

Auditor Hits Precincts on Past Finance

Failure of county commissioners to follow economic planning is the cause of the reported need for a bond issue, County Auditor Williams charged Wednesday.

At the same time, Williams said the county has the money available for the Azle-Boyd and the Fort Worth-Crowley farm-to-market road project.

"If the people want a bond issue, and will vote for it, that's all right with me," Williams said, "but I am going to show them in every way I can that a bond issue would not be needed if commissioners would spend their funds wisely."

Williams pointed out that in 1944 the State Highway Department informed the county what the needs would be. The next year Williams recommended to the court that the tax rate be raised 7 cents to take care of those requirements.

Took 3 Cents.

"The Commissioners Court said that 7 cents was too much, and put up 4 cents for the state aid right of way fund and took the other 3 cents for their own operating funds," Williams said. "They had told the public that the 7 cents would be to meet the state aid request, and so there was no public opposition. In spite of that they put 3 cents of the tax increase into their operating fund."

The county auditor pointed out that it was a past administration in which this action was taken. Since that time, two places on the Commissioners Court have been changed.

The 7-cent tax increase would have put \$17,378 in the state aid right of way fund, Williams said, which would have given the county \$120,794 to meet the requirements as announced by County Engineer Walker. Because 3 cents of the fund was diverted to other uses, only \$64,074 was available for the right of way fund.

Issue Paid Off.

"I don't know where they will get the rest of the money they need," Williams said. "If they had followed the economic planning as set out in 1945, we would have

have \$1,100 each month in addition to the funds spent this year. Commissioners Court is due to vote Thursday on an offer by the State Highway Department to take over the upkeep of the two farm-to-market projects if the county will spend an additional \$41,200 to put the roads in better condition. Commissioner Hovenkamp, in whose precinct the Azle-Boyd project lies, and Commissioner Ailes, in whose precinct the Crowley project lies, have announced that they will vote to accept the state's plan. Commissioners O'Farrell and Holder have indicated they will oppose any plan which deletes anything from their operating funds, which they say already are stretched to the limit.

French Regime Struggles For Life Amid Brawling

PARIS, Oct. 29 (AP)—Unofficial counts of the number injured in Tuesday night's bloody, head-cracking street fight between Communists and Paris police ranged Wednesday from 40 to 300.

The riotous street brawling, the first major political street battling in Paris since the bitter conflicts of 1936, occurred only a few hours after Premier Ramadier opened his government's fight for life in the National Assembly, summoned into special session to deal with France's varying political and economic problems.

Communists estimated to number about 35,000 responded to a call in their newspaper L'Humanite to break up an anti-Communist meeting in the Place d'Etoile, sponsored by former Senator Gustav Gautherot.

Break Police Lines.

They besieged the meeting place and broke through three police lines and a wooden barricade before police drove them off. The meeting, attended by about 1,500 persons, was held and ended

MULES BARRED

Sack Bandit To Be Tried Tomorrow

Oscar Owen Frazier, the "paper sack bandit" who made two escapes from Retrieve prison farm on mule back, will go on trial Thursday in Criminal District Court on two charges of robbery.

Frazier will be tried on charges of robbing W. O. Wofford, 211 S. Jennings, of \$60 and a bottle of whisky on Sept. 26 and J. P. Bibb, 667 N. Henderson, of \$289 on Sept. 28.

The two robberies allegedly were performed during the 48-year-old convict's brief interval of freedom after his first escape.

He was captured last week after his second escape. He had been free only one day and had worn out six packs of bloodhounds during his flight. He was returned here Tuesday from Huntsville to face trial.

day when it was expected a vote of confidence would be taken.

