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The Weather

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS —
Somewhat colder Sunday with possible showers.

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Charged With Conspiracy

GILES BOND AT \$100,000

Town Talk

You ladies who baked cookies to be mailed to McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, for distribution on Cuero Day, asked no thanks. You received your satisfaction in knowing that you perhaps had made some disabled veteran happy in the knowledge that he has not been forgotten.

However, the following letter received by Mrs. Harry Merritt, of Dinter Post Auxiliary, American Legion, could serve more fully as an expression of the appreciation of those men you were thinking of.

M. L. Harper, Chief, Special Service of the Veterans Administration at Temple, wrote Mrs. Merritt and we quote:

"We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to you and your organization for your interest in the hospitalized veterans at this Center.

The delicious cookies which we received last week arrived in excellent condition and were served to patients and Domiciliary members during a coffee hour in the recreation and on the various wards. Many favorable comments have been expressed by those who were the recipients of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Please extend our deep gratitude to the gracious ladies who gave so willingly of their time and their talents in the preparation of the cookies. Needless to say, this was a real treat and most thoroughly enjoyed by the patients and members.

Be assured of our interest and eager desire to cooperate with you and your organization in your continued participation in this worthy program."

Now . . . take a bow ladies . . . don't you think your efforts well worth while. They were.

Let's make Cuero day in 1956 even a bigger one.

You Texas Aggies are going to have a good time.

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Why We Say--



This word, used in measuring the depth of water, started with sailing. The word literally means "outstretched arms." Sailors guessed the ordinary outstretched arms measured six feet or the one fathom of today.

LARGEST VEHICLE ON RUBBER



CONTROL CAR of the world's largest vehicle on rubber is shown at top. Below, the complete "train," with low pressure tires 88 inches in diameter. It's the Sno-Freighter, built by the R. G. Le-Tourneau company in Longview, Tex., for use on frozen trails of inland Alaska. The Sno-Freighter is 274 feet long, coupled in six sections so it can turn corners. It can carry 10 freight vans piggy-back. Diesel-electric generating sets on the power-control car supply electric power to the 24 electric wheels which actually drive the vehicle. Each wheel has an electric motor. (International)

New-Fangled Lift Job To Raise School Roof

Sidewalk superintendents and "eggspert" contractors will have their day here on March 9th or 10th when Lift Slab Corporation of San Antonio inaugurate a new technique in building construction at the St. Michael's school construction job.

Tickets entitling the holder to advise, boss, superintendent, kibitz, patrol, confer and otherwise supervise the job are now being sold in Cuero at 50 cents each.

Big Chief Superintendent of the job is Father Wm. Jansen.

Corner superintendents who will attempt to "scab" on the profits are Rev. Charles Marshall of First Methodist Church and Rev. Dr. Doggett of First Presbyterian church.

They have been accorded the privilege of selling "standing room" on their church property to non-Catholics wishing to witness the show.

Purchasers of Sidewalk Superintendent tickets may find however that they will have to "look" fast to observe the movement of the building.

Jacks will be set on top of columns and hydraulic equipment set up along side. The roof on the Court House side of the building will be lifted as will the roof and second story facing McLeod.

The raising proceeds at such a pace it is difficult to detect movement, eight hours being required to move a distance of eight feet.

Streets will be roped off during the "operation lift".

Texas Broiler Market Hits Two-Year Peak

AUSTIN, Mar. 5.—(UP)—Texas' broiler and fryer markets this week hit the highest prices since December, 1952, in the East Texas and Waco-Corsicana areas, and the top quotations for two years in South Texas, the State Department of Agriculture reported Saturday.

South Texas closed at 30 cents; East Texas 29-30, mostly 30; Waco 30, and Corsicana, f.o.b. plant, 30½. Closing prices for the corresponding week a year ago in all areas was 23 cents.

Supplies on the South Texas market were short of a fair to good demand in early trading. But late trading supplies were short at some points, and adequate at others for a slow to fair demand. Trading was light, with the close 2 cents higher.

