

SENTENCE SERMON. O, when we swallow down intoxicating wine, we drink damnation. Mocking friends grin to see our noble nature vanquished, subdued to beasts.—Charles Johnston.

THE WEATHER. West Texas—Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

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RECOGNITION OF MEXICO APPEARS NEARER

TARIFF PLACES BIG BURDEN ON SANTA CLAUS

Billion Dollar Tax Is Estimated Under Load Borne by People.

(Special Correspondence) WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The tariff tax on Christmas this year was approximately a billion dollars at the lowest estimate based on Christmas sales of \$6,000,000, which corresponds with the Christmas sales of last year. At 15 per cent the tariff tax would amount to \$900,000,000, and with profiteering of the higher ups, would make the actual tax on the public considerably over \$1,000,000,000. There have been considerable increases by manufacturers on many articles that make up the list of Christmas presents. Even Santa Claus himself did not escape the Fordney-McCumber profiteers tariff. Under the paragraph which puts the tariff of "15 per cent ad valorem" on "live animals, not especially provided for" his reindeer are taxed if he tried to drive them in, and if he discards his sleigh for a flivver and tries to dispose of his reindeer as meat, he would encounter paragraph 704 of the Fordney tariff under which "reindeer meat, venison and other game," are subject to a tax of four cents a pound. There is a tariff of 10 per cent on Christmas trees also as well as practically everything useful or ornamental on them. The decorations on Christmas trees are taxed 70 per cent. Retailers Benefit Little. On articles used for Christmas presents, the tariff taxes for the most part were collected by the manufacturers and certain middlemen. Retailers, it is reported, got little benefit. Articles of wool and silk were notably dearer this year than ever before. Women noticed these higher prices particularly in hostess, underwear, handkerchiefs and novelties. Gloves, handbags and crystal ware were other merchandise upon which the tariff operated to increase prices behind the level recorded any previous normal year. Taking at random a few of the hundreds of articles that were popular as gifts, the explanation of the advance in their cost is to be found in the exorbitant tariffs of the Fordney-McCumber law. Kid gloves, for example, are taxed at an average of \$1 a pair. Cotton gloves pay duties of from 20 cents to 50 cents a pair. The tariff on woolen hose is 36 cents a pound thus 40 cents on each dollar of value. On silk hose a tax of 60 cents on each dollar of value is collected. Beaded bags were dear because the Fordney-McCumber law makes beads pay 60 per cent ad valorem and silk the same rate. Women underwear is now taxed at from 36 cents to 45 cents a pound, plus an ad valorem that ranges from 40 to 50 per cent—which means that a garment weighing a pound and valued at \$1 would have to pay a tax of about \$1.05. Those who bought silk handkerchiefs as presents had to pay about \$1 for the materials and 60 cents for the Republican tariff. Linen handkerchiefs carry a duty of 35 per cent ad valorem that is, 35 cents on each dollar of value represented. And the Women Pay. In the miscellaneous list of things useful for gifts are combs, taxable at 50 per cent ad valorem; crystal beads, taxable at 60 per cent ad valorem; imitation pearls and jewels, at 60 per cent; linen center pieces and scarfs, at 35 per cent; perfumes at 40 cents a pound, plus 75 per cent of the value; atomizers, 40 per cent; silver salad forks, etc., 60 per cent. Ukeleles, along with other musical instruments, are taxed to the tune of 40 per cent on their value. An instrument valued at \$10, for instance, would pay \$4 in tariff. Many sewing cabinets were given as Christmas presents this year. The purchasers paid prices that included a tariff of 60 per cent ad valorem. Picture frames—also in the Wood schedule, are taxed at 33 1-3 per cent. Umbrellas of gloria and equivalent materials have to bear a duty of 40 cents on each dollar of value. Boudoir lamps, bed lamps, bridge lamps, and floor lamps—if they are of brazed tubing—are subject to a tariff of 12 1-2 cents a pound, plus 60 cents on every dollar's worth of metal they contain, and 60 per cent ad

Body of Dirigible's Commander Found Floating in Mediterranean

FORWARD BULGE IS DOMINANT IN BUSINESS

Fundamental Factors Are Constructive; Railroads Show Big Gain.

By WILL JOHNSON, Financial Editor of The United Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The major movement of the business life of the United States in 1923—conservative business with a weather eye for expansion—will be carried forward into 1924. Bracing this undercurrent there will be hopes for a forward bulge around Jan. 15. The fundamental factors, in the main, are of a constructive nature and a good turn—for instance, a settlement, partial or otherwise, of the cross-currents in Europe, or a happy readjustment of spotty overproduction domestically—would loosen the bonds of the fortunate restriction practiced by the American business world throughout the larger part of the passing year. On the whole the business picture for 1923 has been a healthy one. Irregularity—that is a few pink spots on a graph otherwise vigorously marked—has crept in. There has been overproduction in some lines due to the unnatural swing witnessed in the spring of the year; but anything approaching the accepted meaning of the term "reaction" has been avoided. The result is, according to the consensus of the business world, for good business for the first six months of 1924. It is noted that the year will start off with extremely low inventories generally and credit promises to hold steady at December levels which are entirely favorable to production and distribution. Dominant Currents. A brief review of the dominant currents of the passing year shows the following: The movement of the commodity prices. An advance of 2.2 per cent in Bradstreet's commodity index number in December brought it to the highest point it reached since May 1 of 1923. Compared with the year's low point, reached Aug. 1, the gain was 4.8 per cent. The figures for December was 54.2 per cent above the pre-war level of Aug. 1, 1914. Chief responsibility for the rise in the index number lay with the textiles, and particularly with the textile raw materials. Raw cotton led the advance, and there were advances also in raw wool, hemp and jute. But still the price changes both as to groups and individual commodities showed wide irregularity. For a long time the business world had been a bit on edge as regards the new session of congress. There was a bit of fear as to the behavior and accomplishments of the so-called radical bloc. But the opening days of the congress convinced the financial community that on anything of a controversial nature the worst that could be expected was a deadlock. This feeling of relief was fortified considerably by President Coolidge's address to congress—a constructive message, the business world pronounced it—and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's program for tax reduction. The constructive influence of the latter may be expected to carry considerably forward into the new year. Railroad Recovery. The recovery of the majority of the railroad systems, as evidenced by their good earnings for the year, was an outstanding feature. It was an evidence of the merits of private management, but it might be said in passing that the financial community is practically convinced that the question of the consolidation of railroads is already settled—and that it will be consolidation. Despite the fact that a few railroad executives were in doubt concerning certain passages in the message of President Coolidge. The message, in the opinion of some in railroad and fi

Prices Of Gasoline Begin To Climb By Standard Oil Wish

By United Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An increase of two cents a gallon for gasoline, effective in a number of western states tomorrow, is announced by the Standard Oil company of Indiana. The increase in the price of gasoline is said to be due to the increase in the price of crude oil. Texas was not included in the list of states due for higher gasoline prices tomorrow.

HEALTH NURSE GREAT ASSET IN RANGER SCHOOLS

One Mother Writes to Express Appreciation of Work Being Done.

RANGER, Dec. 28.—One of the chief benefits to Ranger from the work of the Child Welfare association was the engagement of Miss Nixon as health nurse in the public schools. What her work means to the children and to the mothers is indicated by a letter, one of a number she has received, written recently by a mother after hearing one of Miss Nixon's health talks at a meeting of the school mothers. This mother writes: "I wonder if you fully realize the value your work has been to my children and other children. Your little talk on 'Cleanliness' they follow to the letter, while before I had constantly to remind my children to do 'this' and 'that' and 'the other.' Your words have impressed them far more than my years of training. I think it is because you have thoroughly explained everything, while we mothers mostly just insist on a thing being done. "I no more have to insist on a breakfast. My children now eat cereal and enjoy it. One of them was three pounds under weight, has now gained two pounds and is as proud of the fact as she is of the grades she makes with her lessons. "A little event this morning made me more fully realize your value to the school children. My oldest boy, while trying to crank the car, hurt his wrist. Although suffering greatly, he insisted on going to school. I was worried and wanted him to see a physician, but he said: 'No, I'll let Miss Nixon see it, and if she says so then I'll go to a doctor.' So here I am home, feeling perfectly sure that he will get the proper care, while ordinarily I would feel uneasy until he came home. So you see the relief and satisfaction you are to one mother. "I know of another instance where, through your advice, a little girl has had her eyes operated on; a case where the parents never suspected there was any trouble until you located it. I don't believe your work can be too highly recommended, for it is you who keep the children in the best possible condition to study, and you help the teachers in that you help keep the children healthy, which means wide-awake and eager."

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INSURANCE IN RANGER CARRIES MANY PENALTIES

Fire Chief Figures Saving Effected by City Owning Water Works.