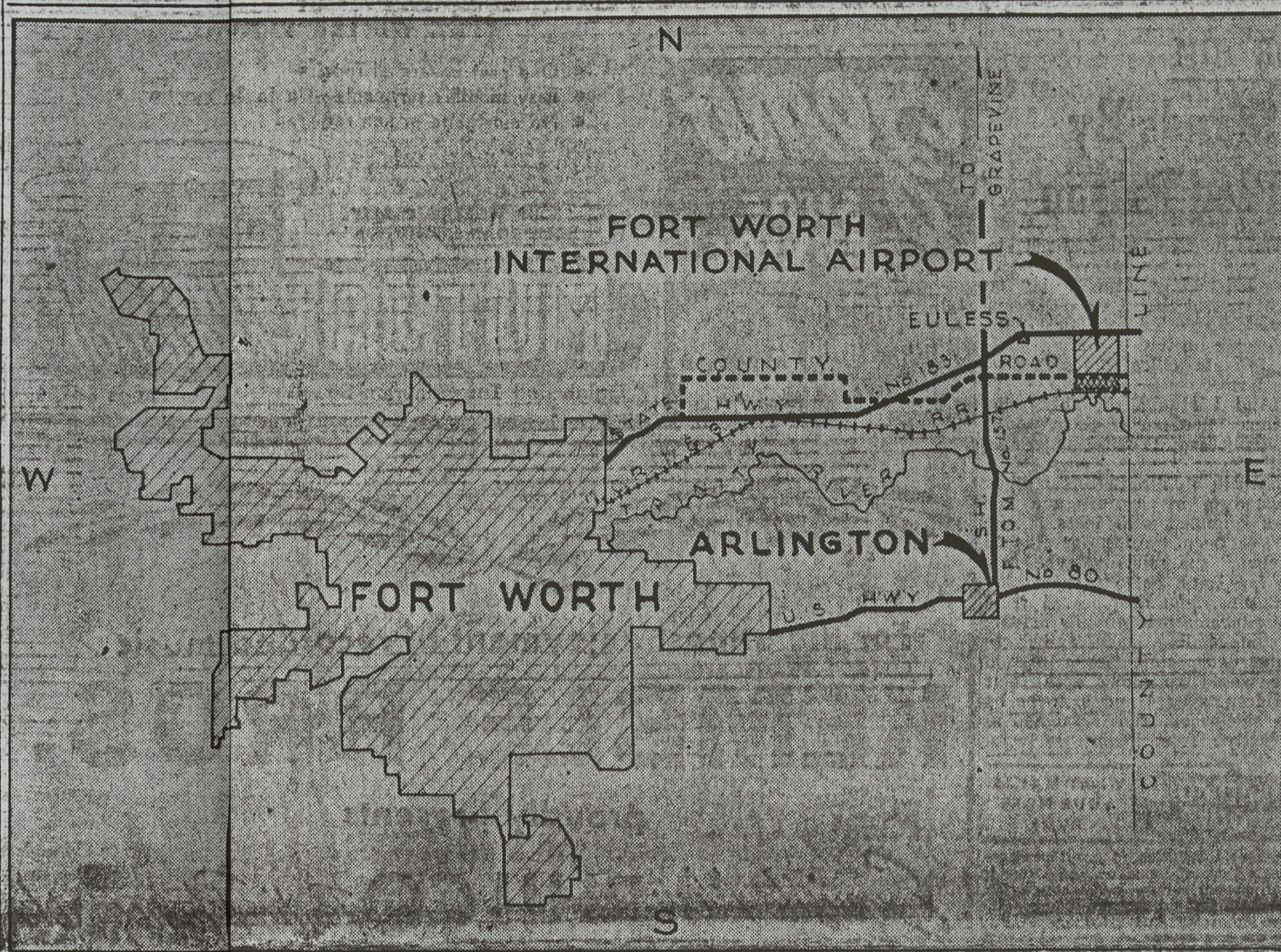
Most observers thought Ramadier would be able to win by a small margin.

Ramadier blasted De Gaulle, victor in France's recent municipal elections, as a modern "Caesar" and a leader of the "enemies of the republic." He said he hoped to be appraised "some day" of the policy of De Gaulle's new party, the Rally of the French People.

Amid riotous, fist-shaking, screaming scenes in which Communist Secretary Jacques Duclos rose to accuse Ramadier of subservience to "American imperialism," other deputies chanted "Petkov, Petkov," a reminder of the execution of opposition leader Nikola Petkov by the pro-Communist government of Bulgaria.

