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IN OUR VALLEY

BY C. M. HALL

HOW ABOUT IT?
"America is controlled by trusts that function as government."
—Theodore Dreiser.
"The more quickly the traveler can cross the ocean the better will be the understanding between countries."
—Ambassador Von Prittwitz of Germany.
"Nothing so educates us as a shock."
—Will Durant.

BROWNSVILLE today is voting whether a bond issue of \$150,000 shall be authorized for the enlargement of the filtration plant. From all indications early today the issue will carry by a large majority, although there is known to be some opposition to it.

There is one thing which can be wholeheartedly urged of every taxpayer in the city. That is that he get out and express his or her desire at the polls.

CITIZENS today are voting for a more adequate supply of water. There seems to remain some confusion over the request of a few days ago for users to boil their water. This came as a request, or rather a health warning during the two days the water was shut off at the filtration plant while it was being cleaned.

The water is now again passing through the filtration plant and no more danger to health exists than has always existed. The city never has been greatly concerned over the health feature except that the demand of the users was getting so far beyond the capacity of the filtration plant that the water could not be obtained through the required length of time. Brownsville today votes for a new plant suitable to meet the requirements of the city. If the issue does not carry the situation may fast develop into a health problem.

OTHERWISE today is the day the season opens on white winged doves. The bag limit is fifteen. This is an important item, if South Texas and the Valley is to keep its rich game supply.

Both the shooting and eating of white wings are tempting, but no true sportsmen will act a hog.

SINCLAIR oil company is contemplating putting an office in Brownsville to care for its northern Mexico business. Other oil interests are contemplating a big refinery here, but developments are not far enough along to permit of any statement.

Another concern backed by oil interests is considering a chain of tourist camps, restaurants and souvenir shops from Brownsville to Monterey when that highway is completed. Fourteen new homes are being constructed in Los Ebanos alone. It is now time for Brownsville to begin to compete with the city to be a big city. Times are not one half as hard as some seem to think they are.

MANY have asked the engineer of this column why the city commission has not cleaned out the filtration plant long ago. Seems they have just become aware of its condition. But it has now been cleaned out.

The present city administration is seeking to give an economic administration. City Manager Rosenthal, backed by the mayor and the board is proving very efficient in his line. In fact the name who say his initials should probably be E. C. Rosenthal.

Here is a tale they whisper around in city circles:
"The city was conducting a funeral. Mr. Rosenthal went out to see how the city buried its dead. Six men were carrying the casket. "Are all six of them engaged in carrying this casket?" he asked.
"Yes, sir."
"Well, lay off the middle two, the other four can carry it all right."

ANIMATED Annie says she is a great believer in economy until some geck comes to see her and only spends the evening.

FOUND ON THE WIRES
LONDON — Of all things! The Prince of Wales has adopted a canary colored waistcoat and trousers as flying garb.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — The lower classes will imitate. When engineers of the Westchester country park commission appeared on the job in shorts, the laborers followed their example by cutting off their trousers legs with pocket knives.

REPORTS SHOW COTTON IS SHY THIS SEASON

Government Figures Indicate Yield Below Par

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(P)—An indicated cotton crop of 14,362,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was forecast today for this year by the department of agriculture basing its forecast on the condition of the crop August 1 which was 62.2 per cent normal.

The August 1 condition indicated a yield of 155.3 pounds per acre, compared with 155.0 pounds last year and 155.1 pounds, the 1919-28 average yield per acre.

Last year the August 1 condition was 69.6 per cent of a normal, and the 1919-28 average condition on August 1 was 67.2 per cent.

The indicated production was calculated on the basis of the area in cultivation July 1 this year less the 10 year average abandonment, or 44,252,000 acres.

The producing acreage, condition August 1 and the indicated total production by states follow:

(First figures, acreage; second, condition; third, indicated production.)			
Virginia	88,000	72	42,000
N. Carolina	1,696,000	74	782,000
S. Carolina	2,145,000	74	930,000
Georgia	3,681,000	71	1,340,000
Florida	100,000	72	29,000
Missouri	365,000	64	153,000
Tennessee	1,200,000	61	464,000
Alabama	3,590,000	62	1,201,000
Mississippi	4,202,000	60	1,626,000
Louisiana	2,015,000	54	632,000
Texas	16,833,000	52	4,496,000
Oklahoma	3,803,000	60	1,072,000
Arkansas	3,920,000	46	1,106,000
New Mexico	119,000	89	97,000
Arizona	209,000	92	162,000
California	286,000	92	224,000
All other states	18,000	80	6,000
Lower Calif.	100,000	80	53,000
Lower California, Old Mexico, not included in United States totals.			

