

Weather at Yuma

Highest last 24 hours	72
Lowest last 24 hours	45
Average high this date	77
Average low this date	49
Relative humidity at 11 a.m.	24%

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Weather Forecast

Forecast to Thursday night. Clear this afternoon and tonight. Variable high clouds Thursday. Slightly cooler tonight. Locally windy.

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Nine Yuma Vets Get Homesteads

CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER JAN MASARYK SUICIDES

PRAGUE, March 10—(UP)—Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, 61, one of Czechoslovakia's distinguished statesmen, killed himself today by plunging three stories from the bathroom window of his official residence in Cerin palace. Members of his family said the suicide of Masaryk was in protest against the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. The son of the founder of the republic, while calling himself a political independent, had accepted reappointment to the Foreign Ministry.

Interior Minister Václav Nosek told the opening session of the purged Parliament that Masaryk went from his bedroom to the bathroom about 6 a.m. (midnight EST) and from there leaped into the courtyard. He said the body was found below the second floor window—by the continental system, the second floor corresponds to the third floor in American reckoning—about 30 minutes later. Masaryk landed on concrete paving in the courtyard about 45 feet below the window from which he jumped.

A close friend of Masaryk said he appeared to have died instantly when he leaped from the window, but some time elapsed before the body was found in the courtyard of the Loreta square palace.

Statement Is Issued
Some hours after the suicide, the government issued a formal statement which said Masaryk evidently decided in a moment of nervous breakdown to end his life. The statement mentioned illness and insomnia, but did not elaborate on the reference.

Masaryk, the official statement said, showed no evidence of mental depression yesterday and last night, on the contrary evincing his "usual optimism."

A member of his family, however, said he had been desperately depressed since the Communists seized power two weeks ago and named him to carry on as foreign minister.

To Father's Grave
Last Sunday night Masaryk made a long pilgrimage to the grave of his father, Thomas G. Masaryk, founder and first president of the republic and

Masaryk Is Dead



JAN MASARYK

Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of the Czechoslovak government, pictured above, committed suicide last night by leaping to his death from a second story window in Cerin palace, Prague, his official residence, according to word from the Czech nation recently taken over by the Communists. He was 61, the son of Thomas G. Masaryk, founder and first president of the republic.

known as the "liberator of Czechoslovakia," friends said. Masaryk, 61, was head of the Czechoslovakian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in New York. He had served off and on as foreign minister since 1940, when the Czechoslovak government in exile was formed in London.

His mother was American, a native of Brooklyn, as was his former wife, who was born in Chicago.

New Inventions Include Instant Cooker, Electrical Dust Collector

WASHINGTON, March 10—(UP)—The World of Tomorrow will be interesting.

It will be exciting because of the new gimmicks science is cooking up. One will sizzle a steak "medium-well" in 10 seconds; "well-done" in 15. Another, an electronic dust collector, will suck in 99 per cent of the dust, lint and pollen in the whole house. Mama won't have to swing the dust rag more'n once a month. She won't have to wash the curtains but once a year. White ones, even.

The dust collector, science says, also will sound the death knell of the common cold, since while it is snuffing all of the dust it will snuffle all of the stray germs at the same time.

Automatic Lighting
In the future, the lights will go on in a room as soon as you cross the threshold, and flick off automatically when you go out. No hands. Modern man is too busy to go around pushing buttons. It'll soon be possible for one family to sit at home and do the baby sitting for the whole neighborhood, thanks to a little gadget that operates on the principle of the inter-office communication system.

The kids down the block get into a pillow fight and goos a light in the sifter's house, telling

Deputy Sheriff Wes Long Retires

Wes Long, well-known Yuma valley rancher, and Yuma county deputy sheriff for the past 15 years, unofficially bowed out of law enforcement work this week, making way for his son, Tommy, who joined the sheriff's force March 1.

Upon conclusion of the Graves murder trial, in which the 62-year-old retired deputy is one of the state's witnesses, Wes says he plans to catch up on some fishing, devote more time to this year's flax crop on his Elveth street ranch, and spend a lot of time with his newly born grandson.

Widow Is Assigned M. Munoz Estate

Petition was granted in superior court Tuesday assigning an estate of approximate \$2000 value to Joaquina M. Munoz, widow of Manuel Munoz, who died Aug. 6, 1946.

The estate involves property located in the Syverson Addition in Yuma.

