

BANK BANDITS NOW IN EASTLAND JAIL

MOVED FROM GRAHAM TO EASTLAND AFTER ARREST; BOTH MEN WOUNDED; SICK

Captured Early Friday Morning in Outskirts Of
Graham After Being Starved and Driven
From Their Lair in Brazos Brakes

OFFER ONLY SLIGHT RESISTANCE

Capture of Two Fugitives Characterized as Com-
paratively Easy Matter by Officers, Ends
Week of Intensive Man Hunting

The most dogged manhunt in the history of west Texas is over—it came to an abrupt end early today when the two remaining bandits, suspected of robbing the First National bank of Cisco a week ago were arrested at Graham.

The two have been identified as Robert Hill and Henry Helm. They were taken alive but both are said to be seriously wounded, Helm's body showing seven bullet wounds.

Just a few hours less than an even week after the bank hold-up which resulted in the death of one officer and the more or less serious wounding of four other persons, the last bandit laid down his fire arms and submitted to the law.

One of them, L. E. Davis, was seriously wounded during the holdup and died the next day. Aother, Marshall Ratliff was wounded in the running fight with officers and citizens of Cisco. He is now in jail and may not live. He was captured near South Bend in Young county Tuesday morning. The other two, Hill and Helm, hunted like jungle beasts were finally driven and starved from their hiding place in the Brazos breaks in Young county.

The manhunt—perhaps the greatest in the history of Central West Texas—for the two bandits who had succeeded in eluding officers and posses of citizens of ten or more West Texas counties since the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco a week ago, came to a close at 5 o'clock this morning when two men identified as the fugitives, were captured at Graham by a posse of officers and citizens and placed in jail there. The men were identified as Henry Helm and Bob Hill. Both are badly wounded and are said to be in a critical condition. Helm was not wounded until the fight with the posse near Graham. Having been forced to hunt food and shelter, the two bandits slipped into Graham, seeking to find Chester Duffield, who they did not know was in jail at Eastland and sought to obtain room and board. When surrounded by officers neither of them, both of whom were heavily armed, fired any shots.

Each of them was wounded by a shot fired by a member of the posse. Marshall Ratliff, alleged to have been one of the four men who robbed the Cisco bank, was captured Tuesday morning near Graham when he fainted from exhaustion while engaged in a battle with officers. Louis Davis, alleged to have been the fourth member of the bandit gang, and who was shot, down on the streets of Cisco as he was attempting to escape after the robbery, died Sunday at Fort Worth where he had been taken for safe keeping. He was buried last Monday at Wichita Falls, his home.

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Bandits Turn Out to Be Pipe Line Walkers

Acting on a hot tip from German, which stated that two of the Cisco bank robbers had been seen leaving the undergrowth two miles west of Gordon and had entered a vacant house, Chief of Police Jim Ingram immediately rushed to the scene of the supposedly abode of the fugitives.

The two "fugitives" were found with ease but instead of being a pair of Cisco bank robbers, were merely pipe line walkers who were testing their lines for leakage.

The men, whose duty it is to walk the length of the lines and find the defaults and leaks, had become tired and thirsty and left the line to get water at the vacant house.

Youth Leaps From Window of Hotel Escaping Arrest

Chief of Police Jim Ingram, Ranger, last night located J. W. Hodges, Ranger boy, who is charged with theft by conversion of \$74 from the West Texas Coaches at Odessa but when John Ames, formerly of Ranger, but now a peace officer at Odessa, attempted to arrest him he jumped from the second story of his hotel and escaped. Ames informed Chief Ingram of Hodges' escape this morning.

A warrant for the arrest of Hodges who is a former employe of the West Texas coaches, has been issued by Justice of the Peace J. N. McFatter, following a complaint filed by Maurice Rush, local agent for the company.

It is alleged in the complaint that Hodges took \$74 of the company's money and has been missing from Ranger since December 24, the time the money was alleged to have been stolen.

The complaint stated that Rush ordered the money turned over to Hodges, who in turn was to give it to Frank Robinson, Eastland agent, who was relieving Rush while he was on his Christmas vacation. Although the alleged theft occurred December 24, it was not discovered until Rush returned from his vacation Thursday. Complaint charging Hodges with the theft was filed immediately.

Sheriff Hart And Deputies Given Praise in Manhunt

Three of the four men alleged to have robbed the First National bank of Cisco last Friday are behind the bars in the Eastland county jail, two of them, Henry Helm and Bob Hill, captured this morning at Graham, were brought in just after 12 o'clock.

Helm was brought in a car by Ranger Captain Tom Hickman and Ranger Mike Gonzauolos, and Hill was brought by Sheriff John Hart and Deputies Cy Bradford and C. E. Paine of Eastland. Helm and Hill were unarmed but were not handcuffed.

A crowd of some 150 or 200 men gathered at the jail when it was learned that the alleged bandits were being brought in, but everything was orderly.

Officers from other counties were loud in their praise of Sheriff John Hart and his men for their work in assisting in the capture of the bandits. "I have been with Hart and Paine much of the time on the hunt and I do not see how they have stood the long hours and the work they have done," Deputy Sheriffs Davenport and Deaton of Breckenridge said.

Sheriff John Hart of Eastland and deputies C. E. Paine, Cy Bradford and Lee Reid, who, with other members of the sheriff's department, have been very active in the pursuit of the bandits who robbed the First National bank of Cisco, were present in Graham this morning when the two remaining members of the gang were arrested and took a part in the arrest.

Sheriff Hart telephoned his office in Eastland immediately following the arrest of the two men.

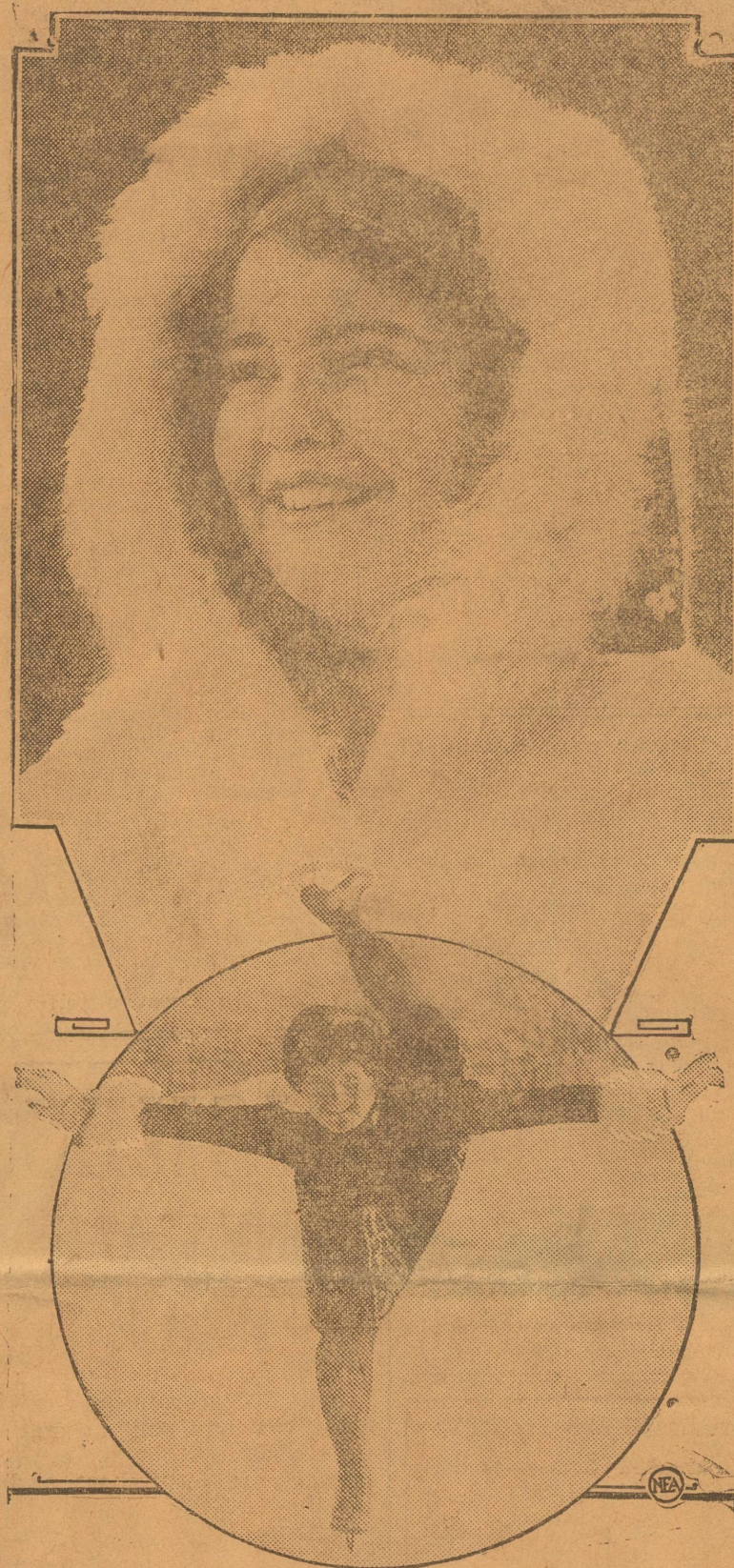
Hickman Proves To Be Slayer of Los Angeles Drug Clerk

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Evidence that William Edward Hickman was the actual slayer of Ivy Thomas, druggist in a holdup Christmas eve 1926 has been discovered, the coroner's office announced today.

