

## MISSISSIPPI FLOOD DAMAGE INCREASES

### GUN BATTLES AND BOMBINGS FOLLOW ELECTIONS IN ILLINOIS

#### OFFICERS IN JAIL AFTER BLOODY FIGHT

#### Marion Church Bombed Following Election Of Three Members

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., April 20.—The mayor, chief of police, and a former deputy sheriff of Dowell, Ill., were in jail here today following a post-election gun fight in which Fred Stica, pool room proprietor was wounded.

Stica is in a hospital in Du Quoin, Ill., and is not expected to survive the day. Four men shot wounds were inflicted during his fight with the Dowell officials.

#### OKLAHOMA HAS SLIGHT RELIEF FROM STORMS

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 20.—Disastrous weather conditions which, through tornado and flood, have caused so far 45 deaths in Oklahoma this month, were believed at a lull today.

#### Entertainment Plans Complete For Business Men

Plans are completed for the reception and entertainment of the Fort Worth Wholesalers and Manufacturers tomorrow noon at the power plant lake. The affair will be strictly informal with no speech making, except of an impromptu order. It will be a business man's affair and has been arranged by business men to entertain the visitors.

#### District Firemen To Meet Thursday Night in Thurber

The fifth district meeting of the firemen of the 27th district, to have been held in the last few weeks, will be held at Thurber Thursday night.

#### BURLESON COLLEGE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

GREENVILLE, Texas, April 20.—Dr. Harry L. Durham, president of Burleson college here for the past two years, resigned last night effective June 10. Dr. Durham said the reorganization of Baptist schools over the state placing them on a new financial basis interfered with scholastic activities. The school increased its enrollment 60 per cent during last year.

#### After Breaking World Air Record



This NEA telephoto picture was taken just after Bert Acosta and Clarence Chamberlin broke all records for sustained flight by staying in the air continuously for more than 51 hours. The first to congratulate the aviators were their wives. Left to right—Mrs. Acosta, Acosta, Chamberlin, Mrs. Chamberlin. The pilots next plan to attempt a New York to Paris flight for the \$25,000 Orteig prize.

#### PATIENCE THE GREATEST NEED OF RANGER NOW

By M. H. HAGAMAN  
Editor's note: In this article, Mr. Hagaman, one of Ranger's pioneers tells his town people what he regards as the most urgent need of the city at this time. This is just as Mr. Hagaman told it to a Times reporter. He urges the people of Ranger to be satisfied with the best that is to be had anywhere in this section of the state.

"Ranger's greatest need," said M. H. Hagaman, Ranger's first mayor, today, "is for folks to sit steady and not rock the boat."

"An overproduction in everything, oil, cotton and other commercial products is going to make things slow, not hard, until that overproduction is absorbed."

#### Crazed Japanese Student Tries To Kill Ambassador

TOKIO, April 20.—The arrest of a Japanese student who had threatened to assassinate Ambassador Chas. McVeigh, was announced today by the police. The student apparently was insane and was said by the police to have threatened to destroy the embassy as well as kill McVeigh.

#### Unidentified Man Killed by Train Near Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, April 20.—An unidentified white man, 25 years of age, was killed by a Texas & Pacific west-bound freight train three miles west of here Wednesday morning.

#### BISHOP-ELECT GERKEN WILL BE CONSECRATED TUESDAY

Bishop-elect R. A. Gerken, held his last service Easter Sunday as dean of the Dallas Diocese, at Saint Rita's church, Ranger, thus closing a seven-year period of service in the oil fields of West Texas. He is in Dallas now, and at 9:30 next Tuesday morning, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in that city, his consecration services will begin.

From the time that the news came to Ranger, that their Father Gerken had been so honored by the pope, friends and parishioners were very proud and felt the honor greatly. The dean, or bishop-elect went on, doing the work of his deanery just as hard and just as thoroughly as he had before the appointment came, smiling awaiting the orders of the Vatican.

#### Prosecution In Anna Hobbs Case Scores Big Point

PERRY, Okla., April 20.—Judge W. E. Rice instructed the jury today in the Anna Hobbs murder trial that if Mrs. Hobbs armed herself, sought out Bill Dearborn and provoked the difficulty, that she could not avail herself of the law of self-defense even though Dearborn shot first.

