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RANGER DAILY TIMES

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Vishinsky Throws Gloom Over Big Four Conference

MINISTERS HOPE FOR A CHANGE IN RED POLICY

Miss Hightower To Present Piano Recital Saturday

Miss Ruth Hightower will present a group of her piano pupils in recital Saturday evening May 28, at 8:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

Those appearing on the program will be Elizabeth Brown, Julia Deal, Elizabeth Seymour, Laura Kay Gray, Lynda Ferguson; Anita Kay Chandler, Howard Oliver, Sherry Ann Baker, Betty Gardenhire, Maxine Hamwater, Ann Robinson, Paula Bea Angus, Linda Kay McKinney, Sherry Ann King, Wynona Raines, Flora Simons, Mary Ellen Deffback, Patsy Hise, Sandra Peterson, Sara Beth King, Joyce Stewart, Barbara Kay Long, Ann Wolford, Lida Jane Smith, Mary Ann Wallace, Wanda Clem, and Gloria Graham, all of Eastland, and Joann Grabin, Margaret Graham, Virginia Johnson, Louise Roach, Martha Connell, Marilyn Grantman, all of Strawn and Barbara Belding and Betty Belding, both of Brad.

Miss Hightower stated today that the public is invited to attend the recital Saturday night.

Congress Has Eye On Quttin' Time

WASHINGTON, May 27 (UP)—Congressional leaders kept their eyes on an adjournment target in late July or early August today despite President Truman's declaration that Congress should stay on the job until its work is finished.

Except for the President's insistence on a tax increase this year, the leaders were not convinced that he was asking for passage of more of his program than already has been tentatively scheduled for 1949. That schedule would leave a heavy part of Mr. Truman's program for action in the 1950 congressional campaign year.

At his news conference late yesterday, the President said Congress should finish its job no matter how long it takes. But he did not define what he considered to be its job for this year, beyond saying that he still wants action on his request for a \$4,000,000,000 (B) tax increase.

Truman Party Plan Yacht Trip

WASHINGTON, May 27 (UP)—President Truman and friends and members of his staff will spend the memorial day week-end on the presidential yacht, The Williamsburg, the White House announced today.

The party will leave Washington at 4:30 P. M., EDT, today and will return at 5:00 P. M., EDT, Monday. They will travel along the Potomac and Chesapeake Bays with only one stop planned for Sunday at Annapolis, Md.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman planned to attend church Sunday in the chapel of the United States Naval Academy.

"Nooitoothly" is the name of a national game refuge in Georgia.

JESTER SIGNS BILL TO CREATE EASTLAND COUNTY WATER DIST.

The Eastland County Water Supply District became a reality Thursday when at 12:30 o'clock in Austin Gov. Beauford Jester signed the bill creating the district.

Present for the signing were Rep. Billie M. Jobs of Board, representative of the 16th district, Turner, Collins of Eastland, representative of the 10th district, David D. Pickrel, water resources committee chairman of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Price Crawley of Ranger and R. V. Galloway, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

Jobs and Collins were authors and sponsors of the bill and the two from Ranger who have been working on the project for sometime, flew to Austin Thursday in a Premier Oil Refining Company plane. They left Ranger about 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning and arrived in Austin in time for the signing. News photographers and reporters were on hand for the ceremony.

Signing of the bill into law opened the way for engineering work in connection with creating a water reservoir in the district designed to supply water to the district.

Boosters Sign Contract For Highway Ad

Members of the Highway 80 Boosters Association in Ranger Thursday night signed a contract with the North Texas Advertising Company of Fort Worth for the erection of a big traffic directing sign in the vicinity of Weatherford.

Following the signing of the contract, J. E. Meroney, president of the association in meeting at the Gholson Hotel Thursday, appointed Roscoe Hopper, C. E. Kerr and Kirk Wheat as a committee to select a location for the sign.

