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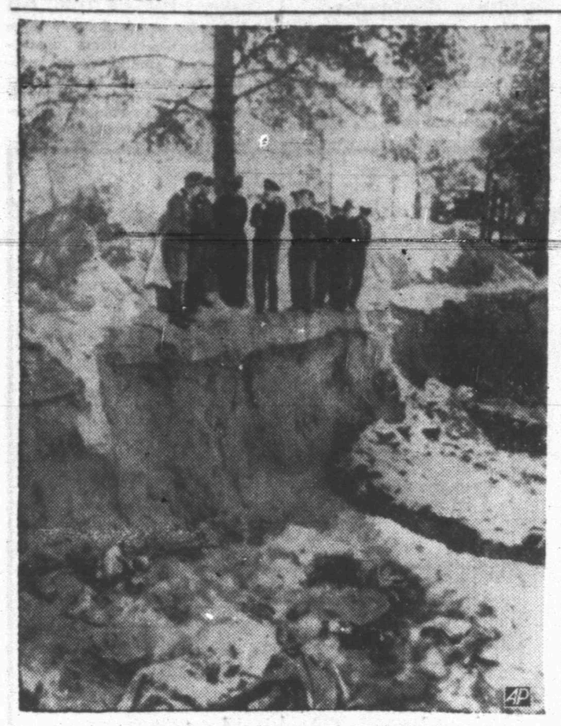

MASS GRAVE IN FOREST

Col. John H. Van Vliet told a house investigating committee in Washington that the Germans made this picture in May, 1943, when they took him and other Allied war prisoners to the scene of the Katyn Forest massacre of some 10,000 Polish war prisoners near Smolensk, Russia. He says it is a view of a partially emptied mass grave of Polish officers, and that he and other Allied officers are in the group at the edge of the trench. Van Vliet testified he is convinced the Russians, not the Germans, were responsible for the massacre. This is one of the pictures, supplied by Van Vliet, which were made a part of the committee record.

Brannan Fires Two After Grain Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (AP)—Secretary Brannan today fired the director and assistant director of the Agriculture Department's commodity office at Dallas, in connection with current investigations of shortages of government grain.

The discharges, of Director Latham White and Assitant Director James Solomon, become effective at the close of business Friday. They have been off duty since late in December, pending a department investigation.

A department spokesman said the men were removed from their jobs for "administrative defficiencies and inadequacies."

It was in the Dallas area that several commercial storage concerns had been charged with converting government grain to their own use, mainly for speculative uses.

Brannan took his action after studying answers White and Solomon had made to charges against them.

In letters to these officials on December 29, the department said they had failed to take all possible steps to see to it that storage concerns in their area honored instructions to deliver government grain that had been stored with them under the farm price support program.

The letters also said that White and Solomon had accepted gifts with which their office did business, in violation of department regulations. The department said the two officials also apparently knew of and condoned acceptance of gifts by employes under their jurisdiction.

A survey showed today the government has taken legal action to collect about $4,875,000 from 15 storage firms in connection with reported shortages of grains and other products stored under price support programs.

In addition, the government has gone to court to recover $177,000 from firms which, it says, failed to deliver grains of the grade the government bought from them for an overseas supply program.

Furthermore, legal action is being considered in connection with 12 other cases of shortages. The amounts involved have not been determined.

Possible shortages in 29 other elevators and warehouses are being investigated.

Great differences of opinion prevail as to the extent of final losses. Some members of congressional committees investigating the shortages and the way the Agriculture Department has handled its grain storage program predict the losses will run into many millions

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, on the other hand, says he expects the total to be far less than five million dollars, probably less than one million.

Brannan estimates total losses will be less than one-twentieth of one per cent of the total volume of commodities handled by commercial storage concerns.

The survey shows that losses and suspected losses fall into three general classes: (1) conversion, (2) shrinkages and (3) failure of purchased grain to measure up to grades paid for.

England Into Mourning After George VI Dies

NOT BRIBES

Friendship, Political Favors Behind Tax Irregularities

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — T-man William Frank says backdating of tax returns is the major irregularity he found in the San Francisco Internal Revenue Office. He was to tell congressmen more details today of his secret, four - month investigation.

"Friendship . . . political favors . . . motives of that kind, not bribery," were behind the backdating, the Seattle treasury agent testified yesterday at a public hearing of a House Ways and Means subcommittee headed by Rep King (D-Calif.)

Today, he was to continue outlining his findings on 15 charges of irregularities made against recently ousted Collector James G. Smyth and the San Francisco tax office.

The 15 charges were made by Doolan in a letter to Sen. Charles Tobey (R-NH). They became the bill of particulars in a six-month grand jury probe here.

Frank outlined seven of the accusations yesterday. He said six were found unsubstantiated, and that the seventh accusing Smyth and others of holding up a tax fraud case until the statute of limitations prevented prosecution, is covered in an indictment against the deposed collector.

Frank testified "important people" were involved in the backdating. He said bureau procedures make it difficult to detect such cases.

Four of the cases have resulted in criminal indictments and the others are before a grand jury, he said.

DrouthCausing Damage Across Most Of State

By The Associated Press

Cool breezes and a warm sun absorbed more ground moisture today as the long Texas drouth plunged into February.

A mass of cool air behind a cold front aloft spilled into the state today and promised near freezing temperatures tonight for the northern third of Texas.

Sub-freezing readings were forecast for the Panhandle and Plains area.

Minimum temperatures today ranged from a low of 19 at Dalhart to a high of 55 at Galveston.

A state farm official, meanwhile urged farmers to take preventive measures to hold their top soil.

And although January was one of the warmest in history, A. M. Hamrick of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Dallas said the law of averages — and weather — gave a bleak outlook for tender young buds which may have their signals for spring mixed up.

Hamrick pointed to January, 1933, as an example. It was pretty warm during January. But on Feb. 8, the mercury plunged to two degrees obove zero. In 1930, he said, February was warn, but the temperature fell to 26 degrees on March 3.

State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White Tuesday urged farmers to use strip-cropping, contouring, terracing and stubble mulching to prevent loss of topsoil.

No rain fell in the state yesterday as temperatures reached summery levels. Laredo's 82 degrees was the highest maximum with Amarillo's 52 the lowest.

Today and tomorrow — about the same, said weathermen.

Rio Grande Valley towns continued to feel the pinch of the drouth, as did an increasing number of places to the north.

Just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Matamoros, Mex., reported a critical water shortage after a slightly increased flow of water in the river.

W. I. Gilson said Tuesday's flow of 15 second feet of water was not enough. The city is guaranteed 35 second feet of water by treaty with the U. S. Matamoros officials blame up-river pumpers for the dwindling water supplies.

New Queen To Fly Back To Her Home

NAIROBI, Kenya, Feb. 6 (AP) — Princess Elizabeth wept when told of her father King George's death today.

News of the death, which made the princess a queen, was first given to her staff at the nearby Royal Lodge by the newspaper East African Standard.

It was decided to withhold the news from the princess until direct confirmation was obtained by telephone from Buckingham Palace.

Later the message was received direct at the Royal Lodge and the 25-year-old princess was told. She broke down and sobbed.

It is understood she will travel by car to Nairobi then take a plane home.

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Tired and spent, King George VI died today after 15 years on the throne. His daughter Elizabeth, 25, became queen.

The word reached her in an African colony, one of the remnants of the empire.

George VI — the steady sort of monarch the Britons love — died in his sleep at Sandringham, the royal estate in Norfolk where he was born 56 years ago. All over Britain, the people said:

"He was a good man."

The king and his Queen Elizabeth, with their two pretty daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, had won the hearts of Britain by their steadfast refusal to seek safety abroad during World War II.

It is believed a blood clot — coronary thrombosis — was the immediate cause of the king's death. Last September, a surgeon removed one of his lungs as cancerous and the king had looked ill for a long time. But even his immediate family did not know death was so near. Princess Elizabeth was in the first stages of an around-the-world trip but planned to fly home immediately from Kenya in East Africa.

Weeping crowds gathered at Buckingham Palace as word of the king's death spread. Flags were lowered to half staff. The nation's radios went silent except for news bulletins.

Unwillingly, George VI became king by a whim of the fates —when Edward VIII (now the Duke of Windsor) abdicated rather than give up the love of the American, Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

He lived to see Britain lose much of her empire and to see his countrymen in wartime valor and peacetime austerity.

Now Britain has her first queen in 51 years. The last was Queen Victoria, who ruled from 1838 to 1901. And Britons believe firmly that the country waxes prosperous under a woman's reign.

The heir to the throne will be Charles, the 3-year-old son of Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. He is destined someday to become Prince of Wales.

King George VI

While there was no official announcement, well-informed specialists speculated the king died of coronary thrombosis — a clot on the heart. This is often the cause when death occurs during sleep. Additionally, the king had a history of circulatory ailments — he was operated on in 1949 to relieve a circulatory disorder of the leg.

George's voice sounded husky when he broadcast his annual Christmas message and some specialists saw that as a possible indication that cancer, having been removed from his left lung, was still present in his right.

Elizabeth gave him a long, anxious look last Thursday when she left London by air on her trip to Africa, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand — a trip from which she was not scheduled to return until July. Spectators at the airport felt it was almost as if Elizabeth had a premonition she might not see her father alive again.

George VI was the first British king to visit the United States — he was there with his queen, Elizabeth, in 1939. The new queen went to Washington last year on a side-excursion from her trip across Canada.

Prime Minister Churchill called an emergency meeting of the cabinet to set in motion the machinery which will lead to Elizabeth's formal taking of the throne. One of her first duties will be to set a period of mourning for the court. When her grandfather, George V, died, court mourning was ordered for nine months.

George V's queen, Mary, at 84 has outlived both her husband and her son.

It was at Sandringham that George V died, Jan. 21, 1936. Then Edward VIII was king for a few months. The dead king at that time was Duke of York. He became king Dec. 11, 1936, when Edward gave up the throne for "the woman I love," the twice-divorced Mrs. Simpson.

Word of the death came from Sandringham palace at 10:45 a.m. (4:45 a.m. CST). The British Broadcasting Corp. announced it at 11:16 a.m. Newspaper extras hit the streets within a few minutes. In downtown London women burst into tears as they saw the headlines.

While Elizabeth became queen immediately on the death of her father, the nation actually is without a constitutional head until she returns home from Africa. The situation resulted from the unexpectedness of the king's death. The ailing monarch was scheduled to leave March 11 on a health cruise to South Africa. Counsellors of state, to have been appointed before his departure, would have taken over all royal functions except the power to dissolve parliament and to create peers. Such counsellors are appointed whenever a ruler becomes incapacitated, as during the period after King George's lung operation last year.

The new queen's accession to the throne will be proclaimed in an ancient ceremony at old St. James Palace in the heart of London. The Garter King of Arms, chief of the king's heralds, clad in his brilliantly embrodiered medieval costume, will climb to the roof of the palace and read the official announcement.

This ceremony, however, must await the drafting of the official proclamation announcing the death of the king and the accession of the new ruler.

Much of the responsibility for the state funeral of King George and the ceremonies surrounding the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne will rest on the shoulders of the 43-year-old Duke of Norfolk, hereditary Marshal of England.

The new heir apparent to the throne, Prince Charles, was at Sandringham when George VI died. There also was his little sister, Princess Anne, now second in the line of succession.

The king showed no hint of approaching death when he bade goodnight last night at Sandringham to his queen and the Princess Margaret Rose.

Masked Witness Tells Panel About Massacre By Russians

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Polish soldier, masked to conceal his identity, was called before a House subcommittee today to tell how he witnessed the mass slaughter of Polish officers in Russia during World War II.

An estimated 10,000 Poles were shot down nearly 12 years ago in tangled Katyn Forest, 33 miles west of Smolensk.

The witness hid in a tree and watched the gruesome drama, John Mitchell, subcommittee counsel, said.

The Polish soldier and two companions had escaped from a Russian prison camp and hiked for six days across Russia, Mitchell said, after hearing that Russian officers planned the assassinatoins.

They wanted to watch the killing, Mitchell said, so they could tell about it later.

Mitchell said he has evidence to prove the Russians killed the Polish leaders and dumped their bodies into trenches, where the Germans found them in April, 1943. Moscow has claimed the killings were by Nazis.

The special subcommittee, headed by Rep. Madden (D-Ind), is investigating the Katyn massacre on behalf of Polish-American constituents.

Madden said the witness will not be identified because he has "relatives behind the Iron Curtain."

In two days of testimony, the subcommittee has heard a description of the mass graves and a recital of Russian brutality to Polish prisoners captured while Russia was technically neutral.

The masked survivor, in his middle forties, now lives in this country.

He was confined in the Russian prison camp at Gryazovets in 1939.

A Catholic priest learned of pending assassinations and persuaded the witness and a companion to join him in escaping from the camp so they could watch.

The three men dug their way out of camp by hacking for two weeks at a trench with spoons. Then they hiked six days to reach Katyn Forest. There they strapped themselves into trees and awaited the massacre.

The witness, who speaks no English, will tell his story in Polish.

Kent Wildcat To Be Plugged AndAbandoned

Cosden Petroleum Corp. has issued orders to plug and abandon the No. 2 W. G. Williams and others, wildcat in extreme Southwest Kent County.

The project drilled to total depth of 2,101 feet in San Andres lime with no shows for production. It had been started to test the San Andres which had shows for production in the No. 1 Williams and others, an Ellenburger wildcat failure nearby.

Location was about three miles southwest of Polar and in section 60-5-H&GN.

SCURRY WILDCAT

Imperial Production Co. has plugged and abandoned its No. 2 Vernon B. Cox, Central - North Scurry wildcat. It was drilled to 7,524 feet in the reef lime and reported no shows. Top of the reef was at 7,129 feet.

The No. 2 Cox was in section 699 - 97 -H&TC.

Also in Scurry County, Texaco No. 198 P. L. Fuller, Ellenburger wildcat east of the Kelley-Snyder field, is drilling below 6,444 feet in shale.

McAlester No. 1 T. P. Allen, Southwest Scurry wildcat, is drilling in lime and shale below 3,300 feet.

TEST IN KENT

Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 Spires, Southwest Kent wildcat just east of the East Polar-Pennsylvanian field, is preparing to drillstem test at total depth of 7,186 feet. It ran a test from 6,925-7,005 feet with a recovery of 480 feet of mud with no shows. The tester was open 75 minutes.

Sun Oil Co. has reported a potential of 67 barrels of oil with no water at its No. 1-B-E Bilby Wallace, one location outside production in the Clairemont - Lower Pennsylvanian field. It was pumped 24 hours for the completion. Gas - oil ratio was 160 - 1. Gravity of the oil was 41.2 degrees.

NEW TEST DUE

Union Sulphur & Oil Co. No. 1 E. E. Erwin, Northwest Mitchell County project, cut a core from 7,565 - 7,584 feet. Recovery was three feet of gray shale with no shows and five feet of reef limestone well saturated with oil and gas. Operator went in to take a drillstem test on that zone but could not get the tester on the bottom. Tools have been pulled out and the core hole is being reamed out to try another drillstem test early tomorrow.

BORDEN TESTER

Magnlia No. 6 W. Ed Murphy, Southeast Borden tester, is setting the pump to test for potential. The well was shutin most of the last 24 hours, but swabbed 50 barrels of new oil in three hours on perforations in the lower Clear Fork.

Crown Central No. 1 Joe York and others, wildcat 14 miles east of Gail, is drilling in shale below 2,450 feet.

