

**THE WEATHER.**  
West Texas—Tonight fair, somewhat colder in north and east portions; Tuesday, increasing cloudiness.

**DO YOU KNOW?**  
United States army officers are to drill the troops of Nicaragua. If there has to be trouble down there, it ought to be on a military basis.

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# GIRL CAPTURES NEGRO MURDERER FORT WORTH MAN MURDERS WIFE, KILLS SELF

## TRAGEDY DISCOVERED AT EARLY MORNING HOUR BY HOUSEMAID

By United Press.  
FORT WORTH, Dec. 31.—E. A. Williamson, 31, early today shot and killed his wife whom he could "forgive but not forget."  
He then tenderly placed her body on the floor, lay down beside it and blew the top of his own head off.  
It was a deed he had planned for two weeks, because he loved her but could not stand to see her "do as she is doing," according to a lengthy note he left locked in his room. The note was written only a few hours before he killed his wife and himself.  
The tragedy was discovered early Monday morning when a negro maid went to clean Mrs. Williamson's room in the T-P rooming house which she operated.

## Aviation Features American Exhibit at World's Fair

That aeronautics and air transport are becoming important factors in many branches of the federal government, is reflected extensively in the official exhibits the United States will feature in Spain at the Seville Exposition, which opens on March 15.

Twenty-three bureaus of the United States government will exhibit at Seville in the three buildings now being hastened to completion under the supervision of Thomas E. Campbell, former governor of Arizona and U. S. commissioner to the exposition, and it is reported that, wherever possible, aviation as utilized by the government to serve the public, will be graphically presented.

The exhibits of the American government at Seville will do more than anything else to show what an influence aeronautics is having upon the daily lives of the people of the United States, in the opinion of John M. Denison, secretary of the United States Commission.

Mr. Denison, in describing aeronautics' part in the government display, said that the work which scientific branches of the government are doing in aerodynamic research is also brought out in the exhibits.  
"In arranging for exhibits from all divisions of the government we found that the majority of them were in some form or another keeping pace with the progress of aviation," Mr. Denison said. "The Advisory Committee on Aeronautics of the government will have an effective display marking our progress in aeronautics while the Aeronautical Division of the Department of Commerce will offer a colorful display. The activities of the Postoffice Department in the transportation of mail by air will also be shown through the agency of a large map showing air mail routes. Pictures of Lindbergh and Byrd, who were in the air mail service, will be on this map."  
Commissioner Campbell is now in Seville, supervising the construction of the government buildings and directing the installation of exhibits.

A model airport with administration building, beacons, servicing equipment and model airplanes, will be part of the Department of Commerce's exhibit.  
The Naval Observatory will show types of navigational instruments used by aircraft including instruments used by Commander Byrd in crossing the North Pole, and the Davis Bubble Sextant developed by the late Lieut.-Commander Noel Davis.

The U. S. Advisory Committee on Aeronautics will have an extensive exhibit and will emphasize the progress of this country in aeronautics. It will help to reveal the scientific development of aeronautics, beginning with an authentic model of Orville Wright's first airplane and ending with working models of the wind tunnels which were going to a European point.

Although Estelle Taylor has been a motion picture actress for some years she does not swim, ride, play tennis, golf or any other game. And her husband is Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion.

Ethel Jackson has taken any number of tests recently and has found herself second choice for 11 good parts. She says a palmist told her she would be second for the first 11 and first choice for the twelfth.

## COURT ACTION MAY FOLLOW LEASE FIGHT

### University of Texas Regents Gather To Stop Leasing of Oil and Gas Lands.

By United Press.  
AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—Former State Senator Lloyd Price of Fort Worth announced this morning that court action will be taken to enforce the advertised sale of university oil and gas leases in the event that land upon which his clients are bidding is not included in 20 sections which State Land Commissioner Robison will open to lease bids Wednesday.

Mr. Price declined to reveal who his clients are. They will have grounds for action only if the land is not offered and not then unless their bid should be the high one upon it.

Meantime, University of Texas regents were gathering here for a further effort to stop leasing of any of the land at this time.

## UNIVERSITY REGENTS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

By United Press.  
AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—Five university regents constituting a quorum of the board, met here today and adopted resolutions calling upon Attorney General Pollard to prevent the sale of university oil and gas leases. The resolutions vigorously protest against the sale of the leases.

Land Commissioner Robison issued a formal statement of several thousand words at 11 o'clock, announcing postponement of the leasing of about 54,500 acres of the 103,000 acres originally advertised for sale on Jan. 2.

Governor Moody Saturday night had asserted that only 20 sections were to remain on sale. Nearly four times that amount will be opened to bids.  
The tracts postponed, however, includes sections which are said to be highly important territories.

Governor Moody and Land Commissioner Robison were put in direct opposition over what occurred at their conference at Dilley, Saturday when Assistant Attorney General Trueheart told Regent R. L. Holliday that Commissioner Robison denied telling Governor Moody that the land to be left for sale would be only 20 sections.