RANGER, Dec. 28.—Figures tending to show in dollars and cents the amounts that will be saved in fire insurance by business firms and property owners of Ranger, providing improvements are made on the distribution system and pumping plant of the Ranger Waterworks company, have been assembled by Fire Chief E. A. Chapman. A total of \$142,000 a year is paid in premiums on an approximate sum of \$2,000,000 in fire policies by Ranger owners of personal and real property, it is said. Ranger property owners are penalized 48 cents, because of deficiencies in the waterworks system, fire fighting equipment and fire hazards of which 28 cents is due to deficiencies of the community water system. These deficiencies, as described by the fire insurance commission of Texas, are due to main supply not being in duplicate, to small number of fire hydrants in the commercial and residential districts and a certain percentage of the mains being less than eight inches. "With the improvements outlined by the commissioners," Chief Chapman said, "the deficiencies of the water system will for the most part be eliminated from the key rate system. "But to be conservative, we'll say that 50 per cent of the penalties are taken off or 14 cents, that will mean a saving of \$28,400, according to the way it is figured. Why send this amount out of town when it can be kept here and used to advantage." Chief Chapman looks upon the purchase of the privately owned plant by the city as an investment, "and not a venture," he said. "It will be an investment in which all property owners will share, for it will belong to them. It will mean lower fire insurance rates and a lower rate to consumers of water."

OFFICERS WATCH WHILE GAME GOES MERRILY ON

RANGER, Dec. 28.—A barking dog aroused the suspicions of eight men who were shuffling the cards merrily at a private residence last night. The noise inside of voices became dimmer and the lights went out. Still more silence and two of the more adventurous spirits ventured outside. Told they were under arrest by officers, they threw the doors wide open and invited them in. But to no avail. Two officers had been watching the progress of the game for more than 10 minutes before the dog, which had been resting underneath the house, gave them away. All eight men pleaded guilty and the total of fines assessed was \$165.60. One man stood for five fines, two paid off in full and the eighth man settled for \$8.60 of his \$20.70 fine.

HILL AVENUE RESIDENCES ARE BOUGHT FOR HOMES

RANGER, Dec. 28.—Two Hill avenue residences have been sold by Liquidating Agent R. Gray Powell through John Davenport. F. L. Kalkhoff of the Service Sheet Metal works, Ranger, and J. B. Fitch of the Banner Ice Cream company were the purchasers.

EASTLAND COUNTY WOLF HUNTERS TO ORGANIZE

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—Wolf hunters in and around Cisco met and effected a temporary organization last week, elected temporary officers and issued a call for the wolf hunters to meet in the city of Cisco on Monday, Jan. 5, to perfect organization of the Eastland County Wolf Hunters' association. All wolf hunters in the county are urged to attend the meeting.

Senators Must Find Out How Wood Made That Million

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The whole amazing story of the rise of Lieutenant Wood from comparative poverty to affluence is to be brought out in a special senate investigation if Senator Caraway of Arkansas has his way.

Senator Caraway said he would introduce a resolution in the senate for a thorough Philippine investigation, but the senate would concern itself largely with Lieutenant Wood's market speculations in which he is reported to have made nearly one million dollars within a very short time.

COOLIDGE WILL IGNORE ROW IN KLAN CIRCLES

Resents Efforts of E. Y. Clarke to Mix Government in Private Factional Squabble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Coolidge will decline to be drawn into the factional controversy between Ku Klux Klan leaders. He and other administration leaders deprecate the tactics intended to embarrass the government by attempting to mix the officials in a private squabble. This represents the administration's attitude towards the efforts of Edward Young Clarke, former head of the Klan, to get the co-operation of President Coolidge in a movement to stamp out the Klan. Clarke, a letter from whom was given yesterday to the president's private secretary and in whose behalf a statement was issued, was said by Edward Fuller, his agent, to be recovering from a cold somewhere in Washington. He will request a conference with President Coolidge, according to Fuller, who said Clarke has documents to substantiate charges made in his letter that the Klan is being twisted to political uses by its present control and is becoming a menace to the country. The investigation of Senator Earle B. Mayfield's election by the senate will be made the vehicle for an early inside story of Ku Klux Klan activities, according to Clarke.

TEST WELL TO BE DRILLED NORTHWEST OF EASTLAND

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—Shackelford Bros. & Orr have placed rig and derrick material on the ground for a well on the east one-half of the northwest quarter of section 30, block 4, H. & T. C. railway company survey, which is known as the Hatten heir tract of land in Eastland county, and expect to spud in Jan. 1. This test is located three miles northwest of Eastland and is near the Turner & Clayton Jones Nos. 1 and 2 and the same company's E. D. Dulin No. 1.

REAL NEW FISH STORY HAILS FROM WAXAHACHIE

WAXAHACHIE, Dec. 28.—Here's a real fish story. Charles Howard who owns a lake near here says that the fish in the pond are so numerous that they block the spillway and prevent the water from flowing through. Howard placed a wire netting across the spillway. It rained and the water rose. Scores of small fish, trying to go over the spillway, got their heads through holes in the netting but there they stuck. Soon every hole in the netting had a fish in it and the water was unable to flow. Howard vetches for this one too.

FRENCH AIRSHIP PROBABLY LOST WITH ALL CREW

Believed Driven to Sea in Terrific Tempest, Where Crashed and Sunk.

By United Press. PARIS, Dec. 28.—The body of Capt. DuPlexis de Begremada, commander of the ill-fated French dirigible Dixmude, has been found by fishermen in the Mediterranean sea off the Cilician coast, it was officially announced today. The fishermen came upon the commander's body as it floated in the sea, 6 miles from the town of Sciaeca, near Girgenti. Officials of the ministry of marines expressed belief that the airship had been lost at sea several days ago. The crew may have jumped with parachutes and life preservers before the crash, but little hope is entertained that any may yet be alive unless picked up by fishermen. Tempests which raged over the Mediterranean and North Africa last Friday and Saturday are believed to have driven the Dixmude over the gulf of Gabes out to the open sea, where it may have crashed and sunk.

DIRIGIBLE REPORTS BEING IN TERRIFIC TEMPEST

NAPLES, Dec. 28.—The lost French dirigible Dixmude was being driven at a pace of about 150 miles an hour before a raging tempest last Saturday, the captain of the Italian steamship Alessandra reported today. The captain said he had picked up the Dixmude's distress signals while following the Naples-Benghazi route. At that time the gale was blowing with terrific violence.

W. B. CARROLL CONNECTS WITH RANGER DRY CLEANING CO.

RANGER, Dec. 28.—W. B. Carroll, formerly of Panhandle, Texas, has become actively associated as a member of the firm of the Ranger Dry Cleaning company and has moved his family to this city. Carroll has held an interest in the firm for some time and was to come to Ranger Nov. 1, but matters in connection with the disposal of his farming interests in the Panhandle delayed his coming.

HE WILL SOLICIT BUSINESS FOR THE FIRM AND BE THE OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

His family, consisting of Mrs. Carroll and their 2-year-old boy, have taken up their residence in one of the Mid-Kansas company's houses on Travis street.

INVESTIGATION OF WHITE STORE BURGLARY HALTS

RANGER, Dec. 28.—A little gold-en, bobbed haired girl, not yet started in the primary school has romped around the city hall for a week, waiting for the police to reach some settlement with her parents, who have been held for investigation in connection with the robbery of the J. M. White & Co. department store in November. Her parents were released from jail today, pending further investigation of the robbery, and the little girl was happy. She will get to go back to Abilene, her home. She is pretty and she played about the city hall quite unconcerned of her parents' predicament.

TRIO SHOT AND CLUBBED TWO OF THEM BEING DEAD

By United Press. HOPE, Ark., Dec. 28.—Arthur G. Scheming, a local grocer, and his wife, were murdered today by an unknown assailant in their home. Both were shot and then beaten with a club. Florence Scheming, 18, a sister of the grocer, was also shot and clubbed and left unconscious on the floor, but is still alive. Officers suspect one of the grocer's customers who is said to have held a grudge against the trio, all of whom worked in the store.

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MEXICAN SENATE GIVES IMPETUS TO NEW TREATY

Votes Ratification 42 to 5; Action by U. S. Senate May Be Hastened.

By United Press. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—The Mexican senate today, by a vote of 42 to 5, ratified the special claims conference and treaty with the United States. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Mexican claims convention report will be taken up by the senate foreign relations committee immediately after the holidays, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the committee, said today. Senator Lodge said that if President Coolidge wished action to be taken immediately, it was probable there would be no objection by a majority of the members of the committee to ignore the revolutionary tendency shown in Mexico recently. If the Mexican senate has ratified the treaty with the United States, as reported, Senator Lodge believes that it will be quite possible for the United States senate to take action at once.

OBREGON SENDS SPECIAL MESSENGER TO SEE NEFF

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—Governor Neff today was in conference for a long time with John L. Schleimer, special representative of President Obregon of Mexico, but matters discussed at the conference were not made public. Schleimer came direct from Mexico City to Austin, he said, but declined to divulge the purpose of his mission.

Former President Wilson's Admirers Give Him Motor Car

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Former President Woodrow Wilson today received a specially constructed Rolls-Royce motor car as a birthday present from former associates in the administration, including members of the cabinet. He is 67 years old today. The car was made with many unusual features, particularly adapted to the comfort of the former president. One unusual feature is a high top so arranged that Mr. Wilson may enter the car without bending.

SALSTAD AND HIS 'SUNSHINE GIRL' GET JAIL SENTENCE

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 28.—Edward J. Salstad and Dorothy Anderson, his "sunshine girl," today were sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary after pleading guilty to charges of arson. They were charged with digging up a body from its grave and burning it to spread the belief that Salstad had been burned to death, this occurring three years ago.

