

Our School Problem

Abbreviated Day In School Hurts Child's Training

(This is the third in a series of articles dealing with conditions in the Big Spring school system, presented in connection with the bond issue to be voted on Friday, March 25.)

Along with staff, facilities, and spirit, finances rank as a vital ingredient of a sound school program, and it is important to take a brief glance at the dollar side of the Big Spring Independent School district.

On a tax roll of approximately \$19 million, the district assesses a roll of \$290,954. Currently 15 cents of the \$1.50 tax rate goes to financing the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district, which will be just under \$300,000 at the end of the fiscal year. In addition, the district has been setting aside funds for repayment of an \$80,000 over-charge a year ago brought about by a disputed election. The last \$22,000 of that will be cleared no later than next year. In addition, delinquent tax collections are exceeding expectations.

With these facts in mind, the boards of trustees conducted an analysis of its resources and operational costs and concluded that eight cents for new bond retirement could be spared out of the \$1.35.

This, coupled with the fact that in a few years the demand for retiring existing bonds will decline steadily, pointed to a safe issuance of \$200,000 in bonds at this time without penalizing the operation of the schools.

Such is the situation as it now exists. A hope for further improvement is held out in the school legislation now pending in the legislature.

Naturally, one question that arises is how the issuance of the funds now requested for additional classrooms will affect the individual taxpayer. In comparison to present totals, there will be no difference since the maximum rate of \$1.50 is being assessed. This does not mean something for nothing; rather it means that the division of the total available funds will be changed.

Computations are based on current values and the current rate. The latter is not subject to increase, nor disposed to disturb valuations. On a general basis, the board is a growing community may expect new construction will provide additional sources of values.

Former Tarrant District Attorney To Defend Hester

FORT WORTH, March 22. — Al Clyde, former Tarrant County district attorney, today announced he will defend Arthur Clayton Hester, 18-year-old confessed slayer of Dr. John Lord.

Clyde, who said he was contacted by several Fort Worth residents to talk to Hester, held a short session with the youth at the Johnson County Jail in Cleburne yesterday afternoon.

"The boy has told the truth all along," Clyde said, "and some new faces will be brought out in trial," he added.

Meanwhile Hester was scheduled to undergo a second session with a Fort Worth psychiatrist this morning. "But I will not be psychoanalyzed again," the former sailor declared, "because I'm not insane. I'm afraid they are going to try to railroad me into a mental institution to keep me from testifying, he added.

Business Failures Hit High Since '42

NEW YORK, March 22. — A total of 210 commercial and industrial businesses went bankrupt in the week ended March 17, Dun & Bradstreet said today.

The credit reporting agency noted this was the highest total for any week since 1942. But it was well below the pre-war level of 1939, when in the corresponding week 298 failures were reported. In the same week of 1948 only 106 businesses failed.

DEMOS, GOP IN BULL SESSION ON RENT CONTROL

Senate Forgets Its Dignity For A While

WASHINGTON, March 22. — Senators occasionally forget they're senators and talk to each other like ordinary people. But rarely has the Senate been as informal as it was for a while yesterday.

It's customary for the Democrats to sit on the right of the presiding officer, the Republicans on his left.

Yesterday Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) was talking about rent controls. He got as far as page nine of his 31-page speech when Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) asked a question.



GYPSY COUPLE MARRIED — Katherine Adams, 19, of royal gypsy lineage, and Pete Johnson, 21, son of the wealthiest gypsy families in the U. S., pose for their picture shortly before they were married in Shreveport, La. The bride is the daughter of Gus Adams first cousin of George Adams of Los Angeles, said to be one of the wealthiest gypsies in the world. The groom comes from Boston, Mass. His mother's fortune is said to run to millions of dollars. (AP Wirephoto).

STUDENTS FACE EXPULSION

House Votes Red Probe In Schools

AUSTIN, March 22. — The House today voted 139-0 to throw out all Communists in state-supported colleges and universities.

A resolution by Reps. Sam Hanna of Dallas and Preston Smith of Lubbock went through the state with the approval of a whirlwind. It empowers and instructs presidents of all state-supported schools of higher learning to investigate and expel students who are avowed Communists. Hanna said that included any teachers, too.

"We oughtn't to be spending the taxpayers' money to educate such trash," Hanna shouted.

"The only kind ofism we want in Texas is Texasism and Americanism," Rep. R. E. (Peppy) Blount of Big Spring, a student at the University of Texas, declared.

The original resolution only empowered the school presidents to expel students. The House adopted an amendment by Rep. W. A. Williamson of San Antonio instructing the presidents to take such action.

The House first went along with Hanna 132-0 to suspend all rules in order to take up the resolution. Hanna mentioned that one student, a self-avowed Communist, appeared before a recent House committee hearing and evaded answers to all questions.

"We have reason to believe there are many of them right here in this university," Hanna declared, "and maybe some teachers."

"Now they're taking \$90 million dollars to educate youth and we oughtn't to be spending the taxpayers' money on such trash. If I had my way I'd take every one of these Communists and kick 'em into the Gulf of Mexico."

Rep. R. E. (Peppy) Blount of Big Spring, student of the University of Texas, took the mike to give shouting support to Hanna. "This one case," he said, referring to the student witness, "has been giving the university trouble for the past three years. And I'll guarantee that he's just a front; he's got somebody smarter than he is behind him. Whenever

Cotton Spinning Up

WASHINGTON, March 22. — The Census Bureau reported today the cotton spinning industry operated during February at 112.3 per cent of capacity on a two-shift, 80-hour week basis. This compared with 112 per cent during January this year, and 137.6 per cent during February last year.

he speaks handbills appear miraculously on all the doorsteps around the university telling about it. For someone like that, we ought to send him to prison."

Succumbs Here W. N. Coates

Waverley N. Coates, member of a prominent pioneer family of Borden county, passed away at his home, 1309 West Second street in Big Spring, at 1:20 p. m. Monday.

Coates had been in ill health for the past two years and seriously ill for the past month. Services will be held for the deceased at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Eberly chapel and burial will be locally, James S. Parks, pastor of the East Fourth Baptist church; Rev. Aisie Carleton of the First Methodist church and Rev. Mark Reeves of the Coahoma Baptist church will be in charge of last rites.

Coates had been a resident of Borden and Howard counties for the past 54 years. He was the eldest of six children of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coates. One brother and a sister preceded him in death. A retired farmer, Coates was a lifelong member of the Methodist church.

He was married to Alnetta Simpson in Callahan county on Dec. 30, 1891 and to this union were born 11 children. His wife and a daughter also preceded him in death.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. L. G. Webb of Odessa; Mrs. Ernest Rainey, Big Spring; Mrs. C. J. Engle, Coahoma; and Mrs. Floyd Hull, Coahoma; six sons, Morgan Coates, R-Bar; Ford Coates, Lomax; Grover Coates, Coahoma; L. O. Coates and W. T. Coates of Big Spring; and D. F. Coates, Visalia, Calif.; 27 grand children and 28 great grand children in addition to three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Buchanan of Coahoma, Mrs. J. K. Roper, Gall; and Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, Snyder also survive.

Palbearers at the services will be Elvis Wells, Carrol Coates, Earl Coates, James Coates, Bernard Coates, Charles Engle, Buford Hull, Bill Stingard, Clifford Coates, and Charles Coates, all of whom were his grandsons.

State Taxation Problem Still Not Settled

House Committee Rejects Proposed Natural Gas Levy

AUSTIN, March 22. (AP)—Solution of the Legislature's taxation and spending problem was not much nearer today although a House committee wrestled with phases of it for four hours last night.

The committee in effect killed one bill placing a tax of a cent and a half per 1,000 cubic feet on natural gas. This measure, by Rep. Deno Tufares of Wichita Falls, had been in a subcommittee for two weeks. It was ordered back to another subcommittee without instructions on when to report. That was regarded as a death sentence.

Then it went to a friendly subcommittee another measure repealing the four cent per gallon sales tax on gasoline, and substituting for it a one cent per gallon tax on all combustible fuels. This subcommittee was instructed to report in two weeks. That keeps the bill alive.

In its present form, this measure by Rep. Davis Clifton of Farmerville would have little effect on the 80 million gap between requests for state funds and estimated income available to general revenue.

Clifton has prepared amendments, however, which would give the all-purpose general revenue fund a 35 per cent cut from the 120 million dollars that he estimates the bill would raise annually.

Vandenberg Says Pact Is Best Way To Keep Peace

GOP Skeptical About Truman's New Attitude

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Southern Democrats were wary and Republicans were openly skeptical today about President Truman's new be-kind-to-Congress attitude.

But Democratic leaders like Sen. Lucas of Illinois were just as openly pleased that Mr. Truman has decided to try the soft answer that may help turn away legislative wrath from part of his program.

Lucas told a reporter the work of Sens. Maybank (D-SC), Sparkman (D-Ala) and Fulbright (D-Ark) for a rent control bill the administration can take without too much swallowing is "a fine example of the kind of co-operation I hope we're going to have."

The three southerners were in the forefront of an effort a week ago to scuttle the civil rights part of Mr. Truman's program.

Dixie lawmakers generally didn't like the political implications of their "marriage of convenience" with the Republicans by which they shelved action, at least for a time, on civil rights proposals.

Because they head six of 15 Senate committees and nine of 19 House groups, the southerners wield influence far beyond the point their mere number justifies.



ROBERT W. FRENCH J. J. FINEGAN

T&P OFFICIALS HERE

Copies Of Survey To Be Presented

Formal presentation of first copies of an economic survey of Howard county will be made tonight at a special meeting of local officials and representatives of the Texas and Pacific railway.

The session is set for 8 p. m. in the Settles hotel. Presentation of the survey, which has been compiled by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, will be in charge of J.

J. Finegan, assistant to the president of T&P. The railroad is sponsoring similar surveys for every Texas county and Louisiana parish its trackage serves or adjoins.

Robert W. French, director of the University's Bureau of Business Research, arrived here this morning in company with T&P officials to make the presentation. The survey contains a wealth of statistical information and materials which will be made available to key agencies and organizations in Big Spring and Howard county.

