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TORNADO HITS TEXAS VILLAGE

One Killed, Eight Injured When Twister Sweeps Through District

SCHOOL TEACHER HERO

300 Little Boys and Girls Are Protected From Harm by Bravery and Calmness of Master

ORANGE, Texas, March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Ten or more of the wells were blown from control, one life taken and eight persons injured by a tornado which swept suddenly and without warning through the village of Orangefield and the oil fields seven miles west of here today.

Glenn Koeman, 24, driller's helper, was killed.

Property loss was estimated at \$1,000,000. It was confined principally to 125 wrecked oil derricks.

The tornado lasted only a few seconds, and was followed by a heavy rain and strong wind.

Wreckage was piled into the highway and the wire service was broken for several hours.

The principal damage to the village of Orangefield was in unroofed buildings.

The Orangefield schoolhouse, attended by 500 children, was damaged by one wall being torn loose.

The children were in the auditorium and listened quietly to remarks by the principal, P. N. Powell, while the howling wind tore at the brick structure.

Mr. Jamieson of San Antonio, an actor, related after the storm passed how he raced ahead of the tornado for 15 miles.

Mr. Jamieson was looking for a landing field. He got to the ground and his passenger, Mrs. Stella Johnson, had just stepped from the machine when the wind picked it up and dashed it to bits.

Communication has been restored to an almost normal basis again tonight and work of repairing the damage to oil well equipment was well under way.

A modest, gray haired school teacher of yesterday is the hero of this section of Texas today.

Supt. P. N. Powell of the oil field school at Orangefield had just lined up his 300 charges this morning when he heard the ominous roar and saw the approaching funnel-shaped cloud which meant to him a tornado.

The children were ready to march into the building. Quickly the order went forth that all were to march to the auditorium instead of to their separate rooms.

Patting on their heads the white caps, the children were lined up in the auditorium.

As for the refugee girls, they were divided into groups of four and five, and each group allotted a single room.

There were no libraries in the city, and no means of entertainment for the girls except one theater, and that in poor shape.

So the six American women organized a club for the girls. The thing the girls wanted most was to learn English.

Classes in typing, sewing, millinery, first aid, home nursing, Russian stenography, Russian, French, and infant care were conducted. It was the first time the girls had been organized for instruction.

Later Dr. Warner was made head of the school.

Tanzer Jury Dismissed After Six Hour Debate

No Conclusion Arrived at in Liquor Trial in Recorder's Court; City Officials Called to Stand; Time Element Plays Important Part in Case

After having deliberated on the case for over six hours, jurymen in the city court Thursday decided they could not agree on the case of John Tanzer, who had received trial on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

When the first ballot was taken, the vote stood three for conviction and three for acquittal. When the last ballot was taken, about 10:45 o'clock, the vote still stood three for conviction and three for acquittal.

Unless the case is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, the trial will have to be held over. Whether or not a new trial is to be held is not yet determined.

Officer Warren Edwards was the first witness called by the city. He testified that he arrested Tanzer for speeding. Then, when he had stopped him, and confronted him, he smelled extract of some sort on his breath. He swore on the stand that Tanzer was under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

He found a bottle of extract in Tanzer's pocket, he said. The bottle was introduced as evidence at the trial. Objection was voiced by Don Miles, attorney for the defendant, on the grounds that the bottle was not sealed; that it was not a bottle of ordinary extract. Finally the objection was overruled by Judge Poulson, who held that the members of the jury should be proper judges as to the importance of such evidence.

Pierce Wright, who was serving as desk sergeant at the time Tanzer was brought to the station by Officer Edwards, was the next witness called. He testified that Tanzer at the time specified was noticeably under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Testimony of the officers would indicate that the arrest was made not later than 10:30 o'clock on the evening of February 24. But Jun Sing, proprietor of the Shanghai restaurant and first witness for the defense, declared that Tanzer had been in his place until about 10:30. He declared that Tanzer to his knowledge was not drunk at that time.

Dora How and Edna Nickelson, waitresses at the Shanghai, also testified that up to the time Tanzer had left the restaurant at about 10:30, no liquor could be smelled on his breath. Although neither was clear in explaining how they happened to remember it was on

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BLOSSOM TOUR TO BE SUNDAY

"Trail 'Em to Salem" Caravan Will Join in Annual Spring Festival

ROUTE WILL BE MARKED

Earliest Date in History Set for Inspection of Flowers; Record Crowd Is Foreseen

Blossom day will be observed this Sunday. Such was the announcement made Thursday morning by Harley O. White, King Big of the Cherrians.

