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WASHINGTON NEWS

FROM OUR CONGRESSMAN



W. R. POAGE

While there has been less actual legislation on the floor of the house this week, we have had even more matters of vital importance to thrash out with the various departments than ever.

Of outstanding importance has been the effort some of us have made to prevent the private power companies from using the war as an excuse for destroying all that the Rural Electrification Administration and the Brazos River District have done for the development of Central Texas. I don't believe that any power agency either public or private has any right to put its wishes or interests ahead of national defense. I know that our R.E.A. customers will agree that if the Army or Navy needs the copper in any rural line in Texas that we will take the wire off the poles and go through the war by lantern light. On the other hand, I don't believe that any agency, public or private, has any right to use this emergency as an opportunity for destroying competition at the expense of the defense of the nation.

Right now the Brazos River Transmission Electric Cooperative only lacks about three days work of completing its lines from Morris Sheppard Dam to the City of Garland, where the city needs the power to serve two vital defense plants—an airplane plant and a plant that makes engines for tanks. The contracts called for delivery of power on February 15. And the power would have been delivered on that date but on last Tuesday (February 10) the War Production Board ordered all work to stop while they decided whether or not the private power companies were correct in their charge that the work on this system of public lines was not 40 per cent complete on December 5, 1941. The officials of the Brazos River Transmission Coop have come to Washington and have presented evidence from all of the contractors showing that the work was much more than 40 per cent complete on that date. I cannot see how any board, even one composed of "dollar-a-year" men who are on the payroll of the private utilities, can possibly refuse to let this job be completed. The matter is now before the War Production Board and a decision will have undoubtedly been reached before you read this. But, whatever the decision may be, the private utilities have already won a victory at the expense of national defense. They have prevented the carrying out of the contract of the public agency, but in so doing they have been responsible for the failure of these factories to produce vitally needed tanks and planes. To my mind, this kind of action is more likely to defeat America than the Jap Navy.

Nor does the story stop here. I have been working for many months to convince the Army of the advantages of Central Texas as a location for a great munitions plant. At last, I feel that the Army is satisfied that we have everything they need except power.

The private power companies have long told us that they have all the power that could ever be used in Central Texas. They still say that to some people, but for ten days we have been trying to get them to write a letter to the Army saying that they will supply the power. This, they refuse to do. The truth is they have sold Central Texas short. All their power is being used in other sections, and as I see it now, the only way we can hope to get any power for the development of Central Texas is through the use of Brazos power.

The Brazos River Transmission Coop is ready to supply all the power they have, and have so written the War Department. Unfortunately there is not enough power at Morris Sheppard Dam to supply the prospective needs. The officials of the Coop have, however, assured me that they would gladly connect with the local private power lines near the proposed site and interchange power. Such an interchange would make available additional power to both parties by the use of so-called "peaking" power,—the water power of the public system supplementing the steam power of the private systems to the advantage of both.

Private companies will at last realize that America is at war and will agree to such an arrangement rather than demand as they have so often done that all the power be turned over to them. Both systems should contribute their utmost to the winning of the war. The public system stands ready to do so. We will shortly know the answer of the private systems. In the meantime, I shall continue to insist that neither the R. E. A. nor the private companies be given any special privileges or any material that is needed in defense, but at the same time, I shall insist as I have heretofore that needed power facilities be built by public agencies just as freely as they can be built by the private companies.

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Just as we must conserve and ration every pound, even every ounce of materials essential to military needs, so must every tax dollar be rationed to finance a long, hard war. This means not only sacrifice for the individual, but unmistakably a temporary curtailment of government agencies not vital in war time.

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So we say to the government—let's strip for action. Let's cut out every expense that is not vital. Let's spend to win—and save to spend. Let's make the dollar fight too! And let's keep uppermost in mind that every tax dollar we convert from non-essential expenditure right now is a dollar toward VICTORY—and a quicker victory.

This may prove to be the greatest challenge in America's history.

If you agree with the point of view expressed here, raise your voice. Let Congress know where you stand on this important issue. Write your senators and Representatives today. Say to them—"We are at war. Stop non-essential spending." Let's make this demand ring out from the housetops of America.

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(Billie Herrmann, cors.)