Arnall Expected To Take DiSalle's Job

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Two top mobilization officials said today Ellis G. Arnall, former governor of Georgia, has reconsidered and is expected to accept the directorship of the Office of Price Stabilization.

One official, who asked that his name not be used, told a reporter he understands President Truman probably will nominate Arnall for the post tomorrow.

The appointee must be confirmed by the Senate. Capitol sources have said there would be little or no opposition to Arnall.

Arnall notified administration sources Monday he would be unable to succeed Michael V. DiSalle as price chief. DiSalle has resigned effective Feb. 15, to seek the Democratic Senatorial nomination in Ohio.

Mobilization officials said Roger L. Putnam, chief of the Economic Stabilization Agency, urged Arnall yesterday to reconsider his decision. They said he was in touch with Putnam last night and agreed to accept.

O'Dwyer's Pal Is Convicted

NEW YORK (AP) — James Moran, pal of ex-Mayor William O'Dwyer, was convicted last night as the mastermind of a $500,000-a-year fire department shakedown ring.

Moran, who served as first deputy fire commissioner under O'Dwyer, was found guilty on all 23 counts of extortion and one of conspiracy.

The maximum possible sentence could be 348 years in prison.

Moran's bail was revoked after the jury of middle-aged business men reported its verdict. He was sent to the city prison to await sentencing March 4.

The jury deliberated two hours. The trial ran through 14 court days before General Sessions Judge John A. Mullen.

The prosecution said Moran was the "guiding genius and protector" of the racket in which oil burner installers seeking fire department permits for legitimate jobs were shaken down. The fixed schedule of illegal fees collected by inspectors ranged from $5 to $35, witnesses said.

Mothers' March Here Tomorrow Night As Part Of Polio Drive

Mothers' March on Polio is scheduled in Snyder at 7 o'clock tomorrow night, Miss Fay Harrell announced today.

The 30 women expected to participate in the drive, which is part of the March of Dimes, will leave from the Methodist church to cover the town.

Those wishing to donate are asked leave their porch lights on.

Miss Harrell asked that women helping with the drive be at the church by 6:30.

VFW Teased By President OnAnnouncing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harry S. Truman: candidate or not?

Leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars went home wondering today—like everybody else—after hearing a presidential speech that skirted the edges of the Democrats' No. 1 question but left it still unanswered.

For a minute last night, at the VFW's annual congressional dinner, it looked as if the President might be going to tip his hand.

"There is going to be quite an interest in this coming campaign," he said. "Maybe we will come out with the right result."

Then he paused, smiling, and went on:

"When the time comes, I am going to try to tell you what the right result is. That is not"—he stressed the "not"—"an announcement."

This was just an aside, however, in a brief address climaxed by Truman's declaration that if the Allied rearmament effort succeeds there will be "peace in the world from now on."

"If we are not successful," he added soberly, "it may mean the destruction of civilization."

Sharing honors with the President at the dinner were one man who was able to be there in person —Capt. Kurt Carlsen of the Flying Enterprise—and one who wasn't: Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, who was captured by the Communists while leading the 24th Division in Korea and now is a prisoner of war.

Would Sever Relations With All Red Nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) called today for immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Russia and all her satellite nations.

"We should break off relations until these Communists learn how to live properly in the free world's family of nations," Ferguson said.

The Michigan lawmaker expressed his views in commenting on reports—confirmed by the State Department yesterday — that the United States is reviewing the question of whether to close all American Embassies in Russian satellite countries.

"We should close them all right, but we should go further and sever all diplomatic relations with the satellite Iron Curtain nations and Russia itself," Ferguson told this reporter. "We should insist that the Embassies and consulates all those countries maintain in the United States be shut down immediately."

Senators Sparkman (D-Ala), Morse (R-Ore) and H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) said the idea of closing American Embassies in the satellite countries merits careful study. But they all advised against any hasty action.

Ferguson said he had concluded that "our Embassies in Russia and these red-dominated countries are not functioning as Embassies at all in the usual sense." He said American personnel stationed in those nations "actually are the prisoners of communism and can't serve effectively in any 'listening post' capacity."

WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Generally fair, cooler this afternoon, cooler except Panhandle and South Plains tonight. Lowest temperature 28-32 Panhandle and South Plains tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and warmer.

EAST TEXAS: Clear to partly cloudy, cooler this afternoon and tonight, lowest temperature 28-36 north portion tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and a little warmer. Moderate to locally fresh northerly winds on the coast becoming east and southeast and diminishing Thursday.

TEN KILLED

Violent Deaths At Unusual Midweek Number Yesterday

By The Associated Press

Violence took at least ten lives in Texas Tuesday in a midweek upsurge of tragedy usually reserved for the week ends.

In addition, one person died from Monday traffic injuries, another died from an axe blow suffered Monday and the nude body of a woman believed murdered Monday night was found in the San Antonio River.

Mrs. Inez Farzar and her son, Morris Frazar, 3, were killed instantly last night in an auto-truck crash two miles south of Three Rivers.

Lewis Jacob Cohn, 57, Sour Lake, was killed in a truck-car collision near Port Arthur.

A Houston telephone lineman, Clarence Raymond Hosford, 31, was found shot to death on the floor of a service station where he was employed at night. Notes to his wife and mother were found.

Frank Swanson, 65, Negro deaf mute, suffocated when fire destroyed his home at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Chester Hays, 26, Cameron died yesterday after being struck with an axe Monday. Her nephew, Billie Tom Adams, 16, was charged with assault-with-intent-to - murder before her death.

The bodies of two men were found in the charred remains of a three-room house at Corsicana, swept by an early morning blaze. Investigators found the body of Wilmer Sanders, 58, a Negro, who owned the residence. Later they discovered the body of a white man, F. B. Langridge, about 60. Officers were investigating possibility of foul play.

The body of attractive Mrs Florence Elder, 41, was found floating in the San Antonio River. She had been stabbed 29 times. Justice of the Peace John Ogden said her murder was the work of a sadist.

Jack Lee Terry, 27, who operated the Terry Motor Sales Company in Snyder, died yesterday in a hospital at Breckenridge of injuries suffered in a traffic accident Sunday.

Frank Vaca, 32, San Antonio, was fatally injured yesterday when his car and a truck collided.

Roy Claborne Lee, about 47, was found dead on the Kansas City Southern tracks in Beaumont. His papers gave an address in Waco. He was believed killed by a switch engine.

31 Degrees Last Night

Temperatures barely edged the freezing mark last night, recording a low of 31 degrees, Mrs. D. P. Strayhorn, weather observer, said this morning. High for yesterday was 65, and the thermometer read 35 at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

STOPPED AT RIVER

This Western Pacific diesel unit came to a stop at the river's edge near Virgilia, Calif., after the train plowed into a rock slide and pulled five freight cars down the Feather River canyon side with it. The slide occurred about six miles west of Virgilia only a short time before the train arrived. None were injured.

Communist Propose Political Conference After Armistice

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The Communists today proposed a high-level political conference within 90 days after a Korean armistice to negotiate withdrawal of foreign troops, settle the Korean problem and resolve related issues in the Orient.

The three-point proposal was made at Panmunjom in the first full-dress session of truce negotiating teams in two months.

Allied delegates made no comment. They took the proposal under study and promised a reply later.

Observers expressed doubt the United Nations Command would agree to the third point.

The Red proposal identified it only as "other questions related to peace in Korea."

The Reds's three-point plan was their outline of principles for recommendations to the governments of countries fighting in Korea. That would be the final clause of an armistice. Two other clauses still are unsettled.

Other developments:

1. A subcommittee working on exchange of prisoners agreed to inspection of POW camps by joint Red Cross teams of belligerent nations and turned their discussions over to staff officers.

2. Staff officers debating means of supervising the truce met for only 10 minutes.

Nam Il's proposal in the main conference session called for a high-level political conference between five delegates from United Nations countries fighting in Korea and five delegates from North Korea and Red China. South Korea was not mentioned.

The political conference would meet within three months after an armistice "to settle through negotiation the following questions:

"1. Withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea,

"2. Peaceful settlement of the Korean question, and

"3. Other questions related to peace in Korea."

The first two had been expected. The third was a surprise.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Mink Still Has Sales Appeal For Women, Price Stays High

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Mink is still a girl's best-loved friend.

The man in her life may try getting her mind off mink by snickering about political scandals. But the low-down, gentlemen, is that the average woman—no matter how sweet she may be now about saying, "Of course we can't afford it, yet" — still wants a mink coat the minute you can find the money and she can shake you loose from it. Sales records of fur shops bear this out.

And now the mink has found a friend among the legislators. The New York State Assembly yesterday decreed that hunters can't shot mink. Seems to feel it isn't the mink's fault it got mixed up with Washington. And a mink pelt with a bullet hole in it doesn't bring as good a price, either.

Furriers say mink is still the most coveted coat they sell. In the hoity-toitiest of the Fifth Avenue shops, they say the mink coat in the $10,000 to $15,000 price range arouses the least price-resistance talk from customers. There aren't as many of these customers this year as last (higher income bracket taxes being what they are now), but still it's in the other fur lines clerks have to do the biggest sales talking.

Also, mink pelts sell most freely at the fur auctions here and in Canada, and their price is reported to be the best maintained. In this connection, the mere male may take some satisfaction from learning that a male mink pelt is considered twice as valuable as a female pelt, being darker and richer looking.

Some might say it's unfair that males should be skinned twice — first to make the coat, and later to pay for it. But any discussion of mink is likely to wind up in the matter of ethics these days.

Furriers would like to quiet the ethics talk, however, even if sales don't seem to have been hurt by it. They admit that the mink has a vicious disposition, and sharp teeth to back it up. But they insist it's no fault of the little animal that mink coats and politicians seem to mix so well.

Producers To Consider Hike In Milk Price

A public hearing to consider a milk marketing order for West Texas is to be open at 10 o'clock Monday morning in the Wooten Hotel in Abilene.

Consumers, handlers and producers in 27 West Texas counties would be affected by the proposed order. The counties included in the order would be divided into three areas. Scurry County would be grouped with Taylor, Tom Green, Jones, Coleman, Runnels, Callahan, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher, Stonewall, Concho and McCullough.

The hearing is sponsored by the Department of Agriculture. If two-thirds of the producers in the area seem to favor the minimum price program, the government will set the price for the 27 - county area.

Should federal orders be issued for the start of the program, the government would assess an additional nine cents on each 100 pounds of milk. Four cents would be paid by the processor as administrative cost and five cents would be paid by the producer for the producers settlement fund. There may be other additional costs tacked onto the final cost to the consumer.

As it now stands, the order would set the price of milk one-half cent above the ordinary differential for milk brought in from Fort Worth and Dallas.

TEXAS BRANDS

BY JOHN M. HENDRIX

An Upside Down Y was the brand of the Wichita Land and Cattle Company until that corporation dissolved in 1890. During these years it was under the management of Allen Parmer. Mr. Parmer had gone through the Civil War in wartorn Missouri and had attained quite a reputation. In 1870 he was married to Miss Susie James, a sister to Frank and Jesse James.

Parmer owned four sections of land in Archer County and was considered one of its most highly respected citizens.

Three Field Locations To Be Drilled In Borden

Three field projects are scheduled to begin drilling in Borden County fields within the next few days.

In the Good field, the Texas Co. has staked location for the No. 7 A. M. Clayton. It is 3,064 feet from west and 660 feet from south lines of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31-32-t4n-T&P, about 14 miles southwest of Gail.

Projected depth is 8,300 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. has filed application for permission to drill the No. 1-D Conrad in the Von Roeder field about seven and one-half miles northeast of Vincent. Drillsite is 660 feet from north and west lines of the northwest quarter of section 71-25-H&TC. Contract depth is 7,100 feet.

Phillips Petroleum is to drill the No. 2 Boedeker about 20 miles southeast of Gail in the Hobo filed. Location has been made 2,112 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 38-25-H&TC. The rotary contract calls for a depth of 7,300 feet.

Coleman County Field Gets South Extension

A one and one-half mile south extension to the Glen Cove field in Northwest Coleman County was completed by C. W. Trammell of Midland and others.

Their new well is No. C. F. Sappington. It was finaled for a natural daily flowing potential of 306 barrels of oil. Production was through a 16 - 64-inch tubing choke and from open hole at 3,422 - 3,438 feet.

Location is in the southwest quarter of section 12, T&NO survey. That puts it two miles south and one mile west of Glen Cove.

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BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Pfc. H. B. Lewis, left, and Pvt. Roy Felton Lewis, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Buell Lewis of Hermleigh, are now on active duty with the army. H. B. is now stationed at Baringen, Germany, and has been in Germany since last June. He is a 1947 graduate of Hermleigh High School. Roy entered the army in October, 1951, and has been at Fort Sill, Okla., since then. He was graduated from Hermleigh High School in 1950, and was employed by Pan American Pipe-

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted to the Snyder Hospital this morning were Mrs. Henry Taylor, 2711 Thirty eighth Street, maternity patient, and Mrs. Billy Eugene Twomey, Weber Trailer Court, medical. Admitted last night was Mrs. Jean Jones, 612 Thirtieth Street, medical. Mrs. H. Lasson, Snyder, medical, and J. M. Barr, Colorado City, accident patient, were both dismissed this morning. Charles Grant, 2513 Twenty - fifth Street, who has been a medical patient in the hospital since Jan. 28, was still listed as critical today.

Services Today For Jack Lee Terry, 27

Funeral services were to have been at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for Jack Lee Terry, 27, who died yesterday morning from injuries suffered in an auto accident Sunday afternoon.

Boyd Fanning was to officiate in the services at the Church of Christ, assisted by Austin Varner of Abilene. Burial was to be in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bolger - Barnes Funeral Home.

Pall bearers were to be Douglas McGlaun, Bryan Jordan, Jr., John T. Lynch, Newton Morton, Glynn Snyder, J. B. Davidson, Ernest Duncan, Walter Beauchamp, Acalee Kincaid, and Bill Butler.

Tide Water Reported To Have Bought Scurry And Gaines Interests

Tide Water Associated Oil Co. has reportedly purchased producing interests in Scurry and Gaines Counties from Penntex Oil Corp. of Los Angeles.

Unofficial sources say that Tide Water paid about $2,250,000 for the interests. Scurry County property involved in the transaction includes the Kribbs lease in section 338, the Mackey lease in section 239, the Woodson lease in section 209, and the Doswell - Hegi lease in section 299, all in block 97, H&TC survey. The Gaines County interest was in section 333, block G, CCSD&RGNG survey.

Tide Water also acquired Penntex's interest in Snyder Gasoline Plant.

Robert E. Gilbert and Charles M. Hart of Los Angeles have purchased Penntex, and in liquidation of its Texas properties sold the Scurry and Gaines properties.

Oil Workers Returning To Work After Strike

NEDERLAND, Feb. 6. (AP)—Oil Workers International Union employes of the Pure Oil Company returned to work yesterday following a work stoppage of several days.

The workers said they had been "locked out" since last Friday when they began reporting for work following five days in which they stayed off the job.

They had honored a Marine Engineers Benefit Association picket line, but MEBA Friday released the OWIU from its pledge to honor the lines.

Pure Oil then had refused to allow the workers to return unless they promised to work for at least 90 days.

Union spokesmen said Tuesday night they had not made the pledge. Manager C. W. Cooper of the plant, however, said workers were going back on the job.

Retest In Martin Recovers No Oil

Argo Oil Corp. No. 1 R. B. Brown, North - Central Martin County prospector 16 miles northeast of Stanton, took a four and one-half hour drillstem test at 8,690-9,000 feet.

