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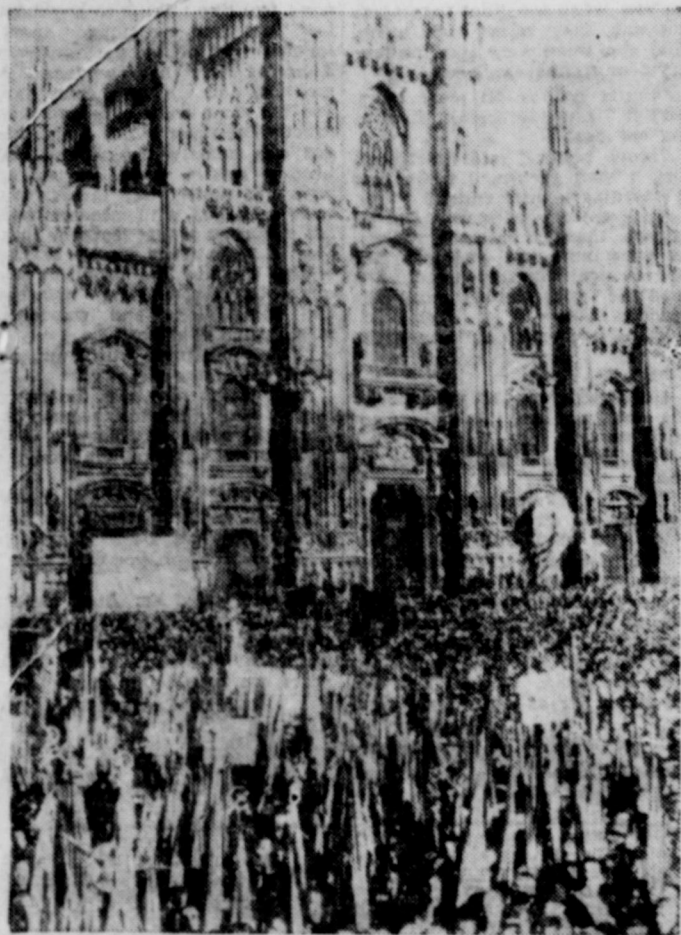
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# UN Orders Jews, Arabs To Halt Fight

## Italian Communists Denounce U. S.



With massed banners, over 30,000 Communists jammed into the square at Milan, Italy, to hear the party leader, Palmiro Togliatti, make a three-hour attack on the U. S. The communists were holding their final pre-election campaign. (NEA Telephoto.)

## California Seeks Way To Harness Sun's Rays To Overcome Drought

BAKERSFIELD, Cal. (UP)—Legislators in California, trying to find an answer to the state's drought situation, have suggested that water from the Pacific Ocean might be used if treated correctly. In Bakersfield, Harry Armenta and S. C. Darrah are working on the same problem. They have visions of distilling ocean water for irrigation purposes through the use of the sun's rays.

The inventors said their model is capable of providing heat for all purposes in a moderate size home. The model, they added, can be produced in volume for about \$200.

Some day, Armenta and Darrah believe, the boiler may be used to distill salt water coming from oil wells, thus stopping the wasteful ruination of land surrounding the California oil fields.

Armenta pointed out that another use would be the actual creation of energy for generation of electricity or other purposes. The two men are certain that their "solar flash" boiler is the answer to both the power shortage and water shortage that has hit California.

## High Meat Prices Favor Seafood

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—High meat prices have caused many persons to turn to seafood, says D. E. Wicker, who has made a study of the eating habits of Dallas residents.

The average person in the United States consumes about 15 pounds of seafood per year, Wicker says, but in Dallas the average is closer to 30 pounds, considered high for an inland city.

Wicker points to his sale of shrimp in 1926, when Dallas County residents consumed a 150-pound barrel of seafood per year, Wick-Today, his firm sells more than 65 barrels of shrimp weekly.

## First Baseball Game Of Season Here At 3:00 O'Clock This P. M.

Bill Pritchard, whose home is in Tennessee and who is a student at Abilene Christian College, will throw the game for the Eastland Mavericks in their game with Dublin at Firemen's Field this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Pritchard weighs 170 pounds and is right handed.

Probable Maverick line up: Owen and Beck, catchers; Samuels, left field; Dick, right field; Button, center field; Friday, first base; Pritchard and Shafer pitching. Blacklock, Cole, Jack Williams.

An infielder and an outfielder from A. C. C. will also play with the Mavericks this afternoon, but just who they will be was not revealed. Pritchard recently defeated Sweetwater 2 to 0 in class D baseball and is reported to be one of the smoothest pitchers in the country.

The grounds at Firemen's Field were being wet down Saturday and everything was said to be in tip top condition for a good game. The visiting Dublin team is playing its third year in the Brazos Valley League. They have John Tarleton College at Stephenville to draw players from and it is said to have a good club.

## Over 500 Texas City Dependents Get SS Checks

One year after the Texas City disaster of April 16, 1947, over 500 surviving widows, children, and dependent parents of the victims receive substantial checks each month under the Social Security Act, Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration, said today.

First monthly security checks amounting to \$66 went to a family group, a young widow and her three children, just 11 days after the disaster. The family will get \$66 per month until the oldest of the children becomes 18. Payments will then be less and when the last child reaches 18 will be stopped. The widow will, however, if unmarried, at age 65, get lifetime checks of \$25 per month. In all, potential social security benefits to this family add up to some \$16,800.

Besides children and their widowed mothers, aged widows and aged dependent parents are also receiving monthly payments. For aged widows, these payments average \$30 per month; for each child \$15 and for each dependent parent, \$16. The total amount that will eventually be paid to survivors will be between 1 million and 1 1/2 million dollars.

"The Texas City disaster is a vivid example of the way social security and private insurance supplement each other," Fisher said. "In addition to social security, the aggregate amount of private insurance and workmen's compensation payable to survivors will come to more than \$4,000,000."

"In most instances," he continued, "social security, plus workmen's compensation and monthly installments from private insurance companies, are providing real and continuing economic security for these orphans and their widowed mothers."

Mr. Fisher, pointed out that before a claim can be paid an application must first be filed, urged all survivors of deceased workers to contact his office as soon as possible after the death of the worker.

## Colombia Rebel Seize Refinery

BOGOTA, April 17. (UP)—Insurrectionist followers of assassinated Liberal Party Chief Jorge E. Gaitan seized Colombia's only oil refinery a week ago and still control it, a tropical oil company spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the refinery at Barranca Bermeja was captured during the general strike and bloody riots that followed Gaitan's assassination. Insurrectionists have defied the order of the Colombian Workers Confederation—CTS—halting the general strike, the spokesman said. The seizure has caused an acute gasoline shortage in Bogota, hampering transportation of foodstuffs.

Otherwise, for the first time in a week, Bogota seemed to be returning to normal. Municipal workers and others started cleaning up the rubble and the city's transportation and other services started functioning again.

## Tokyo Raiders Hold Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS, Apr. 17. (UP)—Gen. James Doolittle, famous leader of the first U. S. bombing raid on Tokyo, today rejoined some of the men who gathered here six years ago to plan the historic mission.

Doolittle has been billed as the principle speaker at a reunion of the Tokyo raiders. Thirty-six of the 61 pilots and crew men who survived the flight are meeting to talk over old times.

Ricardo, The Magician



## Cavalcade Of Magic Be Here Monday-Tuesday

Ricardo's "Cavalcade of Magic" will show at the Eastland High School Auditorium Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th, beginning at 8:00 p. m., under the sponsorship of the Karl and Boyd Tanner Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The two things looked forward to by young and old alike—the circus and the magician. Most of the smaller circuses have withered and fallen by the wayside, because the large established circus gave too much competition. It is the same with the magician. Take the famous old names of magic, Kellar, Thurston, Houdini and Blackstone, these names have lived and will never die—Why? Because the world never tired of seeing these masters of mystification at work.

But alas, others have started in the magic field with a big name, but in a few months or a year, the name was forgotten, and the roadside had another victim.

Ricardo was a personal friend of the great Harry Houdini, and made his start in magic through him, and for the past twenty-eight years has been doing professional magic and heading his own show, however, this season he claims to have reached his goal with his "Cavalcade of Magic," and proudly presents it to the entertainment world.

## Jaycees Hear Plea For Prison Reform System

EL PASO, Tex., April 17 (UP)—O. B. Ellis of Huntsville, general manager of the Texas prison system, today called for sweeping reforms in the system to provide just punishment, rehabilitation of criminals, and transfer insane persons from prisons to hospitals.

