled on Armstrong Creek, about eight miles southeast of Desdemona, where his widow and some of his descendants still resided at the time this was being written (1943.)

J. M. Ellison settled at Ellison's Springs, near which Gorman was later located; W. C. McGough at what was then known as Buffalo Springs and later as McGough Springs; W. H. Mansker returned to his home previously established at Mansker Lake; the Gilbert boys settled ranches on Hunting Shirt and Sabanno Creeks where they remained for a few years before returning to Parker county after the killing of Sing by the Indians at Ellison Springs in 1864. J. B. McGough settled in Erath county some miles east of Desdemona where he resided until his death; Lewis Ellison, on whose farm a part of the town of Desdemona is located, was a lad of eleven years at that time and lived with his father, on that farm. Around the settlement mentioned the principal growth in the county's population for the next fifteen years, took place.

There is nothing at this time on the site of Blair's Fort to indicate that it ever existed there. (To Be Continued)

News From Older And Community

OLDEN, April 27—Jimmie Butler, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited in the home of his parents over the week-end.

Travis Hilliard went to Desdemona and spent the day Sunday. Mrs. Hilliard and their boys, who were at Desdemona, accompanied him home.

Mrs. J. T. Sims returned Monday to her home in Odessa after a week's visit with relatives here.

Coach and Mrs. C. W. Thompson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael Wesley, born April 22.

Visiting in the Nannie Allmon home here Friday night were M. L. Brashear and wife, Cecil R. Baishear and family and Mrs. H. H. Ingram of near Lubbock. They plan to visit in Staff, Gorman and Eastland before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cotton of High Island are visiting relatives here.

It's an Old Chinese Custom



During the Ting Ming Festival, a time of the year devoted to ancestor worship, Chinese widows clean the bones of their dead husbands. This Shanghai woman, at the Cantonese Cemetery, carefully cleans each bone before replacing them in burial jars. Next year, she'll do it again, as the day's outing is believed to bring good health. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Warren Lee.)

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hutto spent the past week-end with relatives in Abilene. Mr. Hutto's sister-in-law is recuperating from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bishop of Cross Plains spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Langlitz and Miss Nannie Allmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hood are the proud parents of a baby boy Luther Monroe, born April 24 at Ranger. Mrs. Hood is the former Wanda Sharratt.

Included on the sick list this week are Mrs. Graham and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Bryerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Everett and children were Carbon visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Langlitz visited in Ranger Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Park.

Buren Parton and niece of Odessa and Mrs. Cooper of Eastland visited in the W. F. Arney home, Sunday.

Visiting Mrs. Willie Bockman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bockman and sons of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bockman of Frankel.

Mrs. J. L. Kuhn has returned from Stephenville where she spent her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kieth and Pamela Marie.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

There was a noted Central Texas district judge who greatly enjoyed a friendly game with the boys and a "chaw." One morning, when he called court to order, his eyes were red from having sat up nearly all night, playing poker and had a big chunk of tobacco in his jaw. It was a divorce case and the wife was on the stand. She testified, "Judge, my husband is no good; he plays poker every night and he is always chewing tobacco."

The judge nearly choked on his cud, then said, "Divorce granted."

Phillip Mittanck (Fill-up-my-tank) still has a service station at Pleasanton. I mentioned this half a dozen years ago; a few weeks back, as I went through the town on a bus, I noticed the sign again.

A big, jolly chap is Ben Milam of San Antonio, who drives a bus on the route between Stephenville and San Antonio. He makes a neighborly little talk to his passengers at the start of the trip and ever-so-often feels right at home. He used to be a wrestler and, judging from his broad shoulders, he was a good one.

An Easterner was making a speech at a convention in an Amarillo hotel when a loud-mouthed man came in with a six-shooter in his hand. The Easterner was not to be taken in by this characteristic bit of "Wild West" horseplay. He said, "Give me that pistol" and took the weapon, then he said, "Now, sit down there and behave," and resumed his speech.

Afterward, he found that the man he had disarmed was a ranchman who likes to come into town, get a few shots of hooch and then wave a gun around.

Jean Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Roberts, has been named an honorary student at Abilene Christian College for the first half of the college's 1948 spring semester. A.G.T. counts the scholastic top ten per cent of each class as its honor.

Marshall Confers With Truman



Secretary of State George Marshall steps from his car as he arrived at the White House to confer with President Truman for the first time since his return from the Inter-American Conference at Bogota. (NEA Telephoto.)

An egg is one of nature's best packages of food value, offering high protein, iron, vitamin A, two B vitamins (riboflavin and thiamine) and some vitamin D.

