

WEST TEXAS—Increasing cloud-ness and colder in the southwest with near freezing temperature to-night. Partly cloudy with rising temperature tonight. Partly cloudy with rising temperature Tuesday.

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"The aim of the politician is not truth but success at the polls."
—Dr. Cyril Norwood.

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GAS COMPANY AUDIT REQUESTED

'Blonde and Dude' Sought in Cleveland Mystery Death

FISHERMEN AND COAST GUARD RESCUED TODAY FROM FLOES

LAST OF THOSE ON LAKE ICE

Howling Winds Cause Of Ice Breakage Saturday

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9. (P)—Seven coast guardsmen and the three fishermen they attempted to rescue yesterday from a drifting ice floe in Lake Erie were brought safely to shore today and were able to make their way across the ice to land.

The fishermen were the last of a group of 20 cast adrift Saturday when the ice from which they fished snapped away from the main body.

Cry for Aid
BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9. (UP)—Ten men drifting toward Buffalo on a Lake Erie ice floe were heard calling on the opposite side, Pinehurst, 11 miles southwest of here early today.

Three coast guardsmen and three fishermen started out across the ice but the voices faded. They continued, however, with hopes of effecting a rescue.

MEDICS MEET IN MIDLAND TONIGHT FOR DISCUSSIONS

Reading of a paper by Dr. Wilson of Odessa before the meeting here tonight of the Midland-Ector-Martin-Howard Medical association will be followed by a round-table discussion and relating of specific cases, Dr. A. M. Gantt, president, announced today.

A banquet in the Scharbauer hotel will be held at 7:30, and the program will follow.

OFFICIALS MUM ON DISMISSAL OF BUTLER CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (UP)—The Butler-Mussolini incident was a closed chapter today. All figures concerned refused to discuss the abrupt ending wherein the court martial proceedings against Major Smedley Butler for a speech in which he is alleged to have referred to Premier Mussolini of Italy as a "hit-and-run" driver.

The court martial proceedings, scheduled for February 16, were dropped by the Navy department, a reprimand being administered instead. The United States had apologized to Italy for the alleged insult.

Jailbreaker Shows Picture of "Aide"

HOUSTON, Feb. 9. (UP)—Tomie Reis, 23, jail breaker who was captured last night by Houston police, was returned to Galveston today where his sensational escape in January cost the life of Joe Meyer, jailer.

While in jail, Reis was awaiting outcome of his appeal of a thirty year sentence for robbery of an aged Galveston woman. He said he did not know the name of the man who freed him and shot the jailer but pointed out a picture in the rogue's gallery as the man.

On the Gas Fight

Vice President Gives Out Interview on Controversy

Despite rumors of an approaching fight against the West Texas Gas company, following issuance of December bills of the company which are alleged to be exorbitant, E. F. Hinchey, vice-president of the company, in an interview late Friday said that reports from all offices over the territory were that collections are coming in faster this month than those of the month previous, according to the Avalanche-Journal, Lubbock, which quotes the gas official as follows: "High bills, as charged by some of our consumers, are not limited to the territory served by the West Texas Gas company," Mr. Hinchey explained. "From report we have received at our offices, indications are that the situation is general over the state of Texas and parts of Oklahoma and Kansas.

Longer Period Covered
"I gather, from press reports, that the period in question would include the time from December 10 to January 21. The January bills cover a period of 32 days, compared with 29 days covered by the December statements. This fact means an increase of about 10 per cent in number of days.

"While we cannot regulate the amount of gas our consumers use, we urge that they take care the consumption does not exceed their actual need."

Explains Details
The vice-president, courteous in his reception, painstaking in his care to explain each complex detail of methods used by his company, stressed the fact that all agents of the company have been cautioned to be very courteous to customers and when any question regarding bills is advanced to thoroughly check each complaint and make every attempt to satisfy the consumer.

"When a gas bill is abnormally large, in almost every instance, there is a complete explanation for it when the facts and circumstances connected with the gas become known," he continued.

"For instance, when you find a sudden or unusual increase in your bill, ask yourself several questions. Does the bill cover the same number of days as the previous bills with which the current statement is compared? Has the weather been to blame? Has there been sickness in the house? Have I had company during the period? Have you servants or others used more gas than I am aware of? Have any additional gas appliances been installed during the period? Have I been wasteful because my appliances need adjusted?"

"When these questions have been asked, checked and found to be without foundation, we urge our consumers to come to our offices and we will do our utmost to help them locate their trouble."

Will Re-Read Meters
"We will gladly re-read the meter, check house lines for gas leakage and if they desire it, will change and test the meter free of charge. If we find a mistake has been made, we will cheerfully correct the error."

Commenting upon the recent order of the Lubbock City commission for a calorimeter, Hinchey expressed pleasure that such a machine had been authorized purchased and further said that officials of the West Texas Gas company would be only too glad to cooperate with city engineers in its operation.

"I was very glad to learn that the city commission had authorized the purchase of a calorimeter," he declared. "The continuous use of this instrument in the city should remove all doubt regarding the b. t. u. content of the gas being used within the city.

"In all instances, however, the b. t. u. content of our gas has been above the actual requirements." "Gas bills reached their peak in (See GAS OFFICIAL page 4)

Many Cities Throw in Hats; Complaints Are the Same

AMARILLO, Feb. 9. (P)—West Texas cities from Amarillo to Midland are up in arms since receiving their gas bills for the month of January.

Although January was one of the warmest winter months ever known generally throughout West Texas, householders are complaining that gas bills were the highest they have paid during the period of from three to five years they have burned natural gas.

Petition Circulated
A petition that is being circulated in Lubbock requesting the city commission to investigate allegedly "exorbitant prices we are now paying for gas" has been signed by about 500 customers of the West Texas Gas company. Although city officials have declined to comment on the protest, they have ordered a calorimeter installed to test the heat quality of the gas.

More than 200 users attended the city council meeting at Childress, and some of them have refused to pay their bills until an investigation is made. A petition presented to the city council at Memphis was signed by 400. These towns are served by Northern Texas Utilities company, and the row has led to a protest of the rate to domestic users of 75 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Many in Fight
Reports reaching Amarillo say that protests have been entered at Hereford, Friona, Plainview, Wellington, Quanah, Vernon, Chillicothe, Electra, Midland and others. High officials of the gas companies have been called on to investigate. They have announced that meter readings will be checked and the mains examined for defects.

By BOBBY CAMPBELL, (Herald City Editor)
BIG SPRING.—Residents of Big Spring can wait until Feb. 20 to pay their gas bills covering the period from December 21 to Jan. 21, without losing the ten per cent discount. Gil Cotton, manager of the Empire Southern Service Co., announced at a conference of city officials.

City Manager V. R. Smitham, Mayor J. B. Pickle, and Commissioner Goumou represented the city with Mr. Cotton representing the gas distributing company. The decision came as a result of numerous complaints filed with Smitham by residents who alleged unduly high gas bills.

At the conference, Smitham told Cotton that tests of gas had been sent to laboratories by officials of Midland, Smitham and Merle J. Stewart, city secretary attended a conference of gas officials and city officials at Midland Thursday. The Lubbock city manager also was present.

At Midland
Mayor Goodman asked the gas officials to extend the time of payment of bills until February 20 in order that reports from the investigation of allegedly high rates could be obtained. The gas company officials granted the request.

The cost of any additional investigation will be prorated on a meter basis between Midland, Lamesa, Lubbock and Big Spring. The results of the conference at Midland were given to Cotton and he readily agreed to granting the extension of time.

Cotton pointed out today that a test of the gas at Midland would be a minimum in regard to the amount of British Thermal Units per cubic foot, inasmuch as Big Spring residents received gas not only from the plains area but also the Howard County pool.

POTTER IS FOUND IN APARTMENT

GOP Leader's Head Mashed in With Instrument

CLEVELAND, Feb. 9.—(UP).—A blonde woman and a dudishly attired man were sought today as possible killers of "Rarin' Bill" Potter, republican leader, who was found with his head battered in in an apartment formerly occupied by the man and where the woman was seen. The body was found late yesterday.

The crime is Cleveland's greatest murder mystery in many years. Potter had been missing since last Tuesday. He was to have appeared in court today charged with perjury growing out of land fraud scandals that had disrupted the local republican machine.

