

# HUNDREDS FLEE FROM FLOODS

## Texas Town Totally Destroyed By Tornado; Seven Dead, Many Injured

### NOTHING LEFT OF TEXAS FOWN

Rescuers Searching Ruins For Many Missing; Storm Cuts Half-Mile Swath.

PALESTINE, Texas, April 24. (UP)—The town of Slocum, Texas, was totally destroyed by a tornado today, not a single building being left standing.

Seven persons are known to have been killed and twenty five critically injured and many more hurt slightly.

Many are unaccounted for tonight as the ruins are being searched.

Estimates place the property loss at more than a quarter million dollars. Communication lines are cut. The storm cut a swath half a mile wide and ten miles long.

Red Cross workers from Palestine rushed food and supplies to the stricken area tonight.

The known dead are Mr. and Mrs. P. E. McDaniels, Mrs. Ben Kirkwood and her two sons; Claude McIver, aged seven, and Mrs. Bud Gatlin.

### C. C. IDEA FOR U. S. MONUMENT IS CONSIDERED

Government Works on Suggestion of Chamber; Boulder Dam Road, Membership Drive Taken Up.

Reports of government consideration of the proposed establishment of national monuments at points of interest near Las Vegas, a resolution calling upon the government to build an oil-bonded gravelled highway to the dam site, and a decision to engage W. E. Wyatt for a membership drive occupied the Chamber at its meeting Tuesday noon.

Letters from the director of national parks and the secretary of the interior assured the chamber that the proposal to withdraw certain lands in the vicinity of the Meapa and Virgin rivers from entry and to establish national monuments there was being investigated.

#### Will Study Ruins

The protection of "Indian ruins and other features of scientific and scenic interest in this vicinity" is sought by the chamber. Former Governor James G. Scrugham, chairman of the committee working on the project in behalf of the chamber, read the letter from Secretary of the Interior Wilbur in which he stated "we shall be glad to look into the matter."

Scrugham also moved that the director of national parks be asked to create a national monument at Sheep Mountain, with appropriations to be given for trails etc.

Following the lead started by State Engineer George W. Malone last week, the chamber passed a resolution to the effect that the U. S. committee on public roads be asked to take steps toward affecting government construction of an oil-bonded gravelled road from Las Vegas to the dam site.

The letter requesting this bill will be sent to Senator Tasker L. Oddie.

#### Drive To Start

A letter received recently by the chamber of commerce from Senator Oddie told of his efforts to secure a larger federal building for Las Vegas. A request from Elwood Mead, commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, that 800 square feet in the new federal building to be erected here be given over to the office personnel of the bureau was enclosed by Oddie.

W. E. Wyatt, who is now working with the Las Vegas Credit Bureau, will start the membership drive soon, following the acceptance of his proposal by the chamber on recommendation of the committees. Wyatt came to this city from Los Angeles.

Three new members elected to the chamber are John T. Basom, of the Pioneer Lumber company, R. B. Whittemore, real estate man, and W. F. Gray.

Mrs. Jack Crane, Mrs. Mildred S. Hardy and sons drove over to Sloan Sunday to visit with Mrs. A. H. Woodard.

Mr. Frank Buol of Pahump Valley and Reno is in town for a few days awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Buol.

### GIRL FLIER WINS RECORD

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., April 24 (UP)—Elinor Smith, 17-year old girl flier, won back the airplane record taken from her by two older women when she landed her big Bellanca monoplane here after 26 hours, 21 minutes and 32 seconds in the air.

The endurance flight mark for women was formerly held by Mrs. Louise McPhetridge Thaden of California.

### NEW CREAMERY TO OPEN HERE ON MAY 1, PLAN

Plant Being Built and Equipped on South Second Will Retail and Wholesale Dairy Products.

The new Las Vegas Creamery company, Inc. store and creamery being built and equipped at 396 South Third street will be open for business May 1, according to the present plans of Paul D. Hosman, engineer in charge of the construction.

To work in harmony with local milk producers in the distribution of milk and milk products is the aim of this concern, which is now being incorporated, according to Hosman. All milk produced by Foremaster's dairy and milk from other dairies will be distributed, on morning and afternoon routes.