The committee together with Meroney and Edwin George, will go to Weatherford Monday morning where they will meet a representative of the sign company and the selection of a site for the sign will be made. Other details relative to the erection of the sign will be completed Monday morning at Weatherford and the erection work started immediately.

Kerr, who made a trip to Fort Worth this week to contact the sign companies reported that the sign would cost \$87.50 per month for erection and maintenance over a three year period.

The sign company's proposed wording for the sign was accepted and the members of the association present at the meeting Thursday night authorized the president and secretary to sign the contract on behalf of the organization.

During the meeting Meroney made a report on the meeting at Abilene Wednesday at which other West Texas towns joined Ranger in pushing action on advertising Highway 80 and voted their support of the sign erecting project.

Kerr reported that he had had a letter from W. W. Darden, manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Ruston, La., on Highway 80, heartily endorsing the efforts of the Ranger group and added praise for the fine publicity given the move by the Ranger Daily Times. Darden is a hearty supporter of the Highway 80 Association and an enthusiastic worker toward its being publicized.

The next meeting of the Highway 80 Boosters will be held Thursday night, June 9, at which time a report from committees will be heard.

George reported at last night's meeting that with a total of only about six hours devoted to the effort, the finance committee had already collected \$270 for the sign project and following the meeting, Mrs. Homer Hodges gave and additional \$10 which brought the total to \$280.

Floods Again Peril Fort Worth



Before construction crews could repair damaged levees on the Trinity River at Fort Worth, Texas, fresh rains put the river up to the 13-foot stage and water started filling the lowlands along the river where the levees still were broken. Crest of the flood passed without any major damage. (NEA Telephoto.)

Gun Checked For Possible Clue In Reuther Shooting

DETROIT, May 27 (UP)—Detectives awaited word today from a Massachusetts gunmaker to learn where the shotgun was sold that was used in the attempted assassination of CIO United Auto Workers Official, Victor Reuther.

The double-barreled 12-gauge shotgun found outside Reuther's home after the shooting was virtually the only clue police had to work on in the case since the lone suspect was cleared last night.

The maker of the gun, the J. Stevens Arms Company, Chicopee Falls, Mass., reported that it was one of 2,000 of the same model manufactured in February. The serial number on the gun was the same on each of four lots of the model.

Chief of detectives Jack Harvill said that if any additional information can be obtained by taking the gun to the manufacturer, he will order it flown to Massachusetts.

He pointed out that the fact the gun was made in February ruled out the possibility that it could have been the same gun used 13 months ago in a similar attempt to kill Victor's brother, Walter Reuther, president of the 1,000,000-member UAW.

Police released Ford Motor Company striker Charles Barabash, 47, who had been held for investigation. Detective Henry Russell said Barabash's drunken mutterings about a "Reuther shooting" some 14 hours before the attack stemmed from misinformation gathered from a friend.

Joe Graham In Charge Of Lions Club Program

Joe Graham was in charge of the Lions Club program Thursday at noon at the Gholson Hotel and presented Mrs. C. C. Harris who brought before the club a group of elementary school children who gave a musical program.

Appearing in vocal numbers on the program were Sherry Ann King, Betty Barnes, Wynona Raines, Margaret Needham, Billye Maye Fox, and Cora Mae McGough. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Harris.

A specialty act of song and pantomime was given by Phil We and Kay Vaughn accompanied by Mrs. Harris.

R. B. Thomas Jr., vice-president of the club, presided in the absence of R. V. Galloway, president. Guests at the meeting were C. H. (Harl) O'Brien who recently accepted a position with the Anderson Chevrolet Company, and Joe Harris, of Tucumcari, brother of Bruce Harris.

Charter Issued Cisco Royalty Co.

AUSTIN, Tex., May 27 (UP)—The office of secretary of state today announced the issuance of six domestic charters to corporations with \$100,000 or more capital stock.

Largest of the group was the Rickock and Reynolds Royalty Company, Eastland, with \$12,500 capital stock. The firm was incorporated by J. H. Reynolds, R. L. Ponder and L. C. Heltsel, all of Cisco.

