

# City, County Officers Join Big Hunt For Worth Jail Breakers; Escapees Reported Seen In Area

Seven of the ten jail-breakers who slugged their way to freedom in a sensational mass break from the Tarrant County jail in Fort Worth Wednesday night had been captured by early Friday morning, it was reported here at noon today.

And as this newspaper went to press shortly past noon, Eastland county law enforcement officers were still on the alert, combing the Ranger area in search of one of the escapees who is believed hiding in the vicinity.

Among the breakers still at large is Floyd Hill, a parole vi-

lator from Alcatraz who was being held in the \$248,000 robbery of two exiled Cubans in Fort Worth several months ago.

Area developments relative to the jail break:

A suspicious car, carrying four men, was seen on Eastland streets at 1:30 a.m. yesterday, three and one-half hours after Hill and nine others escaped from the Tarrant County jail.

Police Chief Ray Laney said the four men could have been fugitives from the Fort Worth jail, but he doubted it.

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gate after the local police radio received word of the jail break. A night patrolman became suspicious of the car because it was driving over Eastland streets at 1:30 a.m. At that time the patrolman had not received information on the jail break, but he took down the license number of the car. The license number was different from that given for that stolen car in which five of the escaping prisoners are believed to have made their get-away.

Chief Laney said it was possible that the fugitives switched license plates, suddenly leaped from one of

the vehicles on the transport and fled. His suspicious aroused, the driver of the transport immediately notified police and a short time later, Ranger city officers, county officers and State Highway Patrolmen rushed to the scene and combed the area. Their search continued through the night and they continued on the alert this morning.

The driver of an automobile transport, loaded with four brand new cars, stopped at the Ranger Hill Cafe on U. S. Highway 80 east Thursday about 11 a.m. and was surprised when a man, unshaven and in muddy, wrinkled clothes, suddenly leaped from one of

the vehicles on the transport and semi-conscious condition at a Beaumont hospital.

Snared in Arkansas after a five car wreck were Ray Bayless, Manuel Hernandez and Lloyd Leshier, all charged with burglary.

Still free are Hill, 41, one of three men charged in the big robbery in Fort Worth last Oct. 3; Michael Davis, 19, charged with burglary, and Glenn Crawford, 19, facing rape charges.

Baker, Walters and William Hill led officers from two states on a wild, 100-mile-an-hour chase from the southeast corner of Tex-

as to Starks, La., and back into Texas.

Hill said in jail at Newton that after the break the prisoners "scattered."

In Arkansas, Howard County Sheriff Ambrose Chessir was waiting for the other fugitives. A service station owner had complained about their not paying for gas.

Ten men made the break. One was caught on a Fort Worth street half an hour later. Five men were believed sighted at Eastland, 100 miles east of Fort Worth, earlier Thursday.

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# Ranger Daily Times

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## Pioneer Host At Big County 'Orchard Day'

The annual Eastland County Orchard Day was held Thursday at the J. D. Inabinet orchard a mile and a half north of Pioneer.

More than 35 persons, including several vocational agriculture students from nearby schools, accompanied by their teachers, attended. Following the morning session, a picnic lunch was served.

J. M. Cooper, Eastland County agent, was in charge of the program.

As if everyone didn't know— the Lions and Rotary Clubs big benefit basketball game, entertainment and cake auction for the 1953 March of Dimes drive last night was a terrific success. The MOD will get quite a quantity of jack therefrom, but the final total wasn't available as we went to press . . . but we'll have full details in our next edition . . . The Recreation Building is due to be filled with another big crowd tonight for the all-important round-ball tilt between Coach Sam Ails' Ranger High Bulldogs and the Stephenville High Yellow Jackets. Don't miss this game, fans! It'll be a dilly! Starting time—8 p.m. sharp. And—the Bulldogs have to win this one to stay in the running for the 1953 10-AA title. The Jackets can cop the title with a victory. The pressure's on—a n d the lid'll be off tonight. See this! . . . A week from today comes Ranger Junior College's big 1953 "Ranch Day." This year's events is being planned as one of the biggest, most colorful ever staged with many outstanding attractions scheduled from early morn until past midnight (a midnite show winds it up). Underwood's Brush Cutters will furnish music for the big Ranch Day Dance to be unveiled at the Elks Club Friday night, Feb. 27, from 8 'till? The event is sponsored by the RJJC Rope & Spur Club . . .