Recovery was 390 feet of very slightly gas cut drilling mud. There were no shows of oil or of formation water.

Operator has plugged back to 8,602 feet and will run a drillstem test at 8,500 - 8,602 feet.

This is an abandoned deep failure which was plugged on total depth of 10,606 feet in the Pennsylvanian. After the plugging gas and slight shows of oil came to the top. It was re - entered and cleaned out to 9,731 feet to allow testing various sections which might be making the gas and oil. So far no commercial production has been developed.

Location is in section 15-36-t2n-T&P.

Optimists To Organize Sunday School For Boys

Organization of a non - denominational Sunday School class began this week when Optimist Club members decided to hold the class in their boys' club building at Avenue T and Twenty - fifth Street.

Carl Herod, president of the Optimists, said the first meeting of the class probably will not be held for about three weeks. He added that club members will attempt to reach boys who do not go to Sunday School and ask them to attend their class.

The boys' club was opened this week by the club, with J. C. Morgan instructing boxing. Morgan plans to keep the club open as many nights as possible.

Commission Closes Its Lubbock, Crane Offices

The Railroad Commission has closed its District 8 sub offices at Lubbock and Crane.

The offices were closed on Feb. 1, at which time L. J. Slentz, field man and petroleum engineer, and L. T. Pittmen, field inspector, resigned. All business formerly transacted at these sub offices must now be handled in Midland.

Billy Graham Gives Hints On Successes Of Happy Marriage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Husbands and wives got advice from Evangelist Billy Graham last night on how to make their marriage a success.

The young preacher addressed a capacity audience at the National Guard Armory in another of his five-week series of sermons. His capital crusade ends Feb. 17.

"The greatest problem for us today is the breakdown of the American home," Graham said.

To wives he suggested: (1) keep attractive, even if you have to use make-up; (2) be well - read and mentally alert; (3) be a good house keeper, but don't bar children from playing in the home, and (4) don't nag.

To husbands: (1) be good providers and protectors; (2) don't let your children "go to the dogs"; (4) be thoughtful and considerate (3) love and honor your wives, and (4) be thoughtful and considerate.

Brother Of Snyderite Succumbs In Abilene

Funeral services were to be held this afternoon in Abilene for John B. Sumrall, 72, brother of Mrs. John Hammitt of Snyder. Mr. Sumrall died yesterday afternoon at his home in Abilene.

Mr. Sumrall, who lived in Erath County many years, was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors in addition to the sister here include his widow, three daughters and one son.

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Flu Cases Here Are Still On Increase

Thirty - seven more influenza cases were reported today by county physicians, city - county health unit officials reported.

These cases bring the total for February to 122, almost twice as many as the total of 79 for January. The total for 1952 here is now 201 cases, an average of more than five cases a day.

Man Given $1 Fine And 110 Days In County Jail

In addition to a 110 - day county jail sentence, a fine of $1 was assessed in the case of William E. Cauble, 33, of 1211 Twenty-eighth Street, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated as a repeated offense.

Cauble was charged by grand jury indictment last Dec. 12, when he was also indicted on a charge of aiding a prisoner to escape from the county jail last October.

Kiwanis Scout Troop To Church In Body

Kiwanis Club directors voted in a meeting last night to attend the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning in a group with the Kiwanis Boy Scout troop.

The troop is to attend services there in a body to observe Boy Scout Sunday.

The directors also voted to hold a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, followed by a dinner for members and wives.

Student Program Given

Lions Club members had as their guest at their meeting yesterday Mrs. F. W. Beavers, high school speech teacher, whose students presented a program for the club.

The students gave debate-form readings as an exhibition to the club.

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Masons To Confer EA Degree Thursday Night

Scurry Lodge No. 706, AF&AM, will meet in Called Communication Thursday night at 6:30 at Masonic Temple for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree. All Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons are urged to be present.

Open Hearing Today To Study Mortgages

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee opens a public study today of whether private investors are putting up enough money to meet the nation's mortgage needs, especially in defense areas.

Chairman Maybank (D-SC) said the three-day series of round table discussions would bring expressions from a number of the people who have money to lend, and of those who say it is too difficult to find anyone to take their government - insured mortgages.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

By SUE HOLMES

Four Snyder men returned early this week from a trip to California. C. E. McCORMICK, O.S. McCORMICK, E. H. (AB) WILLIAMSON and ROS WILLIAMS were the mid - winter tourists. They rode in glass - bottomed boats at Catalina Island, visited the Wriggly mansion, saw Hollywood homes, including those of Amos and Andy and the late Will Rogers. They said they particularly enjoyed the Knott berry farm and the docks at Long Beach.

Heading for Barstow, they visited ROS'S son, Pfc. BOB WILLIAMS, who came home with them. Then they visited another son, Pfc. TED WILLIAMS at Camp Pendleton. At El Toro Marine Base they looked up C. E.'s son, Pfc. BEACHER McCORMICK. And as for civilian visits, they saw O.S.'s son and daughter, LLOYD and LOIS. Ab says he just went along for the trip.

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Newspapers have a way of stacking up rapidly, and if you're like us, you hate to throw them away. Now comes the word that Girl Scouts will pick up the papers Saturday provided the papers are bundled together and tied and stacked on the curb. The leader and girls have zoned the town so that paper pick ups will be systematic. Mrs. NED WHITE, a leader of a Brownie troop (the younger girls) says she and other Brownie leaders will take care of their troops' zones since the younger girls are willing but not quite big enough to help lift and stack loads of paper.

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Sgt. JOHNNIE GREENFIELD called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. GREENFIELD, Sunday night from Tokyo. He has been in Korea six months and was in Japan for a six-day rest.

Eighteen Members At Cher Amies Meeting

Mrs. Cecil Hall was high score winner at the Cher Amies Bridge Club meeting yesterday at the Village.

Mrs. Ross Carroll was second high winner, and Mrs. G.C. Lefler won bingo prize.

Hostesses were Mrs. Joe Love and Mrs. Warren Richardson.

Eighteen members and one guest, Mrs. Hall, were present. Mrs. H. D. Robinson, Jr., is a new member.

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EVENTS OF WEEK

WEDNESDAY

Square dance class, 7:30 p.m., Ranch House Banquet Room.

THURSDAY

WCTU, 9:30 a.m., fellowship hall of First Methodist Church.

Girl Scout Leaders' Club, 3:45 p. m., Girl Scout room.

Duce Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Lee Smyth, 3712 Austin.

Newcomers' Bridge Club, 1:30 p.m., with Mrs. V. V. McGrew, 3682 Avenue V.

Newcomers Canasta Club, 1:30 p.m., at the Ranch House banquet room.

Good Neighbor Club, 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. J. H. Huey, 2107 Avenue O.

Friendly Fellows Forty - two Club, 7:30 p.m., with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stinson, 2907 Avenue U.

Eastern Star Study Club, 7:30 p.m., 3734 Avondale.

FRIDAY

Women's Golf Association, 12:30 for luncheon at the Country Club.

El Feliz Forty - Two Club, 3 p.m., at the Country Club.

Foot and Fiddle Square Dance Club, 8 p.m., at the Ranch House banquet room.

SATURDAY

Girl Scout paper drive, all day.

Gift tea honoring Mrs. Franklin Brownfield, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. Alfred McGlaun.

Saturday Night Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m., at the Country Club.

Progressive Bridge Club, 7:30 p. m., with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bucy, Lion Oil Camp.

THE STARS

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—This week the stand-in for Michael Rennie, the English actor, fell ill and the studio scurried around for a substitute.

"No hurry," said Rennie. "I'm an old hand at standing in."

He wasn't kidding. Without poring through the records, I would hazard a guess that he is the only stand-in to achieve starring status.

Rennie, who has done a number of leading roles for 20th-Fox, is currently playing Jean Valjean in the remake of "Les Miserables." Playing opposite him is Sylvia Sidney. When she reported to work, Rennie said to her, "You don't remember me, do you?' She allowed that she didn't.

"I was the stand-in for John Loder in a picture called 'Sabotage' with you and he made in England back in the '30s," he said.

Miss Sidney still didn't remember. Her memory is a vivid one for the future. That was his first movie job.

"I wanted to be a film actor," he recalled. "I figured the only way to be one would be to watch how it was done. I thought of being an extra, but that would have meant that I would only work a day or so in every picture. If I were a stand-in, I could watch the whole picture being made."

So Rennie took the stand-in job, which consists of standing under the lights until everything is ready and the star steps into the set. "It was physically exhausting to be standing for so long," he remembered. "But it wasn't mentally exhausting, because I had much to watch and learn."

His pay: the tidy equivalent of $10 a week.

"But that was more than I would have made as an extra," he said. "I could have made more per day as an extra, but the work was sporadic. If I could hitch myself to a busy star or two, I could be working 52 weeks a year."

Rennie also stood in for Robert Young in a picture called "Secret Agent" with Madeleine Carroll. Eight years later, Rennie himself was co-starring with Miss Carroll in "White Cradle Inn."

He recalled Young with fondness. Rennie is taller than Young. Since the primary requirement of a stand-in is to be the same size as the star, Rennie slumped through the picture to approximate Young's hight. The American actor obliged by standing on his toes when he entered the scene, thus protecting his stand-in's job.

The stand-in phase lasted a year, and then Rennie entered repertory in England. After a wartime hitch with the Royal Air Force, he returned to films and his career started clicking. He did a starring role in "Ships With Wings' for Producer Michael Balcon. Only a few years before, Balcon had fired him as a bit player with the remark, "If anyone ever employs this man, I'll sack him."

Rennie is modest about his success in American pictures. He attributes his good fortune to what he calls the "mid-Atlantic accent." That is an accent which is neither too British nor too American, thus permitting him to play either nationality.

He explained that the accent is not the clipped speech of Noel Coward nor the "basic English" of Laurence Olivier. It is more like the tones of Ronald Colman.

"The mid-Atlantic accent kept me out of work when England was making pictures for the English market alone," Rennie said. "But when England tried for the American market as well, actors like myself and Leo Genn were in demand."

Rennie managed to develop the accent while training with the RAF in Canada and Macon and Americus, Ga.

Miss Allie Beth Rosson

Allie Beth Rosson To Marry Feb. 16 In Sweetwater

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rosson of Sweetwater have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Allie Beth Rosson, to Arthur Beauchamp, son of Mrs. Laura Beauchamp of Stamford.

The wedding will take place Feb. 16 at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Rosson, sister of Renal Rosson, Snyder lawyer, was graduated from Snyder High School and Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed in the Stamford school system.

Mr. Beauchamp was graduated from Anson High School and Draughon's Business College.

The couple will live in Stamford where the bridegroom - to - be is engaged in farming.

Jacques Griffe Attacks Natural Waist-Line Area

PARIS (AP) — Designer Jacques Griffe has made the boldest attack on the natural waist-line yet seen in the Paris spring fashion shows.

By devious means, he pushes the poor embattled waist right up to a position just under the bust, or right down to flapperish hip-height. But if he is bolder than other designers—almost all of whom have been presenting the natural midriff—Griffe, too, lacks the courage to abolish waists altogether.

Though pitifully unadorned and unsupported by belt or seam, the waist-line is still indicated by tucks. It now has the form of inverted brackets—like this) (— instead of being pinched in firmly by a belt.

For what it's worth, Girffe offers this excuse for revising the female form:

"I have deliberately broken with all shackles; all that strangles, stifles, pinches and paralyzes is banned."

Justice Court Takes In More During January

Fines and court costs paid in justice of the peace court here during January totaled $1,970.25, according to the report of Judge W. C. Davidson.

Fines amounted to $581, and costs in criminal cases totaled $1,383. Costs in civil cases amounted to $6.25.

The month's total was an increase of $217.40 over that of December when fines amounted to $497, costs were $1,253, and civil court costs were $2.85.

Mrs. Fesmire Is Feted At Dinner

Mrs. Mary Fesmire, who celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday, was feted at a dinner party Sunday by her four sons and friends in her home at 2204 Twenty-sixth Street.

It was the second time that all her sons had been together since her late husband died in 1934. The sons are Eugene Roberts of Glenwood, Ark., Ray Fesmire of Houston, Leroy Fesmire of San Angelo and C. A. Fesmire of Odessa.

Mrs. C. A. Fesmire and two children were also present.

Other guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lockhart, Bill Doak and Mrs. Effie Whitley of San Angelo.

Mrs. Fesmire has lived in Snyder 34 years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Minor of Tahoka visited Monday and Tuesday with his sisters, Mrs. Ben Thompson and Mrs. C. E. Walker, 1008 Twenty-eighth Street, with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lewis of the Pleasant Hill community, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Minor and children, Bennie and Vickie, 1006 Fortieth Street.

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Is it all right to freeze chicken salad? I want to put it in glass jars. Mrs. R.

Yes, chicken salad may be frozen. The taste is best when used within two or three weeks.

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Our club has a bad habit of discussiong motions till everyone is tried. Are there ways to stop discussion? E. K.

Yes, members can say "I move to lay the motion on the table"; "I move to postpone the matter indefinitely"; or "I move to refer this matter to a committee of three, appointed by the president.

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How would you remove an ink stain from corduroy? B.

Several methods are practical for removing ink stains. (1) Let water run through the spot before it dries; (2) Equal parts of glycerine and water should be used as long as they cause ink to bleed. Then sponge with carbon tetrachloride or other solvent; (3) Oxalic acid and potassium permanganate may be applied as previously described on white materials only; (4) For printer's ink, rub the stain with lard or white vaseline, and work into stain. If material is washable then wash, if not, sponge with carbon tetrachloride or other grease solvent.

How do you shape crescent rolls? B. G.

Roll dough into a circular shape, ¼ inch thick, cut in pie - shaped pieces. Brush with melted fat and doll up, beginning at the wide end. Curve into crescents on greased baking sheet.

Jack Fomby To Hold Square Dance Class

Jack Fomby of Sweetwater will conduct square dancing classes at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Ranch House banquet room, according to Mrs. Woodrow Newton, secretary of the Stumble and Fall Square Dance Club which is sponsoring the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller were hosts to the club dance Friday night. Thirty-six persons attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Brown of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer of Dermott.

PERSONALS

Mrs. L. E. Orms of Denver, Colo., is a guest this week of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jordon and family of the Post Highway, and her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Orms, and daughter, 3003 Fortieth Street.

Ralph Hicks and E. P. Alford were in Big Spring Monday afternoon on business.

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Whitehead of Bowie and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wiggins and daughter of Wichita Falls were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Orms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sonnenburg of Rankin are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayouth, 3000 Avenue W.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ingram, 2205 Twenty-fifth Street, had as their guest Monday Mrs. Henry Sherman of Cortez, Colo.

Mrs. Tom Davis, 707 Twenty-sixth Street, has as her week end guests her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moulton of Midland and her brother, Oscar Pollard and Mrs. Pollard of Lubbock.

Mrs. Boyd Fanning, 2701 Avenue F, is visiting this week with her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Fanning and daughter of Post.

Mrs. D. A. Jones, 2607 Avenue I, returned home Sunday from the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene where she had been for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Haggard and Mrs. Kenneth Barnes of Sweetwater were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richardson, 2607 Avenue I.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Murphree, Route 2, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn, Lubbock Highway visited Friday with Mrs. Georgie Morton, who is in the Young Hospital in Sweetwater.

James Littlepage, a student at McMurry College in Abilene, visited over the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Littlepage, 3607 Avenue U.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vincent, 1413 Thirtieth Street, were Mrs. Vincent's sister and brother - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Laird and son, Ronnie, of Dublin.