LITTLE ACTIVITY IN COURT HERE UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Little activity is expected in district court here until next week, it was announced this morning. G. W. Dunaway, Midland attorney, was elected special judge this morning when Judge Chas. L. Klapproth held court in Big Spring.

The case of S. R. Preston vs. the Pure Oil company was called and was continued to the next term of court.

SENATE FAVORS CHANGING NAME OF TEXAS C. I. A.

AUSTIN, Feb. 9. (P)—The senate today approved changing the name of the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, to the Texas College for Women.

The senate then considered the house resolution memorializing congress to place a tariff or embargo on imported oil.

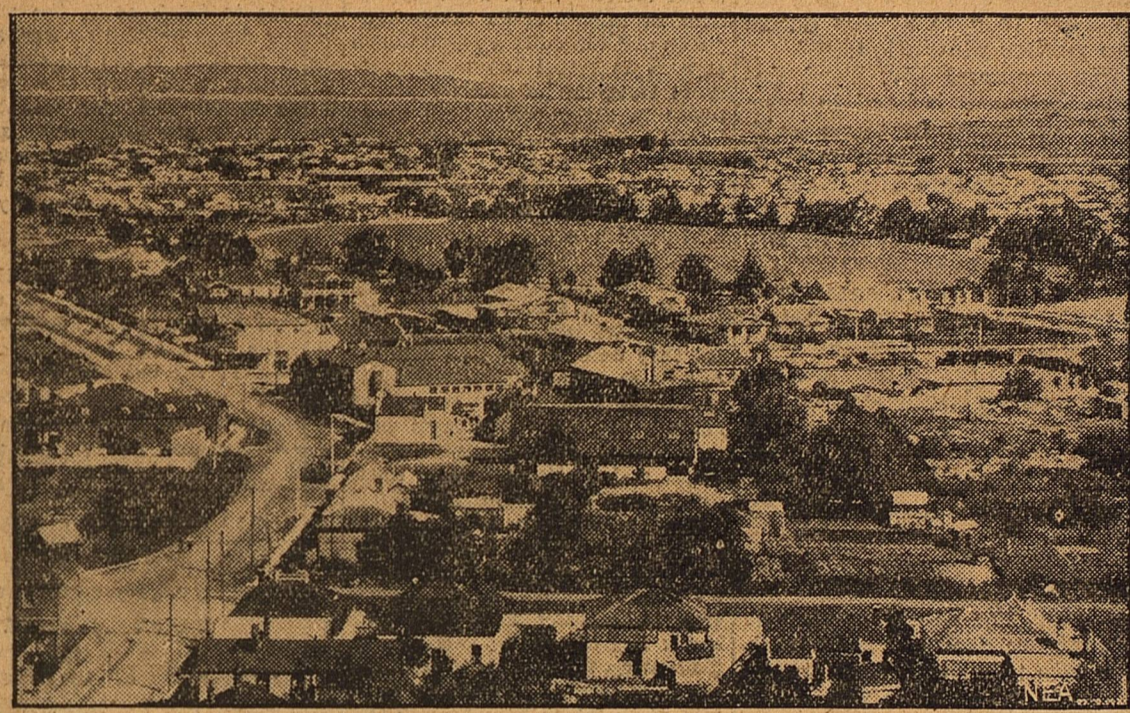
Counties Report Collections Normal

DALLAS, Feb. 9. (AP)—A survey today indicated that the Texas legislature's split tax payment arrangement, devised as a means of succoring property owners pinched for cash through general depression and drought, apparently was not generally embraced as a means of relief.

Nueces, Taylor, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Galveston counties reported payments near normal for this time. Some collectors reported large percentage of taxes paid before the legislature passed the emergency bill.

HAS OPERATION
Miss Willie Mae Wesson was resting quietly early this afternoon following a major operation at the hospital-clinic this morning.

New View of City Where 1000 Were Killed



This picture shows Napier, New Zealand, as it looked from the nearby hills before a series of earthquakes, a tidal wave and fire laid it in ruins and took a toll of 1000 lives. The bay is shown in the distance.

THREE DEAD IN MYSTERY FIRE

WEEK'S RAINS IN COUNTY FALL ON PLOWED ACREAGE

Total rainfall including Saturday and Sunday was 40 of an inch, Buster Howard, government weather observer, announced today. This precipitation followed closely upon rains earlier last week and fell on thousands of acres of newly plowed land in Midland and adjoining counties. The season in the ground at present is regarded as far above the average for this time of year.

Colder weather, increasing cloudiness and near-freezing temperature was forecast for tonight.

Maximum temperature today was 52 degrees, with minimum of 38. Maximum Sunday was 50.

DALLAS, Feb. 9. (UP).—Typical winter rain sent temperatures downward over the week end terminating in balmy weather. The Panhandle and upper Rio Grande are the only sections not receiving rain. East Texas reported the most.

Temperature in the Panhandle dropped below the freezing point. Amarillo recorded 30 degrees today.

Preston Alfileria Brings Cows Home

Alfileria or "fillerie" grown on the Preston ranch answers the question of why the "cows come home" on that ranch.

The chamber of commerce displayed some of this week in its window last week, and the week was said by ranchmen to be the largest of its family seen here in months. It was grown on the bank of a tank.

The week was brought to West Texas from California several years ago, in the wool of sheep driven overland, according to one old timer.

Stokes Schoolboys Find Many Snakes

Ramond Gee and Charles Mills, Stokes community boys, were on their way from school last week and heard a rattlesnake in the grass nearby. They investigated and found a whole colony of the reptiles.

Many Blooded Horses Also Burned at Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 9. (P)—A mystery fire took at least three lives and destroyed the Oakland Horse show, killing between 47 and 80 blueblooded animals in their stalls.

Three additional persons, including one woman, are missing and may have perished.

John L. Thoms, Pomona, California, stable employe, is the only one the dead identified.

While the fire was at its height and horses were plunging, a woman was seen to dash into a blazing structure as if to rescue a favorite horse. Later a woman's purse containing 40 cents was found in the ruins. Her identity is unknown.

INCORPORATION OF CHAMBER IS UP FOR TONIGHT

Discussion of incorporating the Midland chamber of commerce under the laws of Texas will be discussed at the directors regular monthly meeting tonight at 7:30. The program for tonight so far has seven items for consideration. Most of these will require less than five minutes each to dispose of, according to the president, who asks for a 100 per cent attendance.

Five Army Planes And Cadets Land

Five army pursuit planes, flown by cadets of Kelly field, were being refueled at Sloan field at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were to take off for Ft. Bliss soon thereafter.

The planes landed a few minutes before from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Lieut. Griffith was in command of the flight.

NEW LIBRARY STATION
The fifth library station in rural districts of the county was established Saturday at Stokes, with Mrs. Lee, a teacher, named as custodian. Thirty books were placed in shelves of the school.

BROOKS RECOVERED
Joe Brooks, who was treated by a pharmacist of the City Drug store the latter part of the week after being struck by a car in the business district, has completely recovered from his injuries, which he said were slight.

600 SEE SCOUTS IN OBSERVANCE OF ANNIVERSARY

More than 600 persons Sunday night attended the scout anniversary program at the Baptist church in a union service of that and the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian congregations, all of which sponsor troops. The program was directed by the Rev. Thomas D. Murphy, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The program was opened by the Rev. George F. Brown, Baptist pastor.

SCOUT SAVES LIFE

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (P)—Jack Simmons of San Angelo never will have to worry about where the next meal is coming from. Neither should he worry about spending money should not be an immediate need.

Jack, 15-year-old star boy scout, has been rewarded for his action in pulling 8-year-old Harry Economidis from the North Concho river a few days ago.

John Economidis, father of the boy who was saved, bought Jack a new suit of clothes. Yes, and there was a 10-dollar gold piece in the pocket. But better than that, Jack has a life-time meal ticket at the cafe here of which Economidis is part owner.

Allie Woolridge, 21, eagle scout, who applied resuscitation methods to the lifeless body of young Economidis, also received a meal ticket at the cafe.

tor, and the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Howard Peters, pastor of the First Christian church. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun, pastor of the First Methodist church. A massed choir composed of singers from the various churches sang under the direction of W. W. Lacey, who also conducted the high school glee club in a special number. The scouts marched into the building, heard the call to colors and gave the oath of allegiance to the flag. Kenneth E. Ambrose, vice president of the Buffalo Trails council, presented the charter to Troop 54, and M. B. Robertson presented registration certificates to the new Troop 54 of which Percy Bridgewater is leader and Claude O. Crane, assistant.