Speaking at the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce convention, Ellis detailed the Ellis plan, which he said would cost \$4,196,075 but would produce huge savings in future operating costs. "It would be an investment that would pay dividends in human lives restored to useful citizenship," he said.

B. A. Stoffelbeme of Grand Prairie, member of the Texas prison board, urged Jaycees to work for adoption of the Ellis plan already endorsed by his board.

## One Little Second Costs \$544 A Year

DETROIT, (UP)—One second cost Robert Gallagher \$544 a year. Gallagher, 70, a postal employe, retired at midnight, March 31, after 44 years of service. One second later, on April 1, a new federal law took effect which would have given him an additional \$55 annual stipend.

It was no April Fool's joke to Gallagher. The law was designed to help veteran employes to meet rising living costs, but Gallagher said he would be unable to live on less than half his regular salary. "Yes, I'm retiring," he said, "but now I have to start looking for another job."

## 3-Day Election Vacation Ordered For Italians

ROME, Apr. 17 (UP)—The Italian government announced today a three-day election vacation for all Italian workers so everyone could participate in the fateful vote tomorrow and Monday between communism and democracy.

A government imposed silence blanketing out campaign speeches settled over the land on election eve. Liquor was banned for two days by government decree. It appeared the weather might turn to rain, favoring the disciplined Communist vote.

Rising excitement gripped the voting masses as they reached the crossroads where they must accept or reject the principles of Communism. Their ballots tomorrow will elect 574 deputies and 237 senators of a new parliament that will rule Italy for the next two years.

Italy's tough interior minister Mario Scelba, ordered four policemen out to guard each of the nation 41,648 polling places. They were instructed to keep the entrances clear and forbid any electioneering or attempts to influence the voters.

## Senate Warned To Go Slow On Defense Spending

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (UP)—Two members of the Senate armed services committee warned Congress today to go slow on the defense spending program if it means putting the country in the red.

Sen Edward V. Robertson, R. Wyo., said the legislators "must not be stampeded" on the multi-billion-dollar preparedness project.

"The world situation would have to be extremely serious," he said, "to warrant our going into deficit financing. We're going to take a careful look before we leap."

Robertson's warning about spending in excess of government income echoed a similar statement by Chairman Chan Gurney, R. S. D., of the Senate armed services group. Gurney would not comment directly in the House's action in ramming through a \$3,198,100,000 appropriation for expanding the nation's air power.

PLYMOUTH, Ind. (UP)—The "block system" for catching foxes is paying off for a group of people in Marshall County. They establish a series of "blocks" about which the hunters station themselves. Sooner or later the fox runs through a block line. If one group misses him, those in the next block probably will get him.

Venice is located on the Adriatic Sea.

## U. S. Rejects Red Request For Plebiscite

BERLIN, April 17, (UP)—The American military government today rejected a Communist request for a plebiscite in all of Germany on unity of the country, asserting that the German people do not want "economic and political slavery."

The German Communists, who enjoy Russian backing, appealed directly to the Germans to join in a plebiscite on unification. The proposal was made without the approval of the western powers.

It was broadcast by the Soviet-controlled Berlin radio. Earlier, the Communists had reported they had notified the American, British and French military governments that they would seek a country-wide plebiscite.

In another manifestation of the East-West friction, Maj. Gen. E. O. Herbert, British representative on the four-power Kommandatura, protested to the Soviets against traffic restriction which held up 17,750 tons of German parcels in Berlin.

## Fort Worth Man Found Sick And In Daze Here

W. W. King, an employe of the Consolidated-Vulte Aircraft Corporation in Fort Worth, walked into the County Sheriff's office here Friday afternoon and stated that he was sick. Dr. Isbell, County Health officer, was called by members of the sheriff's force. He examined King and said that he was a very sick man.

King, whom officers said appeared to be very sick and in a daze, had driven his car from Ft. Worth but was unable to tell them much about it. The sheriff's office got in touch with his family at Fort Worth and his sister and brother-in-law came to Eastland last night and took him back to Fort Worth.

King, a foreman at the Consolidated plant, had been working under a considerable strain members of his family said and been cautioned to slow down.

## Flood Threat Is Spreading

U.P., April 17—A huge flood crest rolled down the Ohio river today, threatening to add thousands of refugees to the 22,000 persons already driven from their homes by flooding rivers in eight states.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH OKLAHOMA CITY, Apr. 17, (UP)—Four children were burned to death today when fire swept a farm home eight miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

CANDIDATE



Allen D. Dabney, above, of Eastland has announced his candidacy for Associate Justice of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals of Eastland.

## Allen Dabney Seeks Place On Appeals Court

Allen D. Dabney, Eastland attorney for 35 years, has announced his candidacy for Associate Justice of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland.

Dabney, a native of Comanche County, received his early education there and in Brown County, and is a graduate of the University Law School.

"I have lived in this judicial district my entire lifetime and have become well acquainted with practically all of the members of the bar and many voters in the district," he said in announcing his candidacy.

"I believe that my experience in the study of law, and as a practitioner before the various state and federal courts, fully qualify me to become an associate justice of this court."

Dabney pointed out that there are more than 100,000 voters in the 23-county district, and that although he could not hope to contact all of them, would conduct an active campaign.

## Eastland Boy Is Home From Trip To Germany

James Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Anderson, 601 South Connelley street, Eastland, returned Thursday from Europe. He is an engineer-gunner in the Eighth Air Force and was with the 7th Bombardment Wing's 9th Squadron that landed Thursday at Carswell Air Force Base.

The 10 B-29's made the 5,700 miles from Germany in a little more than 30 hours, successfully completing a training mission that began on February 26.

Anderson, who is visiting his parents in Eastland brought home a number of souvenirs from Germany and the trip.

Oranges, unlike apples and pears, do not ripen after plucking.

## NEITHER HAS INDICATED INTENTION TO OBSERVE ORDER

LAKE SUCCESS, April 17 (UP)—The United Nations Security Council today ordered Jews and Arabs to halt immediately the warfare in Palestine which has cost more than 2,000 lives since last November.

Neither Arabs nor Jews gave assurances that they would accept the order. It was feared they still might continue their bloody battle for control of the Holy Land.

Dispatches from the Holy Land reported a new five-hour Arab attack against Jews North of Haifa. Other reports said 5,000 Arabs equipped with artillery have joined the Palestine battle from neighboring Arab states.

The council approved a detailed truce plan designed to smooth the way for the 17-nation General Assembly as it tries between now and May 15 to devise a new government for Palestine.

Great Britain ends her Holy Land mandate on May 15 and many UN diplomats hoped that at least the truce would quiet Arabs and Jews until that date.

Final approval came at 1.25 A. M., CST, this morning on a 9 to 0 vote, with Russia and the Soviet Ukraine abstaining. The council met in an extraordinary night session for five hours to take final action on the truce plan which was fashioned chiefly by the United States over the emphatic objections of Holy Land Jews and the milder protestations of Palestine Arabs.

The council took no steps to enforce its truce plan if either side defies it.

It left Great Britain to observe results of the order.

## Shipment To Italy Authorized

WASHINGTON, April 17 (UP)—As Italy prepared to vote in her crucial elections, the United States today authorized a new shipment of \$8,102,000 worth of fuel and food to her anti-Communist government.

Economic cooperation administrator, Paul G. Hoffman, said that he had authorized for shipment as soon as possible to Italy quantities of coal, wheat flour, soya flour and rolled oats.

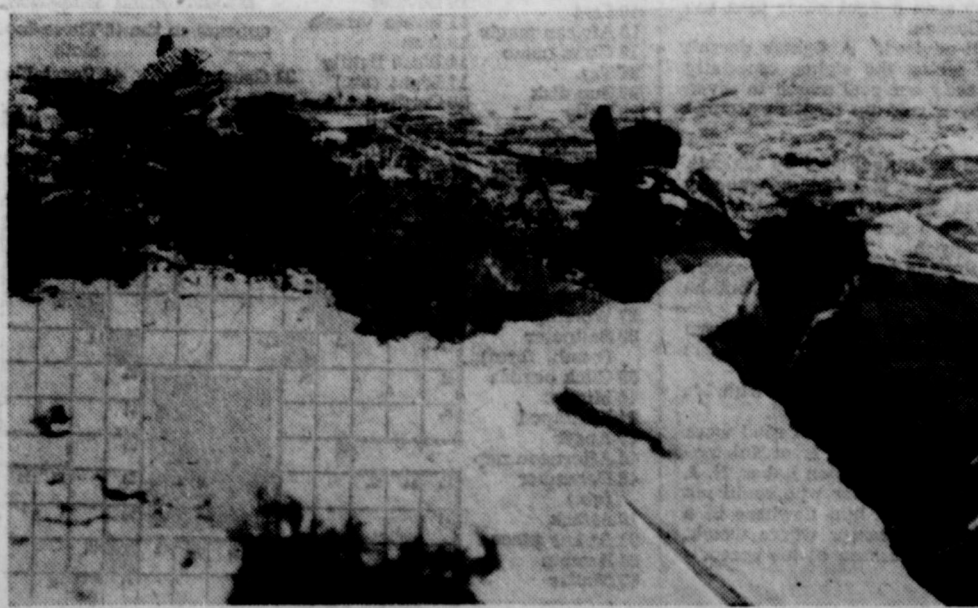
This was the second authorization to Italy by ECA in two days.