## Navigation Bond Issue Is Passed

By United Press.  
SAN BENITO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Formation of the San Benito-Point Isabel navigation district became reality when Cameron county voters approved a \$500,000 bond issue for financing the development of a port at Point Isabel and a rail and highway connection with San Benito.

The vote on the bond was 638 for and 179 against.

## Ranger Masons Meet Tuesday

Ranger Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., will confer the Fellowship degree on one candidate Tuesday night, starting at 7:30 o'clock. All Masons are invited to start the New Year by attending this meeting.

## The Coolidges on Holiday Isle



"Well, we got here!" . . . "So glad you could come!" . . . President and Mrs. Coolidge are pictured at the left just after their arrival at Sapelo Island, off the coast of Georgia, where they were to spend a few of the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coffin, shown at the right. The chief executive and the First Lady took one of the White House pets with them when they left the chilly atmosphere of Washington for their brief vacation in the sunny south.

## THURBER SHOP LOSES SUITS

The Ranger police department was advised today of the robbery of the Boyd Tailor Shop, Thursday night.  
According to a telephone message received here, 10 suits of clothes were taken by the robbers.  
A complete list of the stolen goods has not been furnished the Ranger department.

## Chicago Police Department Is Being Probed

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—State's Attorney John A. Swanson today announced he had filed a petition with Chief Justice John J. Sullivan of criminal court asking that a special grand jury be empanelled to investigate the Chicago police department, crime, and its alliance with politics, and charges of payroll padding by city and county authorities.

Judge Sullivan set Thursday morning for arguments on the petition, which asks that a special venire of 50 men be sworn in Monday, Jan. 7.

## Mrs. Sarah Northcott Given Life Sentence

By United Press.  
RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott, accused with her son of conducting a murder farm in Riverside county, today pleaded guilty to the slaying of 9-year-old Walter Collins.

She appeared in court with a written confession to the killing. She was sentenced by Judge O. K. Morton to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary.

## DALLAS POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS LARGE

DALLAS, Dec. 31.—The Dallas postoffice is expected to rise into the \$4,000,000 yearly receipts class when the figures for 1928 are totaled at the end of the present year. Although there is a possibility the amount will fall slightly below the coveted mark, according to W. Bruce Luna, assistant postmaster.

## LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MRS. F. D. HICKS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Sybalce Davis, 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. F. D. Hicks, 313 South Rusk street, is dangerously ill in the City-County hospital. An operation was performed late Sunday afternoon in an effort to save her life.

## New Pecos Line Will Start Soon

By United Press.  
FORT WORTH, Dec. 31.—Construction work on the Yates & West Texas railway, new line to the oil fields of Pecos county, will begin by early spring, it was indicated here today.

W. A. Moncrief, president of the board said that surveys for the new road already were under way and that construction blue prints would be ready Jan. 10.

The Santa Fe line through West Texas to the Kansas City, New Mexico and Orient, which it recently purchased.

Although the organizers of the railroad expect little opposition, it is expected that Santa Fe officials will take an important part in the T. C. hearing, inasmuch as the line will tap Santa Fe at Rankin.

The Yates and West Texas will be 23 miles in length, with its southern terminus at Iraan, in the Yates oil field.

Later, the line will be extended south to Sheffield, Pecos county.

Sometime in the future, Moncrief predicts, the Yates & West Texas may be carried on south to a juncture with the Southern Pacific.

The road probably will purchase four engines and two or three combination baggage and passenger cars in addition to freight equipment.

When it is completed the Yates & West Texas will serve what potential gauges have shown to be the largest oil field in the world.

## Dixie Buys 240 Miles of Lines

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Following a hearing this morning, the motor bus division of the State Railroad Commission granted application of Dixie Motor Coaches, a \$4,700,000 Delaware corporation, to purchase 240 miles of North Texas bus lines.

A. P. Barrett of Fort Worth owns all but \$1,500 of the stock that has been issued. The lines are to be taken over Dec. 31.

With their acquisition, Dixie Motor Coaches will be the second largest bus system in the State. West Texas Coaches will still lead in mileage.

HOUSTON—Alvin highway taken over by state highway department and survey made preparatory to paving.

## FIGHTERS DROP CASH IN TILL

The merry clink of \$62.80 was heard Saturday night and Sunday as the money dropped into the coffers of the police department.

"Two fights caused the assessment of four fine of \$15.70 each against Ranger men.

Two of the fines were paid, while the remaining two were guaranteed by friends of the fistic battlers.

## Negro Suspect Slain By Narcotic Officer

By United Press.  
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31.—Bill Bouldin, negro, was shot and killed in a police emergency car here Sunday, when he attempted to wrest a gun away from F. H. Metz, federal narcotic officer.

The negro had been arrested as a suspect in an assault case and was en route to police headquarters in custody of Metz and J. P. Boatwright, also a federal narcotic officer.