Wade Winston and Harry Winston returned home Saturday after spending the week attending the stock show in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Casey and son, 2500 Thirty-second Street, are home this week after spending last week in Fort Worth attending the stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boston, 911 Twenty-seventh Street, were in Dallas last Friday and Saturday attending a Ford tractor meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilson, 2211 Twenty - seventh Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Stanfield, Avenue Y, were in Abilene recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McClinton, Twenty - seventh Street, returned home Sunday after spending a few days in Fort Worth attending the Fat Stock Show. They also visited with four sons while they were away.

Jim Dawson, 3111 Avenue X, returned home this week after spending two weeks in Snyder Hospital. He is reported to be feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMillen, 3111 Avenue X, had as their weekend guests Gene Gray and Ollie May Gray of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Lewis, 1502 Twenty - first Street, moved last week to Hermleigh.

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Art Guild Members Entertain Guests At Sweetheart Banquet

Art Guild members entertained their husbands and guests with a Sweetheart banquet last night at North Ward School cafeteria. The banquet is an annual Valentine season affair.

Table decorations featured a centerpiece of red and white flowers with ribbon streamers extending from the bow. Red and white candles with cupid silhouettes and red hearts completed the decorations. Mrs. Dan Hamil, Mrs Ben Thorpe and Mrs. Dell Smith planned the table motif.

The girls' quartet from the high school chorus sang "Out of the Dust," "Alice Blue Gown" and "Summertime." They were accompanied by Mrs. M. M. O'Rear. The quartet is composed of Jane Houston, Rose Marie Roe, Sally Glover and Mary Sue Boren. Mrs. M. E. Stanfield, Mrs. Myron Roe and Mrs. Thorpe were in charge of the program.

Place favors were red cups filled with heart candies. Each contained a love note which members read aloud after the program.

Eighteen members and their guest were present.

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Sooner GOPs Fight Issues

CLINTON, Okla. (AP) — A plea by former Congressman Ross Rizley, of Guymon, to stick to issues rather than battle over personalities put a damper on the boom to pledge Oklahoma delegates to General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Rizley's plea came at the convention yesterday of Sixth District Republicans at Clinton. The convention rejected a proposed endorsement of the general, 95-79, and then endorsed all Republican candidates.

One of the delegates elected later, J. Paul Loosen, of Okarche refused to state his preference while the other, Ered L. Coogan, of Sayre says he's for MacArthur if the general will run.

So far Eisenhower supporters have been able to pledge four candidates to the national convention. One other is probably an Eisenhower supporter. Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio has one vote and General MacArthur has one with another uncommitted to any candidate.

The Oklahoma political scene shifts to Bartlesville tomorrow where another head-on collision between Eisenhower and Taft forces is expected. Both camps are cautious, but forecasters think it will break even — one for Taft and one for Ike.

Then a convention Saturday at Tulsa — stronghold of the Ohio senator — should be a one sided affair.

If forecasts are correct, the scene will look like this when the state convention gets under way at Oklahoma City: Eisenhower, five sure votes, one probable; Taft, four votes; MacArthur, one vote, and one uncommitted.

Then it's anybody's guess which candidate will manage to get the four-at-large delegates the state convention will elect to complete the Oklahoma quota of 16.

Youth Given Death Sentence In Shooting Of Dallas Policeman

BROWNWOOD (AP) — Marvin Eugene Johnson, 21, convicted of murdering a Dallas policeman, is scheduled to die in the electric chair March 10.

Judge A. O. Newman passed sentence yesterday. Johnson was taken to the Huntsville prison immediately afterwards.

"I'm innocent," Johnson told newsmen. "My lawyers were not competent and experienced like the state's."

He refused to ask a rehearing before the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Johnson's uncle, Robert, also was sentenced to death for the Jan. 22, 1951, fatal shooting of Patrolman Johnny Sides. They were tried here on a change of venue last June.

Two other men in the car stopped by Sides and another policeman just before the shooting — Maxie Pomeroy and J. W. Johnson, brother of Marvin — pleaded guilty and were sentenced to life.

Wet Weather Covers Many Parts Of Nation

By The Associated Press

There was wet weather over wide areas of the country today but no severe cold was reported by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Rain or snow fell throughout the Appalachians northward to New England, with thunder storms in Southern New England.

Light snow was reported from most of the Great Lakes region and snow and rain hit areas from the Northern Rockies southeastward through South Dakota and Iowa.

More fog was forecast for Northern California regions. Pea-fowl fog yesterday shrouded the area, grounding air traffic and resulting in a minor ship collision inside the Golden Gate in San Francisco Bay.

Showers were reported in the Eastern Gulf States.

It was mild weather again today along the Atlantic Coast as far north as Southern New England but it was a little cool in the Gulf States early today.

Louisiana And Texas Meeting Over Sabine

DALLAS, (AP) — Texas and Louisiana discussed the division of Sabine River waters here today.

Out of the meeting of representatives of the two states is expected to come an inter-state compact for apportionment of the Sabine run-off.

The meeting was scheduled in the office of Col. Louis W. Prentiss of the Corps of Engineers. Prihtiss has been designated by President Truman to meet with spokesmen for the two states — Henry L. Woodward, Orange, and Col. J. Lester White, Louisiana director of public works and chairman of that state's Sabine Valley Authority.

Jack Craft, left, owner of the Craft Studio & Camera Shop just west of the West Texas State Bank on Twenty-sixth Street, is shown posing a subject, Mrs. Josephene Leonard, for a portrait. The studio guarantees their photographs a lifetime. Such an unusual guarantee can only be based on skill and experience in the art.—(Lee Watson photograph.)

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Knowledge of the art gained through 15 years experience, and exhaustive study equips the Craft Studio to make a life time guarantee on all their portraits. Jack Craft, owner, has been in the profession since 1937, and has studied under two of the Southwest's leading photographers, J. Lillard Price and Amnon Johnson. Craft studied under Johnson for nine years and managed studios for Johnson before opening a studio of his own. Johnson is a noted photographer of Roswell, N.M., and Hollywood. He operated the Hollywood School of Modeling in Dallas, and is a graduate of the New York Institute of Photography.

Craft has the personal qualities which inspire the most flattering poses from his subjects , and has the artistic sixth sense to snap the shutter at exactly the right instant.

But that is only the beginning of a good portrait. The darkroom is where a portrait gets its lasting qualities. Only the latest techniques and finest chemicals and papers are used in the Craft Studio darkroom.

"Good photographs can not be rushed," Craft says.

To get the proper sparkle in a photograph it must be left in the developer just the right length of time—neither too short nor too long a time. It must be left in the fixing bath long enough to guarantee that no developing action will take place after the photograph is "fixed." Then it must be washed in running water until the fixing bath is completely removed leaving only the photograph on the paper.

Craft personally does all darkroom work at the studio. "I know it's done right, because I do it myself," he said.

However he conceeds a point to his wife and chief assistant.

"She is the baby specialist, and can almost always get a laugh from a baby even when he is in a bad mood," Craft said.

Here's a tip on how you can help in getting the best picture of your baby. Craft says that his studio is always glad to arrange an appointment to shoot a baby's picture at the time of day when the baby is usually in his best mood.

"Mothers know what time of the day their baby most often is laughing and playing— and that's the time to make his picture." he said.

Craft suggested that you consider the baby's moods in making an appointment for his picture. "We can arrange the appointment at any time of the day or night," he added. Just call 1075.

Burdell Stakes Six Locations

Burdell Oil Co. has staked locations for six new projects on Paul C. Teas and others leases in the Sharon Ridge 170 field.

All the projects will be about 12 miles northwest of Colorado City. Operations are to begin immediately.

The No. 2 Teas and others is 550 feet from west and 2,900 feet from north lines of section 98, lot 6, block 97, H&TC survey. No. 3 is 550 feet from west and 2,386 feet from north lines of the same acreage. No. 4 is 550 feet from west and 1,872 feet from north lines of the same acreage.

The No. 5 is 550 feet from west and 1,368 feet from north lines of the same acreage. The No. 6 is 550 feet from west and 2,900 feet from north lines of the acreage, and No. 7 is 550 feet from west and 330 feet from north lines of the survey.

Contract depth on all is 1,900 feet.

Kent County Gets New Location And One Completion Reported

A completion and a new location have been reported in Kent County fields.

Chapman & McFarlin Producing Co. No. 59 D. M. Cogdell is to be drilled in the Cogdell - Fuller sand field. Location is 2,200 feet from lines of section 716-97-H&TC, and about 22 miles northeast of Snyder. Contract depth is 5,500 feet. Operations are to begin at once.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. has reported a potential for their No. 2 W. M. McLaury in the East Polar - Pennsylvanian field.

The well pumped 24 hours for a potential of 47.34 barrels of 37.8 gravity oil with six per cent water.

Pay was topped at 6,946 feet. Five and one-half inch casing was cemented at 7,385 feet and perforations are from 6,946 - 68 feet. Plugged - back total depth is 7,324 feet. Elevation is 2,300 feet.

Drillsite is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 14-4-H&GN.

Committee Finds Army Very Particular In Its Purchasing Habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Specifications for the military fly swatter weight 2½ pounds and are approximately four inches thick, aides of a House subcommittee said today.

And there's the case of the dog toenail clippers — four pages of specifications, single-spaced, with two additional pages of pictures. In the past four years, the services have bought exactly 19 of these clippers (dog, toenail) through central procurement.

There's also the case of the sugar bowl top.

Investigators found the Army rejected a manufacturer's bid because the bowl's "profile is flat in appearance" and was 1½ inches high instead of 1 inches.

These were some of the instances of military procurement practices being assembled by a House Executive Expenditures subcommittee investigating armed services buying habits.

A member of the subcommittee staff said it is finding "an alarming number" of such cases and instances where low bids are being rejected because the bidder does not meet exact specifications.

Britain Sends Armed Frigate To Antarctic After Firing Incident

LONDON (AP)—Britain is sending the 1,600-ton, well-armed frigate Burghead Bay cruising in the disputed Antarctic territory where Argentine shots fired in the air repulsed a British landing party last week end.

Informed officials said the ship would sail from Fort Stanley in the Falkland Islands in a day or two.

The firing occurred at an island in Hope Bay, near the northeastern peninsula of Grahamland. Both Britain and Argentina claim territory there. The Britishers were trying to reestablish a survey base at Hope Bay.

BOYLE'S COLUMN

West Pointer Keeps Pledge To God, Becomes Minister

By HAL BOYLE

PURCELLVILLE, Va. (AP) — John Baired Shinberger made 13 parachute jumps as a pioneer organizer of the American army's paratroop corps.

But it was while he lay badly wounded on a Belgian battlefield in 1944 that he made the biggest jump in his eventful life — a decision to become a "Sky Pilot."

A German mortar had burst in red ruin a moment before. It killed one man and wounded five others, including Lieut. Col. Shinberger, 35, a battalion commander.

The steel fragments mangled one of his arms, opened an artery in the other. As he lay there with his life flowing from him, a young West Point graduate felt he would die. And he experienced a deep regret. He had always in his heart of hearts wanted to be a minister and preach the Lord's gospel. Now he never could.

Shinberger lifted his eyes and made a compact with heaven.

"Lord," he prayed, "if you let me get off this battlefield in one piece, I'll work for you the rest of my life as a Christian soldier to the best of my ability. I won't put it off anymore. I'll become a minister, whether I'm good or not."

As soon as he was well, he set about carrying out his pledge.

It took courage for him to turn his back on his brilliant professional military career. But Shinberger had spiritual fortitude to match his physical bravery. He retired from the Army and enrolled as a student in the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Today he is rector of three small Episcopal churches in the Virginia dairy country. Both he and his pretty wife, Lisa — they have four children — are happy in his new calling.

The ex-paratrooper, still in rugged trim at 43, is a popular pastor.

People of all denominations come to him to talk over their personal troubles. They like his sensible, down-to-earth manner.

But Shinberger himself is still humbly uncertain whether he is— as he says — "a good preacher."

He talked about it as we sat in his study, where hang pictures of his two great heroes — Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, who were deeply religious military leaders.

Leaving the Army to enter the ministry doesn't seem as unusual to him as it does to others.

"During West Point's first hundred years about 45 per cent of its graduates became clergymen," he smiled. "In fact so many did that they had an investigation into it."

Pigeons Not At Home

NEW YORK (AP)—Vincent Amen complained to police that his 75 pigeons didn't come home even though they were homing pigeons.

Last night police learned why. They found the birds in a pen where some small boys had kept them after taking them from Amen's coop.

The Articles of Confederation, though adopted by the Continental Congress in 1778, were not ratified by all the states until 1781.

Hoiles Will Defend His Stand On Public Education Tonight

McALLEN (AP) — Newspaper Publisher R. C. Hoiles and Radio Man Roy Hofheinz will debate tax supported public schools here tonight.

A similar discussion, in the forms of questions and answers, is scheduled tomorrow night.

Both sessions will be held in the McAllen high school stadium.

Since Hoiles recently purchased the McAllen Monitor, the Valley Morning Star at Harlingen, and the Brownsville Herald the papers have adopted an editorial policy opposing tax supported public schools.

Hofheinz, Houston radio man who operates Radio Station KSO in Harlingen, has challenged this editorial policy over his station and in public statements.

Tonight the discussion will be on a subject proposed by Hofheinz and conducted under his rules. It will be:

"Resolved: that the tax supported school system should be abolished."

Hoiles will take the affirmative.

Each speaker will be allowed an opening statement of 20 minutes, a rebuttal of 30 minutes, and a closing of ten minutes.

Hofheinz specified there will be no interruption on the part of either speaker. Each speaker will be allowed to complete a sentence when time is called.

Bill Patterson, McAllen attorney, will be moderator.

Tomorrow night, the topic, as proposed by Hoiles, will be:

"Resolved: that tax supported schools are in violation of, and incompatible with the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule and the Declaration of Independence."

Hoiles will take the affirmative.

The affirmative will have ten minutes to open the debate, and the negative will have ten minutes to open. Then the affirmative will have 20 minutes in one minute periods to ask questions. The negative will have the same time for questions. Then there will be ten minutes in time of one-minute periods for each to ask questions until the two hour period is completed — unless both parties have agreed to end the debate sooner.

Hoiles' rules for tomorrow night call for each speaker to answer each question in not more than one minute's time, unless the questioner gives consent to a longer time.

Both Hoiles and Hofheinz have agreed that if either continues to talk after the minute is up, he will pay $100 to the March of Dimes fund for each minute, or fraction thereof, he exceeds the allotted time for each question.

Students Here At Conference Held Saturday

Eighteen Snyder High School students attended the Teen - Age Librarians' Conference, District 1, in Lubbock Saturday. The students were accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Nelson, high school librarian.

R. C. Janeway, Librarian at Texas Tech, called the meeting of more than 200 students to encourage interest in reading among teen agers, Mrs. Nelson said. The students met on the college campus for the main program, including a play, "The Hills of Eire," presented by the Junior Thespians of Lubbock Senior High School. The Pan American section of the program included a Spanish dance and solos sung in Spanish. Two marimba solos were played by Mary Schaffer of Lubbock, and a film to encourage interest in high scchool libraries was shown.

Plans for the state meeting of the organization were revealed, Mrs. Nelson said. The Snyder club is a charter member of the two-year-old organization. Two members from each high school club are eligible to attend the state conference scheduled for March 28 - 29 in Galveston.

