

WEST TEXAS: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

"A lawyer's wife really becomes her husband's secretary in spite of herself." —Dr. Edward Lyman Cornell of Northwestern University.

MURDER CLEWS MORE BAFFLING

Insanity Jury Tries Clyde Thompson of Eastland Again

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUSPECT BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

BOND OF \$10,000 IS REQUIRED

Minister's Son Says He Did Not Kill His Sweetheart

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 29. (UP).—Robert L. Williams, 18, University of Texas student, was held over to the grand jury on \$10,000 bond at a preliminary hearing today on charges of murder in connection with the death of his sweetheart, Elizabeth Johnson, 16. No witnesses were introduced.

Sobs Out Story The youth, in a story sobbed out last night to Police Chief M. B. Word, newspaper men and Rev. Glenn Flinn, protested he had not shot the girl, although they had quarreled bitterly because of the attentions he said a married man who was separated from his wife was paying her.

He said he went Saturday morning to talk to Rev. Flinn, who had succeeded his father, Rev. S. W. Williams, as pastor of the First Methodist church, South, here. Afterward he called Miss Johnson, drove to her home and brought her back to the church in an attempt to again confer with the pastor in regard to the quarrel.

Gun in Car Young Williams said he found Rev. Mr. Flinn busy and when he returned to the car, Miss Johnson was slumped over in the seat. She had been shot with a single-barreled gun, made from a rifle, Robert said, in a laboratory at the university. He said he started for a hospital but stopped at a drug store and telephoned for an ambulance. He became hysterical after the shooting but at night had regained composure and refused to discuss details of the affair.

He was arrested on the complaint of Andrew Johnson, uncle of the slain girl, Williams, in a statement to police, said he had the weapon for the purpose of shooting himself in the hand to prove his love for the girl. When he left the car to enter the church to consult with Rev. Mr. Flinn, he said he left the gun in the car seat.

Members of the Williams family said the accused student had gone to spend the holidays in Port Arthur with friends. They said Williams and the girl were engaged but that no formal announcement of the engagement had been made.

Williams waived the preliminary hearing today and made the required bond pending his appearance in July.

Ann Yates Marries El Paso Attorney

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 29. (AP).—Miss Ann Yates, daughter of Ira G. Yates, oil millionaire, was married Friday in Ardmore, Okla., to Mason Pollard, El Paso attorney, it was revealed here today. They are scheduled to fly to Mexico City on a honeymoon.

Christmas Trees Are Being Moved

The facade of the Scharbauer hotel will remain decorated until Jan. 2, the only remaining vestige of the lavish display of colored lights that made Midland the best lighted town on Christmas between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Other decorations are being removed, and the Christmas trees that line the streets will be hauled away tonight by the city street cleaning department.

The Scharbauer decorations will be left until the morning following New Year's.

War Minister



Early in life he was a foundry laborer, and before the war was a peasant on a Russian farm. Now, however, Clementy Voroshilov, shown above in his latest photo, holds the high post of War Minister in the Soviet Union. He previously served as chairman of the Military Council, and as the People's Commissar for War and Navy.

SIX DEATHS IN TORONTO FIRE; MORE EXPECTED

TORONTO, Ontario, Dec. 29. (UP).—Six persons were known dead and the death list is expected to grow as a result of a fire which destroyed the Queen's Hotel at Cochrane 400 miles north of here. Early reports were meager.

ACTION LIKELY TO FOLLOW GAS TAX PROPOSED

AUSTIN, (AP).—The implied recommendation of State Tax Commissioner F. C. Weintert that the state impose a severance tax on natural gas recalled that the state has scant jurisdiction over its natural gas companies, and this may invoke legislative action in the coming session.

What authority the state has is vested in the gas utilities division of the state railroad commission. As explained by Clifford Stone, supervisor of the division, the jurisdiction insofar as rates are concerned, is almost wholly appellate.

Each municipality makes its own contracts with the natural gas company, the railroad commission stepping in only in the event of dispute.

As a result of the lack of a "clearing house" for rates, users of gas are assessed widely varying charges, Stone's records disclosed.

This variance may be as great as from 15 cents per thousand cubic feet to more than a dollar per thousand. In many instances on record, there seemed little relation between the price and the distance from the source of the gas.

There also was a wide variation in the price paid the producer of natural gas.

One record on file showed that the price of natural gas jumped two cents a thousand by being passed through the hands of a third corporation. First came the producer; the distributor purchased the gas from the producer, then sold it to another pipe line company without handling the product in any way.

(See GAS TAX page 4)

SUBCOMMITTEE IN FAVOR DROUGHT RELIEF AMOUNT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP).—The house appropriations subcommittee today approved the \$45,000,000 appropriation for drought relief loans.

The subcommittee will report to the full appropriations committee Monday. Its act followed testimony by Secretary Hyde favoring appropriation of the full amount authorized by congress.

SUNDAY CONTEST ENDS IN MERGER 2 MEN'S CLASSES

Completing a six weeks attendance contest yesterday, the Young Men's Bible class of the Baptist Sunday school defeated the Baraca class by the narrow margin of one man. The younger men stood with a one man lead a week ago and when the finals were entered yesterday each class had 46 included in the secretary's report.

Climaxing the high pressure contest, and with a total of more than 90 present, the two classes voted to merge into one and will meet next Sunday in the banquet hall of Hotel Scharbauer, at invitation of Clarence Scharbauer, inviting all men of Midland not already belonging to a Sunday school class.

A nominating committee composed of three men from each class met this morning and will offer the following list as nominees for offices in the merged class next Sunday: Paul T. Vickers, teacher; T. Paul Barron, president; David M. Ellis, reporting secretary; A. B. Coleman, recording secretary; C. C. Hiett, first vice-president; Elliott H. Barron, second vice-president; J. L. McGraw, third vice-president; M. D. Johnson, program chairman; Percy J. Mims, song leader; Wallace Wimberly, pianist; Fred G. Hull, captain of young men's group; M. D. Johnson, captain of "rheumatics"; James S. Noland, captain of oil men's division.

The election will be entirely democratic and members of either of the two former classes are urged to make additional nominations for the various offices. The meeting will be opened promptly at 9:45 Sunday morning by Fred G. Hull in the banquet hall on the mezzanine floor of Hotel Scharbauer. Music will be started at 9:30 and members are urged to start filling the hall at that time.

BANKER IS IMPROVING

M. C. Ulmer, cashier of the First National bank, was reported to be improving today from his illness which has lasted for almost a week. He is suffering from a severe case of neuralgia. It is unlikely that he will be at his desk for a few days, members of the family said this morning.

OIL PLANE HERE

Billy Parker and a woman passenger landed a Phillips Petroleum corporation Lockheed-Vega monoplane at Sloan field this morning, en route Los Angeles from Oklahoma City.

ARMY PLANE LANDS

Lieut. Lauer, flying a Douglas BT-2B from Muskogee to March field, California, landed at Sloan field this morning for fuel.

RECOVERS

Mrs. Conover of Jal, N. M., was discharged from the Midland Hospital-Clinic Sunday night after treatment of the past few days.

GIVEN DEATH TWICE

Father Swears That Son Went Insane After Offense

EASTLAND, Dec. 29. (UP).—Selection of a jury to rule on the sanity of Clyde Thompson, 20, twice sentenced to death on a murder charge, began here today from a special venire of 100 men.

Thompson was convicted of slaying Lucian Shook, 27, and his brother, Leon Shook, 21, while on a hunting trip. A death sentence in the first trial was reversed but a second was affirmed by the court of criminal appeals.

Thompson is alleged in a petition by his father to have become insane since he was given the death penalty.

Rotarians Compete For "Idea" Prize

Every member of the Midland Rotary club will have an opportunity to make a speech Thursday, New Year's day, when the first meeting of 1931 is held.

Letters were sent out to members today announcing that a prize will be awarded to the members making the best suggestion as to what Midland's greatest opportunity is for the year 1931.

Talks on the subjects will be limited to one minute for each man. Efforts are being made to have 100 per cent attendance at the meeting.

See New Year in While in Church

Religious services will be held in the Methodist church New Year's eve from 11 o'clock to midnight. A special program is being arranged, consisting of special music and an address by Judge Charles L. Klapproth. He will be the chief speaker in the evening. The Rev. Edwin Calhoun, pastor, will speak at the regular prayer meeting service held earlier in the evening, at 7:30.

"Many people in Midland will want to see the old year out and the New Year in. What better opportunity could one wish than to have this experience in a religious service?" the minister asked.

Two Weeklies at Snyder Consolidate

SNYDER, Dec. 29. (UP).—Consolidation of the Snyder News and the Seary County Times-Signal, effective January 1, was announced here today.

WHITE OPOSSUM CAPTURED

OMAHA, (UP).—A white opossum, the first of its kind ever seen in these parts, was captured by Dr. Byron W. Hall, while hunting near the mouth of the Elkhorn river. The animal is pure white with the exception of black markings on the ears. Its color scheme is a hereditary throwback, Dr. Hall believes. The hunters at first thought it was a cat.

COURSE FOR PENAL WORKERS

BOSTON, (UP).—A two-year college course for penal and criminology workers, with study and field work in sociology, law case work practice, medicine and other subjects, is recommended by Dr. Sheldon Glueck of the Harvard Crime Survey. He recently reported his views to the Massachusetts Society for Mental Hygiene.