Hold-up Man: "Stick 'em up, or else." Victim: "Or else what?" Hold-up Man: "Don't confuse me—this is my first job." \* \* \*

Those on the program included R. G. Burwell, Stephenville, district Extension Service agent, who pointed out the need of new cash crops for the sandy farms in the West Cross Timbers section, and recommended peaches, apples, pears, and pecans as having great possibilities.

John Hutchison, College Station horticulturist of the Texas A&M Extension Service, discussed promising new peach varieties which have proved by tests to be satisfactory for this area.

They are Cardinal, Dixigem, Dixired, and Ranger. All of these, he said, have proven vigorous growers and producers of high quality, excellent flavored and fine marketing varieties.

J. W. Foster, Jr., Weatherford, authority on orchard sprays equipment, fruit grower and merchant and schedules, discussed the control of insects and disease which trouble orchardists in West Texas.

T. E. Denman, Stephenville horticulturist and superintendent of the Texas A&M orchard experimental station, and superintendent of the fruit production unit, discussed the cost factors in fruit production. He said period of several years production averages and costs reveal that under good management a good peach orchard should yield a profit of \$340.24 an acre.

At the conclusion, Agent Cooper conducted a round table discussion after which several made a tour of the Inabinet orchards.

The minister arose to address his congregation: "There is a captain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection plate, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection plate came in there were nineteen five-dollar bills and a one-dollar bill with this note attached: "Other four dollars on pay day." \* \* \*

Maybe someone in our audience can be of assistance to Mrs. Ethel Brooks Gilmore.

A recent edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram carried these paragraphs relative to the Ranger woman's efforts in compiling accurate historical data:

Mrs. Ethel Brooks Gilmore, of Ranger, who has been collecting items on local Texas history and Texas pioneers, writes the pioneer editor that she has been including the Star-Telegram's "West Texas Pioneer columns in her files since 1936. She plans to catalog all her Texas items. She suggests that persons who write of their experiences in West Texas give the county of their birth, and of their parents' births, if possible, to help future researchers of genealogical statistics.

"During the Civil War," Mrs. Gilmore writes, "many county and state records were destroyed, also parish registers, of Southern states. It is thought that some of these records might have been saved and now are in private hands. An information of this type, especially

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**SIGN CONTRACT**—Actress Lucille Ball and her handleader husband Desi Arnaz smile happily at each other as they sign a new \$8,000,000 contract with Philip Morris Co., and CBS television. The new contract guarantees TV viewers two-and-a-half more years of the comedy "I Love Lucy." Looking on is Harry W. Whaley, vice-president of Philip Morris.

## HIGHWAY 180 WIDENING IS URGED AS SAFETY MEASURE

Recommendations that imminent widening of hilly stretches of the highway between Weatherford and Mineral Wells be undertaken by the State Highway Department and announcement that steps would be taken to curb drunken driving on and off Wolters crossing the center line of the two-lane road.

The conference was attended by representatives of Mineral Wells and Weatherford chambers of commerce and Col Philip G. Kemp. (Continued on Page 3)

Rep. Omar Burkett's controversial House Bill 269—a bill to consolidate the 91st District Court of Eastland with the 90th District Court of Stephens and Young counties—continued to draw fire in this area Thursday.

The Breckenridge American, Stephens County daily published at Breckenridge, joined three other dailies—The Cisco Daily Press, The Eastland Telegram and The Ranger Daily Times—in playing up spirited opposition to the bill of the Eastland state legislator.

In a graphic summary of Stephen Countians' reactions to the proposal, The American carried a big front page story in the Thursday afternoon edition.

The American reported to consolidate the 91st and 90th District Courts struck fire here today among attorneys; when it became known that hearing without notice to constituents here had been held in Austin and that Mack Allison, representative from here, had voted for the proposal.

A spokesman for attorneys here opposing the bill stated that the bill had been voted favorably out of the House Committee and that Rep. Allison was one of five who voted in favor of consolidation out of seven present at the meeting.

