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Floods Make 20,000 People Homeless

Well... I Dunno, But...

We guess it's all in the life of an editor. But we notice the grey hairs are thickening.

Somebody told us this morning that the weatherman was going fishing today. Might as well for all of the good that he's doing about the rain.

There's one thing about this weather, with the exception of the dust stirred up, it's ideal for doing that cleaning around the joint and getting that trash piled up for the campaign trucks that will be going around next week on Tuesday and Friday.

We've always claimed that our part of Texas is a pretty good one and evidently those folks down in Austin who used to yive in these parts, think so too.

Sunday afternoon Judge and Mrs. Hickman had a party at in Austin who used to live in list read like an Eastland county roster. And the whole thing ended by forming a permanent organization of the Eastland county folks that are now in Austin.

As you recall, Judge Hickman who used to be judge of one of the courts in Eastland, was recently made chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Incidentally while bragging on our part of the country, we might do a little about the old home town.

This week Mr. and Mrs. Neal R. Walsh who have seen a good part of this country and of other countries, too, have been visiting in Ranger. They say that the country looks mighty good to them and that they especially like Ranger. In fact, they told us that they liked Ranger and this section better than any other that they had seen in Texas.

Then George Murphy told us about the woman from New York who was in his cafe this week, and was writing home about the beauty of this country and what a nice clean town Ranger was and about the fine looking buildings in the town.

All right, all right, if we don't toot our own horn, who's gonna do it?

Guess we'll have to soft pedal what we said about rain, seeing as how about 22,000 people are homeless because of floods in eight states. Does look like the rain could be passed around a little.

New York Strike Ends NEW YORK, Apr. 16, (UP)—Striking employees of the New York Curb Exchange returned to their jobs this morning, following the granting of a 10 per cent wage increase.

one humped camel is called a dromedary.



A Colombian soldier guards the street leading to the American Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, after the first wave of riots during the revolution. Littered streets are evidence of the disorders which swept through the city. The U. S. Embassy is the first building on the left. (NEA Telephoto).

Fifth Grade At St. Rita's Wins First In Contest

Members of the board of the Community Public Library announced today that the fifth grade at St. Rita's Catholic school was the first place winner in a poster contest conducted by the library board this week and featuring Pan American Week.

The first place winner will be awarded a membership in the library for their poster which was a free hand drawn panel depicting the peoples of the Pan American countries. Title of the panel was "Let's Be Friends."

Another first place was won by Helen Williams whose poster was a Spanish scene done in pastel crayons with a border of the flags of the Pan American countries.

The next award went to Louane Schaffer whose poster was entitled "Trade Promotes Peace and Prosperity" and depicted to cornucopias pouring their "plenty" on the North American and South American continents. The arizona of South America was emptying products on North America and the North American one on South America.

Other winners were James Wilhelm, whose free hand drawing depicted a Canadian scene entitled, "Our Northern Neighbors"; Raymond Lester's salt map of South America in colors; Bertha Gallagher's "Cup of Coffee"; Linda McKinney's water color of a coffee bean; Gavino Gomez's water color of an original Spanish scene and Cecelia Mooney's poster portraying "Christian Ideals."

The posters are on display at the library and visitors are welcome to go there to inspect them on the regular library days, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 2 to 5 o'clock.

People Asked To Keep Cars Off Streets 3 Nights

Fire Chief Charlie Isabell today announced that during the next three nights, members of the fire and street departments will repaint the parking lines along curbs and has asked that all cars be removed from Main street and all side streets in the first blocks off Main street.

He stated that it will speed their work if all people who are in the habit of leaving their cars on Main street at night, will put them somewhere else on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The blocks off of Main street which will have to be vacated are North and South Rusk street, North and South Austin Street, and North and South Martson streets.

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

Guards Empty Street

ARABS CLAIM VICTORY IN STRENGTH TEST

JERUSALEM, Apr. 15, (UP)—The Arab command in Palestine was reported today to have again claimed a decisive victory in the battle of Mishmar Haemek, the outcome of which might determine the control of upper Galilee.

Both Arabs and Jews dispatched reinforcements to the crucial battle area southeast of Haifa in the valley of the Biblical Armageddon.

Claims and counter claims obscured late developments in what appeared the most significant test of strength so far in the Palestine hostilities.

Reliable sources in Amman said the Arab command, Fawzi El Kuwari, had sent a radio message to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan claiming victory over the Jews.

An Amman dispatch to Jerusalem said it was the first time the so-called Arab army of liberation in Palestine had been known to get in touch with Abdullah directly.

Amman informants said the commander claimed 250 Jews were killed and a quantity of arms captured.

Says Brush Can't Be Collected In Drive Next Week

Chief Charlie Isabell, head of Ranger's clean-up campaign, stated today that in making his rounds to check on what has to be done in the clean-up, he has discovered that many people have brush piled up to be hauled off.

He stated that they are going to be so short on trucks that they will have to pass up the brush in the collection next week in order to haul off all of the trash that threatens the sanitary condition of the town.

He has asked that all who have brush collected to either burn it, if it is in such a position as not to be a fire hazard or wait until later and notify the garbage collector to pick it up.

Italy Mobilizes For Election

ROME, Apr. 16, (UP)—Premier De Gasperi mobilized 330,000 troops, Carabinieri and police today, putting them on an emergency footing for Italy's fateful elections beginning Sunday.

He told his forces to remain on emergency call until final election returns are known next Wednesday or Thursday.