(Intended for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scott of Odessa have been visiting relatives here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maynard visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn Herrmann Thursday night.

Miss Ola Atkinson of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geraldine Scott.

Visitors in Mrs. Clara Herrmann's home Sunday were: Darwin Herrmann of King, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bill and children of Dublin, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Herrmann and daughter.

Marion Sanders and family spent Sunday afternoon with Curt Moore. Mr. Moore has been ill for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Scott and son, Mrs. Clara Herrmann and family and Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Herrmann of King Sunday night.

Bill Maxwell of Gatesville spent the week end in this community.

Mrs. Johnnie Barnett, who has been ill, is improving. We hope she will soon be well.

Miss June Hill spent Friday nite with Billie Herrmann.

Ater

(Mrs. Birdie Coward, cors.)

(Intended for last week)
The rain we had was needed and appreciated.

Mr. Arvin McDonald of San Benito, Texas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake McDonald, this week end.

Miss Dorothy Roebuck of Weatherford College visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roebuck over the week end. Other visitors were Rev. C. A. Morton and wife, also Sallie Murrell of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Claude Bell of Pervis, Texas.

Mrs. W. C. Coward returned from Waco last week and is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Coward this week. Other visitors in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pussell and family of Levita, also Mr. and Mrs. Bervyl Coward of Dallas.

Mrs. Jake McDonald returned from Mississippi last week after a

Mrs. Hattie Carr is visiting in Files Valley and Tyler.

Rufus Holder of Dallas was a recent visitor with home folk.

Miss Dorothy Vandiver of Tyler and Billy of Dallas were recent visitors with home folk.

Mrs. Clark Basham of Tyler was a recent visitor in Mrs. Hattie Carr's home.

Eldon Veasey and family of McGregor were Sunday visitors in the Basham home.

The Grove

(Lorene Burgess, cors.)

(Intended for last week)

There will be church services here Sunday morning and night. Everyone is invited to attend.

There were several at the P-TA Thursday night.

Those visiting in the Jay Burgess home Saturday night were, Pvt. Lee Roy Burgess of Camp Wolters, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goddy

and Le Roy Reese.

Lorene Burgess attended the Fat Stock Show at Houston Saturday.

K. C. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bidy are visiting relatives

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We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Galloway in our community who moved on the Ike Donaldson place.