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without notice to them was a puzzle here today, it was said.

### Wagonellers Stand

The letter from Senator Wagoner in opposition to the bill addressed to the Breckenridge American reads as follows:

"I should like to make my position clear as to the proposed legislation which is pending at the present time and which is designed to consolidate the 91st District Court in Eastland with the 90th District Court in Breckenridge."

"The most important thing about any court, along with a fair, just, and equitable interpretation of the law, is its accessibility for the people the court is to serve. Economy in government is to be commended and should be practiced at all times, but such a consolidation of these two courts cannot be an economy when traveling costs are added and when it is much cheaper to try a case at home than in a distant court."

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Localists for two new slabs for oil in the Eastland County area both in the Carbon region—were announced late Thursday.

A 1,600-foot wildcat will be put down three miles northeast of Carbon. The test was spotted by James H. Snowdon et al of Fort Worth as the No. 1-E H. M. Gilbert. Site is 1,980 feet from the west and 660 feet from the west lines of Section 6, Block 2, H&TC Survey.

Another wildcat was spotted five miles northeast of the Eastland County community—the No. 1 Reynolds, scheduled for a contract depth of 1,250 feet with cable tools. Driller is R. L. Mashburn Jr. et al and location is 150 feet from the south and west lines of the northeast quarter in Section 23, Block 1, H&TC Survey.

Completion gauges were filed

Thursday for two discovery wells in the West Central Texas area.

Finished in South Central Coleman eight miles southeast of Santa Anna as a Berea sand find was Kenneth J. Rich et al. No. 2 Pettway, section 8, block 494, Pleasant Young survey. It produced 63.7 barrels per day through 3 1/2-inch choke from 1,278-308 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 806 to 1.

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## Miss Janice Page Sweetheart For RJC Ranch Day

Miss Janice Page, Ranger Junior College sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page of Ranger, was elected as 1953 "Ranch Day Sweetheart" by students of Ranger Junior College during an assembly election held Thursday.

Miss Page is a Ranger High School graduate and is one of the popular co-eds on the RJC campus.

The student body elected as sheriff for the annual "Ranch Day" Richard Hodges also of Ranger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Veale Hodges. The sophomore student attended Ranger High School for three years and is a graduate of Monahans High School.

Late Thursday Sheriff-elect Hodges named Joe Angel, Fort Worth, and Leon Jones, RJC student from Woodson, as his deputies.

"Ranch Day" will be observed on Friday, Feb. 27 and will climax "Ranch Week" which opens Monday with all the fun and co-eds going western" for the traditional annual event.

A veteran of World War II, Hodges had served in the armed forces 11 years and had been awarded a number of decorations.

The mercury, which won't surpass the top 40s level this afternoon, is due to begin dipping late today and to bottom out it's scheduled to dive down to the 20s. Weathermen say the night's low will be between 20 and 25 degrees—well below the 32-degree freezing mark.

The Weather Bureau also predicted that Saturday will be cool with the highest temperature tomorrow afternoon due in the nippy 40s—about 30 to 35 degrees above freezing.

Partly cloudy skies were forecast with no hope for rain seen by the weather men.

The West Texas outlook: Partly cloudy and cold in the Panhandle and generally fair and colder elsewhere Friday. Saturday, generally warmer in the Panhandle and South Plains in the afternoon.

Besides her sister in Cisco, Sgt.

Modgling is survived by his wife, mother, two daughters, Bobbie Lou and Anita; and two other sisters.

NEW COACH—Chalmers E. Woodard, head coach and athletic director at McPherson, Kansas, College, named head football coach at Southern Methodist University. Woodard replaces H. N. (Rusty) Russell who resigned February 1.

Shivering Eastland Countians will be needing extra quilts and blankets tonight.

Today's cool is due to turn to freezing cold by dawn Saturday, according to the Friday morning forecast of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

All patrons are asked to transact important business prior to the bank's closing Saturday at noon.

Freeze Is Due In Area Tonight



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Olden Girls Win Championship

Olden girls won the basketball championship of District 17-B, by defeating the Carbon girls Tuesday night, 38-22.

The team next appears in the Regional Meet in Brownwood, on March 6. This is believed to be the first championship ever won by the Olden girls.