Amberson Land & Cattle Company, San Antonio, \$250,000; Plum Creek Village, Inc., Houston, \$133,500; Brooklakes Food Company, Dallas, \$125,000; Russell Glenn Distributing Company, Inc., Dallas, \$100,000, and M. M. Holder and Company, Inc., Brownsville, \$100,000.

Alarm Sounded For Slayer Of Two In Houston

HOUSTON, Tex., May 27 (UP)—A state-wide alarm went out today for a short, stocky gunman who killed two persons last night after forcing their car to a curb, gangster-style.

Paul Franklin Walker, 35, of Channelview, and Mrs. Lou Edwards, 31, of Galena Park, were fatally shot seconds after Walker's car was guided to a curb by another speeding vehicle (in the 3000 block of McCarty.)

Started witnesses said the slayer jumped from his car and poured a hail of bullets into the front seat of Walker's car. He lingered a moment, then sped away from the scene before pedestrians could move.

Mrs. Edwards, attractive mother of a five-year-old girl, was shot in the head and both shoulders, and died instantly. Walker was hit eight times, police said, and died shortly after he reached a hospital.

Mrs. Etta Tatum, mother of the dead woman, told police she received a mysterious telephone call shortly after the shooting last night. A man's voice on the other end advised her, "Betty has met with a mishap. Call a hospital."

Mrs. Edwards had lived with her mother since separation from her husband two months ago.

Sheriff Buster Kern and state Highway Patrolmen warned that the killer might be heavily armed.

Ranger Not To Be Closed Monday

As is the custom in reality, the town will not be closed to business on Monday, May 30, Memorial Day.

While the day is observed in some places as a general holiday, that has not been the custom in Ranger and merchants will keep their doors open to business.

The Commercial State Bank, the post office and the Community Public Library will observe the day as a holiday and those with business to transact with either of these institutions are asked to handle it during regular open hours.

American Legion Set District Meeting In Sweetwater May 28-9

SWEETWATER, May 27 (UP)—American Legion delegates and guests from the 31 districts in the 17th congressional district will meet here Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, to hear their state commander, former Attorney William C. "Bill" McCraw of Dallas and to enjoy two days of entertainment and business arranged by the local McDonald-Hagar Post No. 109, commanded by Marshal E. Willis.

Commander of the 17th district is P. C. Stacy of Stephenville who will preside at the business sessions. Also to attend will be Vern Blodgett of Kerrville, Fifth Division Commander.

Registration for the American Legion and Auxiliary will start at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Blue Bonnet Hotel and the American Legion hut. Legionnaires will have a stag party at the Legion hut, in the city park from 3 to 6 o'clock the same afternoon. Simultaneously, a tea will be enjoyed by the Auxiliary in the Rose Room of the Blue Bonnet Hotel, Saturday evening from 8:30 o'clock until midnight, the annual convention dance will be featured on the Blue Bonnet Hotel roof. An added attraction will be Mrs. Dorothy Brandt and her Youth Canteen group.

Sunday morning in the city auditorium, starting at 9:30 o'clock, a joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held. Welcome address will be by Mayor or William S. Cheneault of Sweetwater, former commander of the local post. Response will be by Mayor George Barber of Mineral Wells, former 17th District Commander. Mrs. O. E. Ducey, Graham, state president of the Auxiliary will be presented by District Commander Stacy.

At 10:15 o'clock Department Commander McCraw will make the principal convention address. An impressive Memorial service has been arranged to start at 11 o'clock with a vocal selection by Mrs. Hans Thorgrimsen and an address by the Rev. George R. Wilson. A barbecue lunch, prepared by the famous "Chuck Wagon Gang," will be enjoyed at the city park at noon.

