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TWO DEAD NEAR EGYPT IN EARLY MORNING STORM

Negro Couple Killed When Cyclonic Winds Wreck Home And Scatter Debris Over Fields For Fifty Yards.

The severe windstorm which struck here in the early hours of Tuesday, was more severe in other neighborhoods to the south and west of this community.

West of Egypt, where the storm is described as a "twister," Young Brooks, 31 years of age, and his wife, Minnie Brooks, negroes, were killed when their home was hurled 150 feet by the cyclonic winds, burning them in the debris.

Rosenberg, 39 miles east of Eagle Lake, counted five persons injured and a destroyed farm dwelling as its storm toll. The injured there were Joe Mekeska, his wife and three children. Their home was demolished by the twisting winds, which hurled Mrs. Mekeska and her 4-year old daughter, Annie, fifty yards away and pinned them beneath a part of the roof. Other members of the same family were out and bruised.

Coming from the west, the direction from which this section gets the bulk of its spring blows, a wind electrical and rain storm struck here at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The wind accompanying the rain was severe, but made only a few severe gusts before it subsided and continued to blow an average wind and rain storm. Had the wind continued any length of time, as first came with the rain, considerable damage to property would have resulted.

A number of shade and fruit trees about the city were broken and twisted, the roof porch was blown off the Eagle Lake rice mill, and Frank Moore, living in the north section of town, had a small barn practically wrecked.

Only about one-half inch of rain fell here in town, but some of the outlying sections have reported from one to three inches of rain with considerable minor damage to trees and small out houses.

The storm's velocity was apparently about the same in the Garwood section as here, destroying some property in that community, but no one was injured. A number of small buildings in and around Garwood were blown down, chicken houses and barns were scattered over the fields, and several wind mills were destroyed.

S. C. COOPER WILL DRECT A MODERN BUNGALOW HOME

Contractor Justin Smith has begun erection of a modern bungalow home, of five rooms and bath, for Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cooper. The new home is being built on the Cooper lot, corner Pendleton and Stephens, and will be an attractive addition to that section of the city. The old home has been torn down, and the bungalow will be constructed on the same lot.

In tearing down the old home this week, carpenters found a five dollar bill, of 1863 date, in the wall papering of one of the rooms.

MR. BURGER'S CONDITION CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

Mr. L. J. Burger, proprietor of the White House Hotel, and well known and popular citizen of Eagle Lake, has been seriously ill since last Sunday night, when he suffered a heart attack.

His condition was very grave for several days during the week, but his condition today shows a marked improvement. Miss Marie Labay, a nurse from the Rosenberg Hospital, has been with him during his illness.

Many friends join the Headlight in the sincere wish for his early recovery of health and strength.

STREAM LINE TRAIN TO PASS THROUGH HERE TODAY

The million-dollar Reoall streamlined convention train, reaching Houston today at 11 a. m., is scheduled to pass through Eagle Lake, en route to San Antonio at 6:52 p. m. this afternoon. The train will not stop here.

This train left Boston March 29 on an eight-month tour that will take it to 100 cities in the United States and Canada.

LEGION MEETING IS CALLED FOR NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

B. F. Reuss, adjutant for the local American Legion Post, has called a meeting of all members of the local Post and all ex-servicemen, at the city hall on Thursday night, May 7 at 8 p. m. Business of importance is to come before the meeting.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW RICE FARM PROGRAM

Detailed Information For Rice Farmers Who Expect To Participate In AAA Soil Conservation Program For 1936 Crop.

The general procedure to be followed by rice growers who participate in the AAA soil conservation program for 1936 was announced on Wednesday of last week by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The principal condition to be met to qualify a rice producer to receive a rice payment is that the producer devote to soil conserving crops or practices an average of rice land equal to at least one-fourth of his base rice acreage. In other words, for every four acres of his base rice acreage, at least one acre should be in soil conserving crops or practices. An additional condition to be met is that no rice should be planted in 1936 on land on which rice has been planted in any three years of the four-year period 1932-1935, inclusive.

Since much rice land cannot readily be adapted to the growing of soil conserving crops, idle and fallow land adapted to the production of rice and for which water for rice is readily available may be substituted acre for acre in 1936 for the soil conserving crop acreage required in connection with rice.