Eastland Rites For Loss Woods Sat. 2:30 P. M.

Funeral services for Loss Woods, Eastland county pioneer and former sheriff of this county, who died late Thursday at his home one mile east of town, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Baptist church in Eastland. L. M. Chapman, pastor of the Eastland Baptist church, assisted by Rev. W. E. Hallenbeck, pastor of the Eastland Church of God and Claud Smith, minister of the Eastland Church of Christ, will officiate. Interment will be in the Eastland cemetery. Hamner's of Eastland will be in charge.

Pallbearers will be the following nephews and grandsons: Vance Dunham, Roland Davis, Lloyd Woods, Obed Woods, F. O. Woods and Billy Wayne Davis.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Willie Woods Davis, Mrs. Thelma Woods Gattson and Mrs. Jo Woods Edmonson, all of Odessa; Three brothers: Jeff and Luther Woods of Phoenix, Arizona, and J. W. Woods, Eastland; five sisters: Mrs. Verna Dunham, Waco; Mrs. Linda Brashears, Benjamin; Mrs. Addie Stoddard, Mrs. Celia White and Mrs. Jessie Namors, Glendale, Arizona. Also surviving are five grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Emley Loss Woods was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1870, and came to Eastland county at an early age. He had been a resident of the county since 1889.

Woods served as Eastland chief of police, deputy sheriff, and sheriff of the County for 27 years. He also worked for some time for the Texas Highway department.

Woods had been a farmer and stock farmer before entering the Eastland county sheriff's office as a deputy. Following his election as sheriff in 1936, he served in that capacity three terms. He had been a member of the Baptist church for 21 years.

Fear Sabotage In Brazilian Army Dump Blast

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 16, (UP)—Authorities today investigated possible sabotage of a Brazilian Army ammunition dump which exploded at Villa Militar, 18 miles from Rio De Janeiro, killing 40 persons and injuring nearly 300.

The explosion occurred last night and fires still were burning this morning. Army and police authorities were reported to have made several arrests at the scene of the disaster.

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

Eastland County People Attend Hickman Party

Honoring Judge J. E. Hickman upon his appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Mrs. Hickman, their former Eastland County neighbors and friends, who now reside in Austin, held open house at the Hickman residence Sunday afternoon, April 13th, from three to five. This took the place of a formal dinner planned some weeks ago.

Judge and Mrs. Hickman and her mother, Mrs. B. T. Pettit, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McGlamery greeted the guests, and Mrs. L. H. Fiewellen conducted them to the register presided over by Mrs. T. C. Wynn. Mesdames J. Wiley Biggs and Mrs. Chas. C. Robey ushered to the dining room. Mrs. Thad Patrick and Misses Kathleen Collier, El Marie Gustafson, Frances Ruth Hagaman, Jeanne Turner and Mary Jo Collier took turns in serving the frosted punch, cake squares, nuts and mints from the lace-covered table. Stock, Dutch Irish and jonniquis formed the center piece arrangement. The tea napkins bore the words "The House of Hickman." On the table was an exact reproduction of "Old Rip" done in a bronze paper weight. It was he who made Eastland County famous by reason of his having lived thirty-five years in the corner stone of a former courthouse. Many gathered on the cool terrace and talked over interesting experiences and happy events of other days.

John C. Hyatt, formerly of Olden, was elected president of a permanent Eastland County organization.

Those calling were Senator and Mrs. T. J. Holbrook, Judge and Mrs. L. H. Fiewellen, Messrs. and Mesdames W. W. Kelley, Thad Patrick, C. D. Woods, Stuart S. Nemir, Ghent Sanderford, J. O. Simmons, J. Wiley Biggs, C. I. Hyatt, John Hyatt, Cyrus Frost, Jr., Albert Taylor, Donald H. Russell, David Wilson Owen, Richard Conley, J. M. Herrington and B. M. Collier, also Mesdames G. A. Davisson, J. Adoue Parker, Charles Conley, S. W. Kitley, T. C. Wynn, Marie Gustafson, Una Goforth, Lon Graham, J. C. Brewer, Paul Taylor, Beal Smith, T. J. Cunningham, Paul Benbrook, Hob Gray, W. B. Collier and Chas. C. Robey. Misses Carolyn Duck, Doris Herrington, Violet Taylor, El Marie Gustafson, Kathleen Collier, Frances Ruth Hagaman, Jeanne Turner, Lillian Spears, Dr. Frances A. Conley, Gordon Cooper, Howard Brock, Charles F. Ellis, Joe Bob Simmons, Dan W. Powers, James S. Mahon, Dan L. Leslie, Dan L. Collier, Joe Sparks, Bill Gustafson, Virgil T. Seaberry, Jr., Freeman Brown and Joe D. Meroney.

Breckenridge Wins One-Act Play Contest

Breckenridge won the 9AA District one-act play contest Tuesday night when high school students presented "Special Guest" written by Donald Elser. Billy Ratliff was coach of the play.

Billy Hill of Breckenridge won the award as the best actor among the boys and Celia Weatherford of Breckenridge won the award as the best actor among the girls.

Ranger won second place in its presentation of "Nobody Sleeps" under the direction of Jo Oyler. Those in the play presented by Ranger were Georgeanna Rogers, Glenn Weaver, Mary Helen Kirkpatrick, June Ann Morton, and Jimmie Heinlein.

Judges were from Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene and Reagan Shaw, Hal Hervey and Harlan Carr.