High Cost of School Books Hits Arizona Schools

PHOENIX, March 10—(UP)—The high cost of textbooks hit Arizona schools today when Attorney General Eyo de Concini ruled cancellation of a contract by a publishing firm was legal.

Row Peterson and Company notified the state board of education that it could not continue to supply histories and readers at the contract price. De Concini said notice of cancellation was given in accordance with terms of the contract.

New prices will be about 50 per cent higher, the company said. The board of education will meet here next Tuesday to consider bids.

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Motorist Fined For Attempting to Bring Flowers Into State

PHOENIX, March 10—(UP)—A Michigan motorist's fondness for camellias has cost him \$100 and he is still without the flowers. State Entomologist J. L. E. Lauderdale disclosed.

The Michigander was turned back at the Arizona border recently when he refused to surrender two camellia plants which are barred because they may bring damaging insects into the state.

Later the Ehrenberg inspection station was informed a motorist had met a plane from California at Quartzsite and received something from the pilot. Investigation disclosed the motorist was the Michigan man and that "the something" were the camellias.

Tourist and pilot were fined \$50 each and the flowers confiscated. The motorist paid both fines.

Globe, Miami Ask Federal Funds For Freeway

PHOENIX, March 10—(UP)—A super-highway between Globe and Miami was proposed today by officials of the two cities and Gila county with State Highway Engineer W. C. Lefebvre.

Attending were Globe Mayor Guy V. McGowan, Miami Mayor Art Turner and John Armer, chairman of the Gila county board of supervisors.

Globe and Miami will ask that the project be financed out of \$600,000 in federal funds forfeited by Phoenix when it failed to approve plans for a high-speed, through-traffic freeway. Yuma also is asking for part of the money.

Tucson has notified the highway department it plans a bond election to raise that city's share of a freeway there.

Phoenix Man Freed On Assault Count

PHOENIX, March 10—(UP)—Fred Glee, 34-year-old cafe owner, was free today after facing assault charges since Dec. 9 when he was arrested on complaint of Pearl Jamar, 29, commercial school student, that he beat and tortured her by burning her with cigarettes.

The woman said she was held prisoner in a bedroom in the rear of Gale's restaurant. The charges were dismissed when she refused to return here from Shreveport, La., to prosecute.

Yuman Locates Mother He Hadn't Seen Since 1926, Brings Her to United States From France

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Denoux arrived home Sunday evening from Phoenix where they had gone to meet Mrs. Adrienne Denoux, mother of Mr. Denoux, whom he had not seen since 1926. She arrived from Vaucluse, France, the airfield at Orly, France at 8:30 p.m. March 3 and arrived at Sky Harbor in Phoenix at 3:40 a.m. March 5.

At the present time, Madame Denoux is with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hedgpath in Phoenix but after she recovers from her long trip she will come to Yuma to visit her son and daughter-in-law. Madame Denoux is 76 years of age and this was her first airplane trip.

Credits Red Cross
Much credit is due, her family reports, to the American Red Cross for having located Madame Denoux. There was no word from her all during the war until last September when Mr. Denoux applied to the Red Cross in Yuma to try and locate his mother.

In less than three weeks, Mr.

Denoux heard direct from his mother in Vaucluse informing him his mother had been notified by the Red Cross headquarters in Paris that her son was trying to locate her.

Mr. Denoux immediately filed a petition for a permanent visa for his mother's entrance in to the United States.

Mrs. Hedgpath had not seen her mother since 1919.

Out Wickenburg Way There's a Gold Rush On

WICKENBURG, Ariz., March 10—(UP)—This city was a gold rush boom town today.

More than 2,000 gold seekers were flocking up here before heading toward a gold ore deposit discovered near Moriastown by veteran prospector John Kaskowsky recently.

Streaming in from all over the state, the prospectors were intent on staking claims near the spot where Kaskowsky dug 150 pounds of ore which he milled in \$1750 worth of gold. Some of the hopefuls came equipped with detecting machines.

Reports said that many of the better claims were staked out two days ago and Kaskowsky has been busy shooing away claim jumpers.

CZECH ASKS U.N. ACTION VS. RUSSIA

LAKE SUCCESS, March 10—(UP)—Czechoslovakia's chief United Nations delegate today formally asked the U.N. Security Council to charge Soviet Russia with aggression in Czechoslovakia as a result of the Communist coup there.

Czech Ambassador Jan Papanek, defying the Communist government of his country, charged in a formal complaint that the Communist seizure of power on Feb. 20 was "prepared and executed with the help, encouragement and advice" of Soviet Russia.

