

Ranger is the center of the agriculture and livestock industries of the area with relative industries bringing much business to the town. It is also the home of Ranger Junior College, one of the best public junior colleges in the state.

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Missouri Valley Authority Proposed

Well... I Dunno, But...

We lay no claim to understanding the intricacies of the diplomatic world, but if some of our diplomats are doing and have been doing the things that the Communists say, then we need a new bunch.

Of course, we take everything that the Communists say with a grain of salt, but if all of their statements are false, they've got professional prevarication down pat. Yes, we would have liked to use a stronger word than prevarication, but in a case like this, that'll do.

And furthermore, if the Communists are manufacturing these statements, then there can be but one conclusion. That they are building up propaganda to lay the Russian fomented outbreak of war at our door.

We're a naive soul when it comes to understanding a lot of things that go on, and get fooled more times than most, but it's sure hard for us to believe that the United States has deliberately set out to stir up war with Russia.

Take for instance the statement that was made today by a Bulgarian testifying in the Protestant trial in Sofia. The logacious witness quoted Cyril Black as having said, "America is getting ready for war against the Soviet Union—we shall incite this war."

Seems to us that even the average man would have more sense than to make a statement like that, even if it were true, much less coming from a diplomat.

Oh well, like we always say, we just can't tell from the outside looking in.

Our choice yesterday of a March 1 cartoon for the front page of the paper brought forth an argument from some of the staff.

We selected the picture of the little lamb that appeared romping through a March calendar because we considered that the month came in like a lamb, on account of there wasn't any howling March wind.

But some of the boys contend that we're wrong. That March did come in like a lion, because of the rainy cold weather. Could be, but we always thought the old adage referred to the raging winds of the month.

But lion or lamb borne, we betcha we have some more severe winter in March and that the month wears out with a swish on high winds.

Now don't ever tell us again that this is a "woman's world." At least don't make that kind of a statement if you're the only woman present in a group of men.

We made the mistake of talking when we should have been listening the other night, and when those men got through with us we were ready to sing with the pirates "Sixteen Men On a Dead Man's Chest."

No sir, there ain't no such thing as a "woman's world."

And besides that we've got the band kids down on us. Somehow or other in writing the story about their banquet the other night we left out the account of the performance of one of their favorites. Eugene Sutton played his clarinet at the banquet and to the very evident delight of all of his buddies in the band as well as other guests.

And they tell us that Eugene is one of the band's crack performers and is going to represent the band in some coming contests. Out apologies, Eugene, and members of the band.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh carried the first air mail to British Honduras by way of Havana in 1929.

The University of Louisville is the oldest municipal university in the United States.

NAVY SECRETARY TO VIEW MANEUVERS



Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, left, speaks with Rear Admiral Danile E. Barbery, shortly after his arrival in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Secretary arrived with a group of Congressmen to view the Atlantic Command Exercises. (NEA Telephoto)

COMMISSION ASKS CHANGE IN VET INSURANCE SETUP

WASHINGTON, March 2 (UP)—The Hoover Commission urged today that the Veterans Administration put its huge \$40,000,000 (B) life insurance business in order by setting it up as a separate government corporation.

It recommended also that the Veteran's housing loan program be divorced from VA and set up as a unit of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. And in line with earlier good house-keeping suggestions, the commission, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, said that the veterans' administrator should have greater authority and his subordinates less.

In the ninth of 15 reports it is making to Congress on making the executive branch more compact and efficient, the 12-man group found numerous defects in VA's operating and administrative structure. It also charged deficiencies in the VA programs for insurance, compensation and pensions, and vocational rehabilitation and education.

"In pointing out the defects of the Veterans Administration," the report said, "we wish to emphasize that this commission is cognizant of the tremendous and sudden burden thrown upon the organization by the last world war."

"Services to an additional 14,900,000 veterans were authorized by various acts of Congress. Experience under this heavy work load has dictated certain changes

in organization that represent real progress. While the administrative deflection in organizing its agency than most important governmental officials, serious internal organizational defects still exist."

One of these, the commission found, was in the handling of almost 7,000,000 life insurance policies of veterans with a value slightly less than \$40,000,000 (B).

The report said employees in the VA life insurance division number 15,432. This means an average work load of 450 policies per employee. But in a comparable private insurance company, the report added, the average work load is 1,762 policies.

It found these deficiencies in VA's insurance operations: Inadequate supervision of operators, very slow service in settlement of death claims and issuance of converted policies, and tardiness in calculation of insurance dividends. The commission therefore recommended:

"That all functions relating to insurance (including the processing of death claims from beneficiaries) be consolidated and incorporated into a veterans life insurance corporation."

Brief Fling At Winter Fading

By United Press Texas warmed up today after a brief return of winter weather which brought snow and sleet flurries as far southeast as Lufkin.

The cold, moisture bearing clouds cleared over the state last night except along the coast. Fog hung to the ground in West Texas and later lifted to bring drizzle, but the cover was breaking rapidly at mid-morning.

The mercury went above the freezing mark throughout the state yesterday afternoon, ranging from 68 at Presidio to 41 in Childress. However, flurries of snow in northwest Texas continued intermittently most of the day.

Temperatures this morning ranged from 26 degrees at Salt Flat and Guadalupe Pass to the state's high of 49 at Brownsville. Rainfall during the 24-hour period ending at 6:30 this morning was measurable at almost all stations, but heavy showers were recorded only along the coast. Houston, with 74 of an inch, had the heaviest fall.

The outlook for today and tomorrow was for partly cloudy skies, warmer temperatures and occasional rain in the south portion of East Texas.

C. of C. Banquet To Be March 28

March 28 has been set as the date for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet and Marshall Newcomb of Dallas, general counsel for the Lone Star Gas Company system, will be the guest speaker.

Newcomb has appeared in Ranger before as a banquet speaker and is remembered as one of the most forceful speakers ever presented here.

Further plans for the banquet will be announced later. Following a report from Sgt. Cole of the 961st Field Artillery Battalion of the National Guard in Ranger, the military affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce headed by Gaston Dixon, was instructed to cooperate with the guard unit in securing a building for the unit and in other matters relative to the unit.

David D. Pickrell gave a detailed report on the proposed water control district for this area and urged the directors to spread the information about such a district. At the suggestion of A. N. Larson Pickrell was given a vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which he has handled the report and commendation to the city commission.

Cloudy Weather Saves Peach Crop

By United Press Unexpectedly cloudy weather saved the Georgia and South Carolina peach crops from a disastrous freeze today but farmers in other parts of the country worried about floods and grasshoppers.