Where 27 Died in Blast That Destroyed Town



The carelessness of a single workman is believed to have been responsible for the wreckage pictured here, part of the almost complete destruction of the town of Porto Nova da Cunha, Brazil. Twenty-seven lives were lost and a number of persons were injured when a huge store of explosives in one of the buildings was set off. Here you see soldiers and civilian workers searching the ruined buildings for bodies of victims.

JOFFRE SINKS INTO A COMA

JUANITA BURNS CLAIMS RECORD ALTITUDE FLIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29. (AP).—Pending official barograph calibration in Washington by the National Aeronautics association, Juanita Burns, Los Angeles aviatrix, claimed woman's world altitude record at 28,000 feet as a result of her flight yesterday.

Miss Elinor Smith had held the record at 27,418 feet.

Algiers Landslide Buries 50 Natives

ALGIERS, Dec. 29. (UP).—Between forty and fifty natives were believed to be buried today in a landslide on the edge of the city. Seven bodies were recovered. Tons of earth from a hill called Mustapha Superior buried several native homes. Among the victims were guests at a wedding feast.

Store Robbed; Man Knocked to Floor

BRISTOW, Okla., Dec. 29. (UP).—Two unmasked bandits today robbed the J. W. Seary jewelry store here of \$5,000 in diamonds and escaped. Seary resisted the robbery and was knocked unconscious by one of the robbers.

Big Four Bonds Get Okeh of Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (UP).—The Big Four railroad received authorization from the interstate commerce commission today to issue not exceeding \$5,000,000 of refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, the series to be delivered to the New York Central. The bonds will be issued at par in reimbursement for expenditures for maturing debentures.

Gotham Theatre Is Held up by Bandit

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (UP).—The Paramount motion picture theatre in the heart of Times Square was held up early today by a bandit who escaped with \$11,000.

Hope Wanes for His Ability to Get Over Illness

PARIS, Dec. 29. (P).—Marshal Joffre, fighting a losing battle, sank into a state of coma this evening. It was feared that he would never again regain consciousness.

Notables of France had visited him earlier today. As the day progressed the hospital was closed to the public and an extra police guard was placed about the doors.

PARIS, Dec. 29. (UP).—Last religious rites were administered today to Marshal Joseph Joffre who is sinking slowly after a lengthy illness and amputation of his left leg.

Papal Muncio Monsignor Maglione told of the last sacrament administered by Monsignor Otelin.

MANY PERSONS RECEIVE MONEY FROM TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (UP).—Thousands of corporations today found their balance sheets restored somewhat nearer to the normal with the announcement by the Treasury Department of more than 10,000 tax refunds involving the return of \$126,836,333.

This large sum represents only about 65 per cent in amount that of last year when \$190,164,359 was returned.

As has happened before, the United States Steel Corporation, the nation's largest business enterprise, received the lion's share of the returns. It received \$15,205,343. The next largest return was given Swift & Co., Chicago meat packers, who received \$7,068,922. John D. Rockefeller was given the largest sum of any individual when he received \$440,406, but Henry Ford, whose motor car helped make the Rockefeller oil millions, got only \$46,000.

The estates of wealthy persons came in for much larger slices of the large sum than any living individual, due to the complicated system of assessing inheritance taxes. The Horace E. and John F. Dodge estates led this class, obtaining \$973,015 and \$782,875 respectively. (See MANY GET MONEY page 4)

STEEL MERGER FAILS TO GO OVER ON EATON

YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 29. (P).—Common Pleas Judge G. Jenkins today granted minority stockholders an injunction restraining the billion dollar merger of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company after Cyrus Eaton, Youngstown company's largest individual stockholder, marshalled forced fighting the merger. The case was taken to court charging fraud.

Witty Gets Present From His Old Coach

A Midland oil man, formerly a Tulsa university and a University of Arkansas football star, has received a gift of Fostoria glass ware from no less a figure in the sports world than Francis Schmidt.

R. E. Witty played with the Schmidt-coached Tulsa team that possibly set such a record as has never been duplicated, then shifted to Arkansas when Schmidt assumed new duties there.

When Schmidt heard of Witty's marriage he selected the finest of domestic glass ware and sent it with his compliments.

Old Producer Is On Rampage Today

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 29. (UP).—One of the oldest wells in the Oklahoma City field blew out today and was flowing wildly.

The No. 1 Emerson Joyce well was shooting gas 40,000,000 cubic feet daily. Drillers said that the gas was in danger of becoming ignited.

Indiana Prison Break Frustrated

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 29. (UP).—Twelve convicts of the Indiana prison made an unsuccessful attempt to escape today. The break was led by Joseph Burns, sentenced for life for murder, who opened the cell house door with a key fashioned from an old spoon. Prison guards stopped the rebellion.

INSANE MAN NOT GRILLED

Girl Attacked Before Being Killed It Is Discovered

ENID, Okla., Dec. 29. (P).—Officers today turned from questioning a former insane asylum patient to seek fresh clues when it was definitely established that one of the two sisters shot to death near Tonkawa first was attacked.

The two sisters, Miss Jexie Griffith, 35, and Miss Jessie Griffith, 24, were returning by automobile to resume their school teaching.

Officers said they were convinced that the former asylum inmate was innocent.

Search Continued

BLACKWELL, Okla., Dec. 29. (UP).—Search for a maniac who killed two school teachers near Tonkawa Sunday was continued in northern Oklahoma today.

Lyman Constant, 34, former inmate of the state insane hospital, was held in Enid for questioning but authorities said that he would probably be exonerated.

The victims were Jessie and Jexie Griffith, who were slain and attacked early Sunday after they left the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griffith, with whom they had spent the Christmas holidays.

West Texas "Ace" And Wife Here

Earl Derryberry, manager of the Abilene airport and known familiarly as the "Ace of West Texas," Mrs. Derryberry and Mr. Lewis were here on business connected with the Midland airport this afternoon. They flew here in a Travel Air biplane and intend to return to Abilene this afternoon. Mrs. Derryberry recently gained her "wings" through a solo flight.

Heated Gymnasium For Games Tonight

You can now go to a basketball game and stay as warm as you would in your home.

The Scharbauer gymnasium, in which three games will be played tonight, will be heated with gas for the first time of the season, according to Dr. T. R. Wright, president of the Industrial Basketball League.

A "sell-out" was indicated at noon, Dr. Wright said.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



Some girls like to ride so well they're willing to hang for it.



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THE SLUMP THAT IS IN THE HEAD

Probably the most pointed analysis of the so-called depression period in the United States is sent to the American people by Herbert N. Casson, economist and financial writer who is termed the Roger Babson of England. His thrilling message was printed in advertisement of the Fort Worth chamber of commerce in the Star-Telegram Sunday.

"The San Francisco earthquake cured hundreds of cripples. They jumped up and ran for their lives. They weren't so badly crippled as they thought. They didn't know they could run until their houses began to shake.

"You are depressed. You THINK you are crippled. You are afraid of the future. You are full of fears. You have half the gold of the world and half of the machinery and most of the automobiles and all the skyscrapers. You have the greatest home market in the world and the largest corporations that the world has ever seen.

"You are ruled by more ideas and less tradition than any other people in the world. You have usually done what you thought you could do.

"How can it be possible that a progressive nation of 122,000,000 people can be wrecked by the speculations of a handful in Wall Street?

"Prices that were forced too high had to come down. Today all the prices are too low. THERE IS NOW A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY MAN WHO HAS THE EYES TO SEE IT.

"Dollars are now being sold for fifty cents. Practically every security in the United States is now being sold at less than its value.

"THE WAY TO CREATE A FORTUNE IS TO BUY FROM PESSIMISTS.

"Frick started his career by buying coke ovens in the slump of 1873. Carnegie made \$300,000,000 by buying steel plants in slumps.

"Hundreds of fortunes have been made by buying from pessimists. Ye gods. What a chance there is at this moment.

"In five years from now most American business men will belong to the 'I-wish-I-had Club.' Then it will be too late to buy a dollar for fifty cents.

"When a horse balks, the balk is in his head, not in his legs. He moves on when he thinks he will.

"And when an American business man is depressed, THE SLUMP IS IN HIS HEAD. There is nothing serious to prevent him from making money if he thinks he will.

"When fear rules the will, nothing can be done, but when a man casts fear out of his mind, the world becomes his oyster.

"To lose a bit of money is nothing, but to lose hope—to lose nerve and ambition—THAT IS WHAT MAKES MEN CRIPPLES. 'RISE AND WALK.'"

CATTLE PRICES LOOM BETTER

Frank Reeves, regarded as an authority on livestock conditions in the southwest, gives encouragement to cattle men in his resume of the 1930 situation and predictions for 1931 in Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. That part of his article pertaining to the cattle industry follows:

"Livestock producers in closing their books for 1930 will be obliged to write off losses on their year's operations if they base their values on those that were in effect 12 months ago. To offset this condition most of them feel that prices have touched bottom and any change will be for the better.

"A year ago cattle went into the feed lot at high prices. All classes of feed were equally high, but feeders were encouraged because of the relatively high prices for the finished product. Beef prices, however, broke before the bulk of the cattle were ready for market—especially the big cattle—and the year's work has been unprofitable. Practically all of the high priced feeders have been marketed and the new supply has been put in at much lower levels, and feed prices have been forced down. Some of the short fed cattle that went out early at low prices are now returning to market and making their owners a profit.

