

Commission Order Cuts Oil Allowable

11 Shutdown Days Provided During Month Of July AUSTIN, June 24 (AP)—The railroad commission today announced a statewide oil production order for July permitting an average daily field of 1,247,226 barrels, a reduction of 65,266 from the allowable of June 1 and \$5,000 under that of June 31.

The order added two more general production shutdown days, bringing the total to 11, for all fields except the Panhandle area which remained unchanged at five. Commission engineers, comparing the permissive yield to the U. S. bureau of mines estimate of market demand for Texas in July, asserted that, subtracting assigned but unproduced allowances, statewide production would be 22,251 barrels a day under the bureau forecast.

The federal bureau's July demand estimate was 1,324,000 barrels daily. Exemptions from shutdowns by fields were unchanged from the June order and allowable assignments by pools were identical with the current order except for Talco pool in district 6 which was boosted from 24,073 barrels a day on June 21 to 27,638. The field produces an asphalt-yielding crude.

Engineers explained a number of small changes in fields were caused by underproduction or new wells. The method of production was unchanged from that used on the June order. Chairman Ernest O. Thompson and members Jerry Sadler and Olin Culberson of the commission all signed the order.

Statewide shutdown days except for the Panhandle field were listed as July 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 31. Panhandle area closures were ordered July 7, 12, 19, 26 and 31.

By districts, average net exempt daily allowable was listed as follows: district one 21,204, two 63,383, three 247,817, four 133,132, five 18,638, six outside East Texas field 64,647, East Texas pool 334,261, seven 28,748, seven-C 18,073, eight 228,569, nine 111,675, ten 76,589.

Program for the opening amphitheatre program of the second annual season was near completion today, the chamber of commerce announced. Under the direction of Matt Harrington, general chairman, the steering committee Monday evening checked program details and made other arrangements for the initial offering Friday at 8 p. m.

Those listed for parts on the affair are Tom Yarbro, vocalist; Betty Jo Burns, vocalist; Pat Giles, vocalist with guitar accompaniment; Charles Kelsey, vocalist; Harlene Terrell, tap dancer; Betty Jean O'Neal, pianist; Doug Perry, vocalist; Helen Blount, vocalist; Denny Jane and Reba June Roberts, Hawaiian guitar duo; Helen Duley, Jeannette Burnett, and Ruth Pruitt, vocal trio. Herschell Sumner will lead a sing-song and Woodrow Wadcock will preside.

Showdowns Near In Coal And Shipyard Strikes



Senators Honor Harrison—Draped with a flag, the casket containing the body of Sen. Pat Harrison (D-Miss) is carried up the steps of the capitol between lines formed by his senate colleagues. Funeral services will be held in Gulfport, Miss., on Wednesday.

When Blitzkreig Hits:

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER BERLIN, June 24 (AP)—Hopeless confusion in the Russian ranks—this was the tenor today of reports by German newsmen attached to advancing German forces since Sunday morning. As an example, Kurt Helbing, writing in Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels' newspaper, Der Angriff, reported: "Our Junkers roared in at twenty meters (65 feet) altitude over a column of about sixty vehicles, among them air or seven panzers. Behind them were heavy artillery and two horse-drawn cannons.

"Our machine fired from all muzzles and barrels. Three or four tanks have been hurled to the side. Between them horses are running, are racing with their carts cross country, are spilling them, are falling prostrate. Scared, anguished faces are turned up toward us. After that there's nothing but confusion underneath us.

Some bolsheviks jump from their seats and run. Others throw themselves into the sand. Again the bombs fall, cannon and machine-guns fire. Fountains of dirt and smoke squirt upward. Flames rise high. "There—a north column. About 30 vehicles. Three of our planes dive low. Those below now have become aware of their danger. The vehicles halt sharply. "Everybody runs to the edge of the road to seek protection. Already the first bombs fall. In fine apple pie order along the roadside. The effect is terrible. Several vehicles are aflame. Others have been teleported into each other in wild confusion. Whoever isn't dead or wounded is running excitedly and gestulating wildly, helter-skelter. No body is thinking of anti-aircraft. That column is finished.