Following the program, students were conducted on tours of the libraries at Texas Tech and four Lubbock schools.

Students attending included Betty Jo Adams, Latrell Elrod, Shirley Barrett, Wanda Rouse, Frances Reese, Patsy Law, Billie Barrett, Carolyn Holly, Mary McCright, Margaret McCright, Linda Norcross, Mira Caswell, Kathleen Greer, Joyce Page, Millie Davis, Norma Jo Rouse, Shirley Gillum and Barbara Miller.

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POW'S TURN TO NEEDLE — Communist soldiers in U. N. prisoner-of-war camp on Koje-do Island off Korea busy themselves making socks and gloves for Korean orphans at Pusan.

Columnist Finds Stupidity Of America Unsurpassed In Korea

By WALTER LIPPMANN

The heart - rending problem of the prisoners of war in Korea need never have arisen. With reasonable care in Tokyo and Washington the problem would not have arisen.

We have captured some considerable number of North Korean and Chinese troops who do not wish to be returned to the Communist governments. Some of them have deserted to our lines because they were lured by our leaflets promising them security. Some of the Chinese have been tattooed with anti - Communist slogans by other Chinese in our camps. We cannot in honor and decency force these prisoners of war to go back to what for many of them would be torture or death.

But with a little foresight and common sense we would have had no prisoners of war who could not be repatriated. We would have released them long ago. We would be holding no prisoners of war today who could not be exchanged. The anti - Communist Chinese would be on their way to Formosa. The anti - Communist North Koreans would have disappeared among the South Korean population.

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Instead of doing that we have not only detained them as prisoners of war but we have actually transmitted their names to the enemy authorities. By this monumental piece of stupidity we have made it certain that even if the enemy were to agree to our position that no prisoner must be forced to go home, those who do not now choose to go home have to realize that their families are marked and in danger.

We have also made it virtually impossible for the communist governments to agree to an exchange of prisoners. For now — if they agree to our demands — it will be known and it will be published to the world exactly how many of their own soldiers have turned against them, each of them identified by name and by regiment.

Had we had the sense not to list the anti-Communists as prisoners of war, and let them out of the camps, there would have been no problem of prestige or propaganda involved in the humane business of exchanging these prisoners.

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On Aug. 12, 1949, a year before the Korean war began, fifty-nine governments signed treaties dealing with the protection of the victims of war. The third of the treaties has to do with prisoners, and it is the existing law by which we live. It is plain that the treaty does not contemplate the problem we now have before us in Korea — namely how not to repatriate prisoners who do not wish to go home. It is strange that the treaty says nothing about this problem in view of the horrible experience at the end of the second World War, to which the Alsop brothers have just called attention, when nearly a thousand Russians who had been prisoners in Germany committed suicide while they were being forcibly repatriated to Russia.

The Geneva Convention of 1949 has nothing in it for men like these We had forgotten that experience, and we were intensely preoccupied with an even more dreadful, though different, experience. This was the prolonged detention by the Russians of the prisoners they had captured, and their refusal to return so many of them on the ground that these men preferred to remain in the Communist world. To prevent that sort of thing from happening the Western powers wrote into the treaty, in Article 7, that "prisoners of war may in no circumstances renounce in part or in entirety the rights secured to them by the present convention" and then in Article 118 the treaty says that "prisoners of war shall be released and repatriated without delay after the cessation of active hostilities." There is not a word in the treaty about voluntary repatriation. When we were writing the treaty, we were thinking only about how to get people we are interested in back home if they were captured, and not about what to do with men we might capture who did not wish to go home.

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As soon as we begin to take prisoners in the Korean war, we began to have men who would never, who could never, go home again. This has been evident from the start. It is not some unexpected new development of the past few weeks. It has been our open and avowed policy to persuade North Koreans and Chinese to desert to us.

How, then, could the State Department, which negotiated the Geneva conventions, have failed to explain to the Pentagon and to Tokyo the legal trap in which these defecting and deserting Chinese and North Koreans were caught? Once the legal situation was realized the remedy was obvious: It was to open the trap and to let the prisoners out. For there is nothing in the convention which expressly forbids such a humane and sensible way of dealing equitably with a treaty which is in its strict letter unjust and irrelevant.

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Now that the names of all our prisoners have been transmitted to the enemy, the problem is extremely difficult to solve. There is an ingenious proposal to build a large stockade on the armistice line, to put all the prisoners from both sides within it, and then to open the gates going north and going south, letting each man take his own choice. It would be a pleasant surprise if the Communists agreed to that. We must, however, remember that having listed all the prisoners we hold, not all who would prefer to come to our side have a truly free choice any longer. Their families are now hostages.

An enormous blunder has been committed by our own officials. It is not the first of their great and critical blunders in the conduct of this war. Before the war in Korea is renewed and enlarged, there should be an accouting to the people.

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Parks-Cisco Well Set

The Texas Co. has asked permission to begin operations at once on the No. 202-C P. L. Fuller in the George Parks-Cisco sand pool.

Location has been made 2,599 feet from west and 467 feet from south lines of the southwest quarter of section 498-97-H&TC about 12 miles north of Snyder. It is on a 29,707.4-acre lease. Contract depth is 6,375 feet.

New Record In Water Meters

Water meter connections in Snyder increased 27 during January to a new record of 2,917, the monthly report of W. J. Ramsey, city superintendent, showed.

Collections for the month from the water and sewer departments totaled $17,172.62, he said.

A total of 126 meters were connected, and 99 were disconnected during the month.

The department completed a total of 496 orders during the month including: replaced nine meter boxes damaged by traffic, collected 11 bad checks, reread 19 meters and found none to have been read wrong in the first reading, set 24 new meters, issued 26 building permits totaling $178,350, issued 43 plumbing permits, and made 55 plumbing inspections.

There are now 2,289 sewer accounts, Ramsey said.

Farm Agencies Plan To Move Under Same Roof; Need Permission

Production and Marketing Administration committeemen discussed in a meeting yesterday the possibility of moving the PMA, Soil Conservation, and Farm Home Administration offices into one building.

Irelan Finley, new PMA administrator, said all three agencies have made application to their state offices for permission to move their offices. He said they are planning to move into the building formerly occupied by the Snyder - Gray Lumber Co. on Avenue R.

Finley said that the Secretary of Agriculture had requested that agricultural offices all work under one roof to bring about closer harmony in work with farmers. He added that the offices may have approval for the change within the next few days.

Three Airmen Killed In Crash Of B-29 In California Near Base

MARCH AIR BASE, Calif. (AP)—Three men were killed and eight injured when a B-29 bomber, sweeping in for a landing, crashed and burned in an alfalfa field a mile and a half short of the runway yesterday.

The craft apparently lost power and the pilot attempted to crash land with the wheels up.

Some of the survivors were thrown clear, still strapped in their seats. Others were pulled from the flaming wreckage by rescue teams in asbestos suits.

The Air Force identified the dead as Capt. C. W. Gatchel, 1st Lt. Billy Lee and T. Sgt. W. S. Bradley, all of nearby Riverside.

Of the survivors only one, 1st. Lt. R. C. Dunlap, was critically hurt.

No Air Conditioning Unit Bids Received

No bids have yet been received for the purchase of 42 air conditioning units by the county for use in the courthouse. Legal advertisement calling for bids began a week ago.

Bids are to be opened by the commissioners court Feb. 18. Bids sought are for two units having capacity of seven and one-half tons each and 40 one-ton units.

Red Leaders In California To Answer Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California's Communist party leaders get the chance today to reply to the prosecution's charge that they are "professional revoluntionaries."

Four defense spokesmen—including William Schneiderman, acting party chief, who is defending himself—are scheduled to give their arguments in rebuttal to the government's opening statement.

Deputy U. S. Attorney Ray H. Kinnison told the jury that the government will prove the defendants were engaged in a conspiracy to foster the Marx-Lenin philosophy that "all non-Communist governments, including our own, should be overthrown."

The government gave the court a list of 627 exhibits which it intends to introduce in evidence. The list includes many books, pamphlets, articles, letters, and party documents.

Five diaries listed gave a hint that surprise revelations might be forthcoming.

In making an unsuccessful bid for dismissal of the case yesterday, the defense battery indicated it will continue to hammer at the point that the present indictment against the 15 state leaders covers their activities back to 1940, whereas the charge on which the party's national heads were convicted in 1949 covered their actions from 1945 to 1949.

The defendants are charged under the Smith Act with conspiring among themselves and with the national leaders from 1940 to 1951.

Air Force Wasted Funds Testing Chair Cushions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force typists will have to sit in the same kind of chairs as other government employes. Special super - plush seats are out.

And furthermore, the Air Force has been advised to confine its scientific research to airplanes.

A House Armed Services subcommittee said in a statement yesterday that the testing of chairs should be left to the Government Services Administration, whose chairs have been "fairly well researched" and proven satisfactory.

The subcommittee said the Air Force has been testing chairs for 60 days. As a result it sought to pay more than half a million dollars for 20,156 upholstered chairs for use at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Chairs sought by the Air Force would cost $28 apiece instead of the $16.80 to $18 for GSA-selected chairs.

Federal Aid To City-County Health Unit Government Approved

Federal grant in the amount of $41,400 for aid in construction of an office building for the city-county health unit has been approved, George Mahon, Congressional representative from this district, said yesterday.

In a telegram to Edgar Taylor, county judge, Mahon said the grant, sought as 50 per cent federal aid on the project, was approved for that amount by the Public Health Service in Washington.

A site for the one-story masonry building was recently purchased at the corner of Twenty-sixth Street and Avenue J. Plans have been completed and tentatively approved by the state health department, according to officials of the Butler - Brasher Engineering Co. of Lubbock, architects on this and the county hospital project.

Herbert Brasher, one of the engineers, said about three weeks ago his firm was hoping to receive bids on the hospital project Feb. 28. At that time, he said bids on the health unit building would probably be received soon afterward.

Ford Foundation To Help Asian Peoples

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The Ford Foundation plans to spend millions in India and Pakistan to train industrial workers and improve agriculture, health and literacy in rural villages.

The trustees announced an initial grant of $6,550,000 yesterday.

The largest grant is $1,200,000 for a three-year development program in Indian villages. The foundation hopes to include 15,000 of them in the program within five years.

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Mr. F. A. Fischer a recognized authority on hearing, will show the amazing BELTONE at the Pal-O-Mar Cortel on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 PM.

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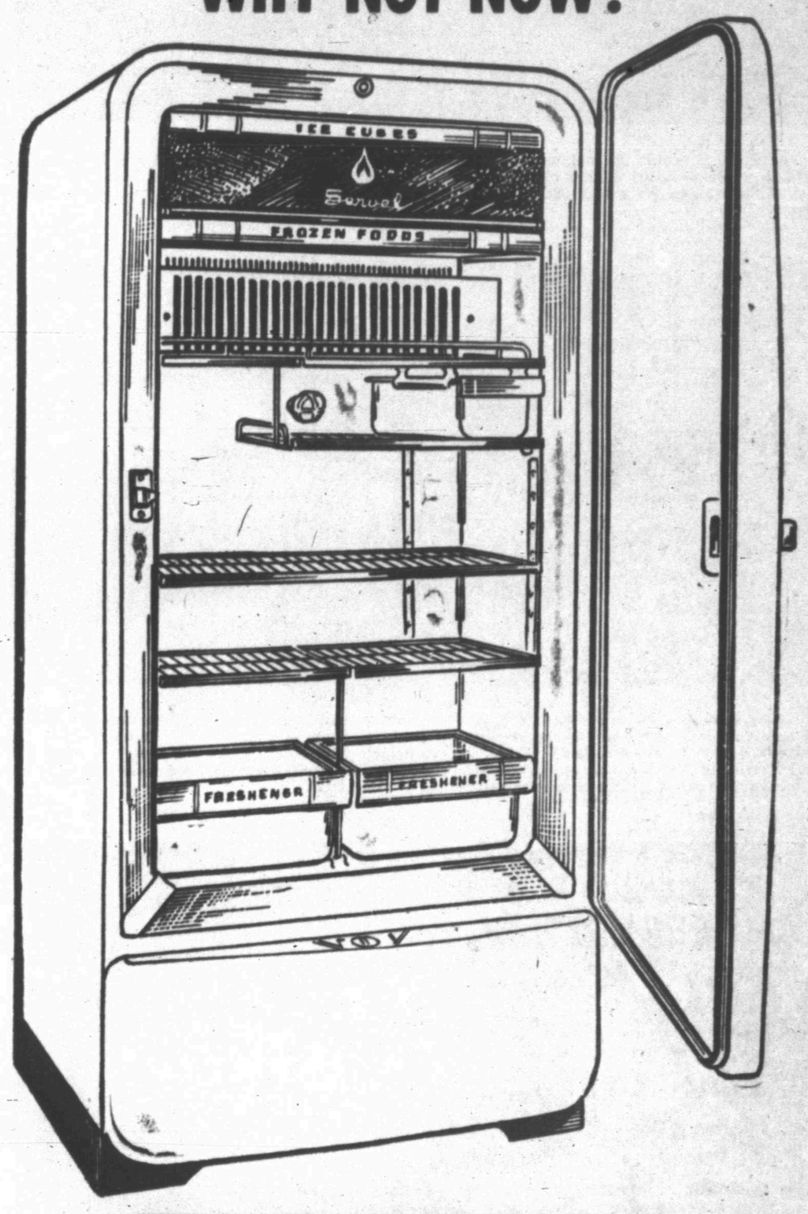

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Road Building and Maintenance Big Business In Scurry County

Homer Ray, standing, resident engineer for the state highway department's Scurry-Borden County residency, and M. A. Callaway, chief inspector with the office are shown in the office on the top floor of the courthouse going over plans for the 80 miles of farm to market roads being built in Scurry County under supervision of the state, with bond money voted last year.—(Lee Watson photographs.)

As you drive over a smooth state highway, or across a river bridge, do you ever stop to think how much planning and work went into the construction of that road before it could be changed from a wagon trail to a smooth highway.

Texas roads may not be the best in the nation, but they are among the best, and improvements are constantly being made.

Scurry County is jumping ahead of most other areas of the state by building 157 miles of new farm to market road at its own expense.

Every foot of that distance must be accurately measured, the topography must be surveyed, property lines must be established, drainage problems must be figured, and plans must be made for the road even before contracts can be let for the construction.

DESIGNATE WEEK

Last week was designated by Governor Allan Shivers as State Highway Department Week to give recognition to the more than 9,000 persons needed now to plan, build, and maintain the state highway. Thirty - nine of those men are employed in Scurry County in the engineering and maintenance departments of the highway system here, 22 men in the maintenance, and 17 in engineering departments.

Road building and maintenance is big business here — at least since the boom hit.

J. M. Middleton, maintenance foreman for this district, said that from 200 to 400 tons of pre-mixed asphalt and gravel are used here annually to patch holes and worn places in pavement. His department has three maintainers, six trucks, one track loader, one wheel loader, two asphalt heaters, two pickups, and one car as equipment.

MAINTENANCE JOB

The big job is keeping the road shoulders and traffic signs up to par, but about every three or four years the department puts a seal coat of asphalt and gravel on the roads as was done to Highway 180 west of Snyder to the county line last year.

In engineering for a new road project Homer Ray, resident engineer for the Scurry - Borden district, said four complete surveys are made before any plans are drawn, and that plans must be completed even to an estimated cost before the contracts are let.

When the plans are completed by the resident engineering department they are sent to the Abilene district office for review and correction, then to the state Highway Department in Austin for review.

Contracts are let by the Austin office.