Sunday afternoon starting at 1:30 o'clock, the American Legion business meeting will start in the city auditorium. The Auxiliary business session will be held on the Blue Bonnet Hotel roof starting at the same time. District officers for the next two years will be elected and delegates to the national convention to be held in Philadelphia in August will be chosen.

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Well... I Dunno. But...

On Saturday night, May 13, 1949, before we went to work for the Ranger Daily Times as society editor on Monday, May 15, we went to a dance at the Ranger Country Club. While at the dance we did a little "shop" talk with Bill Mays, then editor, and Carl Garner, then an operator at the Times.

During the conversation, Carl said, "Ruth, I'll lay you a little bet that before you've been at work a week, White, (Whittie Hicks now publisher of a paper at DeLeon will "bawl you out about 'shop'". "Ok," we say, thinking Carl was wrong.

But sure enough, come Saturday of the first week at the Times, we're sittin' at the desk about 12:30 P. M., hammering out society stories. In walks White, "Mrs. Duckert," says White, "do you know what the deadline on society is?" We replied that Bill had told us that it was 1:30 P. M. on Saturdays, (then we went to work at noon and worked into the night on Saturday.) With that White began a thunderous desk pounding, and a roaring lecture on what a deadline was and when it was. We listened red-faced while all of the office gaped. When he finished and turned away, we deserted the unfinished story in our typewriter and calmly folded up the desk, and as we raised our eyes to face the other employees we looked squarely into a red head and a balding black hangar around the doorill above our desk. The heads had wide slits in the lower halves that were supposed to be mouths and at which we thumbed a nose.

But you know, thanks to White, we've never forgotten what a deadline is and when to meet it. During the years at the Times, we've never tried to slip past that deadline and very few times have we tried with urgent persuasion to get the publisher to let us slip in something that we wanted very much to get in the paper.

Now, this story is all by way of gettin' around to a point we wanta make.

A deadline on a newspaper is just like closing time for any other business. On newspapers we have to meet that deadline just like a merchant has to observe closing time. Except in emergencies a merchant does not reopen his doors after closing time and call back his employees to go to work.

It works the same way on a newspaper. When we reopen our "headline" door on news or advertising, it breaks down the work hour deadline in the composing room and the "over time" begins.

A newspaper is just like any other business. To begin with capital is invested, a plant is established, employees are hired, and the public is offered the wares that the paper has to sell and the service it has to offer. From this initial investment, a reasonable profit is expected after bills for maintenance and operation are paid.

But when that paper has to dig in for "overtime" pay because of a lax deadline, then the profit begins to vanish, just as they would in any other business that tries to operate on a 24 hour basis when it's supposed to operate on an eight hour day.

So in order to carry on this newspaper as any other business would be operated, we ask the public to cooperate with us in being that we can meet the deadline, and still supply the community with their advertising needs and carry to them the latest news locally and foreign.

Leave It To Those Jaycees

Mayor Price Crawley of Ranger never forgets the fact that he's a Jaycee, even while attending to the most dignified business concerning the city of which he is mayor.

And like all Ranger Jaycees, he'll steal a show any time that he can get in a word for the Jaycee Rodeo or for Ranger.

True to form, Thursday during the noon hour in all of the solemnity of a ceremony in the office of the governor of the state of Texas, Beauford Jester, Mayor Crawley halts the show while cameras are snapping and reporters writing, to "do the floor."

"Just a minute gentlemen," says Mayor Crawley. And with that he steps up to Governor Jester and draws from his pocket—yes you guessed it—a Jaycee WOODEN NICKEL advertising the Jaycee rodeo, July 20-23. With a great flourish and much pomp, the WOODEN NICKEL was presented to the governor, along with an invitation to attend the rodeo.

PARIS, May 27 (UP)—Western big three delegates said today that Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky of Russia had almost closed the door against any overall agreement on Germany at this time.

But none thought for a moment that the conference was over. Responsible quarters were aware that the Russian line often zigzag, and plenty of room remains for a change of direction.