#### Ranger Lions Go To Weatherford Thursday Night

All Lions and those who will in any way help with the Ranger Lions program, to be given Thursday night, as Ranger's contribution to the Lions' chautauqua in Weatherford, will meet at the city hall at 8:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Cars in plenty will be there to take those who are eligible to go.

#### Will Repair All Eastland County Roads This Week

Graders and tractors have been ordered out on all the roads in the county to put them in good condition again following the rain. This announcement was made Wednesday noon by County Judge E. S. Pritchard.

#### Flood Waters Cover Entire State Farm

AUSTIN, April 20.—Waters from the flooded Red river have overflowed every acre of tillable land of the Shaw state farm in Bowie county, according to information received by members of the state prison commission who are in Austin on official business.

#### Homes Are Sought For Missionary Meet in Ranger

The first session of the seventh annual meeting of the Cisco-Breckenridge district of the Woman's Missionary union will be held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church at 2 p. m., in Ranger. It is expected that some 300 women will be present for this event, and it develops that there is a crying need for more homes for these visitors.

#### MURDERED GIRL IS STILL ALIVE MOTHER THINKS

FREEHOLD, N. J., April 20.—Mrs. Christine Stoble, the Red Banks, N. J., woman accused of having shot to death her 16-year-old daughter, Rosa, when she found Rosa holding in her arms a new born babe, believed the dead girl still living and at home, she testified today.

#### Well in Gholson Pool is Nearing Completion Now

Duffer No. 5 in the Gholson pool probably will be drilled in some time late this afternoon or tonight, according to information received from there this morning. The drill now is down 3,440 feet with the hole running true to form.

#### Ranger Rotary To Give Flowers To Mrs. Laura McCoy

Ranger Rotary club has not forgotten the many courtesies extended to it by Mrs. Laura Townsley McCoy who will be assisting artist to Madame Schumann-Heink, when she appears in Breckenridge, May 4, and at the meeting today, voted to meet at the Sunshine west bound, on its arrival here, May 3, and present Mrs. McCoy with flowers.

#### Seek Indictment Of Film Player On Murder Charge

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—An indictment charging Paul Kelly, popular film juvenile with the alleged "bare knuckle" murder of Ray Raymond, musical comedy star will be sought here today before the county grand jury, the district attorney's office announced.

#### NEW FLOOD WARNING ISSUED TODAY

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—The entire Mississippi basin today was struggling toward relief for the thousands made homeless by combined flood and storm.

#### Tributary Rivers Are Rising for Third Time And Isolating Towns

Upward of 30,000 persons have been forced to find homes and at least two score people have been killed as the result of overflowing rivers and death-dealing winds. The property damage has been tremendous. The river through this district today continued at flood stage and several towns are virtually deserted, over a wide area.

#### HIT BY TORNADO Iowa and Illinois Are Swept By Storms That Do Heavy Damage

The town of Breaton, Illinois, just recovering from the flood waters of last fall was hit again today. Climaxing a week of terror for residents along the Mississippi river and its tributaries, yesterday found tornadoes and driving rain storms doing additional damage throughout the country.

Almost a score of cities were in the path of two tornadoes which ripped through Illinois. Early reports indicated that at least 23 persons had been killed. Some of the wind victims were school children who were pinned to the ground when the heavy winds smashed their school houses. High winds were general throughout Illinois and Iowa yesterday but reached their greatest force in sections of Iowa, reports show. Trees were torn down, telegraphic communication disrupted and many houses wrecked.

Because of conditions in Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri and a continued rise in the Mississippi and tributary rivers, the weather bureau issued new flood warnings today. It was said that in parts of Kansas and Missouri the worst flood conditions in 25 years prevailed as torrents swept away levees, inundated countless acres of farm lands and invaded thousands of homes. Many rivers are rising for the third time. Railroad and automobile transportation have been entirely cut off in many places.

#### Magnolia Takes Another Slash At Crude Prices

Effective at 7 a. m. today, Magnolia Pipe Line company posted a new low price on Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas oils, where the company is purchasing on a gravity basis. Under 33 gravity the price is 95 cents; 33 to 33.9, is 97 cents; 34 to 34.9 is 97 cents, and so forth. There is a differential in the price for each degree of gravity up to 52 and above \$1.35. This makes 51 to 51.9 gravity \$1.33.

#### Counsel For Gray And Mrs. Snyder Show Optimism

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y., April 20.—Displaying optimism without visible basis, counsel in the Snyder murder trial agreed before court opened today that production of evidence would probably begin next Tuesday or Wednesday.