Decision was made when those familiar with the situation predicted with certainty that the blossoms in and about Salem will be in greater profusion Sunday.

"Trail 'em to Salem!" Once again the familiar cry is sounded, beckoning people from all over the state to witness the city in its greatest splendor.

So popular has become Blossom day that each year the number of outside people coming here for its observation has noticeably increased.

Incidentally, this is the earliest Blossom day has been held since the first time it was observed. Mildness of the winter and of the spring is said to be the cause of the early blossoming.

Yet in spite of the early date, those whose opinions are considered authoritative, hold that the blossoms will be out in greater abundance than at any previous Blossom day celebration.

Cherrians have had printed several thousand cards issuing welcome to the festivities. These cards will be sent out this morning and will reach people in all parts of the state.

If the exceptionally good weather continues, it is expected that the number of visitors will be a record.

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Autos Missing at Coolidge Funeral



Heavy snow forced use of sleighs in the procession from the Coolidge homestead in Plymouth, Vt., to the last resting place of the president's father in the little hill cemetery nearby. Inset photo shows President and Mrs. Coolidge as the procession reached the cemetery. Wide World photo, from the Central Press Association. This is the first picture of the Coolidge funeral to reach Salem.

SPECIAL VOTE OFFER TO END ON SATURDAY

EFFORTS EXPENDED NOW TO BRING GREATEST RESULTS

Competition Increases as Candidates See Close of Contest Within Sight

HONOR BOLL TODAY

- 1.—May Young, 2.—Mrs. H. B. Hayre, 3.—E. J. Potts.

By Auto Contest Editor With but a few hours in which to enter subscriptions in the Oregon Statesman great automobile prize campaign and secure the maximum votes allowed in this period, and with but a few days until the race finally comes to a close, candidates are straining every nerve in their final efforts for supremacy as the end looms in sight.

The beautiful automobiles, fully equipped and ready to take a delightful spin, stand waiting for their owners. If they could talk, those big cars would undoubtedly say, "Look at me; am I not a mighty fine and costly prize, well worth every effort it takes to win me?"

A big \$115.00 automobile is truly a wonderful prize for a few weeks of hard work, and when it is taken into consideration that the value of the three cars, washing machine and other prizes to be awarded is over \$3,000.00, it is not strange that the live ones are speeding up their pace and preparing for the final push.

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MOTOR THEFT RING THOUGHT UNCOVERED

Woman Held as Leader; Second Suspect, "Under Guard," Escapes

YREKA, Cal., March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—With the arrest of Mrs. E. L. Weston, local officers believe they have in custody the leader of a ring of automobile and service stations robbers which operated in three states and obtained about \$100,000 in loot.

Another woman suspected as having been one of the ring leaders, Mrs. Faye McCrossin, was arrested at Klamath Falls, Ore., but later was reported to have escaped.

Mrs. C. E. Weston, another supposed member of the gang, is being held at Stockton, and officers said they expected the arrest shortly of her brother-in-law, E. L. Weston, husband of the woman held here.

Authorities declare the women in the ring posed as motion picture actresses and the men as mining promoters to cover up the gang's activities.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Escape of Mrs. Faye McCrossin, alleged bandit band member, from under the noses of sheriff's deputies here, is without explanation.

Charles E. Morrell of the California state department of identification wired here Tuesday night informing Sheriff Burt Hawkins they held warrants for Mrs. McCrossin's arrest and asking she be placed in jail here.

Instead, Hawkins placed two deputies over the woman as guard in the house she was occupying.

Wednesday morning, when California authorities arrived and went to the house, they found State Probation Agents L. L. McBride and W. Bennett seated in the front room, acting as guards.

Mrs. McCrossin was not in the house and neither McBride nor Bennett could say how she escaped.

A side window in the woman's bedroom was found partly open. Sheriff Hawkins declines to state why he did not arrest Mrs. McCrossin and put her in jail as requested.

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"SHOWDOWN" DEMANDED IN MYSTERY DEATH CASE

GRAND JURY MAY BE CALLED IN TAYLOR MURDER

Either Return Indictments or Put Stop to Repeated Questionings, Plea

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The Los Angeles Times says that District Attorney Asa Keyes on his return to Los Angeles, faces an explanation to the county grand jury of his trip east on what was purported to have been a new investigation into the murder here for years ago of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director.

If the trip seems to have been justified, the newspaper continues, the grand jury will review new evidence obtained by Keyes with a view of bringing indictments or ending once and for all the investigation which has bobbed up continually for a period of four years.