Afghans Advance On India at Peshawar

PESHAWAR, India, Aug. 8.—(P)—Ten thousand savage Afghan tribesmen today advanced against Peshawar in an increasing effort to break through the northwest frontier.

British advance troops were in contact with the Afghans, who were forenoon and bombing planes were in readiness to repel a general assault.

This city was threatened as it had not been for a long time. The advance guard of the menacing tribal army spent the night encamped only 12 miles away, and scouts reported every indication of an intention to make an early advance.

Observers predicted at noon that a battle within the next few hours, which might force the supreme issue, hardly could be avoided.

There was no confidence among the defending forces, however, whose officers asserted every precaution had been taken and that every move of the tribesmen was being made known quickly to the British command by reconnoitering scouts of the Royal Air force.

Mercedes District Is Dipping Cattle

(Special to The Herald.)
MERCEDES, Aug. 8.—In the fight to free Hidalgo county of the tick, over two thousand head of live stock are being dipped regularly every two weeks in the Mercedes district, according to Leonard Freasier, local inspector, who has charge of the work in this district.

Fred Rodway, inspector in charge of the county, stated that he is receiving the heartiest co-operation from owners of cattle throughout the county. The tick eradication work on a county wide scale, was started in April of this year. There are 90 different vats in the county, eight of these being located in the Mercedes district.

Mexican Officers Asked to Register

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 8.—(P)—The Secretary of War today issued a decree that all officers of the army must, within 90 days, register their age and nationality under article 32 of the Constitution, specifying that during times of peace none but Mexicans may hold positions in the army.

All-Time Heat Record Looms

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(P)—The heat hangs on, undaunted by a few showers here and there and apparently determined to set an endurance record all its own.

AMARILLO BOMB VICTIM



MRS. EXA PAYNE

Here is first photo of Mrs. Exa Payne, late wife of A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney, who has dictated a confession that he placed a bomb in the family car which killed her and maimed their eleven-year-old son.

Attorney Asks Early Death

Amarillo Man Sobs Out Story of Bomb Plot But Wishes Son Had Been Killed

STINNETT, Tex., Aug. 8.—(P)—A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney, who confessed that it was he who planted the dynamite that blasted the life out of his wife and the mother of his three children, today had acknowledged the truthfulness of his sordid statement of murder with his signature.

When he stepped back in the presence of Potter and Hutchinson county officers after affixing his name to the long document which told a tale of conniving at the life of the woman he courted a few years ago while working his way through West Canyon, he expressed only one regret.

He said he was sorry that the infernal machine that dismembered Mrs. Payne and maimed his 11-year-old son did not in fact murder the boy that had been given the name of his father and who now does not believe him guilty of so dastardly a crime.

Payne seemed remarkably composed, considering the ordeal he had been through, when, at 4 o'clock this morning he sealed the 63-page confession, detailing a series of attempts on his wife's life before he finally succeeded. News-papers reporters were present when the climax came.

Officers said the attorney had talked almost incessantly from 8 a. m. yesterday until 4 a. m. today.

Speedy Death Asks

Craving only a speedy death as punishment for what he himself termed "the most terrible crime ever committed," A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney, today closed and signed his recital.

Yesterday he called himself "the meanest man in the world," during his all-day session with officers dictating his confession to a court reporter.

Mystery had cloaked the identity of the person who planted the bomb in Payne's car which exploded June 27, as Mrs. Payne was driving to town with her son. Last week, Payne, named at the office of Gene Hene, editor of the Amarillo News-Globe, and asked that newspaper men conduct an inquiry, since police authorities had made no progress in apprehending the slayer.

Howe telegraphed the Kansas City Star, "I expressly promised and agreed to marry her, and on the strength of the promise she accompanied him on a pre-honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands."

Miss Mitchell, former Houston, Tex. beauty contest winner, said she met Fleischmann while working as a manicurist in a Hollywood hotel "between screen engagements."

VALLEY STEW MAKES BREW IN POLITICS

Lafollette to Come Here to Get Club For Kohler

Robert Marion (Bob) LaFollette, Jr., prominent Wisconsin politician, will arrive in the Valley soon, accompanied by several friends with the view of carrying back propaganda to be used against Gov. Kohler in the coming gubernatorial campaign, according to S. M. Patterson, secretary of the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce.