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Eden Accepts Partnership With Russia

Urges Forgetting Of Politics For Defeating Hitler LONDON, June 24 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden formally welcomed Soviet Russia as an ally "in our common task, the defeat of Germany," in a speech in the house of commons today. Eden urged the British nation to forego political considerations in facing the situation raised by Germany's drive into Russia.

Communism is not the issue, he said, adding, "we have always hated the creed." But, he went on, what counts is that the Russians "are fighting the man who seeks to dominate the world." "That also is our sole task." In a review of British-Russian relations before Adolf Hitler's armies crossed the Russian frontier Sunday, the foreign secretary reiterated Britain's pledge of the redemption of Poland.

The decision on signing a two-year agreement such as the northern producers concluded with the union last week appeared imminent yesterday, but three times during the day the producers postponed plans for meeting the UMW in the decisive joint conference. Since early March the union and the operators have gone through days and nights of negotiations, a month-long shutdown in April, a senate committee investigation and a national defense mediation board inquiry.

The result of all this was a whitening down of the issues to a few points with the prospect that if the operators failed to sign up as an organized coal wage conference, the union would move to sign them as individual associations. The southern producers wage conference is the up-up of 13 operator associations. At San Francisco, where the navy began signing up machinists on a civil service basis, the management of the big Bethlehem shipyard whose contracts cover more than half of the delayed work, agreed to a closed shop contract with the AFL Bay City Metal Trades Council.

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German Army Moves East 'On Schedule'

Nazi Sympathies Expressed In Spain, Japan By The Associated Press Sweeping drives of German columns into the Russian Ukraine and through the Red army defenses to the north were indicated today by diverse reports which accompanied fresh manifestations of axis sympathy in Japan and Spain.

Three major penetrations of soviet territory were reported, ranging in depth from 80 to 125 miles, and DNB (official German news agency, declared hundreds of Russians had been killed and thousands taken prisoners in one sector alone. A German-Rumanian force was said to have slashed 80 miles through Russian Bessarabia, heading for Odessa and other Black sea ports.

Foreign military attaches in Ankara, Turkey, said they were advised that Nazi panzer units had driven 150 miles into the rich breadbasket of southwest Russia in the first two days of invasion. In the center of the 2,000-mile front, a spearhead had penetrated about 125 miles in a thrust through Brest-Litovsk toward Minsk, said Reuters (British news agency) in a dispatch from Vichy.

From Berlin came word that German assault troops had driven through a strong line of soviet bunkers in the thrust which the Red army acknowledged had taken three frontier towns. The German high command spoke in a general-ity: "In the east, the operations of the German army are taking their planned course, with great success." Uniformed falangists paraded in Madrid before the Nazi embassy, shouting "on to Moscow"—"Gibraltar for Spain."

Attention was focused on Japanese interest in the war by a Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Tokyo saying that Japanese women and children living in Moscow had been ordered home. Likewise, Domei (Japanese news agency) broadcast that today's comments in the Japanese press "are much clearer in their manifestations of sympathy for Germany and in indicating the future course of Japanese policy." Although Russian advices indicated German penetration of 10 to 15 miles in places in Adolf Hitler's new drive to the east, the soviet high command declared two Nazi columns had been repulsed with heavy losses.

Operators To Give Answer To Miners

By The Associated Press Labor developments of prime importance to the defense program generally, and to southern soft coal miners and San Francisco shipyard machinists in particular, were in the making today. A showdown was at hand in the lengthy coal mining wage controversy, and the navy opened the civil service rolls to machinists in an effort to get 11 shipyarders back into full production on \$500,000,000 worth of important orders.

