

Library Reported Short Many Items

Preliminary Investigation Made By Sub-Committee Here

In a preliminary report issued Friday Jo Sobrino, of the library committee, said, "There is more in the library than people know about, but it still has very little in it."

The committee, appointed by the city commission to make a study of the Brownsville public library, is composed of three sub-committees.

Base For Seaplanes Is Proposed

A Brownsville seaplane base was in the CAA Texas-plan containing locations, names of airports, and proposed airports and seaplane bases according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

The seaplane base at Brownsville, set in the proposed stage is part of a CAA urban plan. The Brownsville seaplane base when and if established, to serve the whole Valley area.

Makes Comment
Lea Hables, formerly CAA aeronautical inspector at the Brownsville airport, said today that the original seaplane base proposal called for a seaplane landing basin, and administration building on the south side of the Brownsville ship canal.

Hables said that the project, several years old, has been okayed by the CAA for the past several years and believes that it will become a reality as soon as there is a "real need" for it.

Local CAA officials could not be reached for comment today, but Hables, no longer with the CAA, said that the seaplane base was part of a national CAA plan to locate seaplane bases in urban areas over the United States.

Ammunition

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Customs patrolman J. Guadalupe Urquiza.

The empty cases and bottles were destined for a brewery in southern Mexico, customs patrolmen making the seizure said.

From San Fernando, a wire was sent to Matamoros Customs Chief, Pedro Coronado Mills, now in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, informing him of the seizure.

Another wire was sent to Mexico's Director General of Customs, Bernardo Duran, with a report of the seizure. The customs chiefs sent congratulatory messages to the patrolmen making the seizure.

30,000 Peso Value
Value of the seized ammunition was said in customs circles to be 30,000 pesos. Duties on it were said to be 128,000 pesos, according to the customs officers.

Customs officers here said that another big seizure of ammunition, contraband, of a heavy caliber, was made recently. It was also on route, they said, to southern Mexico.

After 28 Years In Jail, World Looks Different

NEW YORK (AP) How different does the world look from what it did in 1920?

John McAllister, freed of a life term sentence in Dannemora prison, is venturing out to see.

The 52-year-old McAllister stepped hesitantly out of Bronx county court after winning a fight for freedom under a legal technicality.

"I'm afraid to move," he said. "I can't identify anything. The first thing I'm going to do is look around at the new signs."

Sentenced in 1920 as a fourth offender, McAllister obtained a hearing on grounds he had no legal aid when he pleaded guilty to a burglary charge in 1918.

Texas Weather Puts On Show

By The Associated Press
The old story that "if you don't like Texas weather just wait a few minutes and it will change" was exemplified today.

Yesterday temperatures ranged from 58 degrees in the Panhandle to 100 in South Texas. Today it's cold over most of the entire state.

Dalharr started off with 31. Amarillo had 36 and Lubbock 37. "There were snow flurries at Dalharr and a trace of rain at Amarillo."

Hottest weather yesterday included 99 at Laredo, 94 at Presidio and 92 at Del Rio and Corpus Christi. Amarillo had the minimum 58.

CANADA SEEKS VETS
WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—Canada is looking for "a few thousand" Americans who served in Canadian armed forces. It wants to give them the benefits to which they are entitled, including cash.

WALLACE WISHES
PARIS, April 15—(AP)—Henry Wallace has sent his best wishes to the "World Peace Congress" organized by French communist leaders, congress headquarters said today.

In the early spring more than 20,000,000 young tomato plants raised in southern Georgia are shipped by air and rail express to widely scattered regions throughout the United States for replanting, according to Railway Express.

Pope Urges True Peace In Palestine

VATICAN CITY, April 15—(AP)

Pope Pius XII made a Good Friday appeal today for "true peace" in Palestine and called for an international regime for Jerusalem.

In an encyclical on this anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ, the pontiff welcomed the Palestine armistice but said real peace had not yet been achieved in the Holy Land. He asked for free access to the city's holy places in his "redemptorist" from our redeemed letter addressed to all Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world.