A sharp freeze had been expected in the Southeastern states but an unexpected cloud cover retained daytime warmth and held temperatures to 35-40 degrees.

About 20 per cent of the peach belt trees are in bloom and some growers used oil smudges earlier this week when the mercury dipped below freezing.

Engineers in the Midwest stationed a rescue and evacuation party at Forest City, Mo., where the Missouri River sloped over a levee, closing several roads. The big muddy also smashed two Jews near White, Cloud, Kans.

At St. Paul, T. L. A. Amodt, entomologist for the University of Minnesota, warned that a severe grasshopper plague threatened to break out this year in his state.

Lions To Hear Pickrell Thurs.

W. H. Clarke, Sr., who has charge of the Lions Club program for Thursday at noon, announced today that David D. Pickrell will be the guest speaker.

Pickrell will speak on the proposed water control district for Ranger and vicinity and will explain in detail just what is involved in the plan.

HOME TOO VULNERABLE MARIETTA, O. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Love Martin are thinking about moving regardless of the housing shortage. They like their home but it is on a sharp bend in a highway. Twice in the past month cars have missed the curve and crashed into the house, causing \$1200 damage.

Five In Area Nominated For Safety Officers

Five leaders in the Abilene region have been nominated to office in the Texas Safety Association, it was announced today in Dallas by E. F. Schmidt, chairman of the nominating committee.

They are: Mrs. John Perry of Sweetwater, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and J. Price Maddox of Sweetwater, member of the Texas Public Safety Commission, both nominated to the board of directors; Abed Hughes of the National Gypsum Company at Rotan, regional director for industrial safety; Bill Braymer of the Lone Star Gas Company, Abilene, regional director for traffic safety, and Nat Williams, superintendent of Abilene school safety.

Officers will be elected at the opening of the tenth annual Texas Safety Conference March 9 in Houston.

This will be the first time in its ten years of operation that the Safety Association has had regional officers. In announcing the expanded operation recently, President Charles A. Miller of Houston said he expected "great results" from the closer contacts with industrial, traffic and school safety people that will come from having local leaders to sponsor the broad safety program on a grass roots basis.

The Safety Association's two-day conference, with President Ned H. Dearborn of the National Safety Council as keynote, is expected to attract more than a thousand persons.

T.&P. To Sponsor Junior Calf Plan

The Texas and Pacific Railway has announced that they will sponsor a junior dairy calf plan, in each of the counties served by the railroad in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

A registered dairy heifer will be furnished to some Future Farmer or 4-H Club boy in each of the counties serviced if the business interests of the county will furnish at least nine other registered heifers to form a club. Local county agents and vocational agriculture teachers will supervise the program.

In each county where this program is started a local group will be needed to act as sponsor. Chambers of Commerce, H. H. I. Test Associations, Farm Bureaus or Service Clubs have successfully sponsored these programs in the past.

Man Stricken On Bus Treated Here

Charlie Tune of Big Spring, was taken from a Greyhound bus here last night and taken to the West Texas Hospital for treatment after he became ill on the bus.

According to reports this morning, Tune became slightly ill while still on the bus and when the bus arrived in Ranger, he fainted as he alighted from the vehicle. An attending physician reported that Tune then suffered a gastric hemorrhage.

He was taken to Rising Star this morning. The patient is a cousin of Al Tune of Ranger.

Former Resident Buried At Vernon

Funeral services for L. R. Nail, of Vernon were held Sunday in Vernon and interment was in the Vernon cemetery.

Mrs. Nail, 67, was the father of Ray Nail of Ranger and had formerly resided here. He left about 10 years ago to make his home in Vernon.

SENATOR MURRAY WOULD HARNESS RIVER FOR BENEFIT OF PEOPLE

SEEKS OFFICE



H. H. Vaughn has announced his candidacy for the office of water commissioner of Ranger and has filed his name with the city secretary to that effect.

Vaughn is a long time Ranger resident and business man and is well acquainted with the needs of the town relative to water and sanitation.

Powell, Latimer Names Filed For City Offices

The list of those aspiring to city offices was growing today and two more names have been added to the list of candidates.

A. H. Powell has filed his name for a place on the city ticket as a candidate for the position of police and fire commissioner. Powell is currently serving as finance commissioner.

Friends of J. L. (Jimmie) Latimer have filed his name with the city secretary as a candidate for mayor of the city of Ranger and Latimer stated today that at least for the present he will let the candidacy stand.

Others who have filed are George Murphy, N. M. McCollum, and V. V. Cooper, Jr., for street commissioner, H. H. Vaughn and A. L. Stiles for water and sanitation commissioner, Hershel Angus for police and fire commissioner and A. G. Koenig for finance commissioner.

At the meeting of the city commission last night, Saturday, March 5 at midnight was set as the deadline for filing for the city election which will be held on April 5.

Nearly half the income of New York State farmers is derived from milk and milk products, the state commerce department reports.

JUDGES REVEAL RATINGS IN MUSIC FESTIVAL SAT.

After a careful check of the tabulation of judges for the Junior Federated Music Club Festival in Ranger Saturday, it was revealed that a number of the entrants had rated the highest category which is listed as "superior". The festival was held Saturday at the Fine Arts Studio of Ranger Junior College in Ranger.

Those coming under this top rating were from Abilene; St. Joseph's Academy Club, Sister Mary Tarciaus, sponsor; students Jane Tripp, Dick Kincaid, Sally Hawye, Leo Shipman, Beatrice Hoffman, and Phyllis Tripp.

From Brady and the Mozart Melody Club, Mrs. A. J. Ricks, Jr., sponsor; Robert Carmichael and Ann Ricks.

From Goldthwaite, Berry's Music Club, Mrs. John G. Berry, sponsor, Tom Cody Graves, Lathan Jernigan and Martha Carolyn Graves; Junior Schubert Club, Mrs. Sam Sullivan, sponsor, Virginia Carole Hill, Junior Schubert Chorus and Betty John Jackson.

WASHINGTON, March 2—(UP)—Sen. James E. Murray, D., Mont., today introduced a bill to create a Missouri Valley Authority to supervise the development of the "great economic resources and tremendous potential wealth" of the Missouri Basin.

Murray said such an authority is necessary "to harness the mighty Missouri River, stop the periodic ravages (of floods) in the territory, and put the river to work for the benefit of all the people."