Frank Webb assistant county autopsy surgeon in his report said Thomas died as the result of a gunshot wound from a .38 calibre revolver.

This places the responsibility for the murder upon Hickman who admitted in a written confession that he used a .38 calibre revolver on the night he and his bandit accomplice, Wilby Hunt held up and robbed Thomas.

Beauty, Grace; A-Ski, A-Skate



Beauty and grace bloom on unblighted by winter's frigid temperatures as here convincingly exemplified on the snow and ice at Lake Placid, N. Y. Betty Wells, of Pittsburgh, is smiling at you from her skiing parka above, while below, Beatrix Loughran, past-mistress of the ice, strikes a birdlike skating pose for the cameraman.

SINCLAIR AND SIX OTHERS ARE INDICTED

Officials of Sinclair Concerns
and Burns Detectives Are
Among Those Named.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The District of Columbia grand jury which investigated the Fall-Sinclair mistrial, today returned a presentment charging conspiracy to obstruct justice against Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire defendant in that trial, and six others.

The others named in the presentment: Henry Mason Day, Sinclair employe and director of the espionage of the trial jurors by Burns detectives; Shelton Clark, Chicago, also a Sinclair employe; William J. Burns, New York, founder of the Burns detective agency; W. Sherman Burns, New York, executive officer of the agency; Charles C. Ruddy, head of the 15 Burns agents who shadowed the jury; J. O'Reilly, Burns agent and go-between for the agents.

Lindbergh Alights At Belize Amid Great Cheering

BELIZE, British Honduras, Dec. 30.—Col. Chas. Lindbergh landed here at 9:45 a. m. central standard time. The crowd which thronged the field eagerly hoping that Lindbergh actually would land instead of merely circling the city and continuing on to San Salvador, broke into tremendous cheering.

Condition of Cone Johnson Reported To Be Serious

AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—Highway commissioner W. R. Ely hurried from Austin this morning to Fort Worth to see highway commissioner Cone. Johnson whose condition was reported to have become more serious than first diagnosed. Johnson was severely burned more than a week ago while on a hunting trip.

Ask Me Another Dallas Doctor Gives Answers

DALLAS.—Here is a question and answer game presented by Dr. M. M. Carrick, director of public health of Dallas, in which he says one can score 100 per cent by writing a large "NO" after the following questions:

Will a stocking worn about the neck at night prevent a sore throat?

Is sewer gas the means of spreading disease?

Is it safe to delay a moment in securing anti-toxin for a case of diphtheria?

Is a tooth brush as important as proper diet in childhood in preventing decay of teeth?

Is it wise or sensible to expose children to the usual communicable contagious diseases so that they can have them over with?

Will amber beads around a baby's neck prevent croup?

Will a poultice draw poison out of a wound?

Is there any other way to get typhoid fever than by eating or drinking the germs?

Will dog hairs applied to a dog bite prevent rabies?

Will carrying a horse chestnut in your pocket prevent rheumatism?

Is booze good for snake bite?

Now that anti-toxin has been perfected and is safe and sure, is any case of diphtheria necessary?

Is there any good reason why this country has more smallpox than any other country except Asia?

Will smallpox vaccination do any other thing but prevent smallpox?

Is there any truth in the belief that a bag of asafetida worn about the neck will prevent catching diseases?

Is there any way to detect in the early stages, diseases of the heart, kidneys and other organs of the body except through examination by a careful and competent physician?

Hickman May Be Connected With Dallas Holdup

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30.—Local police were today endeavoring to connect William E. Hickman, confessed kidnaper and murderer of Marion Parker, and Wilby Hunt, his companion in crime, with the murder of A. W. Wivle in a gun battle during a drug store hold up here Jan. 3, 1926.

Police believe that Hickman was in Dallas at the time of the robbery by reports from Los Angeles that Hickman and Hunt had been staging robberies in Fort Worth and Dallas about a year ago.

Rodney Sellars, owner of a drug store here, expressed belief today that Hickman was the youth who held up his store on the night following Thanksgiving, 1926.

"I saw him face to face during the robbery," Sellars said, "but I did not want to make an ass of myself by identifying him when I saw his picture in the paper recently."

"However, when I read this morning that he had operated in Dallas about the time my store was robbed I knew instantly that he was the man."

Hickman To Be Questioned On Texas Girl's Death

AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—Ranger Captain Frank Hamer who was in charge of the investigation following the finding of the body of a girl near Fredericksburg, last fall, said today he is satisfied that William Edward Hickman could have had no part in her death.

Nevertheless descriptions of persons seen with the girl before her body was found buried have been sent to Los Angeles by the sheriff's office.

"We sent the descriptions as a possible chance of solving the mystery," said Sheriff Burleson.

George Remus Held Insane, Sentenced To Ohio Hospital

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 30.—George Remus, former bootleg king, recently freed by a jury in the murder of his wife, Imogene Remus, on the sole grounds of insanity, was held insane today and committed to Lima, O., hospital for the criminally insane by judge William H. Leuders, probate judge.

MRS. LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT TO DETROIT DELAYED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—Postponement of Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh's airplane flight from here to Detroit until tomorrow appeared certain at noon today.

LOCAL FARMER IS OPTIMISTIC OVER OUTLOOK

Declares Farmers Can Make
Money if They Use Proper
Farm Methods.

"The amount of success one has farming in this country depends much upon the methods used by the farmer and the amount of energy he puts into his job," said Joe Niver, progressive Eastland county farmer who lives a few miles northeast of Eastland, when asked about the outlook for the farming industry in this section for 1928.

"Considered from every standpoint this country is a splendid farming country, and if the farmer will use a little gray matter, do a little diversifying and put forth the necessary effort, more or less money may always be made farming. The amount to be made will of course be determined somewhat by the rainfall and other climatic conditions," Mr. Niver said.

While small grain has been suffering some for the lack of moisture, the rain that has been falling for the past day or so will do much to relieve this situation, Mr. Niver thinks, and with this rain prospects for the grain crop for next year are good.

Mr. Niver said that Eastland county farmers, as a whole, are in good shape financially. Not many of them raised any cotton to speak of, but most of them raised plenty of food stuff, which was fed to live stock that has been sold at fairly good prices.

Farmers of this section, because of the many good towns in the Oil Belt, find a ready market for their produce close at home where they are able to get better prices than if they had to sell everything on distant markets.

HASSELL IN CELL WAITS SENTENCE

Wholesale Murderer Seems
Cheerful, Says He Is Ready
to Pay Penalty.

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 30.—After waiting a year to have the date of his execution fixed, George J. Hassell, 39, confessed murderer of his wife, eight stepchildren and another woman and three babies, smilingly awaits Jan. 9 when he will be resentenced to death in district court at Farwell.

His resentencing will be a formality following his unsuccessful appeal to the higher courts. His execution date probably will be sometime in February.

Presenting the appearance of a well fed, prosperous farmer, Hassell waits his fate with calm and good humor. He laughs and jokes with his fellow prisoners and enjoys his meals.

"You know," he told an interviewer, "I'm lots luckier than you are. You never know what day you may get run over by a car or shot at or take some fatal disease."

According to Sheriff Sam Faith, Hassell is a model prisoner and seems to enjoy the environment of the jail. He has never expressed remorse or regret for his crimes and talks freely of them, the sheriff said.

It was a year ago Dec. 24 that the bodies of a mother and eight of her children were found in a cave-in cellar near Farwell. When apprehended, Hassell confessed to having quarreled with his wife and then killing her and the children.

At the same time he admitted having murdered another wife and three of her children in California. He has had three wives and admits having lived with seven women from periods of three months to three years each.

He has admitted that he has more to tell. Local officers are inclined to believe that he can throw light on even other murders of women and children.

Hassell said his troubles began when he was eight years old. At that time he had an affair with a 15 year old girl, he said. Later he served a prison term. After leaving prison, he married a woman at Abilene and a son was born. He and his wife separated, he enlisted in the army but deserted and returned to west Texas.

He then began a career with women that included love affairs with women in the 37 states in which he worked.