From the time contracts are let until the job is completed the engineering department must have an inspector on each job all the time, or the contractor may not be paid for the work—or may have to re - do the work or portions of it.

After the plans are completed on each unit the cost of constructing that unit is estimated and the money is set aside for that purpose. And the unit must be completed without exceeding that cost.

WITHIN BUDGET

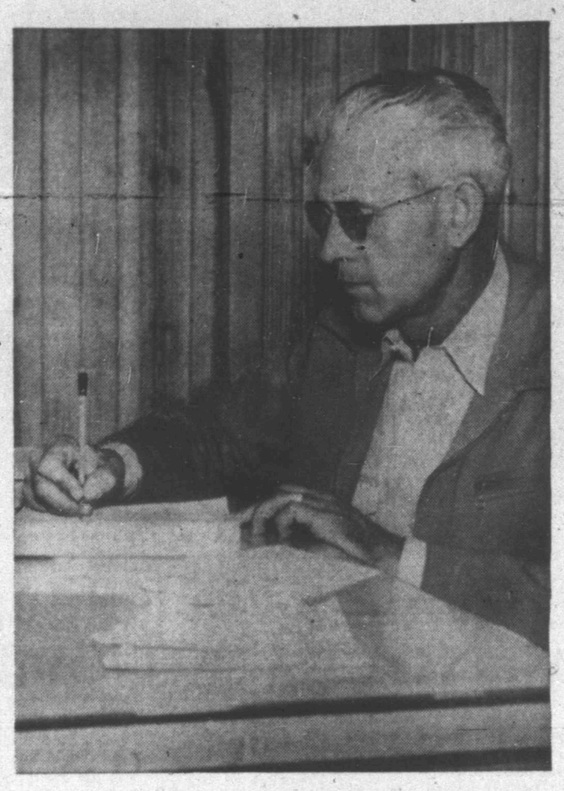
In the case of the 80.2 miles of farm to market roads being built by the state highway department as part of Scurry County's 157 miles of farm to market roads for which bonds were voted last year, the cost has been estimated $1,461,400. "And all the 80.2 miles will be built for that amount of money," Ray said. "We won't come back after a few months and say that the roads are partly complete, but all the money has been used, we will finish the roads for the estimated cost or less."

Ray said that field work and surveying on the farm to market roads the state is building is 100 per cent complete, and that planning is more than 50 per cent complete. Contracts are let by the state after the planning has been completed.

The state's part of the county road project has been divided into 13 units, but some of the smaller units will probably be combined to make the jobs more attractive to bidders before contracts are let, Ray said.

Ray has been resident engineer here since April 1, 1951. He began his career with the highway department in 1938 in the same office his department now occupies.

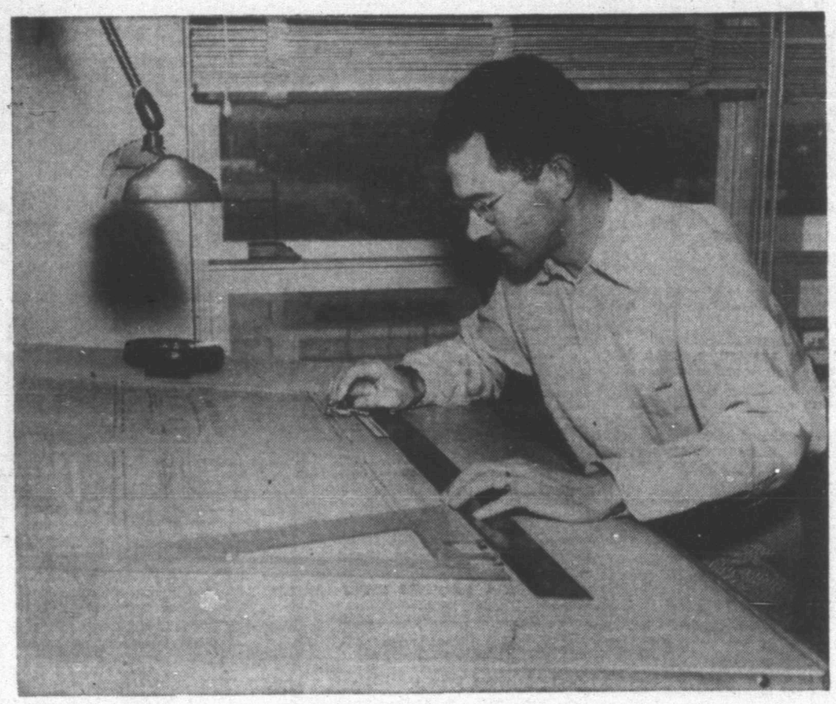
M. A. Calloway, who has had 19 years experience with the highway department, is chief inspector, and heads the 10 - man inspection department.



J. M. Middleton, above, is maintainence foreman for this district which covers a total 176.7 miles of state maintained highways in the two counties. He heads a maintainence department of 22 men which uses about 400 tons of pre-mix asphalt and gravel each year just to patch holes and worn places in highways of the two counties.

Two of the 22 men in the maintenance department are shown at work clearing out a drainage ditch above. J. B. Baker is driving the track-loader which is dumping a load of dirt in the truck driven by A. J. Williams. Last week was designated as State Highway Department Week by Governor Allan Shivers.

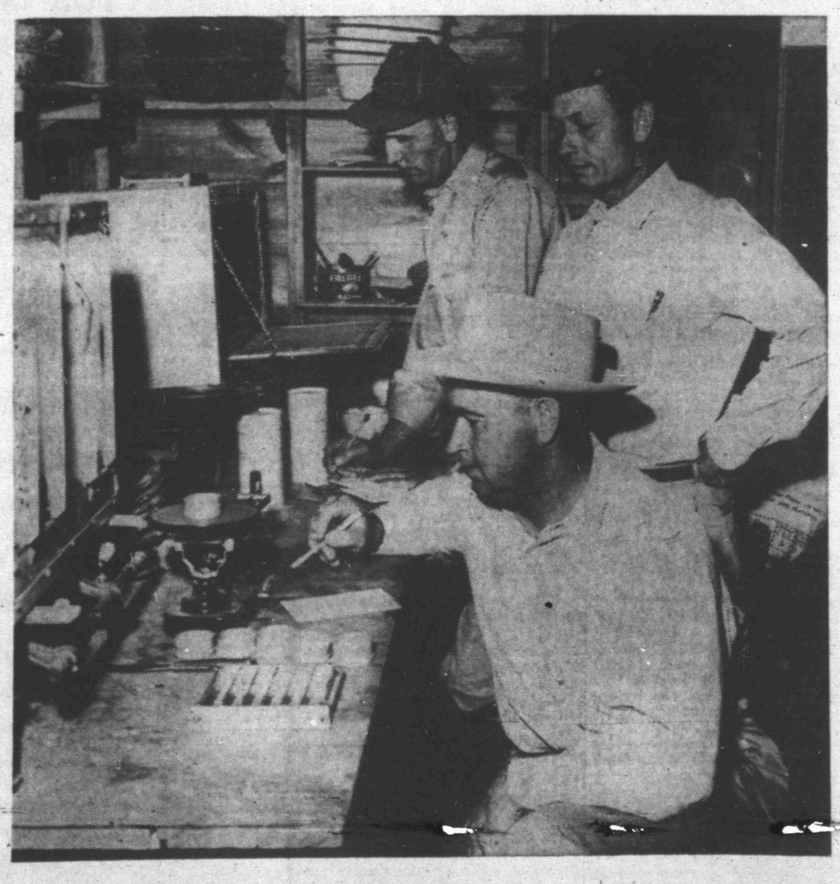
Miss Sue McKaughan above is permit clerk with offices in the maintenance building on the East Highway. She says she averages issuing about 65 permits for oversize or overweight loads per week. Permits cost $5 for a single trip, or $10 for a 30-day time permit.



J. E. (Arckie) Pierce, above, is office draftsman and timekeeper for the engineering crew of 17 men. He is shown lettering one of the hundreds of sheets of plans necessary before bids can be called on any state road project such as the one now underway here. Besides the resident engineer, there are a chief inspector, one office man, two senior inspectors, six rodmen, and seven junior inspectors on the staff.

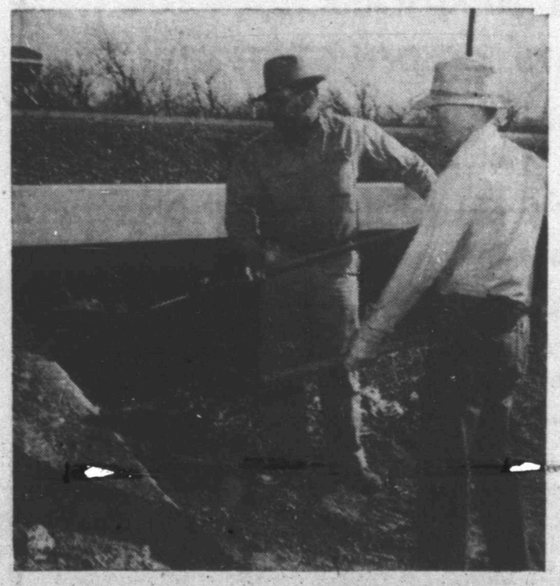
Three surveying operations go into planning for every road improvement project. Above from left the surveying crew of the engineering department are: J. L. Minor and M. W. White, rodmen, and L. K. Mathews. and Billy J. Price, junior inspectors. From their field notes, books are compiled, and from the books the plans are drawn. $1,461,400 appropriated by the county from its bond issue will be spent by the state on the 80.2 miles of farm to market roads being built.

The three men above are shown measuring a stretch of road that is to be paved in the county's farm to market program. Each 100 feet of the road is measured, so that the exact length in feet is known before the plans are drawn or contract is let. From left John R. Covey, Jr., Charles E. Stephens, and N. L. SoRelle are shown.



Testing of soil over which road improvements are to be made is an important and time consuming part of the job. Shown in the engineering department's laboratory above from left are: J. B. Fowler, C. C. Redden, and T. O. Brannon. Brannon is a junior inspector and lab technician for the department. He carefully weighs, bakes, and analyzes samples of soil from regular intervals along all roads being improved.

N. A. Billingsley, left, above, and C. B. Morrow, both senior instrument men with the engineering department spent much time in the office as well as in the field. Their job includes surveying roads for improvement projects, compiling data in the office, and drawing plans for the projects.



A. R. Vandiver, left, and Lester Merritt, are shown shoveling dirt from a streambed so that if it does rain here drainage will not be obstructed.

OUTDOOR COOKING FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Ben Pennington, left, is shown demonstrating to girls in her intermediate troop how to build an outdoor fire. From left the girls are: Betty Jane Pratt, Robbie Jo Yates, Betty Lou McKinney, and Lois Doonan. The outing was part of the Youth For Freedom program being sponsored here by the Alpha Study Club. The club is also spearheading a drive to build a girl scout lodge in the south part of town.—(Lee Watson photograph.)

Oil Wells Stick Up In Air In New Colorado Lake Basin

They go up to dig down for oil in parts of the Canyon Reef.

In a dry, desolate area of Southeast Borden County and Southwest Surrry County hugh mounds of earth are being built so that rigs may be located on top of them to drill for oil.

It's in the Colorado River bottom which will form the basin for the Colorado River Municipal Water District lake now under construction.

The land where the mounds are being built will be inundated when the lake fills. As the dam nears completion a rush in the mound building and drilling has been set off in the basin area.

ONE COMPLETED

One mound has already been completed and a well has been drilled from its top.

Three other mounds are under construction, and a total of nine have been contracted.

No one knows how many such mounds will eventually be built, but oil company officials and water district authorities are hoping the field can soon be defined so the dam can be closed as scheduled about the first of March.

LIMITS UNKNOWN

Parts of the field have been defined, but limits of some of the rest in the lake basin are unknown.

Physically the oil well mounds will be something new for West Texas and will make the countryside like the costal area of Texas where oil is drilled for on the continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico.

Barges will be used to transport service equipment to the wells after the lake fills with water.

Height of the mounds will vary, depending on how far up the lake they are, and how far they are up the hillside from the river bottom, Lamar Acker, resident engineer on the lake project for Freese & Nichols, Fort Worth engineers, said. But all the mounds will be built to an elevation of 2,265 feet above sea level -- seven feet above the dam's service spillway level.

RIP RAPPED

At the top the mounds are to be 80 feet in diameter. When they are completed they will be rip-rapped the same as the dam itself is. The rip-rap consists of an eight - inch blanket of gravel and a 30 - inch layer of rock.

Acker said from 35,000 to 60,000 yards of dirt must be moved to build each of the mounds. Cost of moving dirt runs 26½ cents per yard making the mounds cost from $15,000 to $20,000 each.

A thing that makes the mound building pace so fast is that the dam closure can not be made until all the mounds are built, and that is the paradox of their construction.

An agreement between the water district and the oil companies says that the water district will pay for all the mounds on which producing oil wells are drilled, or for all the mounds built around producers, but the oil companies will pay for any mounds from which dry roles are drilled.

DRILL WELLS FIRST

The oil companies, therefore, want to drill the wells first, then have the mounds built around them to forego the possibility of paying for an expensive mound on a dry hole. But the water district wants to get the mounds built so the dam can be closed.

Construction on the dam is going rapidly. J. W. Moorman, contractor on the project, said 75 per cent of the dirt for the dam had been moved, and that the fill is being made over the service spillway, and the emergency spillway is being dug. He believes the closure can be completed early this spring.

Location for most of the mounds is about six miles upstream from the dam, and about three miles south and southeast of the Murphy School in Borden County. At that point the lake will be approximately 36 feet deep when at spillway level.

In section 70, H&TC Railway Survey, limits of production have been found by the Shell Oil Co. They drilled five wells, three of which were dry holes in the section. Their wells Nos. 1 and 5 are producing on the Murphy lease in the lake basin, but the Nos. 2, 3, and 4,, were dusters.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. is now attempting to define the field in their part of the lake basin on section 71 in the same survey. They staked a new location last week in the southeast corner of the section and drilling will begin in the next few days.

They have two producers with the Christmas Tree sticking far above the mesquite trees now. Mounds were started around the Magnolia wells Friday.

Closure of the dam depends on three things, Acker said. He listed them as completion of the mounds, completion of the part of the Big Spring and Odessa water line intake which will be inundated, and clearing of the lake basin.

Contract for the intake mechanism was let Tuesday, and the to - be - submerged part of the intake can be completed before March 15, Acker said.

He said clearing of the basin would also be completed before March 15.

Worse Dust Storms Warned Of By Soil Experts, Weather Men

By The Associated Press

Towering clouds of red sand blew out of the state early Monday after giving some sections their worst dusting since the days of the dust bowl era in the 1930's.

Temperatures dropped slightly following the swift flow of air from the North.

Only widely scattered showers fell Sunday and all were confined to the upper portions of the state. Wichita Falls recorded .07 of an inch, Texarkana .06 and Big Spring .01. A few flurries of snow mixed with the dust in the upper Panhandle early Sunday.

Temperatures rose to 85 degrees at Brownsville Sunday, while the coolest maximum was Amarillo's 45. The minimums last night ranged from 21 degrees at Dalhart to 53 at Brownsville and Beaumont.

Skies were fair throughout Texas today, and most of the reddish-brown dust haze was gone.

Last night a soil expert warned that the clouds of reddish dust which billowed as high as 9,000 feet could be a forerunner of more serious dust storms.