A combined orchestra added much to the program. (See BOY SCOUTS page 4)

NO ERROR FOUND IN EQUIPMENT

Earnings as Basis of Correct Rates Is Theory

Investigation of physical properties of the West Texas Gas company here, carried on by city authorities since receipt of protest over gas bills last week, had revealed no discrepancies up to this morning, Mayor Leon Goodman said. The investigation is being continued, however, it was announced.

In addition to the examination of

MAYORS TO MEET

Invitation from the mayor of Lubbock to attend a luncheon there Friday at which mayors of towns affected in the gas "controversy" will have a round table discussion was received shortly after noon today by Mayor Leon Goodman of Midland. The Midland official plans to attend the meeting.

Press dispatches from newspapers over West Texas indicate Midland as a leader in the movement for an investigation of the gas company's charges and it is expected that Mayor Goodman's report of the procedure here will be an important feature of the meeting.

the company's physical equipment, the city administration has asked the company for permission to audit the books. The request is made on the theory that if the charges shown in the gas bills are correct, as far as consumption and quality of gas is concerned, the company's earnings should be investigated with reference to rates that should be charged.

Mayor Leon Goodman said today that the city desires an audit of the revenue and expenses of the company at Midland. Representatives of the city made formal request for permission to make the (See AUDIT ASKED page 4)

Funds Committee To Question Cannon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (UP).—Activities of Bishop Cannon in connection with 1928 presidential campaign will be subject to inquiry by the senate campaign funds investigation committee, Chairman Nye announced today.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Limbering up is a stiff task in the morning.

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WARDING OFF PROGRESS

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Writer

It is reported from Brazil that Henry Ford's great rubber plantation scheme in the Amazon jungles may eventually collapse because of the inability of the natives to get used to American rules and customs.

Native labor employed on the concession was treated just about as labor is treated on any big American construction job. The men had to punch time clocks, had to stand in line before the mess hall for meals, had to live in well-policed cabins and in other ways had to conform to the efficient, well-disciplined methods of American industry.

To be sure, they were getting good money—more, probably, than most of them had ever seen before. But they didn't like it. Things were too well regulated. The Ford commissary gave them better food than they got in their jungle huts, but the idea of standing in line with a tray wasn't appealing. The company huts were cleaner and more comfortable than the native jungle shacks—but somehow they weren't so homelike.

So the natives simply quit work; and now it is even intimated that Mr. Ford may have to give up his entire scheme for a great Brazilian rubber plantation.

All of this is very unfortunate, and Mr. Ford deserves a lot of sympathy. Nevertheless, it is hard to keep from having a sneaking little fellow-feeling for these half-wild Brazilians who refuse so stubbornly to become civilized. For while life in the Brazilian jungle is not much better than out-and-out barbarism, it has a good deal to recommend it—just as life in the industrial section of any big American city has plenty of drawbacks.

For progress, as we understand the term, sometimes brings with it disadvantages that come close to counterbalancing its good points. The chap in the Brazilian wild may not have the advantage of a radio set in his hut, but neither does he know the rigors of technological unemployment. He may not have a dime in the bank, but the cornet-player next door does not spoil his sleep at night. He may not have a good doctor within a thousand miles, but he is in no danger of seeing his children run down by automobiles when they go out to play.

We always take it for granted that the advantages of the industrial regime outweigh its defects. But in the jungles of the Amazon, apparently, the contrary view is held; and it is very probable that the growing industrialization of the world will bump into this sort of resistance more than once in the near future. And that may be a good thing for us; for it may set us to asking questions ourselves, and so lead us to remove a few of the imperfections from a system that is very far from perfect.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SULPHUR

Sulphur is one of Texas' principal industrial products. It is said that more than ninety per cent of the world's supply is produced by Texas industries, using Texas labor, Texas ports, Texas railroads, and millions of dollars worth of the products of other Texas factories.

At this time the developed sulphur properties are located in Brazoria, Wharton and adjoining counties. Development of known deposits in West Texas was deferred when the 41st legislature levied a severance tax against sulphur production which would have made operation in that field unprofitable.

In other parts of the world, however, there have been recorded developments and occurrences which indicate that the prosperity of the Texas sulphur industry is seriously threatened.

The January bulletin of the Royal Bank of Canada (Montreal) is authority for the statement that a process has been discovered by Canadian mineralogists which will enable Canada to discontinue annual purchases of Texas sulphur which have aggregated something like four and a half million dollars. They will burn their own pyrites.

The January issue of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering recites that the supremacy of sulphuric acid in the industrial field is threatened by the increasing use of substitutes which can be more economically produced.

And, finally, the Lake Charles (Louisiana) American

Side Glances by Clark



"And we'll never, never have even one teeny weeny little quarrel."

Daily Washington Letter By Rodney Dutcher

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM ASK PROBE OF ATROCITIES IN GALICIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—People with an appetite for atrocity stories can always get them from some part of the world and now they are getting them from Poland. The reports come from what seem to be reliable authority and are completely denied by Dictator Joseph Pilsudski's representative here, Polish Ambassador Tytus Filipowicz.

One trouble with atrocity stories is that, much as everyone likes to believe them, they are likely to be exaggerated.

The other trouble is that they are always officially denied, in toto, whether true, false or only partly true. If Mr. Filipowicz, for instance were to admit that there had been any Polish atrocities against the Ukrainians in eastern Galicia, as is being widely charged, he presumably would be recalled to Warsaw, fired and incarcerated in Marshal Pilsudski's great big hoosegow at Brest Litovsk.

Urgue Investigation

The Ukrainian members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom recently asked their international office to send a commission of inquiry into Galicia to investigate terroristic methods used by the Polish cavalry and police against the Ukrainian minority.

Mary Sheepshanks, the international secretary, and Frau Oppenheim of Austria made the investigation and turned in a report which appears to reveal the most widespread campaign of atrocity perpetrated in many years. This began in October and continued up to the elections of Nov. 15. It was at about the same time that Pilsudski was throwing some of his most important political enemies into jail.

The women found populations terrorized and peasants and workmen still suffering from frightful beatings inflicted two months previously but they were able to find witnesses who dared talk. By government command, they report somewhere between 500 and 800 villages were raided by cavalry and police. Hundreds, and "perhaps several thousand," were brutally flogged.

The general plan of attack was similar, they declare: Soldiers levied contributions from households, others forced villagers to wreck their community enterprises with bare hands and still other detachments rounded up the leading men of the village, stripped them and beat them with flails. When men became unconscious cold water was poured upon them and the beating was resumed, often with 200 or 300 blows per man so that the flesh was "horribly torn."

Boys and old men were beaten and their bones broken, according to Miss Sheepshanks and Frau Oppenheim. Bleeding and fainting victims were sometimes thrown into cellars and left for 24 hours without medical attention or water. Refusal to medical treatment was one terrible feature of the whole procedure. Many cases of death and lifelong injury from gangrene are alleged to have resulted.

Priests and school masters were usually among the victims in each town and in addition to the customary treatment as described, "numerous cases of excess" of all kinds of cruelty are reported. Several doctors found dressing wounds were imprisoned. Women sometimes were beaten insensible and often victims were forced to shout "vive Pilsudski!" The Women's League has a long list of names, dates and places to back up the story. It also has a report on mistreatment of political prisoners under the Pilsudski regime.

But Ambassador Filipowicz says that the 5,000,000 Ukrainians in eastern Galicia are really very happy, enjoying the benefits of the Polish system of local self-government and the Polish policy of treating racial minorities liberally. "The recent unrest" he attributes to a "terrorist organization directed and financed from abroad." He says there were nearly 150 incendiary attacks in southeastern Poland early in the fall and that the trouble became too large for local police to handle. The Polish government took only such measures as any civilized government would have taken, the ambassador says.

The investigators for the Women's International League say the events leading up to the drastic measures of repression were some rick burnings attributed by Ukrainians "to school boys going through the country on bicycles." Confidential reports to the government here have indicated that there were plenty of floggings. But no one seems to be sure how many, and the Polish government won't tell.

