

# THE WEATHER

Brownsville and the Valley: Partly cloudy to cloudy Thursday night and Friday.

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## CHEERY EARFUL

Although grains sagged under renewed selling pressure today, stocks generally ignored this weakness and moved quietly up to higher levels. Gains in most categories averaged a point or more.

# DEATH, TERROR RIDE STORM'S WAKE

## IN OUR VALLEY

WHEN WE LISTEN TO ENTHUSIASTIC sponsors of various types of government, we wonder—  
In Germany they have what they call a National Socialist government, and Hitler is ruler—  
In Russia they have Communism, and Stalin rules—  
In Austria they have a Democracy, and Dollfus rules—  
In Italy they have Fascism, and Mussolini rules—  
In England they have a constitutional monarchy, and the King doesn't rule anything—  
So we wonder.

Yes, sir; we wonder about those moves such as communism, which are supposed to be for the purpose of making the man in the street his own ruler—

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE enthusiastic about the new compulsory inspection and grading law which the Valley fostered are Hart T. Longino, who will be in charge of its enforcement.  
Longino said it is a fine law.  
"Of course we must have the co-operation of the grower and packer—or the law will not function properly."  
"In inspecting and grading a car, we look over a bunch of samples."  
"It is up to the shipper to see that our men get representative samples. Naturally we can't inspect every box of fruit in a car."  
Longino commented on the fact that Valley shippers got together and voluntarily placed this drastic regulatory law into effect.

And it is so good, he pointed out—that Florida is figuring on adopting and passing it.

SUCH ACTION ON THE PART of Florida is of great importance. The man who ships culls without having them branded as such has a great advantage over the man who ships good fruit, Longino points out.

And it is almost important to hold up a market, with inferior stuff being dumped on it—unless this stuff is branded for what it is. If the Valley is shipping only graded fruit, and Florida dumps its culls in bulk on the market, down will go the price.

So Florida—  
In the spirit of co-operation which now permeates this country—  
Is preparing to impose the Valley's own law upon herself.

SAN BENITO ONCE HAD A BIG annual celebration—  
On July Fourth.  
It was a Valley event—people came from all around the town.  
The Missouri Pacific sent its "First Train".  
The celebration was finally dropped. Hard times did it.  
Now San Benito is going to have a celebration again.  
On Labor Day.

Says Mrs. Ethel B. Finks, energetic manager of the celebration, "We are going to make this a Valley event. We want every Valley town to be represented. We are going to make it San Benito's big annual celebration."  
So more power to San Benito.

THIS PLAYGROUND BASEBALL has got us guessing. A thousand people out to see the opening games.  
And almost as many last night to see two more battles.  
It convinces us that the people are strong for entertainment—especially some kind of entertainment in which they take part.  
We thought of playing it, recalling the days when we used to do it in school—  
So we went out just for a trial and ran from home plate to first base—  
And decided to give it up. The bases are too far apart.

THE VALLEY VEGETABLE Growers association sends a letter of protest to the Texas R. F. C. relier headquarters, against the 30 cent per hour minimum paid persons who are getting R. F. C. relief.

They point out that most laborers who have been working in the Valley for \$1.00 a day.  
Get their house, vegetables, etc., without cost.  
And ask for a lower minimum.

## Slain Girl's Mother Believes Boy Is Innocent

## Texas Woman Sentenced to Die Starves to Death in Jail Cell

## JEALOUSY IS HELD CAUSE OF SHOOTING

## Wife's Life Saved As Gun Snaps; Her Husband Dies

(Special to The Herald)  
HARLINGEN, Aug. 24.—A pistol snapped here last night about 7:30 o'clock—and spared a woman's life a few seconds after it had sent a bullet through her wrist.

A split-second later the same pistol sent a fatal bullet tearing through a man's chest.  
Jealousy Blamed  
Investigating officers, piecing together evidence in last night's tragedy in an upstairs hotel in the business district here, announced today that jealousy caused Charles P. Wuertele, about 30, to shoot his wife and himself.

Following a quarrel in their room, police said Wuertele seized a pistol and shot his young wife through the wrist and then shot himself through the chest. It developed during the investigation held today that Wuertele placed the pistol to his wounded wife's back as she attempted to flee the room. She escaped when the pistol snapped. A second later Mrs. Wuertele, 22, heard another shot in the room and the hotel manager found her husband lying across the bed.  
Wuertele died at the Valley Baptist hospital a few minutes later where he was rushed for an emergency operation. Mrs. Wuertele was shot through the fleshy part of her wrist.