Describing the California murder, Hassell said:

"We were home one night. Both of us were happy and talking when suddenly I realized I had her by the throat and had choked her and the babies to death. I don't know why I did it."

"There must be some cell back in my head that makes me kill. I don't look like a murderer and I don't feel like one. I am guilty of no crime and I'm going to pay the price, but why did I do it?"

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In For a Blow



Sheriff's Office Plays Big Part In Hunt for Bandits

The sheriff's department of Eastland county has taken an active part in the man hunt for the Cisco bank robbers, that has extended over Calahan, Eastland, Stephens and Young counties and has lasted for a week, and in an interview one of the deputies tells some very interesting experiences of the Eastland county forces.

Immediately after the bank was robbed Sheriff John Hart, with his deputies, By Bradford, M. Newman, C. D. Payne and Lee Reid, went to Cisco and were there reinforced with a posse of Cisco citizens and officers. Many officers of the posse, including G. B. Abernathy, sheriff of Palo Pinto county, Henry Thornton, Sheriff of Stephens county, Everett Hughes sheriff of Callahan county, Tom Hudson, sheriff of Jones county, J. B. Self sheriff of Baylor county, H. T. O'Bar sheriff of Taylor county, Owen Biggs sheriff of Shackelford county, and Jim Foster sheriff of Young county, joined the Eastland county forces in the hunt which extended all Friday afternoon and night. The Stubblefield farm was thrashed but the robbers were not located.

The next word of the activities of the fugitives came from Moran, when it was reported that the men had been at the home of Sam Fox, a brother-in-law of L. E. Davis, the first robber captured and who later died. Soon after the sheriff's department of Eastland had been notified of the kidnapping of Claude Wylie and the stealing of his car, which occurred Monday morning, John Hart and C. D. Payne went to the Little Wichita River bridge in Wichita county and M. Newman, Cy Bradford, L. V. Hock and Bob Hammett went to the bridge on the Brazos river near South Bend in Young county.

Soon after sun up Tuesday morning the three bandits, traveling in a Ford roadster stolen in Cisco, appeared on the South Bend highway. Deputies Newman, Bradford and Hock and other deputies from other counties, had been informed by C. L. Garrett, office deputy, that the men were traveling in a Ford roadster. When approximately three blocks from the officers the bandits saw them, turned their car around and sped away, the officers in hot pursuit. When three miles south of South Bend the bandits abandoned their car and took to the brush, leaving Marshall Ratliff, one of their number, wounded. It is generally supposed that Cy Bradford fired the shot that stopped Ratliff, as he bore evidence of buckshot wounds. The other robbers were wounded from the fusillade of shots fired by the deputies and private citizens.

The Eastland county sheriff's department was given perfect co-operation by the other departments in Eastland county, especially Ranger, represented by Jim Ingram and officers, and Cisco officers, Ranger Captain Tom Hickman and Private Gortzallus, worked night and day on the case.

J. Frank Sparks, district attorney of Eastland county and his assistant, Sterling Holloway, have also been active in the case, having collected much evidence that will be beneficial to the state in the case. Both Sparks and Holloway have been with the officers on most of the hunts and have taken statements from a large number of persons.

ABANDONED AUTOMOBILE TAKEN BY RANGER POLICE

Chief of Police Jim Ingram today ordered his men to take a Chevrolet coupe, which has been standing in the lot belonging to the Southern Ice and Utilities company's retail station on Rusk street, and store it in a garage until the owner appeared and claimed it. The car has been standing in front of the station for four days and the belief is that it was stolen and abandoned in Ranger.

The car bore a Potter county license.

PYTHIAN SISTERS HAVE QUILTING MEETING

The Pythian sisters of Eastland temple No. 72 met last night. Attendance was not so good, but a great deal of business was attended to.

The members of the lodge are quilting a membership quilt and all blocks for this quilt should be in by the next meeting night, which is next Thursday night.

At the next meeting it is expected that installation of the new officers will take place.

SOCIETY

THE SERENADERS TO CISCO

Gus L. Coleman will take his Original Rainbow Serenaders, direct from the Rainbow Gardens of either London or Paris, to the Lake Cisco pavilion where they will officially usher the New Year in with a dance.

ELKS DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

The Ranger Elks will give their annual New Year ball Saturday night at the club's ballroom, starting at 9 o'clock.

The New Year dance given by the Ranger Elks is one of the outstanding dances of the year and the usual large crowd is expected to attend. According to officials of the club, there will be plenty of noise makers, streamers and confetti.

The Worthens, one of the leading Fort Worth orchestras, and a favorite in Ranger, will furnish the music.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Inez Roper of Plainview to Mr. Hubert Allen Ferrell of Cleburne has been announced.

Miss Roper has been teaching at the Cooper ward school and has resigned her position.

The couple will be married on Feb. 1.

MANY RANGERITES ATTEND OPENING

Many Ranger couples attended the opening dance given by the Breckenridge Elks club at their new club-rooms on the eighth floor of the new Burch hotel.

The Elks gave a dance on the roof of the garden of the hotel and over 150 couples were in attendance. Brimberry-Hunt orchestra of Ranger played for the dance.

Spanish Duplex Apartment House To be Constructed

Walter Bolen, Ranger, will construct a modern apartment house located at 317 East Main street, at an approximate cost of \$6,000 he announced today.

The house will be a Spanish stucco duplex apartment house, containing two complete four room apartments. The work is in charge of Mr. Bolen. The apartment house will be located next to the one recently erected by Rural Murray.

Work on the place will start Monday morning and will be rushed to completion.

DALLAS.—Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, New York newspaper, will be the principal speaker at the banquet to be given here Jan. 6 for the winners in the 1927 more cotton on fewer acres contest staged by the Dallas News.

Price is one of the best known economists in the United States and returned this month from a study of business conditions in Europe.

Among the other speakers at the banquet will be John Fields, vice-president of the Federal Land bank at Wichita, Kans., and former editor of the Oklahoma Farmer, and Dr. T. O. Walton, president of Texas A. and M. college.

New Year's Cards

Pfaeffle's
 Ranger's Jeweler

Grand Jury Investigation Starts Monday

Judge George L. Davenport of the Ninety-first district court of Eastland county and J. Frank Sparks, district attorney, stated this morning that the grand jury had been called to reconvene Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of investigating the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco last Friday noon.

District Attorney Sparks stated that three complaints had been filed against each Marshall Ratliff and Henry Helm in connection with the robbery of the bank, one charging robbery with firearms, one for murder of G. E. Bedford and one for assault with intent to murder George Carmichael. Complaints will be filed against Bob Hill as soon as possible, Assistant District Attorney Sterling Holloway said.

Judge Davenport stated this morning that he had not called the grand jury together sooner, because he felt that until today they would have been handicapped in their investigation. "I have been keeping closely in connection with what was happening," Judge Davenport said.

The following men compose the grand jury which Judge George L. Davenport of the Ninety-first district court, has called together to investigate the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco:

- W. D. Conway, oil operator, Ranger.
- Leslie Hagaman, refinery operator, Ranger.
- G. D. Chastain, drilling contractor, Ranger.
- G. N. Collins, farmer and stockman, Carbon.
- W. A. Dolberry, farmer, Eastland route 1.
- Fred Dillon, farmer, Eastland route 1.
- Joseph M. Weaver, president States Oil corporation, Eastland.
- W. M. Burgamy, groceryman, Eastland.

S. S. Brawner, warehouseman and drayman, Eastland.
 W. B. Smith, banker, Eastland.
 E. E. Freyschlag, insurance man, Eastland.

A. Anderson, casing machine owner and operator, Ranger.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAY PURCHASE TEXAS MIDLAND

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Southern Pacific railroad company and the Texas and New Orleans railroad applied to the interstate commerce commission today, for authority to acquire the Texas Midland railroad, a 125 mile line from Ennis to Paris, Texas.

WAXAHACHIE.—Ellis county again leads the world as the champion cotton producing county. The final ginning report showed that 111,529 bales were ginned in Ellis county this year as compared to 113,076 bales ginned in 1926.

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Gripings

By GUS

When you run out of something to gripe about, go to the dictionary. We did. We scanned down the line and found the line and the first word to catch our eye was the word "ethics." Now a lot of you Rotarians "grin, dern you."

The word "ethics" is one that has always been one of our favorite words to study and consider, and since this will be our last attempt in 1927 we will discourse along that line for a few lines and call it a year.

Ethics is a high-brow word and only to be used in connection with the more learned professions, according to some people. But this is not so.

Practically everything you do in your dealings with your fellow man or your God, or your contry has to do with some phase of ethics. It is supposed to mean "the habit, or custom, of doing good."

Whenever you take a sneaking advantage of a fellowman you are doing something decidedly unethical. If he happens to be your friend you are doubly guilty. If you try to lie out of it you, am is in triplicate and if you get caught in the lie, it's just too bad.