Will Make Ice Cream  
The new dairy will be equipped to handle 500 gallons of milk daily and to produce 200 gallons of ice cream daily. It will have storage capacity for 500 gallons of ice cream. Both wholesale and retail selling will be handled by the creamery, and various dairy products will be delivered along with milk and cream, according to Hosman. There will be both pasteurized and raw milk, cottage cheese, buttermilk, cream, butter and other products.

The plant will be strictly modern, it was stated, and a temperature of 33 degrees will be maintained in the milk cooling rooms, which will prevent souring during the hot months.

#### Ready May 1

The building of the plant was started April 17 and is 100 feet by 20. The land was purchased from Joe Smith by Hosman and is being leased to the creamery company, which is being incorporated at \$50,000.

Hosman, engineer in charge of the construction, and who is to be active in the firm for some time, was formerly building inspector for the city of Alhambra, California. He is a graduate engineer, having taken his degree at the University of Illinois in 1917. His father is in the creamery business in Nebraska. Hosman has leased a residence at 105 East Lewis street, and will live there with his wife and two children in the near future.

### FEDERALS CLOSE IN ON REBELS

MEXICO CITY, April 24. (UP)—Federal planes today bombarded the rebel trenches near Masaca, where the insurrectionists apparently have decided to make their last stand, according to a message from Minister of War Calles today.

General Almazan is now enroute to Sonora from Chihuahua state with ten thousand men.

The federal gunboats in Guaymah harbor bombarded several rebel trains attempting to cross the railroad trestle from Emplame the government reported.

Generals Rosalio Hernandez and Nicholas Fernandez, with 560 rebel troops, surrendered at Camargo, Chihuahua, to Gen. Eugenio Ortiz, according to a report received at Nogales.

ALBERT C. MELTON IS GIVEN DIVORCE DECREE  
Albert C. Melton, employee of a local grocery, was granted a decree of divorce in district court Tuesday from Sallie J. Melton on grounds of extreme cruelty. They were married in Missouri in 1907.

Fred S Alward was the attorney for the plaintiff

### DISPATCH OF EVENING MAIL PUSHED TO 8:20

Letters to Go East on 8:55 P. M. Train and West on 9:25 P. M. Train May Now Be Left at Postoffice.

The evening limit on the dispatching of mail from the Las Vegas post office was pushed ahead from 6 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. beginning last night.

This will make the use of the mail boxes at the depot lighter, for mail dropped at the post office up to 8:20 p.m. will go out at 8:55 p.m. on the westbound train and at 9:25 p.m. on the eastbound, according to Postmaster Robert Griffith.

#### Windows Not Open

"This does not mean the windows will be open after 6 o'clock," said Griffith, "nor does it affect the distribution of incoming mail. It simply means that mail left up to 8:20 will go out the same evening."

The windows will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sunday and holidays, as in the past.

Schedule Is Given  
The complete mail schedules for Las Vegas follow:

Distribution of incoming first class mail:  
From east and west, trains 25, 27, 28, distribution complete at 8 a.m.

From west, train 4, complete at 12 noon.  
From Meapa, Salt Lake and east, train 3, 5:45 p.m.

Dispatch, post office closing time:  
To east, all points, train 4, closes at 9:45 a.m.

To west, train, 4:20 p.m. Train 3 carries parcel post for Arden only).

To east and west, all points, trains 25, 27, 28, closes at 8:20 p.m.

Dispatch, air mail:  
To east, 9:00 a.m.  
To west, irregular, schedule around 1:00 p.m. (For Los Angeles, San Francisco, Reno, Washington and Oregon.)

Receipt, air mail:  
From west, 10:30 a.m.  
From east, irregular, around 1 p.m. Local carrier, delivery starts at 8 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Special drops are provided for

### It's Some Race Between Mrs. Ham and Doctor Martin at Rehearsals

A race between Mrs. A. V. Ham and Dr. Roy W. Martin in the memorizing of their parts for the three-act comedy "It Pays To Advertise," is reaching its climax as the date for the presentation of the play, next Tuesday, April 30, approaches.