Press of January 26, is authority for the statement that the Freeport Sulphur Company (Brazoria county) has optioned a newly discovered field near Vinton, Louisiana, and contemplates removal of its operations to that field.

And one of the possibilities indicated above are matters for the serious consideration of the people of Texas. Probably there is no way in which the development of more economical methods in Canada can, or should, be obstructed. Probably there is no way in which Texas industry should be influenced to neglect fields for more profitable operation in other states. But Texas, through the immediate establishment of a bureau of industrial research, should develop new processes and new methods for the utilization of the mineral resources with which she has been endowed.

There is no other way in which she can preserve to herself the fullest fruits of her magnificent industrial advantages.



The Town Quack

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

Now that the Clinic has done to the Texas Electric what had already been done to our basketball team, we feel better over in this office about the wager on the Friday the 13th game. It looks like Aubrey Legg and Paul Barron may go into the bet more evenly matched than it appeared several days ago, although the Electrics are still a little better for the hair season's average.

Come to think of it, the wheel barrow ride, scheduled for next Saturday morning, is the big event to be looked forward to this week. Every Monday morning we check up on pending events, and aside from the medical convention and a little court news, the wheel barrow ride seems to stand out by itself.

A Midland man met one of those long trains of trucks which are used to haul five automobiles instead of shipping them on freight trains where they are out of the way of tax payers who pay for the high-

ways. The truck train had a light on the front and another on the rear, but there was so much distance between that, on a cloudy and dark night, the motorist turned into the middle without being able to see it. Something for legislators to think over.

Marion Peters says that misery loves company and he has found something to laugh about. Ranger has the same sort of gas controversy that Midland has and a cartoonist in the Eastland County News drew a picture of the gas company manager "headed for the tall and uncut timber." A bystander remarked, "If Cy Leland could only see him now, he'd turn green with envy."

Old Marion Peters hasn't turned into a sprinter yet. He still comes out on the street, bare headed as he is.

President Hoover makes this statement: "I am more interested in increasing the people's incomes than in worrying over the expenditures." Well, Herb, what are you waiting on?

INCIDENT IN FOG PRIMARY CAUSE OF EARLY SPREAD OF BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT TO U. S., STORY SAYS

The celebration of the twenty-first birthday of the Boy Scouts of America calls attention to the fact that a good turn, performed by a British boy scout, whose name is unknown, was responsible for the establishment of the boy scout movement in America. The twenty-first birthday of scouting in America is to be celebrated throughout the United States and its possessions from February 8th to 14th, 1931.

On February 8, 1910, the late William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher and two friends took the formal steps, by incorporating Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D. C., to formally launch the scout movement on American soil.

The anniversary is being celebrated in Midland by an extensive program which began Sunday, scouting's twenty-first birthday. Scouting was first established in Midland in 1928 when the first troop was organized with the Rev. Stanley Haver as scoutmaster, and the Methodist church as the sponsoring institution. A second troop was registered just a month later with the Rev. Thos. D. Murphy as scoutmaster, and sponsored by the Presbyterian church. Mr. Murphy, incidentally, is still serving as scoutmaster of the troop. Two other troops have been organized since that time, one in the Christian church, of which Guy Breneman is scoutmaster, and one in the Baptist church, of which Claude Crane was the first scoutmaster. P. F. Bridgewater is now scoutmaster of this troop and A. A. Clark is scoutmaster of the troop in the Methodist church. A fifth troop is at this time being organized with the Rotary club as sponsor and Harry Tolbert as scoutmaster.

Midland is a part of the Buffalo Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, and is headquarters of one of the six districts of the council. There are 15 counties in the council.

The story of the establishments of scouting in America reads like a romance but it is a fact well authenticated. In the autumn of 1909 Boyce was in London about to return to America. The British Boy Scouts association had been established a year or more before. The Chicago publisher, caught in the grip of a dense, heavy fog, the sort that casts the pall of night over a London midday, was seeking a difficult address in the old city. A boy approached and asked: "May I be of service to you?" Mr. Boyce told him where he wanted to go and the boy, saluting, said: "Come with me, sir," and led him to his destination.

Boyce reached in his pocket and offered the boy a shilling. The boy promptly replied: "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for courtesies." Boyce, in surprise, murmured, "What did you say?" The boy repeated and then added: "Don't you know about the scouts?" "No," replied the Chicago publisher, "tell me about them." The boy did so and offered to take Boyce to scout headquarters. The lad waited while the errand was completed and then took Boyce to the office of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, and now Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell, chief scout of the world.

At the office of "B. P.", as the great leader is affectionally known to millions of boys all over the world, Boyce was told all about the new movement. He gathered every bit of available information and returned with it to the United States. "The idea grew with him. He consulted friends and on February 8 of the following year took the steps, as noted above, to inaugurate the movement in this country.

In the twenty-one years since then, more than 5,000,000 men and boys have at one time or another, been a part of the scout movement. Their regard for the unknown scout who led Boyce through the London fog was expressed four years ago in the presentation of the bronze buffalo to British boy scouts, which now stands at the British scout training school at Gilwell, England, bearing this simple but impressive inscription: "To the Unknown Scout Whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the 'Daily Good Turn' brought the Scout Movement to the United States of America."

Mrs. Parker Robertson left Saturday for Tulsa where she will spend a few days visiting relatives.

G. T. Sandridge of Abilene spent the week end here transacting business. He formerly lived in Midland.

Mrs. J. E. Hutt of Kansas City arrived in Midland Sunday for a visit with her son, Mr. Donald Hutt.

J. S. and O. E. Randolph have returned to Ranger after transacting oil business here over the week end.

Mrs. John Hix and daughter, Annie Laura, of Abilene are in Midland for a few days visiting Mr. Hix.

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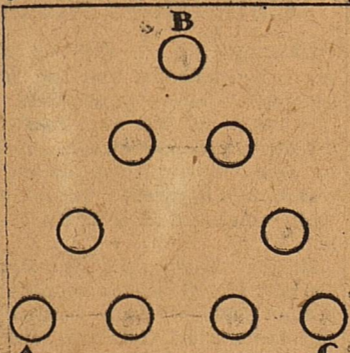
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Merry Party Is In Honor of Julianan Cowden on Birthday

Julianan Cowden celebrated her ninth birthday with her first anniversary party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cowden, Saturday afternoon when a large group of friends called to give birthday greetings and join in a round of jolly entertainment.

Numerous readings by several of the guests added fun to the afternoon program. Those reading were C. A. Goldsmith, James Young, Mary Sue Cowden, Dorothy Speed, James Young and Mrs. Paul T. Vickers.

Attractive favors of golf stick candies and tiny books filled with sugar loaves were received by each guest. Another interesting feature was the fishing pond which furnished all sorts of gifts for the guests.

Closing the afternoon Mrs. Cowden assisted by Mrs. Ed Cole, Mrs. Vickers and Miss Josephine Guly, served delicious refreshments to these guests: Dorothy Speed, Eddie Jean Cole, Jean McKinney of Odessa, Barbara Jean Harper, Lady Rankin, Eloise Sundquist, Catherine Carter, Mary Louise Cowden, Mary Sue Cowden, Jean Ann Cowden, Eula Ann Tolbert, Barbara June Cowden, Doris Lynn Pemberton, Phoebe Ann Jones, Nell Ruth Bedford, Myrtle Jean Butler, Freddie Fae Turner, Clalla Evans.

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SOCIETY

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Announcements

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Miss Lois Patterson will be hostess to the Edelweiss club at her home at 3 o'clock.

Ladies' Aid society meets for business at the home of Mrs. H. H. Watson at 3 o'clock.

Church of Christ Ladies' Bible class meets at the church at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday Fine Arts club will have Misses Leona McCormick and Stella May Lanham as hostesses at the Lanham home at 3:30.

Lucky Thirteen Bridge club members will be guests of Mrs. J. G. Gemmill at 3 o'clock.

Thursday Mid Alpha Delphian chapter meets at the home of Mrs. H. B. Dunagan at 3 o'clock.

Loyal Berean Class will be entertained at the home of Mrs. E. C. Adams with Mmes. Van Camp, S. P. Hall and Miss Esta Pennington co-hostesses.