So, as we close the old book for 1927, we do it without much ceremony and no apology. If we can have as much fun in 1928 we'll do the same thing next year. We've had a lot of fun poking our nose into other people's business and then writing something about it.

But we do have to come out of the bushes on what we say, because when it goes into the sheet there's no taking it back and no laying it on to somebody else. Boy, if we talk about you, you'll know where to find it. A lot of people can't say the same thing about us, but we wish them a happy new year anyway.

FORMER HIGH SCHOOL BOY OPERATED ON THURSDAY
 Joe Terry, former Ranger high school football player and a college player of some note, was operated upon Thursday afternoon for appendicitis.

He stood the operation well.

Believe Cisco Bandits Robbed Bank at Carbon

That at least two of the four men alleged to have robbed the First National bank of Cisco, were implicated in the robbery of the first State bank of Carbon a few weeks ago, is the belief of District Attorney J. Frank Sparks of Eastland.

Officers and employees of the Carbon bank who were in the bank when it was robbed were in Eastland Friday to see the two men brought in from Graham. They had already seen Ratliff. They believe Ratliff is one of the men who robbed the Carbon bank.

Believe Ratliff Planned Robbery For Many Months

Brady Poe, Cisco, is of the opinion that Marshall Ratliff had been planning the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco, since released from the penitentiary where he was serving a sentence for robbing the Valera bank, in Coleman county.

Poe, who has been employed on several occasions to guard the bank that was robbed, said that while on duty there Ratliff often talked with him about the bank and was seen around the bank frequently.

Poe had received a tip just before bank was to be robbed that Ratliff

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Batting offers the opportunity for more unusual situations than perhaps any other feature of baseball.

In a previous article I described how Roger Peckinpaugh, recently appointed manager of the Cleveland Indians, received five bases on balls in one game. Getting five bases on balls in one game is decidedly unusual, but the manner in which Peckinpaugh registered was even more so. Not once did he offer at a single ball. He never once took his bat off his shoulder. Each time the count was three balls and two strikes before he finally walked.

Possibly it would have been better had Peckinpaugh's performance been heralded as a non-batting feat. In keeping with Peck's peculiar day at bat, that of reaching first base five successive times without being charged with a time at bat and making no effort to hit the ball, was a day which Wade Killifer experienced back in 1910.

In five consecutive trips to the plate Killifer failed to reach first base in a single instance wasn't charged with a time at bat, yet in each case accomplished the thing he set out to do, move a runner or runners up.

Made Four Sacrifices
The many situations that come up in a ball game seldom call for the same player to sacrifice in his first five times at bat. Yet that is just what happened to Killifer.

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Was Pioneer



It was Branch Rickey, above, who first started the idea of big league clubs owning several minor league clubs for use as farms. Now the St. Louis Cards own several minor league teams and Rickey's idea is being put into operation by other big league clubs.

I might add that he stretched his unusual performance over part of two games. As I recall it four sacrifices is the record for one game. Killifer merely tied this mark probably because he was up only four times in the game and therefore really had no chance to break it.

Washington and Detroit were the contending clubs. These two teams were scheduled to play a double header on August 27, 1910, at Washington. The first game was a pitchers' battle and each of the four times Killifer came to the bat in the opening battle, proper baseball called for Washington to play for a run, making Killifer's duty to lay down a bunt.

When the opposition knows the bunt is the play, because of the closeness of the score, the infield sets itself for such a procedure and it isn't the easiest thing in the world for the batsman to deliver.

Happened Only Once
Yet, in this game, in which I happened to be the umpire, Killifer on four distinct occasions laid down what is called in baseball a perfect bunt. While he was retired he advanced the runner or runners, the task delegated to him.

Unless my memory is in error, Killifer was in second position in the Washington batting order. This is what is known as the sacrifice spot. Yet, in over 22 years of umpiring, this is the only instance in over 3,500 games in which I have seen the same player called upon to bunt on four successive trips to the plate and deliver each time in the most approved manner.

Then to cap the climax to the unusual day in the very first inning of the second game, after the lead-off man had reached first in safety, proper baseball again called for Killifer to attempt his fifth bunt in a row. Once again he turned the trick.

All five bunts, by the way, were down the third base line and so accurately placed there was no chance to make a play on the advancing runners, the team in the field being fortunate to retire Killifer at first.

Nothing for Granted
It wasn't until the fourth inning of the second game that Killifer really had a chance to swing at the ball. As far as I know this is the only instance in baseball, major league baseball at least, where the same player made five sacrifice hits in as many successive appearances at the bat.

Just another example of the fact that baseball is filled with uncertainties, that it is dangerous to take anything for granted.

In my next article I will discuss the three best bits of pitching I have ever seen in a world series game.

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COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 29.—Carrying a message of the latest and most successful farming practices with stress laid upon the benefits of diversification the 1928 Texas Farm and Home Demonstration Special to be operated early in the new year by the Santa Fe Railway company and the A. & M. College of Texas co-operating will be much in the nature of an agricultural college on wheels.

Outstanding specialists of the college will be aboard the train to deliver at each of the stopping points lectures on various phases of agricultural activity. Supplementing these brief but comprehensive talks will be illustrative exhibits of poultry, crops and soils, farm club and home demonstration work, as well as livestock.

President T. O. Watson of the A. & M. College, Oscar B. Martin, new director, and H. H. Williams, state agent of the Extension Service, expect to be aboard the special for a part of the tour which will include 117 stops and cover a period of 36 days. The special will be operated by the Santa Fe and the lectures and exhibits will be furnished by the college. The train will cover both Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe territory and Panhandle & Santa Fe territory with J. E. Jarrell, manager of agricultural development of the railway, in general charge. L. F. Dinan, agricultural agent, will handle the program and details for the local meetings. The first stop will be at Navasota January 16, and the last at Follett, February 25.

The crops of lecturers for the special, from the ranks of which speakers will be drawn for different periods of the itinerary, has been announced at the college as follows:

On livestock: D. W. Williams, G. W. Barnes, and E. R. Eudaly.
On dairying: A. L. Darnell, J. A. Clutter, and J. L. Thomas.

On poultry: D. H. Reid, Lawrence Morris, R. M. Sherwood, and E. N. Holmgren.
On agronomy: E. A. Miller, D. T. Killough, and J. S. Mogford.

Boys club work: Sterling C. Evans, state boys club leader.
Home demonstration work: Miss Mildred Herton, state agent and Miss Bess Edwards, assistant state agent.

Local county farm and home demonstration agents will assist in the programs at the various stops.

Best in League



Here's Horace Lisenbee, who pitched four shutouts in his first season of major league baseball. The young Washington pitcher led the American League hurlers in this department last year. He is expected to be the star of the Washington staff in 1928.

New Hope

Little Deene Campbell has been sick but seems to be improving. The Christmas tree and program was enjoyed by a large crowd Friday night. Many useful gifts were distributed among those present.

Mr. Finn and family have been moving for the past week to an adjoining community. We are sorry to lose them from our community.

Lonnie Stovall and family of Jones county have been visiting R. A. McMillian.

Dewey McCoubour and family of Odessa have been visiting Mr. Knox and family.

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Elmer Purtle and family spent Christmas with Rev. B. F. Clements and wife.

G. W. Woods and family and John Bennett and family spent Sunday with Odie Bennett of Midway.

Vera Self has been very sick with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Buck Reed and wife and Jim Aldrich and wife left here for Ralls, where they intend to make their home.

Mrs. Aldriche's daughter of Houston, spent Christmas with home folks. Preaching at the Christian church Sunday was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Pearl McBaba, who is attending Ranger Junior College, visited in the community Sunday.

Mrs. Maye Campbell and little son Deene have been visiting her parents of Alameda.

Mrs. Lee Fields visited W. O. Hamilton, Monday.

Mrs. Barnett has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. McDaniel of near Carbon.

Mr. Farley and wife and John Tucker and wife visited in the community Sunday.

Miss Vergie McGaba who is attending school at Tarleton, and sister, Miss Lucy, visited Misses Exia and Ella Maye Hamilton Friday night.

Alton Smith and family of west Texas visited Craig Smiths of this community.

When we saw the headline, "Wife Slain at Piano, Mate Held" we telephoned home, but the good wife told us it couldn't be true, for the lady next door was playing that same piece this minute.

