

GUADALUPE RIVER PROJECT CLOSER TO REALITY

Nursery and Guadalupe Leaders in County Meet

TRACK, FIELD DIVISION HELD

Winners of Various Contests Announced: Results to Come Later.

Although no tabulations of the myriad lists of results had been made late Saturday, it was the consensus of opinion among officials that the winner of the annual County Meet would be either Nursery or Guadalupe in the rural division.

The meet, which has been held over three separate week-ends, came to a close late Saturday afternoon with the junior and senior track and field division. Preliminaries in tennis and playground ball were held on March 11, still more preliminaries and some finals were held Saturday, March 18.

The majority of the meet, however, was staged Friday and Saturday. Practically every rural school in the county sent students to the meet to enter either the literary or athletic contests.

No results are given here in the track and field division, since George Norris, the athletic director, hastened off to his home at Placedo Saturday without making the results available. However, the results of the other contests are as follows:

- SENIOR TENNIS, BOYS Singles 1. Zepplin, Guadalupe (Rural) 1. Kruppa, Placedo (Class B) All-around champion: Kruppa Doubles 1. Thompson and Haynes, Nursery (Rural) 2. Vogt and Powitzky, Guadalupe 1. Griffin and Sklar, Placedo (Class B) All-around Champion: Griffin and Sklar, Placedo

- SENIOR TENNIS GIRLS Singles All-around champion: Clements, Crescent Valley Doubles 1. Rosenquest and Johnson, Levi-Sloan (Rural) 2. Hensley and Fudge, Fordtran 1. Migl and Self, Placedo (Class B) All-around champion: Rosen- (See MEET Page 3)

TOWN TALK MR. and MRS. E. J. BLACKBERT, who have been on an extended tour of Switzerland and Egypt, among other countries, returned to their home here Saturday. They landed at New York several days ago and for the past few days have been visiting relatives at Hamilton, Ohio.

GEORGE HOFMANN returned Saturday from San Antonio, where Thursday and Friday he was in attendance at the convention of the J. C. Penney Company managers of this district. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hofmann and their daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

Houston had its National Flower Show several weeks ago, but on Thursday, April 13, Victoria is going to have its own flower show. Of course, it will not be on such a large scale, but in proportion to the size of the event and town it will be just as important. Victoria's show will be held at Pleasure Island and will be sponsored by the Morning Study Club. The members of this civic-minded organization are hard at work to make the event a success.

Interest is beginning to mount in the big league baseball game at Cuero Wednesday afternoon. Many of the "old timers" already have secured reserved seat tickets to the contest that will see the St. Louis Browns and Philadelphia Phillies clash.

Seeks Liberty for Big Toes



Her own big toes peeping from her shoes, Mrs. Hazel M. Sheehan, president of the Business Women's Democratic Club of Kansas City, Mo., is pictured as she mapped fight on a bill introduced in state legislature seeking to prohibit manufacture of toe-less and heel-less shoes for women on ground they are injurious to health.

MURDER CHARGE FACES FARMER IN WIFE'S POISONING

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 25.—(AP)—Relieved by a dramatic confession of his wife's murder, Roger Cunningham, 32-year-old Federal housing administration inspector, awoke in a cell late Saturday from his first sound sleep in a week. After 19 days in which he stubbornly held to a fantastic version of the disappearance of his socially prominent wife, Eudora, Cunningham finally confessed he had strangled her to death, sketched with a pen a map on which he marked an "X" where he had buried her, then stood by Saturday morning as officers dug up the body.

Nationwide Drive By A F of L Started

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's labor peace conferences were jarred anew Saturday when the A. F. of L. announced it had started a nationwide drive against the CIO for enactment of Wagner Act amendments at this session of Congress.

William Green, president of the Federation, in a circular letter to all A. F. of L. unions, urged the 4,000,000 members of the A. F. of L. to support Federation-sponsored amendments to the Wagner Act, which the CIO bitterly opposed.

APPEALS COURT REVERSES DECISION IN BIG OIL CASE

The Court of Civil Appeals, in session at El Paso, has reversed and remanded the verdict in the now famous "million dollar" Colletto Oil Field case, styled Dr. F. A. Norris et al vs. Rupert Cox et al, it has been learned here.