U. S. Position
The United Nations has endorsed a policy of internationalization for Jerusalem. At present the old city is under Arab control and the new city under Israeli control. Neither side likes the internationalization.

The pope's letter was issued as Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, arch-priest of the Basilica of St. Peter, led a three-hour long Good Friday service in the huge Vatican church.

Chies Pleas
The encyclical on Palestine said many pleas from "innumerable refugees" come to the pope, as well as "protests against the grave damages undergone by religious institutions."

The pope requested:
1. An international regime for Jerusalem and its surroundings.
2. Safe-guarding and guaranteeing of all the holy places, "with a guarantee of free access and tranquil sojourn for pilgrims."

3. Liberty for all Catholic institutions of worship, instruction and charity.
4. Conservation of "all the rights that Catholics have acquired in many centuries in Palestine."

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Today In The Valley

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
RIO GRANDE VALLEY FORECAST:
Broken clouds with overcast skies and continued mild today tonight and Saturday. Occasional scattered showers mostly this afternoon and tonight. High middle 80's. Minimum in the middle 60's. Moisture to freshen variable variable northerly this afternoon.

	24 Hour High	Low	24 Hour High	Low
Amarillo	58	30	58	30
Albany	78	50	78	50
Big Springs	76	45	76	45
BROWNSVILLE	73	43	73	43
Chicago	52	40	52	40
Corpus Christi	92	67	92	67
Del Rio	87	62	87	62
Denver	37	27	37	27
Des Moines	66	30	66	30
El Paso	82	51	82	51
Fort Worth	72	45	72	45
Galveston	86	62	86	62
Jacksonville	82	61	82	61
Kansas City	63	36	63	36
Memphis	74	40	74	40
Minneapolis	34	30	34	30
New Orleans	81	64	81	64
North Platte, Neb.	49	28	49	28
Oklahoma City	60	45	60	45
Pittsburgh, Pa.	73	53	73	53
St. Louis	62	34	62	34
San Antonio	87	57	87	57
Shreveport	82	49	82	49
Washington	74	53	74	53

RIVER BULLETIN
RIO GRANDE RIVER
Flood 7 a.m. 24-hr 24-hr Stage Stage Chng Rate
Laredo 21 6.0 0.0
Rio Grande City 21 0.3 0.0
Hidalgo 21 1.9 -0.1
Mercedes 21 3.3 0.2
BROWNSVILLE 21 -1.0 -0.2
RIVER FORECAST: Will not change during the next 24 hours.

TIDES TOMORROW
High 7:38 a.m.
Low 7:38 p.m.
Sunset today 6:53 Sunrise tomorrow 6:06 at 8:30 a. m.

Hourly Temperatures
FRIDAY THURSDAY
12:25 75 12:25 86
1:25 76 1:25 88
2:25 77 2:25 89
3:25 74 3:25 84
4:25 74 4:25 84
5:25 74 5:25 82
6:25 73 6:25 82
7:25 73 7:25 76
8:25 73 8:25 74
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Barometric Pressure: 29.99 inches at 8:30 a. m.

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by the ditch will do, the commissioners hesitated to say.

The commission voted to buy a tractor and road grader from the H. W. Lewis Equipment Co., San Antonio, for \$9,000 plus the trade-in of the county's old tractor and grader, the bid of Aldridge-Washington Power Equipment Co., some \$3,000 higher, was rejected.

To Open Bids
Dancy said the state will open bids April 22 for the re-topping of Highway 83 from Brownsville to "Dead Man's Curve" south of San Benito.

The county commissioners court will meet again Thursday to open bids on topping three and three-fourths miles of county roads. The first stretch of one and three-fourths miles starts at Cavazos Olmito Road and runs west toward the Valley Christian encampment. The second stretch, covering two miles, runs from Coffee-Port Road north west of Brownsville to Billy Mitchell Ave. near the airport.

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People And Events
Virginia Williams, who is attending the University of Texas, arrived in Brownsville Friday to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, 1705 Taft street.