And then the visitor really had a chill.

Not all the foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico and among cattle. All of us know somebody who every time he opens his mouth, puts his foot in it.

THE SCOREBOARD

Swing-Happy Batters of Today Don't Study Pitchers—Cobb

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—Tyrus Raymond Cobb says the main trouble with the batters of today is that too many of them are swing happy. "Too few study the pitchers," observes the Georgia Peach. Cobb, in New York between trips to Boston's Lahey Clinic and the Cobb Memorial Hospital, in the Georgia town where he was raised, insists that even with the jackrabbit ball there is still a place in the game for good place-hitters and baserunners.

"The running clubs win, don't they," he points out, "and the running clubs are the fastest ones." Cobb says that if he had Ted Williams' batting eye today he'd hit .490. "Why, of course, he should hit to left field," he asserts. "All he has to do is move his left foot back six inches or so with the pitch."

Turning to pitching, Cobb says the reason so many hurlers bob up with arm trouble is that they don't take care of their precious equipment.

"When I played," recalls the greatest of ballplayers, "pitchers wore woolen sleeves tied on under their arms in street clothes after working. Now they go around in sport shirts with no sleeves after pitching, ride in automobiles the same way, and left-handers drive cars with their arms hanging out."

SOMEONE asked Cobb to name the toughest pitcher he ever faced. "Father Time," beamed the fiery genius of the game.

"Seriously, nobody was ever more extraordinary than was Big Ed Walsh and his splitter, when he won 39 for the White Sox in 1908. We batted against much better pitchers than you see today. Eddie Cicotte was another spitball pitcher against whom it was tough to get a piece of the ball."

Someone asked Cobb if it were true that Leo Durocher, while with the Yankees, once tagged him in the tooth, and that Ty threatened to take care of him the next time he came down.

"No," replied the old Top Tiger, "had I been going to get Durocher, I wouldn't have told him first."

Cobb recalls putting lead in his shoes in the spring, and one baseball writer writing that he was through. Reading the story, Cobb put on his ordinary baseball shoes, and stole seven bases in one game. When the writer inquired about it, Cobb advised him that he had been lining his training shoes with lead for years.

"Why didn't you tell us about it?" the writer wanted to know.

"Why didn't someone ask me about it?" replied Cobb.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 13 Unusual
- 14 By way of
- 15 Shapes
- 16 Goddess of infatuation
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- 19 Fillet
- 20 Ameliorate
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- 24 Eternity
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- 26 Insert
- 27 Accomplish
- 32 French article
- 33 Storehouse
- 37 Cesses
- 40 Speed
- 41 Morsel
- 42 English counties
- 45 Prattles
- 48 Misplaced
- 49 Shop
- 52 Before
- 53 Prince
- 55 Bustle
- 56 Operatic solo
- 57 Reprints
- 58 Short sleep
- 59 Employer

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- 2 Satiolate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Real Estate Transfers, Marriages, Suits Filed, Court Judgements, Orders, Etc.

INSTRUMENTS FILED

The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:
Ray Agnew to James H. Snowden, trustee, oil and gas lease.
C. E. Bay to J. E. Bynum, release of vendor's lien.
Louvina Blackburn to L. E. Booth, warranty deed.
D. L. Baker to Magnolia Petroleum Company, oil and gas lease.
G. C. Barkley to McElroy Ranch Company, oil and gas lease.
Thomas H. Bush to C. A. McCowan, oil and gas lease.
Frances B. Clappitt to Franklin Life Insurance Company, deed of trust.
City of Cisco to Leo Mears, warranty deed.

R. L. Coffee to Southland Life Insurance Company, deed of trust.
Evelyn Pauline Cargile to D. L. Jenkins, release of vendor's lien.
Beatrice Chapman to John U. Chapman, power of attorney.
F. E. Clark to E. S. Suggs, warranty deed.
Eula Clark to J. F. Robertson, power of attorney.
Martha Ann Cole to The Public, affidavit.
Martha Ann Cole to Coy W. Friday, warranty deed.
F. D. Chambers to McElroy Ranch oil and gas lease.
C. F. Costes to McElroy Ranch Co., oil and gas lease.
Viola Collins to Joe S. Mellard, oil and gas lease.
R. L. Campbell to W. L. Lewis, correction deed.
Vern C. Campbell to Everett J. Plowman, warranty deed.
E. D. Duggan to D. W. Henke, oil and gas lease.
G. T. Dawkins to Fred M. Manning, oil and gas lease.
Mary E. Davis to Mason Pee, release of vendor's lien.
Oral Davis to McElroy Ranch Company, oil and gas lease.
Dr. J. R. Hill to C. A. McCowan, oil and gas lease.
C. E. Eldridge to Waco-Tex Materials Company, amendment of lease agreement.
W. W. Everett to James H. Snowden, oil and gas lease.
B. W. Everett to The Public, proof of heirship.
J. S. Erwin to Fred M. Manning, oil and gas lease.
First National Bank, Cisco to C. A. Waters, release of deed of trust.
F. & M. National Bank, De Leon to Elmo F. Lewis, release of deed of trust.
Allen J. Full to Alfred J. Full, Coy Wiburn Friday to First Federal S. & L. Assn., deed of trust.
J. C. Grice to J. B. Brandon deed of trust.

