

New Developments In Duval Cleanup Promised Soon

DUVAL COUNTY (AP)—The battle of Duval County had many fronts Thursday.

Gov. Shivers promised anew to clean up corrupt conditions in the turbulent South Texas county.

Atty. Gen. John Ben Sheppard said you could look for "new and interesting" developments there.

A Senate battle loomed over appointment of a successor to ousted 79th Dist. Judge Woodrow Laughlin.

A group of Duval County mothers likened the county to a vast of "judge, grand jury and prosecuting attorney, with George B. Parr turning the screw."

Parr is the long dominant political boss of blue voting Duval county.

Testimony has been that it was Parr who was at the root of the trouble that brought about the ouster of Laughlin by the Texas Supreme Court. The millionaire has also been accused of being the cause of all the discontent that has rocked Duval County for months.

Parr, 52, has accused Shivers and Sheppard of furthering their own political ambitions by making Duval County a target of investigation.

Laughlin brushed off questions of whether he would appeal his ouster to the U. S. Supreme Court or seek re-election.

The hint by Sheppard of new things to come meant new legal actions to be taken by the state.

The attorney general has already taken one series of moves and has said misuse of public funds is under investigation.

He said in Houston the people of Duval County were "not afraid any more" of Parr.

The 11 attorneys who signed the petition for Laughlin's ouster of the four county 79th District offered themselves to fill the vacancy.

Charges Filed In Fort Worth Court Assault

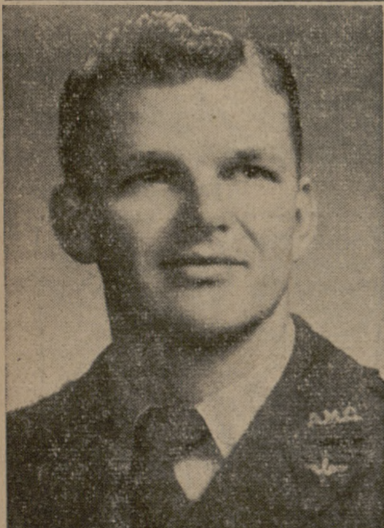
FORT WORTH, March 19 (AP)—The defendant in a custody suit was accused of landing a hard right to the jaw of a television cameraman today, knocking his camera and light to the floor.

Key Herbert, a cameraman for WRAP-TV, said Gaylord Ray then stomped on the camera and light. Herbert said he was not seriously hurt by the blow.

The fracas occurred in a hallway of the Tarrant County courthouse where Herbert was taking moving pictures of the crowd waiting to attend a hearing on a divorce and custody suit brought against Ray by his wife, Huby Ray.

Mrs. Ray was convicted last year of murder in the beating death of her foster son, Johnny Ray, 6. She gave birth to a daughter, Judith, while in custody awaiting outcome of an appeal. Her suit asked the custody of the girl be taken from Ray and given to her.

Herbert said Ray walked up to him, cursed him, struck him in the face, knocking his camera and light to the floor, and then stomped the equipment. Two deputy sheriffs jailed Ray at once on an assault complaint.



COTTON KING—D. L. Richmond will be the 1954 Cotton King for the annual Cotton Ball.

State Sen. Abe Kazen Jr. said he was opposed to any one of the 11 being appointed.

Jacob Floyd, one of the 11 and bitter foe of Parr, said Kazen might be prejudiced regarding the appointment of Laughlin's successor.

"It may be that since Sen. Kazen is the son-in-law of Judge Manuel Raymond of Laredo, who is the attorney for Duval County, the (See DUVAL, Page 4)

Composite Sets Will Hold Western Ball

The First Composite Regimental Ball will have as a theme, "The Great Southwest." Everyone attending the dance will wear loud western clothes and no corsages will be permitted, said Vic Kennedy, Commander of the First Composite Regiment.

The ball will be held in Sbsia hall from 9 to 12, Saturday, March 27.

"The arrangements for the ball were agreed upon yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the dance committee in Pete Hardesty's office.

Free soft drinks and cookies will be passed out at the dance.

Kennedy hopes for a good turnout of the seniors from the corps area. "This will be a stride toward corps unity," Kennedy said. "We want all the seniors in the corps to come; they are more than welcome," he said.

