

Nicaragua, Costa Rica War Looms

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (U-P)—Nicaragua formally warned Costa Rica today that a "grave state of affairs" could arise from border incidents in Costa Rica's nine-day-old rebellion.

The five-nation investigation commission of the Organization of American States, recognizing the threat of a war between the two neighbor countries, asked both sides to agree to establishment of a demilitarized buffer zone along the border, effective at noon today.

Foreign Minister Oscar Sevilla Sacasa of Nicaragua sent a formal protest to Costa Rica alleging that two newly supplied American Mustangs of the Costa Rican air force violated the Nicaraguan frontier yesterday afternoon.

Sevilla instructed the Nicaraguan ambassador in Washington to demand special session of the OAS to hear the charges.

The note warned Costa Rica a "grave state of affairs" could arise if such violations were repeated. Last night President Anastasio Somoza, longtime enemy of the Costa Rican regime headed by President Jose Figueres, told newsmen in Managua the situation could develop into "an international conflict."

The OAS commission sped its buffer zone proposal by plane to Somoza and delivered an "urgent" copy at the office of Foreign Minister Mario Esquivel in the Costa Rican capital.

The proposal was drafted on orders of the OAS council in Washington. It provides for a zone 18 miles long and 6 miles wide in the critical northwest area around the rebel stronghold of La Cruz, where Somoza said the two Mustangs violated Nicaraguan territory during an attack on the town.

The FBI fighters, among four purchased from the United States at a reported price of a dollar each, were on their first mission since their arrival here Monday.

While peace making efforts were being hurried, the Costa Ricans were readying the Mustangs for additional action today in the northwest.

The rebel radio claimed a big battle was raging at Liberia, 32 miles southeast of La Cruz along the inter-American highway leading to San Jose. This account said both sides were suffering "enormous casualties" in what would probably be the "decisive battle" of the rebellion.

Nicaragua protested also to the OAS commission that the planes violated its territory. The note to the commission declared a "very tense" situation had been created and added Nicaragua was reinforcing border garrisons.

The U.S. Caribbean command headquarters announced last night it has assigned three military advisers to the OAS group. They are Lt. Col. Walter B. McKenzie, Montezuma, Ga.; Lt. Col. W. M. Pettit, Monroe, La.; and Lt. Robert R. Dickey, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Six foreign correspondents who fell into rebel hands last weekend turned up unharmed in Managua yesterday, scotching reports that two Cubans in the group had been killed.

The newsmen said the rebel field commander, Capt. Teodoro Picado Jr., was in good health. He also had been reported killed in action.

Martin Opens Junior Show

STANTON (SC)—Animals to be shown in the annual Martin County Junior Livestock Show were to have been weighed in this afternoon, starting at 1 p.m.

Around three score animals are due to be exhibited at the show, and the traditional sale is slated for 2 p.m. Friday. The event is being staged at the county barns.

To be shown are one class of steers, two classes of barrows, one class of fat gilts, one class of open gilts, one class of bred gilts, broilers in groups of five, and one group of lambs.

The open and bred gilts will not be sold in the auction and are not competing for trophies.

Judging is to be held Friday morning. It has also been announced that as an added feature a pony wheel will be presented, with Owen Kelly's six ponies.

The show is being held under the joint sponsorship of the agriculture and livestock committees of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and visitors are expected from various cities in the area.

Those on the committees are Cecil Bridges, Horace Blocker, Ralph Jones, Hub Phillips, G. A. Eiland, John Shanks, Ector Thornton, Martin Vavra, B. F. White, Grady Cross, Gordon Stone, Jim Tom and Elbert Steele.

Warden Refuses Use Of Explosives In Riot

BOSTON (U-P)—An armed services car containing high explosives was brought to Massachusetts State Prison today—third day of the hostage-taking rebellion of four desperate convicts—but soon was driven away again.

Warden John J. O'Brien made it clear he did not ask for the explosives and said they would not be admitted to the prison. Police said the dangerous material was returned to an armory.

Public Safety Commissioner Otis Whitney declined comment.

O'Brien said the situation was unchanged but "hopeful."

He explained "the longer it goes on the better."

The rebels are holding five guards as hostage.

The Boston Traveler in a copy-righted story said Mary Tierney, one of its reporters, was told last night by Theodore Green, bank robber and one of the rebels:

"If they want to get these guards out of here all they have to do is to give us a car. A car and a clear road. That's all we've asked for. It's either a car or five dead guards."

Miss Tierney wrote that all she had to do to contact Green was to dial the prison telephone number and ask to speak to him. She said the call was put through at once.

The call was made late last night after a prison chaplain, the Rev. Edward F. Hartigan, returned from a visit to the besieged prisoners and expressed hope of a bloodless settlement.

The chaplain and prison physician, Dr. Samuel Merlin, visited the hostage guards again this morning and reported all were unharmed.

Also in good condition were six other prisoners held by the armed quartet—bank robber Green, 39; rapist Joseph Flaherty, 32; cop

Hijackers Slug Service Station Attendant Here

Hijackers slugged a service station attendant on West Highway 80 early today, but after a scuffle they were forced to leave the station without any loot.

Lloyd Murphy, night attendant at the Reed Oil Company station at the west edge of Big Spring, was struck in the back of the neck with a ball peen hammer as he finished putting anti-freeze in the hijacker's car.

Two men then tried to force Murphy under the hood of the car. He eluded them and after a scuffle the men jumped in their car and left.

Deputy Sheriff C. H. Forgas said one of the men apparently tried to strike Murphy on the head as he bent over the car's radiator. The man either stumbled or struck his elbow on something, causing the hammer to strike Murphy's neck.

The pair—one described as tall and the other short—then tried to push Murphy under the hood. After the scuffle that ensued, they drove away in the direction of Big Spring, apparently turning south on the air base access road, Forgas said.

The attendant hurled the anti-freeze can at the car.

Murphy then summoned officers. Forgas said another service station worker was seated in the station at the time, but that the incident occurred without attracting his attention.

The two men drove into the station about 1 a.m. and ordered gasoline and anti-freeze for the gray, old-model Chevrolet. They left without paying for \$4.32 worth of gasoline or the anti-freeze.

Authorities throughout the area were alerted, but no trace of the car had been found this morning.

CRMWD Opens Series Of Bids

Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, in session here today, studied bids submitted on three projects planned by the district. It was expected that contracts would be let early this afternoon.

W. D. Caldwell of Big Spring was the low bidder on two of the projects—construction of earthen reservoirs at Big Spring and near Snyder.

Caldwell offered to construct the 15-million-gallon Big Spring reservoir for \$42,958 and the Snyder storage facility of the same capacity for \$52,584. Five bids were submitted on the two projects, with the high being \$77,215 for the Big Spring job and \$96,460 for the Snyder project.

Clyde Yarbrough Inc. of Odessa was low bidder on construction of an 18-inch water line three miles from the CRMWD reservoir to the Sharon Ridge repurposing project which is nearing completion in Scurry County. The Yarbrough bid was \$106,970 and the highest of nine others was \$130,377.

The reservoirs at Big Spring and near Snyder are being planned for storage of water supplies for the two points in order to provide a cushion for pumping operations. The dirt reservoirs will have plastic membrane linings, of the same type constructed recently at Odessa.

The Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee will use the Snyder reservoir, along with the City of Snyder.

Directors also were hearing reports and taking up other routine matters at their session today.

Tentative Pact Set In Teamsters Dispute

DALLAS (U-P)—A new 6-year contract between 15,000 Southwest AFL truck drivers and 49 trucking firms has been agreed upon tentatively, it was announced last night.

With a dedication that blots out the memory of a near fatal goring last Labor Day, Patricia McCormick sets out Friday morning on her bid to return to prominence as a bullfighter.

Now apparently recovered completely from the effects of her mishap in the ring at Villa Acuna, Patricia is going to make the tientos—the mid-winter tour of the ranches where fighting bulls are bred in the interior of Mexico. Her mother, Mrs. E. B. McCormick, who once sought to dissuade her from her unique profession, is to accompany her.

If there is any lingering fear occasioned by the goring which left her in grave condition for several days in a Del Rio hospital Patricia does not give the slightest indication of it.

"I'm anxious to get back into the swing of things and into condition. I want to get back into the ring and to take my alternative," she said.

Her schedule calls for fighting cows during the tientos to bring back her sense of timing, footwork and polished movements of the cape. By March she hopes to go into a rigorous schedule of conditioning to put her back into top physical trim. If she comes around as she is confident she will, Patricia could be back in the ring by April.

"I'm going to make a full season of it," she predicted.

On the day that she was gored, word came that she had been voted into the punters, the preparatory stage for her alternative. She was not told this by her manager, Alejandro del Hierro, because he felt it might affect her fighting. Patricia, however, plans to pick up as a novera and concentrate toward a type of performance that will convince the Association of Matadors that she is ready for the alternative. This is a ceremony in which she would fight on a card with matadors, one of whom would be her godfather in the ring. In a dramatic moment just before the kill, he would hand his sword and muleta to her in exchange for her cape, and she would make the kill. From that moment on she would be a full-fledged matadora in any ring, although a fight in the ring at Mexico City or Madrid would call for a confirmative ceremony.

Patricia has been taking mild exercises and hikes in recent weeks and says she feels in the trim of condition. She will take along her pens and brushes to sketch bulls in action during the tientos. Pat was an art major in Texas Western College before turning bullfighter and did the illustrations for her book, "The Lady Bullfighter."

Among the rancheros she will visit are La Punta at Aguas Calientes, Xajay (one of the oldest batendos in Mexico) at Queretaro, Santa Domingo, Las Garfias and Las Ventillas in San Luis Potosi, and Pepe Ortiz at San Miguel de Allende.

HOPE FOR \$10,000 March Of Dimes Drive Reaches \$3,563 Mark

March of Dime collections through Wednesday evening totaled \$3,563.57, said Mrs. Clyde Thomas Jr., drive chairman.

Her report as to the amount of contributions was made in a meeting last night of the board of directors for the Howard County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. Thomas pointed out that the money collected so far is largely from special contributions, restaurant coffee day, and returns from some of the coin cards mailed to local residents.

A number of other events are planned here during the remainder of January, and it is hoped that more than \$10,000 will be raised by the time the drive is completed. There is no set goal on the amount of contributions expected.