Thirteen Senators, many of them from the West and Midwest, joined Murray in sponsoring the bill. Two of them, Sens. Guy M. Gillette, D., Ia., and Hubert M. Humphrey, D., Minn., also spoke in support of it.

In his own speech, Murray said: "Here is the greatest river basin in the United States. Control and development of the Missouri River is not a local problem; it is a national problem."

He said the MVA he proposes would be modeled after the Tennessee Valley authority and the Bonneville Power Administration on the Columbia River.

Like TVA, the proposed Missouri Valley Authority would supervise the construction and operation of projects for flood control, power generation, soil conservation, forest preservation and irrigation.

Under present law, federal development of the basin is controlled by two agencies—the Army Engineers Corps and the Interior's Reclamation Bureau.

But after years of Federal effort in the area, Murray said, "the big Missouri is less tamed than ever before."

"Only a unified attack on the manifold problems of resources development and control will accomplish what is essential to the future of the area," he said.

Murray said that a unified development of the area "will provide a foundation upon which a virile American free enterprise system can expand and develop with an assured future."

"It will create new wealth, attract new populations, raise the standard of living. It will do much to stabilize our economy at full employment, full use of resources levels . . ."

"Here is the collective and silencing answer to those false prophets of Communist dissonance amongst us. Here is something big worth working together to accomplish."

The Murray bill would:

1. Set up a board of five directors, three of whom would be Missouri Basin residents.

2. Create the post of general manager of the Missouri Valley Authority.

3. Call for development of an MVA plan "as expeditiously as possible." (This plan would have to be approved by Congress before any funds were authorized.)

4. Create an advisory board of 12 citizens representing agriculture, labor, commerce, industry and recreation. Additional members would come from the Federal agencies concerned with the project. Governors of the 10 Missouri Basin states would constitute a special committee to advise and cooperate with MVA directors.

NOT SO FREE, AFTER ALL

PONTIAC, Mich. (UP)—Chas. Purcell, 41, and Timothy McLean, 38, took Judge H. Russell Holland literally upon their acquittal of burglary charges in May, 1948, when he told them they were "free to pursue their life of crime." In October, they were arrested for burglary and were convicted in January.

The state flower of New Mexico is the yucca.

THE WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy in north portion, occasional rain in south portion this afternoon and tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy and not quite so cold in the afternoon. Moderate to occasional fresh north winds on the coast. WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Not so cold tonight and Thursday. Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today. Maximum 45 Minimum 38 Hour's Reading 46 Temperature the last 24 hours ending 8:00 A. M. Maximum 41 Minimum 26

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During the 1948 North American horse racing season, 114 track records were broken, including four American marks and two world records.

Swears Her Father Is BELLAIRES, O. (UP) — Sally Sue Witten, admitted to law practice last summer, finally got a chance to do her father a good

BOMBER CREW OBVIOUSLY HAPPY OVER RECORD HOP

By CHARLES CORDDRY

United Press Aviation Writer
FORT WORTH, Tex., March 2 (UP) — "Lucky Lady II," a United States Airforce B-50 bomber, today completed the first non-stop around-the-world flight in history.

Ninety-four hours and one minute after she took off from Carswell Air Force Base here last Saturday, the great four-engine bomber came home again out of a haze hanging in the west.

It was estimated that she had flown 23,452 miles, almost the distance of the earth's circumference at the equator, without any major difficulty aloft and with the benefit of four refuelings in flight.

Her 14 crewmen scrambled out, proclaiming their willingness to do it all again after a little rest, and received a royal welcome from top force officers and

Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington.

Capt. James Callagher of Melrose, Minn., the smiling crew commander, said "we were on instruments only four hours; the weather was excellent."

The last leg — the homeward dash from Hawaii, where Lucky Lady II took on fuel from tanker last night — "seemed the longest," Callagher said.

"I don't think any of us is real tired, and I wouldn't mind doing it again — after a little rest," he said.

Lucky Lady II took off from Carswell at 11:21 A. M. CST, last Saturday, Feb. 26. She flashed past the Carswell tower, at the end of her epochal flight, at 9:22 A. M. today, made two great circles about the field at altitude of 3,000 feet and then came down, over Lake Worth at the west end of the runway, for a perfect landing.

Some 400 to 500 persons, most of them Air Force personnel, were on the ramp to wave their greeting to the crew, which had their faces pushed against the windows.

Two B-36 tanker planes were with Lucky Lady II as she broke through the haze. They had "picked her" up and flown escort on the run in from Tucson, Ariz., this morning.

Symington and the top military men — Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff; Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, strategic air commander, and Maj. Gen. Roger A. Ramey, 8th Air Force commander — pushed forward and encircled the crew as they climbed down.

The Air Force billed this as a "training mission," but its obvious pride in the flight was reflected by the presence of all the "top brass."

Air Force B-29 tankers went up over the Azores, Diahbran in Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Hawaii to deliver fuel to the glory-bound bomber, which circled the globe at an average speed figured unofficially at 259 miles per hour.

Vandenberg said the flight was additional evidence that "we have an intercontinental Air Force." It was a demonstration to the world that no enemy objective is outside the range of United States bombers.

LONELY HEART KILLINGS START CHECK ON MISSING WOMEN LIST

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 2 (UP) — Lists of missing women in a dozen states were checked today to learn if the "lonely heart killers" had slain more than three victims.

A list of 17 lonely heart correspondents in 12 states, including the name of one woman they already had killed, was found in the possession of the kill-for-cash couple, Raymond Fernandez, 34, a tinsmith, and his wife, Elizabeth, 30, his fat paramour, Mrs. Martha Beck, 30.

Fernandez, who has married several lonely widows during four years as a love swindler, and his 200-pound mistress admitted slaying Mrs. Delphine Downing, 28, and her three-year-old daughter,

Rainelle, in nearby Byron Center, Mich., and Mrs. Janet Fay, 50, in Valley Stream, N. Y.

They swore they were the only victims. But doubtful police, began checking all lists of missing women and reopened investigations into the mysterious deaths of two other women the swarthy, gold-toothed Fernandez had swindled. These were:

Mrs. Jane Wilson Thompson, 50, of New York, who accompanied him to Cadiz, Spain in 1947 and died there in a European "train wreck."

Mrs. Myrtle Young, 40, who died in Greene Forest, Ark., last Aug. 25, a few days after accompanying Fernandez to Chicago. She was swindled out of several thou-

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

By United Press

DALLAS, March 2 (UP) — Texas rice growers placed 325,900 hundred-pound bags under the U. S. Department of Agriculture's price support program. Another 23,776 hundred-pound bags were under loan by Texans, a USDA summary showed today.