According to the officers, the negro made a desperate attempt to remove Metz's gun from the holster and Boatwright fired the fatal shot.

## MARSH PRAISES TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

By United Press.  
TYLER, Tex., Dec. 31.—W. B. Marsh of Dallas, formerly chairman of the Smith County Highway Commission, a delegate to Austin, from this district on the recent highway party, has outlined the improvement and extended program now under discussion.

Marsh stated that Texas has under its present major system, 12,000 and 13,000 miles of highway, 4,000 of which is hard-surfaced. He added that it is the intention of the highway department to hard-surface the remaining system within the next four or five years.

He was high in his praise of the administration and efficiency of the present state highway commission.

## SYMPHONY ON AIR

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony especially prepared for radio will be broadcast from the Roxy Theatre tomorrow afternoon. The theatre's symphony orchestra, a chorus of 75 voices and four vocal soloists will take part in the presentation which will begin at 2 p. m., eastern time.

The broadcasting network of the NBS stations, which will carry this concert throughout the country, includes: WJZ, Springfield, Mass.; WBZA Boston; WBAL, Baltimore; KVV, Chicago; KDKA, Pittsburgh; WIBC, Superior; WJR, Detroit; WREN, Kansas City and WTMJ, Milwaukee.

## CLARENDON WATCHMAN MURDERED

Slayers Believe Headed For  
Amarillo. Description  
Is Obtained.

By United Press.  
CLARENDON, Dec. 31.—Robbers who broke into a store at Hedley during the night, shot and killed Nightwatchman Ritchey and escaped in an automobile.  
The nightwatchman lived long enough to give officers a description of the robbers.  
Police in other towns have been notified to be on the lookout for two men traveling in a sedan car. It is believed that the slayers were headed in the direction of Amarillo.

## TEXAS ACTRESS DOES LOTS OF TRAVELING NOW

Many Motion Picture Stars Journey  
More Than Traveling  
Salesmen Do.

By DUANE HENNESSY  
By United Press.  
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31.—Traveling salesmen might feel like shut-ins if they looked over the mileage records of some of Hollywood's motion picture casts.

Trips to New York by stars and directors for conferences with eastern executives are too numerous to mention in this "join the movies and see the world" idea. Voyages to distant ports have become so frequent that a few days notice now is sufficient to start a company on a journey of thousands of miles.

Ramon Novarro went to North Africa almost as soon as he entered pictures. A year in Rome followed when Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cast him in the title role in "Ben Hur." Now he is in Tahiti for "The Pagan."

W. S. Van Dyke, now in the South Sea Islands, is scheduled to lead a "Trader Horn" expedition into African jungles as his next assignment.

Nils Asther left Sweden to see America and promptly was shipped to England to make a film.

Dorothy Janis stayed pretty close to Fort Worth, Texas, up to the time she took a train for Hollywood and landed in pictures. Since then she has been on several location trips and now is headed for the Marquesas Islands.

Hermisillo, Mexico, looks like a suburban station to Raquel Torres after her recent jaunt to Paapea for "White Shadows of the South Seas."

Paramount sent Ernest B. Schoedsack and Merian C. Cooper into the African jungle for a year to direct A. E. W. Mason's "The Four Feathers." Now they are back on the lot for six tough months of interiors.

B. D. Roberts, transportation director of the M-G-M studio recently said that the purchase of tickets—and he has bought miles of the pink, blue, red and multi-colored pasteborders of different railroads and steamship lines—is the least of the difficulties encountered.

"Our main trouble is passports, with customs, freightage and safeguarding of costly equipment also giving plenty of worry. Get in a distant place and lose some supplies that cannot be placed and there is grief aplenty."  
"We had to ship a portable laboratory to the South Seas so that film could be developed immediately. For pictures such as "The Trail of '98, we had to send out portable generating equipment strong enough to provide current for a town of 2000 inhabitants."

"If only Americans worked in our pictures the passport problem would be easy, but Hollywood is such an international place that we have to go from consulate to consulate to get our visas."  
"There is the Mexican consul for Raquel Torres and Ramon Navarro, the British consul for Donald Crisp. Those are just a few of the most important people. When we get a troupe with foreign players scattered throughout it is a real job to get them on their way."

"This passport matter doesn't end even when our trips are confined to continental North America. When any of our foreign players are required to go to Canada or Mexico we must see to their re-entry and income tax arrangements."  
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## Calmly Holds Convict Until State Prison Guards Give Relief

Mob Awaiting Arrival at Parchman; Girl  
Victim of Brute to Be Allowed to Name  
Punishment.

By United Press.  
MOUND BAYOU, Miss., Dec. 31.—A united woman, Laura Mae Peiler, single-handed, captured Charles Shepherd, 41, escaped negro convict, wanted for murdering J. D. Duval, state prison guard, six miles south of Shelby, Miss., early today.  
The negro was apprehended at the home of his brother shortly before noon. The brother of Shepherd, who lived on a plantation owned by Miss Peiler called her and asked her to come and get the escaped convict.