Joint meeting of the North and South ward Parent-Teacher associations will be held at the high school auditorium at 3 o'clock.

1928 club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. D. Young at 3 o'clock.

Friday Hi Tri club girls will have a Valentine party at the home of Miss Catherine Dunaway at 8 o'clock.

Girls' Auxiliary meets at the First Baptist church for sewing at 3:30.

The Belmont Bible class will have a social at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hudman, 706 North Main. The study will be taken from first and second Timothy.

Saturday Children's story hour at the county library rooms from 2:30 until 3:30.

Martha Fidelis class will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Dean Tucker at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. B. Rucker will be co-hostess.

Advertisement for KC BAKING POWDER, featuring 'YOU SAVE IN BUYING' and 'SAME PRICE FOR OVER 40 YEARS'.

BEWARE THE COUGH FROM COLDS THAT HANG ON

Coughs from colds may lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.

CREOMULSION FOR THE COUGH FROM COLDS THAT HANG ON

Advertisement for 'OUR BEAUTY SHOPPE' featuring 'SPECIALS' on all Permenants, Feb. 2nd to 15th, inclusive, for \$5.00 Permanent.

C OF C SENDS OUT LETTERS WARNING OF FAKERS HERE

All members of the Midland chamber of commerce will receive sometime this week a copy of a letter regarding itinerant advertising schemers, peddlers of maps, etc. The letter urging members to avail themselves of the protection of a secret advertising committee of the chamber follows:

"Midland business people have built a real reputation for their chamber of commerce by referring fake advertising solicitors, map salesmen, menu ad solicitors and all classes of out-of-town schemers to the secret committee of their chamber.

"For example, two men came to Midland recently with an advertising scheme. A business man said: 'Have you been approved by the chamber of commerce advertising committee?'"

"No," the solicitors angrily said, "We've heard of that d---n hard-boiled chamber of commerce!"

"They left town in disgust and they left the money of Midland people in Midland. That is the kind of reputation Midland wants. Several business men say the money they save through investigation of fake solicitors pays their chamber dues several times over.

"The secret investigation committee does not claim to know any more than the business man about fake advertising, but this committee will investigate for the mer-

chant, saving him time and expense, and also the embarrassment of argument and refusal. In other words, if every person in Midland will refer these solicitors to the chamber, they can save their own time, the expense of wiring for information, and then, all merchants will be acting alike.

"This committee has been formed to aid and protect Midland people. Its services, of course, are without cost. Midland people are urged to refer all advertising and charity solicitors, other than those they know and have done business with before, to this secret committee. Send the solicitors direct to the chamber office. They will be rigidly investigated. Don't let some salesman tell you he has the endorsement of the chamber, but please phone No. 39 to find out."

Claude Duffey spent the week end transacting business in Fort Worth.

Walter Curran has returned to his home in Wink after spending the week end in Midland.

11 Years Constipation Glycerin Mix Ends It

"For 11 years I tried to get rid of constipation," said Chas. E. Blair. "Then at last the simple mixture, Adlerika, made me regular."

The simple mixture of glycerin, buckthorn bark, saline, etc., (Adlerika) acts on BOTH upper and lower bowels, relieving constipation in 2 hours! Brings out poisons you never thought were in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleaning and see how good you feel. City Drug Store. —Adv.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

BOY! WOTTA SWEET FEELIN'! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE RELAXED SINCE I WROTE THAT BLASTED PHONEY CHECK! WELL, I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!!WISH I KNEW WHO TOSSED THAT GOLD BRICK IN THROUGH MY WINDOW



WHO DID DO IT? WAS IT A MISTAKE AND NOT MEANT FOR TIPPY AT ALL ????

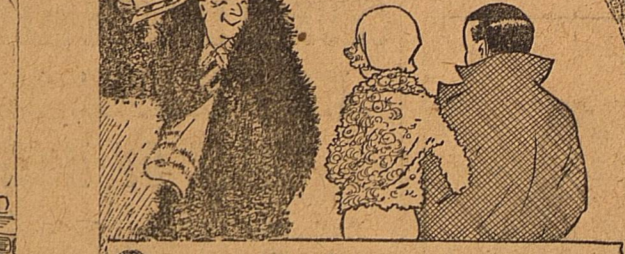
ANYHOW, I SURE OWE MR HARDIN PLENTY! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM THERE'S BOOTS N' FERDY THANK GOSH, NO ONE HERE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THAT AFFAIR.



PERHAPS MR HARDIN, THE TOOTHUNTER BANKER, WHO SHOWED UNMISTAKABLE SYMPATHY FOR TIPPY, HAD IT DONE

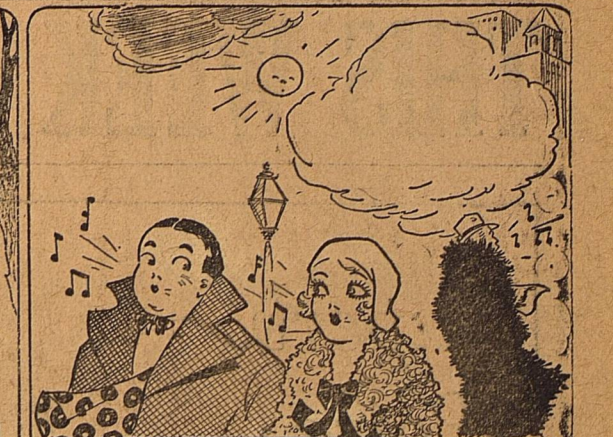
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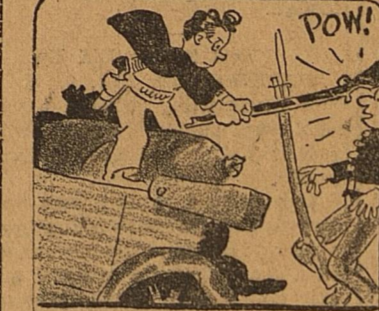
OR WAS IT THE RESULT OF BOOTS' OR FERDY'S EFFORTS ?? WHO SAVED TIPPY FROM DISGRACE PERHAPS FROM BEING SENT TO PRISON ?

By Martin

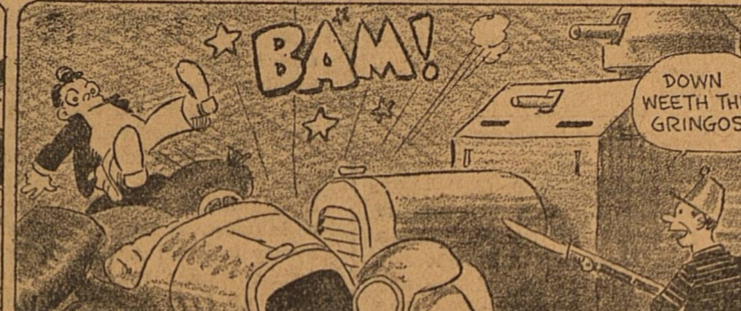


YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS ANYONE'S

WASH TUBS



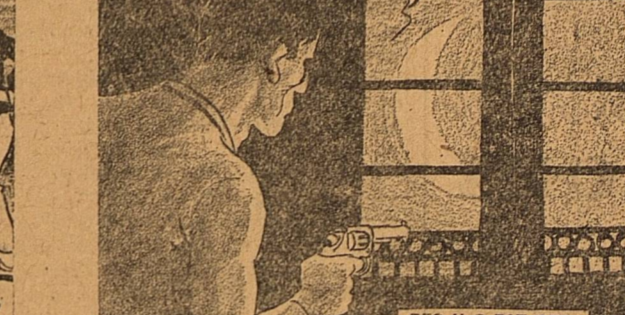
POW! WHEELS SHOT FROM UNDER WASH! DASH FOR SAFETY WITH MILLIONS ENDS. PREPARES FOR LAST STAND. SOLDIERS SURROUND HIM.



BAM! DOWN WEETH THE GRINGOS! BUT FIGHT ENDS ABRUPTLY! ARMORED CAR KNOCKS HIS MACHINE OVER. WASH THROWN TO PAVEMENT, SENSELESS.

Looks Bad

EASY IS COOL AS A CUCUMBER. TURNS OUT LIGHTS, BARRICADES DOORS AND WINDOWS. KNEW THAT CROOK OF A PRESIDENT WOULD PULL SOME DIRTY WORK, BUT FIGGERED HE'D AT LEAST BE SMART ENOUGH TO DRESS HIS SOLDIERS UP TO LOOK LIKE BANDITS.