The East Texas market, closing steady, reported supplies short of a fair to good demand. Trading

Bell To Return For Committee Hearings

Congressman John Bell, in a telegraphic reply to an inquiry from the publisher of the Cuero Record, said Saturday that he was returning to Texas "in the near future" and would seek permission to testify before the House and Senate committees investigating alleged irregularities in the scandal-ridden Texas Veterans Land Program.

In a telegram Friday, after public disclosures that Bell had received checks amounting to several thousand dollars from a fund set up at the Victoria Bank and Trust Company by T. J. McLarty, former Cuero land dealer, from the sale of land to a group of veterans, Bell was asked to "wire a statement of explanation" for publication here.

Bell said that the money referred to in the House committee hearing was "legal fees" in return for services in connection with sales of land to veterans. "I have violated no law or moral code in accepting employment as an attorney to represent clients," his telegram to the Record said.

Joe Malek, of Yoakum, campaign manager for Bell, told the Record earlier in the day that he

Mueller Rites Held In Cuero

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Mueller, 88, of Cuero, Rt. 1, were held here Saturday at 2 p. m. from Freund Chapel followed by services at St. John's Lutheran Church at Westhoff. The Rev. Alvin H. Bohls of Yorktown, Lutheran minister, officiated, and interment was in the Westhoff Cemetery.

Mrs. Mueller died Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Wagner, Rt. 1, Cuero.

She was a native of Germany, and had lived in Westhoff since 1909.

Her husband, Jacob Mueller, preceded her in death March 9, 1941.

Survivors are four sons, J. R. Mueller of Wilson, Edwin and Alfred of Cuero, and Oscar of Fort Worth; four daughters, Mrs. Fred Afferbach, Cuero, Mrs. Charles Schaffner of Slaton, Mrs. Gus Schaffner, Westhoff, and Mrs. Wagner; 18 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Henry Mueller of Moulton.

Minstrel Rehearsal Indicates 1955 Show To Be Extravaganza

The cast for the 1955 American Legion Minstrel Show met Thursday night for rehearsal at the Legion hall, according to Dr. Henry Hartman, director, who said this year's show will be a "real extravaganza."

There will be singing acts, dancers, musical acts, jokesters, all of which will provide the audience with a real treat March 15 when two performances are scheduled to be presented on the stage of the Rialto Theater.

The first showing will be at 7:30 p. m. and the next at 9:15 p. m. Music for the minstrel will be furnished by Bennie Prause's orchestra and a 14-piece band is to be on hand to give a real professional touch to the program, Dr. Hartman said.

In the cast are Mickey Chase, Mrs. M. G. Fetters, Sidney Rayes, Mary Stratton, John Hudgeons, Daylen Hicks, Jim Stone, Pat Patterson, Don Markowsky, Bennie Prause, Marlin Griffith, Bill Morse, Bobbie Prause, Louis Clardy, Bill Bradbury, and Dr. Hartman as well as a number of others who will mingle with the audience.

Arrest Comes 111 Days After Record's Session With Commissioner

COLLINS WILL LAY WREATH AT MEMORIAL

Ceremony To Take Place Tuesday Morning

Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, will lay a wreath at the foot of the War Memorial on the Court House lawn during his brief stop-over in Cuero, local Legion sources said today.

Collins, a native Texan but now of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will land in Cuero Tuesday morning and proceed to Shiner where district Legionnaires are planning a barbecue in his honor. His stay here will be part of a state-wide speaking tour of eight Legion posts and the Texas Legislature.

Present plans call for Collins to be met at the airport and escorted down Main Street in Cuero to Esplanade by members of Dinter Post. The party will turn right at the Coppedge service station and go to the Court House lawn where the simple ceremony will take place.

The general public is invited to attend the service and all local Gold Star mothers are urged to attend.

COMING EVENTS

- Monday
- IOOF—7 p. m.
- Flight "B"—7:30 p. m.
- CAP—7:30 p. m.
- Scout Troop No. 242—7 p. m.
- Cuero Fire Dept.—7:30 p. m.
- Pythian Sisters—7:30 p. m.
- C of C—7:30 p. m.
- Senior Class play—1 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Public Invited To Visit Public Schools Program

Public Schools Week begins in Cuero Monday, March 7th, and will continue through the week with a number of observances being planned for parents and taxpayers to visit local schools and observe school activities.