MAN STRANGLES WIFE TO DEATH

FHA Administrator Confesses to Killing Wife and Burying Body.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 25.—(AP)—The body of an attractive 30-year-old woman, Mrs. Eudora Cunningham, member of a prominent family, was found just before dawn Saturday under eight feet of red mud.

The discovery followed a confession by her husband, Roger, 33, that he strangled her to death March 6, and placed the body in a partially filled sewer ditch.

When Mrs. Cunningham disappeared, Cunningham said she had gone to San Francisco on business. A telegram from there to her parents, saying she was well and not to worry; but with her name misspelled, aroused her mother's suspicions and officers were asked to investigate.

Cunningham drew a map to guide officers to the spot where he buried his wife. Assistant County Attorney E. W. Brown said that the investigation of Cunningham's life had revealed he had been a patient twice in the Central State Hospital at Norman, a mental institution.

Mrs. Cunningham's stepfather, Joel P. Stokes, said the young man had attended a religious college at Guthrie, and had expressed a desire to return and take the veil.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SATURDAY FOR H. C. GRAMANN, 83

Last rites were held here Saturday afternoon for H. C. Gramann, 83, highly esteemed retired groceryman of this city, who died at his home Friday shortly after noon.

Services were from the residence at 302 East Goodwin Avenue at 3 o'clock and from St. Mary's Church at 3:15. Right Rev. Msgr. J. Sheehan officiated and interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lee Knowlan, G. C. Goldman, G. W. Wheeler, G. H. Taggart, J. R. Gervais and F. L. Fossati. Flower committee members are Mrs. G. C. Goldman, Mrs. G. H. Taggart, Mrs. Lillian Carruth and Miss Louise Leibold.

Numerous relatives and friends of Mr. Gramann attended the obsequies and there were many lovely floral offerings. A fire truck was in the procession, since Mr. Gramann was a fireman here practically all his life. For many years he served as foreman of the Hook and Ladder Company.

Surviving Mr. Gramann are three daughters, Mrs. L. B. Smith and Miss Alfreda Gramann of Victoria and Mrs. Will Smith of Port Lavaca; two sons, Carl Gramann of Austin and Henry Gramann of Houston, and three sisters, Misses Minnie and Ida Gramann of this city and Mrs. J. B. Bensley of Bevelly.

Swiss Order Mines On German Frontier

GENEVA, March 25.—(AP)—The Swiss Government Saturday ordered immediate mining of all roads and bridges along the Swiss-German frontier.

Authorities also decided to mobilize all troops necessary to man the mines.

Both Children: Mother and Son



A mother at 13, Mrs. Louella Brookbank of Dayton, O., is pictured with her baby son, Merrill Frederick, who weighed four pounds, eight and a half ounces at birth. "Daddy" Merrill Brookbank, Sr., is 15.

HITLER WOULD LET DANZIG GO; WANTS POLES TO AID HIM

PARIS, March 25.—(AP)—A proposition whereby Germany would refuse to take the free city of Danzig into the Reich in exchange for Poland's refusal to join a British, French and Russian "halt Hitler" bloc was reported to have been presented to the Warsaw Government today.

WARSAW, March 25.—(AP)—Drastic government reorganization and rigorous defense measures appeared Saturday as the next measures to be adopted by Poland's "strong man," Marshal Edward Ryz-Smioly, to cope with the Central European imbroglio.

Still unwilling to enter any "stop Hitler" combine without definite military guarantees from Britain, France and Soviet Russia, Poland's highest civil and military leaders held an urgent meeting to chart the nation's course.

Farm Bloc Snagged On Point of Order

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The drive of the powerful House farm bloc for an unbudgeted \$250,000,000 for parity payments hit a snag Saturday when leaders, after consultation with parliamentary experts, conceded the item could be stricken from the pending \$1,067,000,000 Agriculture Department supply bill on a point of order.

The unexpected turn gave big city delegations a new breath of life in their fight to force farm members into an agreement to support the \$150,000,000 WPA relief bill coming up next week in exchange for metropolitan support for farm parity payments.

Negro Janitor Is Fined for Theft

Louis Wilkins, 26, negro janitor in the Iroquois Building, was fined \$15.50 in Justice of the Peace Alston B. Chambers' court Saturday after pleading guilty to stealing a suit of clothes from the Buick Finance Company.