Alone and armed with a gun, Miss Peiler went to the cabin and took charge of the negro. She returned to her home and called Supt. T. L. Fox of the prison farm. Guards rushed to the scene and found the girl calmly holding the negro at the point of a gun.  
Superintendent Fox verified reports that Shepherd is being taken to Parchman by national guardsmen. A crowd of several hundred men who had assisted in the search for Shepherd since early Friday morning, was being formed here and violence is feared when the guardsmen arrived with the negro.

Leaders of the mob, which already numbers more than 400 openly declared their intentions of taking the negro before Miss Duval, who is ill in bed and allowing her to name his punishment.  
Mrs. Duval, previously was said to have expressed a desire to have the negro suffer the quickest possible execution and this has been taken by the mob to mean lynching or possible burning.

The capture of Shepherd ended a search by posses consisting at times of more than 2,000 men, aided by airplanes and bloodhounds that had been in progress since early Friday morning.

According to the county agent who supervised the work of these boys, W. H. DuPuy, the cost of producing this corn amounted to only 15 cents per bushel. Young Robinson planted on creek bottom land, prepared the land early by plowing under dead organic matter, used good seed (Prolific) and applied nitrate of soda. Horter, on the other hand, planted a yellow dent corn and applied 500 pounds of a 12-4-4 commercial fertilizer to make his big yield.

## 152 BUSHEL CORN PRODUCED ON ACRE

MADISONVILLE, Texas, Dec. 27.—The yield of 154 bushels of corn on one acre, made this year by Paul Robinson, a 4-H club boy of Madison county, has been almost equaled by that of a fellow club member, J. H. Horter, who reports 152 bushels from a single acre. "These yields are phenomenal in Texas or anywhere else and are examples of what can be done to boost farm profits by the use of fertilizers and good cultural methods," declares E. A. Miller, Agronomist in the A. and M. College Extension Service.

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## Hospital Fire Injures Four

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31.—Four of the five nurses who jumped from the second floor of the Baylor Hospital dormitory, destroyed by fire early today, are under hospital treatment for injuries received. Nine other nurses escaped safely. The fire is believed to have started in the dormitory.

## Masons Meet At Tyler Tonight

By United Press.  
TYLER, Texas, Dec. 31.—Representatives of approximately 30 Masonic lodges in East Texas will gather at Seiler's lodge No. 30 tonight to take part in the thirty-eighth annual observance of "watch night," when members of the order will see the old year out and the new year in.

A feature of the program tonight will be music furnished by the boys' band from the Masonic home and school at Fort Worth.

## Photograph of Schumann Heink Is Given to Class

Our Heroes Class of the First Methodist Church Sunday School, Ranger, received an autographed photograph of Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink at the regular meeting Sunday morning.

The photograph, bearing the inscription, "To the blessed children of the 'Heroes Class' in Ranger, Texas, I love you all," will be framed and hung in the class room.

A letter, written from Coronado, Calif., accompanied the picture.  
"That your class puts me in the heroes class honors me immensely," the noted singer said.  
"I think each and every mother is a hero in this day because to raise the children properly means a continuous fight against modern ideas which are detrimental to health and mind."  
"Smoking cigarettes, painting faces, lips and dressing too lightly, running to dances, or what all is done today to kill a happy future life for boys and girls. After all, the greatness of a nation depends entirely upon a happy peaceful family life."  
"Father, mother, the heads of the house, to be obeyed, beloved, and trusted, children to know that their best real friends are their parents. Excuse my little writing mistakes, but some of my grandchildren are dancing and talking round me and you see how hard it is to do anything. Love to you, the children and your town, 'Ranger'."