Southern mine operators said they would have their answer ready today to the CIO United Mine Workers' demand for a new wage agreement covering the southern Appalachian field. One big stumbling block was removed when the southern owners agreed to elimination of the 46-cent wage differential which previously had existed between south and northern mines. The basic daily wage would be \$7 in both sections.

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RAF Planes Continue To Raid Nazis

LONDON, June 24 (AP)—Heavy explosions, rolling across the misty channel, suggested that the RAF was blasting "the Nazi-occupied French coast again today after attacking industrial targets in western Germany for the 13th consecutive night.

The sounds first were heard shortly after 7 a. m., hours earlier than the British generally launch their daylight sallies across the channel. The RAF attacks on western Germany last night were not so heavy as some others recently, authoritative sources said, but there was nothing to indicate whether this was due to unexpectedly strong German opposition or adverse weather.

The naval bases of Wilhelmshaven, Kiel and Emden, the industrial center of Hannover and places in Nazi-occupied territory were the targets of the RAF night raiders, an official announcement said. It was the second assault upon Wilhelmshaven in as many nights.

At the same time the British claimed that during the past three days they had downed 70 German planes in daylight raids over the French coast, while losing only nine fighters themselves.

Arrangements were made by Chief Quartermaster Calloway of Dallas for temporary quarters in the courthouse. After a conference with County Judge W. S. Morrison, the navy was given access to the court reporter's office during the summer months. CQM Calloway indicated that there would be three men assigned to the local office and that the first would arrive here next week to arrange for opening the station.

City Officials Think Airport Knot Untied

AUSTIN, June 24 (AP)—That barefooted automobile driver, singing loudly, was not drunk. He was merely following the advice of State Police Director Homer Garrison. He advocates driving without shoes to relieve the monotony of night driving, and to prevent sleeping at the wheel. He added: "If there's no one along to suffer for it, you can break the monotonous purr of the motor by singing or talking aloud."

While the project marked time pending release of equipment from other defense jobs to the Big Spring development program, E. J. McDaniel, city engineer, planned to leave Wednesday afternoon for a last conference with state Works Projects Administration. "All features of the plans and specifications appear satisfactory," said S. E. Travis, Jr., supervisor of airports for the Civil Aeronautics Administration in a letter of transmittal. He raised only one minor question, that of the supporting capacity of the grate over a drainage ditch. This was of such a nature that it would not involve any construction delays. CAA has posted \$150,000 toward the work.

Pending arrival of a greater quantity of equipment, the port project, which may amount to considerably more than half a million dollars, is making time with around 148 men assigned to the job by WPA.

Workers for the American Business Club, aided by their wives—the XYZ club, had succeeded in pushing the total number of concerns with all employers and managers buying either stamps or bonds to 159. New names added to the 100 per cent list include: Rauckart Garage, Charlie's Cafe, Bollinger Grocery, Caprock Service Station, Dee Sander's Cafe, Jack Martin's Garage, Leslie Walker Implement Co., North Greg Gulf Service, Joe's Fruit Store, Tucker Service & Garage, Howard County (all offices), Chuck Wagon, Blue Moon Cafe, Frank Martin Sales, Piggy Wiggy, Southern Ice Sub Station, Round Top Cafe, Camp Dixie, Airway Court Service Station, Orion Kendall Service, R. G. Peach Grocery, L. A. Hevian Grocery, Davis Grocery, Lakeview Grocery, Texaco Station, E. P. Weatherman, Olin Full Grocery.

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Savings Quiz, starting today on the editorial page. The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most bond and stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the nation.

Weather Forecast WEST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. EAST TEXAS: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday except widely scattered showers in north portion Wednesday and lower Rio Grande valley tonight. Gentle to moderate variable winds on the coast. EXTENDED forecast for West Texas, period \$190 p. m. today to 5:30 p. m. Saturday: temperatures will be slightly below normal during period. Rainfall will be near normal due to recurrent showers. LOCAL WEATHER DATA Highest temp. Monday, 87.4; lowest today, 67.1. Sunrise, today, 7:04 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 6:51. Rainfall in past 24 hours, .48 in.