The theft was classed as a misdemeanor.

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'Patrol' Begins Arriving At 8 for Port Dedication

2 WOMEN ARE HURT IN CRASH

Sedan Collides Head-on with Loaded Gravel Truck Near City.

Mrs. Ruth Wallace, 30, and Mrs. D. D. Saunders, 36, both of Robstown, are receiving treatment in the DeTar Memorial Hospital for serious injuries received Saturday morning when their automobile collided head-on with a loaded gravel truck 12 miles south of the city on the Refugio highway.

Mrs. Wallace suffered head injuries, which include a possible skull fracture, while Mrs. Saunders received a compound fracture of the right leg. The two women were said to have been en route to Houston to visit relatives when the accident occurred.

The accident happened about 10 o'clock in the morning on a hill top when the Plymouth sedan the ladies were driving crashed with the gravel truck driven by L. O. Kindricks. The automobile was badly damaged in the collision.

Mr. Kindricks, driver of the truck, was said to have escaped injury other than being dazed.

WYOMING 'TARZAN' SLAYS SELF WHEN WOUNDED BY YOUTH

POWELL, Wyo., March 25.—(AP)—The eight-day orgy of death staged by the amazing Tarzan of the Teton was ended Saturday.

Climaxing a series of killings, a jail break and a bank holdup that reads like a movie thriller, Earl Durand, 26, shaggy-haired berserk woodsman, shot himself in the head with his own six shooter late yesterday after he had been fatally wounded by gunfire of a 17-year-old high school student playing hooky from school.

Durand eluded possemen in the Bear Tooth Mountain Range, kidnaped a radio operator and drove brazenly into Powell intent upon robbing the First National Bank there.

Already he had three kidnaping and four deaths chalked up to the accuracy of his marksmanship and an unbalanced mind.

He walked into his home town bank and greeted Bank President Bob Nelson, 28, with the terse command: "This is a stickup."

He immediately began firing his high-powered rifle in all directions, shattering windows in the bank and nearby establishments. After scooping up \$4,000 in currency, cursing loudly and threatening bank employees, he tied three employes together and shoved them ahead of him as he sought to make his escape.

Meanwhile, attracted by the shooting, scores of townsfolk gathered near the bank and when Durand emerged with his hostages the citizens began firing. Durand returned the fire with his own rifle.

Suddenly the wild man slumped to the ground as a high-powered rifle in the hands of Tipton Cox, high school junior, cracked loudly from a filling station across the street. Simultaneously, John Gawthrop, 27, bank teller, fell wounded, the fifth victim of Durand's guns.

As he fell wounded, Durand dropped his rifle and attempted to crawl back into the bank.

He drew his famous six-shooter from its holster and ended his own life. He had boasted he would never be taken alive.

Opinions of Mann In Two Months, 389

AUSTIN, March 25.—(AP)—In the first two months of Attorney General Gerald Mann's administration, 389 separate opinions on points of law have been rendered to various persons the attorney general is authorized to advise. This was shown in a compilation by his department which will be a regular monthly report, Mann announced.

Mother, Son in Stab Case



Near death from slashed throat in Long Beach, Calif., hospital, 14-year-old Clifton Zimmerman, lower, says he awoke to find his mother, Mrs. Mamie Zimmerman, top, standing over him with knife. The mother blames stabbing on unidentified person she claims she saw bending over son's bedside.

SEVEN LEGHORNS PRODUCE 957 EGGS IN 7-MONTH PERIOD

Seven white leghorn chickens that were baby chicks on March 1, over the seven-month period from 1938, produced a total of 957 eggs August, 1938, through February, 1939, in a laying test at the Cudahy Packing Company plant here, according to A. R. Hartman, manager.

The hens were fed clear water and Purina Startena for the first six weeks, Growena for the next five months and Layena afterward, Hartman said. They started to lay late in July, or toward the end of the fifth month.

The best layer produced 162 eggs over the seven-month period, a check of the statistics kept on the chickens revealed. The record of this hen for the seven-month period was as follows: August, 28; September, 26; October, 24; November, 22; December, 24; January, 17, and February, 21.

Another produced 161 eggs during the seven months, another 150, another 148, another 143, another 115 and the last 78. The government average for a hen is 82 eggs for an entire year, Mr. Hartman explained.