Shooting Follows Quarrel  
Wuertele, who was a hotel cook, and his young wife, a waitress in a downtown cafe, returned from work about 7 o'clock and went to their room. Mrs. Wuertele told Justice of the Peace Will G. Fields.  
He accused her of some "imaginary wrong," the wounded woman stated, and a quarrel followed. A few minutes later Wuertele seized a pistol and placed it to her chest, she told officers. She threw her hands up and the bullet passed through her wrist.

Wuertele's body was held by Thompson's Mortuary Thursday awaiting arrival of a brother and sister from Austin. It was reported that the dead man's mother also lives at Austin.

## La Feria First To Plow Cotton Under

Cotton farmers of the La Feria-Santa Maria section are the first in Cameron county to complete destruction of cotton in accordance with federal agreements. It has been announced.  
The committee in charge of the work in the section is composed of F. P. Cook, R. H. Jenkins and H. O. Wyland.

## Shooting Is Fatal

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 24.—(P)—Earl Barry, 32, died here today following a shooting at his home on the Pleasant Road.  
Mrs. Sophia V. Barry, his wife, was taken into custody. In a statement to officers, Mrs. Barry said she and her husband were scuffling over a shot gun when it was discharged.

## MARKETS AT GLANCE

NEW YORK  
Stocks steady; specialties rally. Bonds irregular; U. S. government firm.  
Curb steady; industrials firm. Foreign exchanges firm; dollar continued decline.  
Cotton steady; boll weevil complaints; higher sterling exchange. Sugar lower; easier spot market.  
Coffee quiet; trade selling.

## Compromise on Coal And Auto Codes Are Believed at Hand

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(P)—Closely following a declaration banning anti-union qualifications in codes of competition, Hugh S. Johnson summoned to recovery administration headquarters today spokesmen for coal mine operators and labor, in an effort to clinch a final agreement on a bituminous code.

The labor men, led by John L. Lewis, United Mine workers president, were first to arrive and sat for more than an hour in an ante-room until operators were heard from.

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## Pair to Die At Midnight

McALESTER, Okla., Aug. 24.—(P)—Claude Oliver, 28, and his 18-year-old nephew, George Oliver, appeared reconciled to their fate today as preparations went forward for their electrocution shortly after midnight tomorrow for the "insurance murder" of the former man's 15-year-old bride. Their spirits seemed revived despite the announcement yesterday that Governor Murray had decided not to stay the executions.

## Arkansas Governor Signs Beer Measure

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 24.—(P)—Without waiting for its enrollment Gov. J. M. Fulton at 11:13 a. m. today signed the engrossed copy of the beer bill making the sale and manufacture of 3.2 beer and light wines legal in Arkansas immediately.

## Nachado Is Guarded

MASAU, N. P., Aug. 24.—(P)—Reports that an airplane carrying men determined to assassinate Cerardo Machado, exiled president of Cuba, had left Cuba for this city today caused placing of guards armed with rifles about the hotel where Machado is living.

## WOULDN'T EAT FOOD GIVEN HER. IS SAID

## Mrs. Dach Convicted In Death Of Farmer

LaGRANGE, Aug. 24.—(P)—Mrs. Anton Dach, who was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of Henry Stoefer, farm hand on her place near Schulenburg, died on her place near Schulenburg, died in Fayette county jail here last night.

Self Imposed Fast  
Officers said death was due to an intermittent fast she imposed on herself when she was arrested last April.

She weighed over 200 pounds when she was placed in a cell here. When she died last night she had lost around 100 pounds.  
Officers said that she had been going without food for days. Occasionally she would nibble at the food given her, then turn her face to the wall and read an old German Bible.

She was convicted on May 25 of the killing Stoefer. Her attorneys appealed the conviction and she was awaiting the result of the appeal when death came.

## Shippers to View Code at Weslaco

(Special to The Herald)  
WESLACO, Aug. 24.—A general meeting of all shippers of citrus fruits will be held at the Cortez hotel here at 8 p. m. Thursday for the purpose of approving the sectional and national citrus marketing agreement. The session also will select a control administration committee created under the marketing agreement.

Shippers are requested to have a summary showing total shipments for the season of 1932-1933, and also a record of the wage scale paid to office and sales department employees.