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**NEWS FROM  
Desdemona**

Granny Huff, mother of Mrs. Nora Walls, has been on the sick list for several days.

Attendance at school is near normal again following the "flu" epidemic.

Aunt Sally Eaton of Gorman, spent the weekend with Mrs. Joe Quinn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rainier spent the weekend with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Rainier.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lazar and Beverly of Post, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold and Mrs. Jolie May and sons.

Mrs. Wayne McInosh and son, Kay, spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and Brenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miers of Spraberry, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chubbie Foreman of Caddo, spent the weekend with

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guthrey.

Mrs. N. S. Partain of Dublin, is visiting this week with her daughter, Ethel Keith.

Elmer Abernathy who has been ill with the flu, is reported as being improved.

Mrs. R. H. Abel spent the weekend in Valley Mills, with her mother, Mrs. L. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maddux of Dublin, visited in the Ethel Keith home Sunday.

Work on the Baptist Church is

now under way, and soon will be completed.

Carpenters are busy this week erecting a building on the Joda Lewis farm.

The "Call to love" banquet for the High School last Saturday, at the gym, was enjoyed by a large group of people.

The Oden teams played two good games here last Friday, with Gorman. Our boys won 62-34 and the girls by a score of 43-29.

Mrs. Myrtle Warren is visiting with her son in Midland this week. People of Oden wish to extend deepest sympathy to the Warrens in the hour of their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coltharp's son, Warren, was married last week to Miss Beverly Ann Edwards in Reno, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McGuire left Wednesday of last week for Odessa, for a short visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stark.

Mrs. Charlie Spores and daughter of Odessa are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sharp. Mr. Sharp has been in the West Texas Clinic for several days, but was dismissed Sunday morning.

A covered dish luncheon was served Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Archie Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collins of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, were in San Angelo Monday, to attend the funeral of Henry Collins' uncle, Charlie Collins.

J. G. Nowlin returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Dick Murray and Rev. Murray in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovell, Mrs. Will Lovell and Mrs. Edna Lovell, have been visiting in Brownwood, with the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Allison, who is ill in the hospital.

Mrs. C. C. Fenter has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore and children visited Mrs. Bell Ferguson in Cleburne, Wednesday.

Mrs. Doran Black of Littlefield, has been visiting her father, Hillery Bockman, who has recently undergone surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Moffett and Johnny, and Grancy Ferguson, visited the Thompsons in Eula, last Saturday. Mrs. Thompson was very ill with the flu, and Mike accompanied them home for a visit.

Everett Matlock was dismissed from the Ranger Hospital last Friday.

Archie Laster, long time resident of Odessa, passed away Sunday morning in a Ranger hospital.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Laster and the family.

A group of school children, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Everett enjoyed sandwiches, coffee and cake in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colburn last Friday evening.

The basketball girls enjoyed a slumber party Saturday night in the home of Joyce and June Thomas.

Mrs. Dick Yielding urges people to turn the news in to her on Monday morning or Tuesday of each week.

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**NEWS FROM  
CARBON**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stephenson of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephenson of New Home, visited friends in Carbon, Sunday.

Guy Morris has returned to the Veteran's Hospital in McKinney, for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins, children of Colorado City, were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins.

Supt. and Mrs. H. L. Mullens spent the weekend visiting relatives in Tahoka.

Mrs. Sidney Roff and Mrs. J. H. Armstrong of Eastland, and Mrs. W. M. Dunn, visited their father, the Rev. B. F. Clements and Mrs. Clements in Gorman, Monday.

TIDE'S IN—Tide tide, that is. In Korea and Japan, Army mailmen, swamped under a flood of Christmas packages, work around the clock to speed deliveries. Here Army Private First Class Robert Sims, of Clayton, Ohio, and a Japanese postal employee prepare to tackle this mountain of mail at Yokohama, Japan.

the funeral of her cousin, A. R. LaSister in Ranger Monday.

remarked: "This will involve considerable time and legwork."

WHICH, I knew, was his delicate way of pointing out that it would cost considerable cash. I reassured him on this point.