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Council Authorizes International Airport



INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SITE—City Council Wednesday authorized City Manager Jones to make application for initial federal funds to develop Fort Worth Transcontinental and International Passenger Airport Terminal, a \$11,500,000 superairport on the site

of the old Midway Airport, 12 miles from the east city limits of Fort Worth. The site consists of 1,344 acres, 378 of which will have to be purchased. The area is bordered on the south by Burlington-Rock Island Railroad tracks and on the north by State Highway 183.

11 Million Field to Be Developed

The city Wednesday moved to occupy the site of Midway Airport where will be built "in the immediate future" an \$11,500,000 superairport to be known as the Fort Worth Transcontinental and International Passenger Airport Terminal.

Mayor Deen and City Manager Jones jointly announced the tremendous new item in the city's air development plan, and City Council, meeting 30 minutes earlier than usual, authorized Jones to make application with the Civil Aeronautics Administration for an initial \$700,000 grant, half of which will be paid by the city from aviation bonds approved here in 1945. At this time there will be no additional cost to the taxpayers, they said.

Jones said the application would be filed Wednesday.

On Highway 183, Jones also stated that improvement of the airport site on Hemphill St. will be "deferred temporarily."

The new airport is located on Highway 183, approximately halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth, 12 miles east of the new eastern city limits of Fort Worth and six miles north of Arlington.

Announcing the new airport, the city manager and mayor said:

"In the development of the overall program to provide Fort Worth and its territory with modern and adequate airport facilities, the site formerly sometimes referred to as the Midway Airport will be occupied by the city in the immediate future as a major Fort Worth Transcontinental and International Passenger Airport Terminal.

Deciding Factor.

"A deciding factor in the decision of the City Council is that the City of Arlington will transfer Midway Airport to the City of Fort Worth and Midway Airport Corporation, which is jointly owned by American Airlines, Braniff Airways and Delta Airlines, will turn over the property it owns surrounding the airport.

"A tentative agreement has been made with a terminal corporation to build a modern terminal building for the accommodation of passengers, concessionaires and other activities at no capital cost to the city. The airlines will lease sites and construct such office, hangar and shop facilities as they may require, and the only expenditures required of the city will be for improvement and development of the landing field proper and its navigation aids and facilities.

"Tentative agreements have been made with all the major air lines which serve the city for

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WE'LL GO AHEAD SOON, SAYS BRIDE-ELECT

Today Was Set for Their Wedding, Stags in Hospital

Stags returned from service a year ago last June. He has been living with his parents. The elder Stags has been a T&P employe for 34 years.

Fellow employes Wednesday were starting a fund for the son.

Both his mother and bride-to-be were at Stags' bedside until late Tuesday. Against the physician's advice, the mother returned Wednesday morning.

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SUSIE, WILD WEST GORILLA, IS DEAD

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29 (AP)—Susie, called the only trained gorilla in the world, died in her cage at the Cincinnati zoo Wednesday.

The 21-year-old animal suffered a stroke last week which paralyzed her right side.

Susie arrived in the United States Aug. 4, 1929, as a paying passenger aboard the Graf Zeppelin. She was five feet tall and weighed 450 pounds.

For two years she toured the country with the 101 Ranch Wild West show and the Ringling Brothers circus.

Bandits Kill Houston Man

HOUSTON, Oct. 29 (INS)—C. N. Herridge, 27, was shot and killed Wednesday by bandits who attempted to steal his car parked in front of his home here.

According to his wife, Herridge, the father of two small children, was awakened early Wednesday by the thieves. He ran toward the street shouting and was shot in the chest by a heavy-caliber gun fired through the windshield of the car.

Mrs. Herridge said the car went into a ditch and two men fled.

Reds Lose Seats In Denmark Vote

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 29 (AP)—Danish Communists lost nine of their 18 seats in the Folketing (lower chamber) in Tuesday's parliamentary elections, final returns showed Wednesday, and were running sixth in a field of seven parties in the popular vote count.