## Sleeping Illness Found in Texas

PORT WORTH, Aug. 24.—(P)—Death here of Jim Allen Rice, 18, months, of what commonly is termed "sleeping sickness," brought about a statement today from a local member of the medical profession in regard to the ailment for which physicians claim "sleeping sickness" is a misnomer.

The child died yesterday. His death was attributed to an inflammation of the brain known as encephalitis. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rice of Fort Worth.

In many encephalitis cases, physicians say, the victim lies for many days in a stupor giving the term of "sleeping sickness" to the ailment from which he is suffering. In almost as many cases the victim is restless instead of succumbing to a stupor, thus making the term "sleeping sickness" a misnomer.

## San Antonio Strike Settlement Is Near

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 24.—(P)—Settlement of a strike of women cigar rollers at the Finck Cigar factory here seemed imminent today as Mayor C. K. Quinn conferred as mediator between factory officials and strikers.

## Red Cross to Meet

The executive committee of the Red Cross in Brownsville will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the chamber of commerce building to discuss the relief situation in this section. R. B. Ernst is chairman.

## BOND WILL BE PERMITTED IN CO-ED'S DEATH

## Youth Claims He And Girl Attacked By Robbers

BRYAN, Aug. 24.—(P)—Dist. Atty. John R. Grace of Robertson county has decided not to oppose the setting of a "reasonable" bond for the release of Ervin Conway, 23, charged with murder for the slaying of his fiancée, Miss Elizabeth Laddell Hammond, 20.

Writ Is Filed  
The decision was announced after Dist. Atty. Grace had studied an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed yesterday by counsel for Conway.

Although the date for Conway's preliminary hearing had not been set, there was a possibility it would be held tomorrow afternoon in J. E. Mooney's court at Hearne.

Both Conway and Miss Hammond were students of Baylor University at Waco. She was shot the night of June 16 while riding to Bryan with Conway, who told authorities they had planned to announce their engagement. He said robbers accosted them on the highway north of Bryan, fatally wounding Miss Hammond.

Conway, in the county jail at Franklin last night, was visited by Mrs. Raymond Hammond, mother of the slain co-ed, who left the jail professing her belief in his innocence.

## Ice Industry To Hire 104 Workmen

(Special to The Herald)  
SAN BENITO, Aug. 24.—The NRA code as it affects the Valley ice industry will mean additional payrolls of \$89,856 yearly in that industry alone, a survey made by The Herald today reveals.

It is estimated that 104 additional men will be employed by ice companies by September 15, an additional payroll of \$74,888 monthly. Eighteen additional employees have been added by the Central Power and Light company in its ice department and 10 more will be employed by September 15, Frank C. Ludden, district manager, announced today.

It is estimated that 104 additional men will be employed by other ice companies in the Valley. The CP&L signed the electrical power code today, Ludden stated.

## Bicycle Riders Must Have Lights

The bicycle riding fad, belatedly arriving in the Valley, has assumed proportions of a traffic problem for the Brownsville police department. Numerous near accidents have been reported as the result of bicycles not being equipped with lights, and effective Wednesday police were to enforce regulations as to proper lights.

The bicycles must have a light in front and rear. A red reflector may be substituted for the rear light, according to officers.

"Bike" riders also will be required to observe other traffic regulations such as keeping on the right hand side of the road and halting at all stop signs.

## Gold Star Mothers End Grave Visits

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(P)—One of the last and quietest chapters of the World War closed today as the steamship Washington rode up the harbor to her dock with 166 American Gold Star mothers, homeward bound.

## Charged With Torch Murder



Charge of murdering her divorced husband by burning him has been placed against Mrs. May Hanson, of Rockford, Ill. She is accused of throwing gasoline over her husband, a milling executive, as he sat in his automobile and then applying a match.

## SECOND NRA LIST ISSUED

## 57 Additional Brownsville Employers Sign Code

Additional supplies in the form of cards and stickers have been received at the Brownsville Postoffice for persons who have signed the President's Reemployment code. Postmaster Wm. T. Burnett announced today.

Many merchants who have signed have not been able to secure cards because of a shortage. Local people have been cautioned against anyone trying to sell the "Blue Eagle," as this is strictly against the law. The stickers and cards are given without cost to all who sign.

The postoffice here also received today an additional list of 57 more Brownsville employers who have signed the code. The list was accompanied by a note stating that hundreds of the contracts which have been sent in from various parts of the state are being held because of mistakes, and persons who have signed and not been listed are asked to secure duplicate blanks and sign again.