## THIS WEEK AT LOCAL THEATRES

**Majestic**  
SUNDAY - MONDAY  
"NOOSE HANGS HIGH"  
With Bud Abbott and Lou Costello  
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
"WOMAN'S VENGEANCE"  
With Charles Boyer and Raneland Kempson  
THURSDAY ONLY  
"THE GANGSTER"  
With Barry Sullivan  
Belita  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
"Black Bart"  
with Louis Hayward and Janet Blair

**Lyric**  
SUNDAY ONLY  
"SEA HAWK"  
With Errol Flynn and Brenda Marsh  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
"RETURN OF LASH"  
Al (Lash) Larue  
The Telegram has tickets for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams to see "Noose Hangs High," Sunday or Monday.  
(Please clip the above program from this newspaper and present it with federal tax at Majestic box office.)

## Floods Make Many Homeless



An unidentified mother and her baby are assisted from a rescue boat which evacuated her from their flooded home in Wheeling, West Virginia. Emergency workers and volunteers are aiding in moving the refugees. (NEA Telephoto.)

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### WASHINGTON COLUMN

## Gray Changes Complexion Of Bradley's VA Regime

BY DOUGLAS LARSEN  
NEA Staff Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—During his first three months as head of Veterans Administration, Carl R. Gray, Jr. has tried to do what most smart officials do when they first come to Washington—find out what it's all about and get their feet on the ground.

In the case of taking over the VA this cautious approach is especially important because that agency is the second largest arm of the federal government next to the armed services. It consists of the biggest insurance business in the world and giant medical and educational programs.

Although Gray has tried hard not to make important decisions without knowing exactly what he was doing, he already has changed the complexion of the VA from what it was under his predecessor, Gen. Omar Bradley.

It was Bradley's opinion that the big veterans' organizations should be kept at arm's length from the VA. This attitude irritated the officials of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When Bradley first took the job he was shocked to see just how much influence the Legion and VFW wielded in the VA. He discovered that about the only way to get quick admittance to certain VA hospitals was through the local Legion post.

Fearing that this situation might arbitrarily force World War II veterans to join the World War I organizations, Bradley issued Circular 25 to all employees. In effect it said that no VA worker could hold position in a veterans' organization which might influence his work for the government. During the rest of Bradley's term as Veterans Administrator, the Legion and VFW never forgave him.

When Gray came in, the first act of the Legion and VFW officials was to petition him to rescind Circular 25. In short order Gray called them in and said that he wasn't going to change it officially but that henceforth they needn't worry about the order. This immediately won over the friendship of the powerful veterans' groups. Ever since then Gray's booming voice and jovial presence has dominated every important Legion and VFW function.

Gray's announced conception of his relationship with Congress and of the legal scope of the VA job is also in sharp contrast to Bradley's views. General Bradley never hesitated to override the Budget Bureau in appealing for money from Congress when he believed the VA needed it. And it was Bradley who instructed VA field workers to start investigating leaky roofs and poor construction which had gone into so many veterans' homes, a situation which still threatens to become a national scandal.

Gray, however, believes it is not his function to take the lead in requesting additional funds from Congress. This attitude led to a peculiar brush with the chairman of the House Veterans Committee, Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R., Mass.), who wanted Gray to ask for more money so that certain VA medical personnel cuts wouldn't have to be made. He wouldn't do it.

AND on the question of leaky roofs and faulty construction in veterans' housing, Gray takes the stand that it is not the legal function of VA to bother itself with such things after the deal has been closed by the veteran. He says, "The VA can't play landlord for the veterans."

In a widely-circulated veterans' newspaper called the "Army Times Vet-Letter," its editors have claimed that Gray "has become the prisoner of bureaucracy completely dependent upon inner circle advisers for what goes on around him."

On the constructive side, it is reported that Gray already has made progress in improving VA insurance and has removed a bottleneck in the hospital construction program. It is hoped that his background as a highly successful businessman and railroad executive will help him to make the VA a more efficient organization.

### THE SCOREBOARD

## Inert Louis Acts Like Champ Who Doesn't Care Too Much

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—It was just as well that Joe Louis got out of those London and Paris night clubs when he did.

Starting right now, the Old Brown Bomber scarcely has sufficient time to get ready for his rematch with Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium, June 23.

Strange as it may seem for one who has been so proud in the past, Louis, 34 come May 13, acts for all the world like a champion who doesn't care too much one way or the other.

Strictly on his own since the death of Jack Blackburn in 1941, Louis is badly in need of a firm hand. John Roxborough and Marshall Miles, his supposed managers, are nothing more than business agents now and Manny Seamon only a rubber.

Louis trained himself for the first meeting with Walcott last Dec. 5, with what would have been disastrous results had it not been for a pair of indulgent judges, who must have seen a fight other than the one that took place at Madison Square Garden.

Louis' exhibitions in London were ill-advised. A fighter doesn't get in condition doing exhibitions and seeing the sights, especially one of Smokey Joe's age who has had exactly one real match in seven years, or since Billy Conn so surprisingly stirred up no little trouble for him in June, 1941.

AS bad as Louis was, being twice floored and outgloped by Walcott, he was worse in an exhibition with one Leo Matriccioni, whoever he is, in Baltimore just before he sailed for England. Matriccioni was so slow he could have been timed with a sun dial, but the much older champion was slower, stouter and slugger.

Certainly, Louis isn't any better now starting to train for an encore figured to gross \$1,500,000. His agents claim he weighs 220, but he appears to be closer to 240.

Out of respect for the production, Louis should have buckled down to the business now at hand a month ago, especially with the clientele paying from \$10 to \$50 a rattle.

The prewar Louis would have been in camp, particularly with his pride ruffled after a dismal showing and a mighty close call.

Louis is finally going to get down to wood chopping and road work on Roane's Farm, hard by Bloomingsdale, Mich., 25 miles from Kalamazoo, and will spend the last five weeks boxing at Pompton Lakes, N. J.

This is not nearly enough for a 34-year-old warrior who could not untrack himself last December. Louis' legs took him nowhere in a jiffy against Walcott. He is at a stage of his career where weight isn't taken off easily, and must regain some measure of his speed.

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## Semmes Talks On Great Freight Damage Waste

J. B. Semmes of the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company speaking before the Eastland Lion's Club last Tuesday noon on the subject of "Wasteful Freight Damage," which he stated cost \$120,000,000 the nation—over last year which is at the rate of \$228 per minute, stated also that reduction of this multi-million dollar waste is a co-operative job shared in by all business men who ship or receive merchandise as well as the railroads which transport that merchandise.

Although you may not have realized it before, every one of you has an interest, either indirectly, in the subject of freight claims because the million of dollars annually involved in settlement must come out of the railroads freight charges which you, the public, pay.

Some of you gentlemen here today have doubtless been inconvenienced or have lost a sale because of freight damage. The industry I work for, railroads, realizes that fact and is facing it with a large amount of realism these days. After all, aside from the general economic waste of goods which freight damage causes, it's no fun seeing \$120 million dollars thrown away in one year. And railroads paid out in 1947—\$228 every minute. Nine hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars of that was paid by the Texas & Pacific—\$1.89 per minute. You've heard a friend say that he wishes he had a nickel for every time he did something or other. Well if Texas and Pacific had \$1.89 for every minute it paid a claim last year, that total of \$993,000 could have been channeled into improvements to supply better service to customers.

Without going any further, I think we can safely and correctly state two thoughts which rule any successful program aimed at preventing freight damage:

First, the responsibility for preventing merchandise damage

rests equally with all three parties who handle the goods before it reaches the retail shelves—not with the shipper alone, the railroads alone, nor the receiver alone.

Secondly, any program which consistently will mean the safe delivery of profit-making goods to you gentlemen, must in itself be consistent.