But they feared that if Vishinsky clung to his present line, the conference was doomed to failure.

American, British and French officials worked into the early morning hours drafting a western proposal to be submitted to the Soviets in a few days. On the basis of what Vishinsky already had said, the western "price" for an overall agreement was expected to be too high for the Soviets to accept.

Spokesmen for the French delegation were especially pessimistic. They said Vishinsky's latest speech meant that the most that could be hoped for here was a working arrangement on trade between eastern and western Germany.

Vishinsky rejected in advance a proposal that the western powers were preparing to present him—that a unified Germany is possible only if Russia will let the Soviet zone of Germany join the west German state.

The Soviet delegation briefing emphasized how far from any semblance of agreement the east and west are. It made plain that Vishinsky does not recognize the existence of a west German state, and will give no thought to letting eastern Germany join such a set up unless Russia can have veto power over its activity.

Instead he insisted that Russia must have a veto over any agreement made for Germany. This would include any economic and political program for western Germany and any plans for the Ruhr.

June 10 Set As 'Father's Day'

AUSTIN, Tex., May 27 (UP)—Gov. Beauford Jester today designated Sunday, June 19, as "Father's Day" in Texas.

He called upon citizens to observe the day in "worship and otherwise commemorating the father in the home so that every day in the year you may have the blessings that flow from good fatherhood and a strong family life."

Bank Will Be Closed Monday

Officials of the Commercial State Bank announced today that the bank will be closed to business Monday.

The holiday is in observance of Memorial Day, May 30, an annual holiday with banks over the country.

Those with business to transact with the bank are asked to take care of such matters Saturday.

Too Many Chicks
GLEN ALLAN, Mass. (UP)—Postmaster Otis Johnson called a special auction when a Cullman, Ala., butcherer made a mistake in a shipment of chicks. A tenant farmer, Dave Stewart, had ordered 100 birds. Instead the hatchery sent crates containing 1,000.

About half the nation's cropland still is subject to erosion.

The Weather

By United Press
East Texas — Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday with a few widely scattered thundershowers. Not much change in temperatures. Moderate to occasionally fresh southeast winds on the coast.
West Texas — Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. No important change in temperatures.
Temperature at 1:00 p.m. today
Maximum 86
Minimum 72
Hourly Reading 85
Temperature the last 24 hours, ending 9:00 A. M.
Maximum 87
Minimum 62



Eastland County Farm, Ranch, Home News

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Mansfield, Goodspeed Matched In Levelland Roping Contest

LEVELLAND, May 27—(Special)—Singing Lariats and the howling of wild Brahma calves will herald the beginning of a matched roping contest between Toots Mansfield, Troy Fort and Jess Goodspeed, slated for presentation at the Levelland Rodeo arena on Sunday, May 29.

W. J. (Rob) Robertson named promotion director of the Levelland Rodeo Association, announced this week that the three lariats will vie for the tri-state championship title Sunday by timed roping and tying of ten wild calves each in a contest expected to draw a capacity audience.

Toots Mansfield of Big Spring, widely-touted favorite of South-

west fans, will, despite his prowess with the hemp, meet opponents worthy of his mettle in the two contenders, Troy Fort of Lovington, N. M., and Oklahoman Jess Goodspeed of Okemah. Mansfield is present holder of the world's championship roper title, and Fort who is past world's champion, will contribute his superior hemp-tactics to the contest.

Jess Goodspeed, not so widely known in this area, is nevertheless undisputed champion of Oklahoma, where he has met and bested every challenger, and the Oklahoman is expected to offer stiff competition for an upset victory in the May 29 contest.

Relocation of an enlargement of the Levelland rodeo grounds, with considerable extension of shaded seating facilities, will furnish additional comfort for rodeo fans throughout the vast southwestern area. W. J. (Rob) Robertson pointed out, and added that the improved arena, with ample space for the "ride and tie" boys as well as for rodeo fans, was believed to be the reason the Levelland arena was chosen for the lariats' contest, which has been pending, for some time.