Ada Gordon to Miriam Reding Hale, release of lien.
Mrs. R. F. Gilman to F. B. Joyce, release of vendor's lien.
B. E. Garner to L. A. Scott, quit claim deed.
Ruth Chapman Gill to John W. Chapman, power of attorney.
Samuel Greer to McElroy Ranch Company, oil and gas lease.
Murray F. Gill to L. E. McGraw quit claim deed.
G. M. Gillespie to Mrs. W. E. Gillespie, release of deed of trust.
C. H. Hoag to H. G. Weatherby, warranty deed.
Humble Oil & Refining Company to Sam Griffin, release of oil and gas lease.
Rae Hodges to Leone O'Donnell, warranty deed.
W. A. Hale to McElroy Ranch Company, oil and gas lease.
Talmadge Horn to Grover C. Brown, warranty deed.
Blanche Jordan to Mayme Fry, warranty deed.
D. L. Jenkins to Evelyn Cargile deed of trust.
L. J. Jeffs to Jennie Jones, warranty deed.
F. L. Johnson to P. T. Sharples oil and gas lease.
M. L. Keasler to J. B. Pratt, deed of trust.
Mrs. Frank Kent to D. W. Henke, oil and gas lease.
J. C. King to J. M. Stiffier, warranty deed.
Frank Kirk to The Public, affidavit.

Garner H. Kinard to Ella Reeves Kinard, power of attorney.
Fannie J. Kimmell to C. L. Fundenbark, warranty deed.
Elmo F. Lewis to J. S. Armstrong, warranty deed.
Lone Star Producing Company to H. L. Gibson, release of oil and gas lease.
Winifred Lamb to Mrs. Rae Hodges, warranty deed.
Etta Pearl LeMay to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., deed of trust.
Mrs. Gayle Lewallen to G. M. Brashear, warranty deed.
W. L. Lewis to R. L. Campbell, warranty deed.
W. L. Lewis to J. W. Thomason, ML.
Fon Mitchem to Lone Star Producing Company, oil and gas lease.
L. C. Mersfelder to The Public, affidavit.
Oscar L. Maddox to D. W. Henke, oil and gas lease.
Maryland Casualty Company to Harry C. Dunton, rev. power of attorney.
R. C. Mehaffey to R. F. Hodge, oil and gas lease.
Mrs. Ella R. Miller to B. E. Wilson, warranty deed.
J. H. Morris to J. F. Robertson, power of attorney.
Lon Medford to J. J. Vaughn, quit claim deed.

Robert W. Kisson to E. K. Burt assignment of oil and gas lease.
E. R. McDaniel to F. E. Clark, release of deed of trust.
Girtie McDaniel to Fred M. Manning, oil and gas lease.
C. N. McDaniel to The Public, proof of heirship.
Bonnie O. Owings to L. H. McCrea, MD.
Valena P. Olson to R. B. Pettijohn, in pendenza notice.
V. H. Owen to Cliff Camp, oil and gas lease.

Valena P. Olson to James H. Snowden, oil and gas lease.
Leone O. Donnell to Rae Hodges, deed of trust.
Valena P. Olson to James H. John, warranty deed.
D. F. Pugh to Mittie L. Pugh, right of way.
C. E. Padgett to J. H. Latson, warranty deed.
R. H. Patterson to W. B. Johnson, Drilling Company, assignment of oil and gas lease.
Mason Pee to J. B. Pratt, warranty deed.
Everett J. Plowman to Vern C. Campbell, deed of trust.
C. E. Paschall to Lewis Green, Jr., quit claim deed.