The action of the Wisconsin Real Estate Brokers board in refusing to issue licenses to those selling Rio Grande Valley land "will form excellent political mud to hurl," a local man said.

All Valley chambers of commerce were notified of the coming visit of Mr. LaFollette and his men.

Mr. Patterson explained that his information came from a former Wisconsin resident who was reliable.

"The former Wisconsinite is of the opinion that, regardless of how much effort is put forth to show this party facts, etc. it will be used to the detriment of the Valley," Mr. Patterson said. "Give this matter whatever consideration it seems to warrant."

G. C. Richardson, Brownsville secretary, said Friday that plans will be made to entertain the nationally famous politician and to give him a correct impression of this section.

LaFollette acted as secretary to his father, once presidential candidate, for 6 years, while he was in the senate. Following the elder LaFollette's death in 1925, he was named to fill the unexpired term. He is also editor of LaFollette's Magazine, and makes his home in Madison, Wis.

Port Arthur Black Pays Death Penalty

HUNTSVILLE, Aug. 8.—(P)—Probably the first man ever electrocuted in Texas for criminal assault upon a negro, Rainey Williams, 38-year-old negro, whom three angry mobs tried to get for all of the night, died in the electric chair of Huntsville prison at 12:14 a. m. today.

He was convicted for criminal assault upon Joyce Keller, 20, negro, although two white girls identified him as their attacker.

Williams denied in an interview with newspapermen that he had attacked "any women" and declared in that death chamber that "I shoo-sho am not guilty of that assault charge."

He was threatened with mob action three times before his court appearance. An angry group first sought him while he was in the Port Arthur jail, but officers took him to Beaumont. There two additional bands gathered about the jail, but each time Sheriff W. W. Conington and his deputies dispersed them.

Richest Woman to Take Veil

Mrs. Nicholas Brady Has Audience With Pope And May Found Own Religious Order

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(P)—Mrs. Nicholas Brady, widow of the New York Utilities executive and one of the wealthiest women in the United States, will soon enter a convent abroad to become a nun, the New York World said today.

A story from the World correspondent in Rome said Mrs. Brady had an audience with Pope Pius XI recently at which she discussed her plans. It was asserted that after her novitiate is completed she may found a religious order of her own and become its Mother Superior.

The widow, whose husband died last March leaving to her his entire fortune, estimated at fifty million dollars, is a sister of Francis P. Garvan, of New York, head of the Chemical Foundation, and former alien property custodian; and of

CONFESSES



A. D. PAYNE

Amarillo attorney, known as a "model husband," and who lately styled himself "meanest man in world," following a charge that he murdered his wife with a bomb and maimed his young son.

500 HOMELESS AFTER STORM

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 8.—(P)—Soldiers, citizens and police searched the ruined sections of Nogales, Sonora, today for victims of the flood which swept through these border cities leaving four known dead, 13 missing and 500 homeless.

As the skies cleared the frightened populace, driven from homes by the flood and then terrified by a downpour which for a time threatened a recurrence of the deluge, ventured back to the houses remaining undamaged.

The storm cycle which began early yesterday with the flooding of the border cities moved on the American side, drenching Arizona points as far north as Winslow, marooning automobiles, causing one train wreck and then jumping into the Imperial Valley of California to end a long dry spell.

Searching for the Nogales ruins for the 13 missing, all of whom were believed dead, was stopped entirely for a while yesterday when the second rainstorm struck the city and the populace fled to high ground. A preliminary survey by Mayor Villaseor of the Mexican city indicated a property loss of \$175,000. Damage on the American side was estimated at \$25,000.

The damage on the Sonora side was the more severe because of the number of adobe buildings. Stocks of merchandise in the tourist stores on international street suffered heavily.

FORMER SOLON DIES

SAN JOSE, Calif., Aug. 8.—(P)—Death today had claimed James D. Phelan, 69, San Francisco financier and former United States Senator. He died yesterday following an illness of several months.

COLD GOLF

SASKATOON, SASK., Aug. 8.—(P)—The farthest north golf course is at Eskimo Point, on the upper Hudson Bay 375 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

The Rev. Donald Marsh, here for a holiday after three years at Eskimo Point, as a missionary, stocked up with golf balls, clubs and tees to take back with him.

The Eskimos, he said, play the game a little but prefer to caddy.

Airlines Report Big Business Increase

A report issued by the C. A. T. airlines reveals that passengers over the line in July increased 61 per cent over the June totals.