Billy Earl Simpson Of Gorman Writes Prize-Winning Essay

This is the last in a series of five prize-winning essays written by the Eastland County 4-H Club boys in the Sears Foundation Pig Contest.

Subject of the essays are: "Why the Cow, Sow and Hen Are Important to Eastland County."

By Billy Earl Simpson Gorman 4-H Club Boy

"The Cow, Sow, and Hen play a very important part in every county. Not only that, but in each person's life.

The cow furnishes our milk, butter and cheese, which are essential foods to our health. There are other equally important things that a cow furnishes. The beef that we eat and when the cow is slaughtered, the hides have their uses, such as for our leather material. Besides all of this we use the tallow for making our soap.

The sow is an important animal to us. First, she produces our pigs that grow up to furnish our pork that we eat. Also the shortening, or lard that every housewife has to have. The old say that, "Fath-

er brings home the bacon", may be true, but the sow certainly furnishes our bacon.

The hen that we call the hen may be small in size, but she does play a big part in each person's diet. The hen supplies our eggs which we use in so many different ways. Each person should eat an egg every day, not only this, but they also supply a great deal of our meat.

Not only is the cow, sow and hen essential animals and fowls for our food, but they are a financial help to us. The beef, pigs and eggs that each one produces puts money in our pockets as well as food on our table.

Brush Clearing May Prove Of Great Benefit

New economical methods of clearing unproductive brush land may mean that millions of now semi-worthless acres all over the country will become profitable pasture.

According to Country Gentleman millions of acres of American land are under-productive because they are covered with scrubby, wood, vegetation which doesn't give the grass a chance. While not all of this land can be safely cleared because of erosion hazards, the article adds, much of it can be improved.

Tests have shown that a farmer can get five to eight times more meat or milk by employing these new methods of brush clearance.

The article contains a discussion of the strategy that has been developed for clearing land in experiments conducted by the Red Plains Conservation Experiment Station at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Dividing brush to be cleared into three classifications, tough shrubs and trees—the magazine describes such tools as the brush moving machine, brush breaker, heavy stalk cutter, tractor saw and portable power saw. It also discusses the value of chemical weed killers in brush control.

If the farmer gave away his milk, it would cost the consumer 12 cents a quart delivered to the door, federal experts estimate.

Rural Rambler

The column of Rural Rambler has been the backer of a number of rural projects over the years which benefit mankind. These have included soil conservation, Chemurgy, young farmer activities and many others. Today Rural Rambler comes to you in behalf of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

The Christian Rural Overseas Program known generally as CROP is a church sponsored program which allows rural people to give in kind to help alleviate suffering abroad wherever it may be found.

Through this program sponsored by the Catholic Rural Life Conference, Lutheran World Relief, and Church World Service (22 Protestant Denominations), field crop commodities and livestock products are collected here and distributed overseas to hungry children, aged people, orphans, and homeless.

CROP is a Christian humanitarian endeavor which through the distribution abroad of our farm product gift tells the world that the American people wish to help mankind, wherever it may find itself in dire distress.

CROP is intended to allow full participation by all farmers, regardless of the size of their farming operations. Non-farmers are welcome to have a part in the program, too. Only actual agricultural commodities will be shipped overseas and distributed there by the church agency of the choice of the donor. The use of rural in its broader sense refers to this fact.

Those who read about CROP in Rural Rambler today may learn more about it in subsequent weeks

as it will be referred to in this column for a number of weeks. Complete information about the program now is, or soon will be, in the hands of your local pastor and your county agents and representatives of other agricultural agencies. You may secure it from them or by writing to the Texas CROP Committee, P. O. Box 311, Taylor, Texas.

100 Bushel Corn Per Acre Will Become Average

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Bolin thinks he may get a 300-bushel yield this summer with three-earred hybrid seed. If not in one of his own fields, then maybe the 300-bushel crown may be claimed by one of the 200 farmers throughout the Central Corn Belt to whom Bolin has given enough prolific hybrid seed to plant an acre.