R. B. Pettijohn to Valena P. Olson, deed.
Ben F. Rushing to Leroy Rushing, warranty deed.
G. B. Rush to Calvin Harris, agreement.
Bethel Reid to Lonnie Voorhies quit claim deed.
Fay Horn Lowe to J. M. Flournoy, rat. of oil and gas lease.
J. W. Sledge to Frank E. Leas, warranty deed.
M. C. Singleton to Lewis M. Green, bill of sale.
D. D. Sandlin to The Public, affidavit.

J. Carlos Turner to The Public, proof of heirship.
John W. Turner to The Public, proof of heirship.
W. A. Tate to J. F. Hayes, warranty deed.
W. E. Tyler to B. A. Harrigal, warranty deed.
Perry L. Threat to J. M. Flournoy, oil and gas lease.
Hall Walker to Ida Galloway, quit claim deed.
Howard F. Wade to Fred K. Moseley, ML contract.
Howard F. Wade to Fred K. Moseley, deed of trust.
C. A. Waters to Frances Clappitt, warranty deed.
H. H. Wilkinson, to Mrs. R. F. Gilman, transfer of Vendor's lien.
Hall Walker to Blanche Jordan, release of vendor's lien.
Lina Walker to Raymond F. Walker, bill of sale.
Raymond F. Walker to Triangle Refiners Inc., warranty deed.
H. S. Williams to L. C. Reed, warranty deed.
C. J. Wieser to Laura Maples, Morris, rat. of oil and gas lease.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
The following couples were licensed to wed last week:
Walter Hollis to Ruby Aline Thompson, Nimrod.
John W. Harris, Jr., to Burneta M. Dye, Breckenridge.
J. S. Runkle to Sara Ain Murdoch, Rising Star.
Lewis E. Treadway to Mary Sue Strong, Gorman.
J. M. Pittman to Jean Demers, Stephenville.
James C. Harrison to Leosta Faey Hamilton, Ranger.

PROBATE
E. L. Woods, deceased, application to probate will.
CIVIL
Sam F. Moran v. C. B. Ellis, suit for debt.
SUILS FILED
The following suits were filed for record in the 91st District Court last week:
R. J. Cooper v. J. H. Aaron, dba West Texas Transportation Co., damages.
Cliff Camp et al, v. W. M. Robertson, et al, receivership of interest in land.
Cecil K. Miller v. Tom Vandiver, et al, trespass to try title as well as for damages.
T. C. (Jack) Fambrough, Jr. v. H. R. Fambrough, to recover title.
Mrs. Gladys Allen, et al v. The Texas & Pacific Railway Company, damages.
Mrs. Elsie M. Suenik, v. Edward J. Suenik, divorce.
Ex Parte: Alvin Hawkins King, to remove disabilities.
ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS
The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:
Mrs. Gladys Allen, et al v. The Texas & Pacific Railway Co., order to withdraw funds.

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Circle Meets With Mrs. Dixon Monday

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Circle chairman, Mrs. Morris Newnam, opened the program and gave the devotional. Mrs. Carl Heinlen, program chairman introduced Mrs. M. H. Hagaman who spoke on Japan and Mrs. Delbert Capps who spoke on "Our Responsibility to Japan."

A short business meeting was held and refreshments were served to Mrs. Stanley McAnelly, W. F. Cressager, M. H. Hagaman, J. A. Moody, Carl Heinlen, Alex Roberson, Billy Smith, Delbert Capps, Johnny Finto, T. C. Weaver, A. H. Powell, Joe B. Scott, Tom Wilson, A. W. Brasda, J. T. Killingsworth, Morris Newnam, J. S. McDowell, Dixon and Wolfe.

LONE STAR CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

The Lone Star Ladies Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the club room over the Lone Star office.

All members are urged to attend.

How to Live Long

SCRANTON, Pa. (UP) Drinking is bad for the liver, dancing is hard on the heart and singing weakens the lungs, says Mrs. Mamie Franciene, who believes probably the reason she has lived to 100 is that she refrained from all three.

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Groups Have Joint Skating Party Tue.

The J. O. Y. Training Union and the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a joint skating party at Lake Cisco Tuesday evening.

Preceding the skating a wicker roast was held in Lake Cisco Park.

Those attending were Marie Harper, Patsy Wheat, Billy Griffin, Junior Arterburn, Joyce Cole, Georgeanne Rogers, Loretta Culpepper, Virgil Stiles, Dorothy Lewis, Thelma Bowen, Mrs. W. A. Bowen, Sonny McGowan, Ralph Gay, Winifred Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arterburn, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Sims, Bobby Harper.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Dooley of Abilene, visited his mother and sister, Mrs. C. W. Dooley and Miss Altha Mae Dooley, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson of Odessa are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McGee. From here they will go to Breckenridge to visit his parents before returning home.