The rice payment conditioned upon enrolling the required number of acres of rice lands to soil conserving crops or practices will be made in the amount of 20 cents for each acre enrolled. The amount of the producer's domestic consumption quota of rice if the acreage planted to rice is between 50 per cent and 100 per cent of the producer's base rice acreage.

If the acreage planted to rice in 1936 is less than 50 per cent or more than 100 per cent of the base rice acreage, the rate of the rice payment will be reduced according to the percentage of variation, below 50 per cent or above 100 per cent of the base. However, if the producer does not devote the minimum acreage of rice land, which is equal to 25 per cent of the producer's base rice acreage, to soil conserving crops or practices, he will not qualify for payment.

Also if a producer's rice acreage exceeds 125 per cent of his base rice acreage, not only will he receive no rice payment, but for each excess acre deductions will be made from payments that he would otherwise receive under the general soil conservation program at the rate per acre applicable to crop included in the general soil depleting base. For the United States as a whole, this rate will average \$10.00 per acre.

For example, if the producer's base rice acreage is 100 acres, then 125 per cent would be equal to 125 acres, then the excess acreage would amount to 25 acres and therefore there would be deducted from any payments which otherwise would be due the producer an amount equal to 5 x \$10 or \$50.

The producer's domestic consumption quota is 96.74 per cent of his base production. The base rice acreage and the base rice production for any producer in 1936 will be the allotment and quota assigned to him in 1935, with provisions made for equitable adjustments.

The total base rice acreage, the base rice production and the domestic consumption quota assigned to producers in the rice producing states shall not exceed the following:

Arkansas, State base rice acreage 152,500 acres; State base rice production, 2,058,558 barrels; domestic consumption quota 1,991,320 barrels.

Louisiana, State base rice acreage 419,569 acres; State base rice production, 4,371,930 barrels; domestic consumption quota 4,231,081 barrels.

Texas, State base rice acreage 161,452 acres; State base rice production, 2,256,135 barrels; domestic consumption quota 2,182,480 barrels.

Missouri, State base rice acreage 560 acres; State base rice production, 6,500 barrels; domestic consumption quota 6,238 barrels.

California, State base rice acreage 103,000 acres; State base rice production, 1,807,850 barrels; domestic consumption quota, 1,748,051 barrels (2,833,311 bags).

The Agricultural Conservation program provides for the establishment of a separate soil depleting base for cotton, tobacco, peanuts, sugar cane and beets, for sugar, and rice, and for a general soil depleting base to which is included the remaining soil depleting crops.

Rice, therefore, comprises but one part of the general program. If the producer grows on his farm soil depleting crops in addition to rice, he may qualify for payment under the program, which is to be made in such form as the Administrator may deem proper.

PROPOSAL OF RAILROAD TO ABOLISH SAP SERVICE BRINGS FORTH PROTEST

Towns on Sap Railroad West of Eagle Lake Affected in the Change, Are Petitioning the Railroad Commission to Prevent Abolishment of Train Service.

Considerable alarm is felt in towns along the line of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad, west of Eagle Lake, in the effort of the Southern Pacific to abandon its lines from Eagle Lake to Kennedy.

Freight service over that division was discontinued several months ago.

A movement to have the railroad company continue this service was initiated at a meeting held recently in Yorktown when a petition asking that the service be continued was adopted and forwarded to the State Railroad Commission. The petition, which is being circulated in all the towns affected, gives vital reasons for the concern of those opposing the railway service abandonment as reproduced below.

"To the Railway Commission of Texas: Delegations of business men from Kennedy, Yorktown, Nordheim, Ruige, Cuero, Yoakum, Sares, Home and Hallettsville met at Yoakum on April 17, to discuss the proposal of the T. & N. O. (Southern Pacific) Company to take off, or rather to apply to your Honorable body for permission to take off, passenger trains Nos. 309 and 310 running between Kennedy and Houston and mixed trains No. 371 and 372 between Cuero and Kennedy and to substitute mixed freight trains between Yoakum and Kennedy, with no passenger service between Yoakum and Houston.

After general discussion of the proposal, the following resolution was introduced:

Whereas, the T. & N. O. Railway Company is a public service corporation, organized and operated not only for profit but also for the service that it can render the public; and whereas all the towns mentioned were built up largely by reason of the construction of said railroad; and whereas said towns are now dependent on said railroad for mail, express, baggage, parcel post and passenger service that would be seriously crippled by said change in operation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the representatives of said towns, numbering more than sixty present at said meeting, that they respectfully oppose said changes in such railway service for the following reasons:

Said railway company makes money hauling freight between Kennedy and Houston, and should be willing to supply said towns with mail, express, and passenger service even at a loss.