Mrs. Thomas was praised by other members of the board for her outstanding work in coordinating the drive efforts here. "She is doing a wonderful job," said Ed Ware, board chairman.

The money which is contributed to the March of Dimes this year

\$500-Billion Economy Plans Are Outlined By President



Starts On The Road Back
Patricia McCormick is hitting the trail again to establish herself as a fullfledged matadora. Pat is shown here as she packed her equipment for the tientos, the mid-winter tour of the rancheros of Mexico where the fighting bulls are bred. Her career was interrupted and almost ended last Labor Day when she was almost fatally gored in the ring at Villa Acuna. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCormick, and her mother is making the tientos with her. (Photo by Keith McMillin.)

Pat McCormick Leaves Friday To Make Tientos

STANTON (SC)—Gov. Shivers has asked Secretary of Agriculture Benson to designate seven more Texas counties drought disaster areas.

The counties are Dimmitt, Edwards, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Kleberg, Martin and Moore.

Shivers joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture State Drought Committee in making the recommendations.

Continued Warmup Is Predicted Here; El Paso Has Snow

Warmer temperatures with gusty winds is the forecast for Big Spring this afternoon and tonight, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau at Midland. The high this afternoon is predicted to be 65 degrees and the high reading tomorrow is expected to be 60. Low tonight is predicted at a comparatively warm 40 degrees.

The high reading Wednesday at the U. S. Experiment Farm here was 50 degrees; the low last night, 32 degrees.

Chill air bit into Texas Thursday morning bringing snow flurries and stiff winds to the El Paso area.

Snow melted as it hit the ground at El Paso, where the temperature was 39. Winds blew in gusts up to 40 degrees.

POLL TAX SCORE

Poll Tax Payments	2,505
Exemptions	783
Total	3,288
Same date, 1954	3,753
Same date, 1953	3,681
Same date, 1952	5,209

Gives Hope Of Cut In Taxes For 1956

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON (U-P)—President Eisenhower handed Congress today his 10-year blue print for the achievement of 500 billion dollars or more in annual production and said 1955 promises a high level of jobs and production.

In a glowingly optimistic economic message, Eisenhower gave virtual assurance of a "general, though modest, reduction in taxes" in 1956, made possible by a broad business recovery now in process.

He wagged a warning finger at the soaring stock market, declaring that "continued economic recovery must not be jeopardized by over emphasis of speculative activity." The government, he said, will meet its "great responsibility" to prevent a financial boom-and-bust.

Picturing the present as a time of industrial expansion, he said labor strife often increases in such periods with "serious economic repercussions."

The report, third and last of the major presidential messages, urged the states to increase the amount, duration and coverage of unemployment compensation and called again on Congress to raise the minimum wage from 75 to 80 cents.

He discouraged the proposals of labor leaders and some Democrats for a wage floor of \$1 or \$1.25 an hour. The 15-cent increase, he said, is all that can be "economically justified."

A higher minimum might cause lower production and substantial unemployment in several industries. He proposed, however, that Congress consider extending minimum wage protection gradually to 20 million workers not now covered.

These were among 33 recommendations in the 207-page report. But Eisenhower stressed that government's role—in helping to achieve the 40 per cent production rise needed to reach a 500-billion-dollar annual output of goods and services in 1965—will be primarily that of encouraging private initiative, curbing monopoly and avoiding encroachment on industry.

Most of the specific recommendations underscored requests made in the earlier State of the Union and budget messages. Eisenhower asked Congress to:

- 1. Promote foreign commerce by extending for three years the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, with presidential power to reduce tariffs by as much as 15 per cent.
- 2. Postpone the cuts in corporation and excise taxes scheduled for April 1. By next year, Eisenhower said, rising revenues and further federal economies "should make possible another step in the reduction of taxes."
- 3. Take action "this year to help meet our nationwide needs for school construction." The President again did not specify the kind or amount of federal aid he has in mind. A special message will be sent Feb. 15, he said, dealing with "appropriate" plans.
- 4. Give the President power to tighten credit terms and increase down payments on federally underwritten mortgages when inflation threatens and relax the terms when real estate activity slackens off.

British Consult On Cease Fire In China Battle

LONDON (U-P)—Britain disclosed today that she has consulted with the United States and New Zealand on a possible move in the United Nations to obtain a cease fire in the China fighting.

A Foreign Office spokesman, replying to a reporter's question, said the proposal "was one of a number of possible courses of action which we have discussed with the United States and New Zealand in the course of exchanges over recent months."

"But no decision to carry it out was taken," the spokesman added.

The spokesman was commenting on a report from U.N. headquarters that Britain and New Zealand have been considering taking a joint cease-fire resolution to the U.N. Security Council.

The report said the countries have been studying the matter for weeks but have done nothing because of opposition from Nationalist China.

President Eisenhower said at his news conference yesterday that he would like to see the United Nations use its good offices to halt the shooting war between Red China and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Chinese forces on Formosa.

Britain prepared to register a formal protest with the Chinese Nationalists against the air bombing of the 1,717-ton British ship Edendale last night in the Red China port of Swatow.

STILL FIGHTING ON ISLE Nationalist Airplanes Attack Red Shipping Near Tachens

The ministry claimed six ships, further unidentified, were sunk near the Tachens 200 miles north of Formosa. Further south, other Nationalist planes claimed two vessels sunk and three damaged off the coast of Fukien province.

Still more planes rained "millions" of leaflets on the Red China coast, the Nationalists reported.

The ministry said the planes attacked in waves from 2 a.m. until 7:30 a.m., and returned without loss despite Communist antiaircraft fire from both land and sea.

The attacks marked the second straight day of heavy Nationalist air attacks on Communist shipping.

The Nationalists asserted the guerrillas on Yikiangshan, eight miles north of the Tachens, were still holding out, two full days after Peiping radio trumpeted the tiny outpost had fallen to Communist invaders.

Peiping radio continued to treat conquest of the island as an accomplished fact. A broadcast heard in Tokyo said all Peiping newspapers carried front page roundups of "the joyful reaction among the armed forces in east China over the liberation of Yikiangshan."

There was no official indication of the size of the holdout force, but it was believed to be small.

Yesterday the Nationalist air force prowled along some 300 miles of the southeast China coast, and the Defense Ministry said at least 17 Red ships were sunk and five damaged. Most of the ships were small.

Nationalist artillery on Quemoy fired 500 shells into Red-held Chisoy Island in Amoy harbor. The ministry said many artillery posi-

THE WEATHER

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon. Light and steady rain tonight and Friday. Stuffy winds this afternoon and tonight. High today 65, low tonight 40. High tomorrow 60, low tonight 35. Highest temperature in Big Spring since 1949, lowest this date 13 in 1925. Maximum rainfall this date 1.0 in 1916.

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Auto In Angelo Explosion

Mrs. Harry A. Weaver, 52, wife of a prominent architect, was killed in San Angelo, Tex., when a bomb exploded in her husband's 1954 automobile, in background Weaver, bereaved, talks with an unidentified officer in Western hat. No progress was reported today in solving the case. A Houston businessman was questioned five hours.

New Locations In Snyder Field Staked; Runnels Wildcat Is Set

Two locations were spotted in the Snyder field of Howard County, and a new wildcat was staked in Runnels County about eight miles southeast of Ballinger.

Fair and Woodward Nos. 11 and 12 Snyder are the two new Snyder field projects. Thomas D. Humphrey No. 1-A J. W. Barr is the prospector in Runnels.

Borden

El Capitan, Wrather and Slick

Chamber Nominee Suggestions Go To Board Members

Members of the Chamber of Commerce who have suggestions as to nominees for the board of directors should contact one of the 15 hold-over directors, it was announced today by Manager J. H. Greene.

These hold-over directors constitute the nomination committee, and they will select about 40 names to be listed on the nomination blanks to be distributed among members.

Members in turn will elect 15 people from the names listed, and the hold-over directors will select 10 others. This will give a board of 40, to serve during the next year.

Those who are hold-over directors are Ike Robb, G. F. Dillon, Joe Pickle, R. W. Currie, George Oldham, LeRoy Tidwell, Roy Reeder, Dan Krause, Elmo Wasson, Roy Correllson, Joe Hayden, Sherman Smith, W. D. Caldwell, Curtis Driver and Lewis Price.

Presbyterian Class

The Elizabeth McDowell Sunday School Class of the First Presbyterian Church held a monthly luncheon at the church recently. Food was served buffet style to about 20 members and one guest. Mrs. Arthur Pickle and Mrs. R. T. Piner were hostesses.

THE WEATHER

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Mostly cloudy and warmer with some light rain this afternoon and tonight. Friday clearing and turning a little cooler.

CITY	MAX.	MIN.
Amarillo	46	30
Abilene	46	30
Big Spring	46	30
Brewster	46	30
Dallas	51	35
Fort Worth	51	35
Houston	51	35
San Antonio	51	35
San Diego	51	35
San Louis	51	35

Oil No. 1 Higginbotham, wildcat

Some 2 1/2-miles north of the Veal-moor field, has been plugged and abandoned at 5,180 feet in the Pennsylvania reef lime, where it made water on drillstem tests.

Tennessee No. 1 Fambrough, 690 from north and 2,380 from east lines, 18-33-3n, T&P survey, has been plugged and abandoned after testing water in both the Pennsylvania and the Spraberry. The wildcat was about nine miles east of Lamesa.

Coke

Fortune and Couden No. 1 Marcum bored to 4,302 feet in sand and a drillstem test is now under way. Fortune and Couden No. 1 Wighton hit 5,298 feet in shale and sand and operator is preparing to set 5 1/2-inch casing and test above 5,300 feet in a possible pay zone.

Dawson

Seaboard No. 2 Dean, 3,302 from south and 1,960 from west lines, 11-34-5n, T&P survey, has been plugged and abandoned after testing water in both the Pennsylvania and the Spraberry. The wildcat was about nine miles east of Lamesa.

Howard

Fair and Woodward No. 11 Susie B. Snyder has been staked five miles southeast of Coahoma in the Snyder field as a 3,000-foot project. It is 990 from north and east lines, 20-30-1s, T&P survey.