Tickets to the ball may be secured by making a contribution of one dollar to the Composite Regimental Fund. Joe Warrick (dorm 15, room 212) and Phil Jacobs (dorm 15, room 213) will have the tickets until Friday, March 26. After that time, tickets will be available in the guard room of Walton hall.

High school students on the campus for High School Day will be invited to the dance.

As yet no orchestra has been selected, but we will have one which will present listenable, danceable music, said the commander of the First Composite Regiment.

Twenty Students Show Interest in Missions

At least twenty students at A&M are interested in becoming foreign missionaries.

Dr. Ralph C. Lewis, a medical missionary from China who was here Sunday and Monday, held personal conferences with these students about the different aspects of missionary work.

Four Performances Set For Aggie Rodeo

The annual Texas A&M Intercollegiate rodeo will be held at the Texas Aggie rodeo arena April 1-3. Performances will be at 8 p. m. each evening with a 2 p. m. matinee Saturday, April 3.

The rodeo will be held according to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rules and is sponsored by the A&M rodeo club. Teams from colleges throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana as well as some of the Southwest conference schools will be competing for valuable prizes as well as points that will be totaled at the end of the year to determine the champion NIRA cowboy.

The rodeo stock is professional stock and will be furnished by Duke Gibbs, owner of the Triangle Bell rodeo ranch at Belton, Texas.

Seniors to Meet Monday

The senior class will vote for its choice for a class gift Monday night. The meeting is set for 8 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Other agenda items are the presentation of a proposed senior class constitution. Senior class president Pat Wood urges all seniors to be present so the constitution committee will be able to continue their work.

Jim Tyree, Traditions Committee Chairman will report on the work of this committee.



AGGIE PLAYERS—This is the chorus for the forthcoming Aggie Players' play "Oedipus Rex". They are (l to r) Carthell Perdue, Pat Crossland, Alan Soefje, Don Powell, Vic Weing, Harry Gooding, Bill Swann, Bob Zarbock, and Don Fisher.

'Oedipus Rex' To Be Given

By JOHN AKARD

The Aggie Players will present their second production of the year, "Oedipus Rex" in five performances beginning Monday afternoon in the ballroom of the MSC.

"Oedipus Rex" is a classic Greek tragedy by Sophocles based on the hot-headed royal family of Thebes.

Evening performances of the play will be held at 8:15 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Matinees will be held at 3:15 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are 50 cents a person and may be purchased at the door.

Vic Weining will play Oedipus and Mary Mackin will play Jocasta, his wife. Antigone and Ismene,

Oedipus' daughters will be played by Martha and Texanne Esten. Rick Black will play Creon and Gene Stubblefield will be seen as Tiresias.

Carthell Perdue and William Huettel will play messengers and Bill Stewart will play the Theban Herdsman. Raoul Roth and Joe Allen will play the guards.

The play will employ the Greek device of a chorus to carry the plot along and to keep the audience informed of what is happening. Members of the chorus are Harry Gooding, Bill Swann, Barbara Hirdwell, Don Powell, Pat Crossland, Alan Soefje, Donald Fisher, and Bob Zorback. The chorus was trained by Vic Weining.

Costumes for the play are by Eleanor and Betsy Burchard. The sets are under the direction of Raoul Roth.

The director of the play is C. K. Esten. The special assistant is Fay Neale and the introduction for the play was written by Dr. T. F. Mayo.

The great Greek tragedies which have lived through 2500 years are not the ordinary fare for theatergoers. The plots have universal appeal and the dynamic characters go to their doom romantically or rationally, but always passionately. "Oedipus Rex" is one of these

great dramas, perhaps the greatest.

Oedipus is the King of Thebes as the play opens. He has unknowingly killed his father, Laius, the previous king, and has married his mother, Queen Jocasta. A great famine is upon the land and no children are being born.

Creon, Oedipus' brother-in-law, reports that the Oracle of Delphi has said the famine would not end until Laius' death has been avenged. Oedipus resolves to right the wrong that has been done.

Little by little the truth comes out and Oedipus realizes the great mistake that has been made. In remorse he blinds himself and Creon grabs the throne. In the final humiliation, Creon banishes Oedipus from the kingdom.

Rue Pinalle Opens After Talent Show

The Rue Pinalle, located in the ping pong room at the M. S. C., will open immediately after the Intercollegiate Talent Show on Friday.