Commission Co. Has Good Sale Here Thursday

The sale at the Ranger Livestock Commission Company Thursday was reported to have been one of the briskest in some time and total sales reached better than \$48,000.

The market was reported as being better than last week with over 400 of the 505 head of livestock on hand at the Company's sales barn sold in the sale Thursday. About 125 cows with calves were sold and the remainder were odd cows and calves.

Important Meet Of Women's Club Presidents Mon.

All presidents and incoming presidents of the women's clubs of Ranger are requested to meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall.

Purpose of the meeting is to form a governing board for the operation of the Community Clubhouse and it is important that every president and incoming president be present.

COAL STRIKE TO CLOSE GM PLANTS SOON

DETROIT, (Apr. 16, (UP)—General Motors Corp. announced today that it will close all its automobile fabricating plants, idling 200,000 workers by April 23 because of the effects of the coal strike.

GM said it was running out of pig iron and steel supplies as a result of the coal strike but that its automotive assembly plants would remain in operation "as long as available material permits."

In a statement the corporation said that the foundries, machine shops and press rooms in all automotive divisions will be closed by the night of April 23.

"It is hoped that receipts of material will permit the resumption of operations in these fabricating plants by May 1," GM said.

GM said that some production already had been curtailed in the restriction of metal supplies that also was expected to hit other automobile manufacturers in the near future.

Pecan Growers Orchardists To Have Field Day

Pecan Growers and Orchardists are being invited to attend Eastland County Pecan Field Day at the F. O. Hilburn farm 3 miles Southeast of Cisco, next Friday, April 23 according to word at the County agent's office here.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock that morning and close about 3:00 P. M. with time out for a picnic lunch at noon, it was said.

Topics and demonstrations will be on pruning, fertilization, varieties, cultivation selection and storage of budding and grafting, and control of insects and diseases.

Those who are to appear on the program include J. F. Rosborough, Horticulturist and Paul Gregg, Entomologist with the A & M College Extension Service, Dr. C. L. Smith, U. S. Pecan Experiment Station, Brownwood and Doss Alexander, orchard owner of Pioneer, who will give a spraying demonstration.

Brother-in-law Of Al Tune Dies; Funeral Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tune received word last night of the death of Mr. Tune's brother-in-law, Scott Ferguson, of Roysie City.

Mr. Ferguson, about 60, had been in poor health for over a year. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Roysie City and interment will be in the cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tune expected to leave this afternoon or early in the morning for the services.

Picked at Random ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (UP)

An arbitrator in a labor dispute here reports he was selected when labor and management officials picked his name out of a telephone book. E. S. Foster, the arbitrator, decided the union rated an increase.

Fine Program In Prospect For Singers Meeting

Prospects for a very fine program at the convention of the West Central Texas Singing Association in Ranger this week-end were growing today and last minute preparations were underway.

Reservations are coming in fast and it was announced today that already on the list of those who will be here for the meeting are the Friendly Four, Stamp's quartet from Dallas, Silas Clarke's quartet from Abilene and Frank Stamp's quartet from Stephenville.

The convention opens Saturday night at the Recreation building in Ranger and will continue through Sunday. Preceding the opening meeting the Ranger School Band under the direction of Will Faifer will stage a downtown welcome parade. They will play numbers on Main street and then march to the Recreation building where other numbers will be played.

Report Of The Eleventh Court Civil Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District:

Affirmed: (Judge Gray) George West Independent School District vs. M. G. Bartlett, Live Oak. (Judge Long) C. M. Hickman, et ux, vs. W. Percy Cooper, et ux, Hidalgo.

(Judge Grissom) Missouri Pacific Transportation Co. vs. Union Bus Lines, Inc., et al, Nueces. (Judge Grissom) County of Bexar vs. Gilbert Falbo, et ux, Bexar. (Judge Grissom) William W. Barksdals vs. E. W. Allison, Bexar.

Motions Submitted: O. C. Mitchell vs. Andy Gooch, et al, appellee Lively's motion, for rehearing Judgment dated March 12, 1948, set aside. Judgment of the trial court as between Gooch and Lively and Mitchell affirmed. Judgment for Gooch against Mitchell is reversed and the cause remanded.

F. M. Cornelious, et al, vs. Mary Dell Cook, et al, agreed motion to file brief.

Motion dismissed: William W. Barksdale vs. E. W. Allison, appellee's motion to dismiss.

Army Sending Troops To Alaska

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16, (UP)—The Army moved today to bolster its defenses at Russia's backdoor by ordering some 8,000 ground troops to Alaska.

At the same time, it denied recurring reports of Soviet air and sea activity in and around the peninsula. It said the newly-ordered shift of combat troops, anti-aircraft units and other ground forces to Alaska is designed only to "balance" U. S. strength there.

The 8,000 soldiers involved in the Alaskan move are 7,000 fewer than the "minimum defense" urged on Congress recently by Gen. Omar M. Bradley, army chief of staff.

Recovery Of Europe Guide Signed By 16

PARIS, Apr. 16, (UP)—Sixteen nations led by Britain and France today signed the convention which will serve as a guide to European recovery under the Marshall plan.

OHIO RIVER THREATENS HOMES IN FIVE STATES

By United Press

Flooding rivers and streams rushed toward high crests today and left 22,000 persons homeless in eight states.

The most critical situation was along the mighty Ohio river which was pouring a huge crest downstream and endangering thousands of homes in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

The Swanee, made famous by Stephen Foster's song, went higher as new rains fell near Tallahassee, Fla.