Los Angeles Music Contests Near End

LOS ANGELES, June 24 (AP) — Seven semi-finalists were chosen last night in the young artists con-

test at the National Federation of Music Clubs' convention. One winner in each of three divisions, voice, violin and piano, will be selected from seven Wednesday night. Each winner will receive \$1,000 and concert bookings spon-

sored by the federation. The semi-finalists included: Mary Louise Bolla, 20, Belmont, Tex., soprano.

SILENT MOVIE STAR DIES
AMITYVILLE, N. Y., June 24

(AP)—Milton Duster, 71, star of many old silent motion pictures such as "The Fast East" and "Capital Punishment," died last night. Born in Galveston, Tex., he was a former husband of Maria Dora, screen actress.

Baptists Map Drive For Army Camp Fund

DALLAS, June 24 (AP)—Baptist headquarters today announced appointment of a committee to raise

\$25,000, Texas' share of a Southern Baptist fund to finance religious work at army training camps.

Chairman is Dr. W. W. Melton, formerly of Waco, now secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Other members are A.

D. Foreman, Sr., of Houston; Dr. Harlan J. Matthews of Marshall; Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, of Dallas.

Australia Accepts Americans
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J. D. Queen Funeral Set

Joe Dewey Queen died at his home Monday night at 11 o'clock following an illness of a year and a half from leg injuries received in a car accident. Apparently getting better from the injuries, Queen succumbed to a heart ailment.

Funeral services have been set for 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Nalley chapel. The Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor of the East 4th St. Baptist church, will be in charge.

Queen is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ross Stovall whom he married in Austin in 1918; five children, Joe Louis, 23, Virginia, 21, Doris, 1, Dewey Don, 13 and Mattie Jean, 11.

His mother, Mrs. J. A. Queen, also survives and three brothers and a sister, M. C. Queen of Corpus Christi, W. O. and Glen Queen of Big Spring, and Mrs. O. A. Merba of Corpus Christi. One grandson is Mickey Joe Queen, W. L. Hanesaw and Pascal Buckner are cousins. Nieces include Joan and Betty Sue Queen, Lidra and Glenda Queen.

Queen, who was born in Georgetown, came to Big Spring in 1921 where he was in the automobile business. Active pallbearers include Pat Roberts, Oscar Glickman, M. Jordan, Dee Davis, Tom Buckner, Joe Paucett. Honorary pallbearers are George O'Brien, Dr. M. H. Bennett, Dr. G. T. Hall, Dr. Clyde Thomas, Temp Currie, Shine Phillips, Horace Eames, John L. Moreland, Spurgeon Whaley, Mr. Archer, Mr. Stewart and Cecil Bell.

Election Judges Asked To Call For Supplies

Election judges in 14 boxes of Howard county have been asked by the county judge's office to call for their supplies Thursday in preparation for the crucial balloting on Saturday.

Boxes and other materials have been prepared under supervision of the office of County Judge W. S. Morrison, but distribution must necessarily wait until after absentee voting is completed on Wednesday.

As in other general and primary elections, the special election Saturday will continue from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Over the county judges and their assistants will be: Big Spring No. 1—G. C. Broughton; Wendell Leatherwood, Mrs. E. A. Humble and Stella Schubert. Big Spring No. 2—W. L. McCollister; H. A. Stegner, Hugh Duncan and W. B. Younger. Big Spring No. 3—George White; Robert Stripling, Mrs. C. E. Shive and Edmund Notestine. Big Spring No. 4—Marie J. Stewart; G. C. Dean, S. F. Jones, and J. E. Fort. Vincent—Guy Guffee, Willis Winters. Gay Hill—C. B. Lawrence; J. C. Clanton, Mrs. Tom Spencer and Herman Scott. R-Bar—Ed Martin, W. C. Rogers.