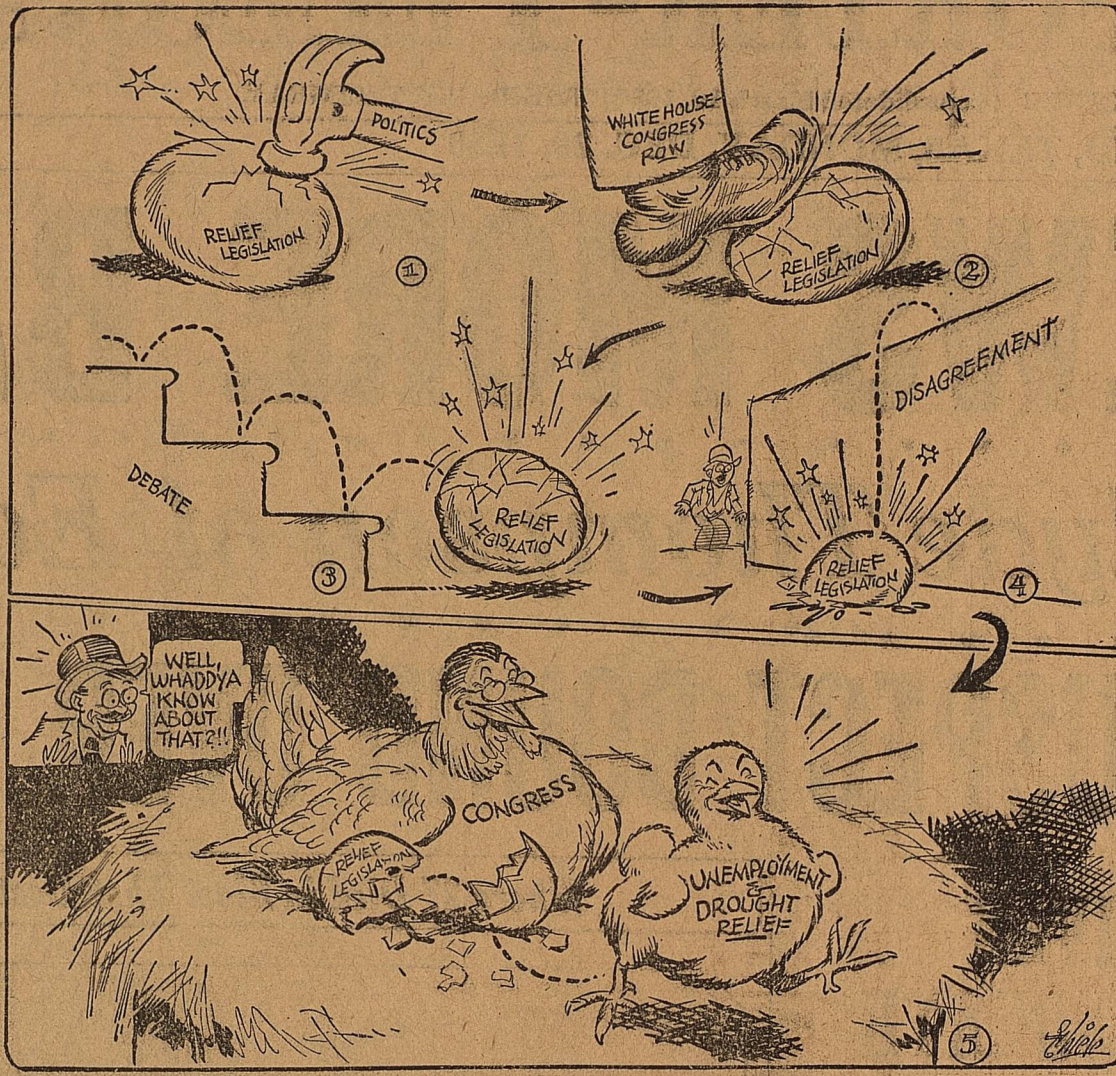
"It is hardly likely that feeders will keep their cattle in the feed pens as long this next year as they did in 1930 when they held on longer than usual with the hope that prices would show an upturn. With cattle marketed early

Side Glances . . . . . by Clark



"If they come for the rent just look dumb and say it must have skipped my mind."

The Eggs-traordinary Adventures of a Hard-Boiled Egg!



Daily Washington Letter By Rodney Dutcher

G. O. P. Doesn't Seem to Be Able to Get Rid of Jinx That Follows Leaders of Its National Committee. — Norris is Most Painful Thorn in Party's Side Due to Fight With Lucas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. —Uncle George W. Norris, Republican senator from Nebraska, is unquestionably the most painful thorn in the side of this unhappy administration.

And the Grand Old Party apparently is never going to get rid of that frightful jinx which clutches the high executive post of its national committee.

The Nye committee investigating senatorial campaign funds has found out that much. It certainly was a very large surprise when Executive Director Robert H. Lucas of the Republican National Committee had to admit that he had gone to unprecedented lengths in an attempt to help the Ku Klux Klan and the power interests defeat Norris, the Republican candidate chosen in Republican primaries, and elect his Democratic opponent, former Senator Hitchcock.

Previously it had appeared that Lucas would be made national chairman, succeeding Senator Simon D. Fess of Ohio. Now it appears that someone will have to be found to succeed Lucas.

Others Flopped

The history of President Hoover's personal choices to head the national committee seem to demonstrate what a remarkably hardy institution the G. O. P. is to survive and thrive despite such political leadership. His best friends no longer credit Hoover with a shred of political acumen. First there was National Chairman Hubert Work, personal choice for the campaign, whose resignation was demanded in the midst of the 1928 fight by some of Hoover's strongest supporters. Work was finally eased out and in came the never-to-be-forgotten Claudius Huston, who flopped as a leader when he was revealed as the hero of certain lobbying-financial transactions which made his ejection a vital necessity.

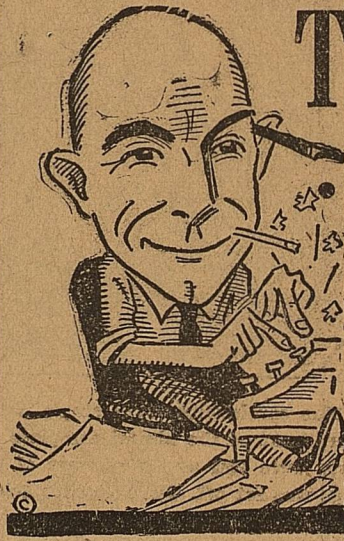
The next chairman was Fess. No one hailed Fess as a "master mind," as they had Huston. He was just a symbol of the ultimate in conservative Republicanism, personally upright and devoted to Hoover. The only trouble with Fess was that he refused to be a mere symbol. He sought to become the party spokesman and, in a post-election statement promising that the Republicans would be the dry party in 1932, precipitated an infernal wet-dry feud featured by several demands for his resignation. That resignation has been anticipated; no one had expected Fess to lead the big presidential fight in 1932.

Another "Personal Choice"

Meanwhile, as if there wasn't enough trouble to be had from the national chairmanship, Hoover and the party heads created the new post of executive director for Lucas, then commissioner of internal revenue. Lucas was supposed to supply the brains so long and sadly lacking in party direction; to do the real effective work for which Fess wasn't fitted. He was another "personal choice" and there really must have been something extraordinary about him, for, after "careful study" of November election re-

er the beef tonnage will not be so heavy, and reports show that the supply of meat in cold storage is not excessive—in fact, is smaller than usual.

"A lack of buying power has been generally considered the major cause for price declines on meats and with the Government and all branches of industry focusing their attention to relieving this condition, producers of meat should be among the first to benefit from a change in general conditions."



The Town Quack

Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.

The Hankins and Arkansas poem contest to know that this is not entered for a prize:

"When tires never go flat and gas is free When silk is the price of calico and I'm not me When it's always dark and never light When the grass is red and black is white When there are no detour signs about Well, maybe then, I'll forget to shout Good wishes when it's Christmas time to you!"

I've been looking about lately to see who has the best job. Of course the fellow who can hold his job these days is fixed up pretty well, but at the same time some jobs are better than others. Two or three years ago the cowpunchers began to forsake their jobs for better paying propositions. They began working in oil fields, driving trucks, building houses and doing all sorts of work that offered better money.

Then they began buying two or three suits of clothes, automobiles, houses or paying rent, board and other expenses they were not used to. Their income climbed and their expenses mounted.

Work began to drop off in oil fields and in the building game.

I was talking to a cowboy who has stuck with his job all through these prosperous times and is still working at it. He has a nice bank balance, works for probably \$50 a month but gets all he can eat along with it. He doesn't have to pay rent, doesn't own a car although he could pay cash for one if he wanted it. His expenses are small, buying his work clothes as he needs them and wearing his "good suit" when he comes to town, which is seldom. If there's a job to be had that I haven't seen it. I'd hate to have to come clean and tell that cowpuncher what I make and what I have to spend.

Millard Eldson and son, Scharbauer, were in Midland this morning from their home in Lovington, New Mexico, on business.

Miss Katherine Smith has returned from Merkel where she spent the holidays with friends.

Miss Jean Rogers has returned to Midland after a Christmas vacation with relatives in Waco.

Miss Doris Moore returned late last week from Ft. Worth where she spent a few days with relatives.

There is a difference between "Greasing" and Lubricating a car. Let our Specialists convince you—Ever-Ready Auto Service.