Hundreds were driven from their homes in Minnesota and North Dakota as the Red River hit its highest level in 51 years. The rise appeared to be slackening today. The Snake River reaching its highest crest since 1879 at Grand Forks and flooded basements at Alvarado, Minn.

Wheeling, W. Va., was hit hardest, with 10,000 of the city's residents forced to take shelter in schools and with friends. Most of the persons rendered homeless lived on Wheeling Island. Only 40 per cent of the island's 10,000 residents stayed in their homes today.

Bogota Workers End Strike

BOGOTA, Apr. 16, (UP)—Bogota workers ended their week-long general strike today, but the unburied corpse of the assassinated Jorge Eliecer Gaitan blocked the attempts to restore political tranquility.

The widow of Gaitan until the president resigned brought a deadlock.

The shooting appeared to be over, although another man was killed last night by a sniper three blocks from the American embassy.

A major part of the Capitolio, the meeting place of the Inter-American conference, was ready for use. But the government appeared hesitant about bringing the visiting delegates back downtown until the Gaitan issue was settled.

Instead the conference went on after a fashion in the suburbs. The delegates, in view of what had happened here, were going through an unreal performance which had all the earmarks of just a face-saving gesture.

Trial Of Tojo Ends Today

TOKYO, Apr. 16, (UP)—The war crimes trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo, who pulled the trigger on Pearl Harbor, and 24 other wartime Japanese leaders ended today after more than 23 months of testimony.

The fate of the 25 Japanese generals, admirals, diplomats and government ministers was placed in the hands of the 11-nation Far East international military tribunal, which is expected to hand down its verdict in six to eight weeks.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

Castle 400. Active. Few lots medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 23-28. Common and medium cows 17.50-21. Bulls 16-22. Calves 100. Steady. Good and choice 26-29. Common and medium 18-24.50. Hogs 400. Steady to weak. Good and choice 180-200 lbs. 21.25-21.50. Stocker pigs 15.50-17.

THE WEATHER Fair this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow. Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today. Maximum 73. Minimum 54. Hour's Reading 78. Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. today. Maximum 77. Minimum 41.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Reports of Russian Rumble Put Iran in the News Again

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Little Iran—that made big Soviet Russia back down and get out a couple of years ago—is in the news again. The Iranian government complains that the Communists are still agitating in Azerbaijan and that rebels are being permitted to organize across the border in Russia.

Moscow calls this a fairy story and in reply objects to the presence of 40 U. S. Army officers and enlisted men in Iran. They're there at Iran's invitation. Seventeen officers and eight enlisted men under Major-General Grow are there to train the Iranian army of 100,000 men. Eight officers and six enlisted men under Brigadier-General Schwarzkopf, former head of New Jersey state police, are there to train the Iranian constabulary.

The agreement call for ending these missions in March, 1949. But the Russians say it's more American imperialism and a threat to Iran's independence.

All this serves as a reminder that the Iranian question is still on the UN Security Council agenda. One of the questions most frequently asked about the UN is why it hasn't been as successful in dealing with the Greek, Korean or Czechoslovakian cases as it was in the first great test case over Russian interference in Iran.

The inference is that the UN has lost its grip. That isn't necessarily so. Conditions are different today. Two years ago the Russians hadn't perfected the cold war technique of taking over governments by political, rather than military force. They were up against a definite treaty obligation to get their troops out of Iran.

American, British and Red Army troops got into Iran during the war to run a lend-lease supply line from the Persian Gulf to Russia. The agreement was they'd all get out within six months after the end of the war. U. S. troops were all out in January, 1946. The British were out by the deadline, March 1. The Red Army stayed. The new-familiar Communist build-up began against Iran in July, 1945. Russia demanded reform of the reactionary Iranian government.

Iran complained to the Security Council, holding its first meeting in London. Russian Ambassador Gromyko tried to get the matter set aside till April 10. He was voted down, 9 to 2. That was when Gromyko took his famous walk.

In the Iranian case, Gromyko was stalling for time. What he was waiting for was conclusion of treaty negotiations between Moscow and Teheran governments. Russia wanted control of the Iran government and permission to keep troops in Iran. Also, Russia wanted oil rights. To get around the clear treaty obligation that Russian troops be out of Iran by March 1, Gromyko told the UN that the Red Army would be out by May 6. By that time, Gromyko hoped there would be a treaty permitting Russian troops to stay.

What the Russians finally agreed to, on April 7, however, was formation of a Russian-Iranian oil company. It was to be 51 per cent owned by Russia for the first 25 years, 50 per cent for the second 25.

As soon as the treaty was concluded, Iran withdrew her complaint against Russia before the UN. There was another battle in the Security Council as to whether the Iranian case should be dropped from the agenda. Russian troops weren't yet out of Azerbaijan. Again Gromyko boycotted. Again he was voted down. So the case is still before the UN.

On May 20, 1946, Iran reported to the Security Council that Russian troops had left as of May 6. Iranian troops moved into Azerbaijan and set up provincial government.

Though the Russians thought they had won on the oil deal, last October the Iranian Parliament refused to ratify the treaty, 102-to-2. That left the Russians completely out in the cold. But in the light of recent developments, they do not consider the case closed.

THE SCOREBOARD



Scout Says Braves' Dark Has Bad Hands, Fumbles Too Much

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

BRADENTON, Fla.—(NEA)—Several smart baseball men are not yet convinced that Alvin Dark, whom the Braves paid \$45,000 for signing, belongs at shortstop.

