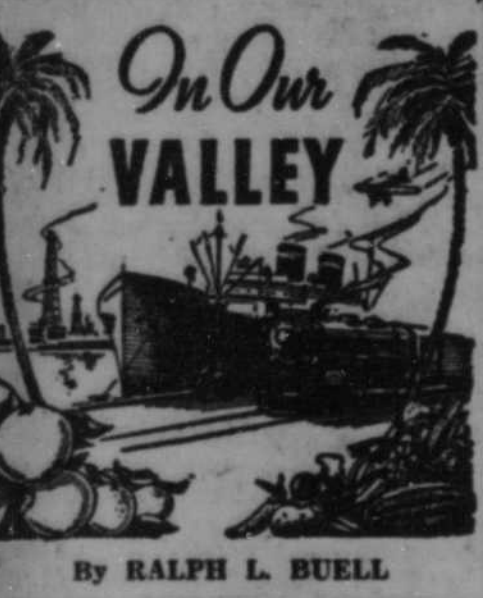


# INTERESTS



### In Our Valley

By RALPH L. BUELL

CHAIN GROCERY ADVERTISING in the columns of the Washington, D. C., Evening Star—Recently devoted almost an entire page to telling its customers that—

"We sell Texas vegetables." That helps out.

SLIGHTLY OVER 1,000 POLL taxes paid in Cameron county through Wednesday.

Not so good.

Looks like one of two things—

Either the untrammeled electorate of Cameron county don't give a hoot about being an electorate any more—

Or the last minute rush is going to be terrific.

Just one week from today is the last day.

Better get to the tax collector's office ahead of the last minute rush!

VALLEY FOLK WERE NOT THE only ones swept off their feet by the legislative committee report advocating setting in the coastal waters of the state.

We note in the Corpus Christi Times that interests there are preparing to go to bat with the committee and "will fight to the bitter end."

VEGETABLE PRICES ON THE Houston market are reported soaring as a result of the freeze.

Turnips which sold for 25c a dozen bunches before the freeze are now bringing 75c a dozen, and so on down the line.

WHICH REMINDS US THAT AS a result of a 150 mile survey of vegetable territory in the Valley—

Richman and Samuels of Weslaco report that within 10 days Valley shipments will be back to normal carload quantities.

In other words, the Valley will be shipping vegetables just the same, and it is not unreasonable to hope that prices will be higher as a result of damage suffered by other sections.

We are sure that Valley shippers are sending the word out that we have not been frozen out of the vegetable deal.

Certainly we do not want our northern markets to get the idea that they will have to get their vegetables from other sources.

"SWAT THE MORELOS FRUIT UP" is a right good slogan for citrus grove owners to adopt right now.

Bury the fallen fruit and help the Valley's chances to get an extension of the citrus shipping season.

Such an extension ought to help the price out.

### Kenamer's Venue Change Is Argued

TULSA, Okla., Jan. 24. (AP)—Hearing on the petition for a change of venue in the Phil Kenamer murder case opened before District Judge Thurman Hirst here Thursday morning, accompanied by forecasts of legal pyrotechnics.

Col. O. W. Hoop, police commissioner, appeared without the papers relating to an alleged attempt to bribe Detective Sergeant Henry Maddux.

### TONIGHT'S MOVIES OVER THE VALLEY

Brownsville: The Capitol—Sylvia Sidney and Gene Raymond in "Behold My Wife." The Queen—Irene Dunn and John Hols in "The Age of Innocence." The Dittman—Frank Morgan and Binnie Barnes in "There is Always Tomorrow."

San Benito: The Rivoli—Carole Lombard and Chester Morris in "The Gay Bride."

Hidalgo: The Arcadia—Glenn Stewart and Ross Alexander in "Maybe It's Love." The Rialto—Rex Lease and Tarran in "The Age of Innocence."

La Feria: The Eljora—Tom Brown and Anita Louise in "Bachelor of Arts."

McAllen: The Palace—Sylvia Sidney and Gene Raymond in "Behold My Wife." The Queen—Rex Lease and Tarran in "The Age of Innocence."

Mission: The Mission—June Knight and Roger Pryor in "Wake Up and Dream."

## Differential Rate Fight Mapped

### DOUBLE FIGHT AGAINST RATE IS LAUNCHED

(Special to The Herald)

WESLACO, Jan. 24.—A double-barreled assault upon the Lower Rio Grande Valley's most aggravating problem, the Robstown differential freight rate, will get under way Friday.

As officials and members of the Rio Grande Valley Vegetable Growers' association, tri-county farmers' organization, prepare petitions with 10,000 signatures asking the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington for relief, representatives of the numerous water control and improvements districts of the Valley prepared to launch their attack also.