Fernandez and Mrs. Beck, who met by mail two years ago in one of the correspondence clubs through which they sought their victims, were held for trial on first degree murder charges, although Michigan law does not provide capital punishment.

TYLER, March 2 (UP) — Union bricklayers failed to show up for work yesterday after their contract expired and no agreement was completed on "bonus arrangements." The bricklayers said they would not accept a pay cut — from \$27.50 to \$24 daily — without a written contract or other conditions.

AMARILLO, March 2 (UP) — McKesson & Robbins Drug Company expanded its Texas operation yesterday with the acquisition of a fifth wholesale center. The drug firm announced it had purchased Alexander Wholesale Drug Company of Amarillo. McKesson & Robbins has other district headquarters at Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Houston.

The first sheet of cellophane produced commercially in the U. S. was made on a casting machine in Niagara Falls, N. Y. in 1924.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



VIC FLINT

BY MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE



ALLEY OOP

BY V. T. HAMLIN



Police Trap Robbers, Kill One Wound Other

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 2 (UP) — A 22-year-old safe cracker was killed and his young partner was critically wounded in a gun battle with city detectives early today when they were caught red-handed by a police ambush.

Earl Carlyle Harris, 22, Kansas City, died instantly when police fired 12-gauge riot guns at the pair in the office of the Street Motor Co. Wayne Gregerson, 22, Kansas City, returned police fire with a .32 caliber revolver before he was wounded.

Gregerson was rushed to General Hospital in critical condition. Suspected in several recent safe robberies, the pair had been trailed closely recently. Yesterday police received a tip that they would attempt to rob the Sid Street concern.

Detectives Lieut. Clarence Raisbeck and Lieut. Lester Haupt hid in a supply room near the office housing the safe after closing time last night. After the thieves had entered and punched the combination from the safe, they tiptoed to the doorway and ordered:

"Raise your hands and stand up!" Gregerson reached for a pistol and fired one shot. Raisbeck and Haupt fired several times.

Police said Gregerson had been arrested six times, mostly for burglary investigation. Harris had

KERRY DRAKE



MARY WORTH'S FAMILY



HAIR-BREADTH HARRY



Beware of Romance

THE STORY: When sixteen-year-old Merry Carson learns that her double father, Kin, has asked her to marry him, she is shocked. Her father, who has been away for years, has returned home and she is to marry him. She is shocked because she has never seen him and she is not sure she can love him. She is also shocked because she has never seen her mother and she is not sure she can love her. She is also shocked because she has never seen her father and she is not sure she can love him.

TWO weeks later, when most of the crowd were gone, Merry came home from a bicycle trip to the library and entered the house, her arms filled with books, whistling cheerfully. From the big living room, Susan called to her: and there was something excited and oddly breathless in Susan's voice that startled Merry so that she spilled the books hastily on the table beneath the big gilt-framed mirror and went swiftly into the living room. Susan, flushed and bright-eyed, stood beside a beaming Carter Bagby, and they looked at Merry with what was, to Merry in that moment of wild shock, an almost indecent youthfulness.

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BEFORE Carter and Susan had been back from the month-long honeymoon a week, Merry knew that it was going to be impossible for herself and Carter to live under the same roof. Carter's manner toward Susan was jealous, possessive, and he obviously resented her devotion to Merry. Aunt Jane had returned home and Carter resented Susan's unwillingness to go out for the evening and leave Merry alone; yet when Merry's own youthful crowd filled the playroom or were on the terrace, his manner was one that laid a damper over them all. So it was that when at Thanksgiving, Kin telephoned Merry and asked her to spend Christmas with himself and Lisa in New York, and urged that she come immediately so that she could "get in" on some of the gaiety of the winter season, Merry accepted, with an alacrity that annoyed Susan and pleased Carter.

"Lisa will—but there! Never mind. You and Lisa will hit it off. I know. You're my two favorite girls. It would be wonderful if you didn't," he said comfortably, and proceeded to point out to her things of interest as the taxi, caught in thick afternoon traffic, prowled its way north and into Sutton Place.

THE apartment house was impressive, though not ostentatiously so. The doorman wore a dark blue livery, with a minimum of gold braid and buttons. He greeted Kin with affectionate interest, and the same friendly attitude followed them as they entered the small, well furnished lobby and stepped into an elevator. On the sixteenth floor, the elevator disgorged them in a small foyer with only one door facing them.

The door opened even as Kin was fishing for his keys, and a tall woman in some sort of misty blue-gray chiffon hostess gown stood there, smiling at them, and saying in a voice that was like thick rich cream: "Hello, angel—and is this the infant? How do you do, Merry? I'm Lisa. Welcome to our humble abode."

"Thank you," said Merry shyly. Lisa looked her over, and cocked an eyebrow at Kin.

"You beast," she said, her tone making it an endearment, "you didn't tell me she was so pretty or so young! Why, she is an infant!" Kin laughed, his eyes warm and tender.

"There's fightin' words, gal," he assured her firmly. "Merry's all but eighteen years old and a full-grown woman, she wants you to understand!"

"But of course she does! Even at my age, I can look back and remember how I felt at almost eighteen. I've never denied I have a phenomenal memory!" said Lisa lightly. And though Kin had not touched her, Merry had the feeling that he had taken her into his arms and kissed her. There was about them an aura of two people so deeply in love, so completely happy at being together, that a blind man could have seen it.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS AND RECORDS.

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

INSTRUMENTS FILED

The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:

A. J. Andree to J. A. Green, assignment of oil and gas lease. William Scott Adams to B. C. Barron, Rec. deed. W. L. Andrus to H. C. Schiff, oil and gas lease. Todd Boyd, Jr. to First Federal S. & L. Assn., deed of trust. Thomas E. Bucy to American Legion, Rising Star, warranty deed. J. W. Byrd to The Public proof of heirship. G. E. Byrd to The Public, proof of heirship. M. H. & T. Byrd to T. O. Byrd, rat. of deed. T. A. Byrd to The Public affidavit. Joe Barnes to J. F. Robertson, oil and gas lease. City of Eastland to Texas Lightweight Ag. Co., warranty deed. E. P. Crawford to R. W. Fair, assignment of oil and gas lease. C. H. Carter to The Public, proof of heirship. A. H. Corby to Thomas G. Hedrick, MD. Dewey Cox, Jr. to Mrs. H. O. Latham, quit claim deed. Waldon H. Carroll to First National