All said towns have used their influence to assist in getting legislation enacted in favor of said railroad and against trucks and buses, and said railroad should show appreciation.

If, by reason of poor mail, express and passenger service, said towns should shrink in population and their citizens move to the cities, said railroad would lose even its freight business.

The passenger service between Kennedy and Houston, instead of being made worse, should be made better so as to attract passengers. Said railroad now runs only small grade, slow moving trains between Kennedy and Houston. If it would substitute a better and faster train, now that the depression is over, and now that railroad fare have been reduced to a point where it is cheaper to ride on the trains than in automobiles, and if said railroad would arrange its schedules so that passengers on said trains could connect with other railroads at Houston and Kennedy for direct connections for San Antonio, promptly instead of having to wait many hours as at present, it could find as soon as the public learns of said improvements that its passenger service would pay.

Said railroad has consistently fouled its traffic on its other lines ever since it took over the S. A. & A. P. Railway Company and is largely responsible for any poor patronage that it receives from the public. If it will change its methods and try to co-operate with the towns above mentioned, we believe that its returns from the operation of said two passenger trains will prove consistently more and more remunerative.

When the S. P. took over the S. A. & A. P. they promised the above named towns that they would make a bigger and better road than the old S. A. & A. P. None of these things have been done as promised and now they want to further cripple our train service.

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Rice Farmers Planting Both Day and Night

Rice farmers are busy this week planting their crops. Should the weather remain dry, planting will likely be completed in this district within another week or ten days.

Many rice farmers believe that the earlier rice will bring stronger prices, are rushing the planting work, and in numerous fields the planting is continued throughout the night. Headlights hanging out in rice fields through the dead hours of night throughout the past week have been no uncommon sights.

Several of the farmers on North Prairie have completed planting. The recent rains put the fields in fine shape for seeding.

The acreage, it is believed, through this territory will likely be increased over last year. The allotted acreage, under the government farm plan, to this district is 16,622 last year, however the acreage went to 18,003, and this season it is likely to reach in excess of that figure.

Manager E. E. Turner of the local office of the American Rice Growers' Association stated yesterday that rice prices are higher now than at any time since 1926. There is still some rice in the hands of the millers, though the millers are in no hurry to dispose of their stocks, it is said, since indications point to an even higher price.

Speaking of the new government rice program, Mr. Turner asks that all rice farmers preserve this copy of the Headlight, since it gives in detail the procedure the farmer is expected to follow in the new set-up. This article will be useful to every rice farmer, Mr. Turner says, and every rice farmer who is not a Headlight subscriber should procure a copy of this week's issue. And, by the way, Mr. Turner remarked, there shouldn't be any rice farmer who does not take the Headlight. If there are any of that calibre, they are mighty few.

COUNTY CITIZENS URGED TO PROCURE LABORERS THROUGH NRS OFFICE

Unless People of County Show Proper Cooperation, There Is Likelihood This Office Will Be Moved To Wharton And County Will Lose This Relief.

The following communication for publication is sent to the Headlight from Columbus:

Word comes from the local National Re-employment Service office, of which Mrs. Eutie Byrnes is the head, inviting farmers and all those employing farm labor to call upon that office for their help. The office does not restrict farmers to any particular personnel of the labor list, but will furnish the farmer with a list of unemployed and permit him to select his individuals from the list.

At present time there are 1045 persons registered with the NRS supervisor for employment, and the office is supplying PWA and WPA projects with the labor. The office requires 48 hours in which to get in touch with any labor needed and in that time can put a prospective employer in contact with ample labor for his purposes.

The public may not know that the Houston district has been making efforts to reduce its number of local NRS offices, and has "put it up to the local supervisor" that results must be shown if the local office is continued here. The business would be transferred to the Wharton office in case this office was closed. Citizens of this community, and particularly business men of this county should prefer to see the local office maintained, and to help toward this they can recommend to any parties requiring labor that they go to the local NRS office first for their requirements.

The number employed on Works Progress Administration projects has been cut down materially recently and will have been cut from 294 employed on March 31, to 251 who will be retained on the rolls May 15th, cutting out 43 laborers in that period.