NORTH DAUGHERTY AVENUE NOW BEING IMPROVED

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—The city has a crew of men with teams at work on North Daugherty avenue between West Moss street and the Texas and Pacific railroad tracks at the west end of the T. & P. freight depot. On the street just south of the freight depot and between Daugherty avenue and North Lamar street, work of grading the street down is also in progress. The railroad company, according to a member of the city commission, has promised to furnish crushed rock to put on this street. Drainage ditches have been cut on North Daugherty avenue, which will carry the waste and overflow waters from that street into the storm sewer on West Moss street. The work being done on the streets above mentioned is being done by the day and at considerable saving to the city, it is stated.

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BIBLE THOUGHT.
GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE:
—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3: 16.

DAY OF SMALL FARMER
The decision of the supreme court on the Japanese question ended a political fight of 10 years for a "white California," but it has precipitated a new condition that threatens to alter the farming business of that state, where more than 30,000 Japanese farmers are preparing to abandon nearly 600,000 acres of the richest crop lands. Conservative estimates show that more than 30,000 Japanese were employed last year under cropping contracts by white landowners throughout the state. Now, it is said, these Japanese have abandoned their efforts and the production of tens of thousands of acres spread over 29 of California's 58 counties, is menaced.

To meet the situation, a movement already is under way to obtain white farmers through the East and Middle West. It means the breaking up of some of the vast landed estates and the inauguration of the rule of the small farmer.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY DRY
The Democratic party is drier than ever—drier by several wringings apparently, than it was last summer when eight Democratic states stood out boldly for modification of the Volstead act, and when it was announced that ex-President Wilson was drawing up a platform that would contain such a plank.

A recent canvass of the states shows that 29 of 41 states are opposed to any modification; 15 are non-committal, and three make no reply. As the cards lay today, there will be no wet plank in any platform.

That distinguished and influential citizen of the republic, Mr. Vox Populi, typified by 150 of the leading newspaper editors of the country, is about to receive an invitation from the navy department to be its guests at the annual spring battle maneuvers of the Caribbean and adjacent waters. The editors will be expected to forget former criticisms and charges of extravagance and boost the game, whatever it may be.

During the war Ramsay Macdonald was denied membership in a golf club near his home in Scotland because of his political opinions. Times have changed. The man who was not thought worthy of membership in a small Scotch golf club, is the prospective prime minister of the nation.

It is stated that 400,000 men scoured the woods of Pennsylvania this year, shooting birds, rabbits, deer and bear. This is called sport, but it sounds more like slaughter.

WAR ON RATTLESNAKES IN STEPHENS COUNTY

BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 28.—For four days citizens of the Eolian community, seven miles southwest of Breckenridge, have employed dynamite, hammers and bars to destroy a huge den of rattlesnakes in a great mass of sandrock on a hillside a half mile east of Eolian, on the ranch of C. T. Haux.

For years the rattlers have caused fear to prevail in that section, and on Christmas eve all the farmers united in a war on the snakes. While they worked, women and children gathered to watch the exciting undertaking.

Many rattlers have been killed and scores of others are expected to be unearthed. Hundreds of tons of sandstone are being removed in the effort to reach the reptiles in the side of the hill.

AT THE LIBERTY TONIGHT

There have been many colored minstrel shows which were unsatisfactory in their entertainment because the colored performers were self-conscious and did not act natural. The Georgia Smart Set Minstrels have always been fortunate in having as a manager one who was familiar with the peculiarities of the negro and knew just how to get the performers to exhibit that peculiar humor so well known among the Southern darlings. Mr. L. B. Holtkamp, the present company manager, is a native of the South and has assembled a company of performers that are not posers, but real entertainers. They will be at the Liberty theatre tonight.

THREE MEN THANKFUL AUTO STOPS RAMLING JUST WHERE IT DID

RANGER, Dec. 28.—Rummig down an embankment about 15 feet deep and still remaining right side up, was the experience of three men in the Breckenridge highway, a short distance north of the Cisco road early this week.

Floyd Daniels of Ranger, who saw the car Wednesday while driving on the highway, said he had been told that the occupants were uninjured. The car continued on its mad path for about 40 feet after leaving the paved highway, the opposite side of the embankment stopping its course. The road was on the down-grade where the accident happened. Part of the car rested opposite a culvert.

Two of the car's wheels caved in from the force of the impact, besides other damage done.

MR. AND MRS. SCHMUCK PLAN EVENING MUSICAL.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Schmuck will entertain Tuesday evening at the Gholson hotel with a musical complementing their house guest, Miss Marjorie Starkweather of Denver.

MISS LAURA SCHMUCK TO SING IN RANGER CHURCHES.

Miss Laura Schmuck, whose lovely voice has given pleasure to many in Ranger, will sing Sunday morning at the Methodist church and Sunday evening at the First Baptist church. Miss Schmuck has been studying at the Horner institute for the last year and a half, returning there in September after spending the summer in Ranger.

She has been spending the holiday season at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Schmuck.

RANGER PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ralston moved on Thursday to one of the Mid-Kansas houses on Travis street. Their former home at 701 Travis has been bought by Mr. Longley of the Dillingham Produce company.

Mrs. Besse Luke returned Thursday from Weatherford where she spent Christmas with her mother and sisters.

EASTLAND PERSONALS

Earlo Johnson and wife are the proud parents of a nine and one-half pound girl, born to them Thursday afternoon.

E. A. Scripture, manager of the local E. A. Scripture Lumber company, is expected in Eastland today from Okmulgee, Okla.

Bob Boucher of Gorman was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

J. E. Spencer, Roscoe St. John and L. A. White of Cisco were in Eastland Thursday on business.

J. B. Early, division manager of the state highway department, in charge of the eight division district headquarters here, returned Thursday from Paris, where he had been to see his sister who is ill.

DRILLERS BALING OIL AT DEPTH OF 3,400 FEET

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—The Texas Development company's No. 1 Lewis, located on the northeast quarter of section 44, block 4, H. & T. C. Railway company survey of Eastland county lands, has reached the pay depth at 3,400 feet and is baling some oil, according to LeRoy Arnold who has charge of the company's operations.

RANGER COUNTRY CLUB TO ENTER AGAIN WITH A NEAR YEAR-END DANCE

RANGER, Dec. 28.—The Ranger Country club's first dance of the season will be at the Summer Garden Saturday night. Buford Gamble's Blue Devils of Dallas, who played for the Elks dance in Eastland Tuesday night, will furnish the music.

Guests from Cisco, Eastland and Breckenridge will be present as special invitations have been issued to friends of the club, including those who have played golf on the Hagan lake course and also to the younger set of those cities.

Dancing will continue from the hour of nine, the entertainment committee has announced. Tickets for the dance can be secured from J. M. Ralston, secretary of the club, at Crawford's pharmacy.

STALCUP PLANNING TO MANAGE STANLEY HOTEL

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—A number of business changes are scheduled for the first of the New Year in Eastland, it is learned from good authority, among which is a change in the management of the Stanley hotel. A. C. Stalcup, proprietor of the Comellee theatre, will assume the management of the Stanley on or about the first of the year, succeeding J. D. Hilton, who has had charge for sometime.

The proprietors of this hotel have under advisement plans for the remodeling of one-half of the ground floor of the building, which is a three-story structure, and converting what is now the Princess theatre into spacious lobby for the Stanley. The lobby as it is now arranged is on the second floor. Under such arrangement entrances from the Stanley cafe into the hotel lobby could be made. These plans are being considered.

EASTLAND PERSONALS.

John T. Caffey and wife of Sulphur Springs, Texas, are here on a visit to their son, Odus Caffey and other relatives. They are en route home from a visit to relatives at Lingleville in Erath county, Brownwood, San Angelo and Dallas.

Scott Seastrunk of near Carbon was a business visitor in the city today.

Pat Butler has purchased the Pete Seastrunk place just south of Carbon and is moving to it.

Tariff Places Big Burden on Santa Claus

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valorem for the silk in the shades. Stationery is taxed at three cents a pound and 15 cents for each dollar of value. Greeting cards—of which hundreds of millions were bought this year, pay a duty of 45 per cent. In other words the tax is 45 cents on cards valued at \$1 a dozen.

Pipes Are Taxed
So much for the things that women buy for themselves or each other, or for their homes. Their fathers, husbands and brothers fare little better. Pipes are "McCumberized" by a tax of from 45 to 60 per cent. To a good briar valued at \$5 is stuck a tariff of about \$2. Using cigarettes instead of pipes won't help, either. Cigarette holders also pay a duty of 60 per cent. There is a tax of 30 per cent ad valorem on card cases and of 40 per cent on canes. The tariff on fountain pens was written into the Republican law at 72 cents each, plus 40 per cent on value.

Neckties, hose, underwear, shirts, and all other haberdashery of silk cost the men the same in tariff as the women pay for their garments and accessories. In short it isn't any cheaper to be a man than it is to be a woman under the Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff.