It will last until 12 p. m. and there will be an enjoyable floor show. Don Friend, a junior from Brownwood, will act as the evening's emcee.

Julia Ann Ferguson from Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches will present a unique dance. Corland Thurman, a torch singer, and Fannie Lou Mainer, an organist, will also be featured in the entertainment.

The Capers' Combo will provide the evenings' music. Tickets can be purchased after the talent show at the bowling alley desk. Admission is \$6.00 per person. Soft drinks will be sold.

Dairymen Hear Shepardson Last Wednesday

"We are facing a changing situation in the dairy business," Dean C. N. Shepardson of the Texas A. and M. School of Agriculture, told 70 dairy manufacturers and their representatives Wednesday morning at A&M College.

The group attending the annual Dairy Manufacturers' conference comes from all over Texas and from surrounding states.

"Formerly we based our industry on butterfat," Dean Shepardson continued. "Now we are faced with the changing value of butterfat and now must take greater recognition of milk solid-non-fat."

"It is the cheapest animal protein food we can get."

Dr. Bernard Weinstein, research chemist of the Crest Food Co., Ashton, Illinois, told the group, "The housewife is continually looking for better-tasting and more nutritional foods."

"Proteins have long been known as the near perfect food"

Ed Nelson, plant superintendent for the Carnation Co., Houston, told the group "the determining factor is the purchase of all dairy products."

"Milk is naturally endowed with a fine, light, delightful flavor. All we have to know is preserve it."

The two-day conference will touch on most of the current problems of the dairy manufacturing industry, both promotional and technical. Among sessions featured on the program are scoring clinics, milk, cottage cheese, buttermilk and ice cream and mellorine.

Dr. A. V. Moore of the Dairy Husbandry Department at A. & M. College is chairman for the conference, which is sponsored by the Department of Dairy Husbandry.

FBI to Investigate Anti-Negro Order

WASHINGTON, March 19—(AP) Atty. Gen. Brownell said yesterday he is having the FBI look into reports that city officials at Winter Garden, Fla., Wednesday ordered seven Cuban Negro baseball players out of town.

The group is training in Florida with the farm system of the Washington newspapers headed "town evicts seven Negro Nat players." He noted that city officials at Winter Garden were reported to have told the seven Negroes to "get out of town by sundown."

"The story implies a possible violation of civil rights," the attorney general said. "Now, we don't know whether federal law actually was violated. But the FBI has started a preliminary investigation so that the criminal division of the department may determine if a full investigation should be ordered."

Cook Will Serve As Ag Consultant

Ben Cook, assistant to the dean of Agriculture at Texas A&M College, will serve as a consultant during the agriculture session of the Texas Junior College Teacher's Association meeting at San Angelo College, March 18-20.

J. W. Autry, head of the Agriculture Department at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, will serve as recorder for the session, and Dr. Neil C. Fine, assistant dean of agriculture at Texas Tech, Lubbock, will serve as consultant, along with Cook.

The session has listed for discussion, 'Recommended Extra-Curricula Activities,' 'Need for Revised Curricula,' 'Public Relations in Agriculture,' and 'Needed Facilities in Agriculture.'

House Votes Down Tax Lowering Bill By Six Vote Margin

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The House beat down by a margin of only six votes yesterday a White House-opposed Democratic drive to cut income taxes.

Then it swiftly passed a huge tax revision bill cutting other taxes by about \$1,397,000,000 this year.

The action was a major victory for President Eisenhower, who appealed on radio and television Monday night for adoption of the tax bill as it stood and denounced

the Democrats' income tax cut plan as unsound election year politics.

By a 210 to 204 roll call vote, taken amid volleys of applause from packed galleries, the House rejected the Democratic move to raise the individual exemption for each taxpayer and dependent from \$600 to \$700 a year. This would have meant a tax cut of \$2,400,000,000 this year.

This test vote was overwhelmingly along party lines. Supporting the income tax cut were 193 Democrats, 10 Republicans and 1 independent. Opposing it were 201 Republicans and 9 Democrats.

The revision bill, as passed, carries a variety of tax reductions in the form of many bigger deductions for individuals and business.

On final passage of the bill, the vote was 339 to 80. Voting for it were 208 Republicans and 131 Democrats. Against it were 5 Republicans, 74 Democrats and 1 independent.