Bank, Cisco, deed of trust. R. L. Campbell to T. L. Hogan, warranty deed. C. C. Cook to H. G. Schiff, oil and gas lease. Jack E. Coleman to Ryan Mtg. Co., deed of trust. L. H. Cullum to E. C. Johnston, oil and gas lease. City of Eastland to James Sparks, deed. C. H. Dorsey to Charles S. Sandler, assignment. Charitoo A. Deuschle to Ranger Junior College, warranty deed. Davis & Stewart to Morris E. Stewart, bill of sale. L. L. Evans, Jr. to Levie Old, warranty deed. A. B. Edwards to J. Davis Smith, release of oil and gas lease. Federal Land Bank to Fred M. Manning, sub. of deed of trust. George P. Fee to N. D. Gallagher, oil and gas lease. Paul M. Fuks to Matthew J. Wallace, warranty deed. First National Bank, Cisco to Derwood Morris, release of vendor's lien. L. H. Flewelling to City of Ranger, quit claim deed. Lula B. Gray to E. P. Crawford, oil and gas lease. B. E. Garner to W. Ray Jones, quit claim deed. Edwin George, Jr. to The Public, homestead designation. Edwin George, Jr. to Great Southern Life Ins. Co., assignment of rental. Edwin George, Jr. to Great Southern Life Ins. Co., deed of trust. Henry Graf to The Public, affidavit. Barney Holder

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GI JOES GETTING EXPERT SHORT COURSE TRAINING

By Harman W. Nichols
United Press Staff Correspondent
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE,
Biloxi, Miss., March 2 (UP)—This is a story about a plain GI Joe named Bill, who was launched on a lifetime career in 28 short weeks.

Bill Freeman of Lancaster, O., is like most other 18-year-old kids. Fresh as they come and full of

the devil.

He was a hayshaker by trade with a bent for mechanics. He let the other guys milk the cows and slop the pigs while he looked under the hood to see what made the old man's tractor tick.

So it was natural that the boy wound up at the airplane and engine mechanic school here. He came in like the others, after 13 weeks of indoctrination.

In a series of letters to his mom back in Ohio, handsome Bill tells his own story better than I can tell it.

How he was one of 28 boys to enter the school. How he came to know many of the 10,500 officers and airmen of the base. The big thrill he got the day he snapped to attention and saluted Maj. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence and warmed up inside when the general called him "Bill."

"Dear folks," he wrote during the middle of his course. "We've been through about everything. We've taken a piece of wire and traced it through a B-25. Took it string by string, almost, until we would tell where the wire went and what it was supposed to do. We learned all about propellers, hydraulic instruments and fuel systems.

"The chow is great and maybe you can tell it from this picture—see my second chin. I've gained eight pounds.

Bill Freeman didn't stop to think about it, but while he was

going through the course he was getting what no trade school could afford to give him at the going rate of tuitions, or in 28 weeks.

Twenty-eight weeks ago, Bill knew how to start up his dad's tractor and guide it down the corn row. And that was about all.

Today he can take any kind of airplane apart and put it back together again. While Uncle Sam was streamlining his planes, he didn't forget to streamline the men who keep 'em in the air. What Bill and the others get here and in the other schools is virtually a college education in aeronautics.

They're serious kids, for boys around 18. It's a funny thing but you don't see any horse play or monkey business around the base. The boys are here because they wanted to come. Nobody had to

halt them.

The Air Force has produced its Doolittles and its Rickenbackers. They're in the front office now and the kids have taken over. Average age of the instructors at Keesler, so help is 19.

I mentioned Bill as a career man. His career for the next three years will be in the service. After that, you'll probably look into a commercial hangar one day and find Mr. Freeman going over the complicated wiring of a DC-6.

side of an automobile, Louis Small, 62, explained to the judge that his horse, Bob just couldn't help being in a hurry. "He always speeds to get home to supper," he said.

Worse in a hurry
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CORRESPONDENT REVEALS HOW EUROPE FEELS ON ERP PLAN

Editors Note: The United Press
early this year started a survey to
discover what the little people of
Europe knew and thought about
the multi-billion dollar Marshall
Plan. The survey disclosed two
important findings:

(1). The average European has
widespread misconceptions about
the Marshall Plan; and

(2) despite aid to their govern-
ments, little people in general still
are suffering from inflation.

By Haynes Thompson
United Press Staff Correspondent
PARIS, March 2. (UP)—Every
morning, Marius Verite walks six
blocks to his job at the railroad
station at Montrouge in the Paris
suburbs.

As he passes the shop windows
he says wistfully, "Yes, there is
plenty of everything again."

But on payday he still must
hurry home past the shops. He has
a month's pay of 30,000 francs in
his pocket and he knows it will
cost him 1,000 francs a day to feed
his family for the next month.

How he pays the rent and coal
and gas bills and buys an odd
package of cigarettes with the
money that is not left over is one
of the unsolvable mysteries of
family finance.

Yet Marius Verite believes in
the Marshall Plan and believes
France is the better for it. Some
day he hopes he will be able to
walk into those shops and buy
things again and he is glad the
goods are there waiting for that
day.

Meanwhile he watches the
freight trains roll through the
Montrouge yards with loads of
American machinery. Sometimes
they are pulled by American-made
locomotives over stretches of track
marked "made in U. S. A." Thus
Marius sees the plan in action.

"The most important thing it is
giving us is confidence," he says.
"I think the Marshall plan defini-
tely has made a start toward rais-
ing us. I see it every day in the
railroads. I hate to think where
our railroads would be today with-
out it."

"Yes," said his wife, Carmen,
a black-haired, thin woman with in-
tense brown eyes. "It is a great
satisfaction to see the things in
the stores and to think what little
there used to be."

"We shouldn't forget what it
was like during the occupation. I
remember my own boy Marcel
coming to me and begging bread.
Bread, my boy, I didn't have any
to give him and had to slap him
to stop him."

Marcel, now 17, is almost fin-
ished with school. An older son,
Marius, was in the army. A daugh-
ter, Liliane, is 13.

To feed his family—excluding
his older son—Verite estimates it
costs him 1,000 francs a day. A
year ago, he figures, the same food
cost only half as much. Thus, al-
though his salary is 14,000 francs
a month more than a year ago, he
considers himself worse off.

His estimates are borne out by
figures of the non-Communist
Workers Force Unions. Their offi-
cials say that in the year end-
ing last Dec. 1, living costs jumped
45 per cent while wages went
up only 32 per cent. The loss in
buying power for the worker was
13 per cent.