Children don't get by any easier than their elders. The story of Simple Simon in a book costs in tariff all the way from 15 to 25 per cent ad valorem. And there is no better chance for a child to get the book without paying the tariff than there was for the illustrious Simple to get pie from the business-like Pie-man (doubtless a high protectionist) without first having paid his penny. If little sister plays with a doll this year, her maternal instincts have been taxed at the rate of 70 per cent.

SURE IT DOES GOOD

Thedford's Black-Draught Liver Medicine (Vegetable) Praised by the Head of a Louisiana Family.

Lake Charles, La.—"I don't know what we would have done had we not had Black-Draught. It sure is one of the best medicines made, and am sure the best liver medicine," said Mr. Henry Garrett, of this city.

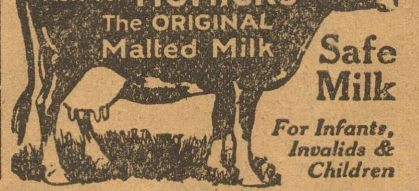
"My whole family uses it," continued Mr. Garrett. "My wife says she believes she kept off the 'flu' by taking doses of Black-Draught regularly."

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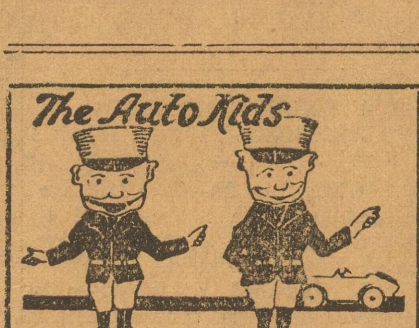
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nancial circles, did much to clear up the railroad situation for 1924. Indeed, many of the railroad executives predicted that the new year would be as prosperous for the railroads as that closing. Among the reasons for such a condition the one most prominently advanced was that of maintenance expenditures in 1923. The program for putting the railroads, especially equipment, in the best condition has been fulfilled,

it was explained. An unprecedented amount of traffic has been handled—it is estimated that the total car loadings for the year were in excess of 50,000,000—almost a million car loadings a week. The result of the traffic was a great increase in revenue for most of the roads, except in the northwest. It is estimated that maintenance costs for 1923 were \$300,000,000. Railroad men believe that during the first six months of 1924 business will equal that of the first half of 1923. At all events they feel certain it will be sufficient to sustain the improved average earning power of 1923. The question of rates, however, has to be borne in mind.

Foreign Situation.
The foreign situation is one that has hung like a dark shadow over the domestic business situation and batallions of American business men in addition to technicians and other squads of purposeful men, went abroad during 1923 in an effort to find a solution of the impasse. They returned, all practically noncommittal as to methods of solution. Even the head of the influential house of Morgan & Co. found himself forced to abandon the international bankers' committee. It was in January that France invaded the Ruhr in an effort to force "blood" reparations. That maneuver produced unsettlement in all business circles and it was one that took the wind from the sail of the expansion movement witnessed in the United States in the spring of 1923.

The quotation of reparations car-

ried over into 1924 as a legacy. The end of the year finds the American state department still in a receptive mood to aid in a solution of the question, but whether European rivalries—British trade markets and French continental bloc hegemony, fortified by pressure on Germany—can be mastered, remains to be seen.

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MRS. MIZZELL ENTERTAINS THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Rivers R. Mizell was club hostess to the Thursday Afternoon Bridge club, entertaining at her attractive home in the forenoon, out of compliment to Mrs. John B. McLaughlin, who extended invitations for bridge in the afternoon, on the usual club date.

The Elks club may be secured on Thursdays for ladies only, and the bridge club has often changed its hour of meeting when there happened an unavoidable conflict on this special day.

Eight club members attended and formed the two tables of auction. The hostess was assisted in her duties by her sister, Mrs. Wikidal of Hutchinson, Kan.

Club high score favor, two handsome hand-made kerchiefs, fell to Mrs. J. E. Lewis. Other members present were: Meses. O. D. Caldwell, M. Paul Martin, J. Floyd Owens, George A. Davisson, John D. McRae, James H. Cheatham and Miss Cecile Haas, to whom a noon luncheon of clubhouse sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

Club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. J. Floyd Owens.

MR. AND MRS. KEY ENTERTAIN AT HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott W. Key extended charming hospitality to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Freyschlag, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Clarke, and the honor guests of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. M. Paul Martin and Mrs. E. W. Freyschlag, at their attractive home, when 7 o'clock dinner Thursday evening was followed by informal auction and mah jongg.

The prettily appointed dinner table was centered in a tall cut glass container holding bitter sweet berries with green foliage on the mirror plateau encircled by a wreath of green sprays. Poinsetta place cards and individual red nut baskets, with handles adorned with wee poinsettias, were placed for 12 covers. The menu included a fruit cocktail, followed by a turkey dinner, with many side dishes and hot biscuits. Trays of

celery, olives and cranberry jelly interspaced the table. The dessert of chocolate charlotte russe with whipped cream topping and fruit cake, was followed by coffee, with figs, dates and raisins.

Auction tables were occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and Messrs. Freyschlag and host, and the mah jongg table was filled by Mrs. E. W. Freyschlag, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Caldwell, and the hostess.

Trays of Mexican candy were furnished the tables and the men were furnished smokes. Mrs. Freyschlag was presented a handsome pair of silk hose, and Mrs. Martin an imported Chinese lace edged handkerchief, the guest favors. High score favor, a flacon of perfume, was awarded W. K. Jackson.

The evening was delightfully informal and provided an opportunity for a closer visit with those who soon will leave Eastland. Mrs. E. W. Freyschlag leaves in a short time for a winter in California.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. T. M. Wilson and daughters, Misses Belle and Ivy Wilson, have been entertaining R. A. Wilson and family of wife and three children of Oklahoma City, Okla., who returned home Wednesday after a week's stay, and H. W. Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio, who leaves today after several days' visit. They are sons of Mrs. Wilson, with whom they spend each Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Paul Martin, who are being tendered farewell entertainments by intimate friends, leave the day after New Years via auto for Austin, Texas, en route to San Antonio and Corpus Christi. They

had expected to spend New Years day in San Antonio, but found they could not accomplish packing their household effects in time to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Graves will take occupancy of the former Martin home, Jan. 1. Mr. Graves also purchased the house furnishings. He is making plans to convert the vacant property in rear of the residence into a vineyard and fruit garden and will set out several fruit bearing trees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Owens have returned from a hunting trip in South Texas and report good luck in their six days' outing.

Judge and Mrs. O. C. Funderburk left Thursday morning for a few days outing and hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. McRae have returned home from a Christmas visit in Waxahachie.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Johnson an-

nounce the birth of a daughter on Thursday afternoon. Mother and child are doing well. The young parents have a large circle of friends who will rejoice in their happiness.

ANDREW COMPTON APPEARS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

RANGER, Dec. 28. — Andrew Compton, 9-year-old boy, injured when he jumped from a truck in front of a moving automobile on the Strawn road in the city limits Wednesday evening, was reported to be in a conscious condition this morning at the Ranger General hospital. Thursday he was unconscious.

Unless it develops that he has internal injuries he will recover rapidly, it was said at the hospital.

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Red Beans, 5 lbs. for 50c
Byus Beans, 5 lbs for 50c
Extra Standard Sugar Peas, 2 cans 25c
No. 2 Corn and Tomatoes 10c
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THREE ESSAYS AWARDED PRIZES IN BUY-AT-HOME CONTEST OF RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

EASTLAND, Dec. 14.—Three awards were announced by the Retail Merchants' association for the best essays on the question of buying at home. All were won in Eastland, the first prize for adults going to Mrs. John Matthews, the first prize for students going to Mamie Tom Matthews and a special prize being given Abbie Dale Hearn, another student. Here are the essays that were awarded the several prizes:

First Award. By MRS. JOHN MATTHEWS (Winner of \$10 prize for adults) For the past two weeks this thought has come and gone through my mind daily as I have read our daily paper. At first I did not think of it nearly so seriously as in these last few days.

As I have mixed and mingled with my friends, this being the season for our annual Xmas shopping, I have had occasion for observation, and so often have I noted this expression: "There is such a rush right at the last and congestion of mail service that I must at once get my Xmas order in." And again I hear the question, "Have you looked here to see what they have," and the answer comes, "No, I haven't," but I can sit down and make out my order at night and mail it out and get my goods cheaper."

Now when we stop to count the cost, are we gaining anything? I say No! Half the time a good part of our order has to be returned, for you positively cannot tell what you are buying without seeing it. So there's a delay of days and finally it winds up with having to buy at home, because these cheap quoted figures fail to show up the goods you would have.

Too often people want something for nothing. We are not fair with our home merchants. They are our friends. It is they who give employment to our town people. It is they who pay the taxes in our town that helps in large numbers to pave our streets, to bring to our door the conveniences of a city. It is to them we all go for a donation to our different causes, whether civic, athletic, charity or of any nature whatsoever. And why? Because we KNOW they will head the list with their best efforts, and we know we can count on them.

But—do they know they can count on us? I should think when they see our parcel post congestion, or learn of their people going to neighboring cities for their purchases they could emphatically say No!

Now, citizens of Eastland, let us reason together, and let us turn over a new leaf with the beginning of a New Year. Let's shake hands and make a vow to stand by our own town merchants. Why? Because they are standing by us.