Dr. French will make suggestions at tonight's meeting concerning proper use of the survey. Other T&P officials here for the presentation are J. A. McCaul, director of industrial development; L. D. Henderson, special representative; and Division Superintendent W. T. Alexander and G. L. Brooks, general agent of Big Spring.

Representatives of various local government agencies, business and industrial concerns and other interested persons have been invited to attend tonight's meeting, where several copies of the survey will be distributed.

Mexican Farm Head Will Tell About Foot-Mouth Disease

HOUSTON, March 22. — Senator Oscar Flores, Mexican undersecretary of agriculture, was to report here today on the foot and mouth disease situation in Mexico.

The Mexican undersecretary was one of those scheduled to address the convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. Gen. Harry H. Johnson, co-director of the Joint U. S.-Mexican Anti-Foot and Mouth Commission, gave a review of the commission's work yesterday. He is the U. S. representative.

Endurance Fliers Heading For Miami

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 22. — Two California-Florida endurance fliers turned their "Sunlight Lady" toward Miami at 7:36 o'clock this morning on another leg of their attempt to crack the sustained flight record.

The small plane carrying Bill Barris and Dick Riedel from Fullerton, Calif., came in late yesterday from Meridian, Miss., completing one of its longest hops—560 miles.

At midnight the fliers had been aloft 154 hours. They hope to break the 1939 record of 726 hours of flight without landing.

The return trip to California will be started Thursday, via Tallahassee, New Orleans, Beaumont, San Antonio, El Paso and Tucson, if present plans work out.

Early Morning Blaze Damages Residence

An early morning fire swept through a residence at 1907 State street, inflicting heavy damage upon both the building and its contents.

City firemen said flames were pushing through the roof by the time equipment reached the scene shortly after 6 a. m. The house was occupied by Jake Robertson, who was not at home when the fire occurred. Cause of the blaze had not been determined this morning.

Sneed Rites Set For Wednesday

Last rites for S-Sgt Roy A. Sneed who died in New Guinea Aug. 5, 1942, will be said at the East Fourth Baptist church at 3 p. m. Wednesday with Rev. James S. Parks in charge.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will officiate at a ceremony at the graveside. Burial will take place in the local cemetery.

DEATHLESS DAYS 466 In Big Spring Traffic

WASHINGTON, March 22. — Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) today observed his 65th birthday anniversary.

SEN. CONNALLY, SANS HAT AND COAT, HAILS CAB AT 4 O'CLOCK IN MORNING

WASHINGTON, March 22. — The taxi driver who was hailed near the capitol at 4 o'clock the other morning by a lone, tall and portly gentleman must have been surprised.

The man was unclothed and bareheaded, his long, silvery hair streaming in a freezing wind. He was none other than Texas Senator Tom Connally.

Here's the explanation: The senator had been sitting through long hours of the filibuster then going on in the Senate chamber. A little after midnight, with the end of the session still not in sight, he went down to his private room on the street level of the Senate wing to take a nap.

About 2:30 o'clock in the morning the Senate finally adjourned, but the senator Texas senator was sleeping soundly. About 4 o'clock char women coming in to clean up the room awoke him. When, to his dismay, he found that the senators' cloakroom there he had left his hat and coat, had been locked and no one was around who had a key.

Mayors Want Cities' Share Of Federal Highway Funds Hiked

WASHINGTON, March 22. — The United States conference of mayors today considered asking Congress to help relieve the "traffic chaos" of American cities by doubling their usual share of federal highway funds.

Mr. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator, told the mayors' annual meeting that the \$673 million authorized by Congress since the war for city highways is only "a small fraction" of the amount needed.

Fleming urged the mayors to develop road patterns immediately for the fast movement of motor traffic. The existence of such blueprints, he said, soon will be made a condition of federal aid.

There is hope, the FWA administrator added, that Congress will provide "substantial" funds for slum clearance and the redevelopment of city centers.

Such plans should be dovetailed with the highway program, he said, and the cities should move at once to acquire the necessary land.

Awaiting action before the conference's resolutions committee, headed by Mayor William E. Kemp of Kansas City, is a demand that Congress earmark "at least 50 per cent" of next year's \$450 million highway-aid fund for city use.

Only 25 per cent now is set aside for city routes. An increase would mean that less money would be available in the year starting July 1 for highways between cities and for secondary rural routes.

CAB-STORK RACE ENDS IN A TIE

Cab Driver Roy Reese staged one of those classic races with the stork early Tuesday—and the event finished in a tie.

Cruising on the west side about 3 a. m., Reese got a radio call from Yellow Cab headquarters to report at an address on West Third. He found a prospective mother needing immediate attention, radioed back to his headquarters for a hospital to be notified of the emergency, and sped the woman and her husband toward the destination.

The stork was right with the cab every foot of the way, and the woman required attention just as the vehicle pulled into the ambulance drive of the hospital. Nurses delivered the baby in the cab. Mother and child were reported doing nicely later in the day.

Vandenberg 65 Today

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Treaty Called Important In Foreign Policy

Step Must Be Taken With Solemnity, Declares Senator

WASHINGTON, March 22. (AP)— Sen. Vandenberg, (R-Mich.), said today the Atlantic Pact is the "best bet to keep the present cold war from getting hot."

He called it the most important step in American foreign policy since the Monroe Doctrine, and a step to be taken only with the "solemnity of a national conviction."

Vandenberg discussed the proposed alliance in a speech preparing for the United States conference of mayors. He is the ranking GOP member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and leading party spokesman on foreign affairs.

He said the ultimate value of the pact, negotiated by the United States, Canada and six western European nations, will depend largely upon the extent to which the nation "wholeheartedly" accepts its concept of defense unity.

Therefore, Vandenberg continued, "I believe the pact and any subsequent legislative implementation must be the subject of total explanation and complete public hearings in the Senate."

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had declared there will be "wide open" public hearings by that group. He said they will begin soon after the precedent-breaking alliance is signed on April 4.

The State Department can sign the treaty for the United States but it will not be binding on this country until the Senate approves it by a two-thirds vote.

He said it makes no automatic commitment to war, "we reserve unto ourselves the option to decide precisely what contribution we shall make against any such armed attack by an aggressor."

Connally has forecast at least a week of Senate hearings on the proposed treaty. But some other members of the foreign relations committee do not believe they can be completed that soon.

Passage Of Veterans Pension Bill Seen

WASHINGTON, March 22. — A multi-billion dollar veterans pension bill confronted the House today and Democratic leaders reluctantly predicted its passage—in some form.

The big question was: What form? The administration, estimating that the measure called up today by Rep. Rankin (D-Mass.) would eventually run up a \$4 billion-a-year bill for the nation's taxpayers, prepared to fight its passage—or at least trim it down.

Some House members were betting on a less comprehensive proposal to limit pensions at this time, to veterans of World War I. Rankin is asking \$90 a month pensions for all veterans of World Wars I and II as soon as they become 65 years old.



TOP LEVEL ADVISERS — Bernard Baruch (left), elder statesman and adviser to presidents, listens to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, top level adviser to military leaders, as the two meet at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayor in Washington. (AP Wirephoto).

Farmers Plan To Plant Less

WASHINGTON, March 22. (AP)—It looks as though many farmers are planning to give themselves and their overworked land a little more rest this year.

The government crop report yesterday showed that producers are preparing to plant less to crops for next year than had been expected by Agriculture Department officials and farm leaders. Aside from wheat, flaxseed, and rice, planting prospects for most other crops are below last year and well in line with recommendations of the government. The latter had cautioned farmers about overproduction this year, lest it lead to burdensome surpluses and rigid production controls.

Department officials who had helped set up this year's farm program said the planting survey clearly indicated that many farmers want to make adjustments from high wartime levels of production.

Influencing them in this direction, these officials said, is the fact that farm prices are less favorable than they were a year ago. In other words, the prospective prices do not offer sufficient incentive, they said, to encourage farmers to put in necessary overtime to produce extra supplies.

The report showed that intended acreage reductions tend to be the largest in the case of crops where government price supports have been less effective. Largely because of a shortage of storage facilities, price support programs have not been 100 per cent effective for the livestock feed grains.

CAT WANTS TO BE AT COLLEGE HOME

WACO, March 22. (AP)—A bright yellow cat belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Smith, students at Baylor University, evidently journeyed from Tyler back here alone.

About the first of the year the Smiths took the cat to friends in Tyler because they had no room for him at their small homestead near the Baylor campus.

A month ago the friend wrote the cat had disappeared.

Last Friday the Smiths heard something at their door. It was the cat, a bright yellow Persian.

Gary's Women Taking Fight To Capital

GARY, Ind., March 22. (AP)—Gary's women will take their fight to the Indiana state capital to prove that "although our city may have a dirty face, it has a clean heart."

A mass meeting of more than 900 women last night invited Mayor Eugene Swartz to accompany a delegation to Indianapolis. The group plans to ask Gov. Henry Shriker and Arthur Thurston, head of the Indiana state police, "to give immediate relief to Gary in law enforcement."

Last night's action was the latest in a three-week campaign to clean up the city's alleged vice and gambling conditions. The women's movement was prompted by the fatal shooting on March 3 of Miss Mary Cheever, a school teacher who was killed by a purse snatcher within yards of her home as she was returning from a parent-teacher association meeting.

Rewards amounting to \$3,500 have been offered for the slayer's arrest.

Two weeks ago the women's group demanded that the city council take action in controlling vice and crime.

While last night's mass meeting was in progress, a delegation of women's leaders attended a city council meeting and was told that Mayor Swartz was in Washington attending a national mayors' meeting. Council President Hobart Wigery told the delegation that the council could take no action until his return.

Memphis Star Now Top Pro Links Winner

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 22. (AP)—Golf's long search for a new star may be ended.

A Memphis dentist—28-year-old Cary Middlecoff—is going great on the winter tour.

This upcoming young par buster has won three of the last five major tournaments. He was runner-up in the other two.

Those victories have lifted Middlecoff to the top of the money department for 1949.

If he keeps going that way—or even close to it—he has the job Ben Hogan was seeking until an auto crash put him out of action in February.