Both Mrs. Ham and Dr. Martin started late and both have important parts, so that race is waging fast and furious with the advantage now with one, now with the other.

Mrs. Ham, who played the lead in the Las Vegas movie produced some time ago, a preview of which was shown recently at the T. J. Lawrence auditorium, plays the part of the Comtesse De Beaurien, and consequently has lines and lines of French to master.

The first problem was the mastery of the pronunciation. The second, which manifestly would be even more difficult, is the keeping

straight of various lines and cues which are similar and some of which mean little or nothing to one who does not understand French.

"I'll be able to talk French fluently, before I ever finish with this play," she says. "It's a big job, but I enjoy it." She has learned the part remarkably well, and makes a charming countess, according to Street. Mrs. Ham has long been prominent in local dramatics.

Dr. Martin plays the part of Cyrus Smith, the "soap king" The play will be given at El Portal theater next Tuesday evening, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Mesquite Club.

Tickets for "It Pays to Advertise" are now on sale at the White Cross drug store and the Las Vegas Mercantile Corporation. All seats are reserved, and tickets are selling at 50 cents for children and 75 cents and a dollar for adults.

### EAGLES WILL PLAY KINGMAN SAND, GRAVEL FIRM ANNOUNCED

The Las Vegas Eagles' baseball team will play two games with the Kingman team, during May, it was learned last night.

They will travel to the Arizona outfit's lair on May 19 and will attempt to beat 'em there at that time, as well as on the local field on May 26, a week later.

These games will be played during the Elks' state convention in Las Vegas early in May, it was stated, the opponents not yet having been definitely chosen.

The Eagles whipped the Las Vegas Giants, 15 to 1 last Sunday at the ball park, and are beginning to wonder who's going to grow big enough to whip 'em.

John Graglia is business manager for the local outfit. It is of top-notch ball players were taken into the lodge recently, and the Eagles' aggression bids fair to hog the spotlight in local ball doings this season, according to present indications.

local mail, for outgoing mail and for airmail. The using of the proper drop will facilitate the dispatching of mail greatly, said Griffith.

### PICKWICK MAKES PLANS FOR NEW STAGE TERMINAL

Company Purchases Lot at First and Ogden for New Depot to Be Built Here Soon.

Plans for the construction of a stage depot in Las Vegas by the Pickwick Stage company on the new lot recently bought by the company on the corner of First and Ogden are being laid by the Pickwick people, it has been announced, and will be started soon.

The structure will be a one-story building facing on First street, on which side the lot has a 75 foot frontage. A restaurant and several store rooms will be housed in the same building, it is stated.

A garage and repair shop will adjoin the depot, both the depot and the shop facing on Ogden street, on which side the lot has 140 foot frontage.

Addition of two more stories will be made later when growth of the city has reached such a point as to justify it. This will be for housing of employes and possibly hotel accommodations for patrons.

The lot, which is on the southwest corner of First and Ogden, was sold to the company by Fred Karasamaru, Japanese, and the transaction went through the hands of Thomas M. Carroll, Las Vegas realtor.

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Leads Cycle Down Road  
In the morning he hitched along, and spying the new 1929 motor-cycle, led it off down the road. He did not know how to operate it, so he pushed it, and at last, half a mile from the point where he found it, hid it in the bushes.

The owner discovered it was missing and followed it by the track, finding the boy near. He took the boy back with him and phoned the sheriff's office.

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The boy had a small bundle of effects and ten cents. He said he had spent \$5 in Las Vegas getting cleaned up and consequently was broke. He stated he had been working on a road gang at Fresno and had quit because the work was too heavy for him.

He is a native of Rutland, Vermont, and lost both parents at an early age, having now no relatives so far as he knows. He spent three years in the reformatory, where he learned the job printing trade. He was released some time ago because of good conduct, he said yesterday as he sat in the sheriff's office.

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### NEW COMMODORE ON THE RIVER

"Commodore" and Mrs. Merl Emery are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10-poung son.