WOMAN JUROR TRIPLY BUSY

STANTON, (SC) — Mrs. Hilda (Stormy) Weathers may not have voted for jury service for women, but she's getting her share of the duty.

Mrs. Weathers, manager of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, has served on the juries for three criminal trials in 118th District Court here this week.

She was on the panel selected Monday for the trial of Joseph Stephens, Mineral Wells, on DWI charges; on the jury Wednesday for the trial of Haymon Young, Gilmer, on assault charges; and she was on the jury which today heard testimony in the trial of Joe Snow, Big Spring, on DWI charges.

Mrs. Weathers also was one of the first women jurors to stay overnight in the jury dormitory of the Howard County Courthouse.

Rev. Mitchell Back From Mexican Trip

W. E. Mitchell, pastor of Galveston Street Church of God, has returned from a mission tour of Mexico. He was a delegate from the Church of God, headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

Accompanying him were the Rev. J. D. Bright, state overseer of the Churches of God of Texas; the Rev. A. C. Statham, overseer of the Sweetwater district; and the Rev. George Ivy, pastor of the Church of God of Midland.

Mitchell reports that there are almost 500 Churches of God in Mexico, but that there is a need for mission workers there from all churches.

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tribution last year was only 43 cents per person, while the national contribution average is slightly higher, being 45 cents per person.

Among the events scheduled during the remainder of January to raise money are women's teas, club dances, bingo parties, a tamale supper, Scout sales of miniature crutches, balloon sales at school, and a talent show.

More than 6,000 coin cards have been mailed to residents here, and Mrs. Thomas estimated that about 250 have been returned with money in excess of a \$1,000.

The restaurant coffee day netted \$119, she said, and the largest single contribution of \$1,400 came from Webb Air Force Base. A large source of revenue is expected to be the coin jars about town, which will be gathered at the drive's close.

Those present at the board meeting included Warr, Mrs. Thomas, George Zachariah, Edith Gray, Jewel Barton and Ira Thurman.

Dodson Testifies In Assault Trial Before County Court

Carl E. (Dan) Dodson of Coahoma testified in County Court this morning that he was involved in a fight with Vester Lee Hogue last Feb. 14 because of a family misunderstanding that he then knew nothing about.

Hogue is on trial on aggravated assault charges. He was charged shortly after the incident, but the grand jury later returned an indictment alleging aggravated assault.

Dodson said he learned since

the fight that Hogue was having difficulty with a relative of Dodson's wife, who used to work in the Highway Cafe which Hogue operates in Coahoma.

The witness said also that Vester Hogue and Wayne Hogue, Vester's nephew and Dodson's cousin, had an argument at the cafe on the night of the trouble. He said Vester Hogue cursed him after the three went outside the cafe.

Dodson said he went out to the street and asked Vester Hogue to accompany him if he wished to fight. Hogue then went back to the cafe, the witness said.

Dodson testified that he later saw Vester Hogue go into the Hogue Grocery, operated adjacent to the cafe by E. W. (Sid) Hogue, brother of Vester Hogue, and that he (Dodson) also started to enter the grocery store.

The witness said that as he reached to open a screen door Vester Hogue threw the door open and said, "I'll kill you, you see."

He said Hogue held a pistol which he moved toward Dodson's head. Dodson said that he suffered a head injury but that he didn't know whether he was struck or shot. He said that he got up Hogue "was fighting me." He said they fought inside the store until E. W. Hogue stopped the fight.

Billy Milliken testified that he was inside the Hogue Grocery on the same night. He said he saw Vester Hogue enter and that a few seconds later Dodson stood in the doorway. Milliken said he saw a pistol in Hogue's hand and that the weapon was moved toward Dodson's head. He testified also that Hogue said, "I'll kill you," and that he heard a shot fired.

Mrs. Norman Koonce said she was in a car parked outside the grocery and that she saw both Vester Hogue and Dodson approach the store. She testified that she saw the gun moved toward Dodson's head and that she heard two shots.

Dodson testified that prior to this occurrence she saw Sid Hogue in a fight with his son, Wayne Hogue, in front of the Highway Cafe. She said Sid Hogue kicked Wayne Hogue.

Both Mrs. Koonce and Milliken testified that they left the store as quickly as they could after the shots were heard.

Dodson was treated for a head wound at a hospital in Big Spring and Vester Hogue received treatment for a cut on his hand on the night of Feb. 14, 1954.

Jurors hearing the case are Ray Ford, T. E. Jordan, Bob Spears, Robert Long, Don B. McKenny and Clifford Fisher.

Legislative Pay Raise Is Voted

By BO BYERS
AUSTIN 46—The Senate today finally passed and sent to the governor the legislative pay raise bill boosting lawmakers' salaries from \$10 to \$25 a day.

The session's first flurry over communism hit the House. A number of representatives reported they had received Communist pamphlets in the mail. They turned the matter over to State Police Director Homer Garrison.

The pay raise bill finally approved by the Senate did not include boosts for constitutional state officials. They were knocked out in House action last week, and the Senate agreed 29-0.

Sen. George Parkhouse, Dallas, introduced another labor control measure dealing with railroads and common carriers. Rep. Robert Patten, Jasper, offered a bill setting up a public utilities commission in the house.

Another water measure was introduced in the Senate. By Sen. Crawford Martin, Hillsboro, it would set up a 6-member elective water board and limit the board's jurisdiction to surface water and navigable streams.

Latin-American Bingo Party Set As Polio Project

Latest project in the March of Dimes drive announced today by chairman Mrs. Clyde E. Thomas Jr., is the Latin-American bingo party scheduled for Jan. 31.

Local firms who will contribute prizes are Woolworth's, White's, Cunningham-Phillips No. 2 Drug store, McCrory's, Margo's, Mellinger's, Record Shop, Western Auto, Salls Ann, Lynn's, Fisherman's, Fabric Shop, Prager's, the Little Shop, Big Spring Hardware, Mode O'Day, Walker Drugs, the Men's Store, J&K Shoe Store, United and Anthony's.

Fire truck rides for children will be sold all day Saturday for 25 cents. The truck will be stationed on the YMCA corner beginning at 9:00 Saturday morning.

Mrs. Thomas has announced that \$119 was netted on the merchants' coffee day.

HOSPITAL NOTES

BIG SPRING HOSPITAL
Admissions — R. F. Simmons, 404 W 4th; Louisa Dutchover, 406 NW 5th; Frank Robinson, Box 1541; Ann Harris, Westbrook; Mrs. O. Wasson, 105 Hardy; Lupe Garza, Westbrook.

Dismissals — Anita Vallis, 901 NW 3rd; Hester Green, 801 W 18th; Dolly Parker, Knott Rd; John Hicks, Ranger; Ben Polance, 510 NW 7th; Floyd Young, Big Lake; Loretta Bennett, 1207 Settles.

Reds Free Another GI

BERLIN (AP)—Pvt. William A. Verdine of Starks, La., was released by the Russians in Berlin today after five years of Soviet captivity, including a long stretch in Vorkuta prison camp.

Verdine is the third American to come from Vorkuta this month. The Soviets, according to repeated requests, turned loose John H. Noble of Detroit, and Pvt. William Marchuk of Norristown, Pa., on Jan. 8.

Verdine has been listed by the Army as missing since 1949. He had been stationed with the 14th Armored Cavalry at Coburg in West Germany, not far from the American-Soviet zonal frontier.

The Army added that Verdine is in military custody and will remain there during an inquiry into the circumstances of his disappearance. The soldier faces a possible court-martial for being away without official leave or perhaps desertion, unless he can prove that he blundered into the Soviet zone through no fault of his own.

Belgians Back Pact; Germans Delay Vote

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—The Belgian House of Representatives approved today the Paris accord to rearm Western Germany. The vote was 181 to 9, with two abstentions. The treaties now go to the upper house.

BONN, Germany (AP)—The West German Parliament decided today to postpone debate on ratification of the Paris rearmament treaties for two weeks.

John G. Ratliff, 76, Dies Here

John Gilbert Ratliff, 76, died in a local hospital at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Ratliff, who lived in Zephyr, Texas, had been a farmer most of his life but had been in retirement since 1940.

Services will be conducted at the Zephyr Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Friday, with Rev. W. J. Chambers in charge. The body will be taken overland tomorrow morning in an ambulance belonging to Arrington Funeral Home of Stanton.

Burial will take place in the Zephyr Cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include five sons, Verdis L., Stanton; Willie B., Dublin; Burney, San Antonio; Joe Herman, Big Spring; and Fattie, Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Carlisle, Austin; Mrs. Aubrey Casbeer, Stanton; and Mrs. Cleo Kizer, Fort Worth; 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeralbearers will be his grandsons. They are Connie Ratliff, Billy Ratliff, Weldon Ratliff, Edell Ratliff, Richard Ratliff, Wade Ratliff, Gilbert Ratliff and Dearnin Ratliff.

CARD OF THANKS

We express our sincere gratitude to each and everyone for their thoughtfulness shown our mother, Mrs. I. B. Cauble, on her 80th birthday celebration.

The I. B. Cauble Family

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank all the kind friends, neighbors, Dr. Thomas and the nurses at Big Spring Hospital for the many courtesies, food, expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes that were given at the passing of Ollie A. Goodman.

Mrs. Ollie A. Goodman and family

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Escaped Sooner Killer Is Caught

TANLEQUAH, Okla. (AP)—Julius Bohannon, escaped three-time killer, was captured without a fight near here shortly after daylight today after a search by 50 officers.

Bohannon escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester Jan. 8 and had been the subject of a search from Canada to Texas.

The Highway Patrol said Bohannon was unarmcd when found cowering in an abandoned shack southwest of here.

A full-scale hunt in this area went on Monday for Bohannon but he was successfully eluded officers.

Boy Scout Council Annual Meeting Set Here Friday

Boy Scout leaders from some 15 counties in mid-West Texas will gather here Friday for the 32nd annual meeting of the Buffalo Trail Council.

William J. Murray, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, will be the speaker at the annual banquet which traditionally highlights the meeting. Murray has been active in scouting for many years and has been head of the Capitol district at Austin.

Business session of the meeting begins at the Settles at 4:30 p.m. At the dinner which begins in the Settles ballroom at 6:30 p.m., Dr. G. F. Dillon, immediate past chairman of the Lone Star District, will extend the welcome. A ceremony will recognize Eagle Scouts of the past year, and the Rev. Clyde Lindsley, Midland, will make special presentations, including the Silver Beaver awards, highest that may be conferred at the council level upon lay workers on Cubbing, Scouting or Explorer Scouting.