Banton Ben—in winning top money of 1948 and the National Open and PGA titles—still wasn't way ahead of the field. Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago and Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, Calif., were close all year on the heels of the little man from Hershey, Pa.

When he pocketed \$1,000 for winning the Jacksonville Open yesterday, Middlecoff had collected \$8,056.66 in PGA-sponsored tournaments since Jan. 1.

Mangrum, who had been leading up till then, got \$750 for a fourth-place tie and stands second at \$7,207.50. E. J. Harrison of Albuquerque went into third place at \$6,425 on the strength of his third-place \$1,000.

NORTHEAST TEXAS ALSO HIT Two Killed, 50 Hurt By Storms

NEW ORLEANS, March 22. (AP)—Two persons were killed and about 50 were injured by storms which hit scattered areas of Louisiana and Mississippi yesterday.

Tornadoes and windstorms also ripped through parts of northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas, but no casualties were reported.

Hardest hit in Mississippi was a 100-mile stretch between Jackson and Yazoo City.

In an isolated farm area of Humphreys County a Negro cabin collapsed, killing a 10-month-old infant and injuring the parents and three other children.

South of Yazoo City a Negro church building, used as a school, was wrecked. Nine students and the teacher were injured. None of them was seriously hurt.

Falling bricks injured 13-year-old H. L. Deeson when wind blew in the rear of a school gymnasium at Fair Oak Springs, near Brookhaven, Miss.

One of the freak performances of the blow in Mississippi was to pick up an automobile in which three Negroes had taken refuge and drop it a quarter of a mile away. The three escaped with minor injuries.

In Louisiana, a tornado injured six persons and wrecked several buildings at Tioga. A. P. Colvin, about 60, agent for the Missouri Pacific Railway, suffered severe leg injuries when the station was destroyed.

Near Monroe, La., Mrs. Helen Acton, 36, of Chatham, La., drowned when an automobile plunged from a narrow bridge during a rainstorm. Charles Acton, the husband, suffered cuts and bruises, but swam to safety.

A small tornado injured livestock, destroyed a dairy barn, a Negro church and several Negro dwellings in a community near Texarkana, Tex. At Hockley, in East Texas, a quake smashed barns and unroofed houses.



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Herald Want Ads Get Results

Johnson To Vote For Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, March 22. (AP)—Texas' junior senator, Lyndon Johnson, will vote for the North Atlantic Pact he said yesterday in a statement issued from Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center. He is receiving treatment for a kidney ailment. He said he had been erroneously reported as having refused to indicate how he planned to vote on the pact.

Fall Proves Fatal

PECOS, March 22. (AP)—A 30-foot fall from a water well drilling rig proved fatal for Jack McIlvain, 28. He died in a local hospital last night.

Russian Ship Loads

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 22. (AP)—The S General Chernakhovsky, first Russian ship to berth here in several months, is taking on a cargo of tobacco and general merchandise.

Ban On Politics

LONDON, March 22. (AP)—Britain has banned all political processions for three months following Sunday's clash between Sir Oswald Mosley's fascist "union movement" and Communists.

GUN-HAPPY THIEF SHOTS PARTNER

MIAMI, Fla., March 22. (AP)—A trigger-happy bandit shot his companion in the foot last night while robbing a man of \$2,000.

Police said David Shore, 55-year-old banana importer, told them two armed men took about \$2,000 in cash from him and then one of the men started firing his revolver. One shot struck the other robber's foot, Shore said. The bandits escaped in a car.

Six Youths Face Rape Trial May 2

DALLAS, March 22. (AP)—Trial of six youths charged with raping a 15-year-old Dallas high school girl last January at a Hanover Street address has been set for May 2.

The cases had been set for March 28. Judge Robert A. Hall reset the cases after conferences with prosecution and defense attorneys.

FISHING BANNED

MEXICO CITY, March 22. (AP)—Fishing in Don Martin Lake, a favorite spot for many Texas anglers, was banned yesterday by Mexico.

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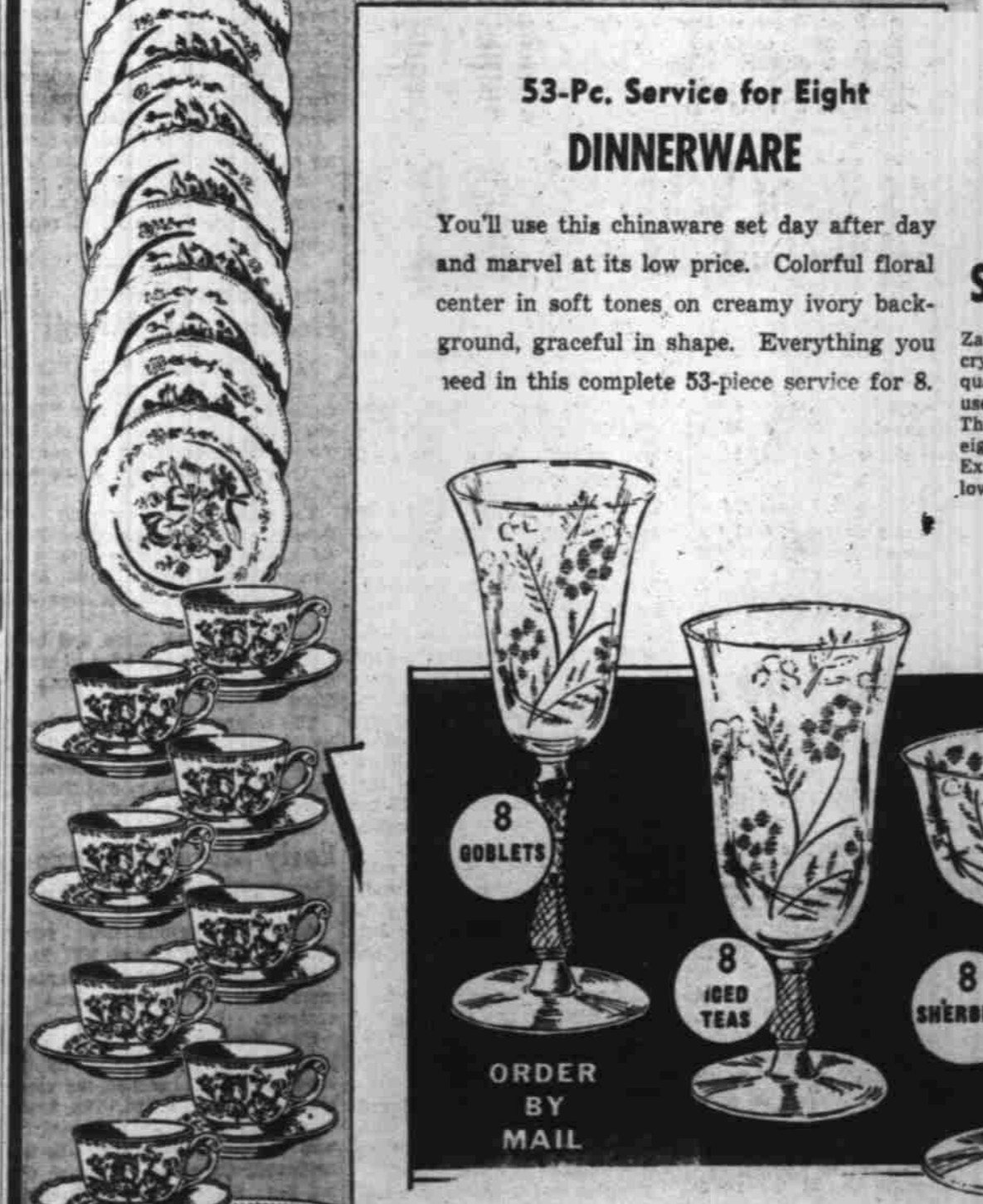
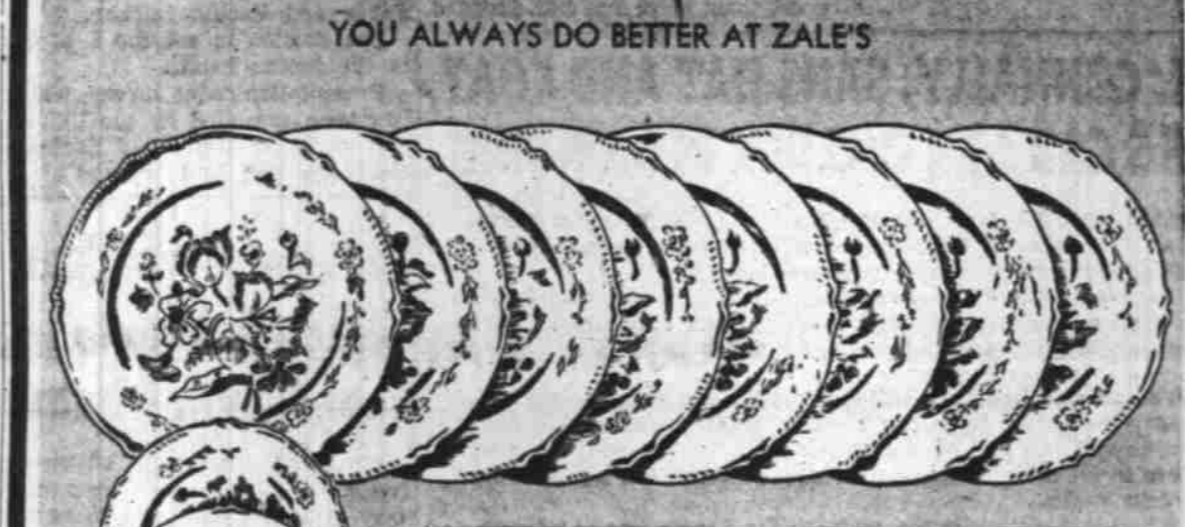
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DENIES ESPIONAGE CHARGES

Coplon Girl May Plead Urge To Write Fiction In Defense

WASHINGTON, March 22. (UP)—A yen to write fiction may be offered in the defense of Judith Coplon, ex-government girl facing charges of slipping out highly secret U. S. papers.

Miss Coplon herself, an attractive 27-year old who worked on political analysis in the Justice Department, denies guilt of any espionage activity.