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DALLAS.—Cooperative marketing as the means for solving the farm relief problem will be discussed in great detail at the eighth annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau federation here Jan. 11 to 13.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County, Texas, Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Eastland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of four successive weeks previous to the first day of the January term of court:

The State of Texas:
To all persons interested in the estate of Paul Chirminise, deceased, and also all heirs at law of Paul Chirminise, deceased, who are alleged to reside in your said County of Eastland, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court at Law for Eastland County, to be held at the courthouse thereof on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, to contest, should they desire to do so, the application of F. A. Badami, filed in the said court, and which will then and there be acted on, for the probate of the last will and testament of said Paul Chirminise, deceased, which was made as a nuncupative will, and which in said application is substantially stated to be as follows:

That your petitioner, is F. A. Badami:
That Paul Chirminise died on or about Nov. 21, 1927, at Weatherford, Parker County, Texas. That his residence was in Eastland County, Texas.

That Paul Chirminise left an estate of the probable value of \$3,000.00.
That Paul Chirminise made the following testamentary words in the presence of Wade Swift, Wm. A. Lewis, F. A. Badami and Harry A. Logsdon: "I want all of my property to go to my nephew, Dominick Chirminise, including my barber shop in Ranger, and all of my other property." That said words were reduced to writing on Nov. 22, 1927. That Paul Chirminise addressed said testamentary words to F. A. Badami:

That Paul Chirminise, deceased, was not married but left surviving him a nephew by the name of Dominick Chirminise, who resides, applicant is informed, at Knox, Pennsylvania, and probably other heirs at law, whose names and addresses and relationship are unknown to your applicant.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, R. L. Jones, Clerk of the County Court at Law for Eastland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Eastland, Texas, this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1927.

R. L. JONES,
Clerk of the County Court at Law for Eastland County, Texas.
By E. H. JONES, Deputy.

NO. 2147.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the sheriff or any constable of Eastland county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for 20 days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the state of George Myers, deceased, take notice: That Harry Atwood, administrator of the estate of George Myers, deceased, having on the 14th day of December, 1927, filed in the county court at law for Eastland county, Texas, his application to sell the following described land belonging to said estate: Lots 7 and 8 in block 7, and lot 7 in block 8, in the town of Olden, Texas.

Now, therefore, these are to notify all persons interested in said estate, to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the Honorable County Court at Law for Eastland county, Texas, to be held in the courthouse in the city of Eastland, Eastland county, Texas, on the second Monday in January, 1928, same being the 9th day of January, 1928, and then and there to show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 15th day of December, 1927.

R. L. JONES,
Clerk County Court at Law, Eastland County, Texas.
By E. H. JONES, Deputy.

The Steering Gear Broke



This car tried to cross a ravine without using the bridge, after the car's steering gear went askew. After about 40 feet of somersaulting and fancy tumbling the car landed in a creek, but the four passengers weren't hurt. The mishap occurred near Dallas, Tex.

Home Life In New York Is Doomed, Says Frenchman

By United Press.
PARIS.—New York is destined to become eventually a city of gigantic mountainlike buildings each occupying a city block, according to "Fortunat Strowski, a member of the French Institute, who has spent several years in the American city, studying its people and their problems.

M. Strowski believes the day of skyscraper construction has passed; the architects having reached the height limit of about 800 feet and the loss of sunlight and air in the "canyons" of downtown New York being a menace to public health. As an admirer of the hilly country in the south central part of France, M. Strowski takes his inspiration from the towered mountains abounding along the banks of the Dordogne, Lot and Tarn rivers. They slope gently from the water to a height of several hundred feet, then comes a level space, after which another ascent and so on to the peaks.

He stresses the gradual disappearance from the New York skyline of the private homes built on European lines, their place being taken by immense buildings adapted to the needs of the day. Soon, he says in an article in the "Renaissance," these also will vanish, giving way to vast, solid edifices, constructed on the model of the hills he loves. In years to come, he predicts, the island of Manhattan will be given over to these structures for business purposes only, the New Yorkers living in their homes on Long Island or New Jersey.

PLAN TEMPLE FOR OLD-TIME RELIGION

By United Press.
NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Fundamentalists of Nashville and Tennessee are going to build a great tabernacle here where Billy Sunday and Gypsy Smith can speak.

The Temple Fundamental association has been incorporated for the purpose, and hundreds of Tennesseans already have contributed funds for the building program. Women are excluded from membership.

One of the incorporators described the purpose of the association as, "to build a structure where speakers may hold forth who teach the fundamental truths of the Bible. Everywhere the forces of modernism are seeking to overthrow the Bible and faith in God and Jesus Christ. We mean to do something to counteract this movement which is rapidly breaking down the moral fibre of our times."

The charter reads in part: "for the purpose of spreading and upholding the fundamental doctrine of the word of God and earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints and to hold public worship, and the building and maintenance of missionary undertakings and adopting as their articles of faith 'the Baptist Bible union articles of faith.'"

"That no one who is known as an evolutionist, modernist or higher critic be allowed to preach or teach in any of the meetings of this association and women are not eligible to membership in this association."

Santa Claus has been very busy this year, judging from some of the well-filled stockings we've seen lately.

\$1,000,000 FOR U. S. EMBASSY IN FRANCE

By United Press.
CLEVELAND, O.—Erection of a \$1,000,000 structure for the housing of the American diplomatic and consular services in France is being contemplated, according to United States Ambassador Myron T. Herrick.

The structure as planned would be financed jointly by the United States government and by business concerns with offices in France. It was understood that Herrick had obtained the promise of influential members of congress for governmental aid in financing the project.

Plans for the building will be laid before the American colony in Paris when Herrick returns to his post as ambassador soon after Christmas, according to present expectations.

Besides the consular and diplomatic service, the structure would house the American Chamber of

Commerce, the American library, and the Paris post of the American Legion.

Herrick, fully recovered from his long illness, expects to sail for Paris early in January. He will remain at his Gates Mills, O., home with his son Parmely through the holiday season.

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Countess Karolyi Has Antique Shop In City of Paris

By United Press.
PARIS.—Countess Michael Karolyi, wife of the first president of the Hungarian republic, is running an antique shop in Paris. The countess is the daughter of Count Andras, who was foreign minister during the war, and her husband is, or was, one of the wealthiest men in the Balkans. Count Karolyi was a friend of the allies but nevertheless he was barred from the United States some years ago on suspicion that he was a communist.

Countess Karolyi also was accused of helping recruiting for the red army of soviet Russia and for that reason was exiled from her native land. After the Bela Kun revolution her husband's resources vanished and the countess was obliged to go to work.

"I began selling old English furniture for a dealer," she told the United Press, "and I obtained high prices from American visitors. Then I learned that old French furniture

is also sought after so I began traveling in the provinces to find bargains. I am doing well in that line and I intend now to take up the sale of old books and engravings and perhaps lace embroideries. I am going to open a hall where lectures on ancient and modern art will be given by experts. I like this life because it permits me to follow my natural bent and at the same time gives me recreation."

Christmas is a time when the young swain's future depends greatly upon the present.

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PROSPECTS BETTER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS

Presidential Election Not Expected to Affect Business First Six Months.

By ELMER WALZER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK.—Business for the first half of 1928 holds more in the way of constructive outlook than did 1927 just a year ago. But a prophecy as to what may be expected after that time is difficult, as past history bears out the need for caution in dealing with what may happen in a presidential year.

The year 1926 was an abnormal one, setting new records for prosperity in most lines of business. The past year lived up to expectations in that it did not, in all respects, hold up to the standard thus set. Yet no one can say that depression

was prevalent. Some lines of business such as automobile and steel dropped sharply; car loadings fell off; many corporations earned less; unemployment was greater; gold was leaving the country; competition was keener; oil production was at such tremendous pace that the industry became demoralized; several disasters such as the Mississippi floods caused heavy loss of life and huge economic loss.

Outstanding in 1927 was the ease of credit which buoyed up the stock market, where sales crossed the half billion mark for the first time in history and trading took on such broad proportions that more than 700 individual stocks were appearing at a single session, a new record. Money was so plentiful that the rates were forced down to low ground and herds of corporations took advantage of this situation to refund their obligations at lower interest rates. A boom was on in the security markets and public participation in buying and selling of stocks and bonds took on the widest proportion in all time.

Ford Plants. One of the causes of business setback was the cessation of operations of the mighty Ford plants while arrangements were being made to bring out a new model. In the interim General Motors corporation profited to the limit. The company's sales for the first nine months exceeded any previous year. Several other motor companies also took advantage of the lull and made handsome profits. But

with the advent of the new Ford the situation changed somewhat. There was no indication of a motor year such as had been predicted, but the outlook is for formation of several other large companies from the many smaller units now existing. Such a union seems the logical way out of a difficult situation.

Resumption of the Ford plants is expected to bring further improvement into other lines, notably steel. Steel business was very far under last year both in volume and in price. Incidentally, the one man capable of bringing this giant industry to its feet died last August just when he was most needed. A successor will have his hands full to instill in the industry in particular and the business world in general such confidence as reposed in the late Judge Elbert H. Gary.