Jewel Ent, the old Pittsburgh infielder, who saw altogether too much of Blackie Dark as his Syracuse club was edged by Milwaukee in the Little World Series last fall, was first to point out that the Louisiana State Lollapaluza did not impress him as a natural shortstop.

"He can't miss winding up as one of the great players of the game," says Ent, "but I am not sure he will attain that end as a shortstop."

Now comes Patsy O'Rourke, the Cardinal shortstop of 40 years ago who managed in the minors and is currently keeping track of athletes for the White Sox. O'Rourke won early renown putting poor Bugs Raymond in his place by hitting him in back of one ear with a stouf-sized spittoon.

"I saw a good deal of Dark in the American Association last season, and don't like him as an infielder," says O'Rourke, bluntly. "He has bad hands, fumbles too much."

Dark, who stood out in a Triple A league in his first full season, is the key man in the Boston Nationals' plans, but O'Rourke insists that tall Virgil Stallcup of the Reds is right now the shortstop Billy Southworth hopes the four-letter man from Baton Rouge will turn out to be.

RED STALLCUP draws fresh raves daily—in the field and at bat. "We'll see plays at shortstop that weren't made last season," says the veteran Angie Gahan of the Redlegs.

That could be nothing but a backhanded slap at Eddie Miller, who talked himself from Cincinnati to Philadelphia. The Reds say that the cagy Miller experienced difficulty making the long throw from deep short after going far to his right last trip. He deliberately backhanded the ball, made no attempt to throw, let it go as a base hit.

Warren Giles drafted Stallcup from the "Boxer" Louisville branch in November, 1946.

They called the six-foot 3 1/4-inch, 175-pound Scotch-Irishman the slickest fielding shortstop in years in the International League in 1947, and he batted .338, so there are early indications that the affluent Red Sox let another get away. They sold Pee Wee Reese of the Dodgers, it will be recalled.

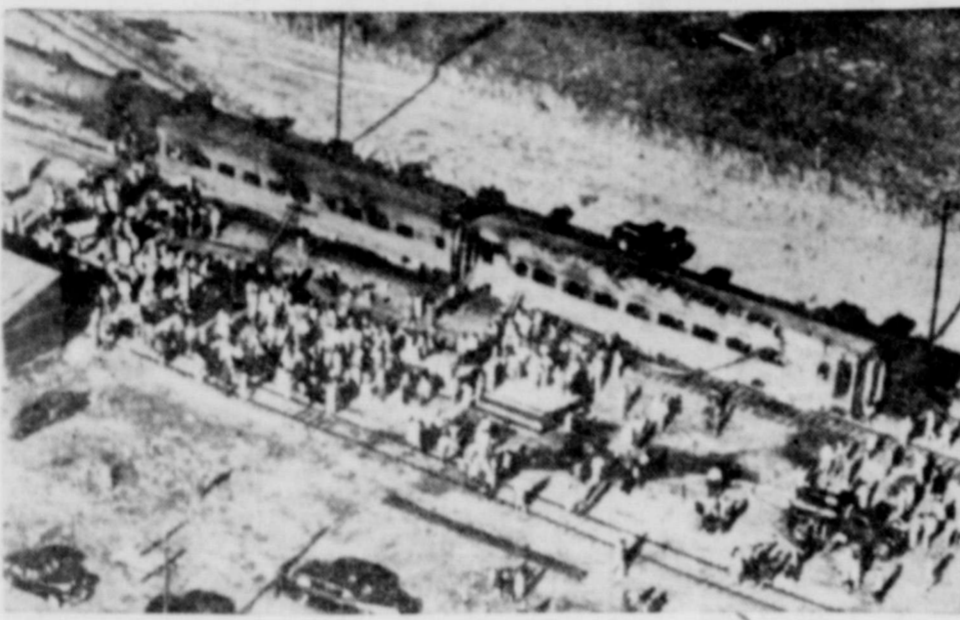
As a bonus player, Dark starts with two strikes on him. An athlete given a substantial sum for his signature before establishing himself in organized baseball has yet to stick out in the major leagues.

Violence In Bogota



Rioters in Bogota wave machetes and garrotes during the recent revolt in the South American capital. The rioters had previously set fire to the government building in the background which was completely destroyed. (NEA Telephoto).

Streamliner Crashes Truck



Fire hoses snake their way from the fire truck toward the two cars of the Rock Island's Texas Rocket, which crashed near Kremlin, Oklahoma, killing two and injuring at least 29 persons. The crack train smashed into a dump truck, jumped the track and then burned. (NEA Telephoto).

Eastland County Towns & Communities

(Editor's Note—The following is taken from the forthcoming book, "History of Eastland County," by Ed T. Cox.)

CISCO CONTINUED

The First Baptist Church to be organized in the Western part of Eastland County seems to have been Red Gap Baptist Church in 1879 when Reverends C. G. Stephens and W. E. Cobb called together the adherents of that faith in the vicinity of Red Gap and organized Red Gap Baptist Church. It is said that this organization took place in a little log house which stood near the Western boundary of the Cisco Cemetery.

In 1881, with the coming of the railroads and the establishment of the town of Cisco the church moved its meeting place to the little log school house, used for all public meetings at the time.

About this time a division arose in the church and the Cisco Baptist Church was organized; the Red Gap body retaining its organization for a few years before its demise.

In 1882 the church became a chartered institution with W. D. Chandler; R. Smith; and I. P. Swindell as trustees. This charter was renewed in 1932 as fifty years is a long time to the writer as they are granted for any purpose. In so far as is known to the writer this is the only church organization in this section of the State that is conducted in this way.