Her attorney told reporters yesterday she was engaged in assembling material for a romantic novel with a political background when she was picked up by the FBI on espionage charges.

She was arrested March 4 in New York City along with Valentin A. Gubitchev, Russian engineer employed by the United Nations.

The FBI said that at the time she had to her purse confidential intelligence reports relating to spying in this country and counter-spy activities by the FBI.

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A half dozen independent teams of this area, including two local quintets, are slated to compete in the YMCA basketball tournament at the high school gymnasium which begins Wednesday and continues through Saturday.

One of the local fives ready to toe the line is Grapette. Y Secretary Lee Milling said at least one other club from here would take part.

Two brigades from Lamesa and one from Stanton are also prepared for bid for the championship, Milling stated.

Merchants Play Truckers Today

The Big Spring Merchants and the T & P Motor Transport will play a softball exhibition at the city park, starting at about 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The Merchants are managed by Cotton Mize, who will probably twirl for his club.

Both teams were members of the Munny league last year.

Three Members Of Family Face Sentence In Theft

CORPUS CHRISTI, March 22. (UP)—Sentence was expected today in the case of three members of the Rico family charged with a \$9,000 theft from the Corpus Christi National Bank. The theft occurred last Nov. 23.

The trio entered pleas of guilty before Federal Judge Allen B. Hanney yesterday.

Ramon Rico, 15, admitted entering the bank at noon and taking \$9,000 in mutilated one dollar bills.

Antonio, 28, his brother, and Mrs. Rosa Rico, mother of the two, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing money.

Four members of the family were freed after charges against them were dismissed by the district attorney.

Three thousand dollars of money from the bank is still missing.

The federal grand jury here yesterday returned two indictments charging counterfeiting.

Joe Ernest Rile was indicted for alleged manufacture and passing of 24 bogus 50 cent pieces on March 9 and 12 in Houston.

Chee Sand, a sailor, was charged with bringing a \$20 counterfeit bill into the United States at Galveston and passing it to Customs Inspector Oscar H. Holmes on March 11.



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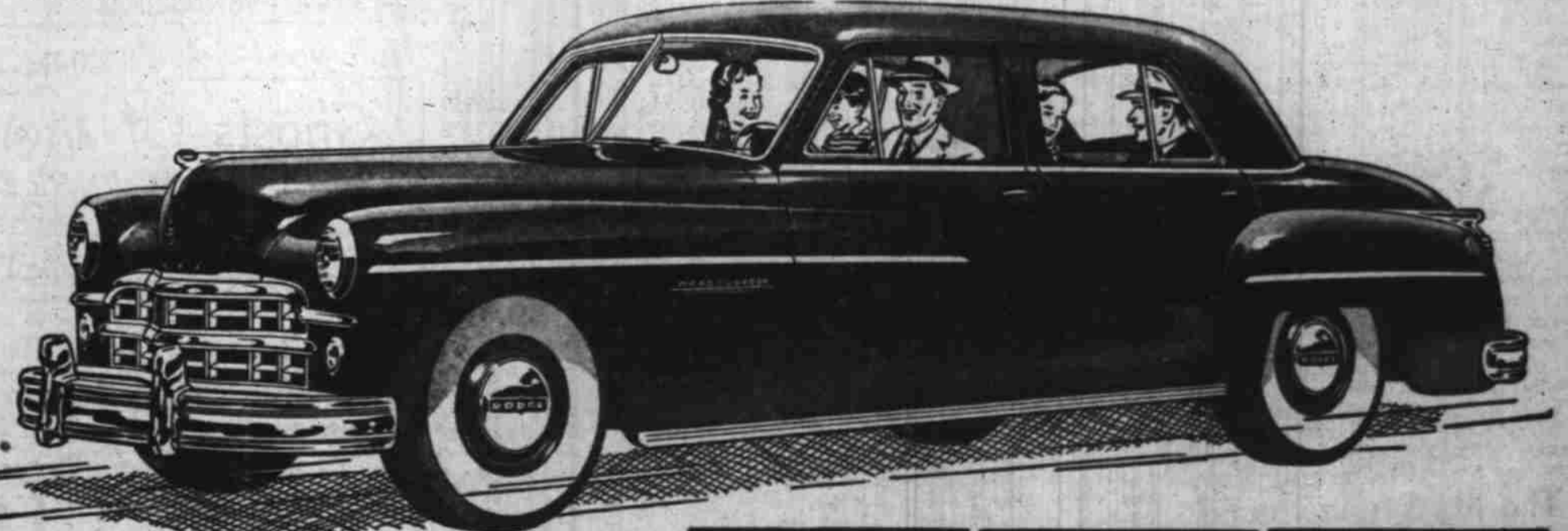
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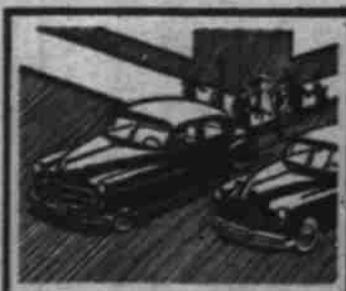
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First Baptist WMS Circles Hold Regular Mission Study Programs

First Baptist WMS Circles held regular mission study sessions Monday.

Members of the Christine Coffee Circle met in the home of Mrs. G. H. Hayward to complete the study book, "Torchbearers." The hostess was in charge of the study.

Mrs. R. C. Hatch led the opening prayer which was followed by a devotional entitled "The Reason For Our Failure" and directed by Mrs. M. E. Harland.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. R. C. Hatch, Mrs. J. T. Culpepper, Mrs. H. E. Choate, Mrs. Lee Jenkins and the hostess.

wood, Mrs. A. L. Hobbs and Mrs. Karen Williams.

Mrs. C. T. Clay was hostess when the Mary Willis Circle honored Mrs. J. E. Hardesty and Mrs. R. D. Ulrey, who have birthdays in April. Spring flowers and colors were used in the decorations and refreshments.

Mrs. Della K. Agnell, who has returned from a visit in the East, gave an account of some of the highlights of her trip. The mission book, "A Quest For Souls," by Dr. George W. Truitt, it was reported that all women attending the meeting had read the study book.

Those present were: Mrs. Della K. Agnell, Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, Mrs. R. G. Burnett, Mrs. Theo Andrews, Mrs. T. E. Hardesty, Mrs. R. D. Ulrey, Mrs. C. T. Clay and Mrs. H. H. Cook.

Members of the Maybelle Taylor Circle met for a mission study in the home of Mrs. J. C. Lane with Mrs. J. B. Langston leading the opening prayer. Mrs. Lane presented a devotional entitled "I Will Never Leave Thee—Nor Forsake Thee," and based on Hebrews 13:5. Mrs. J. C. Pickle led the mission study entitled, "America Must Be Christian," and led the opening prayer.

It was announced that Mrs. T. J. Clark will be the next hostess.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. J. B. Langston, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mrs. L. R. Talking, Mrs. Lonnie Coker, Mrs. A. P. Clayton, Mrs. J. C. Pickle and the hostess.

Mrs. J. D. Wright gave a book review, "The World Overcometh The World" when the East Central Circle met at the church. The book deals with foreign missions. Mrs. J. F. Dodge presided.

Spiritual Value Of Music Stressed In Forthcoming Biennial Conclave

DALLAS, March 22 (Sp)—Mrs. Royden J. Keith of Chicago, national president of Federated Music Clubs, is emphasizing in her administration the spiritual value of music. Keynote of the biennial convention theme, to be held in Dallas, March 27-April 3, "Music as the Handmaiden of Religion; Religion, the Handmaiden of Peace," will be sounded on the opening Sunday evening when a choir festival, "The Church Comes Singing" will be given at the First Methodist church. Again for a part of the Wednesday evening program there will be a massed chorus, presenting a secular program.

The week will not be lacking in social features, for the entire state has prepared to entertain the convention. This is the first time this convention has been held in Texas, as it has been held south of the Mason and Dixon line only once, years ago in Atlanta, and lavish arrangements have been perfected.

On Sunday afternoon the Texas Federation of Music Clubs will be

host to a musical tea in the Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel, with Second District (the Dallas section of the state) in charge of arrangements.

Monday noon, First District, with a Fort Worth chairman, will make arrangements for a Western luncheon; on Tuesday, Third District, with a Tyler chairman, will have charge of the Rose luncheon; Tuesday evening, the only banquet of the convention will have Fourth District, the central section, as host for the Southern Dinner; on Thursday, Fifth District, the historical section of Texas, will arrange for the Bluebonnet luncheon; Friday, Eighth District, the "Magic Valley" is host to the South of the Border luncheon; on Saturday, Sixth and Ninth Districts, the far western section, will combine forces for the Youth luncheon, which promises to be a gay occasion with a circus theme; on Sunday, the convention ends with the traditional White Breakfast with Seventh District, and an Amarillo chairman, in charge.

The Young Artist contestants will be entertained at dinner one evening by the Dallas Federation of Music clubs and the music merchants of Dallas.

While the convention is planned by and for members of the National Federation of Music clubs, any lover of music is welcome to attend its sessions. Season tickets for all program events are \$13.40; single day tickets are \$3.50 for seniors, and \$1.50 for students and juniors. Evening concert tickets are \$2.00. These prices include tax. Headquarters for the convention are the Baker and Adolphus Hotels.

Angeloan To Be President State Rebekah Assembly

WACO, March 22 (Sp)—Mrs. H. A. Carter of San Angelo will be installed as state president of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas at the annual meeting which opened here Sunday. Installation will be held Wednesday.

Mrs. Carter has been active in Rebekah work since 1936 when she joined Angelo Rebekah Lodge No. 264. For this lodge she served as warden vice grand and noble grand in 1936 and 1937. She is also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, Fort Concho No. 36. She received a decoration of civility in 1947 at Amarillo. She has held offices in the Rebekah Assembly as page and outside guardian and served on many committees. She was elected warden of the Rebekah Assembly at Amarillo in March 1947; and elected vice president in March 1948 at Houston.

The Rebekah Assembly of Texas is composed of 261 Rebekah lodges and has a membership of more than 23,000.