SOCIETY

Unions of Baptist Church Elect New Officers for Year

Young people of the Baptist church from the ages 18 to 25 organized a B. Y. P. U. at the church Sunday evening. At the same time other organized unions selected officers for the new year's work.

Officers for the new union are Lawrence Tiffin, president; Nez Cosper, vice-president; Ida Mae Houston, secretary; Obara Hines, corresponding secretary; Sarah Lee Matthews, treasurer; Wesley Sperry, chorister; Leon Arnett, quiz leader; Evelyn Adams, pianist; Evelyn Adams and Joe Mieschell, group captains.

Seniors elected Sammie Lane Cobb, president; Clifton Huntsman, vice-president; Edward Baker, secretary; Laura Shelburne, corresponding secretary; John McGrew, chorister; Sammie Lane Cobb, pianist; F. H. Lanham, quiz leader; Dorothy Hines and Christine Meadows, group captains.

Intermediates selected Juanita Cox, president; Katie B. Long, vice-president; Charline Parrott, secretary; Felix Haltom, corresponding secretary; Barbara Gann, Bible leader; Helen Foster, chorister; Nedda Jim Hicks, pianist; Janie McMullan and Jean Arnett, group captains.

Junior officers are Curtis Miles, president; Mary Elizabeth Newman, vice-president; Ina Bess Hicks, secretary; Jess Miles, chorister; DeLores Huntsman, Raymond Moreland and Ruth Meadows, group captains.

Mrs. W. E. Umberson is general director of the unions and her sponsors are Mrs. George H. Haltom, senior; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burris, intermediates; Miss Lois Walker and Mr. Ray Coleman, junior.

Associational Union Meets in Panther Draw Sunday

The December meeting of the Associational B. Y. P. U. of this district was held at Panther Draw Sunday afternoon, being postponed from the previous Sunday because of bad weather.

"Majoring on Soul Winning" was the subject discussed by the young people. Mr. Wesley Sperry of Midland representing the local union with the discussion of "The Lost in Our Association."

Midland Women Go To Odessa Social

Mmes. W. R. Bowden, Chambers Peak, E. M. Agreluis and H. H. Meeks were guests at a 1 o'clock luncheon in Odessa today at the home of Mrs. Tom Keyes.

The affair was one of the outstanding on Odessa's social calendar of New Year's week.

Personals

C. A. McClintic and family returned last night from their ranch southeast of Midland where they spent the week end.

Mrs. Robert Wright and daughter, Helen, returned Sunday from a Christmas visit in Weatherford, Ft. Worth and Dallas.

Miss Mary Rambo returned to Midland Sunday evening from Temple and Dallas where she visited her relatives during a Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Mattie Joe Compton returned to her home in Lamesa Saturday afternoon after a brief stay with friends in Midland.

Mrs. G. T. Sandidge and son, Madison, of Abilene were visitors in Midland over the week end.

J. C. Thompson is expected to return Thursday from Dallas where he is spending a vacation with relatives.

A. L. Johnson of Big Spring spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Johnson, in Midland.

J. S. Paterson and family will leave soon for their new home in Kansas City. The Patersons have been in Midland about two years in the baking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and daughter, Fredda Faye, have returned from a holiday vacation in Ballinger.

Mrs. D. E. Carter and daughter, Kathryn, are back from a visit with relatives in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wimberly and Wallace Wimberly returned late Sunday from El Paso where they spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Wimberly.

Announcements

Friday The Belmont Bible class will meet at the home of Mrs. D. E. Holster, 1303 South Colorado at 3 o'clock.

Local Housewives' Choice Recipes

Buckwheat is an excellent winter grain since it provides many heat producing calories. A menu including buckwheat cakes has been arranged for your use.

Yeast Buckwheat Cakes One-half compressed yeast cake, 1/2 cup lukewarm water, 3 more cups warm water, 3 cups buckwheat, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon soda.

Soften yeast cake in 1/2 cup lukewarm water. When thoroughly dissolved add salt, sugar and 2 1/2 cups warm water. Add buckwheat flour and mix until perfectly smooth. Cover and let stand in a warm place over night. In the morning dissolve soda in remaining half cup water and beat into batter. Let stand five or ten minutes and bake on a hot, well greased griddle. The batter

should be quite thin and runny. Buckwheat cakes require a hotter griddle than corn meal or wheat cakes. Some of the batter can be saved and used as a "starter" for another baking instead of using a fresh yeast cake. They are even better after the first day as the "seed" seems to ripen and produce a better cake.

Quick Buckwheat Cakes One and one-half cups buckwheat flour, 3-4 cup wheat flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 5 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon melted shortening, 1 egg, 2 1/2 cups sweet milk. Mix dry ingredients. Add milk slowly, stirring to make smooth. Add beaten egg and beat until smooth. Add melted shortening and beat one minute. Bake on a hot, well greased griddle.

D. D. Shiflett returned Sunday evening from Abilene where he spent the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. A. J. Florey returned Saturday evening from Mineral Wells after a visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Birdwell.

Clyde Baxley and family and O. W. Baxley and family spent Sunday afternoon visiting in Rankin.

F. W. Powledge and Miss Flora Emerson returned to their home in Eldorado, Ark., this morning after visiting a few days with Mr. Powledge's son, Harvey, and the Drew Ruple family. Miss Carolyn Emerson who has been in Midland several weeks returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simms will return tonight from Dallas and Breckenridge where they spent the Christmas holidays.

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Members of Mrs. J. M. White Family Have Reunion Here

A reunion of every member of the family of Mrs. J. M. White was held in Midland last week at the White home. Four sisters, their husbands and children, a brother and his family, and the parents were here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Garber, the parents, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth, were here from Crosbyton. Others were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Garber and sons, J. F. III, and R. E. Jr., of Pyote; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pugh and children, Betty Grace and Jimmy of Iraan; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Herrington and son, Jack, of Westbrook; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hampton and son, Byron, of Wink.

Mrs. Goldsmith Is Member of National, Better Homes Group

Appointment to the national committee of Better Homes in America was received last week from Washington by Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith. The letter asked the Midland woman to serve as head of any Better Home activities in Midland.

Many national notables are members of the board and committee which launch Better Home campaigns throughout the entire United States.

City League Union Will Name New Officers

A new year's activities for the City League Union will begin with the election of officers at the First Baptist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Leon Arnett will act as official host for the Baptist young people and recreational periods have been planned.

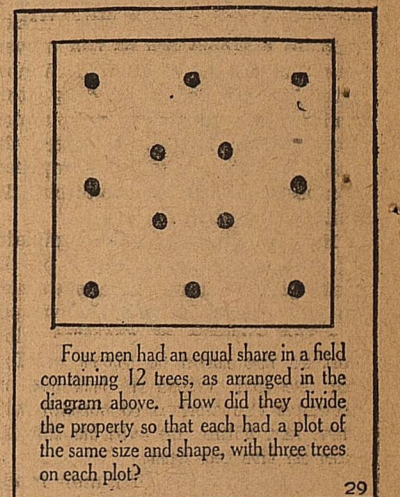
All young people of the city are invited to these meetings.

Reservations for New Year's Party Are Going Fast

Only 25 reservations are now available for the New Year's Eve watch party at Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday evening, according to announcement made this morning by Hotel Manager Arthur Juby.

Decorations will be especially colorful in the ball room and also on the mezzanine floor where foursome tables will be placed. Novelty entertainment numbers are being rehearsed under the direction of Mr. Juby each day before the performance. A ten-piece orchestra of the Scharbauer has arranged a delightful program of music and the same number of special entertainers will appear during the supper.

STICKERS



Four men had an equal share in a field containing 12 trees, as arranged in the diagram above. How did they divide the property so that each had a plot of the same size and shape, with three trees on each plot?

Every Branch of Beauty Work. Arnoa Scalp Treatment. Hotel Scharbauer Beauty Shop Phone 807 Mrs. Henderson

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In Gay Colors and Black. See our windows.

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# Want Ads

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES AND INFORMATION

Cash must accompany all orders for classified ads, with a specified number of days for each to be inserted.

CLASSIFIEDS will be accepted until 12 at noon on week days and 6 p. m. Saturday for Sunday issues.

PROPER classification of advertisements will be done in the office of The Reporter-Telegram. ERRORS appearing in classified ads will be corrected without charge by notice given immediately after the first insertion.

RATES:  
2c a word a day.  
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MINIMUM charges:  
1 Day 25c  
2 Days 50c  
3 Days 60c.

FURTHER information will be given gladly by calling—

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### 2. For Sale or Trade

#### DO YOU WANT?

A practically new 5 room home, modern, and well located for \$2,500. with \$250. cash balance like rent. Also practically new 6 room Modern Stucco home, located in Country Club Heights at \$5,500 with \$500 cash balance like rent.

Also practically new 4 room home modern, located in Country Club Heights at \$3,500.00 with \$250.00 cash balance like rent.

For Rent  
Modern 5 room frame house on South Loraine Street. Price \$35.00 per month.

Lots in any part of the city on terms of \$25.00 cash balance \$10 monthly. Investigate many of our good buys.