Around 300 are expected for the banquet.

Explorer Training Session Is Begun

The Explorer Scout training session got off to a good start Tuesday evening at the Howard County Junior College and future sessions were pegged for Thursday evenings.

The next one will be Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at HCJC, said Lester Snow, chairman of leadership training. Ten men took part in the first session and attendance is expected to rise at the second one. Those entering the next meeting will be able to complete the course and earn certificates.

Instructing in the course are Snow, Lester Goswick, Arnold Seydler and Sgt. J. W. Tipps.

Preparations Made For Topping Fourth

Preparations were being made today to top the east segment of the Fourth Street Highway.

The area between Nolan Street and the east city limits was being packed and oiled, a step that is necessary before the topping is applied. Workers were also readying for the joining of new pavement with old.

Practically the entire west segment of the new highway has been topped, with only that part lying outside the city limits and around Webb Air Force Base's entrance yet to go. The entire stretch is paved from Nolan on the east to the point where Third and Fourth join on the west.

Observers are of the opinion that the hot-mix topping will be installed on the improved portion of Third Street near Webb in the near future, as separation lines have already been poured and completed.

Curtains Cause Fire

Curtains blowing into a lighted stove caused a small fire at the home of Joe L. Butts, 900 Lancaster, this morning. Firemen said the venetian blinds and carpet burned, but that nothing else was damaged. The fire alarm was sounded about 8:30 a.m.

Elimination Of Center Rise Set On W. Third St.

State Highway Department representatives have agreed to eliminate the center rise in West Third Street where it intersects with Galveston, San Antonio and San Jacinto streets.

City Manager H. W. Whitney said that Highway District Engineer J. C. (Jake) Roberts has announced that the intersections will be reworked as soon as possible.

As the Third Street highway is now constructed, the rise acts as a low dam which backs up water at the intersections during heavy rains. The area between Third and Fourth is flooded during an excessive rain.

Reason for this is that large amounts of water flowing from the West Draw to the intersections cannot cross and run down through the railroad channel, it was explained.

Roberts looked at the intersections with Whitney when the conference on the North Highway 80 loop was held Monday. He indicated that work on the intersections would be in the immediate future.

Traffic Record Being Compiled

Reports on Big Spring's traffic record are being compiled today for the National Safety Council, it was announced by George Oldham, executive secretary of the Citizens' Traffic Commission.

City Hedner of the Texas Department of Public Safety arrived this morning to help police clerk Rachel Shaffer with the record tabulation.

Son Is Recovering

STANTON — Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stroud have received word that their son, Cpl. Elmer Lee Stroud, is recovering satisfactorily from a recent illness. Stroud is stationed in Japan. His wife and son are living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Vaughn, until Stroud returns home.

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A Pretty "Snappy" Menu

Cuff Taylor had a near riot in his hen yard last week. Seems the hens were scratching around the cold ground when they found a piece of rubber band frozen in the ice.

"One hen pecked at it," says Cuff, "and it snapped right back. She backed off clucking while another hen tried it, and another. And the 'worm' kept right on snapping back. They all got their feathers ruffled. You never heard such a ruckus!"

"I finally had to break up the ice with an ax before those hens would get back to business and start laying eggs again."

From where I sit, some people raise a pretty big fuss over nothing, too. Take the fellow who would deny me a temperate glass of beer with my game of checkers. Maybe he'd rather have coffee! Well, that's all right. He has a right to his own preference. But so do I. And there's no point in his "snapping" at me just because his choice isn't the same as mine.

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Safety Council Officials

New officers were installed for the Texas and Pacific Ladies Safety Council at a luncheon Wednesday at the Settles Hotel. Standing are (left to right): Mrs. George Pittman, installing marshal; Mrs. C. L. Richardson, president; Mrs. Arthur Paschall, vice president; Mrs. R. F. Fallon, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. J. P. Dodge, installing officer. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. H. F. Jarrett, adviser, and Mrs. J. C. Cravens, corresponding secretary.

Ladies Safety Council Installs Officers

The Big Spring Texas and Pacific Ladies Safety Council installed officers for the new year at the Settles Hotel, Wednesday, after having served a smorgasbord luncheon.

Installed were Mrs. C. L. Richardson, president; Mrs. Arthur Paschall, vice president; Mrs. R. F. Fallon, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. J. C. Cravens, corresponding

secretary. Mrs. H. F. Jarrett, outgoing president, was installed as adviser.

The installing marshal was Mrs. George Pittman, and Mrs. J. P. Dodge was installing officer.

There were approximately 65 members and guests present. The incoming officers were presented with corsages.

Following the installation program, J. H. Williams, Superintendent of Safety, Dallas, made a short talk, as did W. C. Foster, Division Superintendent of Big Spring. Other officers of the railway attending were: A. C. LaCroix, assistant superintendent; J. A. Wright, assistant superintendent; J. H. Webb, master mechanic; G. W. Stone, trainmaster; and H. L. Gahman, road foreman of engines.

Midland Artist Is Guest Of Art Club

Illustrating his talk before Las Artistas art club Tuesday evening, Arnold Leander of Midland showed slides of some of the Old Masters' work as well as his own.

A modern expressionist, Leander is an art instructor at Odessa Junior College.

Informal discussion was encouraged about each picture shown. The group met at St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Richard Patterson, program chairman.

Among the approximately 16 attending were four guests, June Cuthrell of Midland, Nelson Bennett, Mrs. Charles Kee, Beth Sims and Bonnie Showers.

Bruce Frazier Speaks On Defense For P-TA

"We the People Provide for the Common Defense" was the topic of a talk by Bruce Frazier at a Central Ward P-TA meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Pupils from Mrs. J. T. Lowe's third grade who gave the devotion were Michael Peters, Ann Puckett, Linda Norman, Johnny Farquhar, Alice Chaffin, Patricia Tubb, Elizabeth Frazier and Marjorie Mitchell.

Mrs. W. H. Bain presided in the absence of Mrs. Roy Sloan. Forty-five attended.



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Ruth Class Holds Party And Meeting

Members of the Ruth Class of East Fourth Street Baptist Church combined a "hobo" party and business meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Robinson.

Mrs. E. L. Patton offered the opening prayer and Mrs. Byram Armstrong gave the devotion from Luke.

Sack lunches were served to eight members and four associate members who were Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. Max Roberts, Mrs. A. L. Shipman, Mrs. E. A. Richters and Mrs. John Richey. Secret pal gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Wilson led the closing prayer.

Spaders Hear Talk On House Plants

"House Plants" was the subject of a talk by Bruce Frazier at a meeting of the Spaders Garden Club Wednesday afternoon. The group met in the Frazier home.

During the business meeting, it was voted to add a reporter to the list of officers, and Mrs. Odie Wilson was elected to that office.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Dale Smith, president; Mrs. Bob Carlie, vice-president; Mrs. Glenn White, secretary; Mrs. David Elrod, treasurer; Mrs. H. B. Perry, parliamentarian, and Mrs. D. O. Williams, librarian.

Presbyterian Groups Meet In Circles

Plans for the year's work were made at a meeting of the Peggy Potter Circle of St. Paul Presbyterian Church Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Leon Moffett.

Mrs. Eugene Peters gave the devotion. Mrs. H. B. Dirks reviewed the Survey article, "Personal Faith" for the eight members attending.

Mrs. Dalton Conway gave the Bible study based on Romans at the meeting of Circle No. 2, Ruth Evans, Monday afternoon. The group met in the home of Mrs. Robert Heine. The Survey article was presented by Mrs. Allan Peterson. Mrs. Conway offered the opening prayer. Seven members attended.

Vocational Nurses To Graduate

Capping and graduation ceremonies for vocational nursing students at Medical Arts Hospital School of Nursing will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Howard County Junior College auditorium.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dean E. M. Keese. The program will include an invocation by Dr. R. Gage Loyd, a song by Arnold Marshall, accompanied by Mrs. Betty Jane Reagan, and the benediction by the Rev. Allen Adams.

Receiving caps will be Mrs. Katie Cearley, Billie Fisher, Mrs. Amy Lee Gourley, Mrs. Sara Kelley, Mrs. Katherine Luce, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, Mrs. Ruth Robertson, Donna Waggoner and Mrs. Letha Woods.

Diplomas will be awarded to Mrs. Mildred Edwards, Mrs. Vernell Franklin, Mrs. Betty Sue Hensley, Mrs. Sara Osborne and Mrs. Maurine Rice.

Canton Auxiliary Has Installation

Officers of Canton Auxiliary No. 23 were installed at a regular session.

Installed were Mrs. Gordon Gross, president; Frances Shank, vice president; Mrs. A. C. Wilkerson, secretary, and Mrs. Albert Gilliland, treasurer.

Installing officers were Past President Mrs. Leota Johnson, Adjutant Floyd Jones, Aid Eugene Thomas and Chaplain Mrs. Thelma Jobe.

Mrs. Leon Cain was presented with a past president's pin when she retired from her station.

Visitors were Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jobe of Canton Auxiliary Midland No. 33.

A dinner followed the ceremony.



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NCO Wives Hear Program By Airmen

A variety musical program, presented by a group of airmen highlighted the social meeting of the NCO Wives' Club Monday evening.

Participating were Cpl. Martin Lucas and Cpl. Fred Hassler, who played several piano duets; A-2C Roy M. Scott, who sang a number of vocal solos, accompanied by A-2C Ronald C. Leake. Cpl. Lucas also presented accordion solos.

Following the program, refreshments were served at individual tables by hostesses Mrs. William Ceeh, Mrs. R. T. Calhoun and Mrs. M. W. Barlett. A special prize was won by Mrs. Harold Kain.

It was announced that a meeting of the executive council would be held in the home of Mrs. Kain on Feb. 4.

Members were reminded that an assistant secretary-treasurer will be elected at the business meeting to be held at the NCO Club at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7. All members are urged to attend. A surprise gift will be awarded.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Emission Parish House.