And I am venturing to say if we will do this, the close of the year 1924 will find us living in a much better town in every way. So this is why I say buy in Eastland. Count on me.

Second Prize Award By ABBIE DALE HEARN (Winner of Special Prize of \$7.50)

It seems that this question would demand no argument for its settlement; that there would be no doubt in one's mind as to whether or not he should buy at home. Yet, many people fail to stop and think just how much home patronage means, and go on buying at various out of town places. A effort with the object of causing them to realize the importance of home trade is not lost.

You should spend your money at home because it will bring you twice the profit of money spent elsewhere; you receive goods in exchange, you are benefitted by the progress of your city effected by this exchange. Of course, you cannot expect your town to thrive unless you stand by it; unless you are willing to do your part toward keeping the city's money at home, for this is the money that constructs churches, school buildings, up to date business firms and paves streets.

If you trade with your home merchant, a large portion of your money comes back to you—in the betterment of your town, and thereby in the increase in value of your property. The merchants make up a great element in the population in your city; they are taxed according to the valuation of their property. Then trade with them and they will be able to add their part, a great part, to your city's advancement.

The spirit of patriotism is kept up by trading at home. There is no

finer quality than that which inspires men and women to be good citizens. If patriotism is to be fostered in the hearts of children, it must be practiced by their parents. A boy who sees his father neglectful of his duties as a citizen has not the opportunity of developing into a real citizen himself. The girls and boys who are to grow up and make our future citizens should be made to know that "our country is to be cherished in all hearts, defended by all hands."

Your home is what you make it—your town is what you make it. Shall it be a steady growing and prosperous city, a place where desirable citizens will choose a home, or a town that is declining rather than upbuilding because it is composed of selfish, thoughtless disloyal people?

Be fair to your merchant and he will be fair to you and your town. He will operate a business that is a credit to your city. Be loyal! Boost for your own city—EASTLAND!

Another Winner By MAMIE TOM MATTHEWS (Winner of \$10 Prize to Student)

A certain school had a strong football team. At the first of the season they won every game they played, but it seemed there were no boosters at any of the games. Then, they suddenly came to the conclusion that the town was not behind them. Gradually interest died down until this team that was once the strongest and fleetest in the state, went down in utter defeat.

Being a high school student and naturally interested in football, I told this as a comparison to our Retail Merchants association. They are our football team, and it is our duty to stand by them. If we fail to trade in our own home town; if our pay check goes into neighboring towns, or mail order houses in exchange for the necessities of life, then we fail to back our team.

Some people make this excuse: "Oh, things are so high here. I can't pay the price. I can order much cheaper."

Why, dear person, this is the purpose of the Retail Merchants association and we cannot expect this to be changed unless we will boost this body of men.

Another excuse is, "I can't get what I want in Eastland."

Well, we don't wonder at it! One cannot expect the merchants to lay in a supply of articles when the people will not buy them and are giving all their trade to other towns and cities.

What I am trying to tell you is, in the long run it pays and, too, it is our duty to trade in our own home town. When that day comes, we will see our high school girls better clothed and in better spirits, therefore, doing better work in school. Our merchants will be better pleased and their smiling faces will induce people to "stop, look and buy." This will also be an incentive to tourists and any outsiders to locate in such a thriving place. Then Eastland will no longer be a small suburban town, but a real little city that will rival Fort Worth or Dallas.

Come on, fellows. Don't break faith with this football squad. Stand by the Retail Merchants association and let's put the mail order houses out of business.

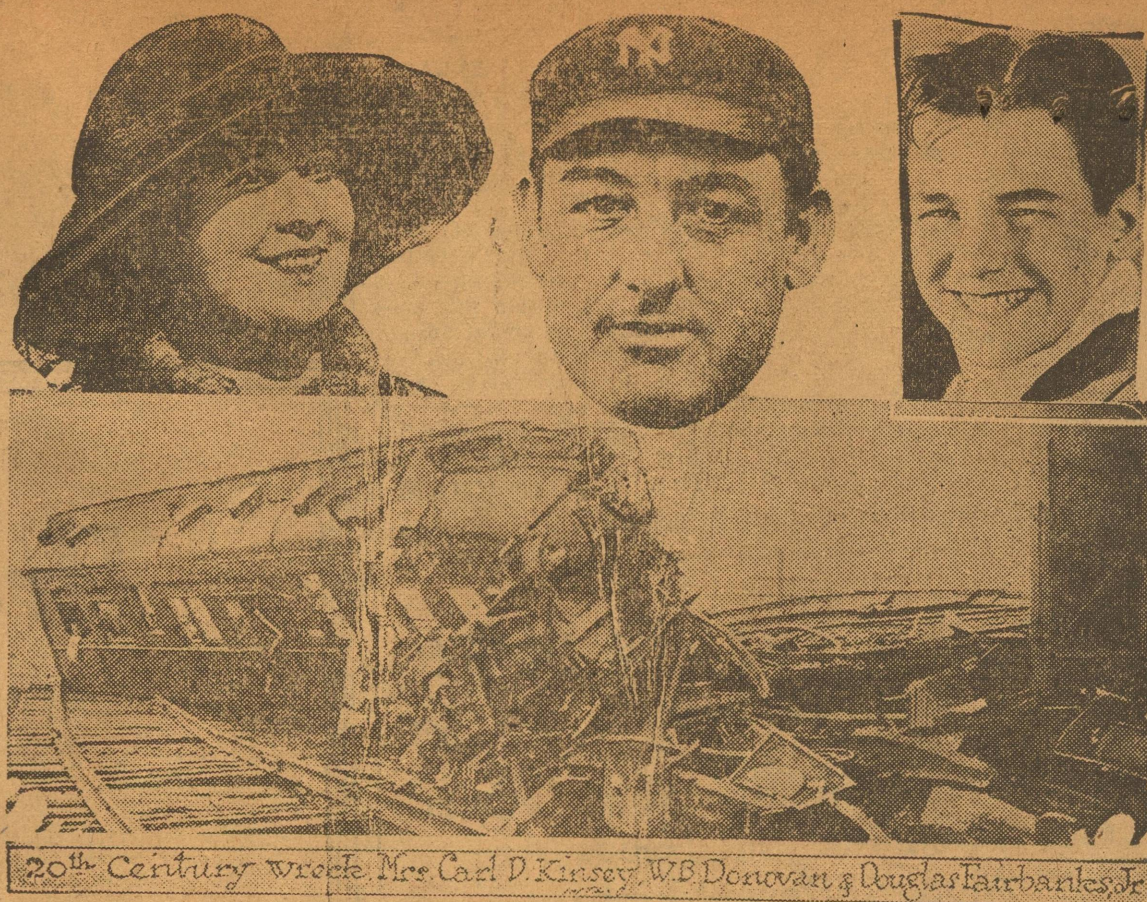
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Saturday Specials

- Large, white Potatoes, per lb. 3c
No. 2 can Tomatoes, each 10c
5 bars Swift Quick Naptha Laundry Soap . . . 25c
Fresh Country Eggs, per doz. 50c
Large Club House Tomato Catsup, each . . . 30c
3 bars Palmolive Toilet Soap 25c
3 bars Cocoa Hardwater Soap 25c
6 bars Guest Ivory Soap 25c
2 bars Grandpa's Tar Soap 5c

Full line of Fresh Vegetables to select for your Sunday dinner.

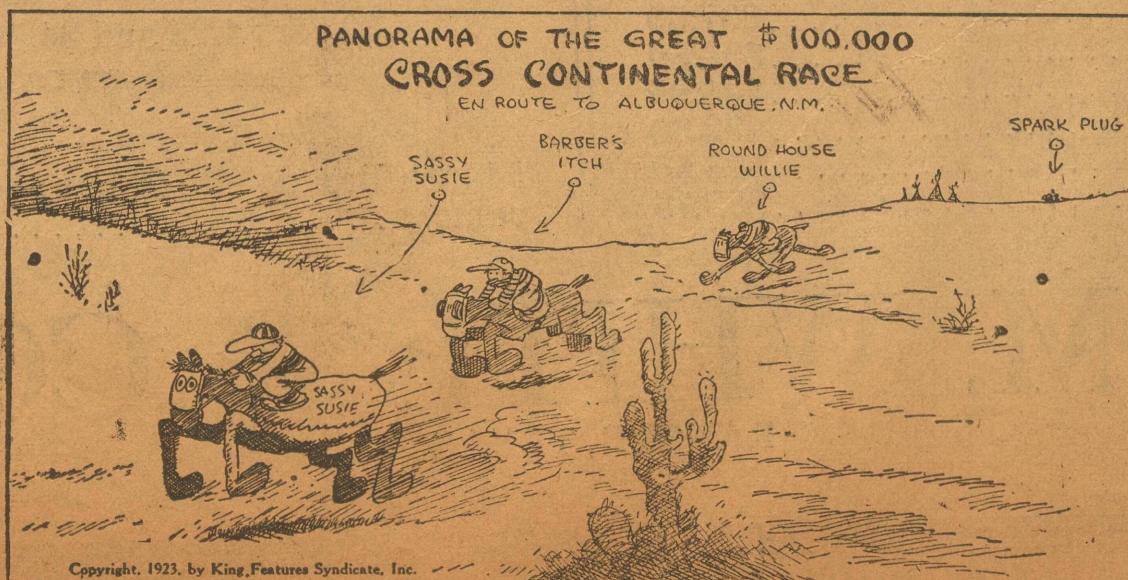
MEATS—Fancy Baby Beef, Lamb, Pork, and Milk-fed Veal, Pork Sausage, link or bulk.