Following the reception of the charter the church acquired a lot at the corner of Ave E. and 9th street where, with the help of the Baptist Missionary Society, a church house was erected which served it as a place of worship until its destruction by a cyclone in 1893.

Its next home was probably erected in the latter part of 1893 and enlarged in 1908 and 1910. In 1923 this building was destroyed by fire, but prior to this time the foundation of a new building had been laid but on which construction had been halted on account of financial difficulties.

However the congregation was determined and the present magnificent building was completed, furnished, and occupied in November of 1927 at a cost of \$125,000 after "much hard work and sacrifice" by its members.

The church has been served by the following pastors:

- L. S. Knight, 1884-1886;
- No report as to 1887-1889;
- R. A. Lee, 1890;
- No report as to 1891-1892;
- A. S. Bunting, 1893;
- B. F. Dixon, 1894-1897;
- C. T. Alexander, 1898-1899;
- No report as to 1900;
- William Crawford, 1901;
- J. H. Helm, 1902;
- R. L. Gillon, 1904;
- S. W. Kendrick, 1905;
- J. H. Boyett, 1907-1909;
- A. H. Hutto, 1910-1911;
- E. Stubblefield, 1912-1917;
- A. E. Baten, 1918-1920;
- C. G. Howard, 1921-1922;
- A. C. Miller, 1923-1929;
- E. James, 1930-1936;
- Judson Prince, 1937-1942;
- Cooper Walters, 1942- . . .

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Movie Queen

1. Pictured actress	11. Human
12. Mountain nymph	2. Covered street of shops
13. Asiatic wild sheep	3. Legal point
14. Circle parts	4. Indian army (ab.)
15. Nobleman	5. Arabian gull
17. Native of Denmark	6. Emporium
19. Greenland Eskimo	7. Shield bearing
20. Foot part	8. Norwegian
22. Promissory notes (ab.)	9. Small child
23. Loaded	10. Expire
25. Desert garden	11. Flower
27. Far fear that	14. Be indisposed
28. Entreaty	16. White
29. Knight of the Elephant (ab.)	18. Worm
30. Note in Guido's scale	20. Detain in port
31. She is a movie	21. She is a
33. Not as much	22. She is a
36. Contumely	23. Kind of tabby
37. Provided with weapons	24. Smudge structural unit
39. Sphere	25. White
40. Scorekeeper	26. Change
45. Summer (Fr.)	28. Ridge of molding
46. Hawaiian wreaths	29. Sandy drift
48. Era	30. Italian city
49. Appraise	31. She is a
50. All	32. Narrow inlet
52. Whirl	33. Kind of tabby
54. Sewing tool	34. Smudge structural unit
55. Expunge	35. Colonize
	36. Sun
	38. Scottish river
	41. Man's name
	42. Type of molding
	43. Of the thing (ab.)
	44. Italian city
	47. Salute (ab.)
	49. Narrow inlet
	51. Hypothetical
	53. Western Reserve (ab.)

The Innocent Impostor

By Renee Shann

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THE STORY: Patience Mond goes to London three times a week to attend dressmaking school. It is the only freedom allowed her by the two old-fashioned aunts who have brought her up and with whom she lives in the country. On the commuting train she meets Paul Taylor, who lives in a neighboring village and who finds himself attracted to the prime young girl. They date secretly, fall in love. The aunts find out, force Patience to promise not to see Paul again. Paul wants her to tell them she's going to marry him. But Patience can't do it. They quarrel. Sometime later on the train to London, Patience meets Paul with a blonde. Returning home heartbroken, she finds her aunts in a state of great excitement. They have a visitor. It is Charlotte, the long-lost twin sister whom Patience has not seen since they were children.

PATIENCE gasped. It couldn't be possible. Charlotte! How often during the years she'd been living with her aunts had she thought how wonderful it would be to have news of her! "Hello, Patience," said Charlotte. And now the other girl put her arms round her and kissed her. "Gosh, but isn't all this terribly exciting!" She had a soft, musical voice with a trace of an American accent. She was warm and glowing and affectionate. "You two must have so much you want to talk about," said Miss Alice. "Patience dear, would you like to take Charlotte for a little walk before supper?" "Yes, of course. You're staying, aren't you, Charlotte?" "For tonight, yes." Miss Helen said: "I've told Charlotte she must look upon this house as her home." "You're sweet, Aunt Helen," said Charlotte impulsively. "I'd like to come down to a lot." "Where do you live?" asked Patience. "I'm in London at the moment. I only arrived in England from the States last week." "Charlotte is on the stage, Pa-

Charlotte had gone to America and then later toured Australia and South Africa. After that she'd returned to the States again, and gotten a job on Broadway understudying the premiere dancers in a successful review. A night came when she went on in her place. "And what happened? Were you a star overnight?" Charlotte laughed. "Well, more or less. Anyway, they gave me the part when they sent the show out on tour."

PATIENCE drew a deep breath. "You and me, Twins! To think our lives have been so utterly different. But how did you ever manage to find us?" "It took a little doing. It was something that I always promised myself I'd do just as soon as I got back to England. You see, I had a little Bible of Mother's. It had her maiden name and the address where they all used to live when they were girls at home with their parents. I went down to that address yesterday and was put on to some old woman who told me the aunts had left a long while ago and gone to live at a place called High Ditch, not far from Bishop's Stortford."