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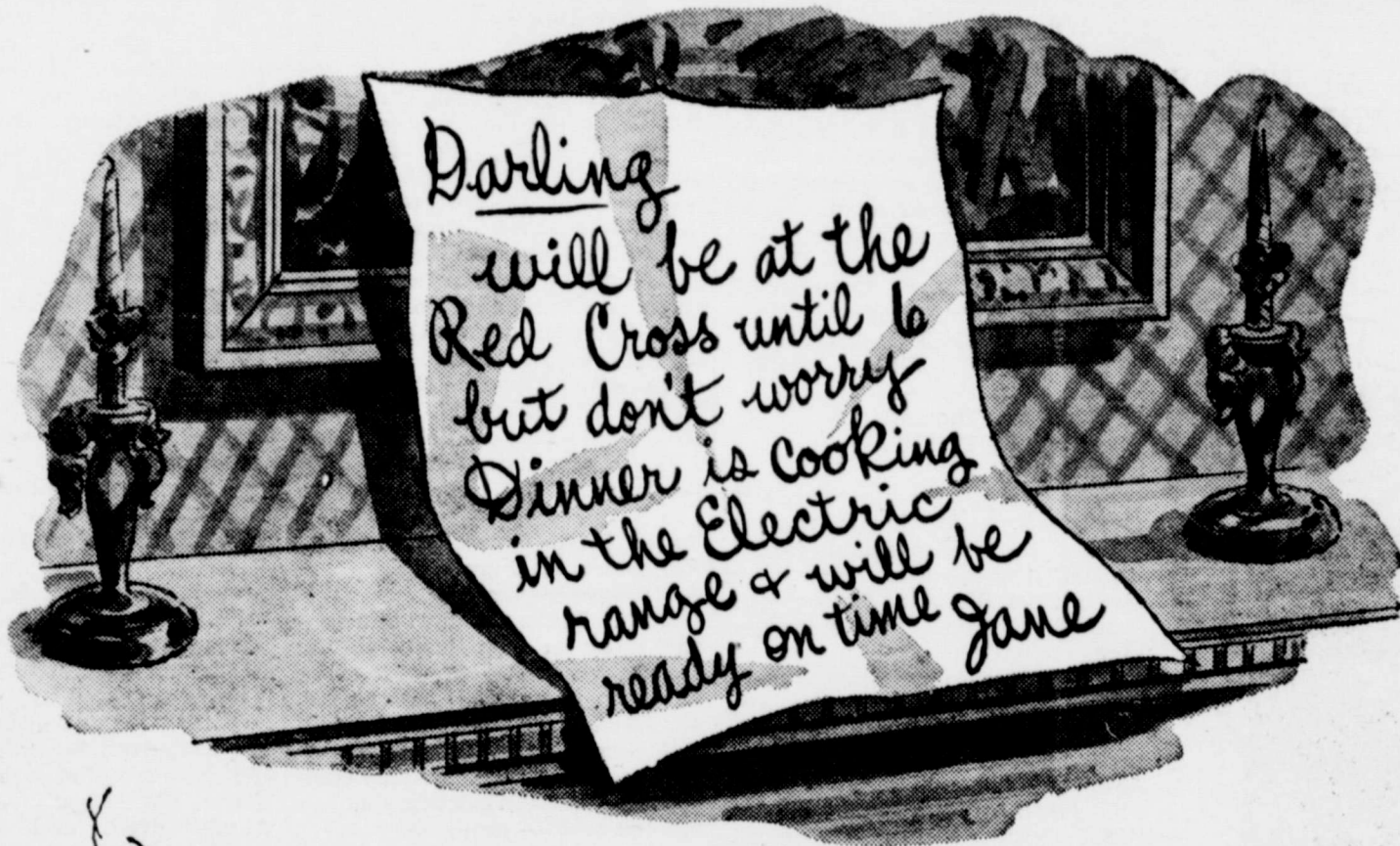
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SPORTS IN THE NEWS

By JOHN FRANK POST
News Sports Editor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1942

HORNETTES, HAMILTON CLASH IN DISTRICT FINALS TONIGHT

A flashy sextette from Hamilton and the local Hornets clash tonight in the local gym for girls championship of District 12. The Gatesville lassies are favored to win, although the Hamilton girls displayed surprising strength Friday night in trimming a speedy Jonesboro club 23-14. Both clubs are in top shape and primed for battle, and the game tonight is due to be a thriller.

The Hornets loafed through two easy wins Friday, beating Lampasas 34-13 in the tournament's opener, and defeating Blue Ridge in their semi-final contest

26-7. Coach Barton used his scrubs freely in both games.

The best game of the tourney was the tussle between Jonesboro and Hamilton. The score was tied at 3-all at the end of the first chunker, and Jonesboro led at the half 8-7. The Hamilton sextette pulled away in the third frame, 12-10 and turned on the heat in the final session to earn a 23-14 win. The Hamilton guards were too tall for the fast little Eaglette forwards, always taking the ball off the backboard after one of the Jonesboro lassies fired a long shot. Therein lies the story of the difference between the two teams.

Tournament Resume

Gatesville, 36; Lampasas 13.
High scorers: Gatesville, Perkins 19 and Featherstone 8; Lampasas Sneed 6.
Hamilton 23; Jonesboro 14.
High scorers; Hamilton, Nettleton, 12 and Hampton 8. Jonesboro, ohnson 6 and Jones 6.
Gatesville 26; Blue Ridge 7
High scorers; Gatesville, Featherstone 10; Perkins 6; and Scott 6. Blue Ridge, Williams 5 and Kunkel 2.

Ireland Five Goes To Regional Cage Meet Friday

Ireland's scarlet-shirted roundballers, champions in this section's Class B district, journey to far-away Denton this week end to compete in the big Class B regional cage tournament and battle for the right to enter the state meet at Austin.

The Cardinals smashed through their district games with ease,

HORNETS DISPLAY TERRIFIC SCORING ATTACK AS THEY DEFEAT GRANBURY FOR BI-DISTRICT TITLE

By JOHN FRANK POST—News Sports Editor

Captain Cotton Blanchard paced the Hornet cagers in a scorching scoring attack that swept them to two straight wins over the Granbury team and into the regional finals Thursday. Although they looked pitifully weak on defense at times, Dead-Eye Dick basket shooting brought the Golden Boys two easy victories, 49-24 and 44-30.