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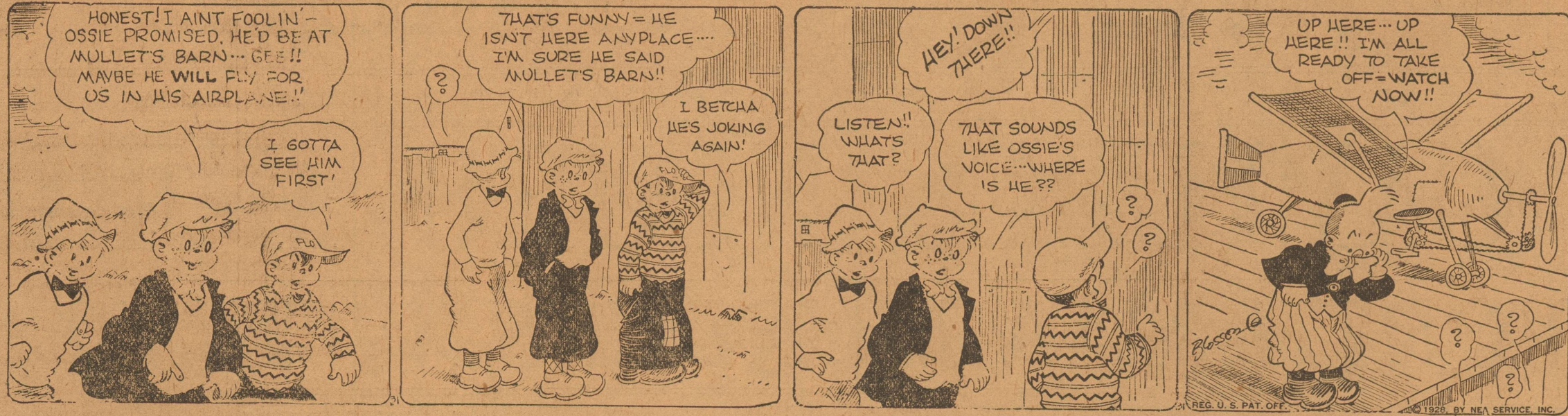
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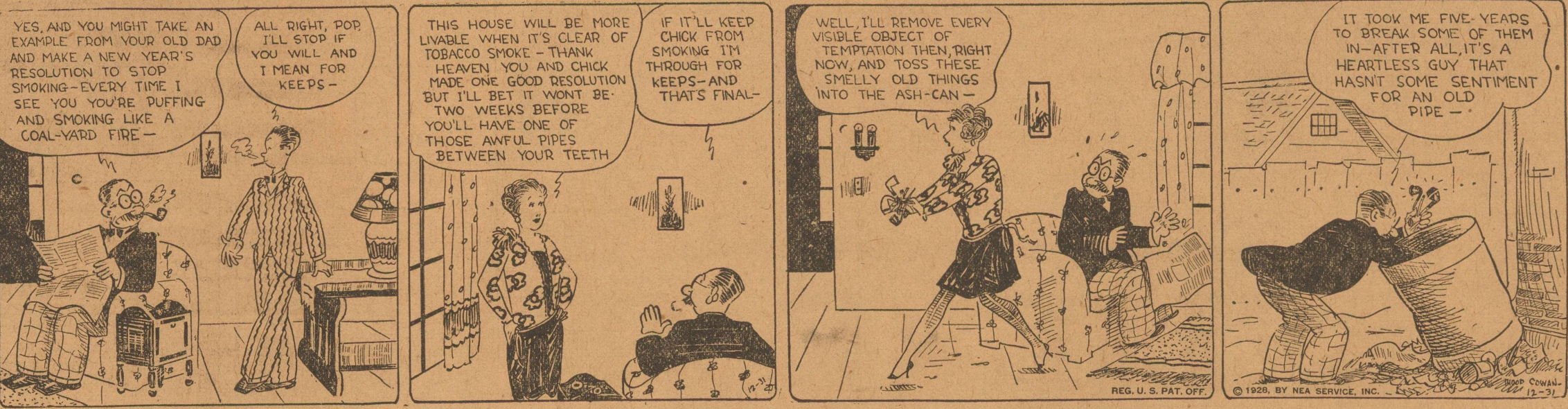
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



By Blosser

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By Cowan

A LITTLE TOO PESSIMISTIC.

The United States, because of the way its national life in the last 25 years has caused a shifting of moral standards, is going into a decline which "May become absolute" before the end of the present century.

This dolorous prediction, written by Percival White, is printed in the current number of the North American Review.

Mr. White is quite pessimistic about everything. He points to a decrease in our birth rate, a spread of lawlessness among adults, a rise in the number of juvenile delinquents, a growth in the number of arrests for drunkenness, to prove that we are fast going to pot.

In addition, he feels that our prosperity has made us too self-indulgent, and holds that the annual sale of 100,000,000,000 cigarettes is an added proof of our let-down.

The whole trouble, as he sees it, is that our moral standards change so. What was considered immoral a generation ago is accepted as quite proper today.

For example: In 1900, when card playing was considered immoral, a tax was levied on playing cards, in the hope that it would crush the practice.

But it didn't. Today 13 times as many decks of cards are sold annually as in 1900. Card playing simply has ceased to be immoral.

Dolorous predictions about our future are not uncommon, but it is not often that we see one quite as dire as this of Mr. White's. Yet it is hard to grow very excited over it.

The fact that moral standards shift is not surprising. And if certain things that used to be immoral are now moral, so, by the same token, certain things that used to be moral are now immoral.

The change works both ways. We discard some of our ancestors' notions about sin, but we get new ones of our own. Morality in the business world today, for instance, is infinitely stricter than it was a generation ago.

We'll always have pessimists, but we needn't worry too much. We're not going to the bow-wows quite as fast as Mr. White seems to think.

WHITE ANTS. A bulletin from the U. S. department of agriculture contains a note of warning about destructive ermites, or white ants, that might well be headed by all who are planning to build houses.

Certain spots in the United States, says the bulletin, are infested with these ants. They bore their way into the wooden walls of buildings, eating out the inside and often completely ruining a new house in a short time.

Once they have started their work it is almost impossible to check them; however, if ground timbers are treated with coal-tar creosote and zinc chloride, the ants can never gain a foothold.