POULTRY—Plenty of large, fat Hens and Fryers, Turkeys and Geese, live or dressed.

Adams & Company

219 So. Rusk St. RANGER Telephone 166

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG—



NEW RULES IN STATE-WIDE MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST. AUTIN, Dec. 26.—The rules of the statewide music memory contest, conducted by the University of Texas Interscholastic league, have been changed some for the coming year, according to Roy Bedichek, chairman of the league. The old ruling was that two students from each school enrolled in the league could send in papers, and the ones having the best grade were to be the state champion. This was found to be unsatisfactory, as there were from 300 to 400 perfect papers turned in each year. The new rules give each school with less than 100 enrollment, two contestants, and for each additional 50 students over 100, one more contestant. East contestant sends in his or her paper, covering the contest, to the county officer of the league, where they are graded, and the papers that are perfect are sent to the league headquarters at Austin, where they are re-graded, and if still found perfect, the students who sent in these papers are each rewarded with a handsome gold pen by the league. Mr. Bedichek says the new plan will do away with an individual champion, but at the same time reward the contestants in a more equal manner.

CASH AND CARRY Saturday Specials. 10 lbs. Irish Potatoes 20c
Two 15c boxes Crackers 25c
All Campbell's Soups 10c
3 lbs. Maxwell House Coffee \$1.14
1 lb. Calumet Baking Powder 30c
Two 15c Mortons Salt 25c
2 Post Toasties 24c
2 Post Bran 24c
Swans Down Cake Flour 40c
3 Kelloggs Bran 25c
Cream of Wheat, per pkg. 25c
Wesson Oil, per pint can 30c
Hooker Lye, per can 10c
Aunt Jemima Pan Cake Flour 18c
W. P. DAVENPORT Ranger 304 Main Street

WANT ADS

- 0—LODGE NOTICES. MASONIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION tonight 7 p. m. Instruction in all degrees. Masonic hall.
1—LOST AND FOUND. LOST—Young collie dog, answers to name of Bob, strayed from home of Karl E. Jones, Berger addition. For reward phone 269 or 16, Ranger.
4—SITUATIONS WANTED. WANTED—General housework, experienced in housework and cooking. Annie Lee Hopson, general delivery Ranger.
7—SPECIAL NOTICES. NEW PROCESS—Autos cleaned by steam. We remove the grease from your engine. Only steam cleaning plant in Ranger. W. A. Pickens, 123 N. Commerce.
9—HOUSES FOR RENT. FOR RENT—4-room house; electric lights, water, garage; furnished or unfurnished. Phone 249, Ranger.
11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT. 2, 3 AND 4-ROOM apartments for rent. C. E. Maddocks & Co., Ranger.
21—LEGAL NOTICES. POUND SALE—On Dec. 31, 3 p. m., at 615 W. Main, there will be sold one old sorrel horse, branded "E" on left shoulder; also one brown horse, 15 hands high. O. V. Davenport, Chief of Police.
22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK. FOR SALE—Young hens and pullets at 50c, 60c and \$1.00 each. Corner Corbin and Garrett sts., D. W. Maloon, Ranger.
BUY IT AT HOME By Billy de Beck

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR CARS—TRUCKS—TRACTORS Write, Wire or Phone Dee Sanders Sells them any place, any time, any terms Terms as low as \$100.00 down Phone 217—Ranger NOW BOOKING ORDERS For baby chicks and hatching eggs. Will also do custom hatching. OAK RIDGE POULTRY FARM Dan Dudley, Jr., Manager Breeders English S. C. White Leghorns

FARMERS PAYING EXCESSIVE RATES

Spend Millions Needlessly for Interest on Store Credit, Says Department of Agriculture.

BANK RATES THE LOWEST

Department Urges Thrift, Industry and Reliability on Farmers to Win Credit Standing—Bankers Asked to Help.

The cost to farmers of credit from stores is more than 25 per cent when calculated on the basis of a yearly interest rate, while banks charge little more than 6 per cent, says the official report of the Department of Agriculture on its recent survey of farm credit in North Carolina.

Farmers would profit greatly if they could place themselves in position to borrow from banks and pay their bills with cash, the report continues. Merchants would be benefited, since they could then give their attention strictly to merchandising and avoid the risk of loss which they now assume. Bankers would also profit, due to the resulting improvement in farmers' financial condition and the increased business which these farmers would give the banks.

A Matter of Habit

Discussing the question as to why farmers rely on store instead of bank credit, the report says that many do so out of habit and do not realize how high the cost of the store credit is.

There are others, however, who cannot obtain credit from banks, it goes on. This is often due to the fact that no contact has been established and the farmer's credit rating

has not been determined. Banks prefer character and general business ability over any tangible security in making loans. A REPUTATION FOR THRIFT, INDUSTRY AND RELIABILITY IS THE BEST POSSIBLE ASSET FOR A MAN WANTING CREDIT.

The first step in giving farmers better credit is to build up better contacts. This will require co-operation of county agents, farm organizations and the bankers themselves. But the banks cannot do it all. Effort toward a better acquaintance is necessary on the part of farmers. Frankness regarding their business affairs is essential.

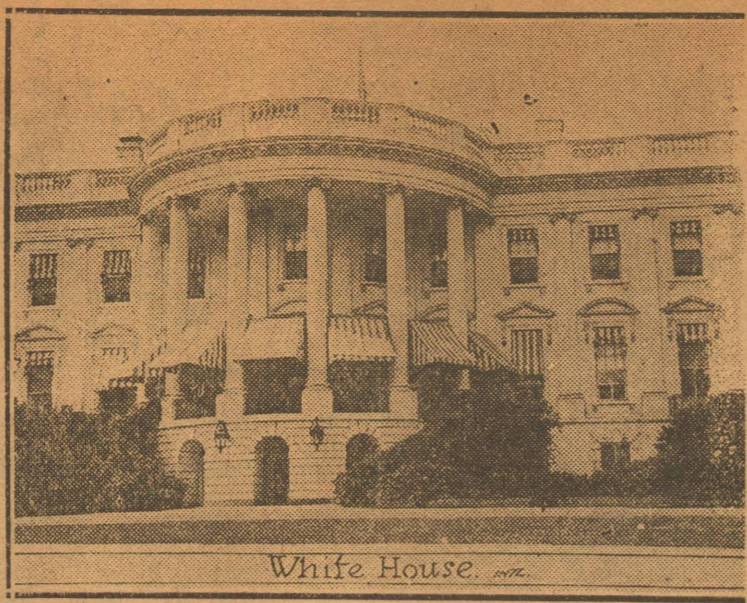
The large part credit cost plays in agricultural conditions is pointed out by the department's report, which says North Carolina farmers contract debts amounting to more than \$200,000,000 annually, and therefore a difference of only 1 per cent in the average interest rate would affect the net income from agriculture there approximately \$2,000,000 each year. More than half the farmers in the areas investigated relied on merchandise advances, and the total merchant credit was nearly three times the short-term bank credit.

High Interest Rates

The average interest rate charged for merchant credit was 22.3 per cent, the survey reveals. Credit from local stores was the most expensive, costing an average of 26.6 per cent. Landlords came next in order, with a rate of 21.5 per cent. Factories and their agents are much lower, with rates of 14.2 and 17.0 per cent respectively.

Fertilizer and living expenses are the chief purposes for which merchant credit is extended. Stores apparently handle more of such business than all other agencies combined, while banks carry less than one-sixth of the total. That the farmers fail to obtain needed short-term credit direct from banks constitutes a handicap to agriculture in North Carolina, since the rate on such loans is materially lower than on short-term loans from all other sources.

ENGINEERS CALL WHITE HOUSE UNSAFE.



White House

Army engineers have reported to Congress that the upper floors of the White House are an extremely dangerous fire hazard, and that \$400,000 must be spent to make the Presidential mansion safe.

In Eastland county out of John P. Kobus survey and others.

Assignment oil and gas lease J. H. Burkett, to O. H. Burkett, part of section 1, block 3, H. & T. C. railway company survey, Eastland county, \$1.

Dudley, 46 1-2 acres out of Funderburg survey, Eastland.

Assignment oil and gas lease, C. F. Burkett to K. F. Page et al, part of section 1, block 3, H. & T. C. railway company survey, Eastland county, \$1.

Saturday Specials WINTER IS HERE

Saturday only we will drain and refill your crankcase with Arctic and E Gargoyle Oil for—

\$1.00 PER GALLON

Also special on—

TIRES AND TUBES

Take advantage of this sale, Saturday, December 29.

Cole's Service Station

Commerce and Elm Streets

Phone 267

Ranger

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY CLUB GAINS NEW MEMBERS

MEXIA, Dec. 28.—Twenty-four Democrats of Mexia have joined the 1924 Victory club of the Democratic party, according to Dr. R. B. Jackson, who is handling the campaign.