### Water District Heads And Growers Take Plea Of Valley To Washington

Delegates Chosen

A committee of three men was selected Thursday by the vegetable growers association to take their petition to the commission in the national capital. The group includes A. G. Barnhart of McAllen, chairman of the Hidalgo unit of the association; E. A. Warren of Lyford, chairman of the Willacy unit; and R. Roy Ruff of Brownsville, representing the Cameron unit. Barnhart, last of the trio to be selected, was named at a meeting of the Hidalgo unit here Thursday.

The committee immediately issued another request for resolutions from scores of Valley organizations asking removal of the differential rate, which is estimated to be costing the Valley \$250,000 per year or more.

While the growers themselves are completing arrangements for their plea before the commission and continue to collect huge masses of data showing reasons for removal of the rate, water district officials will make plans at a meeting in Mercedes Friday afternoon for similar action. Officials of the Hidalgo and Cameron counties, Water Control & Improvement District No. 9, known as the Mercedes district, inserted full-page advertisements in Valley newspapers early this week inviting other water districts to join in a (Continued on Page Five)

### JAPAN-CHINA SETTLE ROW

#### Jap Planes Rain Bombs On Border of Province, Inflict Damage

NANKING, Jan. 24. (AP)—The Chinese national government's military headquarters was informed Thursday that the Chahar dispute had been settled.

This information was sent here from Chinese military authorities at Peiping, only 94 miles away from the point where Chinese reports Wednesday said that Japanese and Manchoukuan troops had penetrated into Chahar province from Manchoukwo.

Japanese planes were reported Thursday in dispatches from Hsin-king to the Renpo (Japanese) News agency to be raining bombs along the Jehol-Chahar border where the great wall divides China from Manchoukwo.

One bomb was said to have fallen on the frontier headquarters of General Sun Chen-Yuan, military governor of Chahar, inflicting heavy damages.

### Farmers Of Mexico To Fight For State

MEXICO, D. F., Jan. 24. (AP)—An army of 500 farmers was mobilized in the state of Tabasco Thursday ready to assist federal troops in putting down a reported conspiracy to overthrow Governor Tomas Garrido Canabal.

The governor went by plane to Tabasco Wednesday night to organize the auxiliary force. He returned here later to resume his duties as federal secretary of agriculture.

The rebels recently attacked the town of Macapana, killing the mayor.

### Weslaco Is Rusted Canning Plant At

WESLACO, Jan. 24.—Johnson Canning company's new tomato canning plant in Weslaco is expected to be in operation by May 15, according to Charles L. Diven, who will manage the plant. Contracts with growers for 200 acres of tomatoes have just been signed. The firm also operates canning plants in Colorado and Arkansas. Equipment to cost about \$10,000 will be installed here.

## FLORIDA GETS FREEZES AND FROST DAMAGE

### NEW COLD WAVE VEERS BEFORE STRIKING SOUTH

(By The Associated Press)

Weather forecasters predicted the collapse of the cold wave in Texas Thursday as temperatures started a gradual rise after three days of extreme cold.

Weather observers said the cold wave had turned eastward and only the outer edge struck Texas Wednesday night as mercuries sagged to low levels again.

However, another death, bringing Texas' total to 11, was reported. Golden Carter, 24, was found frozen in a vacant house at Longview, apparently the victim of the bitter cold of Monday night.

### Fruit And Vegetable Crops Suffer; More Cold In Store For That State

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 24. (AP)—South Florida Thursday felt the cold wave which entered the northwest portion of the state Tuesday.

The weatherman said Friday might be warmer but low temperatures and killing frost should be expected again Thursday night.

It was "unusual" weather for Florida. Snow was seen in the northern section Wednesday. Fruit and vegetable crops suffered despite smudge fires and coverings. The extent of the damage had not been determined. Temperatures dropped below freezing in many places.

Work on a \$1,500 bridge across Apalachicola Bay was halted until the weather moderated. The cold caused postponement of a boxing show at Miami. Residents in many sections of the state improvised means of heating their homes.

### WATER SYSTEM PLANS RUSHED

Engineer Cummins Says Many Industries Ready To Locate Here

R. J. Cummins, engineer of the Brownsville port, Wednesday was instructed to proceed with preparation of plans and specifications for the water distribution system at the turning basin, following a lengthy conference with Commissioners J. G. Fernandez and Z. A. Rosenthal.

The distribution system will include a standpipe, an adequate number of hydrants for fire protection, and the installation of sprinklers throughout the buildings.

J. H. Tallichet of Houston, attorney for the Eldridge interests of Sugarland, G. D. Ulrich, manager of the interests, Lon Hill, Jr., president of the Rio Grande Railway, also conferred with the commission relative to a rail connection with the turning basin. No final action was taken.