The Social Democrats, which lean to the left of center, won 57 seats in the balloting, a gain of

Vanishing Case Probe Widened

Two more peace officers arrived from San Antonio Wednesday to investigate the disappearance of Clyde Rollen Smith, 46, a San Antonio tire tester, whose car was abandoned here last Thursday.

Oscar Warneke, chief investigator for the Bexar County sheriff, and John Berrera, San Antonio

switch, which had been left turned on. The battery had run down and the gasoline tank was empty. Apparently the car's motor had been left running, they stated.

No Sign of Fight.

There was no blood in the car, and no evidence of a struggle, the officers said. The front seat was pushed back and the rear view

MORE ABOUT AIRPORT

Continued From Page 1. payment of landing fees, concession rentals and other revenues which will be used to amortize the city's investment over a reasonable period, and it is expected that allocations will be made by the Civil Aeronautics Administration which, added to funds available to the city from previous airport bond issues, will complete the first phase of the development, and at this time there will be no additional cost to the taxpayers.

Hemphill Deferred.

"In view of the favorable developments which permit the acquisition and use of the old Midway site, the improvement of the Hemphill site will be deferred temporarily.

"City officials have been in conference during the week with top Civil Aeronautics Administration officials from Washington, who are in the city for a meeting with state aeronautics officials from over the nation and regional representatives of the CAA. The CAA is enthusiastic in its approval of the development of the Fort Worth International Airport, strategically located as this one is for serving the requirements of international, transcontinental and area travel. It is believed that the convenience of air travel to and from Fort Worth will be best served by this plan.

"The city of Arlington sees in this arrangement a greater airport facility for its area than otherwise could be hoped for. They believe the increased activity which will result from this construction plan will be most helpful."

More Land Needed.

Midway Airport Corporation now operates the airport which was constructed during the war. The corporation leases 640 acres of the original 966 from the city of Arlington.

City engineers estimate that an additional 378 acres will be needed with full development. This would place the northern line of the field adjacent to Highway 183 and the south line adjacent to the Burlington Rock Island Railroad right of way.

Mayor B. C. Barnes of Arlington said his city was on record as willing to co-operate in any program Fort Worth works out for development of the airport.

Arlington already has obtained right of way for the State Highway Department to take over the Grapevine road from Arlington to the airport.

Land Leased.

Jones said that of the \$2,500,000 aviation bonds approved in the 1945 election, \$1,400,000 remained

unsold and the development of the airport would not require another bond election.

The city has spent \$676,637.78 for land and farm homes south of Fort Worth on the Hemphill site.

The South Side land has been leased to original owners and will continue to be leased to them, Jones said. A total of 2,172.96 acres was obtained for the Hemphill airport, which was all that was required with the exception of 110 acres used as Russell Field and another 32 acres.

Plans Dropped.

Jones said development of the Fort Worth International airport would not interfere with operation of Municipal Airport. He added that Municipal Airport probably would be "busier than ever."

Plans for joint operation of the Arlington airport by Dallas and Fort Worth were dropped in 1946 when agreement could not be reached on location of the terminal. Dallas then approved \$5,000,000 bonds for development of Love Field, and Fort Worth started plans for its South Side field.

School Lunch Workers To Conserve Supplies

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 29 (AP).—Full co-operation with President Truman's food conservation program has been pledged by directors and key personnel of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's school lunch program from six Southwestern states.

The action was taken Tuesday by directors from Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Arkansas and Louisiana, at the opening of their first annual conference.

Fort Worth A&M Club Picks Officers

COLLEGE STATION, Oct. 29 (Spl).—The Fort Worth A&M Club at Texas A&M College recently elected officers for the 1947-48 school year. Thirty-five members were present to elect J. D. Strickel, 901 E. Richmond, as president.

Other officers will be Alvin F. Clark, 5505 Meadowbrook Dr., vice president; Dewey S. Shilling, 1919 Carl St., secretary-treasurer; Herman C. Huddleston Jr., 3120 Timberland Dr., social secretary; Bill Evans, publicity chairman, and R. J. Maples, 2827 W. 5th St., sergeant at arms.

Terrorists Are Executed

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (AP).—Four members of an armed band which