Blanchard played one of his best games of the current season in the bi-district finale Thursday night. Pitching in eight field goals for sixteen tallies, he was a ball-hawking demon for the night. Many times he would fire at the bucket from mid-court, and should it fail to go in, he would hustle in under the backboard and follow his own shot. He was a big factor in stopping the enemy's offense, intercepting many passes and never failing to take the ball off the backboard when the Granbury boys' shots misfired.

Gordon Thornton, the big center who is improving by leaps and bounds, played great ball in both games. Using his tremendous height to great advantage, he tapped in seven follow-ups in the first game for fourteen markers and then scored eight more in the night game. Bill Manning, the Hornets' expert ball-handler, turned in two more great games, counting 13 markers in the first game and fifteen in the second for a two-game total of 28 points, which is great shooting in anybody's league.

Win First Game

The Hornets did not have any trouble downing the champions of District 11-A in the afternoon contest before a large crowd of school students. Pruitt's proteges unleashed the full power of their offense from the opening whistle and built up a halftime lead of 23-6, and then coasted on to win. Gilbert, lanky center, was the leading scorer for the losers with ten points, while the Hornet scoring column read: Thornton, 14; Manning, 13; and Blanchard 11. These three boys might have ran up more points had not Coach Pruitt used his reserves during the entire fourth quarter.

Pruitt Has Hard Time

trimming the Meridian Yellow-jackets in two straight games. Lemmer, Cofer, Russe II, Watkins, and Pearson, the Redshirt's starting five, are all in good shape and have been looking good in practice sessions. Werner Lemmer, great forward who has been turning in fine floor performances all year, who his eye on the basket in the Meridian series, and scored

In the second game, the local five started like a house afire, but cooled off just as quickly. After running up a 13-4 working margin in five minutes of play, the gold-clad cagers eased off and allowed the Granbury boys to score points at will. The boys from the little hamlet near Fort Worth took full advantage of this lapse, and quickly tied the score at 14 all early in the second chunker while Pruitt noisily fell off the bench with a loud ba-loomph that shook the rafters and tore at his few remaining sprigs of hair. This scared the players so badly that they called time out, talked the matter over seriously, and decided that it would be best for all but Gran-

bury if they started playing basketball once more. Since they had no love for their opponents, they settled back down to work, and were leading 24-16 at halftime to completely dash the hopes of the Granbury supporters. They stayed well in the lead throughout the second half, and ended the fray with a 44-30 win.

Newman was high point man for the losers with 12, while Blanchard and Manning scored 16 and 15 markers for the locals.

The Golden boys will now take on the winner of the Nocona-Crowell contest for the championship of Region III. If they win there, they will gain a place in the state meet at Austin.

HORNETS AND NOCONA MEET FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A crew of expert ball handlers from Nocona, Texas, famed as the cowboy boot capital of the world, defeated the Crowell five in a 3-game series and marched into the regional finals with the local Golden Boys.

The first game of the championship series will be played at Nocona Wednesday night, with the two teams clashing here at the local gym Friday night. If a third game is necessary it will be played at Fort Worth.

The Hornets are all in great shape except Cotton Blanchard, who is bothered with a bruised heel. He will be ready to go however, Wednesday night.

The Hornets are due to have a tough time with the Nocona lads who looked great in defeating Crowell 23-19 in the bi-district finale Saturday. The Nocona crew uses the same style of play as the TCU club, the quintet that has surprised Southwest Conference critics this year. Their regular line up is made up of boys about the size of the Hornets' Billy Manning, and all of them are tops when it comes to handling the ball. Their passing attack is sure and fast, one that will take heads-up defensive play to hold in check.

The Nocona boys defeated Crowell in their first bi-district play-off contest at Crowell 23-7, but dropped the second at Nocona by about 10 points. When the two

twenty-nine points in th two games. He is the boy on whom Ireland supporters pin their victory hopes.

teams met at Wichita Falls Saturday for the final, the Nocona boys found their smooth stride, and neatly trimmed the Crowell lads, 23-19.

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