Patience couldn't speak for a moment. Her heart was too full. She'd forgotten for a few blessed moments how unhappy she was about Paul. Charlotte looked at her affectionately. "Now that we've found each other, we'll have grand times together. We'll go off on a holiday just as soon as I can manage it. We might even fly to Paris. I want to get some clothes over there."

Patience caught her breath. "Fly to Paris?" "Oh, Charlotte, they'd never let me. Aunt Helen would be quite horrified." Charlotte looked at her without speaking. Patience, she decided, was a completely new species to her. She thought, with a mixture of pity and irritation, that maybe it was a blessing that she, Charlotte, had happened on her before she grew much older. Something certainly needed to be done about her! (To Be Continued)

been P. D. O'Brien, in 1914 who continued to serve for four years when he was followed by R. L. English who served for three years; he by I. W. Lawrence who served through 1928.

Ben F. Morrison was their next pastor coming in 1929 and served for one year and was followed by J. T. Smart and was succeeded by T. J. Sparkman and Herbert Christian in that order. The church has Russell Dennis as under-shepherd at the present time (1943).

The church membership has varied from 26 when organized to 310, probably its peak, in 1933. About the time of the lot sale in Cisco, The Texas Central Rail Road Company had a dam built across the ravine about where Avenue D crosses it, near the present gin, and mill creating a pond around which "Sipe Wells" were dug and from these, supplemented by some water hauled from the "Pierce Place" about

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

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

Lyric poets of the eleventh century were called troubadours. three miles distant in Sandy Creek, the young town secured its water supply. (To Be Continued)

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Irish Crash Scene



While making an instrument approach to the Shannon, Ireland airport, a Pan American World Airways Constellation, "Empress of the Skies," crashed and burned. Twenty nine of its passengers were killed. (NEA Radio-Telephoto).

Secretary Says He's Spy For U. S.



Robert Magidoff, National Broadcasting Corporation correspondent in Moscow, has been accused by his secretary, Cecelia Nelson, a Michigan girl who formerly worked for the U. S. Embassy, of spying on the Soviet Union. The charge was made in a letter written to the Government newspaper Izvestia, according to the semi-official Tass Agency. (NEA Telephoto).

THORIUM ORE HELD CLUE TO MORE ATOMIC POWER

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

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

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

The new prospect that nuclear fuels supplies may in the end be more than tripled could alter such views. At the same time, point is added to talk of stockpiling atomic bombs. Uranium deposits are scarce, compared to other natural resources such as coal and oil.

The view of many scientists has been that richer sources or more efficient refining methods must be developed. Until then, it is

dreaming to talk of stockpiling bombs in any very large numbers, they said.

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

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

There have been reports of a rich thorium strike, said to be covered by Russia, in the westernmost Chinese province of Sinkiang. Laboratory physicists long have known that thorium may be transmuted into uranium-235 under bombardment by neutrons liberated from atomic nuclei. And U-235 is an atomic explosive like U-235 and man-made plutonium.

But not until last March 5 was it officially disclosed that thorium actually was being transmuted in-

to U-233. The transformation is taking place in the nuclear furnaces of the sprawling Hanford, Wash., plutonium works.

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

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

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

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

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

As for the peace-time uses of atomic power, "if we ever solve the atomic power situation in terms of benefiting mankind in a big way," one scientist said, "it will be through the thorium route."

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1. The mine foreman and the assistant mine foreman "failed to make a weekly examination of all the accessible abandoned workings."

2. The assistant foreman, although unable to examine the working faces, permitted miners to enter.

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

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

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

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Luncheon Held At Church Thursday

Ladies of the First Christian Church were entertained Thursday at one o'clock with the monthly luncheon at the church.

Mrs. Edward Lee of Cisco, president of the Woman's Council there, was guest speaker. She presented an interesting book review of "The Great Is The Company" by Violet Wood.

Luncheon was served to Mmes. R. S. Dudley, George Murphy, Roy Hargraves, Weeks, Harry Warner, John Bryan, L. N. Bryan, Glenn Simon, Raymond West, J. C. King, James Higdon, Elsie Frasier, Dick Jones, W. R. Faifer, Edward Lee of Cisco, and the hostesses, Mmes. Bob Allen and Lottie Davenport.

Three From Ranger Attend W. M. U. Meet

The Women's Missionary Union of the Cisco Baptist Association met in Breckenridge Thursday for its regular quarterly meeting.

Reports of all the work being done in the Association by the W.M.U. were given by chairman and local presidents Mrs. Arlie Carver, president of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist Church, gave a review of work being done in Ranger. Mrs. Clyde Howard of Rising Star, who gave the main address, spoke on "What Is Your Water Pot?"

Those from Ranger attending the meeting were Mmes. David C. Ham, Bruce Harris, and Carver.

Rebekah Lodge Meet Tuesday

Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met at the I.O.O.F. hall Tuesday evening for a business meeting with 20 members present. Noble Grand Mabel Souther presided over the meeting.

After routine business was transacted and sick reports made, the degree team practiced. Those interested in the team are urged to be present at the next meeting when plans will be made for extra practice sessions.

The penny prize, furnished by Mabel Souther, was won by Lillie Anderson.

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Mrs Harris Is Hostess To Class

Mrs. Bruce Harris entertained the Faith Class of the First Baptist Church Thursday evening at 7:30 at her home. She was assisted by Mrs. W. R. Faifer.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Earle Pittman. Mrs. Harris, class president, presided over the business session in which Mrs. E. P. Mayfield, 1st vice-president, discussed the visitation program set up by the church.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson gave the devotional, speaking on "Christian Living."