First Methodist Woman's Society Holds Circle Meetings On Monday

First Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met Monday for regular study sessions.

Members of the Reba Thomas Circle met at the church Monday morning for a covered dish luncheon and regular meeting. After the opening prayer was led by Mrs. W. A. Laswell, Mrs. Conn Isaacs was elected study chairman to serve during the remainder of the circle year. Mammie Lee Dodd led the program which was a summary of the study book, "The Bible And Human Rights," and gave the closing prayer.

Those present were Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Mrs. Good Graves, Mrs. Conn Isaacs, Mrs. W. A. Laswell, Mrs. Mammie Lee Dodd, Mrs. Eib-Allen, Mrs. W. J. Ashcraft, Mrs. J. P. Shoven and one guest, Mrs. Christine Horn.

Mrs. Royce Satterwhite, Mrs. A. C. Bass, Mrs. Lowell Baird.

Circle 3 members met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Chaney, 1910 Runnels, to finish the study, "The Bible And Human Rights." Mrs. J. B. Pickle led a prayer which was followed by Mrs. A. F. Johnston's discussion of the chapter, "The Time To Act," based on Luke 6:2. Members collected some 16 dish towels for the church kitchen.

A salad course was served to the following: Mrs. J. T. Baird, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. Frank Powell, Mrs. J. B. Pickle, Mrs. A. F. Johnston, Mrs. C. R. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Howie, Mrs. J. C. Walts, Sr., Mrs. C. E. Shive, Mrs. R. D. McMillan, Mrs. Albert Smith and the hostess.

Mrs. Albert Barnett To Preside At Meet

Mrs. Albert Barnett of Lubbock, Presbyterial president, will conduct all business sessions of the El Paso Presbyterial in the local church Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Frank W. Langham of Dallas, district secretary of the American Bible Society, will address the Wednesday evening session on the subject, "God's Book For God's World." The Rev. R. Gage Lloyd, local pastor, will preside during the session and special music will be presented by musical students under the direction of Mrs. Nell Frazier. Communion services will be observed following the address.

Recreation from 3 to 5 p. m. Wednesday will precede a dinner at 5:45 p. m.

Thursday, installation of the

new officers for the ensuing three years will be conducted. O. G. Hendry, president of the Presbyterial Book Store in Dallas, will speak at 8:30 a. m.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Mary W. Williams of Fort Worth, synodical president of Texas, will speak on the subject, "Our Moment of Opportunity." Mrs. Carl Strom will entertain at her home, 409 Pennsylvania, with a tea following the session.

Mrs. R. L. Foulks, Sherman, will address the evening group on the topic, "Life At Austin College." Special music will be presented by the men of the church choir. Following an address by Marguerite Misset, missionary to China, the girls choir will sing, "Now The Day Is Over," in concluding the Presbyterial session.

Mrs. Alton Underwood was hostess to the meeting of the Johnnie O'Brien Circle when they met for a study based on the mission book, "Light For The Whole World." After a prayer by Mrs. C. T. McDonald, the class took an offering for the Buckner Orphan Home at Dallas. Mrs. C. E. Richardson presented a discussion on Hawaii. Mrs. Underwood led the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Mrs. Ray Odum, Mrs. C. T. McDonald, Mrs. V. W. Fugliar, Mrs. W. R. Puckett, Mrs. Alton Under-

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Mrs. Fritz Wehner acted as hostess. Mrs. R. B. G. Cowper distributed the new yearbooks.

Attending were Mrs. Shine Philips, Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. John Hodges, Mrs. D. M. McKinney, Mrs. Lee Hanson, Mrs. V. VanGieson, Mrs. T. C. Thomas and Mrs. Fritz Wehner.

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RIBBON RAMBLINGS

By MILDRED YOUNG

Several days ago which made me think that the time might be right for a discussion of time limits on new stories.

At the present time, it is not the society department's policy to definitely refuse a story after it becomes of a certain age. But we would like to remind our readers that some papers do carry out such a policy, sometimes placing it around a 24-hour limit. This encourages contributors to report their stories in time for the edition immediately following the party or club meeting. It also makes for real news coverage rather than historical accounts of past happenings, which are easily found in club minutes.

Back to the conversation we mentioned at first, in our presence someone picked up the current issue of our publication, looked over it for a few minutes, turned to a person next to them and asked seriously if they were reading today's paper. Their question did not come because of a wrong date line, but because they had noticed the account of a party which they had attended earlier in the week.

We talk to someone every day who honestly does not realize that we are working under a time element. We hope that this discussion will help them to realize that the sooner we get their reports the better their news stories will read. This goes for all types of stories not society alone.

Turning to hour deadlines, this department is requested to have all news copy complete and in the hands of the next department by 1 a. m. on weekdays and 4 p. m. on Saturdays. It would make for better stories if we could have the larger percent of your reports on our desk within an hour before that deadline, before 10 a. m. on weekdays and 3 p. m. on Saturdays. This would give us extra time for those unexpected stories which always come in shortly before closing time.

We constantly receive fine cooperation from a large number of organizational reporters. Some of you may have turned in stories on time and found them missing when you received your paper. Now and then, for a number of reasons, we are unable to make the days paper with your story when we have it on hand. But an honest attempt is made to get every story in every day.

If you are a member of any group which is not reporting its activities, we would like to have your reports either by phone or on paper. To get the best publicity for your group, we recommend that your organization appoint a definite person or persons to make contacts with your society reporters.

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Play Is Tonight

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Present reports indicate that the play will make an enjoyable evening for the large audience expected to attend.

Tot Stalcup Becomes Bride Of J. O. Vineyard

Tot Stalcup and John O. Vineyard were married in a single ring ceremony conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. R. Gage Lloyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The bride wore a green gabardine dressmaker suit with toast and brown accessories with a dark green Milan straw hat and a corsage of yellow roses.

Following the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip to San Angelo and points south.

Mrs. J. F. Brooks Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Joe Fowler Brooks was named honoree at a gift shower in the home of Mrs. Gene Nabors, 1606 Runnels, Monday evening.

Mrs. Oscar Nabors acted as co-hostess.

Pink and blue colors were used in the decorations and refreshments.

Attending were Mrs. Kathleen Aton, Mrs. Janice Barber, Mrs. Libby Brinner, Mrs. Dorothy Cagle, Mrs. Joan Lawson, Mrs. Dimple Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Jo Hanson, Mrs. Billie Jean Rowe, Mrs. Dorothy Kennemer, Mrs. Leta Jones and Mrs. E. J. Brooks.

Wesley Strahan, student at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Strahan, over the weekend. Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Magee, Abilene, were other weekend guests in the Strahan home.

Mrs. Joe Hamby Is Class Hostess

Mrs. Joe Hamby entertained the members of the Mary Martha Sunday school class of the Wesley Methodist church in her home, 602 W. 18th, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Pitts brought the devotional. Secret pal names were exchanged.

Games were entertainment and refreshments were served.

Present were: Mrs. Lena Bailey, Mrs. Virginia White, Mrs. Alma Coleman, Mrs. Leona Thompson, Mrs. Dorothy Meador, Mrs. Lona Saunders, Mrs. Lalla Baird, Mrs. Willie Pitts, Mrs. Lois Foresyth, and the hostess, Mrs. Hamby.

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Old Man In Serious Condition Following Stomping By Another

DALLAS, March 22. (AP) — Roy McDonald, 66, was in serious condition last night after he was stomped by a motorist who blocked his way.

A man was arrested later for investigation of the stomping.

McDonald told officers he and four grandchildren were driving from Dallas to Irving. He noticed a car in front of him weaving from one lane to another, he related to officers, and when he passed the car he yelled to the other driver to stay in his own lane.

Officers said the other car sped up the side road, passed McDonald and blocked his way. The driver of the car pulled McDonald, a hatchery operator, from his car, knocked him down and stomped him, police said.

The grandchildren, the oldest of whom is 8 years old, were helpless.

Aguinaldo 80 Today

MANILA, March 22. (AP) — Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine revolt against Spain and the unsuccessful insurrection against the United States 50 years ago, observed his 80th birthday today. He is almost fully recovered from a nervous disorder which sent him to a hospital.

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TUBERCULAR PATIENTS — Tuberculosis patients, with active communicable cases, like these in rim-to-rim unpainted beds on an open porch at Austin State Hospital, provide a major problem for Texans. Their ward was built for eight patients but now has 22. Tubercular patients are fed from kitchen serving rest of building. (Photo by Douglas).

TEXAS MENTAL INSTITUTIONS
Austin Hospital So Crowded Patients Must Witness The Treatment Of Others

(Third In A Series)
By J. P. PORTER

An electrocution is not a pleasant thing to watch. Yet patients at the Austin State Hospital frequently witness and help perform an operation which has all the outward horror of an electrocution. It is the electro-shock treatment

a universally accepted therapy and without question beneficial to the patient, but a demoralizing thing to behold. The charge of electricity convulses the patient; the body becomes rigid, eyes dilate, face flushes, and sometimes there is nosebleed and frothing at the mouth.

Actually, the operation is quite painless to the patient, who loses consciousness instantly. But legislators, psychology students, and even doctors have become sick witnessing this treatment for the first time.

The medical significance of the shock is too complex for any layman's attempted explanation. Even medical science can't describe all the internal reactions that take place. In non-technical language the benefit of the shock often seems to take the form of "clearing the mind." Violent persons are often calmed, and the depressed elevated.

Thus psychiatrists are able to establish contact with patients so that other therapies may be started with the patient's cooperation.

But in the words of Dr. John L. Otto, professor of neuro-psychiatry at the University of Texas Medical School, "It is possible that the mental stress occasioned by witnessing the shock can be so harmful to a mental patient that it will outweigh any beneficial results of therapy."

He could have had in mind the long, windowless hall with mattresses spread on the floor occupied by patients laid head to foot in as-

sembly-line style. Other patients stand by to watch the convulsions because they have no other place to go, or may be there to give assistance because of a shortage of attendants.

Dr. A. T. Hanretta, superintendent at Austin, makes no attempt to conceal this condition. He agrees fully that "the practice of permitting mental patients to view the outward effects of shock treatment is highly undesirable."

