

# Water Brings 20 Cents a Half Gallon in Parched Texas City

Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — An enterprising Dallas dairy is doing a booming business in well water put up in cartons like the best grade A milk and marked with a price tag of 20 cents a half gallon.

The people of Dallas, because of a monumental drought, get most of their drinking water from the Red river, about 100 miles away. They also get a lot of salt mixed in it every day.

The slow, salty water supply has aroused the greatest interest in history in bottled water, which at the dairy's rates, is worth more than six times the price of the best Texas crude oil.

**Price May Go Higher**

And there are some who think the price of good pure water may go much higher unless there is a break soon in the drought—one of the worst in the state's history.

Agricultural Commissioner John White estimates the lack of rain this year will cost farmers and ranchers as much as \$750 million. It is already too late for general rain to save

most of the parched crops.

Some 185 of the state's 2554 counties are classed by the federal government as "drought disaster areas," eligible for relief. There is a waiting list of additional counties which have made application for drought relief.

**Getting Worse**

The drought has been recurring for seven or eight years and gradually getting worse. This year only a few counties in the panhandle, south plains and coastal area have received anywhere adequate rain.

The rest of the state, including normally wet east Texas and the blacklands, which run through the central part of the state to the Oklahoma line at Red river, has received only about two-thirds its normal rain supply.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the condition of the range is the worst in 22 years. Stockmen are selling herds of cattle because they can't afford to feed them from the costly and meager supplies of feed available.

Along with the drought has

come some of the hottest weather on record. Dallas has had 38 days this year with temperatures over 100 degrees. The mercury has gone as high as 109 degrees.

Hardly a city in the thickly-populated northeast Texas area has enough water. Most cities have water rationing. In Dallas, homeowners may water their lawns and shrubs only on alternate days between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Normally Dallas gets its water from a series of lakes to the north. Today they are so nearly dry that the city has had to go to Red river for a supply of water with a salt content about six times greater than is generally regarded as "palatable."

With rationing Dallas uses about 170 million gallons of water a day. It is searching desperately for new and fresher water supplies and has even hired a rain "increaser" at a \$1,000 a week fee.

So far the rain "increaser," Dr. Irving Krick of Denver, Colo., hasn't found enough clouds to seed. His meteorologists conclude that Texas is in the midst of a dry cycle which may last another two to four years.



**FINAL STORY** — J. Walter Collins (above), 61, United Press manager in the Middle East, died in Cairo, Egypt after brief illness. He was stricken after covering Egypt's nationalization of Suez Canal. Collins had covered every major story in the Middle East since 1932.

## Five Children Die In Apartment Fire

Summit, Ill. — (UPI) — Five children perished in a fire which destroyed their apartment and critically injured their mother Tuesday night.

The victims were children of the Jack Davises, and were identified as Rickie, 3 months; Dennis, 1; Jaklin, 2; Allan, 3, and Mike, 4.

Their mother, Mrs. Alice Davis, 25, was hospitalized in critical condition from burns and smoke inhalation. Her husband, Jack, 29, was reported in serious condition.

Flames raced through the family's second floor apartment in a Negro housing project in this Chicago suburb before the family was able to escape.

A bottled gas explosion was blamed by authorities for the fire.

## County Reports 26 Communicable Diseases

Twenty-six communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county health department for the week ending Aug. 17, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Ten cases of measles were reported, with Medford having eight and Ashland two; two amoebic dysentery, Medford one and one Mexican National; one chicken pox in Medford; eight strep throat, Medford two, Ashland four and Central Point two; one infectious hepatitis in Medford and three impetigo, one each in Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Medford.

## Late Robert A. Taft Memorialized by GOP

Convention Hall, San Francisco — (UPI) — "Mr. Republican" — the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio — was memorialized at the Republican National convention Tuesday night.

Taft, who lost a bruising one-ballot battle to President Eisenhower for the 1952 GOP nomination, died of cancer in July, 1953.

Delegates to the convention stood with bowed heads and observed one minute of silence in memory of a man eulogized by Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut as "one of the greatest Republicans of all time."

## Stevenson Sorry Lehman To Quit

Libertyville, Ill. — (UPI) — Adlai E. Stevenson said he was sorry Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-N.Y.) decided not to seek reelection this year.

In a statement issued from his home here Tuesday night, the Democratic presidential nominee said Senator Lehman has "served his state and nation... with gallant courage and great competence."

"He has richly earned retirement," Stevenson said, "and the applause and gratitude of all of us regardless of party."