GOT TO RUN FOR IT. COUPLE O' SHOTS MIGHT HOLD 'EM BACK A MINUTE—NO LONGER.



HE QUICKLY REALIZES IT IS HOPELESS TO RESIST.

By Crane

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.
4c a word two days.
5c a word three days.

MINIMUM charges:
1 Day 25c
2 Days 50c
3 Days 60c.

FURTHER information will be given gladly by calling—
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Dr. T. R. Wright
Osteopathic & Medical Physician
Licensed by Texas Board of Medical Examiners
311 Petroleum Bldg.
Telephone 752

5. Houses
Furnished
Nicely furnished four room house. Double garage. Rent reasonable. Phone 138. 287-32

6. Houses
Unfurnished
FIVE-ROOM modern house. 107 West Kansas, phone 497 or 291. 287-32

MODERN two-room garage house; 305 W. Penn., owner 1201 N. Main; phone 489-J. 288-1p

AN exceptional five-room house. West Texas ave. Hardwood floors; all modern; must be permanent and responsible. Inquire Palace Drug. 287-2p

14. Miscellaneous
For The 1931 Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide. See Ray Gwyn. Box 443. 287-3p

\$10.00 reward for information leading to recovery of 9-tube Airline Electric Radio. One black coat, one black carrying case full of tubes and tools. Frank Smith. Phone 159.

1. Lost and Found

Electrical testing instrument, wardrobe trunk, fiber kit of tools and brief case. Reward. Phone 428. 287-3p

3. Apartments

Furnished
Apartments, close in and reasonable. Bills paid, 610 North Main. Pho 327. 288-3p

4. Apartments

Unfurnished
FOUR-ROOM apartment. Living room with closet bed, dinette, kitchen, service porch and large bedroom; strictly modern; automatic gas water heater; reasonable. M. M. Seymour, phone 54 or 241. 287-3p

Stickler Solution

In the arrangement shown above, using the numbers from 1 to 9, each row of four figures, from A to B, from B to C and from A to C, adds to 20.

NEW CUSTOMERS,

This message is directed only to those who have never enjoyed the deliciousness of our Brea. Try this Brea for the first time and a real thrill awaits you in its golden, crispy crust, in the fine velvety texture of its body; in its wonderful taste. There's a treat ahead of you.

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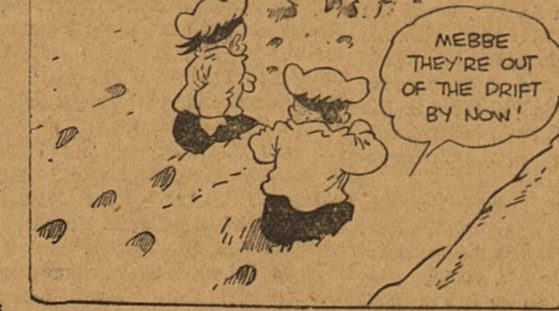
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The schedule to Fort Worth and East—1:10 A. M.
The schedule to El Paso and West—3:35 A. M.

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.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

SEE... I HATE TO TELL FRECKLES WE COULDN'T GET TO THAT FARM HOUSE BECAUSE THE SNOW IS TOO DEEP, BUT THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO...



A BIG SNOWSLIDE CAME DOWN AN' BURIED LINDY AN' FRECKLES... THEY'RE LUCKY IT DIDN'T KILL THEM... C'MON AN' HELP 'EM GET OUT!

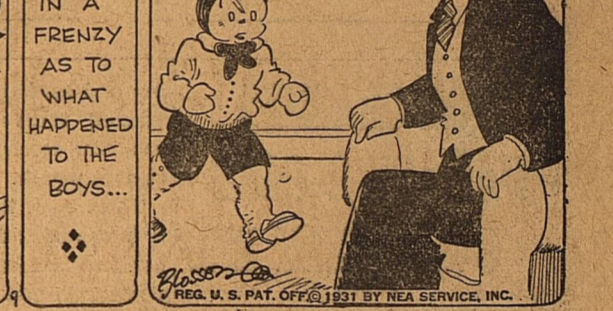


Anxiety at Home!

WE'LL ALL PITCH IN AN' TRY TO DIG LINDY OUT... C'MON FELLAS!



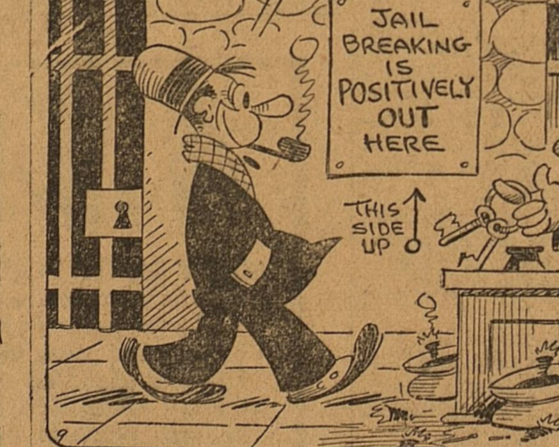
AND, IN THE MEANTIME, THE FOLKS AT HOME ARE IN A FRENZY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOYS...



By Blosser

SALESMAN SAM

SAY, WARDEN, YA GOT AN OLD PAL O' MINE IN JAIL HERE— I'D LIKE TO VISIT WITH HIM!



OKE, HOWDY! HERE'S TH' KEY TO HIS CELL!

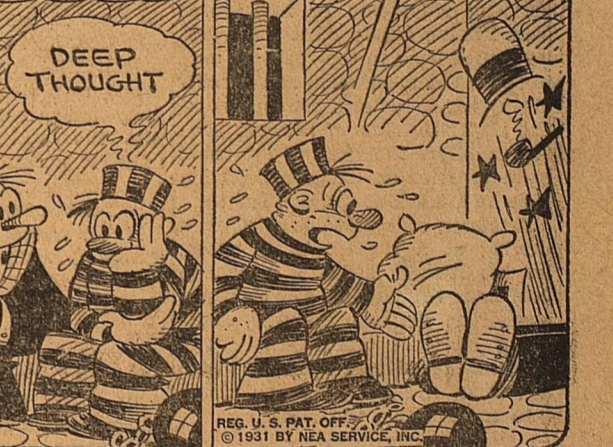


He Knows Something—

AND YOU'RE IN FOR LIFE, MIKE? GOSH, THAT'S TOUGH! AND BESIDES THAT YOU'RE NOT LOOKIN' ANY TOO WELL, EITHER!



I KNOW IT! I NEED EXERCISE THAT'S WHAT!



By Small

OUT OUR WAY

WAIT-WAIT! I'LL OPEN THOSE BAGS AND SHOW YOU EVERYTHING! YOU COME IN AND PINCH ALL THE BAGS, THEN, AFTER YOUR SISTER AND FATHER HAVE THEIR PINCH AT THEM, THE CREAM PUFFS LOOK LIKE PANCAKES— THE CRACKERS LOOK LIKE SAW DUST— THE TOMATOES HAVE TO BE POURED OUT OF THE BAG AND— WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS IS TRANSPARENT BAGS, FOR NOSEY PEOPLE.



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY



By Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

I WAS HELD UP LAST NIGHT, MAJOR... YEH, COMING HOME FROM FEEVEY'S! TH' GUY STEPS OUT FROM BEHIND A TREE, PUTS TH' HEAT ON ME AN' TELLS ME TO STICK 'EM UP! DIDN'T HAVE NOTHIN' BUT AN OL' WATCH WHAT ANST RUN FOR TEN YEARS, I JES' CARRIED IT FOR LOOKS, BUT HE TOOK IT!



HAW BARNEY, EGAD, HEAVEN HELP THE THUG WHO BURGLERS CITIZENS AFTER I GET THE 'HOOPLE HOLD-UP ELIMINATOR' ON THE MARKET!— HMM— AT THE COMMAND TO HOLD UP HIS HANDS, THE VICTIM OBEYS, A WIRE FROM THE CUFF AS HE RAISES HIS ARMS, SETS OFF A CHEST-GUN, SENDING A BULLET INTO THE BANDIT!