The rest of the time with you, I'd like to devote to some comments on what the T&P railroad that serves you, is specifically doing to carry out its responsibility in a continuing program against freight damage. And before I close, it may be in order to add some specifics which you as businessmen can do from day-to-day to help.

Let's begin this last part of our discussion by explaining that three years ago, we on the T&P revamped our claim operations. This was done with a basic principle in mind, the principle that the nation's big freight damage bill only could be reduced by viewing the job as a preventive one.

Efforts of the T&P toward damage prevention then is transmitted into practice to agents, freight handlers, yard forces, motor transport employees and train crews by weekly meetings in the warehouses, on the loading docks, in the yard offices—anywhere occasion demands. At the larger terminals, traffic and operating executives—the men who sell the customer and the men who move the customer's goods—meet weekly. Freight damage prevention is on the regular agenda. At some of the larger terminals, roving inspectors also are employed to spot shipments improperly loaded, etc. And now, as rapidly as possible, we are installing mechanical loading and unloading devices at various stations to speed-up freight handling as well as to do the job with more precision and care than any person could do by hand.

Now, here are some things you as business men can do to help cut the waste that reduces your profits and which cost the T&P that \$1.89 every minute last year.

1. If you have learned something new to protect your product in the handling, give your railroad agent the benefit of it.

2. Be sure that your shipment is correctly marked, that the number and description of the articles are double-checked.
3. Keep a separate record on shipments which have strayed.
4. Designate someone in your company to observe your freight handling. That means watch our men as well as yours.
5. See that cartons are properly glued and flaps sealed.
6. Be particularly careful in unpacking and handling merchandise once it reaches you as a receiver.

We of the railroads want and need your help on any of these scores you can offer it. That's sincere on our part.

In any event, this whole opportunity to eliminate the heavy losses caused by freight damage rests with all of us here today. If one solution does not work, then we must correct our errors and try another.

## Surplus Tentpoles Become Warehouses

GREENVILLE, Miss. (UP)—Bob May, local businessman has a unique warehouse, made entirely of surplus Army tentpoles.

May bought 50,000 surplus tentpoles last year. He couldn't find a market for them and was stuck for a use until he got the idea for the warehouse.

The building is about 180x600 feet. Except for the aluminum building on the outside, concrete block foundations and a few stray pieces of regulation lumber, nothing but 20,000 tentpoles went into the structure.

Cow Has Triplets

WATSONVILLE, Cal. (UP)—Tessie, a registered Holstein on the Anthony Rocha farm, is the mother of triplet calves—an event as rare as quadruplets in humans. All the calves were heifers and above average in size.

## The Innocent Impostor

By Renee Shann  
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THE STORY: Patience Mond goes to London three times a week to attend dressmaking school. It is the only freedom allowed her by the two old-fashioned nannies who have brought her up and with whom she lives in the country. On the commuting train she meets Paul Taylor, who lives in a neighboring village and who finds himself attracted to the pretty young girl. They date secretly, fall in love. The nannies find out, force Patience to promise not to see Paul again. Paul wants her to tell them she's going to marry him. But Patience can't do it. They quarrel. Sometime later on the train from London, Patience finds herself in the same compartment as Paul. A dusky blonde is with him.

again to the blonde girl and bent his head nearer to hers. "Your magazine, Miss." The soldier picked it up for her. A tear splashed down her cheek, followed quickly by another. He looked at her sympathetically. "You not feeling too good, Miss?" "I'm all right, thank you." "Going far?" he asked in a friendly tone. "To Oakley." "I'm going to Chelmsford. It's a bit further on. I'm 'ome on leave..."

"FUNNY how I look forward to this journey now," the blonde girl sitting next to Paul said. "And it used to bore me to death." Patience opened her magazine. Oh dear, she didn't want to listen! Must they go on talking? Could she perhaps move to another carriage? But there wouldn't be any room. And anyway, it would be so cowardly. "Paul?" "Well?" "How about a cigaret in the carriage?" "That's not a bad idea."

It was a help to have him to talk to. It took her mind off those two in the corridor. But at Brookbourne when the other passengers got out, they came back again. And now there were only the four of them in the carriage. "Better with a bit more room, isn't it?" said the soldier, stretching his legs. "Much better," said the blonde girl. "Paul darling, I think now it's turning a little chilly."

Up went the window. Did he always thought Patience angry. She opened her magazine again. She read the serial steadily until they reached Oakley. "This your station?" asked the soldier. "Yes." He leaned forward and opened the door for her. And then got out after her. "But you don't get out here, do you?" "No," she grinned and cocked his head in the direction of the carriage. "I think I'll find somewhere else and leave them two lovebirds together."

He was bundling himself and his kit into another compartment in a jiffy. He wanted to her from the window. But Paul hadn't noticed her going. Not one look had he given her as she'd risen from

her seat and got out of the train. And the soldier had called them two lovebirds! She'd never dreamed anything could hurt her so terribly.

SHE went slowly home, not wanting to reach the house, not wanting to have to go in and talk to her aunts.

She heard voices as she opened the front door. They were coming from the sitting room. Visitors, she thought in consternation, and was about to flee up the stairs when the door opened and her Aunt Alice stood there, looking flustered and excited.

"Ah, there you are, darling child! We've been hoping you'd be home soon. Come along in! There's someone here who's looking forward tremendously to seeing you."

Patience hesitated. She looked desperately at her aunt.

"Aunt Alice, must I? I'm so tired and so dirty. Couldn't I just go upstairs and tidy first? I—I don't feel like talking to anybody. I— And then she stopped short, for there just behind her aunt was a girl of about her own age. A girl who had the same color hair and the same color eyes and was exactly the same build. Only this girl was smartly dressed and her lipstick was a vivid scarlet, as were her nails. Her lashes, too, were darkened with mascara, and her eyebrows a neat feathery line. She was—Patience stared at her—why, she was like herself as she might be if some fairy princess had come along and waved a magic wand over her!

"You're not who I am, are you?" asked the girl. Aunt Helen now was fluttering behind her. She, too, seemed in a state of great excitement. "How could she know, Charlotte dear?" "Charlotte!" Patience's heart shook. Charlotte! Her twin sister, Charlotte. Isn't it wonderful to think that, after all these years, we have found her!"

(To Be Continued)

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

**KWIZ KORNER**  
THE COLORFUL PARTS OF A BLOSSOM ARE CALLED WHAT?  
SEPAL  
PETIOLE  
PETALS

**MOZART**  
WAS BORN ALMOST A QUARTER-CENTURY AFTER HAYDN, YET HE ATTAINED EMINENCE AND DIED BEFORE HAYDN REACHED HIS PINNACLE IN THE MUSICAL WORLD.

**THE STARFISH**  
USUALLY HAS FIVE POINTS, BUT SOME HAVE AS MANY AS FORTY!

ANSWER: Petals, though in some cases other parts of the plant are more colorful.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

**Comedian**

HORIZONTAL	4 Indian	41 Vegetables
1,8 Pictured motion picture comedian	5 Tilt over	42 Serf
12 Tropical fruit	6 Secrete	43 River in Hades
13 Willow	7 Burden	44 Pigeon
15 Rodent	8 Boy's nickname	45 Boring tool
16 Last	9 While	50 Each (ab.)
18 African magic	10 Revealer	52 That man
19 Girl's name	11 Pirate vessels	
21 Try	12 Iron	
22 Sun disk	14 Wash lightly	
23 Tally	17 Right (ab.)	
25 Fish sauces	20 Cattle dealers	
26 Spanish courtesy title	22 Arabians	
27 Analyze grammatically	24 Expunge	
28 Virginia (ab.)	25 Dress covering	
29 Road (ab.)	30 He also	
30 Levels		
33 Greek theater		
37 Worship		
38 Saltpeter (comb. form)		
39 Click beetles		
40 Mimics		
44 Undraped		
45 Anger		
46 Afternoon nap (ab.)		
48 December		
49 Attack		
51 At any place		
54 Remain		
55 Neuter		

**VERTICAL**

- 1 Look
- 2 Portion
- 3 Preposition

## FUNNY BUSINESS

"And now let us take up Lesson Number Two!"

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

WHILE HE'S OUT-LOOK! HE'S NEVER FINISHED A SINGLE BOTTLE OF THAT MEDICINE, AND SOME HE GOT IN AND HE'S ALWAYS YAPPIN' AT US, 'GET TH' JOBS DONE!'

WASTED ENERGY

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER

YOU SEE? BETH THINKS SHE'S SO SMART BUT INSTEAD OF SHOWING HER WHERE HE LIVES, THE KID JUST LEADS HER TO A CHICKEN COOP!