## Rock 'n Roll Used To Empty Boxcars

Chicago — (UPI) — Rock-n-roll has come to boxcars.

A new unloader uses a gentle rocking motion to empty boxcars of grain and other free-flowing bulk materials.

The manufacturer (Link-Belt Company) said the unloader locks 150,000-pound loaded cars in its grasp on a steel platform. With an eight-degree side tilt and a gentle rocking motion of

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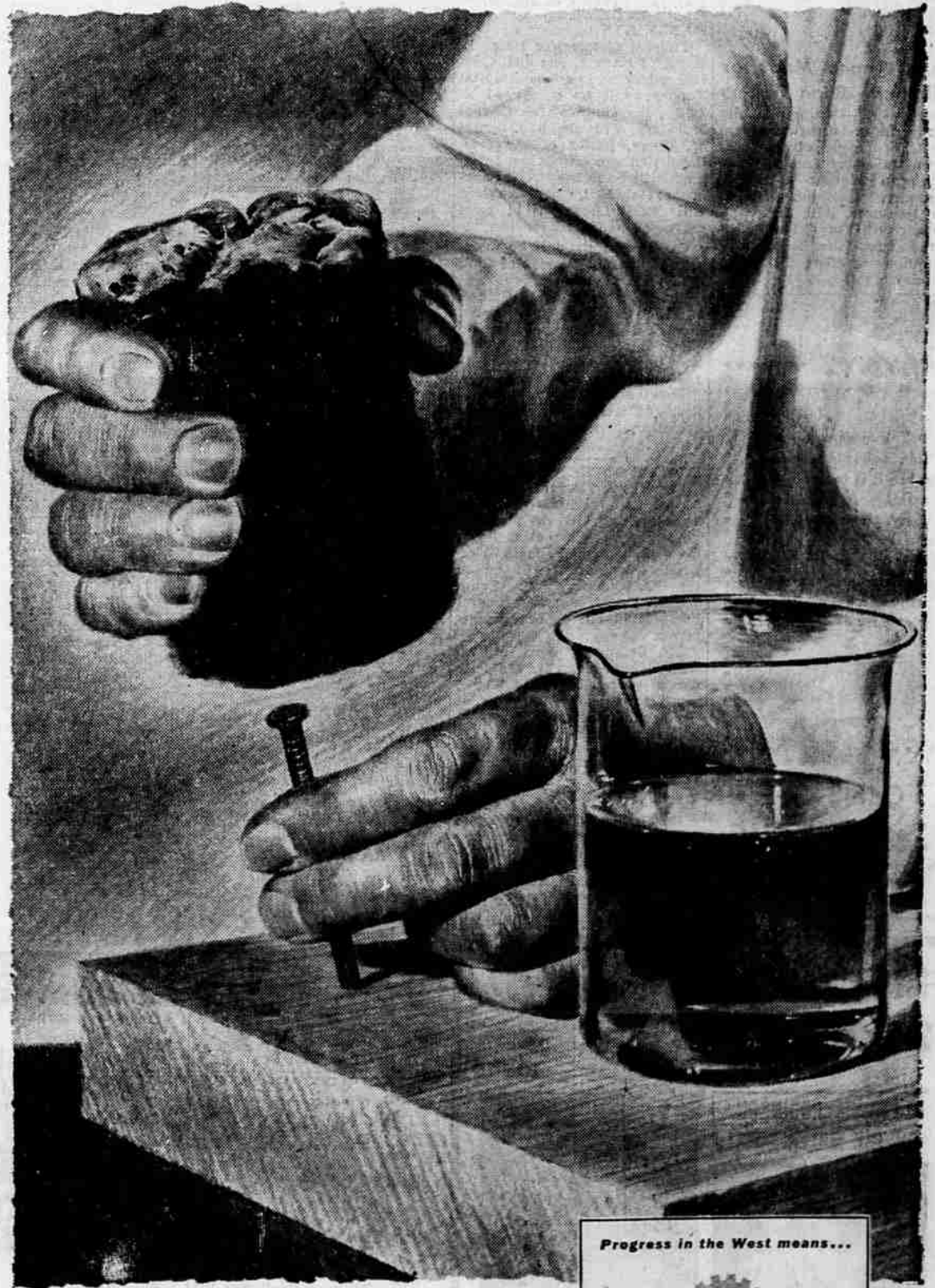
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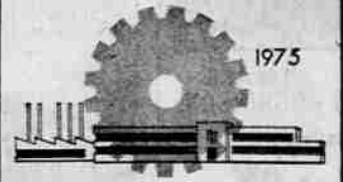
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