Dr. A. W. Brasda has returned from Houston where he attended the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the American College of Chest Surgeons and the State Medical Association of Texas.

Hospital News

James P. Morris, who has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital, was removed to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. George Hazard has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Zelma Herrington has been a patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Kenneth Ray Cook is in the West-Texas Hospital where he underwent major surgery.

Mrs. J. D. Hartman is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

George Brierton, Jr., of Olden has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. W. C. Huff and baby son have been removed to their home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital.

Elmer Smith has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where he received medical treatment.

Glenn Graham of Eastland has undergone major surgery at the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Con Hazard has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Mrs. Harvey Rexroat and baby have been removed to their home in Cisco from the West Texas Hospital.



Skywriter Bud Francis, who will give an aerial penmanship display across the skies over Ranger and surrounding territory, when he pens his smoke message—PEPSI—across the heavens, weather permitting, according to announcement by Wesley C. Ruth, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Brownwood, Francis, who only joined the Pepsi-Cola Skywriting Corps in 1947, has already added to his 4,500 hours of flying time by writing Pepsi several hundred times in the sky. A former Air Corps Captain, Bud is now a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SKYWRITER TO APPEAR OVER RANGER THURS.

An aerial penmanship display with the sky as a writing tablet will take place here on Thursday when Pepsi-Cola Skywriter Bud Francis zooms 12,000 feet overhead, penning his smoke message PEPSI, in the skies, weather permitting, according to announcement by Wesley C. Ruth, of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Brownwood.

In the aerial penmanship exhibition, Francis will use the plane as a pen and a specially prepared smoke as ink to write his gigantic message—PEPSI—across the heavens in letters one mile high and six to eight miles long. Written upside down and backwards as "ispep" by the Skywriter in order to appear correctly to spectators in the streets below, the smoke message will be visible for as long as thirty minutes, if wind conditions are favorable, and can be seen within a radius of twenty miles.

Jerry L. Wilson is a patient in the West Texas Hospital where he is being treated for a broken leg.

Mickey Kitchens is being treated for a broken ankle at the West Texas Hospital.

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The technique of skywriting requires six months to a year to be learned by a trained pilot, who, as he maneuvers his plane to form the letters in the sky, must also pull a lever in the cockpit to release the vapor through the tail of the ship. The smoke, compounded of a secret formula of oils, chemicals and gas, originally is injected into the plane's exhaust under pressure. To perfect this skill, good judgment, common sense and a thorough knowledge of flying is a prerequisite, according to the skywriting pilot.

The appearance of Skywriter Francis here, announced Mr. Ruth is part of an extensive skywriting program being carried on throughout the country by the parent Pepsi-Cola Company.

Bud, as Francis prefers to be called, is a relative newcomer to the Pepsi-Cola Skywriting Corps, having joined it in 1947—he's already added to his 4,500 hours of flying time, by writing Pepsi several hundred times in the heavens. He admits that it's an odd profession for a college major in Sociology and Psychology but when he entered the Civilian Pilot Training Program before World War II, he knew there'd never be another profession for him. He added to his flying time during the war as a Captain in the Army Air Corps, where he won distinction as the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

29-year-old Bud doesn't worry too much when he's up in his plane—and he's never put any stick in mascots or superstitions. But he does feel attached to his parachute and his favorite land marks he says are "airports with long runways." This might be a result of some of his army experiences which included a forced landing in the middle of the African desert due to lack of gas and a forced landing off the coast of Brazil when his plane lost an engine.

He's had some pleasant experiences in the air that he likes to remember also, one of the nicest being the time he piloted Eve Curie on a tour of Africa.

Although Bud hasn't made a mistake yet in writing Pepsi across the skies, he still has an occasional qualm when he lets the smoke go—he remembers the first time he tried those smoke letters. "What an unglorified mess," he says.

Flying as a major interest seems to run in the Francis family. Bud's one sister holds a private pilot's rating, and he thinks she's equal to any male pilot. According to him, if any man or woman can fly, if they have good judgment, common sense, experience, and like his own "Gussie Dear," a good plane.

Excuse No Good MONTEREY, Cal. (UP)—Police Lieut. Frank Marinello saw a car speed past his squad car, douse its lights and duck down a side street. He pursued and caught up. The car's driver, Edward Stoddard, explained "I didn't have a driver's license." Marinello fixed him up with a ticket for that, plus another for speeding.

Occasional Bub takes time out for a little relaxing stunting, and when he's not in a plane he's likely to be found on a golf course in a swimming pool, or just enjoying a steak dinner.

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