Local civic clubs have planned activities including trips to the schools for programs prepared by the students.

Daule School, always among the most active in observance of Public Schools Week, will conduct contests among the various grades for the general public. The contests will be held in the modern Daule Gym. A general assembly in the gym will be held at 1:40 p. m. daily and the newly organized Daule Band will play each day for the assembly.

Status Of Major Legislation Among Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—(UP)—

Congressional Pay— President signed into law bill raising salaries of members of Congress and the federal judiciary.

Taxes— Senate takes up House-passed \$20-a-head tax cut next week. Defeat predicted.

Draft— Senate action pending on house-approved bill extending draft four years.

Military Pay— House vote expected next week on bill giving Armed Forces \$735 million pay increase.

Postal Pay— House Post Office committee approved bill granting 7.5 per cent pay hike to 560,000 postal workers. Senate committee has voted 10 per cent.

Civil Service Pay— Senate Civil Service committee approved 10 per cent pay rise for classified Civil Service workers.

AUSTIN, March 5 (UP) Bascom Giles was arrested Saturday on a charge he conspired to steal \$83,500 of state money while he was Texas land commissioner.

His bond was set at \$100,000. Giles, smiling affably, posed readily for pictures but would say virtually nothing to newsmen. He was arrested as a result of a secret indictment returned Friday by a Travis county Austin grand jury.

He was unaccompanied by any attorney. He was asked if he was prepared to make bond. He answered:

"I don't know."

Brought In By Agents—

Giles was brought into the sheriff's office by N. K. Dixon, chief of the internal security division of the Department of Public Safety, and Chesley Auten and Powell Charlton, two special investigators working under Dixon.

The indictment charged that Giles and B. R. Sheffield "on or about the 16 th day of December, 1953 . . . did conspire and agree together and between themselves to unlawfully and fraudulently take \$83,500 in lawful money of the United States, the same being the corporate personal property of the state of Texas, from the possession of the said state of Texas; without the consent of the said state of Texas. . ."

Giles posed readily for photographers and jokingly inquired, "do you want to help me on my \$100,000 bond?"

Resigned January 1—

Giles resigned as commissioner of the General Land Office Jan. 1, the day he was to have started his ninth consecutive term.

His resignation apparently caught other state officials by surprise, even though the Veterans Land Board—the \$100 million agency which administers the veterans land program—already was under investigation by the five-member Senate general investigating committee of the 54th Legislature.

The land commissioner, under the law, is chairman of the veterans land board. The governor and attorney general are members.

Other Developments—

District Attorney Wayne Hartman and County Attorney Wiley Cheatham of Cuero were in Austin conferring with Travis County's District Attorney Les Proctor concerning the fast breaking developments in the land probe. Cheatham phoned from Austin and told the Record of Giles' arrest shortly after the UP wires carried the story of the arrest of Brady land promoter L. V. Ruffin on a charge of theft of \$83,000 from the State of Texas. They were to return to Cuero Saturday night and prepare for Grand Jury work on Monday.

McLarty Posts Bond—

T. J. McLarty returned to Cuero Friday afternoon and was immediately served with subpoenas to appear before the Senate's permanent investigating committee and the special House committee investigating alleged irregularities in the multi-million dollar Texas Veterans' Land Program. (Continued on Page 12)



Venom which could have claimed the lives of scores . . . if bites were concentrated . . . was destroyed when this nest of Scorpions in a city electric power pole was uncovered as crewmen under T. C. Coker replaced poles between Cuero and the CP&L dam. There were hundreds of them . . . large and small . . . the largest 3 inches long . . . the smallest tiny Scorpis affixed to their

mother's back . . . upon which they feed until they mature and the mother Scorpion has given her life's blood (if Scorpions have blood) for their survival. Only a shell remains after the baby Scorpions have reached maturity.—(Photo by Tiffin).

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Says . . .

B. I. McClung says that the greatest incentive to face - lifting among women is a tall lover.