"We do all we can to avoid this practice. Often it is that, or nothing. The odds are against us."

Because of a shortage of doctors it is the assembly line or nothing. Every spare inch of space, including lobbies, halls and kitchens, is utilized for bed space. There is no place left for treatments except the halls.

Statistics are cold and often formidable things. But here are some that have application in terms of life and human decency—or indecency:

The first hospital building in Texas was built in Austin in 1857. It still houses several hundred patients, although it is "unsanitary, ill-adapted, and a dangerous fire-trap," to quote Dr. Hanretta.

One ward built for 110 beds now has 211 patients. A tuberculosis ward built for eight beds has 22 patients. The tuberculars must be fed from the same central kitchen which services the rest of the building.

Figures for the entire hospital are no better. Twenty-five years ago the State Board of Control set the

Lee O'Daniel, while governor, vetoed an eleemosynary appropriation which set the board back on its financial heels. A second appropriation, voted just before war with Japan, was abandoned because everything was turned into the war effort.

But the damage done by this misguided nomenclature is best illustrated by a pamphlet issued in 1947 by the American Psychiatric Association which showed Texas one of 11 states with "no overcrowding," when by any acceptable standards the hospitals were overloaded by at least 6,000 patients.

The personnel shortage is forcefully expressed by the doctor-patient ratio. The hospital has seven doctors, three of whom are over 70 and work part-time. This gives each full-time doctor a load of 850 patients. Obviously, a doctor could hardly take the pulse-rate of that number on any given day.

Of the nine accepted therapies for the mentally ill, including psychosurgery, only two can be used extensively: drug therapy and electric shock. These are quick and easy and considered stop-gap measures. Psycho-analysis, of inestimable value, can hardly be touched where patients, doctors, and attendants must step around each other and over beds in going from ward to ward.

The overburdened hospital facilities extend beyond the human factor. The present Austin plant is faced with twice the responsibilities for which it was planned.

For example, the electric plant is so overloaded that it is necessary to turn off lights in some buildings in order to run a vacuum sweeper. Double-deck beds, something unheard of in hospital history, are in a rat-infested building that was done over except for the roof (the money ran out); a 41-cent per day per patient allotment to feed patients—are other examples.

Said M. F. Bolding, assistant superintendent, recently: "We used to wish the legislature could give us some new buildings and equipment to make the patients more comfortable. We've forgotten the comfort angle. Our problem now is to feed and clothe and keep the patients locked up out of society's way."

That is why, when a person drives into Austin these days, he no longer sees several groups of men being exercised behind the fenced-in ground of the Austin State Hospital. They are mostly inside under lock and key because there are not enough attendants to stand watch.

(Tomorrow (in the name of economy 86 epileptic patients sleep on straw and in wretched conditions because a San Antonio doctor has found no substitute for money.) Copyright 1948 by J. P. Porter

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Former Texan Dies — SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 22. (AP)—Roy K. Billings, 64, former member of the Laredo Elks Lodge and a retired Mirando, Tex., newspaper owner, died Sunday night at his San Diego home. He had lived here 22 years.

Bull Meet April 9 — COLLEGE STATION, March 22. (AP)—Studies of the ability of individual bulls to transmit weight gain factors will be discussed at the annual Texas A&M College field day April 9.

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Illini Bars Title Path Of Kentucky Wildcats

NEW YORK, March 22. (AP)—Kentucky and Illinois, two teams with a tremendous scoring punch, will clash at Madison Square Garden tonight for the Eastern NCAA basketball title.

Their immediate aim will be to gain the right to test their attack against the nation's No. 1 collegiate defense in the championship game with Oklahoma A&M, the Western victor, at Seattle, Wash., Saturday night. The Aggies won out last Saturday in Kansas City.

The defending champion Wildcats and the Illini cracked the Garden's upset jinx and scored expected semifinal victories last night before a near-sellout crowd of 18,051.

Kentucky, rebounding from a slump that saw it bow to Chicago Loyola in the National Invitation last week, rolled over Villanova with a record-breaking 85-72 score.

Illinois' Big Nine champions staged a desperate spurt in the final minutes to turn back Yale, the Ivy League titlist, 71-67.

In triumphing, the two big, poised teams enlarged upon offensive records that rate with the best in the country. Illinois averaged 69.5 points for the season and Kentucky 68.2.

Three NCAA records went by the boards when the Wildcats, with all America Alex Groza and Young Jim Line in standout roles, poured the pressure on Villanova.

Kentucky's 85 points were the most any team ever had scored in the tournament, breaking the mark of 79 set by Arkansas in 1945. Its 26 foul points shattered the record of 22 hung up by Kansas State last year.

Moreover, the 157 point total by the two teams in the game topped the former high of 155 registered by Arkansas and Oregon in 1945.

Invitations Out To 150 Schools

LUBBOCK, March 22. (AP)—The Second Annual South Plains Relays will be held here April 15-16 and invitations have been sent to some 150 schools in Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Last year there were 35 schools and 355 contestants.

Sports In Brief

By The Associated Press

HORSE RACING
MIAMI, Fla.—Happy C. won the featured mile and one sixteenth sixth race at Gulfstream Park.
HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Mr. Chairman took the mile and one sixteenth Malvern Allowance Purse at Oaklawn Park.

BASKETBALL
NEW YORK.—Illinois defeated Yale, 71-67, and Kentucky defeated Villanova, 85-72, to gain the finals of the Eastern NCAA Basketball Tournament.

GOLF
JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Cary Middlecoff, Memphis, shot a three-under-par 69 for a 274 total to win the first prize of \$2,000 in the Jacksonville Open. Jerry Barber, Los Angeles, was second with a 276.

THOMAS GRAVELLY ILL
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 22. (AP)—Frank Thomas, whose Alabama teams were among the most powerful in football, remained gravely ill in a Birmingham hospital last night.

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Looking 'Em Over

by Tommy Hart

Bill Sharman, one of the best collegiate basketball players in the United States, is the son of John Sharman, who worked for the Texas and Pacific railroad here years ago, and a nephew of Mrs. Billy Power of Our Town.

Bill, whose folks now live in Portersville, Calif., is a junior at the University of Southern California. He made all the Pacific Coast league all star teams and was recently named to Look magazine's third All-America club. If he improves as expected, he should rate the first five in the 1949-50 season.

On the subject of basketball, the Vandergriff Motor team of Dallas, probably Texas' best independent outfit the past season, may field a team in the AAU league next season. The circuit boasts such members as the new national champs, Oakland's Bittners, the Phillips Oilers, Denver's Chevrolets and Peoria, Ill.

Oakland was very lucky to edge the Texans in their tournament game at Oklahoma City, by the way. The Bittners had to stall for 90 seconds to win, 57-55.

NEWSY INFORMATION FOLDER EDITED BY DUB KING

Dub King, the former Fort Worth sports writer who now holds down the job of sports publicity director for Texas A&M college, has pieced together an excellent information folder on all coaches and athletes attending the school at College Station.

The guide, among other things, discloses that Eddie Houser of Big Spring, scored 84 points as a freshman basketball player. Only three other boys of the 15-man squad did better.

SAN ANGELO CATS COULD BE TEAM TO BEAT IN 5AA

San Angelo's Bobcats may be the team to beat in the District 5AA basketball next year.

Of the 11 lads lettered by Coach Johnny Klicik, six will be back next fall. Cliff Rowland, Pat Hall, Walt Schleyer, Bobby Clatterbuck, Ed Hartman and George Kendall will return. Kendall will be eligible until mid-term. The others can play the full season.

Jim Blaine, the Imperial boy who won the mile race in the Big Spring Relays with yards to spare last year, is now attending John Tarleton college in Stephenville. He's still running the opposition into the ground.

Ralph May, a product of Sudan high school now being counted upon to play a lot in the Texas Tech football backfield next season, was originally enrolled at Hardin-Simmons university in Abilene. He may be good enough to beat out Odessa's J. W. Thompson, among others, for the fullback post.

DILLARD HAS OWNED EQUICHALL SINCE SEPTEMBER

J. T. Dillard, who owns the early favorite for the Big Spring Futurity race next April 24, Equichall, obtained the two-year-old filly from Ira Drymon, a commercial breeder in Louisville, Ky. last September.

Some of the horsemen are still a bit cautious about going completely overboard on Equichall, even though she is a lot of horse. That faction says the granddaughter of Equipoise runs the second quarter better than she does the first and, of course, the Futurity dash will be but 440 yards.

Incidentally, Henry Forrest, who's Petrolas the Big Spring speedster beat by 2-3/4 lengths at Oak Lawn in Hot Springs the other day, is the leading training in the US. At least, he's saddled more winners than any other individual.

Steers Win Six Inning Scrimmage From Howard County Jaycee Nine

Bearing down in their drills for their District 3AA opener against Midland here Friday afternoon, the Big Spring high school baseball team won a 10-3 six inning scrimmage from Howard County Junior college Monday afternoon.

Floyd Martin, Donnie Carter and Howard Jones combined to hold the Jayhawks to four safeties while the Longhorns collected six assorted blows from three HCJC hurlers. Don Clark started on the pitch and was succeeded by Ronnie Wood and Don Henry.

Henry, Horace Rankin, Clark and Earl Bluitz binged for HCJC. Given a chance to see his troops in their first full-scale workout, Coach Harold Davis of HCJC used every available player.

The two teams will play again Wednesday afternoon.

Fighter Freed Of Accusation

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 22. (AP)—Charges of forcible rape against Welterweight Boxer Vincent Lee Foster were dismissed yesterday because of insufficient evidence.

The fighter was arrested here Feb. 7 on complaint of a 22-year-old Kansas City woman.

Foster denied the charge. He said he drove the girl from Kansas City to St. Joseph after meeting her at the home of his relatives in Kansas City.

Prosecutor O. R. Newcomer, in dismissing the charges, said a conviction could not be obtained on the woman's story and a report by the physician who examined her did not contain enough evidence.