Now prices have begun to fall
but it is still too early to say how

much of the purchasing power of
France's Verites will be restored.

Another average French work-
er, Augustin Dhenin, has an even
worse problem in arithmetic than
Verite but he has solved it with
an accordion.

As a skilled worker at the gov-
ernment-owned Renault Automobi-
le plant at Severs, near Paris,
Dhenin makes 24,000 francs a
month (about \$18.50 a week) and
spends 30,000 francs a month to
keep his family.

"I play the accordion, fortun-
ately," he said. "I play at local
dances. It averages me 750 francs
a night and sometimes more."

Dhenin incorrectly defined the
Marshall Plan as "aid to France
from America against the ex-
change of goods of some kind to
help recovery."

"I'm trying to understand it, but
I don't get much help from the
papers," he said.

Dhenin did not believe the Mar-
shall plan had helped him directly.
He guessed it might have helped
him indirectly, "because we have
certain things now we didn't have
before." But he could not name
any one thing.

Fort Worth Livestock Report

FORT WORTH, March 2 (UP)—
(USDA)—Livestock:—
Cattle 1200; active, fully
steady, spots stronger. Most
medium and good slaughter steers
and yearlings 20.00-24.00, two
loads good weighty steers 23.50.
24.00-25.25 and truck lot club
yearlings; 26.00. Common steers
and yearlings 18.00-19.50. Beef
cows 16.50-17.50, most canners
and cutters 12.00-16.00. Saus-
age bulls 16.00-20.00, odd head
20.50. Few medium and good
stocker yearlings 21.00-24.50.
Stocker cows 17.00-19.00.

Calves 400; active, fully
steady. Good and choice slaugh-
ter calves 24.00-25.50, common
and medium 20.00-23.50, culls
17.00-19.50. Medium and good
stocker calves 22.00-24.50. Thin
steer calves to 25.50 and heifer
calves 24.50 down.

Hogs 900; active, butcher
hogs steady to 25 higher than
Tuesday, sows and pigs steady.
Top 20.75, good and choice 19.0-
20.00 lbs. 20.50 and 20.75, good and
choice 19.0-18.5 lbs. 19.00-20.25,
good and choice 200-400 lbs. 18.00-
20.00. Sows 15.50-16.50.
Feeder pigs mostly 15.00-19.00.

Sheep 1200; shorn slaughter
lambs strong, some sales 25 or
more higher. Other classes scarce.
Medium to choice shorn slaugh-
ter lambs mostly No. 3 pelts 23-
25-50. Few common slaughter
ewes 10.00.

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CHENEY, Wash. (UP)—
School officials do not have to
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Schmid, 21, to a Phoenix, Arizona, jail after Schmid was
arrested in connection with the triple slaying near Need-
les, Calif. Schmid offered no resistance although he was
armed with two guns. (NEA Telephoto)

FATTER PAY CHECKS FOR 25,000 STATE EMPLOYEES

By O. B. Lloyd, Jr.
United Press Staff Correspondent
AUSTIN, March 2 (UP)—The
state's 25,000 employees will find
their next paychecks 15 per cent
fatter because the 51st Legislature
went into high gear to rush
through an emergency pay bill.

Gov. Beauford Jester left his
sick bed at Seton Hospital, where
he is under treatment for a ling-
ering cold, to sign the bill yester-
day. The increase is effective as
of March 1.

The bill was approved in a
House-Senate conference commit-
tee meeting at 3:30 P. M., and was
sent back to the Senate where it
was signed 10 minutes later by
Sen. Kyle Vick of Waco, president
pro tem.

In only a matter of minutes the
bill was signed by the governor.
Jester, before returning to his
hospital bed, said he was "happy
this is being done. I'm glad the
legislature acted as promptly as
it did."

He had recommended the salary
increases as an emergency.
The bill received unanimous ap-
proval in both Houses. The pay
boosts will remain in effect the
remainder of the fiscal year, end-
ing Aug. 31.

Sen. James E. Taylor of Kerens,
chairman of the Senate finance
committee, explained that some of
them already had received raises.
The increases will cost the state
about \$1,000,000 (M).
The House agriculture commit-

tee gave unanimous approval to a
bill to create a Texas Citrus Com-
mittee, and the House committee
on game and fisheries endorsed a
bill requiring "big game" licenses
to hunt deer or turkey.

A companion bill to Rep. Joe M.
Kilgore's citrus commission meas-
ure already had been approved by
the Senate agriculture committee.
It was offered by Sen. Rogers Kel-
ley of Edinburg.

The bill would create a 28-member
commission named by the
governor and put a tax of not
more than three cents per box on
citrus fruit. The commission would
be empowered to establish grades
and packaging regulations for var-
ious fruits.

The big-game bill, sponsored by
Rep. John Crosthwait of Dallas,
would compel a hunter to pay \$5
for the license to stalk deer or
turkey anywhere but on his own
property. He would get two deer
tags with the license. Under the
law, he would be required to at-
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Crosthwait said his bill not only
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Buzzy Wares, center, St. Louis Cardinal Coach, tosses baseballs into the air for Cardinal players, left to right: Glenn Nels on; Joe Garagiola; Erv. Dusak, and Charles Diering, as spring training got underway at St. Petersburg, Florida. (NEA Telephoto)

WITNESS CLAIMS HE WAS TOLD U.S. TO MAKE WAR ON RUSSIA

By Edward M. Korry United Press Staff Correspondent SOFIA, March 2 (UP)—A witness at the espionage-treason trial of 15 Protestant clergymen testified today that an American official asked him to collect Russian military information because "America is getting ready for war against the Soviet Union."

The witness was Christo Stratev, closest friend of the late Nikola Petkov, executed Bulgarian anti-Communist leader. Stratev was brought from jail to testify against the clergymen.

Stratev quoted Cyril Black, secretary of the American Peace Treaty Mission to Sofia, as saying that information on Russian activities was needed.

Petkov's execution, said Black made the statement at a meeting also attended by Nikola Mihalov Naumov, a defendant in the current trial.

Stratev testified that Naumov provided him with many military secrets subsequent to the meeting.

These included information on Soviet and Bulgarian troops movements which Stratev said he passed on to the members of the American Mission in Sofia.

Stratev spoke rapidly and vigorously for almost an hour. There was no indication when the alleged espionage took place since it has never been announced when Stratev was arrested by the government. It also is unknown whether Stratev ever was tried.