Dr. Jackson has forwarded contributions of \$120 to Cordell Hull, national chairman, from the 24 members.

Every man approached readily contributed and evinced a desire to see a change of administration in 1924, Dr. Jackson said.

CLEAN KIDNEYS BY DRINKING LOTS OF WATER

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys If Bladder Bothers or Back Hurts.

Eating too much rich food may produce kidney trouble in some form, says a well-known authority, because the acids created excite the kidneys. Then they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region, rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, begin drinking lots of good water and also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity; also to neutralize the acids in the system so that they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to help keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus often avoiding serious kidney disorders. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—Advertisement.

Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
137th Dividend

The regular quarterly Dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 15, 1924 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 30, 1923.

Saturday and Monday

Are the Last Two Days of the

Big Price Reduction SALE

Act quick if you want to get in on the Big Savings. All goods marked far below their regular worth.

You can be the judge. All we ask is that you give us a chance to show you the goods. Remember sale closes Monday, December 31, at 7 p. m.

Don't overlook this opportunity to buy good merchandise at a big saving.

The Army Supply Co.

209 Main Street—Next Door to Jamesons
Ranger

COURT HOUSE RECORDS

INSTRUMENTS FILED.

Abstract of judgment, James McCord vs. J. L. Brookway, \$101.01.

Abstract of judgment, J. M. Rockwell vs. E. M. Nance, \$206.93.

Assignment of lien, Robert Ralston & Co. to Jessie M. Landes, W. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 15, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Affidavit, O. T. McMurray to J. Ernest Simmons, W. 1-2 of S. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 67, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Deed, J. L. Chapman, commissioner, to Mrs. Effie Bleeker, 204 acres out of Wm. Van Norman survey, Eastland county, \$1,000.

Deed of trust, Mrs. Bertha Hutton et vir. to Ben H. Head, 160 acres, being the N. W. 1-4 of Sec. 44, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Transfer of vendor's lien, T. L. Lasater to T. C. Lockhart, W. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 52, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county, containing 80 acres, \$1,500.

Warranty deed, H. Bros. to J. M. Higginbotham Bros., lots 11 and 12 in Block 13, town of Gorman, \$12,000.

Warranty deed, Ed Townsend et ux. to L. D. Staneford, W. 1-2 of N. 1-4 of Sec. 100, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county, \$800.

Warranty deed, A. M. Merket et ux. to Ed Townsend, N. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 of Sec. 100, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, \$1,650.

Warranty deed, L. D. Stamford et ux. to Ed Townsend, E. 1-2 of S. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 of Sec. 100, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county, \$800.

Assignment of lien, Minnie B. Sechrist to Federal Land bank of Houston, Texas, being 40 acres of land, N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 28, Block 2, E. T. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Assignment O. W. Whittenberg to Magul Oil Co., 107 acres out of Harvey Kendrick survey, Eastland county, \$1.

Assignment Ohio Fuel Oil Co. to Kokona Petroleum company, 62.85 acres out of M. A. Hamilton 160-acre survey, Eastland county, \$1.

Assignment, Ed Norton to L. Y. Morris, west one-half of section 67, block 4, H. & T. C. railway company survey.

Quit claim deed, Ella L. Wells, to E. C. Lane, east 100 acres of southwest one-fourth of section 12, block 2, B. B. & C. railway company survey, and southwest one-

fourth of section 12, patented to heirs of J. W. Stell, \$10.

Warranty deed, John D. McRae et ux. to L. C. Brown, lot 3 and east one-half of lot 2 in block E, Connelley place, Eastland, \$250.

Warranty deed, Gene Hodges Dean et al. to W. J. Wright, lots 13 and 14 in block 6, Hodges Central addition to Ranger, \$100.

Assignment oil and gas lease, T. M. Beckett, et al. to Community Oil company, 320 acres, being east one-half of Robt. Bissett survey, Eastland county, \$1.

Quit claim deed, W. C. Gholson to J. W. Farabee, lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 3, W. C. Gholson addition to Ranger, \$10.

Warranty deed, Bob Phillips et ux. to E. L. Harris, lot 8 in block 29, Daugherty addition to Eastland, \$10.

Release, Will H. Wilson Lumber company to Bob Phillips, lot 8, block 29, Daugherty addition to Eastland.

Assignment, Joe Burkett to Joe H. Shackelford, east one-half of north-west one-fourth of section 20, block 1, H. & T. C. railway company survey, Eastland county.

Warranty deed, C. L. Garrett to Victoria Jackson, lot 53, block G-1, Eastland, \$125.

Warranty deed, Susie Deats et vir. to Joe Madford, lot 19, block 7, Ranger Heights addition to Ranger, \$50.

Warranty deed, Joe Madford et ux. to Poy Atkins, lot 19, block 7, Ranger Heights addition to Ranger, \$50.

Release vendor lien, J. W. Barnes et al. to M. M. Barnes, tracts of land

Liberty Theatre

Ranger—Friday, December 28

L. B. HOLT KAMP'S

GEORGIA SMART SET MINSTRELS

Two big shows combined in one

51—PEOPLE—51

Including the famous Armory Concert Band

and

ANNA JONES

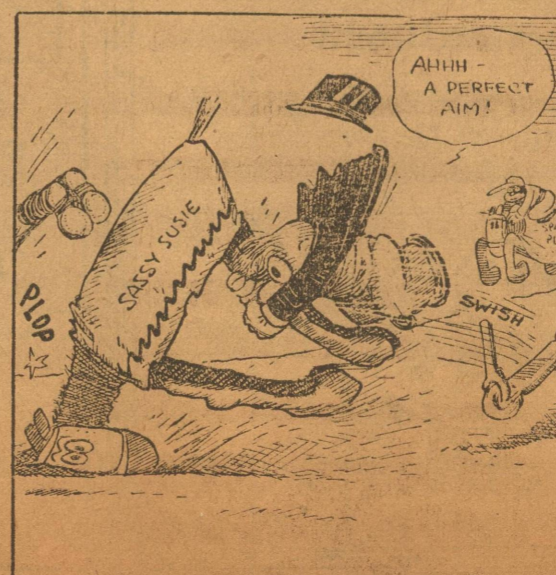
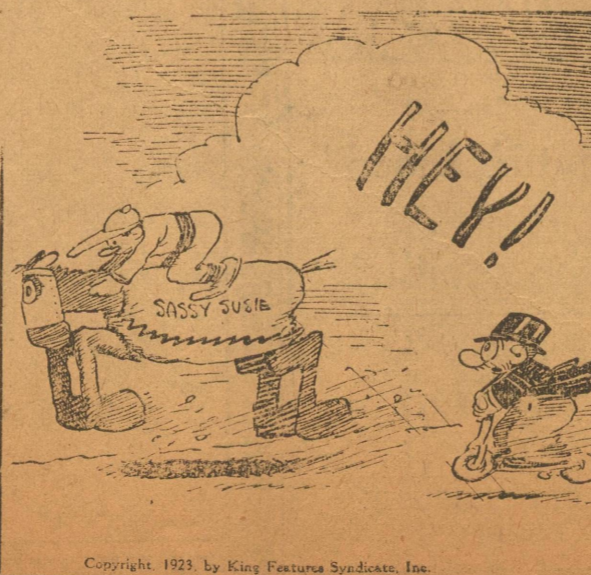
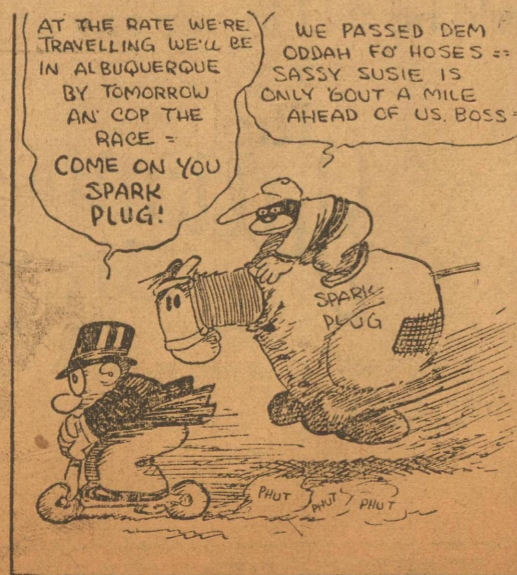
World's foremost blue singer, who recently won this championship in a contest given in New York by the Paramount Records Company. Grand street parade at noon. Big special hand concert in front of Liberty Theatre at 7 p. m. Prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00; Children 25c, Lamb Theatre. Entire balcony reserved for colored people. Seat sale at