GRAND INTERNATIONAL AUXILIARY will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the WOV Hall.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

BIG SPRING GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD LMS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

CAYLONA STAR TREKERS AND GIRLS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

COLLEGE-BENEFITS P-TA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

MORNING WOMEN'S FORUM will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

100% LANCERS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

FRIDAY TRAINING LADIES will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

KAGNER BEAVER SEWING CLUB will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

THE WOMEN'S FORUM will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

CITY FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Albert Hutchins, 206 N. 10th.

A-1C and Mrs. Carl Mensing and Debra Kay left Wednesday for Delevan, Minn., where they will be guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mensing. From there they will go to Chicago, where he will be stationed. Mrs. Mensing is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fehler, 404 Benton.

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In College Play

Libby Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jones, 1204 Douglas, has been selected for a part in the next major drama production at Christian College, at Columbia, Mo. The play in which she will take part is one for children, an adaptation of the famous fairy tale, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The production will become a road show, playing to audiences in several surrounding cities. Miss Jones is a junior at the junior college for women and was a summer employee of The Herald.

Cheerio Club Given Buffet Supper

A buffet supper was served to members of the Cheerio Circle for the Blind when they met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. J. W. Johnson. Mrs. W. D. Wilbanks was in charge of the meeting.

A film, "The Flame" was shown and described for the group by W. C. Turner. The movie was taken in Korea and shows the need for missionaries in that country.

Ted Phillips made a tape recording of testimonies and played them back to the club.

Mrs. Phillips told of the plans that she and Mr. Phillips have made for their work as missionaries. Mrs. Charlie Boland accompanied members for a sing-song.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Maggie Richardson, Mrs. Opal Sides, John Kee and Karen, Tom Rogers, Mrs. Truett Thomas, Mrs. Mary Petty, Elizabeth Hines, Rufus Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ake and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Byrd.

Frazier Is Speaker For North Ward P-TA

Bruce Frazier as guest speaker for North Ward P-TA Tuesday evening discussed "Provide for the Common Defense."

For the program at the "Stair-steps," woman's SPESQSA quartet, sang three numbers. Mrs. Grady Randall gave the inspirational thought.

Mrs. Jess Slaughter's third grade members attended and were served refreshments following the meeting.

Federation Sets District Convention For Monahans

ACALA — Mrs. J. S. Hendricks of Acala, president of the Eighth District of Federated Women's Clubs of Texas, today announced first plans for the district convention in Monahans, March 16, 17 and 18.

Hostesses will be the three federated clubs of Monahans, Nu Gamma, Tau Lambda and Wednesday Study Club.

Mrs. James R. Brunner will serve as general chairman. She has appointed the following Monahans women to serve with her.

Mrs. O. G. Rudy, Mrs. Robert Orr and Mrs. I. E. Porter, co-chairmen; Mrs. Willard Kluge, publicity; Mrs. Allen Forsythe, press exhibit; Mrs. H. P. Cooper, hospitality; Mrs. Bob Ziesenheim, program; Mrs. C. J. Sitten, transportation; Mrs. J. C. Chapman, food reservations; Mrs. J. C. Hogg, housing reservations; Mrs. Sam Lewis, decorations; Mrs. Max Hammond, credentials and registration; Mrs. George Gannaway, food; Mrs. W. D. Parker, local proman; Mrs. Edd Howard, lost and found; Mrs. C. L. Campbell, printing and advertisements, Mrs. Frank Barron, time keeper, and Mrs. Otis Ramsey, pianist.

Plans for the Texas Heritage program include an outdoor dinner at a Monahans home. Program will be a pageant.

Guest speakers will include Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. A. J. House, Federation first vice president; Mrs. Harry Griffith, Western regional vice president; Capt. J. B. Car-

Bluebonnet Class

The Bluebonnet Class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Russell Lawrence for their monthly social. The program was led by Mrs. W. E. Garner, and games were played by the group. The table was laid with a lace cloth, and silver and crystal appointments were used. Refreshments were served to 14.

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Visitations plans were made at the meeting of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the Airport Baptist Church Monday evening. Members met in the home of Mrs. Neal Bryant, with Mrs. Leroy Bullard in charge of the business session. Secret pal gifts were exchanged and pals were revealed. New names were drawn. Refreshments were served to 10. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Richard Grimes on Feb. 7.

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A Bible Thought For Today—

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. (Gen. 2:19).

Every Citizen Ought To Be Proud Of His Heritage Enough To Vote

If you have been following the little box in the lower part of page one for several days, you get the altogether correct impression that people aren't particularly excited about paying their poll taxes. This is what is known as an "off" year in Texas, that is to say there are no primary or general elections. A lot of civically lazy people only bother about qualifying to vote on the "on" years; and not a few are so indifferent that they only condescend to get a poll tax exemption certificate once every four years when the country is voting on a president. Most any fair-minded person will agree that that is, to stretch a phrase, "a heck of a way to run a railroad."

Leave a lot vacant for one year and it grows up in weeds and catches trash; leave one vacant for two or four years and it grows up in deep-rooted brush. If enough people leave vacant their solemn right and privilege and duty of voting for a year a lot of weeds might grow up in the body politic. If enough sit on their hands for two or four years, some wrongs could sink their roots so deeply that uprooting them would be a major if not almost impossible problem. Most people fail to qualify as voters through carelessness or indifference. That is not ample reason for failure, because every citizen of the United States ought to be proud enough of his democratic heritage to be prepared to do the least that any citizen can do—and that is to vote.

There Is No Excuse For Record Of Car Collisions Such As Ours

Probably we will be the very next to succumb to the malady, but it seems to us that altogether too many automobile collisions are taking place within our city. Statistics of the police department, and tabulated by the Citizens Traffic Commission, show a total of 705 collisions within the city last year. That's almost two every day. Actually, things run in cycles, which means that some days produced half a dozen and sometimes as high as 10 collisions.

Now only 377 of these inflicted damage over \$25 (and here the probability is that a lot of these were estimated that low by principals to avoid official reports), but that doesn't lessen the potential for harm occasioned by more than 1,400 cars getting together.

Some interesting figures were revealed in the reports. One is that the male of the species is by far the most careless. There were only 158 women drivers involved in mishaps, whereas there were 573 men drivers who had accidents. Granted that men far outnumber women as drivers, the ratio is too far apart to rationalize it in that manner.

Another study showed 133 youngsters between ages of 14-20 were involved in mishaps; 146 were between ages of 20-24 and another 170 were between the ages of 25-34. Clearly, the problem is to attack at levels where young drivers have not had experience and maturity, and where they are prone to think they are in a far greater hurry than they actually are.

Just as a starter, most of us could make a contribution by slowing a bit and by looking twice as carefully at intersections. We could well take a bluff and calm our bile in lieu of winning a point—and perhaps a steel-rending tie.

These Days—George Sokolsky

No Good Purpose Served With Assassination Of Characters

When Herbert Hoover was president, the Democratic National Committee hired Charles Michelson to assassinate Mr. Hoover's reputation. Michelson devoted himself to the job affectionately. Hoover's career was investigated from the day of his birth and when nothing could be found to hurt his good name, it was manufactured with cynical skill.

This is the classical example of organized, subsidized character assassination. Herbert Hoover survived but many of those who sought to sully his good name have since died, including Charley Michelson who wrote a book on his infamies. Hoover, being a Quaker, has long forgiven the assassins; what is more, he has come to be on friendly terms with some of them, not taking their conduct too seriously. However, some of Michelson's falsehoods persist to this day to Mr. Hoover's amusement at the folly of men.

Nowadays, it has become improper to tell not only stories but the truth about political opponents, lest it involve "character assassination" which is a meaningless term politically because all politicians practice self-praise and point to the foibles of their adversaries. If the foibles are sufficient to bring about a man's defeat, it is generally regarded as the thing to do. But one must always expect the boar that has been stuck to shout, "character assassin!"

When Woodrow Wilson was president, a smearing campaign was stimulated by enemies dealing with his private life. This effort to destroy his character culminated in the hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee concerning the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court. Brandeis was innocent of any relationship to President Wilson's private life.

and if ever there was an attempt at character assassination, it was bringing him into the matter at all. But nobody called it such a fancy name then; they called it politics played to embarrass a president. That office was at that time not regarded as sacrosanct and no president dared to take himself too seriously.

Those who make such a big noise about character assassination engage in that art themselves when it is to their advantage. For instance, Sen. Neuberger, the fledgling from Oregon, accused Vice President Nixon of character assassination, whereupon he proceeded to assassinate Nixon's character. Everybody's doing it, more or less.

Actually the looseness of our conversation concerning public men has this virtue, that it may occasionally remind the great men who govern us that they were not to be taken too seriously. However, some of Michelson's falsehoods persist to this day to Mr. Hoover's amusement at the folly of men. Nowadays, it has become improper to tell not only stories but the truth about political opponents, lest it involve "character assassination" which is a meaningless term politically because all politicians practice self-praise and point to the foibles of their adversaries. If the foibles are sufficient to bring about a man's defeat, it is generally regarded as the thing to do. But one must always expect the boar that has been stuck to shout, "character assassin!"

POTOMAC FEVER

By FLETCHER KNEBEL

He sends his third annual budget to Congress. It's an economy budget. To save time, we'll all go broke together.

There's a comforting thread of stability that runs through the Washington confusion. Senator Joe McCarthy is attacking Army Secretary Stevens again. It's kind of like old home week.

The Eisenhower budget will be dedicated to the "have-nots." As usual, the White House and the Treasury have not enough money.

Panama gets a new president after firing another on charges of murdering a third, Panama Politician: "You going to the inauguration this morning?" Politician B: "No, but I'll see you tonight at his wake."

New York Democrats are divided between Adlai Stevenson and Averell Harriman for president. Those opposed to Stevenson say the honors ought to be spread around—it's Harriman's turn this time to lose to Ike.

The new Republican budget is a middle-of-the-road budget, halfway between breaking even—and breaking down for a good cry.

Senator Green, 57-year-old Rhode Island Democrat, dances the mambo at a White House party. A politician never really becomes carefree until he reaches Green's age. Old enough so he can't run for president—and still young enough to realize it.

Safe, Slow Voyage

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP)—On Aug. 2, 1953, Donald G. Kayler dropped a bottle containing a note off the coast of Palm Beach, Fla.