On the Record

Roosevelt and with Hitler? "And, of course, at all times against each other?" corporations are working against Roosevelt, and American... "The thing that gives one a laugh," concluded the Grouse, "is that the nazis say that the Jews are international bankers and men without a country. How about international industrialists? If the oil trusts have a country, I don't know where it is. And if nazis have a country, I don't know any more where that is. Wherever there's loot, I guess."

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Ancient Military City Of San Antonio Again Thrills To An Old Emotion--War

SAN ANTONIO, June 24 (AP)—This ancient bastion of military power, which more than two centuries ago royally served the king of Spain, is again thrilling to an old emotion—war.

In all the U. S. there is no greater concentration of men, materials, work and authority than in the nine military establishments ringing old San Antonio.

There are four armies in the United States and one is headquartered here. There are three army air training centers and the biggest is concentrated here.

Thus perhaps more than a quarter of all U. S. field effort to become militarily supreme in a world of warriors has its origin and impetus in this glamorous old city of 300,000.

This seems completely natural to San Antonio, which since the days of the Spanish conquerors (starting about 1601) has been a stronghold for military men. It's an old story for this town but the thrill is still there.

At Randolph, Kelly and Brooks fields great batches of new fliers, fast of reflex, quick of eye and long on courage, are turned out every five weeks.

At Duncan Field thousands of soldiers and civilians labor at repairing, reconditioning and modernizing Uncle Sam's planes;

At Fort Sam Houston, for years the greatest army post in the country, acre-sized warehouses are going up row on row, and barracks are jammed into every nook and cranny of the huge reservation;

At Camp Normoyle are being gathered "unaccountable thousands (army men won't even talk in round numbers anymore) of skilled men to handle the trucks and motors a modern army—on wheels must have today.

And high over San Antonio, jammed into two floors of a skyscraper, sit and talk and work the generals and colonels who direct the Third Army, a master of some eleven fighting divisions and numerous auxiliary troops roughly numbering 350,000 men.

This doesn't mean that more men are concentrated here than anywhere else. Army establishments like that at Fort Bragg, N. C., have far more soldiers than the grand total of all fields around San Antonio, which is something over 30,000.

It means that San Antonio is the heart and brains of a fourth of the continental U. S. army and at least a third of its air training effort.

Not man alone but nature too thus has made San Antonio vital to U. S. defense. Its strategic position—150 miles from the gulf coast, 100 miles from the Mexican border—was manifest to the first men of arms who saw it notably Don Domingo Teran De Los Rios, emissary of the Spanish king who established a post here in 1691.

Supplies were plentiful. The valley of the San Antonio river—so winding the Indians called it by a name meaning "drunken-old-man-going-home-at-night"—was green. The post was a natural.

Out of this seed grew another, and most famous, of all San Antonio's long line of forts—the Alamo. It was built as a combination mission and fortress in 1718 and became hallowed ground when Mexican General Santa Ana slew its defenders to the last man in 1836.

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Mann Leads In Poll At Stanton

STANTON, June 24 (Sp1)—A novel straw vote here has shown Gerald C. Mann holding the edge with Lyndon Johnson in second place. Martin Dies and Governor O'Daniel were shown to be tied for third and fourth.

The vote resulted from ballots being dropped in a box left on a Stanton street corner for a week. Late Saturday ballots dropped were counted. The number was not revealed, but on a percentage basis, Mann had 34.45, Johnson 24.14, Dies and O'Daniel 19.48 and Sam Morris 2.45.

Total potential vote for Martin county is 934 poll taxes and 100 listed exemptions. This is down from the viable potential of 1,543 last year.

Camp Funston Painted CAMP FUNSTON, Kas.—A crew of some 200 painters has completed the work of spreading 55,000 gallons of paint on the 918 buildings at Camp Funston. Interiors of some of the buildings also were painted, but most got only a coat on the outside.