Letters From Our Readers

(A Statement from W. M. Burns)

In justice to myself and with fairness to the incoming Commissioner I wish to answer some questions that seem to be uppermost in the minds of a great many people just at this time. Judging from statements that are being made by unscrupulous or ignorant people, one would think that I had completely bankrupt Precinct No. 2, and that it would be impossible for the incoming Commissioner to do any work during his term in office.

But that is not the case. Mr. Gray will have one-fourth of all the 1928 fifteen cent (15c) Road and Bridge fund amounting to approximately \$12,000.00. He will have the same percent of the automobile license fees that I have been getting, amounting to approximately \$11,000.00, and; that is not all the last Legislature amended the Highway laws and gave back to each county for road and bridge work 30 percent of the fees that have been going to the state.

His part of this will be something like \$11,000.00, making a total of something like \$34,000.00 that he will receive during his first year. Out of this he will have to pay out for machinery and previous warrants including interest about \$4500.00 which will leave him a balance of something like \$29,500.00 for actual road work the first year he will serve you as Commissioner.

These figures are derived by comparison of previous years and may not sound quite so bad as these little humming birds would have you believe, but they will come back with a different tune and ask what about the \$25,000.00 warrants you issued to build the Desdemona-Staff road with. To this I wish to say: Those warrants were issued by an order of the Court to enable us to meet the demands of the Highway Department for the improvement of the State Roads in Eastland county.

Each Commissioner received \$25,000.00 and was to pay all the expenses in his own pocket. The next expenditure I made out of the \$25,000.00 warrants was at the Continental State Bank to

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pay off \$3037.00 time warrants with interest for one year and six months to gravel the street thru Gorman. The City of Gorman was to take up \$1,000.00 of these warrants as her part, but instead I paid the full amount and made Gorman a present of one and one-half mile of good gravel road thru Gorman, without One Dollar cost to them.

The next item of expense to come out of the \$25,000.00 Warrants was \$6008.00 to gravel six miles of the Okra road out of Carbon, and the balance of the \$25,000.00 warrants I have spent on the Desdemona-Staff road, the 1929 payment of these warrants have already been accounted for under the heading of Machinery and previous warrants. So you can readily see that Mr. Gray will have at least \$29,500.00 for actual road work during his first year in office, and should he fail to give satisfaction you can readily see that I am not to blame as these little hummers would have you believe. Please bear in mind that the right-of-way has been secured, the fences all set back and your roads graded during my term of office, and one-half the money expended now on maintenance will go farther and make a bigger showing than all the amount heretofore.

Best wishes and a happy future to all the people of Precinct No. 2, and flowery beds of ease to your new Commissioner is my sincere wish. With many thanks to my many friends in Precinct No. 2; also to the little hummers and knockers who have so faithfully carried on their part of the work, I bid you Adieu.

W. M. BURNS.

A physician says politicians live longer than other men. Maybe it only seems longer.

MARFA.—State highway department will build concrete bridge over Alamite Creek on Alpine road near city limits.

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Frog Cage Squad Looks Like "Dark Horse" This Year

By United Press.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 31.—Basket ball fans at Texas Christian University have started a whispering campaign.

The Frogs cage squad looks like another "dark horse" in the conference this season. Teams from the institution have a habit of opening the year with dull prospects and developing into a real contender for the title.

When the Frogs lost Rags Matthews, Ab Acker, Orin Steadman and Lowell Parrish, all three-year veterans, from the team last year, fans at the Purple institution predicted a poor season for this year.

Now they are whispering that changed as a result of the showing of the team in pre-conference schedule competition.

When the Frogs downed the fast Tilley Gran five, one of the fastest teams of the city commercial loop, boasting such stars as Rag Matthews and other former T. C. U. players, backers of the Frogs said that Matty Bell's boys were just lucky. When, in the next tilt, the East Texas Lions bowed to them, fans began to have a little hope, though it was restrained hope.

Then Mr. Bell took his team of four new players and one veteran to Denton and downed the snappy North Texas Teachers 39-33. Fans began to whisper openly. For the Eagles held victories over Baylor and S. M. U., having two games

from each school by decisive scores. On the basis of these comparative scores, which is little more reliable in the cage game than in football, Frog fans calculate that Matty Bell and T. C. U. has another "dark horse."

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College of Texas, was elected president of the Southwest conference intramural athletic association at a meeting of the intramural directors of the conference in Dallas last week.

Mr. Penberthy, a graduate of Ohio State, has been connected with the athletic department of A. & M. for three years and under his direction the intramural program here has developed rapidly.

Tom W. Mills, of Groesbeck, fleet-footed halfback who was recently elected to lead the Texas Aggie gridsters in 1929, was "found" in intramural football during his freshman year, 1926.

Mills earned his second letter in the Aggie backfield this year. He was also a letterman on the Aggie track team last year as a broad jumper. Although he did not win a letter in baseball, he was a member of Coach Bob Countryman's Texas Aggie pitching staff last year.