At the close of business games were played and refreshments were served to Mmes. Bob Chandler, Jessie White, T. P. Rains, D. C. Ham, Melba Richey, Mayfield, Faifer, Johnson, Pittman, and the hostess, Mrs. Harris.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. DuMouchel, who recently visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Green, have arrived in Los Angeles, California where they will make their home and study toward the completion of their degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. DuMouchel and daughter, Doris, of Kalamazoo, Michigan are guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Green while en route to Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Alvin Strange and Dr. and Mrs. Preston Morgan and son, Douglas, have returned to their home in San Antonio after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Bob Hodges.

Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall have as their guest, Mrs. George Pine of Long Branch, California.

Mrs. Henry Collins and daughter, Betty, of Carbon were shopping in Ranger today.

Mrs. Bruce Harris and son, Larry Jim, are in Mineral Wells for a visit with her mother, Mrs. C. Burchel. They will return tomorrow.

Mrs. J. W. Ball, who underwent surgery at the Ranger General Hospital Sunday, is reported to be improving.

Pfc. James L. Park of Landley Field, Va. is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Park, 309 Elm St. His cousin, Durwood Park, of DeLeon has joined him along with others on a fishing trip. He will return to Virginia Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Carver of Comanche is here for a visit with her sons, Aubrey and Arlie Carver, and families.

Breaking the News
OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—A grade school music teacher, wearing a new engagement ring, called her young chorus to attention. She explained the next song and raised her baton. Unrehearsed, the group loudly sang: "I'll Dance at Your Wedding."

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Mrs. Con Hazard has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she received medical treatment.

Morris Leveille, who is a patient in the West Texas Hospital, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cleveland of Eastland are parents of a baby daughter born Monday, April 12, in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes and baby daughter have been removed to their home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital.

Perry Horton has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Harvey Rexroat of Cisco has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where she was a medical patient.

Jim Morris is reported to be improving.

Mrs. J. H. Gray has returned to her home in Eastland from the West Texas Hospital where she received medical treatment.

Miss Joyce Cole was dismissed today from the West Texas Hospital where she underwent an appendectomy.

Mrs. Frances Maddocks underwent major surgery at the West Texas Hospital Thursday.

Corky Finch of Gordon is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Surplus Tentpoles Become Warehouses

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

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

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

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Club Hears Report Of District Meet

Reports of the recent convention of the Sixth District of the Texas Federation of Womens Clubs were heard Thursday afternoon when the 1920 Club met at 3 o'clock at the Community Clubhouse.

Mrs. W. L. Jackson, delegate to the convention, gave a general report of the activities at the convention and told of the enthusiastic reception given the invitation to meet in Ranger in 1949. She also described the presentation of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman as a life member of the Texas Federation.

Mrs. Hagaman gave a report of the International relations section of the convention and Mrs. A. W. Brazda, health chairman of the district, gave a report on that section and other activities.

The program on the subject "Women In Politics" was given by Mrs. Sam Kirkpatrick who presented sketches of "Women In The White House" and was assisted in the presentation by Mmes. James P. Morris, H. X. Wallace, Paul MacDonald, Hugh Smith, G. B. Rush, and Bob Hodges. Mrs. John Ducker spoke on "Women In Public Office."

In a business session in which the president, Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin, presided, Mrs. Rush was elected corresponding secretary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. J. E. Matthews. Mrs. Jackson was elected delegate to the coming state convention of the Texas Federation.

Members were requested to turn in to Mrs. Brazda, vice-president-elect, their choice for a study course next year.

Weeds Called Greatest Menace To Agriculture

CLEVELAND (UP)—Dr. C. J. Willard of Ohio State University estimated that weeds cause a loss of \$8,000,000,000 annually to agriculture.

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

What the nation pays each year for putting up with weeds on farms is greater than the estimated combined loss from insects, plant diseases and animal diseases, he said.

In one section of the country a few years ago, he noted, the infestation of weed seeds in wheat meant the loss of one bushel in every 14 sent to market.

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Felt so Miserable at Times He Could Hardly Think, Says Mr. Bert Pitra. Now Eats, Sleeps and Feels Like Different Man. Gives Retonga Full Credit.

"Before I had finished the second bottle of Retonga I was feeling more like myself again," states Mr. Bert Pitra, Class A aircraft mechanic who lives at 12422 Pacific Ave., Mar-Vista, Cal. He gratefully praises Retonga in his statement:

"I often felt so miserable I could hardly think," declares Mr. Pitra. "My appetite was shot to pieces. Food seemed to churn around in my stomach and cause awful gas pains which felt like they shifted around in me. I was constipated most of the time which made me suffer from awful headaches. I felt jumpy frequently and I seemed to never get a good night's sleep. My legs pained me sometimes until I could hardly walk.

"Before the second bottle of Retonga was used up it brought me relief from acid indigestion, gas pains, and those terrible muscular aches and pains in my limbs. I sleep like a top now and my sluggish bowels are relieved. I never have to take harsh laxatives like I did. I don't feel toxic like I did and I have regained my appetite. I'll sure give Retonga full credit for getting me back in shape again, as the saying is."

Retonga is intended to relieve distress due to insufficient flow of digestive juices in the stomach, loss of appetite, borderline Vitamin B-1 deficiency, and constipation. The active ingredients of Retonga are purely herbal, combined with Vitamin B-1. You can get Retonga at Oil City Pharmacy. Adv.

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