Merl, who is widely known as the expert boatman of the Colorado, and has carried many notable persons to the site of Boulder Dam during the past few years, will doubtless bestow the rank of Commodore at least, on the young man before he is able to swim.

The Aea extends hearty congratulations to the new parents.

Mrs. J. Warren Woodard, who has been ill for several days, is able to be out again.

Mr. Hendrickson, of Goodspings, left the Hewetson hospital Monday for his home, after having undergone an operation there.

### DEATHS BLAMED ON ARMY FLIER

SAN DIEGO, April 24. (UP)—Lieutenant G. H. Keeter, whose plane crashed into a Maddux liner here Sunday, killing five persons besides himself, was held responsible for the tragedy by the corner's jury today.

The jury found that the flier had been criminally negligent and that the accident was caused by his violation of the rules of the air.

### CYCLE THEFT ADMITTED BY ORPHAN BOY, 16

Lad, Former Inmate of Vermont Reformatory, Faces Term in This State; Hides New Machine, Is Caught.

A sixteen-year-old orphan boy, former inmate of the Vermont Industrial School, was locked up in the Clark county jail yesterday for theft of a motorcycle near Glendale, Clark county, and is now facing probable commitment to the Nevada Industrial School at Elko.

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### IOWA SENATOR ON RAMPAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24. (UP)—Senator Brookhart of Iowa broke with President Hoover today on agricultural relief in a speech in the senate, because, he declared the President has not carried out his campaign pledges to the farmer.

The senator urged that congress disregard President Hoover and prepare to pass a "real farm bill" over his veto.

Senator Brookhart made two hundred speeches for Hoover during the campaign.

### MISSISSIPPI DYKES BREAK

Torrential Storms Add to Dangers; Fifty Blocks Under Water at Canton, O.

QUINCY, Ill., April 24. (UP)—Three hundred residents of South Quincy fled from their homes to higher levels today when the dyke along the Mississippi River gave way under the force of flood waters.

The river rushed through the gap covering five thousand acres of rich garden lands. Nearly one hundred homes are deserted.

Torrential rains continue to fall, accompanied by terrifying thunder and blinding lightning.

Fifty blocks are under water at Canton, Missouri.

### LAND BOUGHT FOR NEW TITLE INSURANCE BLDG.

San Bernardino Firm Will Erect Building on South Fourth in Near Future; Photostatic Records Made.

The establishing of a branch of the Pioneer Title Insurance and Trust company of San Bernardino, in Las Vegas in the near future in a new building to be erected on South Fourth near Fremont on a lot recently purchased from H. O. Johnson is being planned by the company, work upon the photostatic reproduction of Clark county records already having been pushed for the past month in the court house.

The company closed the deal Monday for the purchase of the lot just south of the alley on the east side of Fourth street half a block from Fremont. The lot is 50 by 140 feet.

The building to be reared on this lot will be a one-story reinforced concrete fireproof structure 50 by 85 feet and will house not only the insurance and trust company but also a stationery and office supply store.

Resident Manager Here  
O. W. Yates, vice president of the title insurance and trust company, has been in this city with Mrs. Yates for some time, and will be resident manager, he stated yesterday. They are living at the Pike apartments.

The Pioneer Title Insurance and Trust company is a firm with a backing of nearly a million dollars, according to Yates, and has had headquarters for 32 years in San Bernardino. J. L. Mack is president.

Office Firm Also  
The firm which will have a five years lease on the south half of the building is Stockwell and Binney, also of San Bernardino, wholesalers and retailers of desks, stationery and office supplies. The office will be a branch of the stock office at San Bernardino.

The new building, which will be started soon, and which will be built so that another story may be added later, will cost about \$15,000, according to Yates. The land was bought for \$10,000.

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### LATE BLIZZARD BRINGS HAVOC

DENVER, April 24. (UP)—A blizzard swept Colorado and Wyoming today, paralyzing wire communication, threatening crops and livestock with probable freezes to night, and impeding transportation.

The sheep industry faces heavy losses as the storm caught the sheep men in the midst of the lambing season.

Snow is ten inches deep in some parts of Wyoming.

Transcontinental air mail service is suspended.