"I thought you always took taxis," I said. "But, skipping that, money may be your object. It isn't my client's. The big thing here is to keep this as private as possible. If I'm barking up the wrong tree, and any of these people get adverse publicity without a good reason, there will be a bigger and better murder. Cravath will build it around me."

"Well, how do I send in my stuff?"

"You bring it to me, here. And you don't call me at Windover; I call you in New York, see how you're doing, and make a date if you think you've got anything important. Now how long will it be before I give you a ring?"

He squinted. "Three days, say. Looks like I'm going to have to run all over New York."

"All right," I said. "Catch the next train back and start running."

He left me without another word. To illustrate how unobtrusively he got out of there—our solicitous waiter, noting empty glasses, came over presently with one eye on the door of the men's room and the other on the impotent container, he asked if we'd have two more of the same. I said no, just one, my friend had gone.

The waiter went away, looking puzzled.

I drove home slowly. It was becoming clearer to me every minute that I'd run a circumstantial web around a particular person. But the ends of the web weren't meeting. There was one vital assumption in my mind which needed verification, or they never would meet. That verification seemed utterly impossible to get, under the conditions prevailing. Unless I came out flatfooted with the one party best equipped to answer the question; took my hair down about being a private detective, not a young socially minded idler; and threw myself on the mercy of that particular party.

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**The Peacock Path**

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THE STORY: A fortune in missing bonds at the stockbrokerage of Marney Cravath is linked somehow with the disappearance of Ames Warburton, junior partner of Cravath's Jim Orth, private detective. Ames, if you insist—lived fifty miles away in an accident, but Sally Cravath, Marney's niece, has been trying to persuade her father to call in the police.

does nothing else."

"Get him started then," Cravath arose, yawning.

I sat in the study for a while. I leaned back in my chair, lit a cigarette and stared at the cups, photographs, etc., which told the saga of Cravath's athletic ability. It was one of the best things I've ever done.

Cravath had switched on but one light. That threw a subdued radiance, glinting softly off the silver and bronze of cups, plaques and medals, highlighting the glossy prints of the photographs. But, because of the peculiar way in which its beam slanted, one item in particular was outlined in bold relief.

The thing was literally screaming at me—and for once Orth, the dumb dick, got the cotton out of his ears.

"Good," I said. "At least you won't lose a customer." And now that he had Eve off his mind, I asked him to give me a few minutes.

He grunted that it was very late, but came on in to the study. I went straight to the point.

"I want a check-up on Ames Warburton's movements," I told him. "From the time he left the office till he got down here that day."

That was the way I put it. As a matter of fact, I envisioned a check-up that would go a lot further.

"Sure," Cravath said, "go on up to New York and do what you like. You don't have to baby-sit with me day and night. I'm beginning to think that's all foolishness, anyhow."

"I don't."

He shot me a hard direct look. "You think we're not finished with this thing?"

"I'm taking no chances. Besides, there's a fellow in New York named Harrison who can do the checking-up better than I could. Investigating is his business. He

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**FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS**

(SIGH) DADDY HAS BECOME ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE LATELY, FRECKLES!

HE USED TO BE PERIODICALLY CONTENT LOUNGING AROUND HOME IN WORKABOUT SLACKS AND AN ANCIENT MOHTEREN SWEATER!

I ADORED THAT OLD TWEED SUIT HE BETTER WEAR IT FOR YEARS! AND THAT SMELLY OLD PIPE HE WAS ALWAYS SMOKING ---

NOW LOOK AT HIM!

**VIC FLINT**

DESPITE CISSE'S EFFORTS TO KEEP VIC PINNED TO THE ROOF, VIC SLOWLY REGAINS HIS FEET.

RIGH, CISSE. DON'T FORGET MY NAME'S FLINT.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR HEAD IS MADE OF...

BUT VIC'S TROUBLES ARE JUST BEGINNING AS FLASH CLIMBS UP THE TRELLIS.

**ALLEY OOP**

TO SPREAD SOMETHING STRUCK MY CHEEKS!

AN ARROW! WHY, MY STARS!

SPLIFF!

HOT THERE YOU ARE!

BY GADZEE, I'M GLAD YOU SHOWED UP, BARBARIAN. YEEHAW, I'LL BEURE AM!

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane

By V.T. Hamlin