"About two million acres south and west of Lubbock are in sufficiently critical condition that such winds of 30 to 40 miles per hour drove the dust from the El Paso-Panhandle area to Houston and the Rio Grande Valley. Visibility was cut to three-fourths of a mile in some East Texas towns. Dallas had visibility of less than a mile and a half for more than six hours.

Merrill said approximately 3½ million acres of crop and range land were without sufficient cover. These include the two million acres which are in critical condition.

"In the other 1 million scattered acres there is sufficient moisture so emergency tillage operations are being used to produce cloddy or roughened surface," he said.

"This can be done until the roughened surface is worn down by continued drouth and the earth becomes pulverized. It is an added expense since it produces no income, but farmers are working at it pretty hard," he said.

Some areas, including the one extending from Lubbock to Big Spring to Pecos, are too dry for tillage operations, he said.

"The drouth has been of 18 months duration or longer in more than 100 counties. This is longer than the drouth of 1917-18 and the most severe since 1886.

"This means poor to fair cover on ranges and poor to none on dust storms may continue," said Louis Merrill of Fort Worth, regional director of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Yesterday north and northwest crop lands," Merrill said.

Art ralley, Potter County farm agent, said at Amarillo that he does not expect the return of dust bowl days soon, if ever. He attributed this to deep moisture in that area and improved soil treatment and crop methods.

Residents Here Hard Drinkers Of Coffee, Big Boon To Cafes

Maybe they have an awful lot of coffee in Brazil, but a man in Rio couldn't drink much more of it than does the average Snyder resident.

Coffee, which at one time was used to draw trade to the cafe, has now become one of the chief items on the menu. The time when a man could have his coffee warmed as long as he sat in the cafe and ate food is almost a thing of the past, and the same man must now pay a good price for every cup.

SURVEY HERE

A survey of eight of the largest coffee - selling establishments in Snyder indicates that it is one of the largest selling drinks on the market. Those eight cafes and drug stores report a combined average in sales of 6,655 cups a day. Individual businesses sell from 450 to 1,200 cups a day, striking an average of 832 a day.

Estimates from several show that they have varied ideas on how many cups can be made from a pound of coffee — all the way from 32 to 75, but together they report they use 111 pounds a day and make about 328 gallons of coffee.

Coffee drinking has become more than a pastime or a few minutes of relaxation or thrist - quenching. Today, many business deals are discussed and closed over one or two cups of coffee. Lawyers interview their clients, realtors sell their houses, and politicians solicit votes.

NO INSOMNIA

The coffee in Snyder couldn't be keeping many people awake. If that were the case, very few residents here would sleep through the night.

Of course, the different cafes stay open various lengths of time, but combined they average selling 365 cups an hour, or more than 45 each.

Many cities have seen that coffee sales are high, as indicated by their asking cafes and drug stores to contribute money taken in from coffee sales to major charity drives, such as the March of Dimes. And in most cities where that project was used, hundreds of dollars rolled into funds — just from gross profit on coffee.

5,000 See New Car Displayed

More than 5,000 persons visited the showroom of the Wade Pipkin Motor Co. Friday to inspect the new Fords for 1952, Wade Pipkin, owner, said.

Two of those persons, R. B. Green, and Mrs. Irene White, won free door prizes when the winners names were drawn from the registration coupon boxes this morning. Mrs. White is a resident of Hermleigh, and Green lives in Snyder.

Prizes were a Remington pump .22 caliber rifle, and a Hamilton Beach mixer.

Pipkin said the most common comment of the throng was about dash suspension of the clutch and brake pedals, and the newly introduced valve - over - head six cylinder engine.

In anticipating a big turnout for the first showing of the new cars Pipkin said he ordered 4,000 registration blanks, but they were all used before the middle of the afternoon Friday.

Korean Veteran Back In United States Again

Billy R. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Miller, 2411 Thirty-second Street, returned to the U. S. recently from Korean waters aboard the attack cargo vessel USS Washburn.

A Navy storekeeper third class, he operates a ship's store. He has been in the Navy since June, 1945.

Four Wrecks Near Snyder Investigated

The accident toll on highways near Snnyder was heavy Sunday according to E. W. Green, highway patrolman, who added that no serious injury resulted from any of four accidents investigated.

The first occurred 21 miles northwest of here on the Post Highway at about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, when Mrs. John Lee Smith of Lubbock, wife of the former lieutenant governor, was slightly injured. Green said Mrs Smith apparently went to sleep while driving her 1951 Hudson sedan, traveled on the left shoulder, then woke up and swerved to the right, running off a culvert. He said the car completely overturned, coming to rest on the wheels. Mrs. Smith was brought to the Snyder Hospital by a man who was passing the scene of the accident. She was taken to a Lubbock Hospital Sunday morning in a Bolger - Barnes ambulance. Hospital attendants here said she had a slight shoulder injury.

Another accident occured at 10:05 Sunday morning when a 1950 Pontiac driven by Edward A. Pitts, 24, of 1609 Twenty - eighth Street, was in collision with a 1947 Chevrolet coach driven by Roy L. Stewart, 59, of 1909 Thirtieth Street. Green said Pitts pleaded guilty to a charge of passing in a no pass zone this morning in justice court.

Twenty - five minutes later, another accident occurred near the same place, Green said.

It involved a vehicle driven by Henry W. Rodgers, 34, of route No. 2, and one driven by Charles C. Renker, 23, of Milford, N.H. Green said Renker pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to stop at a stop sign in justice court today.

A three car collision occurred about 2:30 yesterday afternoon near the Hut Drive-in just west of the highway intersections. Carl J. Gray, 50, of 1504 Avenue S, was the only person reported injured. Other drivers involved were Craven Martin, 30, of 3710 Highland Drive, and Jimmy Hulsey, 19, of 3207 Fortieth Street.

New PMA Head To Work Here

Irelan Finley, 29, who came to Snyder from Seminole, began work Monday as administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration here.

Finley had been administrator of the Gaines County office in Seminole nine months.

A graduate of the high school at Goodlett, Tex., Finley began agricultural work in Cottle County at Paducah with the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. Later he worked in Paducah with the Soil Conservation Service before going into PMA work there in 1948.

Before entering agricultural work, Finley served two years in the Army during World War II, spending 17 months in the European Theater.

The new administrator said he was raised in PMA work, learning farmers' problems while his father, J. M. Finley, was a community committeeman with PMA for nine years in Hardeman County.

Finley, his wife, and two daughters, Linda, 6, and Beverley, 4, reside at 108 North Elm Street.

13,580 License Plates Arrive

Motor vehicle and trailer license plates for 1952 were received last week at the office of the county tax assessor - collector, Jim Ikard, who said the office would begin issuance of them Feb. 1.

The total number of sets received was 13,580, which is slightly more than the total number of registrations in the county since last Feb. 1, Ikard said. During the regular registration period last year, Feb. 1 through March 31, the number registered was about 9,000. The office received 8,510 in its first shipment last year, then ordered additional plates later.

The entire number for all of 1950 was only 7,600. If more than the 13,580 are needed during this regular registration period, additional ones will be ordered as soon as the need is foreseen, Ikard said.

The total numbers of sets for various types of vehicles are: passenger cars, 8,690; commercial trucks, 2,150; farm trucks, 900; commercial truck tractors, 150; farm truck tractors, 10; trailers, 550; house trailers, 1,205; permanent numbers for dealers, 75; motorcycles, 50. Tags will have yel-

McLaughlin Buys Grand Champion Steer, Turns It Over To Polio Fund

C. T. McLaughlin of Snyder bought the grand champion steer and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Friday, then turned it over to the Fort Worth March of Dimes for re-sale.

McLaughlin, buying for the Diamond M Foundation, paid $3,500 for the steer, a 1,045-pound Angus. Amon Carter of Fort Worth, bidding for the Amon G. Carter Foundation, bought the steer from the March of Dimes for $2,500 He then presented it to the Lena Pope Home.

46 Youths Register For Draft From Nolan. Scurry, Fisher Counties

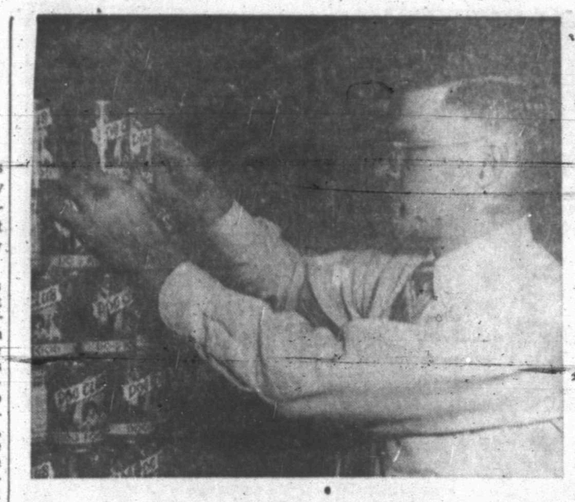
A total of 46 men from Scurry, Nolan and Fisher Counties were registered with the selective service board serving this area during December, Mrs. Jane Fay, assistant clerk of the board, said today.

Of this total, 19 men were from Scurry County.

Snyder registrants during December were Preston F. James, 2003 Avenue E; Tommy A. Riley, Clairemont route; A. C. Floyd, Jr., route No. 1; Bobby J. Cumbie, 2606 Avenue K; Billy A. McCormick, route No. 2; Billy D. Boyd; Robert W. Thornton, 2101 Avenue S; Max W. Baer, 2707 Avenue O.

Verna L. Wiseman, route No. 1; John D. Anderson; Dalton Barron, 2200 Avenue M; Dick Z. Sealy, 3101 Avenue V; Wendell W. Autry; Charles H. Jeffress II; Ronald E. Smith, 1908 Avenue R; Jackie L. Head, 3201 Avenue U; and Cleo G. Vaughan, route No. 3.

Other Scurry County registrants were Joe B. Odstrcil, route No. 2, Hermleigh, and Joseph J. McCright, Dermott.



Jack Blanchard, new manager at Furr Food, readies his stock for the week end sale rush. Blanchard took over last week, replacing Earl Purser, who is now in Furr's main office in Lubbock.

BUFFALO TRACKS

By NELVA HERRING and PATSY HOLDER

Fluvanna schools regret losing the versatile Mrs. H. M. Grace. She not only taught English, geometry and civics, but directed dramatics and sponsored the press club.

Mrs. Grace has been replaced by J. W. Cleghorn. Mr. Cleghorn, a native of Snyder, graduated from Texas Tech last semester with a major in English and psychology. We welcome him as a member of the faculty.

This change has necessitated several other changes. Mr. Turner has again taken over his English classes in high school, and Mr. Chorn is now teaching geometry.

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The juniors and seniors are searching for a suitable play. The shortage of girls in these two classes makes this somewhat difficult, but several sample plays have been ordered so that practice can get underway within the next few weeks.

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The junior high basketball teams went to Graham Tuesday evening. The girls won their first victory of the year but the boys were not so fortunate. Several of these young players, under the direction of Mr. Chorn, are developing rapidly. Mr. Chorn believes that junior teams are essential in developing players capable of meeting high school competition.

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School was dismissed at 2 o'clock Friday so that the rooms and halls would be clear for painting. This painting was done by school patrons. The paint was purchased by the P-TA. This painting, following the improvements made during the summer, will almost completely remodel the building. We students surely appreciate this expenditure of time and money in our behalf and we will do our part in maintaining the fresh appearance of our building.

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The juniors and seniors are contemplating a joint trip at the close of school. They feel that the larger group would greatly enhance the possibilities for fullest enjoyment of this memorable occasion. With this in mind, they are selling magazine subscriptions on a commission basis. Long - suffering parents, relatives, and friends have been very generous, since well over $100 has been added to the kitty.

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Several students from Fluvanna and Snyder were entertained Saturday evening in the home of Mrs. Burl at a farewell party for Billie Anne and Jack Weston. Hostesses were Nelva Herring and Patsy Holder, classmates of Billie Anne.

East Highway To Be Widened

The city council last week opened the way for quick widening of the East Highway by the state highway department from Avenue H east to the city limits by unanimously passing an ordinance granting the state authority to widen the thoroughfare.

All but a very few property owners along the right of way have agreed to pay the cost of curb and gutter in front of their property along the way, C. N. von Roeder, one of the boosters of the project, said.

The city has agreed to pay for curb and gutter on closed streets and city property along the way.

PAVING TO START

Paving of the project will begin as soon as the curb and gutter is installed, Von Roeder said.

He said the state highway department has agreed to widen the street into a four -lane highway similar to the project recently completed on Avenue S from Twenty-fourth Street to the city limits.

"It has been indicated that the state highway department would continue the widening to the "Y" at the intersection of the Roby and Sweetwater highways, but that has not been definitely promised," he said.

Four men have spent much time and work getting the project underway. They are Von Roder, W. J. Ely, Claude McCormick, and Eugene Harper.

MONEY COLLECTED

Von Roeder said that all money for the curb and gutter had been collected except a very small part from a few property owners, and that the curb and gutter work would begin in the next few days. He said money was collected at the rate of $1.35 per running foot to pay for the curb and gutter.

E. L. Fikes Concrete Contractor will do the curb and gutter work, Von Roeder said.

Plans For Basin In City Are Approved, Will Call For Bids

In a brief but productive meeting of the city council last week the city accepted plans for a new 1,000,000 - gallon sedimentation basin and water reservoir and purchased a new truck for the street department.

S. W. Freese of Freese & Nichols, Fort Worth engineering firm, presented completed plans for the reservoir to the council.

The plans were drawn so the structure would have multiple uses depending on what it is most needed for. It can be used in a filtration plant, as sedimentation basin, or as a water reservoir. It is to be located at Thirty - third Street and Avenue M.

CALLS FOR BIDS

Bids are to be called for on the project and will be opened and the contract awarded at a special meeting of the council set for 7:30 o'clock the night of Feb 27.

Government priority has been granted for steel and other controlled materials to be used in the project.

"It will not take long to install the concrete and steel and the entire project should be completed before water is available from the new lake being built on the Colorado River in Southwest Scurry County," Freese said.

Freese said the 21 - inch pipeline being laid from Snyder to the lake had progressed to a point past the Lion Gasoline Plant which is more than half way from Snyder to the lake. The plant is located about 12-air miles southwest of here. The lake is about 17 miles from here as the crow flies.

CLOSE DAM

Freese said the contractor would start closing the 14,000 - foot earth-fill dam about March 1.

Freese also indicated that the dam should alleviate any possible water shortage here this summer even if only a small amount of rain falls on the water shed of the river after the closure is started.

"Even if water in the lake is not up to the Snyder intake, we can give it a boost up the hill if necessary," he said.

Mayor Forest G. Sears said "we want to get the sedimentation basin built as soon as possible whether we have water from the lake this summer or not, because it can be used as additional storage for water from the city's wells, and will be a big help in preventing serious water shortages again this summer."

PURCHASE TRUCK

The council purchased a new 2-ton Ford dump truck on the lowest of four bids submitted by local truck dealers. Wade Pipkin Motor Co. submitted the low bid of $2,782 on the truck with a 3-yard dump bed.

New Manager At Food Store

Perhaps Jack Blanchard, new manager at Furr Supermarket, is not the youngest store manager in Snyder, but at 21 years, he's one of the youngest Furr's ever had.

Blanchard came here last week from Odessa, where he was assistant manager of a Furr store, to take his first managership. He replaces Earl Purser, who has been transferred to Furr's main office in Lubbock. Purser had been manager here 11 months.

The new manager is the second Jack Blanchard in Snyder. The first, a former high school football coach, is now an employe of the Lion Oil Co.