Foster, 23, a native of Rulo, Neb., fights out of Chicago. He first gained wide attention in boxing circles by knocking out the veteran Tony Pellone in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Davis Overgoes Knee Operation

ABILENE, March 22. (AP)—Hook Davis, Hardin-Simmons' great running back of the past two seasons, will be back in top form next fall.

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Gordon Shines With Hickory In NY Camp

By The Associated Press
BURBANK, Calif., March 22.—Sid Gordon, Brooklyn born native of the New York Giants, is clouting the ball in the style that made him a standout last year.

Gordon belted two homers and two singles yesterday as the Giants bowed, 7-5, to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

MERO BEACH, Fla.—Brooklyn Dodger President Branch Rickey is impressed with the showing of Triple Sacker Johnny Jorgensen.

Jorgensen blasted a bases loaded triple against Montreal yesterday and then scored the winning run in Brooklyn's 6-5 triumph.

ORLANDO, Fla.—Most of the Washington Senators regulars watched from the bench yesterday as their understudies battled the Chattanooga Lookouts to a 1-1 nine inning tie.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Bill McCahan's mound performance last night when the Philadelphia Athletics defeated Miami Beach 6-1 was good news to Connie Mack.

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Bert Haas is giving Rookie Puddin' Head Jones a run for the Philadelphia Phillies' third base spot.

Against the Kansas City Blues of the American Association yesterday, Haas delivered two base hits in three trips to the plate as the Phils won 6-4.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—Bob Muncief, former Cleveland Indian pitcher, was satisfied today he will help the Pittsburgh Pirates this season.

Muncief did a fine job against the New York Giants yesterday, as the Pirates won 7-5.

BRADENTON, Fla.—It's back to two practice sessions today for the Boston Braves who have won only two of nine exhibition games against big league opponents.

The National League champions who play the Phillies at Clearwater tomorrow, were bopped 18-5 yesterday by the Detroit Tigers.

SARASOTA, Fla.—Yale Alumnus Frank Quinn, a bonus pitcher who was with Birmingham in the Southern Association last season, will pitch for Boston's Red Sox today against the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater.

TAMPA, Fla.—Failure to hit in the pinches an ailment that afflicted the Cincinnati Reds all of last year, struck again yesterday in the Reds' 2 to 1 defeat by the St. Louis Cardinals.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The St. Louis Cardinals will send Harry Brecheen, Jack Creel and Ken Johnson to the mound today in an effort to win their seventh straight exhibition game.

They play the Cincinnati Reds. The Cards beat the Reds, 2-1, yesterday.

BURBANK, Calif.—The New York Giants are guests of the St. Louis Browns today for the first time this training season.

The Browns beat the Cleveland Indians, 4-3, yesterday.

LAKELAND, Fla.—Red Rolfe the taskmaster gave a bunch of his Detroit Tigers a holiday today in celebration of yesterday's 18-5 victory over the Boston Braves.

But 25 men went to St. Petersburg to play the New York Yankees.

San Bernardino, Calif.—Cleveland's World Champion Indians hoped to bolster their sagging exhibition record today at the expense of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

When the Tribe bowed in the ninth, 4 to 3, to the St. Louis Browns yesterday in Burbank, it was their second straight loss and their fourth defeat in nine games.



GIRLS ALL STATE BASKETBALL TEAM—These six girls are shown after they were selected as members of the All State High School Girls' Basketball Team of Texas at the recent state championship tournament held in Hillsboro, Texas. Left to right: Ozell Collins, forward, East Chambers; Bertha Jones, forward, Lubbock; Wanda Jones, forward, Dalhart; Wanda Gene McAdams, guard, East Chambers; Lillian Upchurch, guard, Forrester; and Patsy Pharr, guard; Seagoville. (AP Photo).

Change Is Made In Fem Schedule

A slight change has been made in the volleyball schedule of the Big Spring high school girls' team, which returns to action here Wednesday night in a game with San Angelo.

The Steerettes will play Garden City there Friday rather than in Lamesa, as previously announced. Coach Arah Phillips announced Monday. The game with Lamesa was cancelled due to the fact that a boxing tournament is underway in Lamesa on the night the game was booked.

The local will return a game with San Angelo there Tuesday, March 29, meet Odessa here Tuesday, April 4, and Garden City here Wednesday, April 6. The district meet starts Friday, April 8, in Midland.

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OTHER CLUBS TROUBLED

Phillies May Stage Surprise

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 22. (AP)—Eddie Sawyer sees 1949 as "The Year of the Big If" in the National League with his Philadelphia Phillies prepared to spring a surprise.

As optimistic as a fellow can be who finished sixth last year, Manager Sawyer finds hope in the problems of others. The 37-year-old farm system graduate who took over the job of bossing the big club last July after Ben Chapman was replaced, expects no miracles. He does think improvement is to be expected.

"I honestly expect a rat race in our league," said Sawyer. "Nobody is set for sure. Everybody has a big if."

"For the Cards it's if Kurowski and Marion can play a full season and if Musial can have another year like the last one. If Blackwell can pitch for Cincinnati. If the Giants get pitching. If the kids come through for Brooklyn. If Reiser can come back for Boston."

"We have added power in Bill Nicholson and Eddie Waitkus. Sure, we gave up pitching in Dutch Leonard and Monk Dubiel. But Leonard is going on 40 and Dubiel was a must for Chicago. He was their key man in the deal. Hank Borowy and Russ Meyer who came to us from the Cubs, are going to help."

WEBBER ERRS AND LOSES

Vic Webber made one mistake in his match with Rod Fenton at the Big Spring Athletic club last night and it cost him dearly.

Webber pulled up short to get at Referee Elmer Davis, who seemed to always be getting in his way. Fenton made for Webber, and the crowd made for the exits.

The New York German fell victim to a leg strangle after he had evened matters with his famed Irish whip.

In the opening match, Buck Weaver flattened Arturo Ruiz in the final two falls and immediately challenged the winner of the main event to a joust.

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Controversial Water Hearings Continuing In House, Senate

AUSTIN, March 22. (AP) — Highly controversial hearings on a plan to rewrite Texas surface water laws continue here today. Yesterday a House committee sent the bill to a sub-committee for two weeks of study after the second phase of a lengthy hearing. Tonight a Senate version of the same bill will be heard by the Senate Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage Committee. Proponents were heard a week ago and opponents are scheduled tonight.

Seaboard-Good Drills Below 7,360 Feet

Seaboard No. 1 T. J. Good took a drillstem test from 7,010 feet to 7,150 feet with the tool open 30 minutes. Recovery was 30 feet of drilling mud with no shows. It is now drilling below 7,360 feet. Seaboard No. 4 H. N. Zant was waiting on a cement job to cure at a total depth of 3,200 feet. A string 7 1/2-inch casing was cemented at 3,198 feet with 500 sacks of cement.

Local Woman's Brother Succumbs

Funeral services will be held at Midland at 2 p. m. Wednesday for Dan Harston, who succumbed Sunday night in a Dallas hospital. Mr. Harston was a brother of Mrs. Lewis Price of Big Spring. Long-time resident of West Texas, Mr. Harston was in the real estate and loan business in Midland. He had suffered a heart ailment for several years, and had been under treatment at Dallas for the past ten days. He was an ex-student of Texas Christian University, where he played football, and former TCU grid players are to serve as pallbearers. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral home at Midland. Besides Mrs. Price, Mr. Harston is survived by his wife and two children, and seven other brothers and sisters.

Lodged In Jail

Dallas E. Facemyer has been lodged in the county jail on a charge of theft.

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Demos Rally Behind Rent Control Bill

WASHINGTON, March 22. (AP) — Democratic senators put aside their sectional differences today to rally behind a measure extending federal rent controls.

Both the southerners who staged a long fight against an anti-filler rules change and the party leaders who opposed them joined ranks to support a bill which would continue controls 12 to 15 months. Despite Republican opposition to some part of the bill, Chairman Maybank (D-SC) of the Senate Banking Committee told a reporter he was confident the Senate would pass the measure by tomorrow afternoon "at the latest." The administration is in a hurry because present rent controls expire March 31. Even after Senate passage, rent control differences will have to be worked out with the House.

Phillips Retiring From Oil Field

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., March 22. (AP) — Frank Phillips, chairman of Phillips Petroleum Co., is retiring from active management in the organization, according to a letter made public today. The letter was addressed to K. S. Adams, president of the company. Phillips requested his name not be included on the list of nominees for directors to be submitted at a stockholders meeting here April 26.

Southern Tornadoes Ahead Of Schedule

DALLAS, March 22. (AP) — The tornadoes that hit scattered parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and East Texas yesterday were ahead of schedule. The Dallas weather bureau said they shouldn't have been stirred up until April or May. A. M. Hamrick, chief forecaster, said however, the south can have tornadoes in season and out — any time the weather is warm at the ground and cold air drops down. The cold air squirts out the warm air, he said, and this sets up a spinning motion. But the only parts of Texas that need to worry about such out-of-season storms is the extreme east, Hamrick said.

St. Thomas Society Hostess To District

Members of the St. Thomas Parish Council-Altar Society were hosts at the Board meeting of the Big Spring District of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the church hall Monday afternoon. Mrs. H. M. Coke of Odessa conducted the meeting. Mrs. Berl McNaillen, local Society president, served as hostess chairman. Father Theo Francis offered the opening prayer and pronounced the benediction. During the business session, announcement was made that the spring convention would be held in Midland, Monday, May 2 at 10 a. m. The theme for the day will be "Religion in the Home," with his excellency, Bishop Lawrence FitzSimon of Amarillo as the main speaker. At this time, Mrs. Ruth O'Connor and Mrs. Ed Settles will report on the Diocesan meeting held in Lubbock last fall. Refreshments were served to Mrs. H. M. Coke and Mrs. J. E. Healy, Odessa; Mrs. Jim Tom and Mrs. S. M. Wilkinson of Stanton; Mrs. Berl McNaillen, Mrs. Earl Corder, Mrs. Martin Dehlinger and Mrs. L. D. Jenkins and the Rev. Theo Francis, O. M. I., pastor of St. Thomas church.

Nationalists Urged To Name Peace Group

NANKING, March 22. (AP) — The Nationalist representative in Red Peiping urged the government today to name its peace delegation.