IT'S THE FIRST CHICKEN COOP I'VE SEEN WITH CURTAINS IN THE WINDOWS!

ALBERT HENRY! WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN?

ARRESTED, MOMMY!

I GUESS MONEY-CHILE IS ME, MRS. COFFEY! HE WAS LOST!

TWO ICE CREAM CONES AND MONEY-CHILE!

## RED RYDER

BY FRED HARMON

I STONED THE MONEY I COLLECTED FOR JANE CLARK AT THE BANK! IT'LL BE SENT TO HER BY STAGE NEXT WEEK!

RED RYDER LIKES TO BURE DID LOTS FOR ME!

AND JANE CLARK'S A HEAP PRETTIER THAN YOU, MART LENNON!

"TAKE GOLD DUST, RED RYDER! IT IS REWARD FOR HELPING LOSE BASIN TRIBE!"

"THANKS, FIREFLY! I'M GONNA USE THIS TO HELP AN OLD FRIEND NAMED MART LENNON!"

## ALLEY OOP

BY V. O. HAMLIN

NOW IF I GOT GRAPES DIRECTORS RIGHT, I'LL FIND THOSE POLKS I'VE GOT TO LEAD TO 'N HOLE CANNED OUT BY A WATER HOLE ABOUT A DAY'S JOURNEY FROM HERE!

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 7 room real nice, 2 lots \$4500.  
 2 modern homes, 10 acres land \$8000.

4 1-2' acres, water, gas and lights \$3500.  
 10 acres, 4 room house, water, lights, gas, on highway \$3250.  
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**FOR RENT**—New floor sanding machine. Call us for estimate. Hannah Hardware and Lumber. Phone 70.

**FOR RENT**: 2 room furnished apartment. Frigidaire. 305 N. Daugherty, Phone 811-W.

**FOR RENT**—2 room furnished apartment, electric refrigerator, 207 S. Walnut.

## WANTED

**WANTED**—Dead animals removed free. Call Eastland 238. Brownwood Rendering Company.

**WANTED TO BUY**—Pine or any kind of field equipment. I also do any kind of dirt work or pipe line work. Marvin Hood, Phone 108-J. Eastland, Texas.

**WANTED**—Position as housekeeper by neat refined widow lady. Adult persons or person preferred. Reference exchanged. Write Sadie Hauff, 7338 Marshall St., Hammond, Ind.

**HELP WANTED**—Man to work in Steam Laundry. Apply Cisco Steam Laundry.

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED**—Boy or man. Sunshine Help-U-Self Laundry, 106 E. Piummer. Phone 155.

**Veterinarians Must Study Six Years**

**CHICAGO (UP)**—Students starting veterinary training next fall will face harder chores than their predecessors.

The American Veterinary Medical Association announced that a six year college training requirement will go into effect next fall at all of the 12 accredited veterinary colleges in North America.

The more rigorous standards are necessary, the association explained, because the whole field of veterinary medicine has greatly expanded in recent years and now is closely linked with many other branches of science.

International air express shipments handled in March over Railway Express overseas airlines increased 221 per cent over the corresponding month of last year.

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 (re-election)  
 H. D. (Jack) White

**JUSTICE OF PEACE**  
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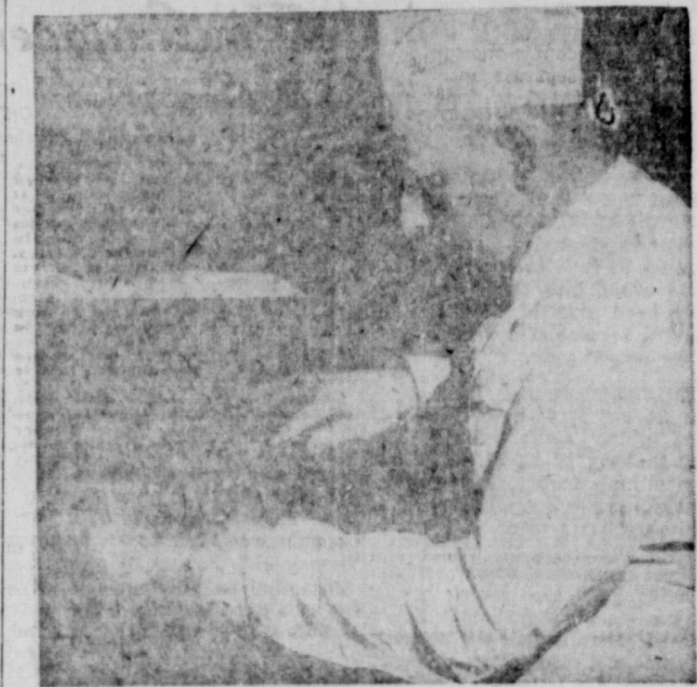
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**FOR TEXAS DEMOCRATS**—Walter Jetton prepares to serve thousands at the Texas Democratic Barbecue in Fort Worth April 20. Jetton promises that the huge crowd will pass through six serving lines in 30 minutes. He will offer "the best Texas beef" to party members from the four corners of the state.

## Raise Rabbits to Beat Shortage Of Meat U. S. Advises Consumers

By Vincent Burk  
 United Press Staff Correspondent  
**WASHINGTON (UP)**—If you have a backyard, maha you don't have to worry about a meat shortage or high meat prices. You can raise rabbit meat.

The Agriculture Department offers that suggestion as an aid to the family budget. Charles E. Kellogg, the department's No. 1 rabbit expert, says it's better to raise tame rabbits in your back yard than to go out into the woods and shoot wild ones.

Here's why:  
 1. Three does and a buck in backyard hutches will provide you with 150 pounds of rabbit meat in one year. Your share of the nation's beef, veal, pork and lamb supply this year is only 143-148 pounds.

2. Domestic rabbit meat tastes better than wild rabbit. "It compares with breast of chicken," Kellogg said, "and it's so superior to wild rabbit meat as to seem an entirely different food."

3. It doesn't cost much. You can build a rabbit hutch out of scrap lumber, crates and old poultry wire. Domestic rabbits gain a pound in weight on about four and a half pounds of grain feed. You can save on feed by giving them

some lawn clippings, stale bread, cooked potato left-overs and vegetable trimmings.

4. It doesn't take long. It's only 90 days from the time a doe is mated until the four-pound offspring is ready for the dinner table.

5. Wild rabbits sometimes have a disease called tularemia, which does not afflict domestic rabbits.

Here's how you get 150 pounds of rabbit meat from three does and a buck:

Each doe produces four litters a year, or 20 to 24 young. In eight or 10 weeks the young each weigh four to five pounds and at that time will provide two and a half pounds of dressed meat. So if the three does produce a total of 60 rabbits, you have 150 pounds of dressed rabbit each year.

You may get tired of eating rabbit meat. In that case, the department suggests that you sell some of it and use the money to help on the grocery bill.

In fact, you can sell the pelts separately. But if you're planning to go into the business, you ought to raise white rabbits. White pelts bring higher prices.

Rabbit raising is not permitted everywhere. But they may be kept in any town or village where poultry raising is permitted, the department said. It's a booming industry on the West Coast. Los Angeles in a recent year consumed about 7,000,000 pounds of rabbit meat.

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## Weeds Called Greatest Menace To Agriculture

**CLEVELAND (UP)**—Dr. C. J. Willard of Ohio State University estimated that weeds cause a loss of \$6,000,000,000 annually to agriculture.

He described how agricultural chemicals have come to the farmer's aid in helping to lick the weed problem.

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# THORIUM ORE HELD CLUE TO MORE ATOMIC POWER

WASHINGTON (UP)—The disclosure that thorium metal is being transformed into atomic fuel has stirred scientists here. It alters the future of nuclear power, as they picture it.

Thorium is three to four times as plentiful as uranium, the only other natural source of atomic energy used at present. It is easier to handle chemically and to store. Scientists have been saying for a long time that nuclear power plants will not be able to compete economically with plants using ordinary fuels.

The most promising future for the new power, the experts have said, lies in desert or cold regions where transportation costs would be in atomic energy's favor.

The new prospect that nuclear fuels supplies may in the end be more than tripled could alter such views.

At the same time, point is added to talk of stockpiling atomic bombs. Uranium deposits are scarce, compared to other natural resources such as coal and oil.

The view of many scientists has been that richer sources or more efficient refining methods must be developed. Until then, it is dreaming to talk of stockpiling bombs in any very large numbers, they said.

But with the practical conversion of thorium into raw material for atomic energy on an industrial scale, new sources of nuclear fuel would be at hand.