Roberto Perez, who is attending the University of Texas, is in Brownsville spending the Easter holidays with relatives.

Tony Valdez is in Brownsville spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Valdez. He is attending the University of Texas.

The Hall McIntyre orchestra will play here for the March of Dimes fund April 21. The appearance of McIntyre is sponsored by the 20-30 Club.

BELTON—Miss Bettie Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williamson, Brownsville, is one of the over 150 Mary Hardin-Baylor college students and faculty members who will take part in the 10th annual Easter Pageant to be given at 7 a.m. Easter morning, April 17.

Stanton B. Danlow, of Houston, assistant to the president of Trans-Texas Airways, is in Brownsville today on business.

Pat Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chapman of Brownsville, is spending the Easter holidays with a classmate in Chicago, Ill. She is attending Rockford College, Rockford, Ill.

Introducing
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martinez, 1322 E. Polk Street, announce the birth of a girl Thursday at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Garza, 1703 Arthur Street, announce the birth of a boy Thursday at Mercy Hospital.

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No Damages Result From Three Blazes
No damages were reported Friday by the local Fire Department on three runs made Thursday night.

One call, according to firemen reports, was to a house between 7th and 8th Jackson streets. A small fire occurred there but no damage was reported.

At 10:30 p.m., the engines made a run to 7th E. Levee, where a live wire was reported giving trouble. A few minutes later, the firemen were again called to the same place, firemen reports show. No damage was reported there either.

Lyford Lions Pick Committees
LYFORD — Pete Nyquist, P. C. Cantu, A. M. Miller, and E. G. Browns, directors of the Lyford Lions Club, have named chairmen to various committees.

P. C. (Joe) Cantu was named attendance committee chairman; A. M. Miller, constitution and by-laws committee; Herbert Johnson, sign conservation and aid to the blind committee.

A publicity committee will be named at the next meeting according to Ray Acebo, secretary.

Laredo Fiesta Is Seeking Oldest Ranger

LAREDO, April 15—(AP)—A nation-wide search for the oldest living former Texas ranger centered today on Noah Armstrong of Coleman, Tex., and R. C. Kimbell of Altus, Okla.

The names were submitted by George B. Black of Comanche, president of the Ex-Rangers Association, who reported both served in the middle 70s and were about 94 years of age.

Black said he was a "youngster of only 80."

When found, the oldest ranger will receive a free trip to Laredo for the streets of Laredo founding fiesta May 15-16.

St. Joseph's Club Sets 3-Act Play

Boys will dress as girls for some parts in "Helen Comes Charlie," a three-act farce to be presented by St. Joseph's Academy Dramatic Club at the High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday.

The play is the story of Larry Elliott's troubles with his hill-billy friends, Charlie and Uncle Aleck, and with a Mrs. Kersey who is trying hard to get her daughter married to Larry because of a large fortune he is supposed to have.

Several musical numbers are to be given between acts.

Admission will be 50 cents for students and one dollar for adults.

Yangtze Line Quiet As Peace Fate Uncertain

NANKING, April 15—(AP)—A hull fell today over the Yangtze, embattled river line between the Communist North and the Nationalist South.

It could only have been ordered by the Communists. They hold nearly all the cards in China's long and costly game of civil war.

Observers took the hull as additional proof that the Nationalist delegates at Peiping's "peace" conference had made concessions.

Now they waited for news from beyond the Communist-built wall of silence as to how far these concessions go.

Buying For Easter May Hit Record

By RADER WINGET NEW YORK, April 15—(AP)—The nation's retailers are shooting for the biggest Easter season business in their history — and they may hit it.

The figures tabulated within the next few weeks will tell the story. They might fall a little short of their goal. Even if they do, it still will be an Easter to be remembered for heavy sales and good profits—considerably above a lot of satisfactory pre-war years.

The big thing is adjustment to the new post-war buyers' market rapidly engulfing business. Can the merchant give customers quality and value they demand at prices they want to pay? The current Easter season is the primary test.