Urgency was stressed in a telephone call to Acting President Li Tsung-Jen from Liaison Officer Huang Shi-Han. Huang said he believed that Peiping Communists would agree to peace talks when the delegates were named. Li immediately ordered the new cabinet to assemble here. Absent members were told to fly to Nanking. They include the new foreign minister, Fu Ping-Chang, ambassador to Moscow. The new cabinet is slated to meet tomorrow or Thursday. At the top of the agenda is the selection of peace delegates. Li and Premier Ho Ying-Chin reportedly drafted a list of delegates tonight. If acceptable to the Communists, they will go to Peiping for the peace talks. But two grim facts served to remind the government that it was still at war. Red troops continued to mass north of the Yangtze River. And Chinese naval sources displayed a photograph which they said showed the Nationalist Cruiser Chungking, which deserted to the Reds, on its side in Hulatao Harbor, far to the north.

Collector To Lamesa

Ben Hawkins, local deputy collector for the Bureau of Internal Revenue, planned to spend the remainder of the week working in Lamesa and vicinity. He will reopen the local office next Monday morning.

BOBBY SOX IDOL IN SCUFFLE

Punch Sinatra Again Shows Stuff At Party

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 22. (AP) — That slugging featherweight, Frank "The Punch" Sinatra, 130, has done it again. Police Chief A. G. Kettman disclosed yesterday that the bobby sox idol argued with a guest at a party over the mixing of a drink. Result: the guest, Jack Wintermeyer, was treated at a hospital for a gash on the head. Kettman said he so far has been unable to get a coherent story on the affair but had pieced together this account: The crooner and Wintermeyer, occupation unknown, were among 200 guests at a party given by Donald Duncan, parking meter executive. Wintermeyer was mixing drinks early yesterday when Sinatra asked for a particular type of cocktail. That, for reasons unknown, brought on the scuffle. Later yesterday Wintermeyer and his lawyer, visited the police station but no complaints were signed instead, Kettman got Sinatra and Wintermeyer together for a peace meeting at Duncan's home where they shook hands. Said Sinatra at the meeting: "It was just one of those things that can happen at any party. We're all friends." A year or so ago, Sinatra was arrested by New York Gossip Columnist Lee Mortimer after a typical Hollywood night club battle. The case later was settled out of court.

New Rush For Car Tags Anticipated

Personnel of the county tax collector-assessor's office is making preparations for another invasion between now and April 1. As of this morning, a total of 3,271 new plates for passenger vehicles had been sold to Howard county residents, a little more than half the anticipated total. New vehicle registration must be in place by April 1. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hanson of Pomona, Calif. are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens. The Hansons plan to remain in Big Spring about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKinney will return to their home, 1503 Scurry, from Dallas today. Herby and Mary Johnson of WSTC, Canyon were week end guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. Herbert Johnson.

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MARKETS

COTTON
 NEW YORK, March 22. (AP) — Cotton futures at noon were unchanged to 20 cents a bale higher than the previous close. May 22.12, July 21.88, and Oct 22.16.

WALL STREET
 NEW YORK, March 22. (AP) — Declining prices held a slight edge in the stock market today. The downward movement was measured in small fractions, and it was offset to some extent by fractional advances among a number of leading issues. Moderately active trading at the opening soon gave way to a quiet pace seen frequently in recent markets.

LIVESTOCK
 FORT WORTH, March 22. (AP) — Cattle 1,300; calves 400; sheep but steady here today; medium to good steers, yearlings and kind: 17.00-22.75; common to medium kind: 12.00-16.00; butcher beef cows: 12.00-12.00; canners and cullers: 11.00-16.00; hulle: 12.00-12.00; good and choice fat calves: 21.00-25.50; common to medium calves: 12.00-20.00.

Wags 1,400; mostly steady; top 21.00; good and choice 19.00-20.00; hulle: 20.00-22.00; good and choice 19.00-22.00; hulle: 20.00-22.00; good and choice 19.00-22.00; hulle: 20.00-22.00.

Sheep 1,400; slaughter lambs steady to 20 cents higher and feeder lambs unchanged; good and choice shorn slaughter lambs 20.00-22.00; common and medium shorn lambs 12.00-14.00; topped at 22.50; shorn feeder lambs went back to the grass at 20.00-22.00.

WEATHER

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair to day, tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. High 74, low tonight 64, high tomorrow 76. Highest temperature this date 89 to 102; lowest this date 21 to 30; maximum rainfall this date 1.52 to 19.19.

WEST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon and tonight. A little cooler southeast this afternoon. Wednesday partly cloudy and mild. Moderate northerly winds becoming variable tonight.

TEMPERATURES

CITY	Max	Min
Abilene	67	41
Amarillo	67	38
BIG SPRING	74	41
Chicago	68	33
Dallas	67	32
El Paso	69	41
Fort Worth	73	46
Galveston	70	57
Houston	71	46
San Antonio	70	46
St. Louis	62	47

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BODY FOUND IN RIVER

Missing Sister Of Slain Girl Sought

MILWAUKEE, March 22. (AP)—The investigation of the slaying of pretty Patricia Birmingham, 16, turned today to a search for the victim's missing sister.

The suburban West Allis High School girl, missing since Feb. 10, had been shot twice through the head. Her body, weighted with a heavy concrete building block, had been dumped into the Milwaukee River near the harbor entrance. She had not been raped.

The grisly slaying came to light Sunday as firemen, dragging the river for the body of a suicide, found the girl's body.

The body of the suicide, Mrs. Florence Wynn, 42, of Hammond, Wis., was found yesterday.

Patricia's sister, Kathleen, 17, has not been heard from Detective Capt. Adolph Kraemer said, since she left home with all her clothing Friday night. He said the girl left a note saying she was eloping with Milton Babich, 19, West Allis, with whom she had been keeping company.

Kraemer said Fabian Babich, father of Milton, received a letter post-marked Milwaukee, on Saturday and that the envelope contained keys to his car and a Milwaukee parking lot ticket. The father reclaimed the car. No trace of the young couple has been found.

Kraemer said police hope they will contact their homes when they hear about Patricia. They also hope that they may be able to add something to what police know about the victim's movements on the day she disappeared.

Police said that a residence near Patricia's home was burglarized on Feb. 10 at about the time she is believed to have passed it on her way home from school.

Police believe she may have passed just in time to see—and possibly recognize—the emerging burglar.

'World Peace' Conference Head Protests Barring Of Delegates

NEW YORK, March 22. (AP)—Dr. Harlow Shapley, leader of the "world peace" conference to be held here, has complained that U. S. officials have either denied or revoked visas for 12 European and South American delegates.

The 12 were not among the 22 delegates from Russia and other "Iron Curtain" countries who have been granted visas to attend.

Dr. Shapley, director of the Harvard College observatory and chairman of the committee sponsoring the conference, sent a protest last night to Secretary of State Acheson.

Shapley asked Acheson in a telegram for reconsideration of the decisions denying entry to the dozen scientists, authors and other intellectuals.

The protest said that barring the delegates was "in direct contradiction to the State Department's own announced policy" and would prove "inimical to our good relations with the great peoples of western Europe and Latin America."

The State Department has said the three-day cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, opening here Friday, will be used to spread Communist propaganda. Sponsors of the conference have denied this.

The conference is sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Lend-Lease Cruiser In Bad Shape After Return From Russia

PHILADELPHIA, March 22. (AP)—The USS Milwaukee, lend-lease cruiser returned to the U. S. by Russia last week, is described by a Navy expert as the "dirtiest ship" he has ever seen.

Cmdr. Roland D. Blockson, USN, senior member of the Fourth Naval District's Decommissioning and Disposal Procedure Board, said following an inspection of the vessel yesterday the galley was coated with a greasy film and reeked of the odor of stale fish.

The decks were devoid of paint and rust conditions were evident everywhere, Blockson said. Furniture in the officers' wardroom was in a bad state of disrepair and empty vodka bottles were found in some of the officers' quarters, he added.

"Such conditions would not be tolerated on American war vessels," said Blockson, who has directed the decommissioning of more than 150 vessels at the Philadelphia Naval Base since the end of World War II.

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Southwestern Life Business Better In '49

Southwestern Life Insurance company stockholders in annual meeting at Dallas learned that paid-for new business during the first two months of 1949 amounted to \$17,159,956 and exceeded by \$1,401,906 the paid-for new business added by the Company during the same time in 1948.

Mrs. Belle Rose Black and H. C. McNabb who represent Southwestern Life locally, reported another milestone in Southwestern's progress was reached when the company's total of insurance in force passed during February the \$700 million mark. At the close of business on February 28, total insurance in force amounted to more than \$708 million. This figure represented an increase of more than \$57 million in insurance in force during the past 12 months.

Stockholders re-elected all directors who in turn elected officers for the ensuing year. New officers appointed were E. Cowden Henry, securities officer; and Lillian E. Harwood, assistant director of publicity. James Ralph Wood is president of the company.

General Elections In Belgium Delayed

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 22. (AP)—General elections in Belgium probably will not be held until after ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty.

A call for elections had been expected because of a split in the Catholic-Socialist coalition cabinet.

The pact must be ratified by the main signatories, of whom Belgium is one, before it becomes effective. If parliament were dissolved and general elections called, the pact could not be ratified until after a new parliament took office. This might not be until July.

Premier Paul-Henri Spaak therefore is not expected to ask Prince Regent Charles to dissolve parliament until after the signing of the treaty in Washington and its ratification here.

Pioneer Airlines In \$119,000 Profit

HOUSTON, March 22. (AP)—Pioneer Airlines showed a profit of \$119,000 for 1948, stockholders learned in a meeting here yesterday.

The airline elected three new directors. They are Price Campbell of Abilene; Hardin L. Lawrence, vice-president of traffic; and E. W. Bailey, secretary-treasurer of the airline.

Directors re-elected included: Maj. William F. Long, chairman; Gen. Robert J. Smith, president; J. Wesley Hickman, all of Dallas; Charles D. White, Harold B. Seifert and Raymond Pearson, all of Houston; and Gene Hows of Amarillo.

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