Measured by retail trade the country showed a high rate of prosperity. For the first 11 months of the year chain store sales were 15 per cent ahead of 1926 and above previous records. This gain was brought about by the better status of the farmer in the market and by the upturn in almost all lines late in the year and the high state of activity during the first five months of the year.

Boom to South. A much reduced cotton crop brought about, not by governmental decree or by natural phenomena—the floods and boll weevil—was a boon to the south. The spot cotton price advanced above 21 cents and at one time predictions were made that futures would rise above 25 cents. However, slackening of mill buying as prices advanced slowed down part of the cotton market and brought down prices. The danger spot for the coming year lies in the amount of land which will be devoted to cotton in 1928. Usually when a large return is given the farmer, he overplants the following year and thus brings a season of severe depression through large supply and consequent lower prices. Steps taken now to limit cotton acreage would prevent repetition of the losses of 1926 from which the cotton farmers were just recovering at the end of this season.

Western states experienced a much better year. Just about a year ago banks of the grain country were failing, prices were low in corn which this year is giving abundant return despite a large crop. Wheat is lower but the amount available will make up the difference in price. Hides are considerably higher and commodities in general show a better tone.

In the business world various measurements of activity were deceiving. Production and consumption of electric current held at the highest levels which should indicate growth of business. But actual results showed this case only in a minority of instances. However, the utilities profited in good style and the level of production held up remarkably well. The while difficulty of the year past is that coming as it did just after a period of record business, comparisons are apt to be one-sided. The year 1927, while under 1926 in many respects, was better in more ways than 1925 and preceding years.

Car Loadings High. Until late in the year car loadings held up above the 1925 mark. In fact for the first three months more revenue freight was loaded than in 1926. In March nearly every week was above the million mark, the earliest in history. From the first week of May to the end of the year the totals shrunk from the previous year. In the week ended June 4 only 911,298 cars were loaded, the lowest for the same period since 1924. A recovery ensued and held with the totals under 1926 but above 1925 until the last of November when usual seasonal declines reduced volume of traffic. Since the first of the year freight loadings declined 2.1 per cent from 1926, but in the aggregate showed an increase of 1.5 per cent above 1925.

Incidentally, along with the reduction of business of the railroads, equipment companies suffered through lack of orders. Their reduction of operations in turn affected the steel industry. Now that orders for railroad equipment are growing rapidly, a better outlook is seen for these companies. Building held up well, but showed a falling off from 1926 and this also worked adversely in the steel trade and many other lines, including lumber, hardware, electrical supplies, etc.

Coal output was reduced and the industry in the soft coal fields practically demoralized by labor difficulties about the only serious employment troubles in the country. Most of the western strikes were settled, but the situation in Pennsylvania has not yet righted itself and with the bituminous industry losing prestige, it is doubtful if it can ever regain its former position. Substitutes in the way of fuel and water power for electricity are making deep inroads into former demand for both anthracite and bituminous coal.

Oil Production High. The situation in the oil industry was simply one of over-production. The Oklahoma fields spurted oil in great quantity as did those in other sections of the country. Drilling was carried to extremes and tremendous waste caused huge losses of the country's precious supply of crude oil. As a result of this over-production prices dropped to the point where profit was seriously reduced. Now efforts are meeting success in curtailment of this waste and the outlook is much brighter for the oil companies.

Copper had met a fate somewhat similar to oil through supply exceeding demand. Toward the end of the year efforts to right the industry were rising with the 15-cent level predicted for the near future and little chance seen of a reduction later on.

The fundamental economic position of the country has been excellent throughout the year. Manufacturers and dealers learned a lesson several years ago with regard to buying ahead. The hand-to-mouth method has kept inventories low and has prevented any panicky feeling regarding price changes. Millions have been tied up in installment buying,

but this method has lost its potency for evil. Business men are coming to see in it a stimulus to trade in times of prosperity and have lost their fear of its probable effects in times of adversity.

Thus while business has been coming more into line with normal development, the pace has not been reduced to any large extent. Car loadings have held up above 1925; retail trade as measured by mail-order and chain stores has been high; business profits have not been seriously reduced; bank clearings have been high; life insurance sales high; building at a good pace and credit easy.

Credit Easy. It is the last named easy credit which brought sensational participation in stock and security markets. It helped bring new bond flotations up to \$7,000,000,000; it aided refinancing at very low interest rates in both corporation and government operations and kept up the general business structure. Speculation sent brokerage loans to a new high level for all time.

In the stock market averages of railroad and industrial shares reached the highest levels in their history. While a few bad breaks occurred, there was no concerted movement to "sell America short."

The industrial stock average lost slightly in January; increased sharply in February and May, moderately in March and April; lost three and one-half points in June; rose seven and one-half points in July; lost two and three-quarters in August; rose three and one-half in September; lost seven and three-quarters in October; gained six in November and moved back and forth in a smaller range in December with the trend upward.

Railroad shares as measured by the averages lost 3-4 in January; rose 5-12 in February; lost 1-3-4 in March; rose 4 in April; rose 8-3-4

in May; lost 6-3-4 in June; gained 6-1-4 in July; gained 7 in August and 7-3-4 in September; lost 5-3-4 in October; gained 6-1-2 in November; continued to rise in December. The industrial average at its high point \$799.78 Oct. 3—a new record—was \$47.05 above that of the low touched Jan. 25 at 152.73. The railroad average also reached a high point on Oct. 3 at \$144.82. Its low of \$119 was touched Jan. 28, \$25.53 under the high, thus indicating a steady upward movement.

Market Operations. Millions were gained and lost in market operations. As prices advanced most of the time a large outside following was brought into the market. Easy money with the rate between 3-1-2 and 4 per cent most of the time and a rediscount rate of 3-1-2 per cent since August kept up enthusiasm on the bullish side. Seats on the stock exchange rose to a record above \$300,000 and curb exchange seats were above \$65,000 for the first time in history.

Sales daily were averaging around the 2,000,000 mark with little prospect of the market's reducing operations so long as money was obtainable at reduced rates. Among the favorite stocks were American Can, General Motors, U. S. Steel, American Telephone & Telegraph, General Electric, Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck, Consolidated Gas, Radio Corporation, National Biscuit, Timken Roller Bearing, International Harvester, Baldwin, Westinghouse Electric, Union Carbide. These and 10 others selected from the industrial division rose more than three billion dollars in market value during the year.

Gains on a smaller scale were made by the representative rails. Canadian Pacific rose more than 40 points; Chesapeake and Ohio over 40; St. Paul issues 8 to 14 points; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific over 38;

Eric 21; Norfolk & Western 34; Western Maryland 37; and others in proportion. Copper stocks soared on the better price level in the industry; mercantile issues were in particular demand on their higher sales; utilities were bid up on improved business; rails perked up on merger outlook and forecasts for a better year in 1928; tobacco stocks boomed as their business increased; oils sagged with the exception of Houston and American Republics which gained sharply; motors generally gained; specialties were carried forward in sensational buying.

Injection of politics into the market with the statement by President Coolidge that he did not "choose to run in 1928" caused a long period of irregularity which was eased by the belief that Coolidge could be induced to accept the nomination. When congress convened market operators failed to heed constructive utterances by the president, Secretary Mellon and other towering figures and sold the market on the president's restoration of his stand with regard to the selection of a candidate.

Railroads Affected. Other incidents which caused irregularity of temporary duration were the culmination of a technical corner in Wheeling and Lake Erie and later in the year an abrupt drop of 60 points in Manhattan Electrical Supply which had been bid up to dizzy heights by a pool working in the stock. Advent of the new Ford brought an avalanche of business into the companies which would profit from Ford contracts including tire makers, manufacturers of various other parts of the machines, bearing companies, body makers, and the like. When this phase wore off a rally set in the motors as the New York automobile show approached—a yearly vote of confidence given by the stock market.

Railroads were affected several times by adverse decisions of the various courts regarding valuation. As yet they have not won a single

case regarding valuation based on 1914 cost figures. Neither have they succeeded in receiving interstate commerce commission sanction for mergers so often urged by the president and congress. The next year should witness some real activity along this line together with the better business in store for the carriers, factors which should bring further participation in railroad stocks on all markets.