Blanchard will move his wife and two children, Patricia Jane, 3, and Jackie, 2, here as soon as he finds a home.

Tech President Will Speak At Rotary Banquet

Officers of the Rotary Club announced last week that Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of Texas Technological College in Lubbock will be main speaker here at the annual Rotary ladies' night Feb. 14.

Dr. Wiggins will remain in Snyder until the night following the Rotary dinner, when he will introduce Senator J. W. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the high school gymnasium.

Dr. Wiggins, a Rotary Club member, is also chairman of the Presidents' Council of State - Supported Institutions of Higher Learning. He is a member of the Baptist Church, National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and is listed among those in "Who's Who in America" and the Biographical Encyclopedia of the World.

Rotarians said the entire program for the banquet will be brought from Texas Tech by Dr. Wiggins. A part of the program will be made up of entertainment from the school's music department.

Last year, Prof. R. E. Jackson of Texas State College for Women in Denton was principal speaker for the club's ladies' night banquet.

Rosser Named To Head Bar

Three new officers and two directors were elected Thursday in a meeting of the Scurry County Bar Association, J. Ray Martin, secretary, reported.

James Rosser was named president to succeed Pat Beene; Gene Dulaney was elected to succeed Ross Hemphill as vice president, and W. W. Park will succeed Martin as secretary. The two directors elected to serve on the directors board with the three officers who automatically are directors are John Sentell and H. J. Brice.

Bob Davie, Wayland Holt, and Hemphill were appointed as a committee to determine whether a law clinic should be held during the year for attorneys here and in neighboring counties. Called a "legal institute," the clinic would be a one-day course dealing with some particular phase of law.

C. E. McGaw proposed that all University of Texas graduate members of the bar association observe Texas Independence Day with a banquet March 2. No formal action was taken on the matter.

Winston Brothers Pay High Price For Bull At Oklahoma Ranch

Wade and Harrie Winston, Snyder Hereford breeders, paid $6,300 for a bull from the Turner Ranch of Sulphur, Okla., last week at the Texas Hereford Association sale at Fort Worth.

The Winston brothers paid one of the highest prices in the sale for the bull. The sale set a record average on the first 101 head, the blue ribbon herd, of $2,180 each. The 66 bulls averaged $2,555, while 35 females sold at $1,502.

J. M. North of Fort Worth was re-elected association president. R. T. Alexander, Jr., of Canadian was elected vice - president and Henry Arledge of Seymour became second vice - president.

Patterson Will Run For District Judge

Robert R. Patterson, Snyder attorney, announced his candidacy for judge of the newly created 132nd judicial district court.

Patterson is the first person to announce for the post now held by Ben Thorpe. Thorpe was appointed judge of the court by Governor Shivers in March, 1951.

Robert R. Patterson

During the past year Patterson has served as special judge of the county court under a statutory procedure, which provides for election of a judge, by attorneys of court to serve in the absence or inability of the county judge.

Now 40 years old, Patterson began his practice of law here in 1939. He was inducted into the Army early in 1941 and later transferred to the Navy, serving on a destroyer in both Atlantic and Pacific oceans until the end of World War II.

Patterson was born in Rotan, the son of a pioneer West Texas family which settled there in 1907. He attended public school at Rotan and later went to Schreiner Institute and the University of Texas. He received his LLB degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. He is married and has no children.

The 132nd judicial district was created by the last legislature as a temporary court for Scurry and Borden Counties. In March, 1955, the court may either be discontinued, reverting to the old Thirty-second Judicial District, or may be made permanent by act of the state legislature.

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FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Demonstrators for Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) run into some opposition as followers of General Dwight D. Eisenhower enter the hoop-la with "We Like Ike" signs at the Republican rally and box supper in Washington. In the foreground, left,, a woman uses a Taft sign to hide the "Ike" poster which has been twisted by someone of the opposition. Another "Ike" sign rises above the Taft one in the far left. Everybody seems to be enjoying the competition.

Bald Eagle Of Carrier Essex Will Start Doing Paper Work

(Editor's Note: The following story by the author of "Tales of the South Pacific," and "Return to Paradise" was written for the Associated Press).

By JAMES A. MICHENER

WITH U. S. TASK FORCE 77 OFF KOREA (AP)—Salty Rear Ad. John Perry, commanding the U. S. Navy's Task Force 77 off the East Coast of Korea, decided that the Bald Eagle of the Essex had done enough.

"No man in this task force is required to risk his life more than four times in a row," Perry growled yesterday afternoon.

He laid plans forthwith to stop the bravest man in the Navy from flying any more low-level missions.

"This fellow has been shot down into the ocean twice," said Perry. "He has floated in icy waters where other men have frozen to death. He has brought an almost shattered plane into an emergency landing field. And he has limped back to this carrier on a plane containing 59 holes through the wings and body. From now on he's to do paper work."

The man Perry referred to is 35-year-old Cmdr. Paul N. Gray of St. John, Kan., squadron leader of Fighter Squadron 54.

Gray is completely bald, very handsome and apparently without fear. He flies the Navy's heavy AD fighter-bomber and when he takes it off the carrier deck it is as heavily loaded as a B-17. Gray's speciality is going in low for some North Korean bridge or railroad train, flying through heavy flak and getting whatever he goes after. In the past months he has flown nearly a hundred missions against some of the toughest flak concentrations in the world.

The first time he went into the freezing ocean, where exposure kills a man in less than 20 minutes, was after a run on Hwachwang, where he cut railroad tracks to prevent the Communists from bringing supplies up to their front lines. Missing a succulent engine, he doubled back for a second run and as he laid his heavy bombs into the target, flak smashed his engine and sent flames back along the cowling. Gray fought desperately to reach the sea rather than bail out into Communist hands.

He made it and was picked up by a South Korean patrol boat which sailed right into Wonsan Harbor to make the rescue.

A week later Gray spotted a cave into which the Communists had run their railroad engines for protection. He faced a difficult decision.

His heavy bombers could get the engines if he went real low, but since their fuses were set for high-level work he would run the risk of blowing himself up too. He took the risk, laid his eggs perfectly, then felt his plane shot into the air by his own bomb blasts.

The plane was practically torn apart. This time he figured that anything was better than hitting the ocean again, so he fought for altitude and drifted south to an emergency field, just making it as his engine cut out. The mechanics said, "This plane can't fly again and the pilot oughtn't to."

Four days later Gray came back from Korea shot up even worse. This time he had 59 holes through his crate and elected to bring it back to his home carrier, the Essex. They gave him a clear deck and stood back to await the crash. He wheeled his heavy bomber in without a tremor, taxied it into position and walked away from it as if he had no nerves in his body.

Texas Farmers Win Victory In Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 —Texas farmers and ranchers won a victory in the U. S. Senate yesterday when the body passed a bill to fix penalties for smuggling "wetbacks" into the U. S. or concealing them.

The farmers' victory came as the Senate defeated an amendment, 69 to 11, which would have fixed penalties for families who know or who have reasonable grounds to believe they are hiring a "wetback."

"Wetbacks" are Mexican workers who have illegally entered this country.

Backers of the defeated amendment, offered by Senator Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, claimed the newly passed bill would be "just a gesture" without the added penalty. Opponents said it could cause farmers to go to prison if they hurriedly hired workers in a rush season when crops were near perishing.

The measure, called up hurriedly because a present agreement between the U. S. and Mexico ends Feb. 12, now goes to the House, where passage is expected quickly. Negotiations are under way between Mexico and the U. S. on a new agreement under which needed Mexican farm labor would come into this country.

Mexico has said it would not renew the agreement, or make a new one, unless Congress passed stricter laws against illegal entry. President Truman asked such laws and drew criticism from some members of Congress from Texas and from some farm groups.

A fine up to $2,000 and a prison term of up to five years is provided in the new measure for anyone bringing an alien into the U. S. illegally, transporting him while in the U. S., harboring or concealing him or inducing an alien to enter the U. S. illegally.

The bill specifially says employment of an illegal alien "shall not be deemed to constitute harboring."

The bill's penalties would cover any alien who entered this country illegally but it is aimed principally at the wetbacks.

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Truck Strike Still On, But 2 Lines Sign

By The Associated Press

Two truck lines operating in the Southwest signed agreements with striking AFL drivers yesterday, but today some 21 carriers still were strikebound.

Chairman Frank E. Bacon of the Southwest Operators Association said last night the carriers "cannot meet the union demands because we will be confronted with an immediate 15 to 20 per cent increase in wage costs."

Negotiations aimed at settling the five-day strike, he said, had recessed with "absolutely no progress made."

Meanwhile, however, Jesse Wallace of the AFL Teamsters Union in Dallas, said picket lines were withdrawn from Southwest offices of the Yellow Transit Freight Co. and Luper Transportation Co. The firms began operations at once. Wallace said the firms agreed to union terms.

Yellow Transit drivers also went back to work in Fort Worth but Glenn Bailey, union business agent, said picket lines would remain up at 12 other firms.

Bacon said increased costs for the motor freight lines would rise to 30 per cent in three years if all the union's demands are met.

He said the proposed wage hikes would call for immediate 15 to 20 per cent freight rate increases. "About 21 carriers in the Southwest and 70 in the Southeast are refusing to meet union terms because we see no reason why freight rates should be increased and further jeopardize the economy of the nation," Bacon said.

Federal mediators in Memphis, Tenn., said last night they had given up the attempt to work out a settlement. D. Y. Heafner, chairman of the mediation pannel, said neither side had offered any change in their wage stands.

Dallas Man Is To Surrender

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 6 (AP) —Jack Cowart, indicted yesterday on charges of defrauding the government, was expected to surrender today to the U. S. Marshal at Dallas and post bond of $2,500.

Cowart, former assistant to the administrator of the Production & Marketing Administration, was accused by a Federal grand jury of accepting payment from a private firm to help it recover a claim against the government.

The incident said the Dallas man received $1,374 from Capital Prefabricators, Inc., Tyler, for services to Capital "rendered by him before the U. S. Department of Agriculture."

Capital had filed claims with the government for payment of freight charges stemming from contracts the firm had with the Commodity Credit Corporation, a branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Asst. Atty.-Gen. Robert M. Scott said Capital's claims totaled $13. 973 and covered the period Sept. 1949—April 1950.

Cowart, a resident of Arlington, Va., at the time, was dismissed last August by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Scott said he had been informed by Charles D. Bridgman, capital president, the company was under the impression its payments were going to an attorney named I. J. Chapin.

The indictment stated the $1,374 check was sent to an I. J. Chapin in Arlington at Cowart's request. Chapin was identified by Scott as Ilene J. Chapin, a secretary of Cowart.

Cowart's attorney — Byron Scott —said Cowart would surrender today in Dallas to post bond, set by Judge Sterling Hutcheson who directed that the case be moved to the Alexandria division of Federal District Court for trial.

New Casualty List Out

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department today identified 40 more battle casualties in Korea in a new list (No. 495) that reported 12 killed, 26 wounded, one missing and one injured. It also listed two dead who were previously carried as missing.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

(Letters from the readers of the Daily News are always welcome, provided they are signed by the writer and give his correct address. They will be printed subject to the publisher's discretion, based on whether the material contained is libelous or the language offensive. Letters should not exceed 300 words.)

To the Daily News:

Never before have I taken any part in an open public discussion, but I can't refrain from expressing one person's opinion on such matters when it applies too directly to my character and that of our fellow workers.

I read the letters published Wednesday and Thursday. I could not tell the writer Wednesday placed the blame directly on "old timers" for unsightly streets unless it happened to apply directly to some old timer. She mainly wanted to know something about the character of the person she voted for, and we should all be interested in that.

Do you actually think you could say the type of work you do determines your character? You cannot say all oil field workers are bad characters anymore than you can say all factory workers or merchants are bad. There are some bad characters in every occupation just as there are sinners in every church.

I spent 20 years on the farm, I've been in the oil field 15 years. I am just as good as I was the day I left the farm. I know some mighty fine people out here in the field north of town; however, I haven't met the writer of Thursday's letter.

If we are as unwelcome here by all old timers as we are by one, it puts us who came here to stay quite a spell in a spot. We wonder if our children are welcome in the schools, Sunday schools, etc. They do associate with other children there.

We earn an honest living by working in the oil field, spend most of it here. Are our dollars welcome by your merchants?

Your town has prospered by the taxes paid by these oil companies. I am glad to see that in any town; however, some people are content so long as the sun comes up. These new schools, hospitals, etc., show progress. What per cent of the taxes collected in Scurry County do you suppose comes from oil companies and public utilities? Just stop and really think with an open mind how much good oil has done and compare with how much damage and remember we are all just people, too, and if we are bad characters it is because we choose to be and not because oil field work is our occupation. Some of us may be old timers here some day.

Mrs. L. B. Dennis
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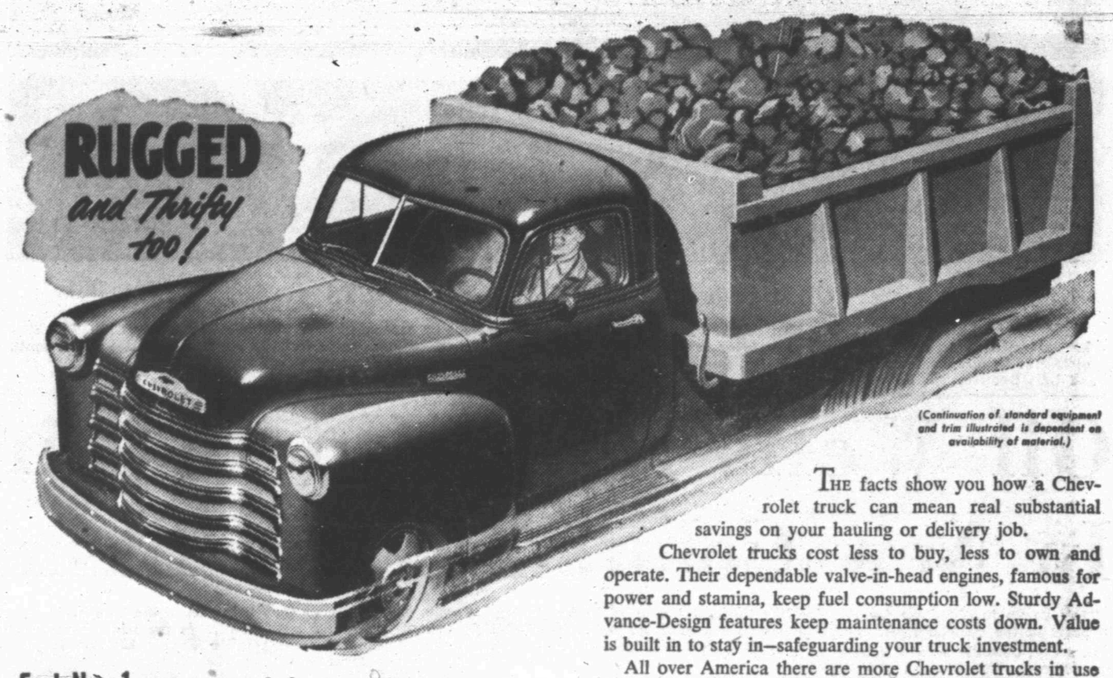

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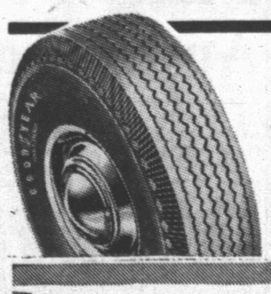

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