GRAFA-GARLINGTON CO.  
105 West Wall Phone 356

Team of small mules, wagon and harness. Southern Ice & Utilities Co. 252-62

Small down payment—balance like rent—two houses—close in. Need sell at once. Sparks & Barron. 251-32

Ford Tudor sedan, bought this year, driven 8,000 miles, cash \$300.00. Bill Miller, 1500 South Loraine. 252-3p

### 4. Furnished Apts.

THREE room apartment furnished. Also two room house unfurnished. 305 East Kentucky. 252-4p

TWO large south rooms down stairs. \$27.50. Utilities furnished. 601 North San Angelo. 253-3p

TWO rooms kitchenette apartment furnished. Mrs. H. K. Klapproth. Phone 391. 402 South Marientfield. 252-3p

TWO-ROOM apartment. Nicely furnished. Modern. Reasonable. 801 South Weatherford. 253-3p

THREE room duplex apartment. Two beds andavenport bed. Garage. 409 West Texas Ave. 253-32

### 15) Furnished Houses

Five rooms—Nicely furnished. 917 W. Illinois. B. F. Whitefield at Midland Mercantile. 252-3p

### 6. Unfurnished Houses

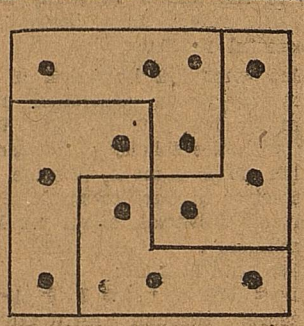
South side duplex, real nice, two bedrooms. Extremely large closets. Mrs. J. T. Ragsdale. 407 North Marientfield. 251-32

### 10. Bedrooms

EXTRA nice, steam heated rooms. \$3.50 week and up. Llano hotel. 252-3p

The Coliseum and Live Stock Pavilion at Toronto, Canada, is said to be the largest show building of its type in the world. It covers sixteen and a half acres under one roof and has seating accommodations for 12,000 persons.

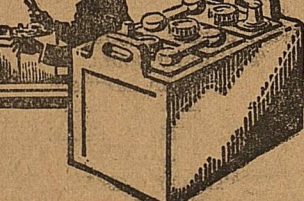
### Stickler Solution



The diagram shows how four men divided a field into four parts, of the same size and shape, each part containing three trees.

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Complete Battery, Starter and Generator Service  
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Phone 600  
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Newest, largest and most sanitary arranged dairy in Midland County.

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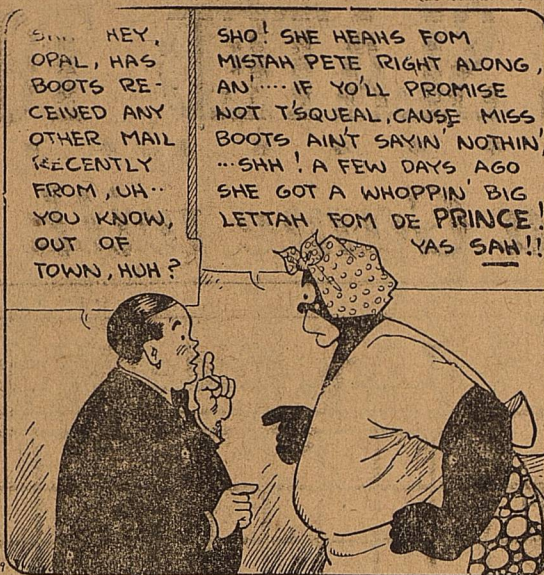
### Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc. Daily Schedules

East Bound	West Bound
10:55 A. M.	10:50 A. M.
1:55 P. M.	2:40 P. M.
6:40 P. M.	6:35 P. M.

The schedule to Fort Worth and East—1:10 A. M.  
The schedule to El Paso and West—3:35 A. M.

Connections west to El Paso and Los Angeles, East to Fort Worth, Dallas, North out of Pecos to Carlsbad, Carlsbad Caverns, Roswell and Denver. North to Lamesa, Lubbock and Amarillo. South to San Angelo and San Antonio. Special buses everywhere at any time. Ten per cent discount on round trip tickets.

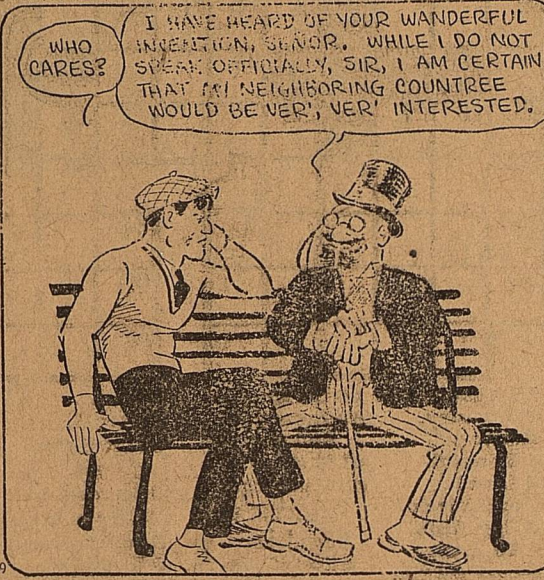
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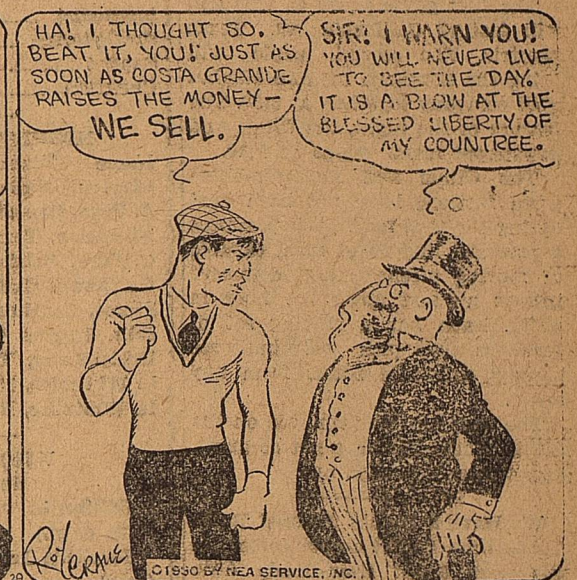
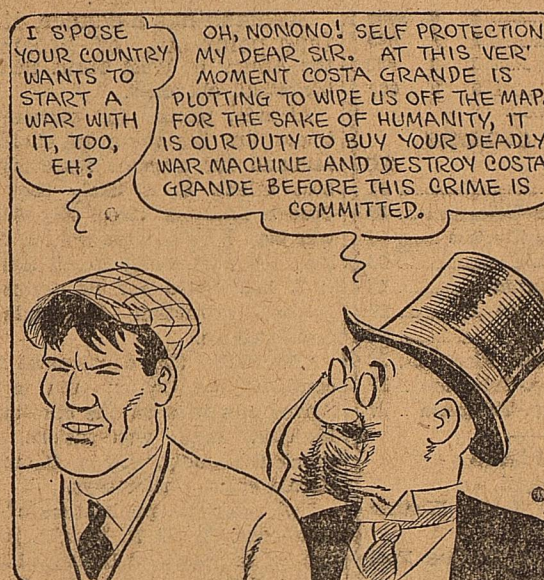
### Personal Correspondence

By Martin

### WASH TUBBS



### Another Enemy

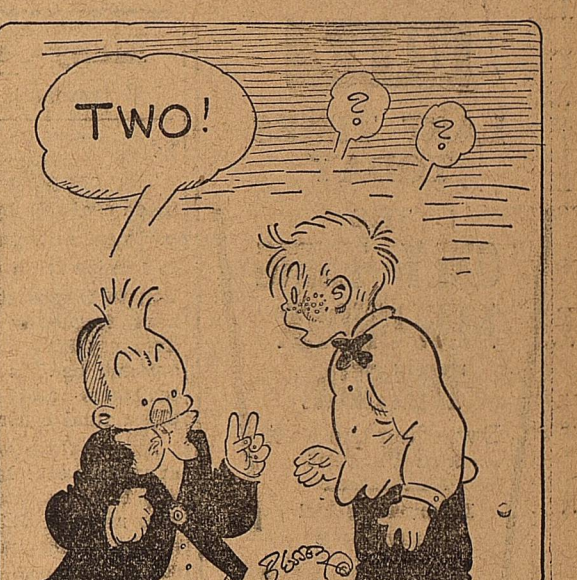
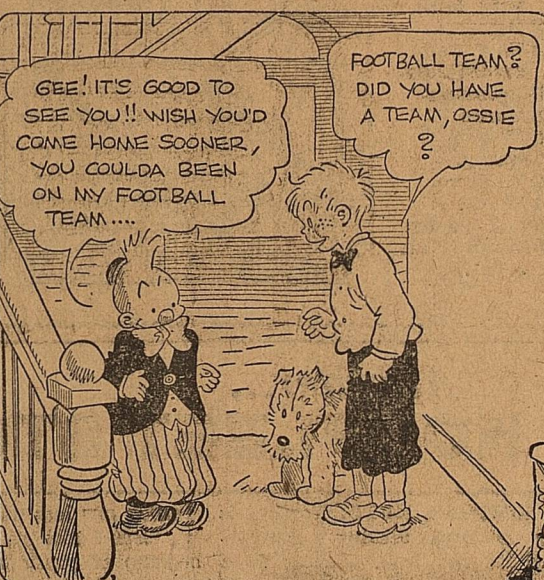
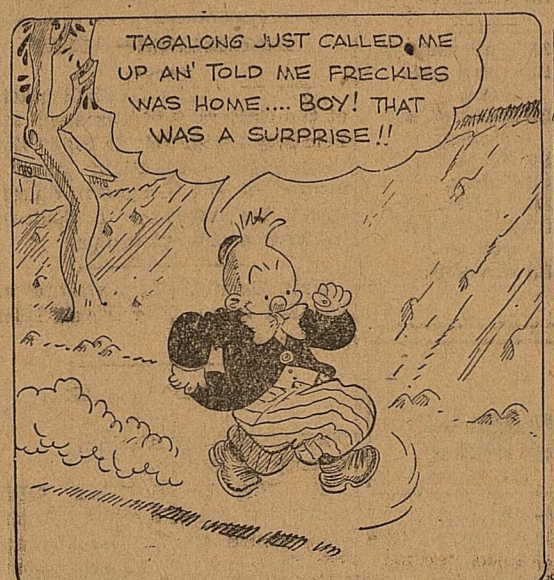