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"LIVERMORE, OLD BOY, ITS BAD NEWS TONIGHT!"
"I LEFT HAVANA IN SORROW AND MANANA NEVER CAME."
"NO, NO, NO, IT NEVER GOT HERE!"
"AND MANANA NE-E-E-VER CAME! IT TURNED UP MISSING. AND TOMORROW NEVER, NEVER CAME!"
"LIEP HARMONY! HOW CAN I LIVE WITH HIM NOW?"

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BY MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE
"THAT'S FOG CHANNEL'S CAR. I'D BETTER FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!"
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Covered Dish Luncheon Held

Mrs. Thelma Bott was hostess Wednesday at noon at a covered dish luncheon for members of the Julia Alexander Brown No. 1954 of the Woodmen Circle at her home.

Following the luncheon which was served at tables for four, a social hour was enjoyed while members did needle work. It was announced at the gathering that a business meeting of the Grove will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday, June 1 and all members were urged to attend.

Those attending the luncheon Wednesday were Meses. Eula Blackwell, Bessie Harris, Lena Patterson, Sudie Strong, Edna Williamson, Mollie Patterson, Mabel Greer and Eddie Greer, Laura Melton, Lena McDonough, Ruby Greer, and Mrs. Bott.

Announcement Of Marriage Made

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams have announced the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jo, to Lee Ligon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ligon of Menard, Tex. The ceremony was performed Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. Earl Bissex, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Ligon will make their home in Houston where the groom is employed.

Rebekah Lodge Has Meet Tuesday

Members of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Odd Fellows Hall for a business session at which the vice grand, Mrs. Carla Daniels presided.

During the meeting members were requested to bring donations to next Tuesday's meeting to help restore the home of Mrs. Jewell Green of Fort Worth, whose home was destroyed in the recent floods in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Rebecca Dukar was elected to membership in the lodge and will be initiated at the next meeting.

All teams are asked to be at the meeting in formal attire. Various members made talks at the meeting and plans were made for a quilting to be held at the hall Friday.

The penny prize was furnished by Mrs. Bobbie Hanna and won by Mrs. Leoma Arterburn.

Thirty-three members were at the meeting Tuesday.

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Intermediates Have Outing

Members of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church were entertained Thursday night at an outing at Lake Cisco.

During the evening swimming and skating were enjoyed after which a picnic supper was served.

About 20 members of the department attended the outing.

Bride-Elect To Be Honored Sat.

Miss Betty Jean Jones, bride-elect of James Bart Whitacre of Stephenville, will be complimented Saturday evening when Mrs. Ven White will entertain at a gift tea at the Community Clubhouse.

Calling hours will be from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Miss Jones and Mr. Whitacre will be married at the First Baptist Church in Ranger on June 12 at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. David C. Ham will officiate.

Personals

Charlie Brown, a senior student at Texas A. and M. College is here to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, before returning to College Station for commencement exercises at A. and M.

Frances Ann Eubank who has ericksburg schools the past year has arrived to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Eubank.

Laverne Daniels who has been teaching in the Ranger public schools, left today for Fort Worth where she will spend the summer.

Lynn Pearson has returned from a visit with friends in Fredericksburg.

Billye Jeanne Crawley arrived today for a visit with her parents, before returning to TCU where she will receive her B.S. degree Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker of Gorman, formerly of Ranger, visited Ranger friends and relatives today.

American farmers doubled their use of commercial fertilizers during the ten years from 1937 to 1947.

ELECTRIC COMPANY BEGINNING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMON STOCK

SHREVEPORT, May 27 (Sp.)—Distribution was to begin today of 5,316,682 shares of United Gas Corporation common stock to former preferred and second preferred stockholders of Electric Power & Light Corporation. It was announced by N. C. McGowan, United Gas President, at general headquarters here.