People who need labor or who can employ labor are urged to go to the NRS office and confer with the supervisor as to what help is registered and then to use their best judgment about the employment of the individuals on the list. By doing this they will be taking advantage of a government agency which has been provided for their convenience and also for the welfare of the large number of unemployed persons who are registered with the NRS.

MR. AND MRS. GLAISER ARE PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Jerry Louis Sims, who weighed in at 8 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Sims in Houston on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Sims was formerly Miss Ruth Glaiser of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Glaiser.

MISS REESE FOR EAGLE LAKE AT YOAKUM-TOM-TOM

At the Rotary Club luncheon Wednesday, Miss Eleanor Reese was elected as Eagle Lake's representative in the festivities at the coming Yoakum-Tom-Tom.

Miss Reese will be accompanied to the celebration by several members of the local Rotary Club.

CONDITION OF MRS. GREEN IS IMPROVING SLOWLY

Mrs. O. Green, who is under care of doctors in Houston, is improving slowly, which will be good news to her friends at home. She is yet confined to her bed, on advice of her doctors.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOUNDATION IS COMPLETED

Contractor B. H. Reese of Eagle Lake has completed the foundation for the new school building for Garwood. The Walker Construction Company of San Antonio has the contract for the super-structure, and is expected to begin construction work on the building proper within the next few days.

Today's Market Report

Cotton, Middling (Houston)	11.29
Strict Middling	11.94
Eggs	14-16c
Hens	12c-14c
Broilers	13c-15c
Poultry	10c-12c
Old Roosters	10c-12c
Stags	10c-12c
Turkeys	10c-12c
Guinea, each	25c-30c
Ducks	10c-12c
Geese	9c-10c

DRILLER SERIOUSLY HURT IN ACCIDENT AT GARWOOD WELL

Brake Handle Flew Back When Clutch Was Released, Fracturing Skull And Breaking Jaw Bones of Driller Ed. GIL.

Ed. C. Gill, 32, oil well driller, with the Sterling Oil and Refining Company, is in a serious condition at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, suffering injuries received in an accident at the Sterling-Coyle well near Garwood Wednesday morning.

Work was resumed at the Coyle-Sterling well Wednesday after a suspension of several weeks. When driller Gill pushed in on the clutch of the brake on the rig, the brake handle flew back and struck him in the face and head, fracturing his skull and badly disfiguring his face.

Members of the drilling crew placed him in an automobile and started for Wharton. A Wharton ambulance met them at Nada and conveyed the injured man to that city where first aid was given and he was rushed to the hospital in Houston. Shortly after reaching the hospital in Houston he was operated on, being on the operating table from 12 o'clock noon until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Hospital authorities, following the operation, stated that the injured man has a chance for recovery, though his condition is very serious.

While working with the crew at the Garwood well, Mr. Gill and his wife and three children have been making their home in East Bernard. He is very popular with all members of the Sterling Company, drilling crews who employ him, the unfortunate accident.

EAST BERNARD WELL IS STANDING AT 3265 FEET

The Sterling Oil and Refining Company's East Bernard No. 1, in the J. J. Scott league, three miles northwest of East Bernard, in Wharton county, is standing at 3265. The hole in drilling is said to be due to clearing title on some tracks adjoining the well.

The crew has been temporarily moved to Garwood where machinery at the Powell B-2, the Sterling-Coyle well, is being dismantled.

Rumor has it that formations in the new East Bernard well were running approximately 100 feet high, compared to the log of the recently drilled Janik well. However no trading is going on in the area of the well as prices are said to have already reached a high level.

The driller is said to be encouraged and feel that the Coyle-Sterling well will produce, as well as the Coyle-Sterling, which produced a showing of oil in the Janik well in the same block.

TALKING PICTURE AT A. L. BARRING AGENCY SATURDAY

A. L. Barring, local Chevrolet dealer, announces that he is sponsoring a program of interesting and exciting talking motion pictures Saturday at 7:30 p. m. on the north side of the public square.

The program will be presented from a large theatre on which the only one of its type in the area of this country and the most unusual thing ever seen on the streets of this city.

Mr. Barring invites everyone to attend this marvelous free entertainment.

MR. DAILY GOES TO HOT SPRINGS, ARK. FOR HEALTH

Mr. B. H. Daily, who has been in ill-health for some time, and for the past several weeks under care of specialists in Houston, left that city Wednesday, accompanied by his brother, Abe Daily of Simonton, for a visit to the Hot Springs Health resort in Hot Springs, Ark.