One of the first locomotives in the United States, the Tom Thumb, once lost a race to a horse.

RANGER DAILY TIMES SPORTS

Joe Neel Sports Writer

Rangers Have Skull Practice

The Rangers were forced to hold a skull practice indoors today due to the weather. Coach [unclear] stated that if the weather permitted they would continue their outdoors drills tomorrow afternoon. He is anxious to see what some of the new boys can do, he said.

The following boys have reported for spring training: ends Dale Jones, Jimmy Ice, Keith Munterlyn, Donald Rowell, and "The Neel" Tackles Norman Hubbard, Marvin Wilson, Gerald Centro, Judd Jones, J. C. Johnson. Guards Bill Franklin, Ernie Cunningham, Bill Townzen, and Max Lasater.

Centers Charlie Campbell, and Joe Neel. Backs Jack McWhorter, Jackey Wright, Jimmy Crawley, Robert Williams, Billy Wood, Jimmy Veal, Leonard Boyd, Jimmy Brock, Margil Wadley, and Frankie Ford.

Bowling Briets

C. D. Beck, team captain, led the Premier Diesel to a clean sweep of 4 points over the Sky Rangers and thereby pulled the full 4 points into the lead. Beck had a high game of 188. Series of 508 which included a 3-10, 5-4-10 split pickups. L. O. Ready led his team in losing with a high game of 159 and series of 388.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Game 1, Game 2, Game 3, Game 4, Total. Rows include Premier Diesel, Beck, Kipson, Long, Wood, and HC.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Game 1, Game 2, Game 3, Game 4, Total. Rows include Vs. Premier Sky Ranger, Kibbern, W. Weekes, J. Jones, and AVG.

The Premier Ranger would not be kept in the cellar and with M. W. Krajaer leading the way with a 209 game and 529 series took three points from the second place Premier Oil. Included in Krajaer's series was a 3-10 split pickup. G. C. McGowan, team captain, rolled a high game of 228 and series of 492 for the losing Premier Oil.

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Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Rows include Premier Diesel, Premier Oil, Premier Ranger, and Premier Sky Ranger.

There are three types of tea: black, green and oolong. The difference is controlled in processing. Black tea is fermented, green is unfermented and oolong is semi-fermented.

LOUIS VACATES TITLE



Heavyweight champion Joe Louis vacated his title and has announced the promotion of a heavyweight championship fight between Ezzard Charles, left, and Jersey Joe Walcott, right. (NEA Telephoto)

SMU Scores Win Over Longhorn's

AUSTIN, March 2 (UP)—The Texas Longhorns' basketball season came to an upset close last night as Southern Methodist scored an upset 54-to-40 victory.

SMU led all the way, although Texas narrowed the score to 27 to 24 early in the second period. The halftime score was 27 to 18.

Both Prescott provided the winning punch. He hooped 22 points as the Mustangs closed out the season with 10 victories against 13 losses.

Slater Martin, Texas' great forward, annexed individual honors for the Steers—14 points, 11 of them in the last 10 minutes.

Texas finished the season in fourth place in the Southwest Conference and compiled a record in both conference and non-conference play of 17 wins against seven defeats. The Longhorns remained in the thick of the fight for the Southwest Championship until last week.

Southern Methodist ended with 10 wins and 13 losses and fifth place in the title race.

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Lamar Leads In Jr. College Tilts

By UNITED PRESS

Quarterfinal round games begin today in the second annual state junior college basketball tournament at College Station with defending champion Lamar of Beaumont among the teams in the championship bracket.

Lamar defeated Wharton in an opening round game yesterday, 70-52. Tyler, a pre-tournament favorite, also won its first round game 93-52 over Phillips Junior College.

In quarterfinal games, Lamar meets Henderson at 9 tonight; Tyler meets Clifton at 6 P. M.; Lon Morris plays San Angelo at 2:30 P. M., and Allen Academy tangles with Schreiner at 7:30 P. M.

Consolation games starts at 9 A. M. with Blinn playing Laredo; Paris VS. Frank Phillips, Jr., at 10:30 A. M.; Howard VS. Wharton at 1 P. M. and Amarillo VS. John Tarleton at 4 P. M.

Other first results: Henderson 60, Howard 53. Allen Academy 73, John Tarleton 56.

San Angelo 53, Blinn 43. Schreiner 60, Amarillo 32. Lon Morris 59, Laredo 48. Clifton 66, Paris 60.

The tournament ends tomorrow. It is being played at Texas A. & M. College's gymnasium.

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PGA Tournament To Be In Dallas

DALLAS, March 2 (UP)—The Texas PGA tournament will be held in Dallas May 2-8, it was announced last night.

Byron Nelson, defending champion, told Graham Ross, tournament chairman, that he would participate. He won the title at El Paso last year among a field of 200 golfers.

Price money of approximately \$5,000 will be raised for the pros and an estimated \$1,500 for the women pros. Among the women pros expected to play will be Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Zaharias, Patty Berg and Louise Suggs.

Opening day of the tournament will be devoted to Texas pros competing for position in the national PGA tournament.

Readies Reds



"In an order of the day, Marshal N. A. Bulganin, above, Russia's minister of armed forces, warned Soviet troops to 'indefatigably maintain a permanent high quality of combat readiness.' Bulganin said this was necessary because the United States was planning to unleash a new war.

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PETERSON NURSERY advertisement listing various plants like Rose Bushes, Nandinas, Wax Leaf Ligustrum, etc. Includes a small illustration of a person with a tree.

GREER'S HAND MADE BOOTS advertisement. Features large text 'BOOTS' and describes the quality and craftsmanship of the boots. Greer's Boot Shop and Western Store, The Home of Fine Hand Made Leather Goods, 35 MERRILL, Ranger, Texas.

Advertisement for 'Damask Rose' jewelry and 'Heirloom Sterling' silverware. Includes the name 'D E PULLEY' and 'Diamonds-Watches-Jewelry Silverware'.

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Suzanna Wesley Circle Meets Monday

The Suzanna Wesley Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, met Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

Mrs. Arthur Deffebach was in charge of the program and Mrs. Cecil Ellis gave the devotional. At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served from an attractively appointed table centered with an arrangement of sweetpeas.

Those attending were Misses J. A. Knox, Cecil Ellis, Arthur Deffebach, C. E. May, C. E. May Jr., James Ratliff, A. J. Ratliff, R. B. Thomas Jr., and Mrs. Phillip Cesaux of Humble, sister of Mrs. Matthews.

Ida Scudder Circle Meeting Held Mon.