An increase of 59 per cent was noted in ticket sales, the report continues, and plans are being rushed to open new fields and improve present service.

VOTING LIGHT EARLY FRIDAY

Expression of All Is Asked to Add Value To Sale of Bonds for New Filtration Plant in Brownsville

Brownsville today is casting one of the lightest ballots ever polled in the city, if the pace set during the morning hours continues throughout the day.

At 11:30 o'clock less than 100 votes had been dropped in the ballot box and with the exception of a few gathering as they went home to lunch little interest seemed to be found.

Those supposed to know the trend of feeling on the vote held that those who have already gone to the polls are generally favoring the issue.

BANKERS HERE FOR BIG MEET

Many Out-of-District Men Gather with Valley Association

A number of Texas' most influential bankers arrived in Brownsville Friday to attend the meeting of the Rio Grande Valley bankers association to be held Friday night at the El Jardin hotel, according to G. C. Wagner, vice-president of the First National Bank, Brownsville.

The principal speaker tonight will be T. J. Caldwell, vice-president of the Union National Bank of Houston, who will talk on banking problems.

Other prominent bankers who will attend the meeting are C. S. E. Holland, president of the Houston National bank, A. D. Simpson, vice-president of the National Banking company, Houston; H. J. Bernard, cashier of the Second National bank, Houston; W. A. Kirkland, vice-president of the First National bank, Houston; H. H. Galloway, cashier of the Public National Bank and Trust Company, Houston; W. A. Williams, vice-president of the City Central Bank and Trust Company, San Antonio, and W. A. Philpott, Jr., secretary of the Texas Bankers Association, Dallas.

C. L. Skagg, president of the Citizens State Bank, Donna, and president of the Rio Grande Valley Bankers association, will preside at the meeting Friday night.

Every Valley bank is affiliated with the association, and approximately 75 out of Valley banks are expected to attend the meeting tonight.

Luncheon will be served at 7:30 p. m., the official meeting to begin immediately after this.

The Houston, San Antonio and Dallas officials will remain in this city over night, and return up-state some time Saturday, Mr. Wagner said today.

Endurance Fliers Pass Former Mark

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—(P)—How fleeting is fame—and cash—is indicated by the endurance flight of Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien, former world record holders, who were in the home streets of their attempt to regain their laurels.

When the wheels of the St. Louis Robin touched the ground at Lambert-St. Louis field on July 31, 1929, with a new world record of 420 hours, 21 minutes and sustained flight, the two men sustained their fame as heroes by a throng of 25,000 howling admirers, and had earned a modest fortune of more than \$30,000. The last few days of that flight had netted them \$2 a minute or \$2,800 a day.

Last night they passed that former record. There was a flurry of a demonstration, but no one was greatly excited, and today O'Brien disposed of one of his two automobiles to obtain funds to keep the new endurance ship, the Greater St. Louis, in the air.

The fliers solicited funds to finance the new flight, but the fund is almost depleted. However, they expect to keep going and to regain fame and fortune by breaking the 554-hour record of Kenneth and John Hunter, set last month, at Chicago. They had been up 433 hours at 8:11 a. m. today and had only about five days to go.

Swindling Charge Gets Man 30 Days

Alfonso Rodriguez of Rio Hondo pleaded guilty to a swindling charge in the Cameron county court at law Friday morning and was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff L. Longoria and the case was handled by Assistant County Attorney Bascom Cox.

Criminal District Court Opens Sept. 1

The sheriff's department is now busy making preparations for the opening of criminal district court, Sept. 1.

The district grand jury will go into operation at that time.

WEATHER
For Brownsville and the Valley: Fair tonight, Saturday partly cloudy. For East Texas: Fair but with scattered cloudiness tonight and Saturday. Light to fresh southerly winds on the coast.
RIVER FORECAST
There will be no material change in the river during the next few days.

Stage	Present	24-Hr. Change	Rate
Eagle Pass	21	-1.5	0.0
Laredo	21	-1.5	0.0
Rio Grande	21	-1.5	0.0
Mission	22	-1.5	0.0
San Benito	23	-1.5	0.0
Brownsville	18	-1.5	0.0

TIDE TABLE
High and low tide at Point Isabel tomorrow, under normal meteorological conditions:
High 5:44 a. m.
Low 9:43 p. m.
MISCELLANEOUS DATA
Sunset today 7:12
Sunrise tomorrow 6:00