By Ahern

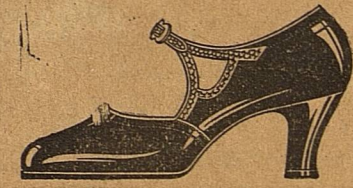
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THIS WEEK MAY COMPLETE SEASON FOR BASKETBALL LOOPS HERE

Superb Poise comes naturally to her — she wears



ENNA — JETTICK SHOES



Your entire bearing is influenced by the fit of your shoes. Enna Jetticks are designed to fit correctly.



TUNE IN — ENNA JETTICK MELODIES every Sunday evening over WJZ and 35 Associated Stations

Everybody's Midland

CHURCH LEAGUE MAY ADD GAME TO ITS SCHEDULE, HOWEVER; TROPHY CHASE OF INDUSTRIAL CLOSE OFF

Basketball offerings for the week are a double-header Tuesday night in the Inter-Church league, a two-ply game Friday night. The Inter-Church finishes the season this week unless the 10-game season schedule more or less agreed upon at the head of the cold period is accepted at a meeting to be held among church team leaders this afternoon at 6:30 at the scout hall. The decision was caused by a former plan to play a nine-game season, without a split-season. When it was decided to play a split-season schedule, however, it was suggested by this newspaper that one game be added to the schedule, making the two halves figure five games each, which, if accepted, would cause a game next Tuesday.

In the meantime, the Industrial is to play its finale Friday night, when Reporter-Telegram and Texas Electric meet. The Industrial would like to see the Church league complete its season as soon as possible so as to bring first and second half winners of the Industrial together in a play-off for the trophy displayed in the window of the chamber of commerce.

Offerings for the week follow: Tuesday night (Inter-Church) Methodists vs Presbyterians. Baptists vs Baptists. Thursday night (Industrial) California vs. Hughes Southern Ice vs. Clinic Friday night Reporter-Telegram vs. Texas Electric.

Marcus Gist Has 100 at Branding

Marcus Gist was host to more than 100 Midland and Odessa persons at an informal chuck wagon feed Sunday at his Odessa ranch. Branding, marking and vaccinating of calves followed.

Women who had never seen a calf branded crowded close to the corral fence during the damp afternoon and men who had never been astride a horse rode the mounts provided by Gist for his guests.

Punchers wrestled with calves in a corral that was partially under water... several guests were splattered with mud and water as terrorized cow critters tried to leap the fence away from the branding irons... punches fell in the mud and water as they flanked calves... J. Waldo Carson unwittingly drew the sobriquet of "Paul Revier" as he chased a calf over a couple of sections without ever catching it... Dick Whittenburg in old leather chaps given him when he was 13... Aubrey Legg vehemently protesting he was no good at riding cows... Dinky Gann, about 12, who rides like an Indian... The Odessa Baptist minister with smoke from the branding fire in his eyes, which are made so red one fancies he is in sympathy with the branded calves... Marcus Gist easily throws a bull that would be a match for three ordinary men... R. H. Shuffler and wife from the Odessa News-Times, and Miss Chaney, all booted and spurred... Mrs. Legg and Mrs. Kinsolver laughing about a cropper the latter took when she compromised with a cowboy's mount who insisted on stopping just before she thought he was going to take the jump over a ditch... Odessa school girls, as pretty as they are adept at sticking to the backs of their flying mounts, and all of them have English riding boots... Cantrell Hays, who referees basket ball games over here occasionally (each week involuntarily feeling for his whistle when a cow and puncher tie up... Mr. Skinner, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bryant and a group of oldtimers, talking about times "when"...

And a lot more. When it is learned that the Gists are to brand cows the folk attend from all over the country.

Boy Scouts-- (Continued From Page 1)

to the music conducted by Lackey. Mr. Calhoun delivered an eloquent address on the dynamic, achieving life of Christ as contrasted with the long but colorless life of Methuselah. He pointed out that about all Methuselah did for over 900 years was to exist, while Christ in 33 years grew in favor with God and man through the revolution he started in the souls of mankind. The big audience was dismissed with the scout benediction following taps. Scouts celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the organization will hold two more meetings this week. On Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m., the scouts will parade and at 4:30 will hear Mayor Leon Goodman in an address from the courthouse steps. Friday arrangements are in general charge of Kenneth E. Ambrose, chief executive of scouting in Midland. The general public is cordially invited to attend the two meetings this week, to enjoy themselves and to demonstrate their belief and support of the scout leaders and scouts themselves.

Pictures of Men's Class Are Popular

Pictures of the big class of men which meets each Sunday in Hotel Scharbauer were so popular at the class meeting yesterday that the 20 made were soon gobbled up. Doug Perry, the photographer, will have some more next Sunday for those who want them.

Without any organized recruiting having been done during the week, and with bad weather, the class had 146 present. An attendance of 200 is expected next Sunday. Seven old fashioned songs were sung Sunday and, again next Sunday, the singing will be emphasized. The men may call for their favorites. No men are invited who attend other Sunday schools, as the big Men's class believes, all men should be where they can and will work best, but all men of all faiths or no faith not attending any other Sunday school are invited to this big class of men.

NEW NORFLEET STORY

Those Midland people who have read with interest some of the exploits of Frank Norfleet, Hale Center ranchman-detective, in this newspaper and in his volume, "Norfleet," may read his latest story, "How I Broke up Chicago's Kidnaping Ring," in the current issue of "Startling Detective Adventures," a magazine published by Fawcett, an advertisement in this newspaper today says.

PROMINENT WOMAN DIES

FT. WORTH, Feb. 9. (AP).—Mrs. W. Erskine Williams, 64, wife of the president of the Anti-Saloon league of Texas and of Fort Worth, Tarrant county bar association and leader in Southern Methodism, died here today after an operation. The funeral will be tomorrow.

Dr. K. F. Campbell spent Sunday visiting friends in Odessa.

RITZ LAST TIMES TODAY

She Outwitted the Law, But Yielded to Love!



Three years in prison—then Love cheated her of her revenge!

JOAN CRAWFORD

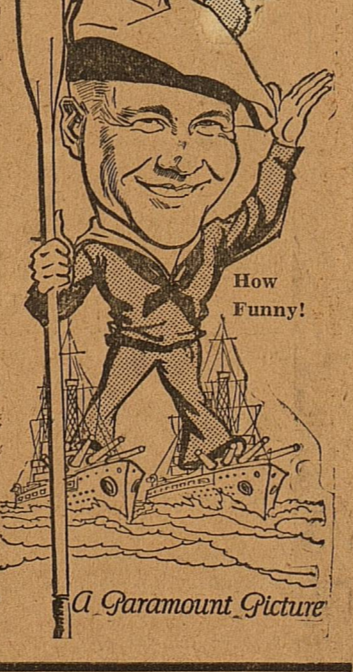
The beautiful star in her most thrilling role—

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Also "MOVIETONE NEWS" and "SO QUIET ON CANINE FRONT" All talking Dogville comedy. The funniest war you've ever seen.

TOMORROW ONE DAY ONLY

JACK OAKIE IN "Sea Legs"



CHURCH NOTES (As turned in)

Macedonia Baptist Church. (Colored.) Was in high spirit all Day Sunday, Sunday school was well attended and Eleven O'clock the Past of the A. M. E. Methodist Church brought to us a wonderful message we was made to feel glad, we said as the Apostles said Dident our hearts burn with in while he spaked with us by the way. At the 6:30 hour the Group from the White Baptist Church of the B. Y. P. U. rendered A Program For the Macedonia Colored and let me tell you, you aught have been there to Feast on them Gospels songs and them wonderful Bible Storys. now on Sunday Feb 15, the Colored will at 6:30 P. M. render A Program for the White Baptist. come and see. we also wish to thank the good White People of the City for adding us in our great struggle to raise money to build A Church by taking dinner from us last week we hope to be able to repeat the chicken dinner again this week, as we believe this to be A better way to raise funds to build A Church than begging, so look for the big chicken dinner Thursday Feb. 12.

MIDLAND CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES TO B'SPRING MEET

Four representatives of the Midland chamber of commerce will be guests of the Big Spring chamber of commerce Tuesday night, along with representatives of Stanton, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Snyder, Lamesa, Sterling City, Garden City, Lubbock and San Angelo, when the annual banquet of the Howard county chamber is held.