Relatively rich deposits of thorium ore exist in India and Brazil. Others are in Ceylon, the Netherlands East Indies, and North Carolina.

lina, South Carolina, Florida and Idaho.

There have been reports of a rich thorium strike, said to be covered by Russia, in the westernmost Chinese province of Sinkiang.

Laboratory physicists long have known that thorium may be transmuted into uranium-233 under bombardment by neutrons liberated from atomic nuclei. And U-233 is an atomic explosive like U-235 and man-made plutonium.

But not until last March 5 was it officially disclosed that thorium actually was being transmuted into U-233. The transformation is taking place in the nuclear furnaces of the sprawling Hanford, Wash., plutonium works.

Those are the same furnaces which transmute non-explosive U-238 into explosive plutonium.

According to Prof. Glenn T. Seaborg of the University of California, a few milligrams of the newest explosive have been made at Hanford by bombarding thorium with neutrons generated in the plutonium ovens.

Some sources here look on this as an understatement. They say U-233 alchemy has been going on at Hanford for more than a year. It is known that scientists many months ago proposed that plutonium piles be lined with thorium to use extra neutrons which otherwise would escape and be wasted.

Nuclear fuel made from thorium, scientists say, will be easier to stockpile for long periods than plutonium. Radioactive metals like plutonium and the various kinds of uranium decay into other elements in the course of time. Plutonium, for example, would not retain its effectiveness in storage for a period of, say 10 years.

But the explosive metal produced from thorium decays at a considerably slower rate than plutonium or U-235, it is said, and thorium itself is extremely stable.

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## Housing Doesn't Stump Him



Peter Bilecki, a 54-year-old Polish refugee, beat the housing shortage by building his home in the stump of a once-mighty cedar tree in Sedro Wooley, Wash. His makeshift dwelling has two windows, a door, a stove and a combination bed and chair. He raises his food on a plot he reclaimed from a swamp.

## Young Man, 23, Wins Election By Large Lead

TYLER, Tex. (UP)—James W. Fair, 23, is the youngest city commissioner that Tyler ever had. The older political observers in the East Texas city discounted his chances when he entered the race against four other candidates who were more mature.

But just to show that you can't tell what the voters are going to do, Fair led the ticket. He carried off one of the biggest pluralities on record. He was given first choice on 1,562 of the 1,838 ballots cast, more than twice as many as the No. 2 man, the incumbent. The handsome young navy veteran was persuaded to run by friends who cited the need for the "viewpoint of the younger generation" in municipal affairs.

He conducted a brief and dignified campaign, assuring the voters that he would maintain a "willing-to-learn" attitude if elected. The voters did the rest.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Fair went into business with his father, R. W. Fair, on returning home from the Navy two years ago. He manages his father's extensive orchards and head the Fair Religious Film service in Tyler.

## Boys Vote No On Girls Who Pet

LAKEVIEW, Mich. (UP)—Local boys still rate personality, good looks, and intelligence as top considerations in their ideal girl.

In a questionnaire at Lakeview High School the completely feminine girl ran a poor third. The boys voted in favor of the more athletic, more studious females.

Among the qualities that the boys disapprove were "petting," being "catty" and "stuck up" silliness, and chewing gum while dancing.

## In Press Parley



Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, has been named consultant to the American delegation at the International Conference on Freedom of Information, now in session in Geneva, Switzerland.

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## Drying Reservoirs Accent California's Drought Problem

By James Anderson  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—If California depended only upon rain for its farmlands, much of the state would look today like the dust bowl area of Oklahoma in the 30s because of a drought now in its second year.

But California, rich farm state, has 24 per cent of the irrigated land in the United States. The key to most of its \$1,345,180,500 agricultural wealth, as well as its fast-growing industrial empire, is hydro-electric power.

Four years ago, the rainfall total and the amount of snow on the mountains on the eastern border of the state were slightly below normal. They supply the network of dams and reservoirs with water for power and irrigation. The next year was slightly worse and then for two years in a row, it fell alarmingly to about 60 per cent of normal.

Yet, at a casual glance, it is hard to tell that the northern and central sections of the state are in the midst of the longest dry spell in the state's history.

Power company engineers, federal bureau of reclamation experts and the State Public Utilities Commission can tell you that the state's fruit and nut, field crop and vegetable and melon industries face a grave threat.

They point to the water flow tables for the eight rivers in northern and central California, which are the main source of supply for power. All are down roughly 50 per cent. The American River is 71 per cent below normal.

Some reservoirs, such as the Almaden near San Jose, Cal., in the rich Santa Clara valley, already have dried up. With the exception of Shasta Dam in the northernmost portion of the state almost all of the other reservoirs show the tell-tale marks of the water line as it fell lower and lower.

Underground water tables in virtually all areas are down from two to 20 feet.

The snow pack in the Sierra Nevada mountains is low, in some

spots only one-fourth of normal. It is the snow pack, melting slowly, that contributes water throughout the summer months.

The greatest drain on power came from farmers who, lacking rain from the skies, simply increased their pumping for irrigation purposes, draining the underground water table and using stored water to run their pumps.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co., which supplies power and water to most of the 46-county drought area in north-central California, said there had been a 180 per cent increase in the use of electricity for agricultural pumping in February, compared with the same month a year ago.

Responsibility for the power shortage, which at present is more serious than the drought has been credited to many factors. P G & E blames the drought and increased pumping load by farmers. The bureau of reclamation accuses P G & E of "short-sightedness" in failing to realize a dry cycle was coming and in fighting against passage of the Central Valley Project and other public-owned projects.

Labor unions also backed up the reclamation bureau's charge and claimed P G & E failed to foresee the mushrooming industrial expansion. The utility, in turn, said governmental "red tape" and strikes in coal, steel, copper and electrical equipment manufacturing industries in 1946 seriously curtailed its \$10,000,000-a-month post-war expansion project.

At any rate, if the drought lasts another year, even with the tremendous network of dams, reservoirs and canals can't save California agriculture and industry. There simply won't be enough water to go around.

## New Taxis Abound

NEW YORK (UP)—New taxis outnumber pre-war vehicles on New York streets by more than two to one. Some 7,450 new cabs have been delivered during the last year. The total number of cabs operating is approximately 11,089.

## RADIO NEWS WRITING TOLD IN NEW BOOK

NEW YORK (UP)—William F. Brooks, vice president in charge of news, special events and international relations at the National Broadcasting Company, has drawn on his long experience to produce a book on writing news for radio.

"Radio News Writing," published by McGraw-Hill, traces the development of the news broadcast from its beginnings with the election coverage by a Pittsburgh station in 1924. It ends with a look into the possibilities of the future, contained in a chapter on television.

Brooks, who also lectures on radio news writing at Columbia

University, has designed his book to serve as a guide for the beginner in the subject. He discusses the various types of radio news shows, the preparation of them in the news room at the large network station and the independent small station, and the problems confronting both the radio writer and editor.

Brooks has refrained from laying down any hard and fast rules, but has filled his book with examples of good news scripts and an analysis of why they are good.

The author sums up his intent by saying, "There is no substitute for experience, but the experience may be more easily acquired if some of the practices and terminology are familiar in advance."

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### Prisoners Give Skin to Year-Old Boy

The other two stood nearby and talked with Pat McDermott, who was convicted in the slaying of Don Mellett, Canton editor. McDermott is now head of the prison hospital laboratory.

"I don't think I had any great to save his life," said the convict on the bed. "An older fellow can get out and scuff for himself. You take a child though, they're sort of helpless."