EAT AT THE CLUB CAFE "We Never Close" G. C. DUNHAM, Prop.

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'Andy Hardy's Private Secretary'

Mickey Rooney
Lewis Stone
Ann Rutherford

QUEEN Today And Wednesday

"CITY FOR CONQUEST"

James Cagney
Ann Sheridan

If You Don't Like Dogs, Skip This

DANVILLE, Ind.—James Gentry, deputy town marshal, vouchers for this dog story.

A stray dog that had four pups in the basement of an old school gathered food for them from four Danville homes.

When they were weaned, she left one at each of these four homes.

Story

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it were the landscape of another planet!"

Sherwood regarded it with a more somber gaze.

The afterglow was dimming rapidly as they descended into the basin. Lanterns had been hung in the tent when they arrived. Anne and Sherwood walked down to the water's edge immediately, crunching salt under their feet.

"It's almost thick," she said, feeling the fluid. Then the twilight faded and the moon became visible high in the sky. He spied water springing from the rock wall of the cliff and falling in a veil of mist. "Look," he pointed. They went over to the little stream that flowed the few feet into the lake. Sherwood tasted it.

"Cool and fresh," he said. Anne drank eagerly from his cupped hands.

"Heavenly after that stuff in the gotsakin bag," she murmured.

When they returned to the tent the riders had arrived. Mackey lay on the piled rugs in the tent trying to find a yet softer place.

"Of all the new twists that camel invented!" he moaned. "She could give shuffling pointers to a darky hoesdown."

Sherwood scrutinized the bales and boxes lining the walls of the tent. "The bride's dowry," he said.

The Swin

"Then this," murmured Mackey significantly, "must be the castle in the desert."

Sherwood looked at him. "Have you any idea what the old devil's up to?"

Mackey shook his head. "The game's beyond me. At least we eat," as a servant brought in a low table.

"Let's take a swim first," suggested Anne restlessly.

He gave her a reproachful glance. "Girl, you're asking me to go through all the motions of standing up and walking to the water?"

"A plunge will do you good," Sherwood advised. "It appears that we're here to stay for a while."

The two men looked at each other. "Eat, drink and be merry, eh?"

"For all I know," agreed Sherwood.

Do they really think that tomorrow we die? Anne wondered, her pulses suddenly beginning to race. There was something electric in the air. Mackey got to his feet.

"Where's my warbag? You got a pair of swimming trunks for yourself?"

"I have," said Sherwood, "unless one of the Emir's servants like the looks of them."

"What color?"

"Black."

"You've got them. Now if they've been fuchsia—or green and magenta striped—"

Anne opened her suitcase that had been placed inside the tent. "Where can one find privacy?" she asked.

Mackey looked around. "There sure isn't much cover in this crater. You might try the shadow of a camel."

Sherwood had begun letting down the tent front. "Come on, Pete. Anne can change in here while we take the whole outdoors."

Then he thought of something and returned. "Let me open your bag." When it lay open he asked, "What color?"

"Black. I can—"

"Let me." He lifted the folded clothing carefully.

Mackey came and watched.

"What's this?" asked Anne suddenly, "a customs inspection?"

Mackey grinned. "Our good friend, the Emir, has been known to smuggle deadly little desert vipers into the possession of people he does not like."

Anne shivered and stepped back.

"There are none here," Sherwood declared, handing her the bathing suit and closing the bag.

"Is it safe," she queried, "to leave the dagger here while I swim?"

"I think so. Remember it is an inviolate as your person to these people." The men went through their own luggage and then stepped outside.

When Anne was ready she strapped her bathing cap under her chin, wrapped a long coat around her, called and stepped out.

Both men pointed simultaneously to her fiery toenails.

With bulging eyes the servants and soldiers watched the three, as they waded into the lake hand in hand; and made no effort to restrain them.

"One thing," murmured Sherwood, "we can't sink."

"Drowning might be a good way to die," said Anne. "I'd prefer it to torture."

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