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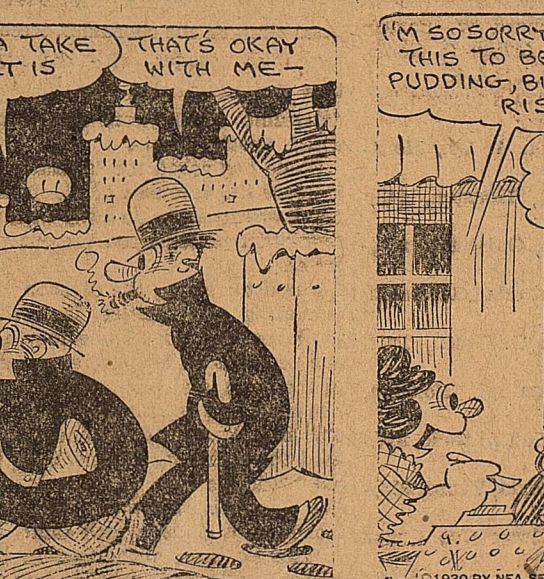
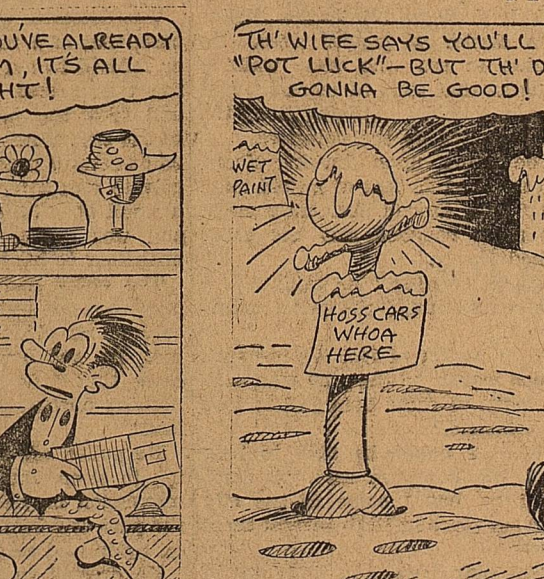
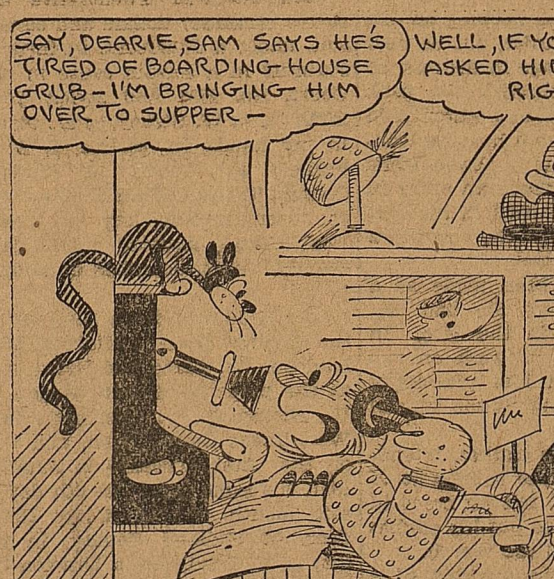
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### Appropriate!

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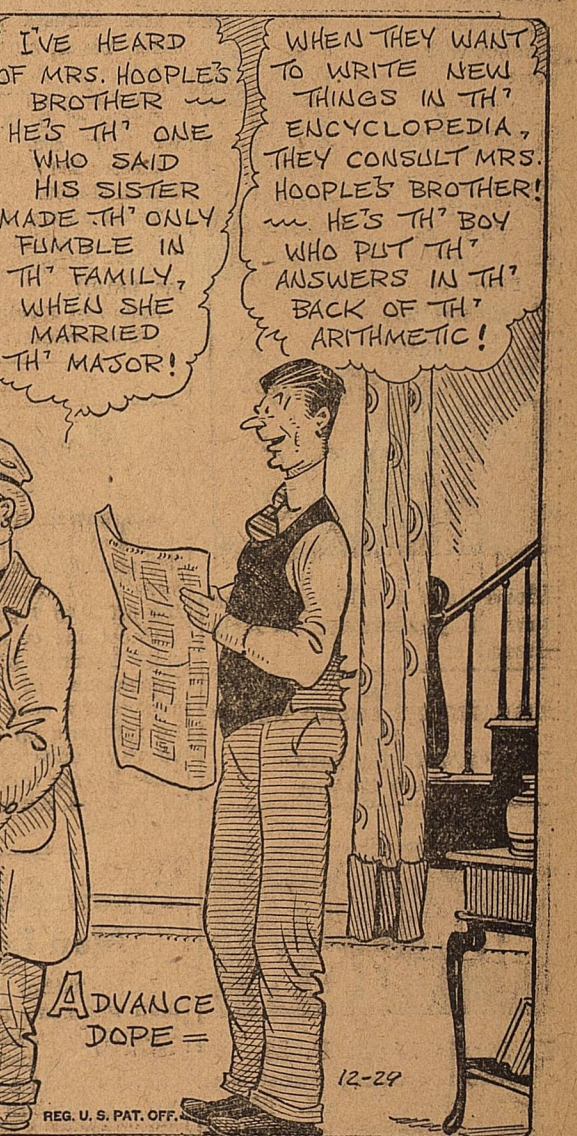
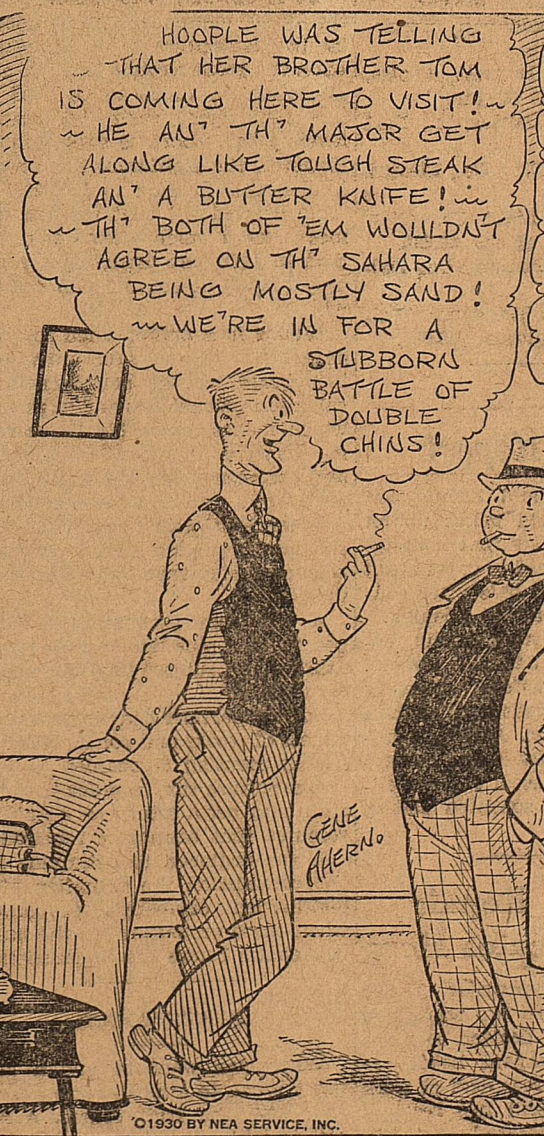
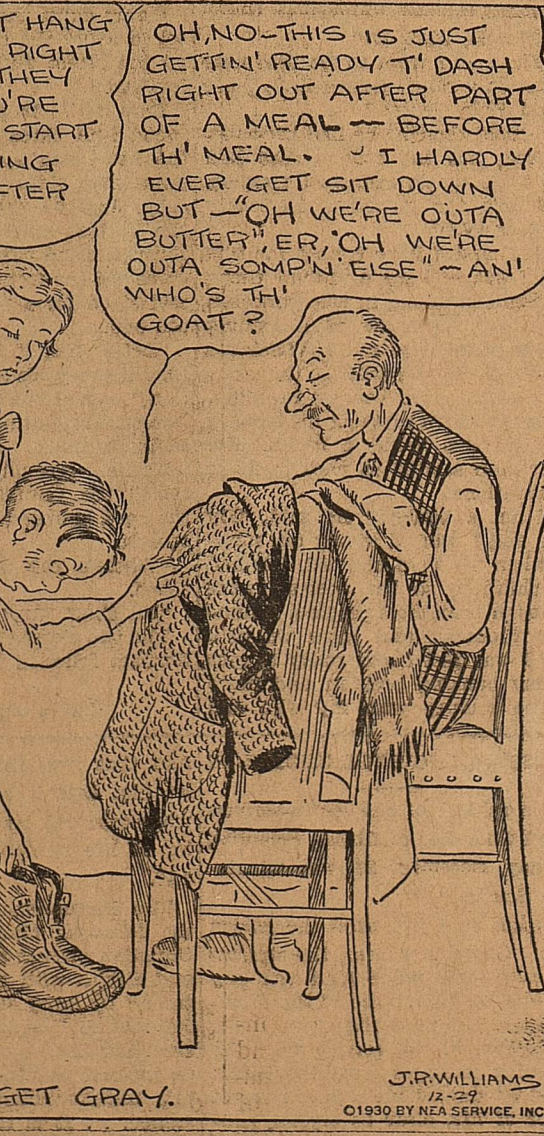
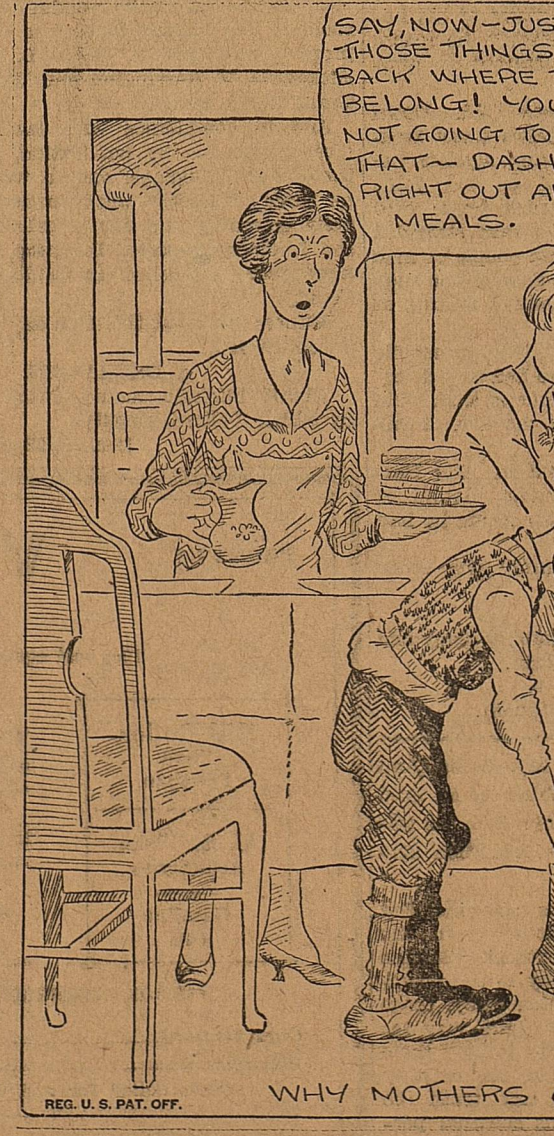