SCHNEIDER RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES HERE

Immediate resignation of Fred Schneider from the board of trustees of the Victoria Independent School District has been accepted by the school board, according to an announcement made by William Offer, board chairman. The resignation of Mr. Schneider was made necessary because of his position as manager of the C. F. Schneider and Sons Furniture Company. This company was low

LARGE CROWDS ARE EXPECTED

Breakfast to Be Served to Pilots at Field; Dedication at 11 a. m.

Preparations were completed Saturday for dedication of Victoria's new Municipal Airport this morning at 11 o'clock with the announcement that city officials, delegates from the chamber of commerce and service clubs will be in attendance to take part in the ceremony.

Of paramount interest to the public, however, is the arrival of "Dawn Patrols" from San Antonio, Houston and Corpus Christi. Patrol planes from the three cities are scheduled to start arriving about 8 o'clock this morning. The patrols are made up of private plane owners who have banded together to fly in groups to various cities in the state early Sunday mornings.

Pilots of the various patrols will be tendered a breakfast of bacon, eggs, coffee, etc., on the field free of charge. A fee of thirty-five cents is to be charged anyone else wishing to eat with the pilots.

The chamber of commerce, sponsors of the airport, have charge of arrangements for today. H. N. Puckett, prominent Victoria automobile dealer, is chairman of the airport committee.

ED WAGNER IS LOW BIDDER ON HEINKE BUILDING IN CITY

Ed Wagner, prominent Victoria building contractor, was low in the bidding for the construction of a one-story business building for Arthur Heinke when bids were opened here Saturday morning. The low bid was for approximately \$12,350.

Alfred Post was the second low among the five bids submitted, his bid being for \$12,500.

Mr. Heinke kept the two low bids and is expected to let the contract early this week. Construction likely will get under way the latter part of the week. The structure will be located at the corner of Main and Santa Rosa Streets.

STREET LIGHTS TO BE ADDED IN CITY

Citizens wishing to have street lights placed at intersections in their neighborhood are urged to contact Alderman A. R. Hartman before Monday night.

Mr. Hartman stated Saturday that the City Council will discuss designation of additional street lights, to be erected here, at council meeting Monday night and citizens wishing the lights in their neighborhood are urged to contact him before that time.

The Weather

TEXAS: Sunday, partly cloudy, scattered showers in northeast and near upper coast. Temperature: Friday's high, 82; Saturday's low, 61; Saturday's high, 81. Precipitation: Saturday, .03 inch.

NAVIGATION OF STREAM TO CITY OKEYED

Approval Given by National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

GRANBERRY AT MEETING

Endorsement by This Body Is of Tremendous Importance.

Victoria's Guadalupe River navigation project became another step nearer reality late Friday when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, in annual session at Washington, approved "navigation of the Guadalupe River to River Mile 52, and construction of river canal and flood control dam, with power installation."

The approval of the project was announced throughout the nation in Saturday's press releases. D. L. Granberry, manager of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, which has been working on the project for many years, has been in the national capital for the past week attending the meeting of the rivers and harbors congress and urging the approval of the Victoria section.

Although this congress is not an official body of the government, its membership consists of leading waterways men who are members of the House of Representatives and United States Senate and therefore its recommendations are of tremendous importance.

The Victoria project was one of ten in Texas to be endorsed. A total of 207 were examined, but only 51 throughout the nation were approved. Four other Texas projects were among the 32 classed as meritorious and sufficiently advanced to be entitled to further study.

The news release out of Washington Saturday was as follows:

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress wound up its thirty-fourth annual meeting in Washington after examining 207 navigation, reclamation and harbor projects and declaring 51 of them, estimated to cost \$696,639,946, as "sound, needful and sufficiently advanced to warrant endorsement."

Among the 51 endorsed for construction were the 10 following projects in Texas: Lower Colorado River, navigation (See PROJECT Page 3)

He Listened To Every Heart But His Wife's



He shared the strictest secrets of his patients. He gave his ear to the ills and troubles of scores of women. He listened to every heart but his wife's! Or so it seemed at least to pretty Emily Warren after one year of marriage to a doctor. What she did about it is told in a heart-touching new serial story,

"Mrs. Doc" Beginning— Today on Editorial Page