Behind the scenes, ready to fill in and carry on there are Lester Brumblow, Austin Griffith, Bob Alexander, Duane Smith, Clyde McDonnell.

AGGIE DIRECTOR HEADS SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE BODY By United Press. COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 31. W. L. Penberthy, director of intramural athletics at the A. & M.

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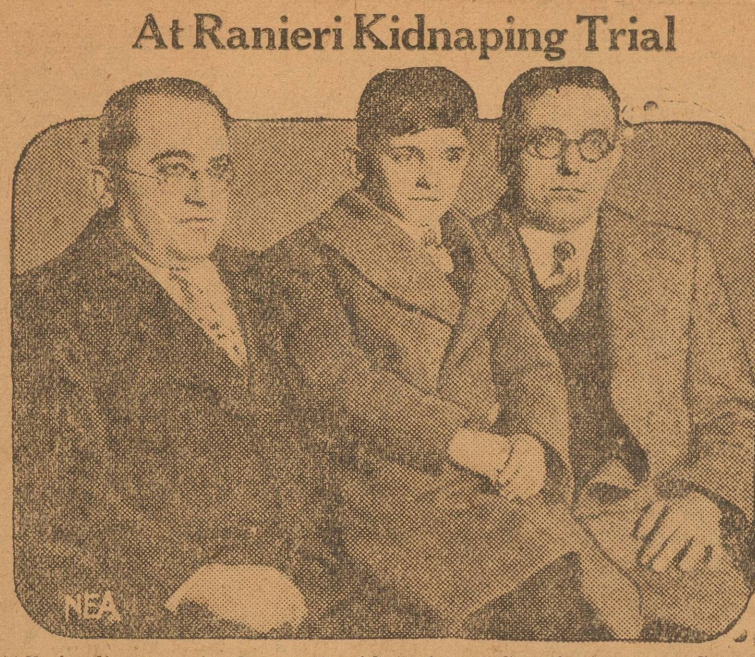
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CHRISTMAS DINNER Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Outlaw entertained at their home on Rupert street with a turkey dinner Christmas Day. Those present were George Outlaw, Jr., of Sweetwater, Messrs and Mmes George Cunningham and family of Cross Plains, P. C. Long and family, Rex Outlaw and daughter, R. B. Stroud and daughter of Ranger, Frank Posthewit, of Parks, Texas, Vancil Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Stone and family of Breckenridge, Messrs and Mmes. F. E. Outlaw, E. W. Outlaw, and daughter, Hazel, of Ranger.

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PERSONALS Vancil Stone of Breckenridge is a guest of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Outlaw, during the holidays. George Outlaw, county attorney of Sweetwater, was a guest of his mother, Mrs. F. E. Outlaw, 220 South Austin street during Christmas.

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**THIS HAS HAPPENED**  
 Fate introduces JERRY RAY to ALESTER CARSTAIRS as he crashes his airplane into the camp site sharing with her roommate MYRTLE. She likes his pilot, DAN HARVEY, but Alester admires her beauty and shows her attention.

Unable to buy a gown for a party he has invited her to, Jerry yields to the temptation to slip one from the store for the evening. When they taunt her for being "dry" at the party, Jerry drinks too much. A rowdy dancing partner throws her into the pool to revive her. Dan appears to help her, but Alester takes her home. She is discharged from the store when she confesses about the dress. Jerry seeks another job and is surprised one evening when Dan calls. He proposes, and she tells him she does not believe in love but hopes to marry for money. He leaves after trying to warn her.

Alester makes advances which Jerry repulses. But when he learns that she has lost her job on his account, he becomes contrite and uses his influence to get her a place in a chorus.

Rehearsals are hard, but she is befriended by EVELYN STARR, who is in love with JAELE THANE. Evelyn gives a party at which Jael takes exception to Jerry's presence. A scene ensues and Dan forces an apology from Jael. Realizing that Alester is jealous, Dan tells Jerry she is bringing him to her feet but to be careful about her reputation. Alester drives Jerry to Atlantic City for the opening but she refuses to attend a midnight party he wants to give the chorus because she wants to keep it trim.

Angered, he gives a wild party anyway but Jerry ignores him, going on the stage with the determination that she is not a "flat tire."

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXXV**  
 Jerry kept her eyes off the audience as long as she could, but finally succumbed to the temptation to look over the footlights. She was dancing in the first row of girls, near the end.

She glanced quickly at the box just a few feet away from her, thinking that Alester might be in it. She did not locate him there. He had said he was going out front when he left her and Evelyn at the stage door.

Jerry felt a little chill of apprehension come over her. It dispelled a degree of her stage fright. Had she been so severe—too independent?

Blammy blam blam blam! The music was growing faster. Jerry's body began to free itself of tautness. She looked straight out over the footlights and tried to smile, remembering that Mr. Hule had told them not to let their faces "set."