Papanek said the situation threatened world peace.

Council Is Warned
He warned the Security Council that it must act speedily against Russian and the Czech Communists in order to prevent "further terrorism and occupation and perhaps the third world war."

Papanek made the dramatic move at UN Headquarters a few hours after hearing of the death of Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk.

It was not immediately clear whether the Security Council would act on a complaint submitted under the circumstances surrounding Papanek's action.

His voice choked with sobs, Papanek called a news conference in a small, over-heated UN committee room to announce that he was defying the Czech government in Prague and tossing the case into the UN's peace-keeping organ on behalf of "the sovereign Czech Republic as it existed before Feb. 20."

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He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Etta E. Johnson, Los Angeles, and Ollie E. Culbert, Pawhuska, Okla.

Kingman Youth Is Killed As Motorbike Crashes Into Car

KINGMAN, March 10—(UP)—Funeral services were pending today for 18-year-old Bernard D. Estes of Kingman who died of injuries suffered when his motorcycle collided with a motor car.

The accident happened early yesterday. The youth died last night. The driver of the car, Henry D. Brewer, 25, Phoenix, escaped with minor injuries when he was hurled free of the wreckage of his automobile. The machine left the road and overturned.

Highway Patrolman Floyd Cisney said Estes swerved into the path of the car when he passed several parked vehicles.

Annulment Granted

Decree of annulment of marriage was granted this week by Judge Henry C. Kelly to Lethia Carroll Ragsdale from Virgil A. Ragsdale. The pair was married at Yuma Jan. 17, 1947.

The complaint, introduced to the court by Ralph F. Brandt, attorney for the plaintiff, charged that Virgil Ragsdale had another wife at the time of the marriage in question and his former marriage was undissolved by decree of divorce.

The court declared the January 17 marriage null and void.

Ex-GIs Form Club To Oppose Mac's Candidacy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 10—(UP)—Fifty-seven Harvard students, all veterans of World War II service in the Pacific Theater under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, today formed a club to oppose the general's nomination for president.

The group published an advertisement in the Crimson, undergraduate newspaper, which proclaimed:

"Not one veteran's vote for 'Fighting Doug' MacArthur."
The signatures of the 57 student-veterans were appended to the advertisement.

DEWEY WINS OVER STASSEN IN PRIMARY

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 10—(UP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York swamped Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota in the nation's first preferential primary election and will be backed at the Republican national convention by six of New Hampshire's eight delegates, nearly complete returns showed today.

With about 90 per cent of the returns tabulated, Dewey had an apparently unbeatable 6-2 victory over his rival. Dewey showed no signs of weakness either in rural or urban areas. He captured three of the delegates-at-large and three of the four district delegates.

Others Trail
Three candidates pledged to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and one favorable to Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan ran behind.

The Dewey-Stassen duel for delegates was the only feature of yesterday's balloting. Democrats also chose delegates but all were pledged to President Truman and probably will be led to their national convention by Former National Committeeman Charles A. Burke of Manchester.

Among the delegates favoring Dewey for president was Gov. Charles M. Dale who had predicted that the New York governor would lose but one delegate.

Stassen supporters had expressed belief he must win three delegates or suffer a loss of appeal nationally.

CHICAGO, March 10—(UP)—Harold E. Stassen said today that his showing in the New Hampshire primary was a strong one and that it had not affected his national campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

"If we had just 2,000 more votes we would have won five out of eight delegates instead of two," Stassen said.

Plan Rites for M. C. Culbert Here Friday

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Texan Fatally Hurt In Car Crash Near San Simon, Ariz.

WILLCOX, March 10—(UP)—The death in a Lordsburg, N. M., hospital of William Paul Bradford, 29, Amarillo, Tex., from injuries suffered Sunday in an auto accident on the Arizona side of the state line was reported today by the Arizona Highway Patrol.

Bradford apparently went to sleep at the wheel of his car near San Simon, struck a culvert, plunged along the side of a bridge abutment and then into an eight-foot gully. He suffered internal injuries.

A passenger, George Fellers, 24, Hillsboro, Tex., who was asleep when the accident occurred, escaped with minor injuries.

Named Delegate to National Red Cross Convention

Mrs. H. G. Woodhouse, Roll, has been named a voting delegate appointed by the chapter's Board of Directors to attend the national convention of the American Red Cross to be held June 21-24 inclusive in San Francisco, it was announced Tuesday at Yuma county Red Cross headquarters.