The Times says that demands have been made from a number of sources for a "showdown" to put a stop to the repeated questioning of prominent witnesses in the unsolved case.

Burton Fitts, chief deputy district attorney, who announced yesterday that two entirely new witnesses had been questioned as a result of information gathered by Keyes in the east said today that the investigation locally had been completed.

"I have gone into several phases of the case and will turn over what I have obtained to Mr. Keyes when he gets back," he said.

Keyes is expected to return some time next week.

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TEACHERS' PAY RAISE FAVORED

Of \$40,000 Asked at Election, Only \$3,000 to go for Salaries

\$10,000 FOR REPAIRS

Maintenance Demands Funds; Favorable Action Would Raise 12.4 Mill Present Tax to 15.0 Mills

With no contradiction of the fact that Oregon pays its teachers less than any other important state of the union, and that teachers, on the average, are paid less in Salem than teachers in any city of size in the state, voters, next Monday, will have opportunity to grant \$40,000 for use of the city public school system.

Thirty thousand dollars will be used, if granted, to provide an approximate increase of 10 per cent in the salaries of teachers, principals, supervisors, janitors and other employees of the system.

Ten thousand dollars, if granted, will be used for maintenance of present school equipment, itemized as follows: for material and supplies, \$2,400; for maintenance and repairs, \$5,600; for insurance and interest on warrants, \$2,000. This item has nothing to do with increased salaries for teachers and merely provides money needed to get maximum returns from investments already made.

If the \$40,000 asked at the coming election is granted, just how much will the tax paid by the individual citizen be increased?

In the year 1925-1926 tax millage for the district was 50.6, including state, county, city, city school, county school and library fund. In this 50.6 millage, 13.4 mills were included for support of the city schools.

If the proposal to grant \$40,000 for use of Salem schools is carried at the polls, approximately 2 1/2 mills will be added to the district school tax. For the year 1926-1927, 15.9 mills would be set aside for city school use.

Your city school tax is now 13.4 mill. It would then be 16.9 mills. Elementary mathematics will show you that the increase resulting from Monday's election would be only slightly less than 18 per cent.

That 18 per cent is not an increase in your total tax, but an 18 per cent increase in the 13.4 mills assessed for school purposes.

What does that mean in dollars and cents?

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DAR SESSION CONVENES

MRS. SEYMOUR JONES, SALEM, HEADS CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, Or., March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The annual convention of the Oregon Daughters of the Revolution was opened here today with approximately 80 delegates present. The session was presided over by Mrs. Seymour Jones of Salem, state regent.

The election of officers will be held on Saturday, the last day of the convention, after the nominating committee makes its report. Mrs. J. A. Buchanan of Astoria is chairman of the nominating committee.

In her message as head of the state organization, Mrs. Jones urged the daughters to be as good Americans as they ask aliens to be. She urged the need of a spirit of service as well as one of respect for the ideals of the ancestors who fought in the American revolution.

Thursday In Washington

The senate took up the Italian settlement.

Deportation bills were taken up by the house immigration committee.

Income tax collections for the first quarter were estimated at \$435,000,000.

The house commerce committee decided to begin coal legislation hearings Tuesday.

The corn belt surplus crop bill was again urged before the house agriculture committee.

Senator Borah declared some of the war claims of American citizens against Great Britain and France would be paid.

The senate elections committee voted 16-11 for the amendment of senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa.

Articles of impeachment against Federal Judge George W. Bland were reported to the house.

Who's Who in Salem Public Schools. Leta Marshall, teacher of the fourth grade at Grant elementary school. Two years with Salem school system. Over nine years' teaching experience. Attended four years at Taylor college of Iowa. Studied at Peru state normal of Nebraska and at Pomona college of California. Is popular with her pupils.

CONNER OPENS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE REPUBLICAN CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE. The formal declaration of Roswell L. Conner of McMinnville as a candidate for the republican nomination for judge of the circuit court for the 12th judicial district, comprising Polk and Yamhill counties, was filed with Secretary of State Koser here Thursday.

THE BIG BOOB! A cartoon illustration of a man in a top hat and suit, holding a sign that says 'TRY IT ON BOBBY'. He is looking at a woman who is also holding a sign that says 'TRY IT ON BOBBY'. The man is looking at the woman with a surprised expression.

THREE HURT IN MELEE. FRACAS IN GHETTO PARTICIPATED IN BY STRIKERS. NEW YORK, March 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Three men were stabbed and four others were injured in a general fight in the Ghetto