The Hagerstown school teacher has the note back. He said it was returned to him four months later by a school girl from Lands End, England—Grace Strongman. Kayler figures his bottle, set afloat as an experiment, made the transoceanic trip at the rate of 11 miles per day.

Next Question

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—As a homework assignment, teachers asked Bridgeport students to find out what the "A" stands for in Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff's name.

No one, including newspapers, could provide the answer. Finally, a reporter put the question to the governor himself. Said Ribicoff: "My middle name is Alexander."



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The World Today—James Marlow

Change Of Mind By Former Senator Cain About Reds-In-Government Latest Puzzle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Latest political puzzle: Harry P. Cain, one of the most conservative Republicans and a supporter of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) while he was in the Senate from 1947 through 1952.

Last month McCarthy accused President Eisenhower of a "shrinking show of weakness" in dealing with Communists at home and abroad. Now Cain blasts Eisenhower's program for getting security risks out of the government as too tough.

In a speech in Spokane, in his home state of Washington, Cain told Republicans the Eisenhower program needed major overhauling to be sure government employees are dealt with justly.

Cain owes his present job to Eisenhower. The President appointed him a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board in April 1953, five months after he had been defeated for re-election by Henry M. Jackson, a Democrat.

If Cain has ambitions for the 1956 Senate election it will have to be against another Democrat, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, a man with effective vote-getting ability in the Northwest. Cain has been out of the political limelight since he went to work on the SABC which was set up to decide whether the Communist party and Communist fronts are Moscow agents.

The SABC can be a political graveyard for its members, who seldom make speeches, at least controversial ones. Cain, who talked much in the Senate, has been practically unheard of since 1953 until now.

As if in answer to a question about his viewpoint, Cain told the Spokane Republicans: "For the better part of two years I have been sitting, listening and thinking."

In the Senate, he said, he "lost sight of some fundamentals which have returned to focus during the past two years."

In the Senate Cain backed the proposed constitutional amendment of Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit the treaty power of the President.

Cain was for declaring war on Red China during the Korean War. He wanted to block the China coast. He wanted to use tactical atomic weapons in Korea.

McCarthy has often used the phrase—"soft on communism."

to express his criticism of the way the government handled the problem of getting rid of subversives.

The Dominican Republic, called by Columbus "the fairest land under heaven," is today one of the most peaceful countries in the world. Peace is maintained at pistol point. Here a man can worship any god he pleases. He is also completely free to say anything he wants to—so long as he doesn't want to say anything against Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, or the things Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina stands for. If he does want to, his freedom of speech becomes a figure of speech.

This is a one-man republic of 2,300,000, and the one man is Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, called by his exiled enemies a ruthless tyrant but known officially as "The Benefactor of the Fatherland."

A visitor here has the feeling of being watched, and the feeling is no illusion. All police states keep an eye on strangers.

Armed national police walk the street. They are on guard at most national buildings, including the Capitol, and the palatial residence of the generalissimo.

As one drives about the countryside the license number of his car is noted by police at numerous points.

Trujillo hasn't made the big mistake Mussolini did. He hasn't led his people into any wars of conquest.

Outside criticism doesn't bother him overly—and he knows how to deal with criticism within the

country. It is silenced.

The generalissimo is acutely aware of the fate met by many Latin American dictators—assassination. He is a crack shot, and is reported to keep a weapon handy.

"A man in my position must have no fear," he once said. "The man who takes a potshot at me had better be sure of his aim; otherwise he'll be a dead man."

Notebook—Hal Boyle

Dominican Republic Has Peace At Pistol Point

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Presbyterians At Lamesa Okay Plans For New Building

LAMESA—A building fund campaign for the new Presbyterian Church in Lamesa will get under way in the near future.

The church congregation voted in favor of relocating the site and building a new church, according to the Rev. Walter G. Horn, pastor.

Original plans, abandoned because of drought conditions, several years ago, have been revived and are going forward under the guidance of committees named to head the proposed construction.

A site committee, headed by Homer Simpson, was authorized by the church trustees to complete the transaction for block 12 in the Rose Heights Addition located between North Avenue F and G and North 12th and 13th Streets.

The block where the church will be erected is 183 feet in width and 310 feet in depth.

The steering committee in charge of over-all building plans is headed by R. A. (Skeet) Norst, assisted by Dick Collins, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Stafford, secretary and assistant treasurer; Sam Richardson, Mrs. Matt McCall, Dr. Douglas Black, Paul Morgan and Bill Anderson.

The site committee is composed of Simpson, John Palmore and Sam Richardson.

MISTER BREGER



"But all I said to your mother was how come they haven't named any hurricanes after HER..."

Around The Rim—The Herald Staff

Training In Water Conservation Might Keep Monthly Bill Down

The opinions contained in this and other articles in this column are solely those of the writers who sign them. They are not to be interpreted as necessarily reflecting the opinions of The Herald. — Editor's Note.

George Choate, the local district clerk, has a suggestion that perhaps Gov. Shivers should include in his plans for solution of the state's "No. 1 problem"—water.

Choate recommends a course on water conservation, to be taught in the elementary grades of public school. He says such training would create "water consciousness" and provide the background for extensive conservation of the scarce substance by the student when he becomes an adult.

The governor and the district clerk are in agreement on the point that the conservation and wise use of water is a vital problem in Texas. So is most everywhere else. But hardly anyone takes the trouble to do anything about it.

Clerk Choate, as well as Gov. Shivers, apparently has given the matter considerable thought.

He suggests that the training in water conservation be started in the primary grades, with stress on man's dependence on an adequate as well as wholesome water supply. Home and community water problems could be covered at this level.

As the pupil advanced, he could receive extensive instruction on the "water cycle."

taking up the study of water as a material substance and its importance arising from the fact that all life—plant and animal—relies on water for its existence.

The course could cover the multitude of operations and services required in the production and delivery of water for household purposes. Choate thinks it should take up the importance of watersheds from the standpoint of the source of adequate surface supplies, and including the conservation of water as an element of the soil.

Water storage, in surface reservoirs and in the soil, should be studied from the standpoint of the production of plant and animal foodstuffs, as a source of water for industrial and domestic activities, including irrigation; and from the viewpoint of flood control and as a source of electric power.

Other aspects of the study could include the detrimental effects of stream pollution on human, fish and other water life, and the recreational value of water.

Choate's idea appeals to me, possibly from a purely selfish and economic angle. Conservation of water would be one way to keep the monthly water bill down.

—WAYLAND YATES

Austin Recollections—Raymond Brooks

Political Playback

While argument flared in November, 1954, about "freezing" the University's size, or dispersing its future growth, former Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt revealed a bit of unwritten history that came close to moving the entire University out of Austin 30 years earlier.

Back then, the University was limited to the "Old Forty-Acre" campus. Dr. R. E. Vinson, president, came up with a proposal to move the entire University to the Brackenridge tract, at the edge of Austin, or possibly remove most of the institution to Houston or Dallas. He had the backing of the regents.

That was thwarted when 1,200 Austin citizens secured options on land and signed a \$1,500,000 bond to guarantee purchase of land adjoining the old campus within reasonable limits.

The legislative program on this was an all-Waco deal. Witt, then senator from Waco, and Newt Williams, House member

from Waco, wrote a bill and became chairman of the two conference groups that passed it to the governor's desk. It carried a \$3 million appropriation to pay for the campus expansion.

Pat M. Neff, also of Waco, was in the governor's chair. Three million was a lot of money in those days. What Edgar Witt has disclosed, and which never was in print, was that Gov. Neff at first refused to sign the appropriation bill. He objected strenuously to the amount of appropriation. Probably he liked the vision of putting the University out on the lake, four or five miles from the business part of Austin.

The persuasion of his two legislative fellow-townsmen, the Austin delegation, and the University folks who were pleased with the 125-acre campus addition, finally led Neff, himself a future Baylor University president-to-be, to pen his reluctant name on the bill.

Business Outlook—J. A. Livingston

Giant New York Bank Merger Is Triumph For State System

As a financial reporter on the New York Times, George A. Mooney never scored a sweeter or easier scoop than the gigantic merger of the Chase National Bank, the nation's third largest, into the Bank of the Manhattan Company. An historic name in national banking goes over to the state system!

The merger had been in the works for more than a year—long before Governor Averell Harriman of New York had appointed Mooney Superintendent of Banks. So, when the details of the merger were released, triumph fell in Mooney's lap.

It's a victory for him over Ray M. Gidney, Comptroller of the Currency. It's a victory for New York State and the entire state banking system over the national banking system. Never before had there been a desertion of such size to either side.

The merger will cut down the margin of superiority of the national system over the state system. As of June 30, total resources of national banks amounted to \$109 billion; state banks totaled \$82 billion. After the merger, the respective totals will be approximately \$103 billion to \$88. Quite a shift.

In this merger, the porpoise swallows the whale. The Manhattan charter made it that way. When the Bank of the Manhattan Company was founded in 1799 by Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and a handful of other New York City bigwigs, thought of dissolution was remote. Stockholders were few. The charter called for unanimous consent for dissolution. Maybe, even then, Burr and Hamilton, premonishing their later hatred and duel, wanted a veto over one another.

So the 6-million-dollar Chase couldn't take over the \$1.7-billion Manhattan, but the Manhattan could absorb the Chase. The "dead hand" of those founders fashioned Mooney's triumph.

But W. A. Lyon, now an officer of the Dry Dock Savings Bank in New York and Mooney's immediate predecessor as Superintendent of Banks, gets credit for a powerful assist, along with two Pennsylvania Secretaries of Banking—74-year-old William C. Freeman, a director of the Provident Trust Co., Philadelphia, and D. Emmert Brumbaugh, president of the First National Bank of Claysburg and former president of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

Freeman was Secretary of Banking when two of the biggest Pittsburgh banks were pulled out from under him by the National Banking Act. In July, 1946, the First National Bank took over the Peoples, Pittsburgh Trust Co. to form the Peoples-Pittsburgh National Bank & Trust Co. and in September the Mellon National Bank absorbed the Union Trust Co.

In both cases, the original merger plans called for the state banks to absorb the national banks, which would have greatly enlarged Secretary Freeman's banking realm. But the National Bank Act interfered.

In those days, a state bank couldn't absorb a national bank. It could only buy the assets. That would have meant huge capital gains taxes to shareholders of both the Mellon and First National Banks. Hence, the switch. The national banks swallowed the state banks.