The Ida Scudder Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Monday at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. L. R. Pearson.

Mrs. G. C. Boswell was leader of the program and Mrs. Pat Thomas gave the devotional.

Musical selections were given by Margaret Meacham, Lilla Jean Brown and Jennys Ruth Hooper.

Baptist Services For Tonite Listed

The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church will meet tonight at 6:30 o'clock for rehearsal at the church.

At 7 o'clock Rev. David C. Ham will teach the International Sunday School lesson and at 7:30 o'clock prayer services will be held.

Vesper Choir To Meet Thursday

The Vesper Choir of the First Methodist Church will meet at the church for the weekly rehearsal Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. The rehearsal was changed from Wednesday night to Thursday night.

Personals

Mrs. Phillip Cesaux of Humble, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Matthews, will be joined here this week by Mr. Cesaux and their children, Phillip and Suzy.

Mr. and Mrs. David D. Pickrell and Lilla Jean Brown left late this afternoon for Fort Worth, to attend the concert tonight of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross Hodges had as their guests Monday S. A. Whale and daughters, Mrs. Mark Stator and Ruby Whale of Durante, Oklahoma.

B. E. Garner is transacting business in Dallas.

Mrs. E. F. Arterburn has returned from a visit with her son, Earnest Arterburn and Mrs. Arterburn in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was accompanied home by Mr. Arterburn who joined her in Albuquerque during the week-end. Mr. Arterburn was accompanied to New Mexico by Mrs. Herman Dempsey and Mrs. Bill Calhoun, sisters of Mrs. Arterburn.

Depth Charge Sinks Sun Oil Co. Boat

ABBEVILLE, Ala., March 2 (UP)—Permatore explosion of a death charge caused a Sun Oil boat to sink in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday and three Texans were feared lost.

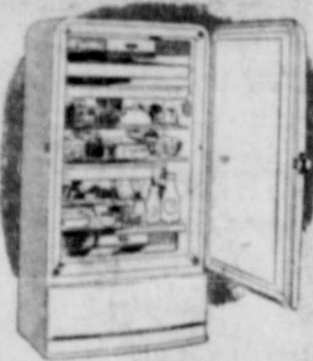
J. L. Guidry, Church Point, La., was critically injured in the mishap. Ten other members of the 14-man crew escaped serious injury and were rescued by other boats in the area several miles southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

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MARDI GRAS REVELERS FAIL TO HEAR MIDNITE STROKE OF CLOCK

NEW ORLEANS, March 2 (UP)—The biggest Mardi Gras in New Orleans' history ended— theoretically— at midnight last night, but thousands of revelers forgot for the moment that the Lenten season was at hand and kept right on celebrating into the early-morning hours.

Most of the merrymakers, whooping it up with costume, mask and bottle, looked as if they wanted to be sure to have plenty to repent during the next 40 days.

Frequent showers didn't bother the 500,000 to 600,000 celebrants, who danced in the wet streets as King Comus, monarch of the oldest Mardi Gras organization, paraded through town. Later, thousands of members of the Comus and Rex societies capped the carnival at a huge joint ball in the municipal auditorium.

At the same time, other thousands of negro members of the Zulu Aid and Pleasure Society jammed the coliseum arena to hear Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong and his band.

Satchmo stole the final-day Mardi Gras show as he paraded as King of the Zulus, beginning early yesterday morning. Clad in long black underwear, a golden grass skirt, gold robe and crown with red plumes, the trumpeter supervised the Zulus in a leisurely, unsteady march through the French Quarter.

From five jungle floats, the zulus "distributed" 2,000 coconuts as souvenirs. The "distribution" consisted of throwing the hard nuts high in the air and letting onlookers scramble for them.

Satchmo made frequent use of his right to declare open house at any negro bar he passed. All the saloons were ready with portable bars, which were rushed into the streets for the Zulus' pleasure.

Meanwhile, the white people's King Rex and his debutante queen paraded down St. Charles St. and up Canal St.

Rex (Shipbuilder Lester F. Alexander) and Queen Dolly Ann Souchon, 19-year-old-daughter of an old French family, halted at the city hall to drink a toast with Mayor DeLesseps Morrison and Gen. George C. Marshall, former

secretary of state.

Earlier, Mayor Morrison presented honorary citizenship and keys to the city to Satchmo Armstrong, capping his social triumph.

The negro trumpeter was asked if it were true he would be "ready to die" after a day's reign as King Zulu.

"Well," answered Satchmo, "I hope the Lord won't take me too literally."

Area OIL News

By Buena Van Winkle

March 1st, 1949.
J. & J. Oil Co. No. 1 Jones drilling at 2840—still a little early to expect too much yet. Sometime tonight or early in the morning they should reach the formation—if it and when.

J. Parker No. 1 T. N. Watt have been having water troubles other than the weather. They encountered water back up about 1200 feet and have carried it along, hoping to be able to continue until they could find a place to seat the pipe on a shoulder of the formation. The going kept getting slower and slower and the water kept getting stronger until at 1650 feet, they got into it so bad that they could make no headway against the inflow of the water. The more they bailed the more persistently would the water rise in the hole. Now they have had to shut down and will probably have to case the water off before they can possibly continue.

R. H. Patterson No. 1 Brown drilling at 800 feet.

National Cooperative Refinery Association have grappled the tools in the No. 1 Krell and have pulled them up at least 300 feet. If everything runs smoothly they may recover them by sometime tonight—Tuesday night.

L. H. Choate No. 3 Blackwell drilling at 600 feet.

Don Rogers and Aubrey Westmoreland are preparing to run down a shallow test on the T. A. Byrd 40 acre tract out of the southeast corner of Section No. 30 H&TC Ry. Co. Sur. Lands Block No. 2—this is northwest of Carbon and East of Mangum. The location is 550 feet from the west line of the tract and 330 feet from north line of the tract. This will be a shallow test to the Punkin Center Sand which they should encounter somewhere in the vicinity of 1300 feet, however, the contract calls for 1500 feet of drilling. EnWright Brothers of Graham are the contractors and they are attempting to move in today.

Four Suffer Severe Burns

BALDWIN, Kans., March 2 (UP)—Four men students suffered severe burns today while fighting a fire that destroyed the Alpha Pi Omega Sorority house at Baker University.

Thirty coats fled into the near-freezing cold in their night-clothing.

The four students burned were members of a bucket brigade. They were taken to a hospital at Lawrence, Kan. None of the been arrested 17 times in Kansas City.

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