In looking for a yardstick to measure how business is going, you have to remember that last year Easter was March 28 and this year it is April 17. Comparisons between the two years are warped by the different dates. March and April must be taken together to gauge volume.

Last Hope

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gave the youth a ride at McAllister, Okla.

On Wednesday at Austin, the prison board voted for a second time, two to one, to deny Northern clemency.

George O. Youngblood of Dallas, a court-appointed attorney for Northern, asked for the meeting today. A. J. (Sam) Schmidt, chairman of the board, said: "I don't know what Youngblood has to tell us. He called me and made the appointment."

Schmidt was Dallas County sheriff when Mrs. McHenry was slain. On two previous occasions, Schmidt has voted to change Northern's sentence to life imprisonment. But his vote was opposed both times by board members Walter Strong and L. C. Harris.

I'm Ready
"I'm ready to go," Northern told Reid today, "but I sure dread it. I haven't seen too much of the world and I hate to go so soon. I haven't had much of a life."

But his parents are dead. He quit school at the third grade to go to work and he never went back.

"I've made a lot of new friends since I've been here and it would be fine to be spared to know them better. I'd like to really make something of myself."

Northern choked up here. He couldn't go on. His eyes were filled with tears.

Last Meal
Northern today ordered his last meal—fried chicken, a dozen fried oysters, French fried potatoes, ice cream "and good coffee."

It will be served to him about 4 p.m.

An hour later, guards are to enter his cell to shave his great shock of wavy black hair.

For the trip to the electric chair Northern would exchange his prison "whites" for a grey tweed prison-made suit. He would walk that last mile in his stockings—a condemned man wears no shoes to the chair.

Northern is a nice-looking youth, about 30, with eight inches left. He weighs 170 pounds. Prison guards say he is the best-natured condemned prisoner they have seen in a long time.

A Catholic, he has spent much time in prayer, recently, and has been visited often by Father Frank Braun, prison chaplain. Northern was awaiting a long visit by Father Braun today.

Although Northern freely admitted, following his arrest, that he fatally beat Mrs. McHenry, he has insisted recently that he did not play the woman. "There were two other men and one woman in on the deal," he has said.

Avery Facing Fight To Keep Post At Ward's

CHICAGO, April 15—(AP)—Sewell L. Avery, key man in the recent wholesale changes in executives at Montgomery Ward and Company, appeared headed for a showdown fight to retain his post as top boss of the big merchandising firm.

The newest battle confronting the 74-year-old chairman and director is expected at the annual stockholders meeting next Friday.

But Avery is no newcomer to fights at Montgomery Ward. And there appeared no indication that he would be defeated in his bid for re-election as a director, despite the current upheaval in his top management group.

Lyford Group Incorporates Gin Company

LYFORD — Adela Parker, Fred Parker, John Prator, and James Strawn are incorporators of a new gin company here to be known as the Delta Gin Co., Inc.

The building is being erected for the new gin and machinery has been purchased. It is expected to be in operation during the coming season.

Actress In Hospital With Wreck Injuries

HOLLYWOOD, April 15—(AP)—Actress Lila Leede, who co-starred with Robert Mitchum in that famous marijuana melodrama, is in a hospital today building foundation. Dr. Schmidt, suffering from shock, bruises and a broken right arm, received in a collision of two expensive cars.

Incurably Backward? Nonsense

At Her Mississippi Clinic, Dr. Bernardin Schmidt Works To Prove No Child Hopelessly Feeble-Minded

By MARGARETTA CLARK NEA Special Correspondent UNIVERSITY, Miss. (NEA)

Dr. Bernardin Schmidt insists that there is no such thing as an incurable "feeble-minded" child. She is proceeding to prove her point at her clinic for backward children at the University of Mississippi, perhaps the only one of its kind in the world.

To the clinic each week come 12 children, some so "hopeless" relaxes them. They are tested for cause of the limited number of appointments she and her assistants can