Both sides worked strenuously to corral votes to the very last, and tension rose in the crowded chamber when the roll call on the income tax reduction at last got under way. Adding to the suspense over this hot election year issue, nine members reversed themselves after casting votes for or against the Democrats' proposal.

Rep. Fulton (R-Pa.) announced he was going to vote with the Democrats and started to explain why. Speaker Martin R. Mass told him sharply speech-making was out of order. Fulton shrugged and said in that case he'd vote with the Republicans.

Democrats weren't giving up. They planned to try again in the Senate, where Sen. George D. Ga. is sponsoring a proposal to raise (See TAXES, Page 4)

Tension Grows In Middle East Jew-Arab Row

TEL AVIV, Israel, Mar. 19 Reports of Israeli and Arab troop movements and an announcement that Israel will demand United Nations action for the slaying of 11 Jews by marauders tightened the tension in the Middle East today.

An Israeli spokesman blamed neighboring Jordan for the killings by an armed band that boarded the Israeli bus in Scorpion Pass in the Negev Desert yesterday. Jordan "bears all responsibility" for the slaying, the spokesman declared.

Israeli sources said bloodhounds, put on the trail at the scene, tracked the marauders to the Jordan border, 12 miles away, and declared an Arab headgear of the type worn by Jordanians, was found in the blood-smeared bus.

But in Amman, a Jordan government representative denied his country was to blame, and declared Jordan was ready "politically and militarily to meet any developments that might arise."

The Israeli spokesman called the incident a "wartime act" and said "the evidence points to the fact that the outrage was organized and committed by Jordanians from Jordan territory."

He added that the Israeli government intends to take the matter up with the United Nations probably in the form of a protest and a demand for action by the Security Council.

Brock To Explain Laws At Mineral Wells Meet

F. D. Brock, chief of the Texas Feed Control Service, College Station, Texas, will leave for Mineral Wells, Texas April 11, where the Texas Feed Manufacturers are having a meeting.

Mr. Brock will explain to the members the functions of the new Texas feed laws that will affect them.

The meeting will last through April 14.

Faculty Discusses Division Problems

At its March 16th meeting the Arts and Sciences Faculty learned of the problems and progress of the Basic Division since its organization in 1950.

The report took the form of a

Two Cattlemen Get Jail for Smuggling

WACO, March 19—(AP)—Two Southwest cattlemen were given federal prison sentences and heavy fines in a Federal Court yesterday after being convicted of smuggling a rare breed of cattle into the United States from Mexico.

Judge Ben Rice Jr. gave a five year prison sentence to Alph Broussard, Lafayette, La., who had pleaded guilty to conspiring to smuggling the cattle. He fined Broussard \$10,000 and gave him 30 days to straighten out his affairs before the sentence begins.

William Babb of Del Rio, was sentenced to three years and fined \$5,000. If the fine is not paid within 90 days, two more years' sentence will be imposed.

Babb filed an appeal. The government had charged the two men took part in a smuggling plot in which 69 head of rare and costly Charolais cattle were brought into the United States. The cattle was valued at more than half a million dollars.

Livestock Show Starts Saturday In Cattle Center

The Saddle and Siroloin club's annual Little Southwestern livestock exposition will begin at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, March 20 in the Beef Cattle Center following presentation of the judges.

Gene Turnbow, class of '40 and former A. H. student and ex-judging team member, will judge all horse classes, Tommie E. Stuart, class of '42 and assistant manager for the Essar Angus ranch at San Antonio, will judge the cattle classes.

Sheep classes will be judged by J. M. Jones and Marvin J. Bridges will judge the swine classes. Roy Snyder, extension service meat specialist, and Roy Simms, A&M locker plant manager, will judge the hams at the ham show. The judge of the Grand Champion animal will be Walter Rice.

The champion showman of the Little Southwestern will receive a handsome pair of cowboy boots courtesy of Mr. A. C. Litterst, Jr., short-horn breeder from Buda, Texas.

The annual ham sale will climax the Little Southwestern and the auction will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the Beef Cattle Center with Walter S. Britton, nationally known livestock auctioneer, doing the auctioning.

Weather Today



FAIR with DUST

Fair today with dust; clearing in late afternoon. High temperature yesterday 70. Low temperature this morning 61.