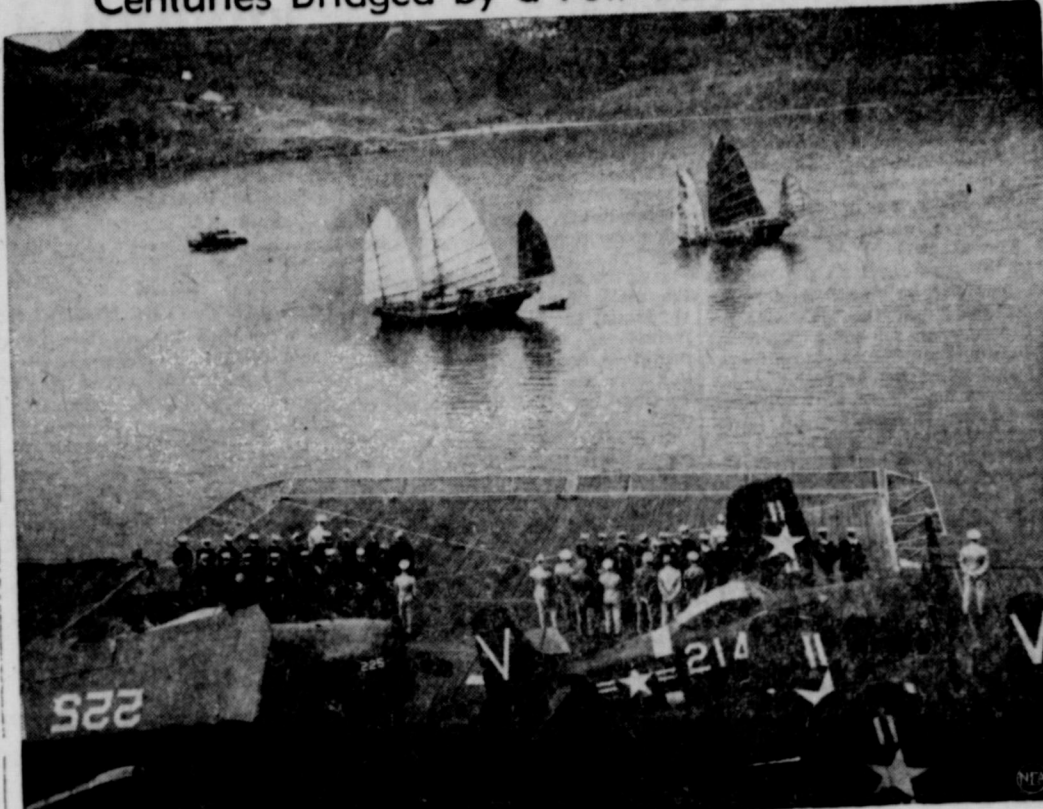
The convict identified himself as Carl McDonald, "number 849-36" doing time for robbery, from Youngstown, O.

The second convict, a heavy-set man wearing glasses and dressed in white trousers and shirt, grinned.

"There's nothing much to it," he said. "The kid needed the skin and I don't have much use for it. Besides, they said it would be almost impossible to get skin from some one on the outside."

"My name is Clarence Rost," he added, nervously wiping his palms

### Centuries Bridged by a Few Yards of Water



Separated in distance by only a few yards of water, but by many centuries in development, are these Chinese junks and the USS Valley Forge, flagship of Task Force 38. The ancient Oriental craft welcomed the aircraft carrier to Hongkong harbor.

### Find Safety Ignored In Mine Blast

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—Pennsylvania Mines Department officials found five things wrong when they investigated two explosions that killed eight men in a coal mine near Wilkes-Barre:

1. The mine foreman and the assistant mine foreman "failed to make a weekly examination of all the accessible abandoned workings."
2. The assistant foreman, although unable to examine the working faces, permitted miners to enter.

3. No attendant was posted at the main doors of two roads near where the explosion occurred, as required by state regulations.

4. Only one ventilating door controlling circulation in the area was installed, contrary to safety rule requiring three.

5. Insufficient ventilating currents to "dilute, render harmless and sweep away smoke and noxious or dangerous gases" were present in one section of the mine where the explosions occurred.

**Not Uncle Sam's Business**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, (UP)—Federal courts have no jurisdiction in suits brought by women for support of illegitimate children. U. S. District Judge Bower Broadus ruled. That applies even when the parties are residents of different states Broadus declared in ordering the child support part of a suit brought by a Texas woman against a wealthy Oklahoma rancher dismissed.

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the other two robbers. Their skin saved Gordie's life.  
The boy was critically burned Feb. 5, when a kerosene stove in his family's suburban home exploded. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bond, and his five year old sister, Doris, also were burned in the early morning blaze.  
Swathed in bandages, the sandy haired youngster lay on a hospital bed, trying to peer out from the gauze that covered his forehead.  
He moved his head slightly and opened his eyes a moment and lapsed back into sleep.  
In the hospital room at the penitentiary, three convicts shyly eyed each other. One was in bed, his wound exposed for dressing where the skin had been removed.

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on his trousers. "I've been here since 1940. I'm doing a first degree murder sentence for a happening in Cleveland."

The third convict was a tall, handsome youth in his early twenties.

"I don't know why I gave the skin except that I wanted to," he said with a smile. "Didn't think of a reward. It's all over now."

He asked that his name be withheld.

"Just say that I'm a convict and doing a 10 to 20 year sentence for robbery."

McDermott said the prison had a request for volunteers.

"I told them about the situation. The first four I asked volunteered. One man's skin we couldn't use because the blood didn't match."

The doctor who performed the operation sat at his desk.

"It was cooperative in this case that he had skin to graft," he said. "The child did not have enough unburned portions on his body to use. To have got three persons in the ordinary walks of life to have submitted to a graft of this sort would have been almost impossible."

The surgeon, who asked that he be allowed to remain anonymous, said he removed approximately 64 inches of skin from the abdomen of the three convicts and grafted it on the hands and legs of the boy.

"This skin will disappear in from three to six weeks but it will allow the child to recover enough for us to use some of his own skin to graft on the burned parts of his body," he explained.

"Once the graft was completed his temperature came down almost immediately. The grafting of the skin given by the convicts carried him through the most critical phase."

"He definitely owes his life to them."

CHICAGO (UP)—The American Library Association says its annual survey of the nation's reading trends reveals that books about personal problems were the most popular in 1947. Doctors often prescribed such books on prescription blanks as they would a drug or a sedative. Books on atomic energy were in little demand.

### Crime In Plane Held Not In State Control

CHICAGO (UP)—An authority on aviation law believes that recent Supreme Court decisions challenge the right of states to punish violators for crimes committed in aircraft.

John C. Cooper, an aviation jurist, said the court has ruled that the navigable air space—the area above the minimum safety flying altitude—lies exclusively under federal control.

Cooper wrote in the Northwestern University Journal of Air Law and Commerce that states may not have even the right to regulate commerce in the navigable air space.

He urged prompt congressional action to determine a solution for the legal problem.

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**Local Federated Clubs Host To Co. Women's Clubs**

The Eastland County Federation of Women's Clubs met in Eastland at the Women's Clubhouse with the Federated Clubs of Eastland as hostesses Saturday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Representatives from the clubs are Mrs. J. W. Courtney of the Thursday Afternoon Club; Mrs. W. P. Jones of the Music Study Club; Mrs. Herman Hassell from the Las Leales Club; Mrs. N. P. McCarmey of the Civic League and Garden Club and Mrs. LeRoy Arnold from the Alpha Delphian Club.

A good program was prepared for the afternoon and Mrs. A. H. Johnson president, was to preside. This is the first meeting of the year of the County Federation.

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**Church And Club Activities**

The Educational department of the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church will meet in the home of Mrs. E. K. Henderson, East Valley Street, Monday at 3:00 p. m. Miss Jessie Lee Ligon will be guest speaker, who is a member of the Business Woman's Circle of the Christian Church. Co-hostesses will be Meses. Fred Maxey, E. L. Wittrop, W. Q. Verner, and Miss Marjorie Van Hoose, who also are members of the Business Women's Circle.

Woman's Society of Christian Church meets at the Church at 3:00 p. m. Monday for a continuation of the mission study. Mrs. Frank Crowell will give the lesson, and Mrs. J. L. Cottingham will give the devotional.

The Las Leales Club is to meet Tuesday evening at the Woman's club house for a program on "Doorways To Culture." Mrs. W. E. Brashier is to be hostess.

Music Club meets Wednesday at the Woman's Club House for a program on Orchestra—Modern Period Music. Mrs. Roberta Grisham will be the leader.

The Alpha Delphian Club meets Thursday afternoon at the Woman's Club for a program on interior decoration.

**New Meets Old—Curtains**

GOSHEN, Ind. (UP)—Mrs. Laura Stengel finally had to turn the remnants of her 1929 model auto over to a junk yard. She told police her fivver started sputtering died on a highway and was slammed in the rear by a brand new Plymouth sedan. It will cost close to \$1,000 to have the new car repaired. But there was nothing to do for the old one but pick up the pieces.

Periods of the year when the nights and days are equal length are called equinoxes.

**Local Music Club To Observe Music Week, May 2nd**

Eastland Music Study Club with Mrs. D. L. Houle as chairman is preparing a program observing National Music Week beginning May second. It is an annual affair.

All men's service clubs, all the Federated Clubs, and all the Church Societies are to have some special music on their programs in observance of Music Week.

A later announcement of the program will be published.