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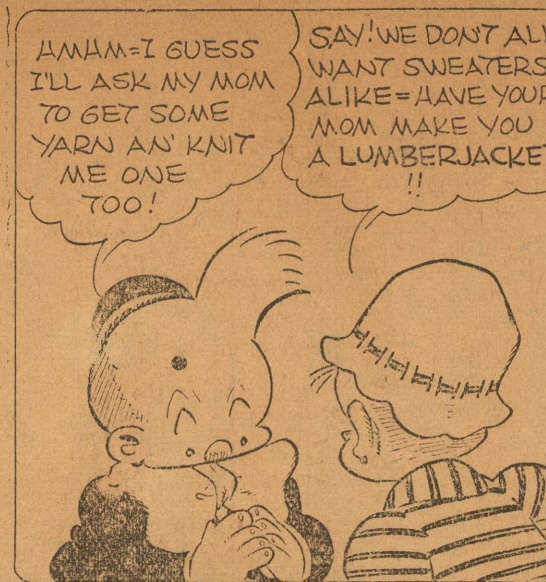
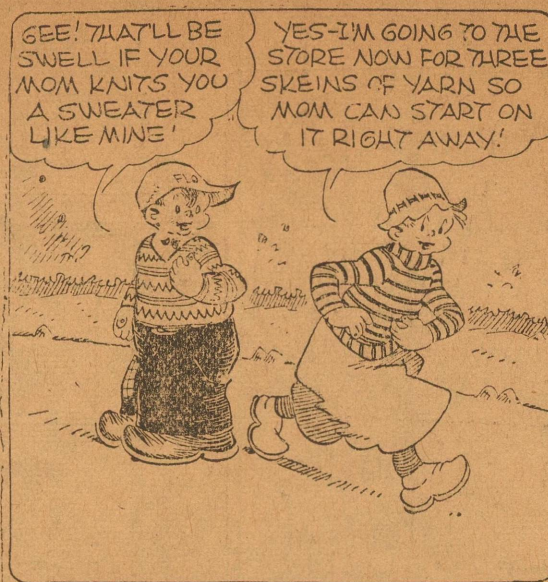
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WANTED—To rent office room and share reception room expense with dentist or physician in Ranger. Write Dr. R. O. Singleton, Mineral Wells, Texas, description and price in first letter.

21—LEGAL NOTICES
POUND SALE—Monday, Jan. 2nd, at 3 p. m. on Southwest corner of Commerce and Elm streets, Ranger, there will be sold 1 old dun mare mule about 15 hands high, 1 old black horse mule about 15 hands high. Jim Ingram, chief of police.

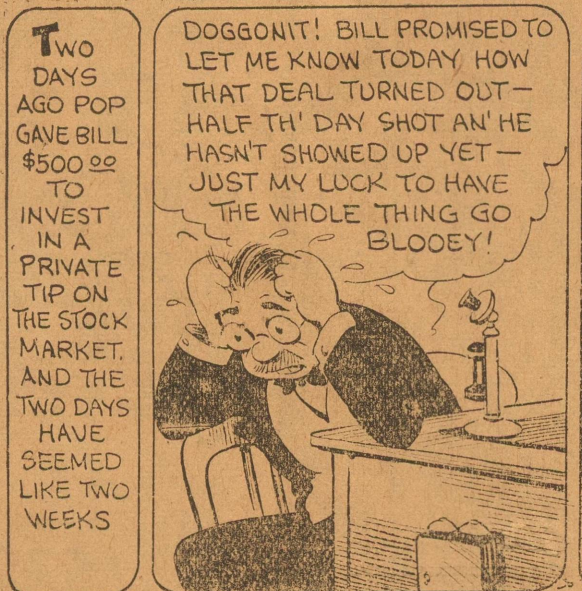
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY

By H. W. WRYE
John The Baptist and Jesus
Mark 1:1-11
Golden Text: "He must increase, but I must decrease."—John 3:30.
Teaching Outline:
1. The Mission, Preaching, and Success of John Baptist, Vs. 1-5.
2. His Manner of Life, V. 6.
3. Proclaims Christ, Vs. 7-8.
4. Baptism of Christ, Vs. 9-10.
5. A Heavenly Blessing, V. 11.
The Sunday school lessons for 1928, as indicated by the International Committee, cover two six months' courses: The Life of Christ—studies in Mark's Gospel, and The Life and Letters of Paul. It has been ten years since the Sunday schools studied the life of Christ as recorded by Mark. Many of the primitive fathers, such as Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, Eusebius, etc., believed that John Mark wrote by dictation of

Peter. It is supposed that Mark's Gospel was written for the use of the Roman people; and that it is on this account that he wholly passes by the genealogy of our Lord, as being a point of no consequence to Gentile converts, though very necessary for Jews. Writing for the Gentiles he avoided the argumentative plan and style, and assumed the descriptive. His immediate purpose is to set forth Jesus as the Son of God. Matthew records Jesus as the mighty Speaker, but Mark records Him as the mighty Doer. Our studies in the Old Testament Scriptures since last July have kept us in a stream of interest week after week. Major prophet and minor prophet, priest and king, history and revelation, intellect and affection all have pointed to the brilliant illumination of the Sun of righteousness. The biographers of our Lord begin their account at different periods. Matthew went back to Abraham, Luke back to Adam, John back to the beginning when Jesus was the Word, and with God, and was God, but Mark launches his record with the appearance of Jesus, clothed in power, ready for his lifework. Like a modern newspaper he announced the story with a headline, viz. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." He tells the most vital thing in the first sentence, and then like a beautiful flower opening in the spring time, he gradually unfolds the great life and sacrifice of the Savior of men. John the Baptist is introduced. The writer reached back over 700 years of history and quotes Isaiah's prophecy as completely fulfilled in the Baptizer. Malachi prophesied the same thing 300 years after Isaiah. Here is undeniable proof that the Bible is inspired by Jehovah. In no other way could it possibly have announced centuries in advance the forerunner, and astounding event of

the advent in incarnation of the Son of God. No candid answer has ever been made to the proof of inspiration which is found in the exact fulfillment of predictions made centuries before. Mere uninspired predictions have so uniformly been unfulfilled as to have made them a jest. The method of the fulfillment affords a sure basis for the interpretation of the great body of unfulfilled prophecy in which the world's future is foretold. What Isaiah and Malachi wrote concerning the coming of a forerunner of Christ came to pass exactly according to their word. This wilderness preacher is referred to as "The Voice."—It is remarkable that the messenger is largely lost sight of in the message. God spoke a dynamic message in unmistakable language through John to men lost in sin, and the success of the preaching is marked by the fact that "there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in river of Jordan, confessing their sins." Too often in this day men parade their education, tell too many anecdotes or emphasize their importance and God's Word becomes a sort of secondary consideration resulting in many not being impressed with the importance of repentance. God give us more men like Elijah, John the Baptist and Simon Peter, who will fearlessly stand against evil with the sword of the Spirit. Such preaching brought Ahab to hunt for Elijah. It caused the Jews to reform when they listened to John, and the murderous mob that nailed Jesus to the cross, was brought to their knees when Peter hurled the pure gospel into their midst.

Some who attended John's meeting were so corrupt that he called them a "generation of vipers." Terrible speech, but justifiable. A serpentine brood. As their fathers, were so were they, children of the devil. The Jews were the seed of the serpent, who should bruise the heel of the woman's seed, and whose head should be bruised by him. While engaged in this terrific indictment, a young man appeared with such dignity that John changed his attitude. The young man demanded baptism at the hand of the Baptizer, but John hesitated, not because the candidate was guilty of sins worse than the men he had been so severely indicting, O, no. The young man had never violated a

law of God in his life, therefore he had no sins to confess. But baptism was necessary as he said unto John, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him." (Matt. 3:15.) And when the young man was baptized, "And straightway coming up out of the water, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him. And a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased." So the young man proved to be the Son of God. It is a significant thing that at this point of obedience to the divine will, when He sought to "fulfill all righteousness," that the Father owned Him as His Son in a special manner. This example of our Lord shows us the necessity of religious ordinances and the duty of observing them. At this point Jesus was ready for the great life of seeking to save the lost.

DRILLING REPORT

Duffy, Moutray & Goodloe, Ada C. Alvord No. 2, intention to drill, Callahan county, section 75, B. O. A. land survey, 43 1/2 acres, depth 1000 feet; Claude Flores No. 4, intention to drill, Callahan county, section 149, B. B. C. Ry. Co. survey, 34.52 acres, depth 800 feet; Claude Flores

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No. 3, well record, Callahan county, B. B. C. Ry. Co. survey, section 149, total depth 765 feet, producer. John H. Kleiner, J. A. Yarbrough No. 1, intention to drill, intention to plug, and well record, Callahan county, section 2289, T. E. & L. survey, 60 acres, total depth 389 feet, dry hole.

G. W. Nickle et al, J. B. Whitehead No. 1, intention to shoot. Brown county, C. E. Taylor survey, 53 1/2 acres.

Geo. W. Nickle et al, J. B. Whitehead No. 1, intention to plug. Brown county, C. E. Taylor survey, 53 acres, depth 1500 feet.

F. L. Swicegood, trustee, H. Wargley No. 11, intention to plug, well record and plugging record, Callahan county, block 2996, T. E. & L. Co. survey, 40 acres, total depth 455 feet, dry hole.