The new list of Brownsville employers follows:  
Manufacturers and Producers—Hausman Packing Co., Blue Ribbon Bakery, Heald Engineering Co., La Sultana bakery, La Aurora bakery, C. C. Lamberth ice cream factory, Vann's Ridden bread shop.

Wholesalers and Jobbers—Magnolia Petroleum Co.  
Retailers of Food and Agricultural Products—A. & G. Market, Jose Avila grocery, Balla Vista Gro.

## Charge Against Smith Dropped

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—(P)—Polo again claimed the attention of its second ranking ace, Cecil Smith, San Antonio, Tex., today after an Evanston nurse had dropped charges of criminal assault against him.

In a letter delivered to authorities last night by her father, Dr. R. T. Rose, prominent dentist of Cooperstown, N. D., Miss Eugenia Rose, 23, the complainant, said: "I do not wish to prosecute Mr. Cecil Smith on the charge of rape. I expect to be married and I do not want any more publicity. I will not appear against Mr. Smith and I wish you would therefore dismiss the case at once."

## Marks Tours Valley

Major E. H. Marks, district army engineer, was making a tour of the upper part of the Valley today, after inspecting the Brownsville and Port Isabel sections yesterday.

## VIRGINIA IS HARDEST HIT BY HURRICANE

## More Than Dozen Die; Property Damage In Millions

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 24.—(P)—The Chesapeake steamship liner City of Norfolk is aground in Pocomoke Sound, one mile east of the north end of Watt's Island. Her passengers are safe.

By The Associated Press  
Death, terror and destruction rode today on the tail of the maddest storm to strike the Atlantic seaboard in many a year.  
The death toll went well over a dozen with the derailment this morning of the crack Southern Railway train Charent Limited as it hurtled in a rain-soaked bridge spanning the Anacostia river just outside of Washington.

Cars Leave Track  
The engineer and fireman were killed and at least 13 persons injured.

Authorities said the high winds and rain had weakened the structure. The engine and several cars left the track, some of them going into the raging waters.

Other deaths included two on the battered coastal liner Madison, eight in Virginia, the electrocution of a small girl at Sea Cliff, N. Y., and a traffic jam in a heavy rain at Coatesville, Pa.

Damage to property ran into millions.  
Smashed shore resorts, marooned communities and the wreckage of small craft dotted the coast. At sea shipping wrecked and the grip of tremendous waves.

A partly crippled passenger liner, the Madison, with 109 persons aboard, fought her way into Norfolk, Va., today after sounding two S O S calls yesterday. She reported two men missing.

Fear that the death list might mount swiftly grew as calls for aid came from communities beset by raging waves or floods resulting from record-breaking rains. Frantic calls for coast guard aid reached Washington from half a dozen Maryland towns where 100 families were marooned and reported in deadly peril.

Virginia Hardest Hit  
The hurricane—racing far out of the usual path of such storms—flashed the coast from the Carolinas northward, but Virginia was perhaps hardest hit.  
Eight persons are known to have died in Virginia, alone yesterday and last night as waves like mighty hammers wrecked beach resorts, luxurious homes and cottages.

Waterfronts were inundated, hundreds of miles of highways flooded, communities cut off by flood or communications failure, traffic paralyzed and crops ruined.

Early today the storm, still surging north, whipped parts of New England with gales that crippled shipping and menaced shore communities.

The coast guard reported the four-masted schooner Kohler washed ashore and wrecked somewhere near Virginia Beach, but its crew was saved. Other coast guard boats saved 100 people at Willoughby Spit, near Norfolk, while still another prepared to assist a barge in distress off Cape Henry.

## Residents Flee

The seas inundated the Norfolk waterfront, shattered a pavilion at Wildwood, N. J., and sent wealthy summer residents of Cape May, N. J., fleeing from their homes. Marines patrolled the latter town, where fallen electric wires in pitch dark streets menaced lives. A 300-foot pier was swept away.

A 72-mile gale at Fort Monroe, Va., shattered many cottages occupied by non-commissioned officers' families and only swift rescue work directed by army officers prevented loss of life. The old artillery reservation was strewn with wreckage.

## Legion Meets Tonight

The regular meeting of John Hanson Post No. 43 will be held at Legion Hall tonight at 8 p. m. All plans for attending the state convention at Wichita Falls Aug. 27 to 29 will be made. All visiting Legionnaires are cordially invited.