T. R. Atwood, band director, is preparing a band concert during the week.

**Thursday Club Has Pan-American Day Program, Thursday**

Friendship and Pan-American Day program of the Thursday Afternoon Study Club was led by Mrs. Robert T. Nelson, Thursday at the Woman's Clubhouse.

Mrs. W. C. Robinson gave an interesting talk on "Why Mexicans Don't Like You." Mrs. Earl Conner, Sr., gave an interesting article on "Progress Toward Friendship Among The Americans, and Mrs. Arthur L. Murrell had an interesting subject on "Displaced Persons, Are They Our Problems?"

Mrs. Murrell first vice-president presided over the short business session. The next program will be May 6, on Music to be led by Mrs. Grady Pipkin.

Present at the meeting were: Meses. Jack Ammer, Frank Castleberry, Dan Childress, J. W. Courtney, Earl Conner, Sr., Frank Crowell, C. E. Frost, Sr., Fred Davenport, James Horton, Hubert Jones, Frank Lovett, W. D. Madrey, Jack Muirhead, Robert Nelson, W. D. E. Owen, A. L. Murrell, W. B. Pickens, E. R. Townsend, and W. C. Robinson.

**Music Study Club To Have Guest Day Program, Wednesday**

Eastland Music Study Club will have a guest day program Wednesday at the Woman's Club House, beginning at 3:30 P. M. Mrs. C. T. Conerly instructor of Music Education at McMurry College and Mrs. J. W. Crutchfield president-elect of the Abilene Music Study Club guest artist will give the program of music.

These women are outstanding musicians. Mrs. Conerly studied under Barkema at Baylor University.

Each member is to invite guests. Hostesses for the program are Meses. Hollis Bennett, I. C. Inzer, A. F. Taylor, F. L. Drago, D. L. Houle and T. R. Arwood.

A one humped camel is called a dromedary.

Double jeopardy refers to a person tried twice for the same offense.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**Study of Chosen People Offers Guidance**

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D.  
THE Bible represents the Jews as a chosen people, chosen of God for a great mission and destiny, of which their greatest prophets wrote in terms of service and blessedness for all the world.

The promise to Abraham was, "in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." And Isaiah 62:1 speaks of the righteousness of Jerusalem as going "forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Many passages emphasize that spiritual, worldwide mission, of an Israel chosen and called of God.

True and faithful prophets rebuked their people for failure in that call and mission, for turning from the worship of the true God who had called them, to practice the idolatry of their pagan neighbors. It is that call of God, the devotion with which some responded to it. Their lives were touched with greatness and glory.

And it is the tragedy of the failure of others, and the downfall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, so shortly after the building up and consolidation of power under David and Solomon. All these, taken together, make the story of Israel a matter of such vital interest, study and profit for our own time.

I THINK that Americans, and perhaps Canadians also, tend to think of ourselves as a chosen people. In any case we have been blessed beyond many others, and we are in a situation in the world today in which much depends on us. In fact, I think it can be said

that more depends on us at the present hour for the world's safety, welfare, and future than upon any other nation or people.

In that sense we are called and chosen of God, and we bear a great responsibility. Shall we fail in the mission and destiny to which God has called us?

It is the answer to that question that makes the study of the history of Israel so important and informative. There under more primitive conditions we can see laid bare the influences and forces making for the upbuilding, or downfall, of nations.

It is somewhat startling to realize that the period of Israel's rise and downfall occupied a time roughly corresponding to that of the history of the United States and Canada since first discovery.

Will we succeed where Israel failed? There will be true and devout souls as there were of old. But what about us as peoples, or in terms of national life? Why did Israel fail? Read the prophecy of Amos and other prophets of the time and you get the answer.

The failure came because in times of material prosperity elemental factors of righteousness and justice were neglected. Altars to the false gods were increased, even as the fruits and harvests increased. The poor were neglected, and the righteous were "sold for a pair of shoes."

Are we worshipping any false gods? Until we ask and answer such a question our study of the life of ancient Israel is bound to be rather formal and futile. Rightly studied it offers much for our guidance.

**Personals**

Mrs. Florine Miller, who recently underwent surgery at Ranger General Hospital is reported as doing nicely. She will have to remain at the hospital for several days, however, members of the family stated.

Fred Tate of Abilene was a business visitor in Eastland Friday.

Aubrey Shafer, Eastland insurance man, returned Friday from Dallas where he had been attending school for insurance men.

J. M. McMahan of Amarillo, who was pastor of the Eastland Baptist Church in 1920-22, was a visitor in the city a few days ago.

G. E. Blanton and little son of near Lubbock were in Eastland Thursday enroute to Fort Worth. Blanton recently purchased the Turner home on North Ostrom Street. He is a former Eastland man.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Noland accompanied his mother, Mrs. Ona Noland, to Fort Worth where Mrs. Noland, Sr., went for a physical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones have moved to Eastland and have bought a home on Burket street. Mrs. Jones has opened a beauty shop at 508 West Commerce. Mrs.

Jones has been in the beauty business here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Plowman and Mr. and Mrs. Leon White were in Fort Worth Friday evening to see the Ice Capades.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Seaberry plan to visit his mother, Mrs. H. J. Seaberry at Poolville, Sunday. Mrs. Seaberry has been ill but is much improved. She is 92 years of age.

John Little of Graham was in Eastland and at the high school Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kendrick and family are spending the weekend in Oklahoma City where they are visiting relatives. They are accompanied on the trip by Mrs. L. C. Kendrick of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett and daughter, George Ann of Midland, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beard last weekend.

**Plenty of Buttons**

EDMONDS, Wash. (UP)—When Harry Bird boasted in a Seattle newspaper last week he had the largest collection of buttons in the West a local housewife said "Phooey!" Mrs. Mary Doyle hauled out 70,000 buttons—all sizes and shades.

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**Cigaret Machine Without Levers Held Foolproof**

By Ray Webster, Jr.  
UNITED PRESS Staff Correspondent  
ST. LOUIS (UP)—The average American's short temper has cost the cigarette vending machine industry a lot of money.

Ben W. Fry of St. Louis, president of National Vendors, Inc., and a top inventor of nickel-in-the-slot machines, said his company has spent \$250,000 in 11 years in perfecting the ultimate in electric cigarette machines which will go on the market soon.

The gaudy console model does everything but light the customer's smoke. Its most practical feature is seemingly its least important.

"The outstanding thing about the new machine is the push button," Fry said. "In short, the cus-

tomers doesn't have to pull a lever to jiggle one. Without jiggling, a cigarette machine sales, will go up 30 per cent."

Fry explained that the company felt it was its duty to think of something new because, he said, there are a lot of people, especially women, who can't fathom the complexities of a manually-operated cigarette machine.

Some of the devices pull easily, others work hard and some develop eccentrics as soon as they are trundled through a saloon door, which makes it nearly impossible for a stranger to force a pack of cigarettes from them. The result is that many people shy away from mechanical vendors, a situation which definitely is not good for Fry's business.

Anybody who has ever straddled a bar stool, Fry said, can remember times when a customer has worked off an ulcer attack by barking the shins of a cigarette machine or maybe spitefully shattering the machine's ever-present mirror.

The push-button electric machine actually is not new, having been before the public about a year. But the console, scheduled to have its unveiling probably in July, does much more than the conventional model and has on it five exclusive patents.

The device is set, say, to sell a pack of cigarettes for 20 cents. It will take nickels, dimes and quarters, totalling them for the customer as they are inserted in case he stops to chat and loses count.

If a quarter piece is put in, out comes a nickel in change with the cigarettes, and if more than a quarter is offered, the machine's honest "brain" automatically returns the overflow. Neither will the machine take money when it is empty or out of order, all features the manual vendors can't match.

"There is absolutely no way the new vendor can confuse the customer or make him mad," Fry said, lovingly patting the console on its shiny top.

Then his eyes gleamed. "They'll

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FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—Six persons will have honorary degrees conferred upon them by Texas Christian University at the June 6 commencement exercises. President M. E. Sadler has announced. Three will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws and three the Doctor of Divinity.

Those who are to receive the Doctor of Laws degree include: Prof. Ernest M. Ligon of Schenectady, N. Y.; Mrs. L. C. Britz of Marfa and Joe Moore of Fort Worth.

The Doctor of Divinity degrees will be conferred upon three eminent leaders. They are: Dr. Thompson Shaeno of Dallas; Dr. Robert Clyde Yarbrough of West Newton, Mass. and the Rev. Oliver Harrison of Corpus Christi.

Dr. Thompson will deliver the commencement address to members of the 1948 graduating class, and Dr. Yarbrough will give the baccalaureate sermon.

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