### OUT OUR WAY

### By Williams

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



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# THREE FAST GAMES ARE SLATED TONIGHT IN SCHARBAUER GYM

## CLINIC-NEWSPAPER GAME TO MAKE CHAMPION

Three fast industrial basketball games will be played this evening in the Scharbauer gym on East Wall. The last, between the Clinic and Reporter-Telegram, will practically decide the winner of the first half schedule.

The three games can be seen for a blanket charge of 25 cents; that is, a quarter allows one to see all games.

The first game starts at 7:30 and will feature California vs. Texas Electric. The second game will bring the Southern Ice and Hughes Tool company together, at 8:30. The feature of the night, the Clinic and newspaper team, begins at 9:30.

The Clinic and Reporter-Telegram factions have not been beat during the first half. Each possesses a powerful line-up of men, capable of moving offensive and defensive masses up and down the floor in unity. Each has a sniping set of forwards that pick off balleys through the iron bands from any angle.

The odds on this game are on the Clinic. These odds are not so great, however, as two days ago.

We Have a Highly Trained Buick Lubrication Expert on our force. See the work done! Ever-Ready Auto Service.

## Big Spring Wants a Game with Cage Loop of Midland

### Basket Ball

#### HOW THEY STAND

Club—	W. L.	Pct.
Midland Clinic	3 0	1000
Reporter-Telegram	3 0	1000
California	1 2	333
Southern Ice	1 2	333
Texas Electric	1 2	333
Hughes Tool	0 3	000

#### Church League

Club—	W. L.	Pct.
Methodist	2 0	1000
Presbyterian	1 1	500
Baptist	1 1	500
Christian	0 2	000

#### HIGHEST SCORERS

Name	Team	TP
Clayton, Clinic		51
A. Pope, Reporter-Telegram		33
Nicholson, Texas Electric		31
C. Pope, California		29
Caraway, California		28
Pierce, Southern Ice		26
Ellis, Hughes Tool		25
Bridgewater, Texas Electric		22
L. Whitmire, Rep.-Telegram		17
R. Whitmire, Rep.-Telegram		17

#### WHO PLAYS Tonight

California vs. Texas Electric (7:30 p. m.)
Southern Ice vs. Hughes Tool (8:30)
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## Many Get Money--

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The complete outlay of figures made available by the Treasury Department announcement is expected to furnish fresh supply of ammunition to Democrats in Congress who have frequently had Secretary of Treasury Mellon under fire for the amount he has refunded wealthy taxpayers and Republican campaign fund contributors.

Among those who received smaller returns are: Ignac Jan Paderewski, Polish statesman and pianist, who received \$4,359, former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey \$1,114; Alla Nazimova \$562.00; former Ambassador James W. Gerard \$2,748; Representative Bertrand H. Snell, Republican, New York, chairman of the House Rules Committee \$4,156; Bernard W. Baruch \$1,669 and Senator Arthur R. Gould, Republican, Maine, \$11,494.

Texas individuals and corporations receiving funds were:

Anderson, Clayton & Co., Houston, \$41,385.

M. D. Anderson, Houston, \$12,021.

Narciso Estrada, Galveston, \$15,797.

Mrs. Narciso Estrada, Galveston, \$13,992.

Estate of Joseph G. Green, Taft, \$18,408.

Estate of H. Hamilton, Houston, \$14,158.

Edward Seeling, San Antonio, \$17,825.

Smith Oil Co., Mexia, Texas, \$33,508.

Sugar Land Railway Co., Sugar Land, Texas, \$17,117.

Texas Co., (New York City address given) \$11,585.

Texas & Gulf S. S. Co. (Washington D. C. address given) \$23,002.

Mrs. William Buchanan, Texarkana, Texas, \$10,710.

Estate of S. B. Burnett, (Tulsa, Okla. address given) \$29,016.

Estate of S. B. Cante, sr., Fort Worth, \$24,458.

Electra Ice & Milling Co., Electra, Texas, \$13,259.

Texas Power & Light Co., (New York City address given) \$8,839.

Texas & Pacific Railway Co., Dallas, \$40,911.

Estate of Electra Waggoner (Tulsa, Okla. address given) \$12,080.

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A gas engineer, to determine for the commission the valuation of a distribution company's properties, when these properties are the bases of disputes before the commission.

### Market Report

Short covering and commission house buying firmed prices up on cotton exchange after first hour today and list advanced to gains about twenty five cents a bale after selling off 5 to 7 points at opening.

Undertone of market strong, despite issuance of January notices. Circulation of notices promptly stopped by spot houses, they had no influence on list. Activity picked up on advance trade and cooperative buying increased. Hedge selling slowed down, southern selling scattered.

### Typewriter Repair Man Locates Here

L. H. Tiffin, typewriter repair man who came here two weeks ago from El Paso, has decided to make Midland his permanent headquarters. He found a great deal of work waiting for him and has received encouragement to locate here. Tiffin is making his office with the West Texas Office Supply.

## THIRTEEN LOOPERS MAKING BIDS FOR TEAM

An all-city basketball team from Midland entered in the Fort Worth basketball tournament to be held before long—that is the hope of the hottest cage fans here.

Midland has a chance, these fans point out, of becoming the Athens of West Texas through basketball channels.

Already, teams in surrounding towns are beginning to challenge Midland for a game featuring its best talent. It is likely that the Cosden Refiners from Big Spring will play here against such a Midland team Thursday night, a night that has slated for its Industrial league attraction California vs. Southern Ice.

"Every day this department feels confident the Cosden crew of Big Spring can take on the choicest of Midland cage aggregations and spank it soundly," Bobby Campbell, Herald sports writer says.

Following the publication of the statement, Dr. T. R. Wright, president of the Midland Industrial Basketball league, went to Big Spring and virtually cinched a Thursday night game. Other announcements will be made relative to this later in the week.

In the meantime, here is what appears to be the best men who would make bids for places on the all city team:

Forwards—C. Pope, California; A. Pope, Reporter-Telegram; Pierce, Southern Ice; Nicholson, Texas Electric; R. Whitmire, Reporter-Telegram.