She was rows and rows of people who melted into an indistinguishable, composite picture. A picture that carried to Jerry an impression of audience of carefree interest. Indistinctly she saw the white shirt fronts of men in evening dress, the richer accents of women's gowns.

In the first row a woman lifted

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He knew that success hung in the balance. If the audience failed to react favorably to Harsell's big surprise he didn't want to read the papers the next morning, the producer told himself when he took his seat beside his wife. No show he added, could live on the skeleton of a former hit.

The audience had remained—that was encouraging, but the gala air had departed from the theater. There was no longer an expectancy, a keyed-up note in the atmosphere. People were waiting to have it over with so they would get to some more exciting entertainment.

No one applauded the first scene of the third act—the host and ess of the bride and groom at a fete on a country estate. The two were discussing the program they had prepared for their guests. It promised nothing exciting.

But it proved to be quite different. The guests were entertained by a group of waterbabies from a Broadway revue. The backdrop curtain had parted to reveal to an astonished audience—the real audience—a glass swimming pool. And no one, now, made a complaint against the costumes.

Jerry had never ceased, since she first saw that scene, to thank her lucky stars that she'd told Mr. Hule the truth when he asked about her swimming. She had said she was not very good, which was the truth.

She was well satisfied to be a waitress and carry trays of prop drinks to the guests. Evelyn and Miss Spear were among them. Jerry's exceptionally well shaped legs had drawn her the abbreviated skirt that theatrical tradition has associated with the French maids of musical comedy since time immemorial.

She carried her tray with poise, but though her nerves were quiet her eyes were not attuned to them. She had not succeeded in locating Alester. The flowers he sent had softened her heart; she wanted to let him know it.

Others in the chorus had received flowers, too, and telegrams, but the messages had been received at their hotels, or earlier in the day at the theater. Yet no one had a more gorgeous bouquet than Alester sent to Jerry. The incomparable American Beauty rose; two dozen of them.

Alester could well afford them—or two dozen orchids if he wished—Jerry knew, but she appreciated his wanting to make her proud that someone had considered her little stage debut worthy of being remembered.

Her eyes searched the audience at every chance. Where could he be? The show was nearing the final curtain. Jerry had a minute off stage to fly down to the dressing-room. Yes, there was word for her; a telegram. Mrs. Dwight told her, but she could not give it to her until after the show.

"Why?" Jerry pleaded.  
 "It's against the rules in Mr. Weinertz's productions."  
 "But the show's almost over!"

Mr. Harsell pinched his lower lip thoughtfully. "Let's see . . . put the caps and aprons on the bathing suits for this act," he said sardonically. "Then we'll have the caps and aprons for the third act. I'm afraid we can't go any farther . . ."

"Hell," Mr. Weinertz exploded in disgust. "Let it alone." He returned to Mr. Hule. "Tell Ted and Leonard to throw in some of their old stuff when they go on," he snapped. "That dragon fight—sort of burlesque their old hit, and if the audience doesn't warm up to your cute little surprise when you spring it in the third, Harsell, you'd better go stab yourself on a swordfish. The ocean's full of 'em."

The audience remained silent and unmoved until near the end of the second act. Then Ted Hart and Leonard Glass got them with their funny stuff. It was recognized as a favorite bit of a past season being done over, but the way the boys made fun of themselves went over big.

The empty seats that Mr. Weinertz had expected to see when the curtain was raised for the last act were not there. He wiped a perspiring forehead and went back to his friends. His collar was limp and the long lock of hair he used to cover his baldness hung down the back of his head.

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"Then you can wait," Mrs. Dwight said firmly. "I never break the rule, Miss."  
 "Hurry," Evelyn cried, as she saw Jerry come running up the stairs. "What in the world did you do that for?" she whispered a second later as they danced out for the closing song.

"Mrs. Dwight has a telegram for me and she wouldn't let me have it," Jerry whispered back.  
 "Of course not," Evelyn replied under her breath. "It's a precaution against bad news upsetting a performer during the show."

The last of her words were lost in the wild applause that broke out and swept up over the footlights—applause that came like a reprieve to threatened toilers.

"Bad news!" Jerry hadn't thought of that. And why, she asked herself now, should Alester send her a telegram when he was in the house?

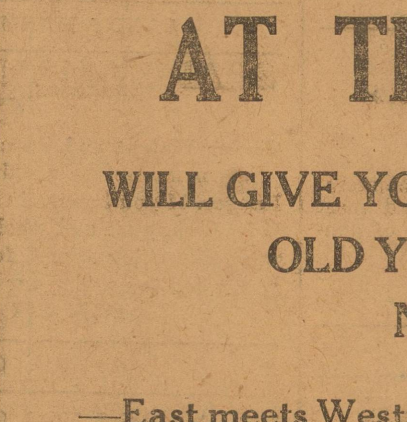
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She had forgotten Alester. But just as she turned to hasten to the dressing-room she saw him—and with him was Leontine Lebaury.  
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