In discussing progress being made on the port, Mr. Cummins expressed himself as highly pleased over prospects for industries to be located on the terminal grounds and the ship channel. "From all indications," he told members of the chamber of commerce port committee with whom he conferred, "the work your committee is doing is about to bring some very tangible results."

Mr. Cummins stated that his office is in receipt of communications from various companies expressing their intention of locating in Brownsville and that he believed actual construction would be started by several of these companies before dredging of the channel and turning basin is completed.

"We have one company that is going to do everything possible to bring the first cargo into the Brownsville port and that is anxious to begin construction on its facilities at once," he stated.

### 'New Industries' To Be Banquet's Theme

(Special to The Herald)

McALLEN, Jan. 24.—A "New Industries" banquet is to be staged here Thursday night by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce as a gesture of friendliness toward officials and employees of several new concerns recently established in the city.

Fred Stare, president and John L. Albright, manager, of Columbus Foods Corporation, which has just completed a large pea-canning plant, and J. D. Nagel, manager of the Sun-Dine corporation's new grapefruit juice plant, will be honored guests.

### Playwright Orders Citrus From Valley

(Special to The Herald)

EDINBURG, Jan. 24.—Sean O'Casey, Irish playwright and author of the recent Broadway hit, "Within the Gates," recently ordered a shipment of Lower Rio Grande Valley grapefruit and grapefruit juice sent to his New York City apartments. An Edinburg shipper filled the order.

### STUDENTS HONORED

EDINBURG, Jan. 24.—Seven McAllen students were listed on the first semester semester honor roll at Edinburg Junior College. They were Misses Ina Belle Coughran, Doris Doss, Louise Leslie, Doris Miller, Roberta Parks and David Timlin.

### Tourists

Register with the chamber of commerce at whatever Valley town you have selected to make your headquarters.

Registration makes it possible for residents from the same state in which you live to get in touch with you. It also enables civic organizations to plan entertainments for you during your stay in the Valley.

## WOOD EXPERT LAST WITNESS AGAINST BRUNO MURDER

### Koehler Traces Rail Of Ladder Into German's Attic But Admits It Was Built By Amateur

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FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 24. (AP)—The state rested its murder case against Bruno Richard Hauptmann shortly after noon Thursday.

The state was content to end its evidence with the testimony of Arthur Koehler, government wood expert, who testified that one rail of the Lindbergh kidnap ladder came from Hauptmann's attic and changed his story in no way on cross-examination.

Also standing without alteration by cross-examination was the wood expert's testimony that Hauptmann's own plane was used in the fashioning of the ladder and that other lumber in the ladder came from a Bronx lumber yard where Hauptmann had purchased wood.

As Koehler left the stand Attorney General David T. Wilentz conferred briefly with his assistant prosecutors.

"The state rests, your honor," he announced.

Edward J. Reilly, chief of the defense staff, immediately pleaded to be allowed to cross-examine one of the state's witnesses further.

### Brief Cross-Examination

"The state has rested," Wilentz proclaimed, "You may call whom you please."

Reilly wanted to question Thomas H. Sisk, a Department of Justice agent who testified for the state, and Hildegarde Olga Alexander, Bronx dress model, who said she saw Hauptmann shadowing Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon in the Bronx during the period of negotiations for the \$50,000 Lindbergh ransom.

Wilentz a little later decided to call Miss Alexander back for the defense questions, but asserted he wanted no delay in the defense's case. Justice Trenchard ordered that she be called after the luncheon recess which was taken shortly before 12:30 p. m.

The court deemed it unnecessary for the state to recall Sisk since he would be available to the defense at any time.

Cross-examination of Koehler was briefer than was expected, and was directed chiefly toward showing the kidnap ladder, down which the state charges Hauptmann carried baby Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., from his crib to his death, was constructed by an amateur, whereas Hauptmann is supposed to be an expert carpenter.

### JOE PARKER IS WRECK VICTIM

#### Youth, Former Resident Of Brownsville, Dies In Auto Accident

Joe Marshall Parker, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Parker, formerly of Brownsville, was one of two school students killed in an automobile accident at San Antonio Wednesday afternoon. Mary Louise Ray, 14, was the other victim of the accident. The automobile in which the junior high school students were riding overturned when it struck a stone in the street.

Naylor Morton, 15, driver of the car, received severe lacerations. The three were returning from graduation exercises when the accident occurred.

The funeral was to be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Nettie Parker, grandmother of the boy, his aunts, Mrs. J. S. Graham and Mrs. J. H. Harvey, left for San Antonio Wednesday night to attend the funeral. Parker is survived by two brothers, Bryce Parker and Charles Parker.