Freeman went to that year's annual convention of the National Association of State Bank Supervisors in Cleveland with logic in his mind, retaliation in his heart, and oratory on his tongue. He demanded that the association ask Congress for "reciprocity": Permission for national banks to be absorbed into the state banks as well as state banks into national banks. Lyon backed Freeman. The resolution was moved, seconded, and overwhelmingly carried.

The following year, Brumbaugh, who succeeded Freeman, persuaded the Pennsylvania legislature to pass a "retaliation" bill. No Pennsylvania bank could be merged into a national bank until the national law acknowledged reciprocal mergers. This served notice to Congress that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania meant business. It crystallized feelings among state bank supervisors throughout the country. Finally, in August, 1950, the National Bank Act was changed. Intra-system mergers now move on a two-way street. A state bank could merge a national bank. And the Manhattan can take over the Chase. If it hadn't been for the Lyon, Freeman, Brumbaugh uprising, the Chase would have had to go into liquidation. The Manhattan would have had to buy its assets. The taxes and the legal complications would have been prohibitive. And Mooney couldn't have had his triumph.

Sugar From Pulp

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese chemists have perfected a method of extracting grape sugar from lumber as a by-product in the manufacture of pulp.

The announcement is contained in a report of chemists attached to the Asahigawa Forestry Girdling Station on the northern island of Hokkaido. They say they now have a pilot-plant in operation.

The grape sugar is not as sweet as ordinary sugar, but is in demand as a medicinal nutrient.

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Who's Got The Record Now?

Whether Mrs. M. B. Mullett's Rhode Island Red hens can read or just heard someone mention the story in the Herald about a "record" sized egg is conjectural, but at any rate, one of them promptly did a little better. The story in the Herald quoted Texas Tech officials as saying they believe an egg laid by one of their White Rock hens was a world's record... a mere 9 1/2 inches in circumference on the long axis, 7 1/2 around the middle, and weighing 5 1/2 ounces. Well, this hen of Mrs. Mullett's produced one 9 1/2 inches around the long way, 8 inches around the middle and weighing 7 ounces. When Mrs. Mullett broke the egg it contained a yoke and albumen, and then a perfectly normal egg, hard shell and all. The inside egg had only one yolk. Mrs. Mullett, who lives at 215 Willa, has 30 hens in her flock.

Governor's Figures On Schools Wrong

AUSTIN — Lots of well-informed heads have been scratched in the last week in an effort to find out how Gov. Shivers figures changing state school aid from a census basis to average daily attendance basis will save 7,704,000 every two years.

While the consensus now is that the governor's calculation of saving was in error in his address to the Legislature last week, it nevertheless brought up a significant topic about which the Legislature and the public will be hearing more.

What the governor proposed was a change in the basis for distribution of the Available School Fund. Money from the Available School Fund is allotted each year by the State Board of Education on a per capita basis, according to the number of students in each district at the time of the school census. Last year, for instance, the allotment was \$68 per student.

The governor proposes to allot Available School Fund money according to the number of students in average daily attendance. This move is in line with suggestions made recently by the Texas Research League, following a thorough study of Texas school financing.

Shivers said that if this change is made, "a saving of \$7,704,000 for the biennium" would result "in money now paid to budget balance school districts."

What are "budget balance" school districts? They are the districts which get so much money from local taxation and from the Available School Fund that they do not need any additional grants from the Minimum Foundation Fund (Gilmer-Aikin).

To compute the cost of a "minimum" program of education, which was what the Gilmer-Aikin Act set out to provide for every student in Texas, the following items of expense are added:

1. Teaching and administrative salaries. Gilmer-Aikin says 80 many teachers and administrators are necessary for a certain number of students, and minimum salaries are specified for certain length of service and academic advancement.

2. Operating allotment — A figure

Prison Term Delayed For Pregnant Woman

DALLAS — Federal Judge T. Whitfield Davidson yesterday allowed an expectant mother to delay the start of her prison sentence so she could have her baby outside prison walls.

Judge Davidson heard Doris Jean Wheeler, 20, plead guilty to illegal possession of marijuana, then told her she could have her baby inside prison or out, as she chose.

State Chambers Ask Slashing Of Budget

WASHINGTON — A "vigorous pruning effort" has been urged by the Council of State Chambers of Commerce to eliminate the huge deficit from the budget sent to Congress by President Eisenhower. The Eisenhower budget Monday contained a deficit of \$2,460,000,000.

THE SPRINGBOARD
News From Webb Air Force Base
By JAMES F. KRUEGER

TWO GRADUATIONS

Webb has been graduation-happy the past few days with two graduations. One was at the new NCO Academy, and the other was in the pilot training program; both were the first this year for the two organizations.

In the training of pilots, Webb graduated 18 American student officers, 10 Italians, eight Turks and two Belgian flying students in commencement exercises for Class 55-G Tuesday afternoon. George Champion, father of one of the graduates, flew here from New York to deliver the graduation address. He is senior vice president of the Chase National Bank of New York.

Webb's NCO Academy graduated 20 Master and Technical Sergeants in its first graduation of the year. Wing Commander Col. Charles M. Young addressed the graduates and stressed the importance of the well-trained noncommissioned officer in any modern military undertaking.

2,000th GRAD

Plans are being made at Webb for the 2,000th student to be graduated at the base since reactivation in 1951. The student will receive his silver wings here Feb. 7 when Class 55-H completes training.

Although commencement speaker has not yet been announced, the famed USAF precision flying team from Luke AFB, Ariz., the Thunderbirds, will be here. A wing review is scheduled and "open house" will be declared.

SHRUBBERY
Landscaping of Webb's attractive chapel got a boost this week as 165 shrubs and trees were placed around it.

Climbing roses were planted by lattice-work located at the front and rear entrances to the chapel. Four Italian Cypress trees were planted in front of the building with six more placed on the east side of the chapel.

Climbing honeysuckle, Pfitzer Juniper, Cherry Laurel, Yellow Jasmine and Mimosa were among the trees and shrubs planted. Lt. Col. Raymond L. Morris and alman from Webb's Food Service Squadron handled the transplanting.

Wing Chaplain Charles Fix said the plants were purchased through the Catholic and Protestant funds.

"THANKS FOR DIMES"
Webb received a certificate of appreciation this week from Mrs. Clyde E. Thomas Jr., committee member for the current March of Dimes fund-raising campaign.

Webb AFB gave \$1,459 to combat infantile paralysis through its contributions to the United Fund.

SERGEANTS TO ELECT
Climaxing six months of successful operation, Webb's Master Sergeants' Association meets this afternoon in the NCO Club to elect new officers.

M-Sgt. Charles Cameron, outgoing president, said that past activities will be reviewed and plans made for the coming year. Among projects accomplished by the association during the past six months are the establishment of the NCO academy, collecting of funds for the recent Kids' Christmas Party, and assistance in a city "clean up" campaign last spring.

Other outgoing officers include M-Sgt. Leo Pavlovsky, C. B. Smith, Jerome Langston, Cecil Sheppard, Charles McCue and Arthur Maus.

AIRMEN RE-ENLIST
Starting the year off right were nine Webb airmen who re-enlisted here Saturday morning. Four of the men will be transferred to other bases and another has received an overseas assignment.

The men are T-Sgt. Elliot Hamrick, T-Sgt. Roy Unklesby, T-Sgt. Michael Franko, S-Sgt. Dale Mau, S-Sgt. Hugh Emert, S-Sgt. Austin Duncan, A-1C Alfred Huskey, A-2C Wallace Sheriff and A-2C John Adams.

USAF DANCE BAND
Webb military personnel and their

guests will be treated to some of the finest dance music in the country next Sunday evening when the USAF Dance Band — the Airmen of Note — makes a one-night stop here during a tour of AF bases and installations. The musical group is rated one of the top ten in the nation.

Their appearance here will be limited to a two-hour concert of popular music in the Base Theater, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Organized in 1951, the 18-piece unit is the official AF dance band and is a streamlined musical organization formed for the purpose of assuming the functions of the famous World War II group led by the late Maj. Glenn Miller.

CADET CAGERS
Webb's Cadet cagers, fresh from a 79-57 win over Goodfellow AFB's cadets at San Angelo last Saturday night, are continuing their reputation as "the team to beat" in any league.

In the Goodfellow match, Webb's cadets were paced by Paulson, with 22 counters, Christenson, with 20, and Pettijohn, with 18. The remaining 10 points were accounted for by Cobb, with seven, and Jorenby's three.

BOWLS A RECORD
M-Sgt. Harry Conner, Wing Headquarters Squadron, last week posted the highest score yet rolled on the Webb bowling alleys, a glistering 256. The mark, however, is unofficial as it was not rolled in league play.

Col. Young Tells Lions U. S. Strength Needed

Webb AFB figures in a strong America, and a strong America is a fundamental requisite to a free America, Col. Charles M. Young, wing commander at Webb, told Lions at their regular Wednesday luncheon at the Settles.

Col. Young, who recently assumed command of the base here, voiced the opinion that the capacity of the United States to retaliate in kind or better was the principal deterrent to aggressors.

Recalling some operating statistics for the base during 1954, the commander raised the question of why all these activities, not only here, but throughout the country.

While world communism as such represents a critical threat, it boils down to the fact that communism is the vehicle by which a clique hopes to rule the world, he said. There is no reasoning with them because history has shown that dictators are illogical. They intend to rule or fall. Integration of the military into the ruling councils following the death of Stalin accentuates the peril.

The American concept of democracy, fair play and Christianity rules out preventative attack, hence the basic choice is to be strong and ready. That means training, that means bringing citizens into military establishment and equipping them in the skills to defend the country, he said.

In all of this, the speaker said that there was the feeling that somehow time would play into the hands of the free world.

"I pray that it will," he said. Since arriving here he said his wish for work had been amply fulfilled. It was the colonel's first visit with the club.

Willard Sullivan was presented with his membership card in the Lions-League of Texas for Crippled Children. Larson Lloyd, vice president, presided at the meeting.

Woman Acquitted In Poisoning Case

PERPIGAN, France — One of France's most sensational postwar murder trials ended early today with the acquittal of Marguerite Marty on charges she poisoned her cousin Mrs. Jeanne Candela to get the cousin's husband.