James Blair Baker Jr., W. I. Broocke No. 1, intention to drill, and organization report. Brown county, survey No. 645, 100 acres, depth 1500 feet.

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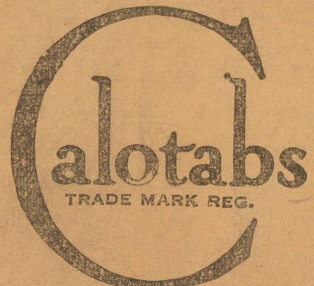
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BANK BANDITS NOW IN EASTLAND COUNTY JAIL

(Continued from page 1)
First National bank of Cisco and after exchanging greetings with Alec Spears, the cashier, suddenly drew pistols and gave the command to those in the bank to "stick 'em up." Employees of the bank and a number of customers were lined up against the wall after some of the employees had, at the bandits' orders, opened the vault door, and one of the bandits went behind the counter and into the vault and took what money and papers that could be gotten quickly. These were placed in a sack which the bandits brought into the bank with them.

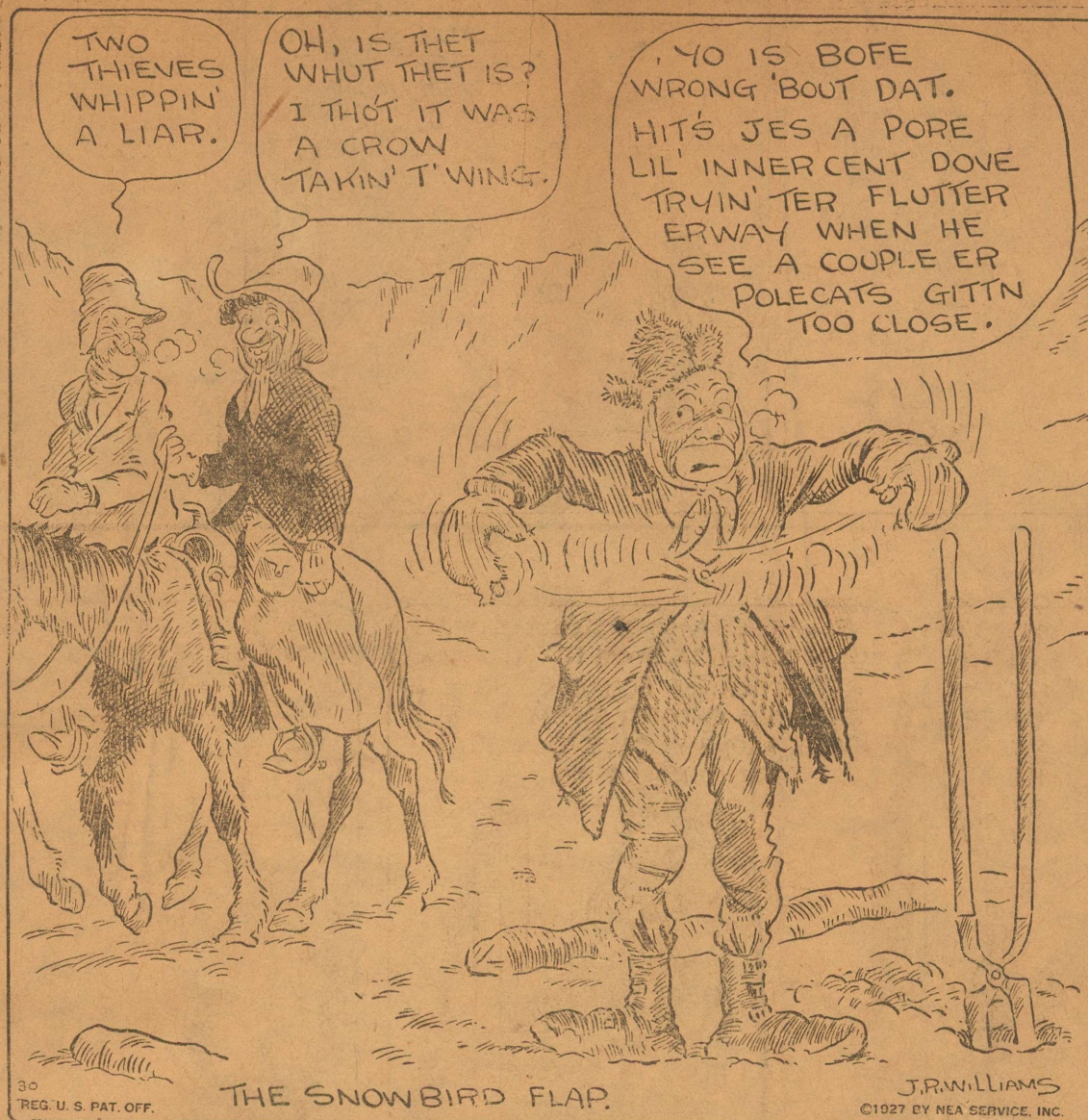
Alarm is Given.
Mrs. B. T. Blasengame, whose little daughter followed Santa Claus into the bank, disobeyed the bandits' orders to get in line with the other customers and employees of the bank, rushed out at a back door and ran to the police station and gave the

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alarm that the bank was being robbed.
Chief of Police G. E. (Bit) Bedford and Policeman George Carmichael, rushed to the bank and both were shot down during the fight with the bandits. Bedford died shortly after and Carmichael is still in the hospital with a fairly good chance to recover.

When the firing started by the bandits inside the bank when they saw that Mrs. Blasengame had gotten out of the bank, attracted a large number of citizens who joined the officers in the fight. Louis Davis, one of the bandits was shot down while he and his companions were trying to change cars after their own car had sustained a flat tire. The money, \$12,000, was captured here money — \$12,000 — was recovered here and returned to the bank. The fleeing bandits took two little girls with them from the bank as shields. Picking up the trail at the bank, officers and posses of citizens have kept closely after the fleeing bandits until the last of them were arrested in Graham this morning.

Come Back to Cisco.
On Saturday night after the robbery the bandits came back into Cisco and stole a car, and again Monday night they came into Cisco, spent several hours there and stole another car in which they left this section and were later caught up with at Graham.

Sunday night the three fugitives kidnapped Carl Wylie, son of a farmer living near Putnam and took him and his father's car which young Wylie was driving, with them. They left Wylie in Cisco when they came back the second time.
During the time they were at large the bandits appeared twice at the home of Sam Fox north of Putnam. Mrs. Fox was a sister of Louis Davis. Mrs. Fox, her husband, her son, Chester Duffield, Dr. Vick of Wichita Falls and two other women, are being held as accessories in the crime. Charges having been filed against them at Wichita Falls.

QUALITY DRY CLEANERS AND DYERS OPEN SHOP

Quality Dry Cleaners and Dyers is the name of a new business to be opened on South Lamar street in Eastland on Monday, January 2. John Powell, for the past five or six years with the Eastland Steam Laundry, will be the manager of the

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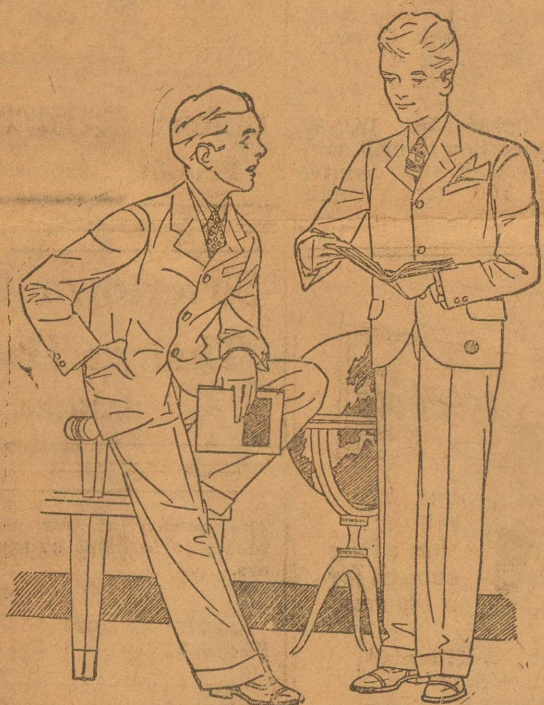
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Low Clearance Prices of
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These frocks have been marked far below their former prices for a final clearance. Styles for now and later in flat crepe, Elizabeth crepe, georgette and canton. Such a variety of colors will surely please you. Many individual styles to select from. All sizes. These groups include all our better dresses. See them tomorrow.

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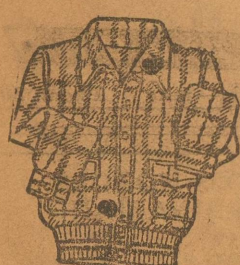
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\$4.50 values go at **\$3.48**

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