Mr. Parker, the father, is widely known in Brownsville and the Valley, having lived here for many years. He is manager of the Southern Equipment Company, San Antonio.

Mrs. Marshall White, Mrs. Parker's mother, is in San Antonio.

### Stock On Highways Bill Introduced

AUSTIN, Jan. 24. (AP)—Roaming livestock on highways, the reported cause of numerous automobile accidents and fatalities, would be prohibited from fenced state routes by a bill introduced by Senator W. K. Hopkins on Gonzales.

Owners permitting livestock to graze on highway embankments and roam on state thoroughfares would be subject to a fine up to \$200. In the absence of a statewide stock law, many counties have obtained local enactments to protect vehicular traffic from the menace.

### 22 Are Indicted In Bremer Kidnap

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (AP)—Indictment of 22 persons in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer by a federal grand jury in St. Paul was announced Thursday by Attorney General Cummings.

He made this assertion as search for Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Karpis, Barker gang named as being pressed without success.

Defendants named were: Oliver H. Berg, Joseph Patrick Moran, John Joseph McLaughlin, William Edward Vidler, Paul J. Delaney, James J. Wilson, Jess Dovie, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, and a person called "Whitey" whose true name is not known.

### Train Kills Woman

GLADEWATER, Jan. 24. (AP)—After it had crossed the railroad track the automobile of Mrs. W. S. Yates rolled backward into the path of the Texas and Pacific passenger train near here Wednesday, killing Mrs. Yates and critically injuring her daughter, Billie, eight.

L. W. Butterworth of Mound, Okla., brother of Mrs. Yates, jumped from the machine and was not injured.

### Realtors Gather

HOUSTON, Jan. 24. (AP)—Hundreds of real estate men from all parts of the nation gathered here Thursday for the mid-winter business session of the National Association of Real Estate boards.

More than 300 delegates had arrived Wednesday night for the meeting, considered to be one of the most important in several years.

## HERALD FACTS

The Brownsville Herald spends more money in the gathering and developing of Lower Rio Grande Valley news than any combination of newspapers serving this section, including San Antonio and Houston.

Details of the state's case and the witnesses who brought them out were:

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, mother of the slain baby; that the child was stolen from its crib on March 1, 1932, and that it wore a sleeping garment which she identified.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh; that the body found in woods of Mercer county two months later was that of his stolen child; that the voice of Hauptmann was the same as that of man he heard say "Hey Dok-ler" in St. Raymond's cemetery, the Bronx, when Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon paid over the ransom money. That the first ransom note was left on the nursery window sill.

Betty Gow, the baby's nurse; that a metal thumbguard found by her a hundred yards from the Lindbergh home a month after the kidnaping was worn by the baby on the night it was stolen.

The prosecutors claimed the kidnaper stripped the baby's clothing from it as soon as he found it was dead, the stripping occurring where the thumbguard was found. This would be in Hunterdon county, where Hauptmann is on trial.

New Jersey police officers: That a broken extension ladder found near the scene of the crime fit the thumbguard was found. This would be in Hunterdon county, where Hauptmann is on trial.

Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon: That Hauptmann responded to his advertisement, negotiated for the ransom from him in St. Raymond's cemetery, the Bronx, on the night of April 2, 1932.

Joseph A. Ferrone, Bronx taxi driver: That Hauptmann gave him \$1 to deliver a ransom note to Dr. Condon.

Amandus Hochmuth, aged former Lindbergh neighbor: That he saw Hauptmann in a dirty green automobile with a ladder turning into the road that leads to the Lindbergh estate in the forenoon of the day of the crime.

Millard Whitted, timber man, Lindbergh neighbor: That he saw Hauptmann near Lindbergh estate on February 18, and again between February 25 and 27, 1932.

Albert S. Osborn and seven other handwriting experts: That the 14 ransom notes, including the note left on the window sill of the Lindbergh nursery the night of the crime, were written by Hauptmann.

Dr. Charles H. Mitchell, Mercer county physician: That autopsy showed Lindbergh baby died of a fractured skull inflicted by external violence, and that death was instantaneous or within a few minutes.

William E. Frank, treasury department accountant: That the asset of Hauptmann and his wife increased \$44,486 between April 2, 1932, the day of the ransom payment of \$50,000, and September 19, 1934, the date of Hauptmann's arrest.

Thomas H. Sisk, department of justice witness: That the ransom money in Texas was sharply criticized.

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### Wire Flashes

AUSTIN.—Secretary Ickes Thursday declined to appear before the Texas senate to explain his connection with a recent article in a nationally circulated magazine in which oil production in Texas was sharply criticized.