Many friends at home sincerely hope that he may be greatly benefited through the health-giving waters of that Nationally known resort, and that he may soon regain his health and grow strong and well again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson and little daughter, Flor Ann, spent Sunday visiting in Galveston.

BOWLING ALLEY HERE TO REOPEN TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lawrence, who have been making their headquarters at Morgan City, Louisiana, for some time, returned to Eagle Lake during the week-end and will make this city their home. Mr. Lawrence is opening the bowling alley in the Winterman building, and hopes to be open Saturday. Mrs. Lawrence was formerly Miss Lucile Ney, one of Eagle Lake's most popular girls for the years.

FIREMEN SHOW CAST SHOULD DRAW CROWD

They Have Never Asked Many Favors of Public, But Fire Boys Are Urging Full Patronage At Their Show Next Week.

Miss Johnnie Graham, well known director, started rehearsals Tuesday night for the three-act comedy drama, "Sky High," to be presented by the Eagle Lake Fire Department at the High School Auditorium Thursday and Friday nights, May 7th and 8th.

The popular young Presbyterian minister, Rev. W. M. Logan, and lovely Alice Mae Thomas, share the leading roles in that astronomical romance.

The supporting cast is unusually strong, including such well known and liked names as Miss Ethel Barker in a role of vamp and gold-digger; Buddy Randow, as the young millionaire manager of the Speed Travel Air Corporation, whose love for her turns her from her nefarious ways; Rev. C. G. Marston Jr. plays the part of a ducky porter, singing and dodging work; Charles McEllan will be heard over station WBA, as the station announcer; Harold Thomas takes the role of the Irish uncle; Mrs. Ligon Loughridge plays Rev. Mr. Logan's mother; Mrs. Ruby Dave adds Harry Larson both have comedy parts that are really mirth provoking; Ben Howard is the pilot of the plane, "Sky High," and Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop will be seen as the impulsive ex-pat; and all these will provide Mr. Logan and Miss Thomas with clever foils and histrionic reactions with which to display their best wares.

In addition to solos by the two leading players and Rev. Mr. Marston, there are several group songs, a number of clever vaudeville dances, pantomime acts, choruses representing every grade from first to seniors, as well as several town girls, and other entertainment of high calibre.

All in all, the heart throbs, laughs and pathos unfolded against the exciting background of whining and drooping airplane motors racing to a surprising climax, makes this play well worth the attendance of everyone, young and old, in this and surrounding towns.

Tickets at 35c and 15c may be purchased from all members of the Fire Department at any time. Reserved seats at no additional cost, go on sale at Luna's Drug Store today. All advance tickets may also be exchanged at the drug store for reserved seats. Advance tickets may also be exchanged for reserved seats at the box office the two nights of the play, although it is best not to wait until that late hour as the more desirable seats will have been taken.

The High School Band will give a concert before the play starts. The curtain is scheduled to go up at 8:00 p. m. sharp, so you are invited to come early and enjoy the music by this talented group of young people.

SATURDAY LAST DAY FOR FILING FARM WORK SHEET

Saturday, May 2, is the last day that the community commission will aid our farmers' work sheets for the new government soil conservation program. After this date farmers will have to visit the county agent's office in Columbus to have the sheets filled out.

Due to lack of sufficient funds to keep field men in the various town offices, this action is made necessary.

SISTER OF OLD CITIZEN IS COMING HERE FOR A VISIT

Mrs. Augusta deVegeta of Alder, Ark., is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Elwood Post and Mrs. H. E. Terrell in Houston. She is a sister of Mr. O. Green, one of Eagle Lake's old citizens, who passed away some years ago. After her visit in Houston, Mrs. deVegeta will come to Eagle Lake for a visit to her niece, Mrs. J. T. Alery.

GARWOOD SCHOOL FACULTY RE-ELECTED ANOTHER YEAR

At a recent meeting of the school board of the Garwood Independent School District, the following members of the school faculty were re-elected: Mrs. Clara Smith, Miss Thelma Huggins, Miss Violet Thompson, Miss Emily Thompson, Miss Elizabeth Phillips, Miss Marie Carey, Miss Ruth Smith and Paul J. Lewis. Vacancies in the faculty will be elected at a later date. The superintendent's contract does not expire for the year.