The distribution of this large block of stock results from action originated nearly 7 years ago when the Securities and Exchange Commission ordered dissolution of Electric Power & Light pursuant to provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. A plan for compliance through exchange of securities by Electric Power & Light was approved by the SEC and ordered enforced by Federal Court.

United Gas Corporation and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the production transmission and distribution of natural gas in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Southern Alabama and Northwestern Florida. At the end of 1948, United Gas was serving 399 cities and towns and had more than 333,000 customers on its lines. The firm was organized in 1930, with the merger of a number of natural gas companies. Since that date, an integrated pipeline system has been built, composed of more than 6,000 miles of main transmission lines, more than 7,500 miles of

distribution and service lines and 1,000 miles field lines. Assets of the system were in excess \$388,000,000, at the end of 1948, and dividends have been declared and paid continuously since 1944, and have been on a basis of 25 cents per quarter since October 1, 1947.

Commenting on the transfer of stock, McGowan said, "This means that thousands of people living in all parts of the Nation will become the owners of United Gas. United Gas is expanding its facilities in an orderly and healthy manner, and anticipates continued steady growth."

In addition to the United Gas stock, security holders of Electric Power & Light will receive stock in Middle South Utilities, Inc., which is a firm of newly organized to acquire securities of Arkansas Power and Light Company, New Orleans Public Service Inc., and Gentry Development, Inc., a corporation owning certain real estate in New Orleans.

Each share of \$7 preferred Electric Power & Light stock will entitle its holder to 5.5 shares of United Gas and 4.5 shares of Middle South Utilities stock.

For each share of \$6 preferred holders will receive 5.9 shares of United Gas stock and 4.1 shares of Middle South Utilities. Holders second preferred stock Series A (\$7) will receive 6.25 shares of United Gas, 4.3 shares of Middle South and \$5.25 in cash.

Preferred stock holders of Electric Power & Light have been advised to present and surrender their stock certificates to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Corporate Trust Division, which is exchange agent under the plan.

The plan provides that the remainder of the United Gas and Middle South Utilities stock held by Electric Power & Light will be distributed within 60 days to holders of Electric's common stock and options-warrants.

Tomato Shipping Case In Review

HARLINGEN, May 27 (UP)—State Commission of Agriculture J. E. McDonald today, was receiving testimony given this week at a tomato shipping hearing.

Testimony in the tomato hearing about recent shipping regulations concluded yesterday. And McDonald promised a quick verdict, pointing out he had heard the entire proceedings.

The meeting was called to receive protests from Lower Rio Grande Valley tomato shippers on new regulations McDonald promulgated for the industry. The most vigorously opposed reg-

U.S. Stands Pat On Eisler Return

WASHINGTON May 27 (UP)—The United States refused today to give up its attempt to secure the return from Britain of bail-jumping Gerhart Eisler, 52, alleged former Communist underground leader.

The justice department said it will "exert every effort" to "bring Eisler back from London where Britain's chief magistrate threw out extradition proceedings against him this morning.

The magistrate, Sir Lawrence Dunne, said that the offense for which Eisler was convicted in America could not qualify as perjury in Britain.

Attorney General Tom Clark said Dunne's ruling "appears to be based on the most narrow mechanical grounds."

"We shall exert every effort to secure the return of the fugitive," Clark said.

The attorney general did not say just what steps this country might take to bring Eisler back. But a justice department spokesman said officials were "working with the state department" on "several propositions."

Trinity Victim's Body Sought

FORT WORTH, Tex. May 27 (UP)—Search for the body of

ulations permits assorted canteens and jumble pack for tomatoes.

Pvt. William R. Coughenour, 19, was being made today after he disappeared in swift current of the Trinity River's West Fork while swimming with three companions.

Coughenour, who was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, was from Armagh, Pa. The mishap occurred yesterday in a pool on the river several hundred yards below Lake Worth dam near the E. S. Fish Hatchery.

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