During the nine-day hearing, Miss Marty admitted the husband, Eulogio Candela, was her lover but she denied poisoning his wife. She charged police beat her repeatedly in an effort to get a confession.

Two Students Injured

DALLAS — Two students at South Oak Cliff High School were injured when a homemade bomb exploded in the boy's washroom. A 16-year-old admitted he set it off "just for the noise."

commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III.

Man In A Hurry

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Gerald L. Legier, a 21-year-old student, was given a suspended one-year sentence yesterday for taking a Cadillac last month in Nashville, Tenn., after explaining that he had been anxious to get back to Ft. Knox, Ky., before he overstayed his leave.

Bird In The Hand

NEWARK, N. J. — While photographer Melvin Weiss, 32, was under the black hood of his camera focusing it for a picture of a store front, someone came along and stole another camera he had already set up.

President Gives Dinner Honoring Speaker Rayburn

WASHINGTON — Miss Lu, from over west of Bonham, Tex., came to the Speaker's Dinner at the White House last night with her younger brother.

"Little brother" was Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, a robust 73, in whose honor President Eisenhower gave the dinner.

Miss Lucinda Rayburn, 79, went into the dining room on the arm of the President. There were 71 guests invited to the last of six state dinners on the 1954-55 White House social calendar.

Only Miss Lu, long the Speaker's hostess, accompanied her brother last night.

Further Coffee Price Drop Due

WASHINGTON — Coffee prices will probably continue to go down, according to Sen. Beall (R-Md.), who headed a banking subcommittee that inquired last year into the coffee price spiral.

The subcommittee's report, released yesterday, said there is a world surplus of coffee now.

And the report said, "There should be a surplus of coffee in the future," which led Beall to comment: "I see no reason why we can't expect further price reductions."

\$300,000 Loss Set In Lampasas Blaze

LAMPASAS — Damage was estimated at \$300,000 here yesterday when fire gutted four business firms in three adjoining buildings.

Destroyed by the blaze were a furniture store, insurance agency, newspaper office and pharmacy.

The damage estimate came from Ward Lowe, owner of the newspaper. There were no reports of injuries.

Date Is Changed

The March of Dimes talent show originally scheduled for Jan. 27 has been changed to Jan. 25 at the High School auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

Three Small Girls, Babysitter Perish In Penn State Fire

CHESTER, Pa. — Three girls and a babysitter perished today in a fire that wrecked a home in a nearby Wallingford, fashionable Philadelphia suburb.

Police identified the girls as Stephanie, 8; Selby, 6; and Hilarie, 3, only children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Spencer.

The woman caring for them was identified by firemen as Mrs. M. A. Wingate, of nearby Media.

Spencer, 34-year-old Chester businessman, was vacationing with his 30-year-old wife Patricia in Atlantic City, N.J. They had left the children in care of Mrs. Wingate. The parents were notified of the tragedy shortly after firemen broke into the house and removed the bodies.

Cause of the blaze could not be determined immediately.

Yellow Fever Outbreak

MEXICO CITY — A health official says yellow fever has broken out in the south Mexican states of Tabasco, Yucatan and Chiapas and has taken several lives.

Asks Public Defenders

WASHINGTON — Atty. Gen. Brownell has again asked Congress to provide paid public defenders for the federal courts to represent defendants in criminal cases who can't afford their own attorneys.

L. C. Gibbs has purchased Wortham & Gibbs Chevrolet and is now operating it under the name of

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Change Of Mind

CHICAGO — Jerome Hooker, 57, and his 56-year-old wife are back together again today after facing each other 40 times in Circuit Court since she filed a separate maintenance suit against him.

Mrs. Hooker's attorney told the court yesterday they "got to like each other again because they were seeing each other so often." Judge Charles S. Dougherty dismissed the suit.

Sense Of Direction

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. — A Chancery Court decree yesterday changed the city's northern boundary from the north side of North Street to the south side of North Street. North Street runs east and west.

How You Look At It

RALEIGH, N. C. — A 7-inch snow prevented Billy Arthur, reading clerk of the State House of Representatives, from attending yesterday's session. He phoned from his Chapel Hill home to say: "I'm up to my hips in snow." Arthur is only 36 inches tall.

The Feminine Touch

BURSA, Turkey — Women are now being admitted free to local soccer matches. The reason? Authorities decided it would help curb swearing by male spectators at referees and players.

No Slur Intended

FT. MONROE, Va. — The date had to be chosen to suit the convenience of those taking part, the Army explained.

That's why ceremonies were held here yesterday — Robert E. Lee's birthday — to dedicate a drawing commemorating Abraham Lincoln's 1862 visit to Ft. Monroe. Taking a prominent part was the

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Heir's Press Agent Arrested By Police

LOS ANGELES — The press agent of meat packing heir George Hormel is under arrest after he admitted, detectives said, that he fired a bullet through a window of Hormel's apartment.

Det. A. W. Hubka quoted the press agent, Tony Kent as saying he fired the shot at Hormel's suggestion. Hormel denied it.

Hubka said Kent told him Hormel suggested the shooting as a way to "get even with the cops" for Hormel's arrest on charges of possessing marijuana. A jury acquitted Hormel, a jazz pianist.

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Necchi, Elna Sew Machines Fully Automatic

The out-swingest sewing machines in Big Spring can be found at Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange, 120 East 2nd, asserts owner and manager A. F. Gilliland. The exchange is where the famous Necchi and Elna sewing machines can be purchased, as well as the economy priced Good Housekeeper models. These new stocks are supplemented by a number of used sewing machines of all makes—treadle as well as electrical types. The Necchi and Elna partner, the Elna, are two of the most popular sewing machines in the nation, Gilliland points out. Both are fully automatic and perform a multiplicity of tasks. A number of purchases are made here of the Good Housekeeper models too, largely because of the good quality at bargain prices. Some of these models go for as low as \$98.

The ingenious Necchi performs 56 different types of stitch without the bother of worrisome attachments. The portable Elna is also versatile and just as easily operated.

One would think that the minimum of attachments would result in a complicated machine, but Gilliland explained that most housewives find that the Necchi and Elna models are simple to operate after a short briefing.

All of the new and used machines can be viewed at Gilliland Sewing Machine Exchange, 120 E. 2nd, and patrons are invited to visit the shop to see the proof of claims made by Necchi dealers.

The Alteration Shop, operated in conjunction with the sewing machine exchange, is the home of many articles which can be purchased by those not having time to sew them themselves. One such item is monogrammed pillow cases.

The Alteration Shop is the domain of Mrs. Gilliland, and she reportedly produces some beautiful designs.

Gilliland's firm services all makes and models of machines, and parts are stocked for all. The repair shop has every piece of equipment necessary for the best in service.

Smith Converts Tractors To Use Butane For Fuel

With spring plowing just ahead, now would be the right time to convert farm tractors to the use of butane.

The S. M. Smith Butane Company, located on the Lamesa Highway at the northern tip of Big Spring, is equipped to convert all types and makes of tractors without undue delay.

The use of butane is highly recommended by farmers who have tried it, not only because it is safer, but for the reason that it offers greater economy and insures longer life of the tractor's motor.

Motor oil used in butane engines can be used upwards to two and three times as long as that used in engines where other types of fuel is burned.

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Folsom Returns Amid Pageantry

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Towering James E. (Big Jim) Folsom, whom critics "buried" as a political dead duck four years ago, came back to the Capitol for a second term as Alabama governor today, just as he said he would.

His inauguration, surpassing anything Alabama has ever witnessed for pomp and pageantry, was scheduled to follow a four-hour parade of 120 bands, 74 floats and an estimated 10,000 marchers.

Folsom, 46, prohibited by law from seeking re-election to succeed himself after his first term, was eligible to run again in 1954. He won the Democratic nomination over six opponents without a runoff, then easily defeated his Republican opponent in the November general election.

The happy-go-lucky attitude that gained him a nationwide reputation as "Kissing Jim" has faded into the past, and in its place is a stern, businesslike, serious man. With an apparent voting majority in the new Legislature, the incoming governor is expected to call a series of three immediate special sessions to put his program over. It will cost upwards of 23 million dollars a year in additional tax revenue.

Surgeon Is Summoned

ROME, (AP)—Dr. Pietro Valdoli, one of Italy's foremost surgeons, left today for Moscow, touching off speculation that he had been summoned to operate on some high Soviet official.

Injuries Prove Fatal

ALVIN, Tex. (AP)—Injuries in a car collision Jan. 5 proved fatal yesterday to former Alvin Councilman Donald Wiginton, 39.

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Campbell Gives Homes Finish Of Brick Or Stone

An old home or business structure can be given a bright, new and modern look by Charles Campbell, Big Spring contractor who specializes in the installation of mural and brick stone.

Campbell has been installing the modern materials on both residential and commercial buildings here for several years and the many buildings he has modernized stand as examples of his work and permanence and beauty of the facings.

Brick and mural stone are especially adaptable to stucco buildings, to which they can be applied with very little advance preparation. The materials have the appearance of actual brick or Austin stone, depending upon the type chosen, and they have the capacity to remain beautiful through the years. Some persons think the stone facings become even more beautiful as they age.

By applying the brick or stone facing blocks, Campbell can make even the shabbiest structure look like new.

Installing the stone facings takes much less time than the real article, and as Campbell explains, it is also much cheaper. Some jobs can be done in a day's time, cutting on the labor cost considerably.

Campbell asserts that his stone facings are just as good as the individual brick or stones. The facings are durable and can be cut to any specification.

The nice thing about mural or brick stone is that either can be installed on any type building. But Campbell says that homeowners with stucco houses are more fortunate than others if they desire the remodeling project.

With a stucco house, he explains, all that is necessary is the installing of the stone. With a wood house, a stucco operation is necessary before installation. Stucco house owners can eliminate a labor step and save money.

Not only are houses revamped, but stores are also remodeled. Quite a few merchants desire the brick fronts. Campbell points out, because the finished product looks as good as brick and defies detection.

Several establishments in the business district have been remodeled by Campbell recently. Most of Campbell's business is in residential areas, however, and people generally prefer the mural stone to the brick stone.

Campbell does not limit his work to the installation of stone facings. He also contracts concrete jobs and stucco work, having highly skilled workers in each field.

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