Two hundred and fifty persons will be seated in the ballroom of the Settles hotel that night, Chairman E. E. Fahrenkamp of the arrangement committee said.

Ralph Bradford, assistant manager of the organization department of the U. S. chamber of commerce, will be the principal speaker. Projects sponsored by the organization during the year past will be outlined by Dr. E. O. Ellington, retiring president, and the plan of work for the new year read by Joseph Edwards, president-elect.

This year's work contemplated many worthwhile accomplishments of the Big Spring chamber of commerce under the management of C. T. Watson, who was recently re-elected for his sixth consecutive year. During this time the population has increased from 5,000 to 13,735 people. New churches, hotels, hospitals, office buildings, school buildings and one of the finest theatres in West Texas has been erected.

The Texas and Pacific railroad has spent over one million dollars in enlarging its terminal facilities and has added two steel and concrete viaducts.

Big Spring has one of the best airports in the country and this year was made the junction point on the Southern Transcontinental air mail and passenger line.

One of the best oil pools in Texas has been discovered 16 miles south and Big Spring has become a refining center of West Texas, having built four refineries with a capacity of 27,000 barrels per day. During the past 28 months 20,000 car loads of refined products and crude oil has been shipped from Big Spring. The field has produced 22,900,000 barrels of oil under drastic proration and 300,000 barrels of sweet oil not included under proration rules.

Big Spring lent valuable assistance to the towns along the route of the Texas and Pacific Northern railroad project in forming organizations and perfecting briefs to present at the interstate commerce hearing held in Lubbock. This work was under the general supervision of G. A. Woodward, chairman of the railroad extension committee.

The organization has assisted in entertaining several conventions during the past year and has been successful in securing five different annual meetings to be held here this year.

PARTY ANNOUNCED

Members of the J. O. Y. Class of the First Baptist church are planning a Valentine party to be given at the home of Mrs. J. M. White Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All members of the class are invited.

No Large Pores with New Powder

If you have large pores use a face powder that will not clog them. A new French process called MELLO-GLO makes the skin look young, stays on longer, furnishes a youthful bloom, does not irritate the skin or make it look pasty or flaky. Spreads smoothly. Try this new wonderful Face Powder MELLO-GLO.

NAVAL BILLS UP; SENATE TO PUSH IN THIS SESSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (AP).—The administration's \$74,000,000 naval construction bill will pass the senate this session if possible, leaders said today, despite the decision of house chiefs not to press the measure until next session. House leaders decided not to push the bill in the interest of economy and because of desire to avoid a special session.

Naval Supply Bill Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (AP).—The house today received the annual naval supply bill providing for \$344,000,000, or \$36,000,000 under last year.

Overriding a request from Secretary Adams for more commissioned officers, the committee recommended a sharp decrease in naval academy classes with drastic provisions limiting naval aviation's demand for lieutenants.

Compromise Favored

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (AP).—President Hoover today assured Senator Robinson, democratic leader, that he would insist upon "sympathetic" administration of the \$20,000,000 drought loan fund agreed by party leaders as a compromise in the relief dispute.

The president's letter, containing the statement, reached the capitol just as the senate took up the compromise.

Campus Election Is Moving Slowly

Midland school students are too democratic.

In voting for the annual queen they have showed reluctance to support candidates. Royalty, it would appear, is little in favor here.

However, it is believed campaign managers are "holding out," and that they intend to spring a surprise at the "last minute."

Mollie B. Bagley, with 135 votes, is leading the candidates. Helen Margaret Ulmer polled 80 votes, Doris Black 45, Janelle Edwards 20, and Kathryn Scruggs 10.

It is believed that managers of Luellie McMullan, Jean Wolcott, Margaret Grantham, Theresa Brooks and Annie Fay Dunagan had held money back to deposit at a more "favorable" time.

The printer's devil of The Reporter-Telegram is authority for saying that Jean Wolcott and one other candidate received votes early this afternoon. He was watching one

Smart Footwear Spring footwear The Greta \$8.50 Just arrived—a wonderful number in a fine mesh Hose, to properly compliment the new footwear colors. Alababa, Salle, Gun Metal and Black. The pair—\$1.95 Addison Wadley Co. "A Better Department Store"

Eat with Oil King Blackie THE LLANO CAFE Under New Management Special noonday and evening dinner, 50c. Always open Midland Audits and Systems Financial Statements E. F. ADAMS Public Accountant Income Tax Reports 212 Thomas Bldg. Midland, Texas

MOTOR CRASHES DAMAGE 2 CARS OVER WEEK END

Two week end automobile accidents in and near Midland resulted in no fatalities or serious injuries, although two automobiles suffered severe damage.

Scharbauer Eidson, coming in from his ranch near Judkins Saturday night, met a long truck train carrying shipments of new Ford cars. Pulling out to meet the truck, he turned back to the roadway only to strike the truck train in the middle, wrecking his own car and causing slight injuries to himself. Eidson could see the front of the truck train but not the middle, believing it to be a truck of average length.

A tourist, believed to be asleep and driving at a rapid rate of speed, let his Lincoln strike a telephone post near the Humble Oil company station on the east highway, damaging his car considerably. The wreck occurred near the spot where a tourist, a short time ago, drove into the Humble warehouse.

Gas Official-- (Continued from page 1)

January this year," he indicated "and indications are at this time that February, 1931, should see a noticeable decrease in the amount of gas sold as compared with January."

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officials. Smitham today assured Cotton that if the gas was found to contain the 800 b.t.u.'s required by the city franchise, he would issue a statement informing residents the inspection had been made, and urge them to pay their bills at once.

In the meantime, if the resident wishes, he may withhold payment of his bill until Feb. 20, a ten day extension of time, without losing his discount.

Smitham expressed the opinion given by Mayor Goodman of Midland, that an investigation of the allegations made by gas consumers that the bills were too high, would be hard to conduct, if the meters were functioning correctly, and the gas was found to measure up to standard requirements regarding British Thermal units.

It was suggested at the Midland session that a firm of gas engineers be engaged to work on the matter.

Quannah to Fight

QUANAH.—A citizens committee, a committee from the city council and representatives of the Northern Texas Utilities company will confer at the city hall Tuesday night in connection with the reported exorbitant charges of the gas company, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the city council held Tuesday night. About one hundred citizens attended the council meet-

ing and several of the number expressed themselves regarding the gas bills received the first of the current month.

These bills, it developed, suddenly increased from 50 per cent to 100 per cent and one man reported his statements was more than 400 per cent higher than his bill for the previous month, according to statements of consumers. Mayor T. D. Frizzell, at the outset of the meeting, explained that his gas bill for the last month was more than four times what it was for the previous month, and that he felt like there was some kind of an error in the charge against him, and that he had been promised an investigation of his particular account, and also that the gas company had promised an investigation into the local situation to determine, if possible, what had caused the sudden increase in consumers bills for the last month.

H. W. Wright, member of a committee of business men representing the citizens had conferred in Chillicothe and Vernon the day before and Mr. Wright was present and reported that the committee found conditions similar in those towns, with many complaints from consumers against their last month's statements. Rates charged in those towns were the same as in Quannah, with the Northern Texas and a competitive company operating as distributors.

Boy Scouts-- (Continued From Page 1)

to the music conducted by Lackey. Mr. Calhoun delivered an eloquent address on the dynamic, achieving life of Christ as contrasted with the long but colorless life of Methuselah. He pointed out that about all Methuselah did for over 900 years was to exist, while Christ in 33 years grew in favor with God and man through the revolution he started in the souls of mankind. The big audience was dismissed with the scout benediction following taps. Scouts celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the organization will hold two more meetings this week. On Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m., the scouts will parade and at 4:30 will hear Mayor Leon Goodman in an address from the courthouse steps. Friday arrangements are in general charge of Kenneth E. Ambrose, chief executive of scouting in Midland. The general public is cordially invited to attend the two meetings this week, to enjoy themselves and to demonstrate their belief and support of the scout leaders and scouts themselves.

Audit Asked-- (Continued from page 1)

audit shortly before noon today. M. F. Peters, local manager of the gas company, said this afternoon that representatives of the city had visited his office, requesting figures on revenue and expenses. The request was forwarded to the Lubbock offices, Peters said.