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### Gas Tax--

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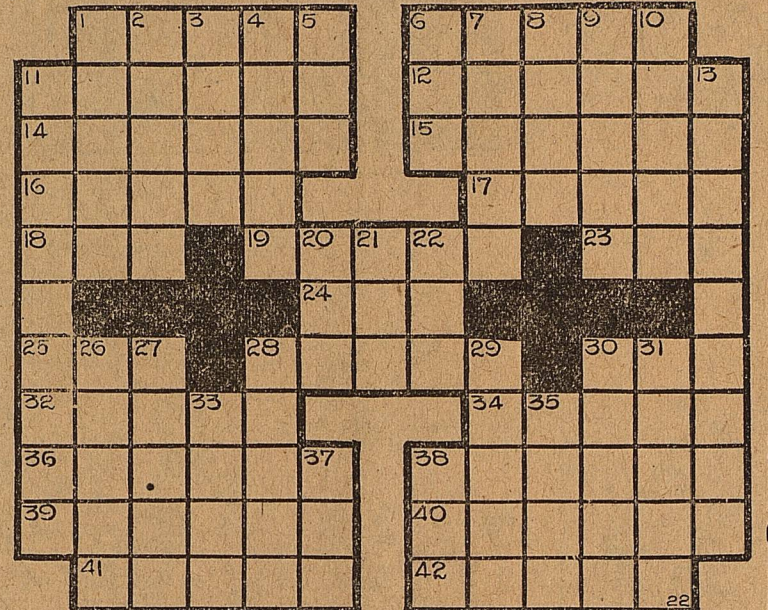
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### Party Touch

When you want to add a gala party touch to a meal, serve a blossom with the fruit course. A few violets with grapefruit, a primrose with a fruit cup, or a cyclamen beside the endive or lettuce salad.

## Long Side Words



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Tapestry.
  - 6 Savory.
  - 11 Merciful.
  - 12 Loved excessively.
  - 14 Egg dish.
  - 15 To give.
  - 16 Coal digger.
  - 17 Pepper nut.
  - 18 Queer.
  - 19 Time in a verb form.
  - 23 Before.
  - 24 To regret exceedingly.
  - 25 Possesses.
  - 28 Marks.
  - 30 Mineral spring.
  - 32 To deem.
  - 34 Silent.
  - 36 Indigenous.
  - 38 Scene of an event.
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Swollen.
  - 2 To reform one's self.
  - 3 Wan.
  - 4 Torpid.
  - 5 Matching same sound groups.
  - 6 Sorrowful.
  - 7 Clay house.
  - 8 Johnnycake.
  - 9 Wrathful.
  - 10 To restrain through fear.
  - 11 Word having same sound as another.
  - 13 Representatives.
  - 20 Silkworm.
  - 21 Content worker.
  - 22 To observe.
  - 26 Aside.
  - 27 Oriental guitar.
  - 28 Embankment.
  - 29 Outer garment.
  - 30 Shaft of a feather.
  - 31 Heaps.
  - 33 Unless.
  - 35 Acidity.
  - 37 To make a mistake.
  - 38 Directed.

## SATURDAY'S ANSWER

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Norfleet is in California seeking a murderer. He has been walking in a park considering the slimmness of clouds. He sees someone walking in the park towards him.

Norfleet stepped into the shelter of a cluster of pepper trees. He wanted to see who was walking alone at that time of morning, and why he should be walking along the path selected by the detective.

The figure, upon drawing closer, was revealed as that of an old man. Gray hair. Drawn. Evidently tired.

Norfleet coughed and the other turned slowly.

"Good morning," he said.

"Good morning," the detective answered.

"As a matter of fact it's not such a good morning," the gray man said, musingly. "I came here just to look for someone."

"Well, I might be able to help you," the detective said. "I don't live here, but I come to the city from my place in Utah several times a year."

"The man I want to find lives in Texas, in the Panhandle," the older man said.

Norfleet looked at the man with increased interest. "Amarillo's in the Panhandle, ain't it?"

"The man I want to see lives near there, on a ranch near a little place called Hale Center."

Norfleet thought he had been recognized, but the other's face had lost none of its saddened fixation.

"That's the detective, isn't it?" Norfleet asked.

"Yes, and I have a case for him and I was told my a mutual friend he might be found in this park. Mr. (he gave the name of a leading banker of the city) said Norfleet had been at his bank earlier in the evening and intended coming here."

The detective revealed his identity and the two found a bench. The older man started at once to make explanations.

"I am a banker," he said. "My wife and I started saving our money when we were married. We had no children, so the account went up faster than most people's. A hundred thousand and more we had, and I was just about ready to give up my banking position and move to the country with my wife and

### Another... NORFLEET STORY

enjoy our last days together.

"But I lost my little fortune to a group of confidence agents. I have reason to believe they are still in California. That is why I have searched for you. If you will come with me—"

The detective was working on one case, that of a murder, but he never refused to aid age in distress, so the two walked through the park and took the banker's automobile to the city. Within an hour he looked at several papers in the banker's private wall safe, made an entry in a small book he carried in his coat and was driven by the banker's chauffeur to his hotel.

The entry had been made as a psychological gesture. He had uncovered no clues in the case. In fact, he was now at work on two cases that offered him practically nothing encouraging in the way of leads.

He pulled off his clothes, intending to sleep. But the same sort of impression he had felt on cases in the past told him to put his clothes on again and start the search.

He dressed in the clothing of a laborer; concrete splashed shoes, heavy black sweater, rough shirt and a battered hat.

Going down the stairs of his hotel to avoid the elevator, he reached the street and started an aimless stroll.

Rain fell. It grew cold. Dawn found him three miles away from the hotel and leaning against the uninviting sides of an old paint shop. Just as the sun broke over the horizon and its rays straggled through cloud rifts a couple of men came out the front door of the shop and stood for a moment looking at the better.

"Better risk it in the automobile even if the roads are bad that direction," one of the fellows said. "Old Bascome is getting the town turned inside out."

Norfleet recognized in "Old Bascome" the familiar appellation of the aged banker with whom he had spoken.

"Where's the stuff?" the other asked.

"I'll show you."

The two started walking away and Norfleet followed them.

To be continued.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

The subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, December 28, was "Christian Science."

Psalms 46:4 furnished the golden text: "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High."

Included in the service were the following passages from the Bible: "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. . . . And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let

## JOHN ERSKINE COMMENDS "A LADY SURRENDERS" AS A GOOD PICTURE

One of the most famous writers in America, John Erskine, is the author of "A Lady Surrenders," the Universal special production which comes to the Ritz theatre Tuesday with a remarkable cast headed by Conrad Nagel, Genevieve Tobin, Basil Rathbone and Rose Hobart.

The picture is from Erskine's celebrated best seller, "Sincerity," his first modern novel. The distinguished college professor, novelist, poet and musician had attained great fame with his "Private Life of Helen of Troy," which went into many editions, and was followed by "Galahad," and "Adam and Eve," but "Sincerity" is different from these. Written with the same brilliance and extraordinary character delineation, it is a story of modern life, a rendering of the triangle in an utterly new form, and prime material for a talking photoplay.

Universal purchased the picture rights, and the screen result carries the sophistication and clever inter-play of personalities which are inherent in everything that Erskine has done in the fiction field. Having established his right to great success in the telling of modern stories, Erskine has followed up the vogue of "Sincerity" with "Uncle Sam," and he will return to his earlier mood with the forthcoming publication of "Cinderella's Daughter."

John Erskine is one of the most interesting men in the world. He has been a professor of English Literature at Columbia University for fifteen years. Himself an accomplished pianist (he has given concerts in New York to very critical, but approving, audiences), he is chairman of the administrative committee of the Juillard School of Music. During the war he was chairman of the Educational Commission of the A. E. F. and Educational Director of the famous A. E. F. University at Beaune, France. He is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and he received from the United States Government the Distinguished Service Medal for his services in the war. He is the author of many books, poems, essays, texts for students and successful novels.

But what did he think of the photoplay which Universal made from his book, "Sincerity"? Writing with the felicity of phrase for which he is famous, Erskine sent this letter to Carl Laemmle, President of Universal, about "A Lady Surrenders":

"Dear Mr. Laemmle: "Last Friday night I had the pleasure, through Mr. Gulick's courtesy, of seeing "The Lady Surrenders." I want to congratulate you on a very fine film. The cast seems to me remarkable, and the pictorial work quite up to your high standard. It seems to me you have got into the story suspense and interest, and I have no doubt that the public will enjoy it. My best wishes for the picture!

"The charges you made in the story in obedience to censorship requirements I think are extremely well managed. The Carl episode I thought very fine indeed. I still am puzzled, as we often are, at the necessity which film directors feel to make such wide changes in the book material they work on. But you must be used to queries of authors, and I therefore say no more.

"With cordial regard, "Faithfully yours, "John Erskine."

### HORSEHEADERS START

AUSTIN. (AP).—Baseball practice at the University of Texas will start February 1 with "Uncle Billy" Disch beginning his twentieth year as mentor of the Longhorn diamond squad. He has won 18 Southwest conference championships.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, on the 9th day of December 1930, by Nettie C. Romer, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Seventeen Hundred Twenty-five and 99-100 (\$1725.99) dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Plaintiff in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2371 and styled Terry Elkin vs. L. W. Hickey, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis as Sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 9, 10 and 11 in Block 67 of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of T. S. Hogan, L. W. Hickey, D. V. Harrington and West Texas Construction, and that on the first Tuesday in January 1931, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Midland County, in the City of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, for the property of said T. S. Hogan, L. W. Hickey, D. V. Harrington and West Texas Construction.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of December 1930.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff Midland County, Texas. By Fisher Pollard, Deputy.

Dec. 15, 22, 29.

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And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of December 1930.

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