26 VALLEY, RESERVATION HOMESTEADS ARE AWARDED TODAY BY RECLAMATION

Nine veterans of World War II from Yuma county today were awarded homestead farms located on the Yuma valley and reservation divisions of the Yuma project, at a public drawing this morning in the American Legion hall.

In all, 26 homestead farms, ranging in size from 28 to 82 acres, were awarded to World War II veterans from all over the United States. The first name drawn from the bowl containing 541 was that of John Snyder, of Dalmatia, Penna. Others were from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

Fourteen of the farms went to Arizona men. Eight of them were drawn by Californians.

A crowd of about 300 people, including some 50 veterans whose names were in the glass bowl for drawing, was present for the event.

When names of the nine Yuma county men were drawn, the audience broke into happy applause punctuated in several cases by the sharp cry of the lucky veteran himself.

As a Bureau of Reclamation employee put it, "The sour pickle jar is yielding home, sweet homes today."

Each of the 26 veterans whose names were drawn may yet be disqualified, or may choose to decline the parcel of land he was awarded.

In such cases, one of the 26 alternates will be given the opportunity to qualify himself.

Names of the Yuma county men whose names were drawn this morning, and the size of their farms, are as follows:

EVERETTE EUGENE HARMAN
236 3rd Ave., Yuma
42 Acres

FRED EUGENE SIMONS, JR.
Rt. 1, Box 179, Somerton
39.39 Acres

EDWARD F. CONREY
600 5th Ave., Yuma
36.91 Acres

HAYDEN VAN MITCHELL
Gen. Del., Yuma
41 Acres

ALBERT SNYDER
Box 1053, Somerton
73 Acres

ELGY A. KRYGER
Rt. 1, Box 803, Yuma
51.90 Acres

MARTIN REUBEN ROSS
Rt. 3, Box 294, Yuma
82 Acres

ALBERT R. FACE
P. O. Box 1535, Yuma
75 Acres

WESLEY A. DAVIS
Rt. 1, Somerton
78.12 Acres

The 26 lucky veterans whose names were drawn first this morning may move onto their respective farms as soon as their qualifications have been verified and homestead procedures complied with.

They will be required to pay construction charges varying from \$76 to \$85 in payments spread over a 20 or 30-year period. The total annual charge for construction and operation and maintenance will average about \$9.50 per acre.

Most of the 26 farms which were awarded today have been leased out to individual farmers for many years and in constant production. The leases expired December 31.

Opening Program
While veterans fidgeted for the drawing to begin, a brief ceremony was conducted by Dr. Ian Briggs, chief of the land use and settlement division of USBR, from Boulder City, Nev.

Councilman J. B. Bailey, for Mayor Walter S. Ingalls, welcomed the visitors and future farmers of the Yuma area.

Ernest Johannsen, vice president of the Yuma County Water Users association, speaking for President Henry Frauenfelder, welcomed the veterans as neighbors and as future water users.

A. B. West, operation and maintenance supervisor for Reclamation's Region 3, pointed out that today's homesteaders will "reap the harvests sown by their forefathers who pioneered the Yuma farmlands."

Veterans Participate
Joe Mansfield, past president of Yuma's American Legion, addressed the group on behalf of Yuma-area veterans' organizations, describing the part played by them in forwarding the homestead act which provides farms for veterans.

Homer Kryger, Yuma valley farmer and member of the Yuma project examining board, described briefly the task of screening the 693 applications.

Among officials present were O. C. Williams, state land commissioner for Arizona; Ray Killian, secretary of the new Interstate Stream Commission; Barry Goldwater, a member of the Stream Commission; Lynn Anderson, deputy state soil conservation commissioner; Mrs. Clara Osborn Botzum, state representative from northern Yuma county.

The Yuma Union high school (Continued on Page 5)

Members of the VFW ceremonial team are to meet at 8 p.m. tonight at the Foxhole to prepare for a burial ceremony which will be performed tomorrow (Thursday), it was announced today.

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A civil complaint, involving non-payment of a promissory note for \$745.96, was filed in superior court yesterday by C. C. Newlan against Lee Matheson.

The note provides, according to the complaint, that in event a suit is brought to enforce payment of the note, an additional sum of 10 per cent of the principal will be sought for attorney fees.

The plaintiff, represented by Bryant W. Jones and William Nabours, asks for full payment of the promissory note, plus \$74.59 or court expenses.

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