AUNT JEMIMA FLOUR
Pure Soft Wheat
PLAIN or SELF RISING
Ask your Grocer

- K. C. Jones Flour, 50 lbs. \$1.60; Crystal White Flour 50 lbs. \$1.50
- Sugar, without other purchases, 11 lbs. \$1.00
- Fancy Apples, doz. \$1.30; Apples, peck \$1.45
- Forbes Quality Steel Cut Coffee, 3 lbs. \$1.00
- Folger's Golden Gate Coffee, lb. tins. 45c; tall tins \$1.25
- Fresh Eggs, gathered this week, limit dozen, 55c; Butter \$1.55
- Sugar Cured Hams, regular or skinned, lb. \$1.28
- Breakfast Bacon, 3 lbs. for \$1.00
- Our famous pure hog Lard, 2 lbs. 35c; No. 1 Salt Pork, 2 lbs. 35c
- Pure Fruit 16 oz. assorted preserves and jelly 30c; Del Monte 35c
- Libby's glass, assorted jelly, grape, apple, currant, etc. \$1.15
- No. 2 1-2 California Melba Halves peaches, in deep syrup \$1.25
- No. 2 fancy sliced Hawaiian Pineapple 25c; Pears \$1.20
- No. 2 Blackberries 15c; Apricots in deep syrup 20c; Cherries 25c
- 1 lb. Apparatous Tips, fine California points, 35c; Sifted Peas 25c
- No. 2 Heavy Pack Tomatoes 10c; Hominy 10c; Pumpkin \$1.10
- Sugar Corn, 2 cans 25c; Salmon, extra special, 3 cans for 25c
- No. 2 1-2 Dill Pickles 30c; Sweet Pickles 15c; Sour Pickles 15c
- Oyster Cocktail Sauce \$1.35; Red Snapper Sauce \$1.35
- Tomato Catsup, large bottles 20c; Medium 15c; Mustard \$1.10
- Pure distilled vinegar, 2 large bot. 25c; Worcestershire sauce 30c
- Louisiana Oysters, qt. 75c; Fresh SEALSHIPT Oysters qt. \$1.00
- Fresh Channel Catfish, dressed, lb. 28c; Gulf Red Snapper 28c
- While they last, Celery, 2 for 25c; Stuffed Olives, large \$1.38
- Plenty of fresh garden vegetables and fruits of all kinds. Headquarters for live and dressed poultry.

Phone 458 Free Delivery **City Fish Market** 311-313 Walnut St. RANGER

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SWAIN CUMMINGS SOUTHERN SERENADERS
7-piece orchestra of Fort Worth will play for a Carnival Ball, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at **CISCO LABOR TEMPLE**

MOST WOMEN DEMAND SKINNER'S
The Superior EGG NOODLES

FOR SALE—Six hundred feet of side track, 56 pounds. New, unused rails, creosoted ties; located at Weatherford, Texas. Sell at bargain. **J. S. THOMPSON**
209 Dan Waggoner Bldg. Fort Worth, Texas

The Boston Store, Ranger, Tex.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

See What **95^c** Will Buy

As this will be our last Saturday Special for 1923, we aim to make it also the best from every standpoint and view.

Read the List Over Carefully

Follow the great crowds of wise Saturday Shoppers to the Boston Store's greatest of all 95c Sales.

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| 36-in. Sello Silk, all new fall shades, 60c value, special
2 yards | 27-in. Colored Outing, our 25c value, 6 yards for | 95c |
| 36-in. Kimono Silk, floral designs, \$1.50 value, special
for | \$1.50 value Ladies' Phoenix Silk Hose, black or brown, special | 95c |
| 36-in. plaid and small check Taffeta \$2.00 and \$2.50 value, extra special | Children's Ribbed Hose, Buster Brown and Worthmore, black and brown, 25c values, 5 pairs for | 95c |
| 36-in. extra heavy Satinette, white, Copen, light tan and yellow, \$1.35 values, special | Children's 3-4 ribbed Sox, black, brown and pongee, 50c values, special
3 pairs for | 95c |
| 36-in. Messaline, orchid, gray, sand, light blue and dark green, \$1.35 value, special | \$1.50 and \$1.75 Bracelets, large assortment, special | 95c |
| 36-in. French Serge, red only special | "1923 Special" double mesh, cap shape, human Hair Nets, special
one dozen | 95c |
| 36-in. Lingerie Crepe, orchid and pink, 40c value, special
3 yards for | \$1.50 value, men's Silk and Knit Ties, wonderful assortment, special | 95c |
| 36-in. Creton, light and dark floral designs, 25c value, special
5 yards for | Men's Hose, brown, black and gray, 25c values, special
5 pairs | 95c |
| 36-in. Silkoline, solid colors, light blue, pink, yellow, light green, 25c value, special, 5 yards for | One assortment of Boys' Shirts, sizes 12 1-2 to 14, special
for | 95c |
| 32-in. Scotch Plaid Cotton Suiting 50c value, special
3 yards for | Arrow brand stiff collars, any style and size, special
6 for | 95c |
| 32-in. Gingham, solid and plaid, our 35c values, special
4 yards for | Nature's Rival Brassier, any size, our 75c value, special
2 for | 95c |
| 27-in. Gingham, solid and plaid and Checks, our 25c value, special
6 yards for | Girl Union Suits, bleached, with tape and button, sizes 2 to 8, special | 95c |
| 25-in. Cotton Checks, good for quilt lining, special, 9 yards
for | Brassieres, our \$1.50 and \$1.75 value, and style and size, special | 95c |
| 20x36 Fancy Turkish Towels, 40c values, special
3 for | Ladies Munsing Union Suits, V-Neck, no sleeves, umbrella style, special | 95c |
| 18x36 Huck Towel, good quality, with or without red border, 25c value, special, 5 for | | 95c |

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| Extra Special
36-in. bleached genuine Hope Domestic Special 6 Yards
95c
(Not over 12 yards to a customer) | Extra Special
9-4 Bleached Pepperel Sheeting Special 2 yards
95c
(Not over 4 yards to a customer) | Extra Special
Kotex Sanitary Napkins Special 2 dozen
95c
(Not over two dozen to a customer) |
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In Our Ready-to-Wear Department
Special prices throughout the Ready-to-Wear Department. It is to your advantage to visit this department.

Visit Our Shoe Department
New Footwear arriving every week. We carry narrow sizes to fit everybody.

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THE SHOPPING CENTER OF RANGER
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ARRIVALS AT THE GHOLSON, RANGER.

J. E. Montgomery, Rotan, N. M.; Mrs. Everett E. Hennes, Kansas City; J. H. Phelps, Stephenville; J. R. McKiver, El Paso; E. D. Fancher, Strawn; J. Hudspeth, J. Flagg, Fort Worth; Ben F. Compton, Nashville; J. F. Klinger, Sager, Okla.; Jay Daniel, Merkel; C. C. Derby, Ardmore; Emmitt Boyd and wife, Abilene; E. E. Peters, H. C. Swindell, J. D. Steele, C. F. Corzelius, G. W. Runniman, Eastland; C. F. Melton, Caddo; H. B. Reed, R. N. Reed, Breckenridge; Mrs. S. Newton and daughter, Weatherford; A. Sorenson, Chicago; John J. Wright, St. Louis; E. H. Santry and family, H. D. Wilkins, A. C. Browning; L. O. Grigsby, William Mills, Dallas; O. R. Hawkins, M. S. Alred, Desdemona.

CONNELLEE EASTLAND—TODAY

Mae Murray

"French Doll"

COMEDY NEWS

SATURDAY William Farnum

"Gun Fighter"

COMEDY NEWS

SUNDAY—MONDAY Gloria Swanson

"Zaza"

COMEDY NEWS

TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY

"Enemies of Women"

By Vicente Blasco Ibanez

Lionel Barrymore

and Alma Rubens

LAMB THEATRE RANGER TODAY ONLY

WILLIAM FOX presents Dustin Farnum in KENTUCKY DAYS

story by JOHN LYNCH directed by DAVID SOLOMON



—also— "Fighting Blood"

—and— "Film Foolish"

TOMORROW Neal Hart

—in— "SECRETS OF THE PUEBLO"

Society

AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

Mrs. Chas. G. Norton, Editor Telephone 224

SATURDAY EVENTS.

Public library opens 10 to 12 and 2 to 6 o'clock, Marston building. Country club dance, 9 o'clock at Summer Garden.

PERSONALS.

Miss Elizabeth Moffett, who has been the holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Burden, returned Thursday to her home in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Eugene Baker returned Thursday night from Dallas, where she had been on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Bale, and daughter, Louise.

Mrs. A. E. Firmin is in Fort Worth and Dallas spending the week. In Fort Worth she will visit her son, Philip M. Firmin.

Miss Eleanor Alworth is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. F. Little of Abilene.

Mrs. W. R. Winchell, who was operated on recently at the Baylor hospital in Dallas, is getting along nicely and expects to return home soon.

MRS. BURDEN HOSTESS HONORING HER SISTER.

Mrs. Walter Burden entertained delightfully Wednesday afternoon honoring her sister, Miss Elizabeth Moffett of Wichita Falls. Bridge was the diversion and many of the guests were young ladies home for the holidays. High score prize, a dainty piece of silk lingerie, was awarded Miss Ruth Hagaman. Low score prize, a bottle of narcissus perfume, went to Miss Hortense Champion, and cut prize, a box of Coty's powder, to Miss Ruby Mae Carwile.

Those present were the Misses Helen Stafford, Ann Alderson, Nan and Clara Haden, Hortense Champion, Eleanor Norton, Bess Chastain, Ruth Hagaman, Rosalie Jameson, Dora Watson, Ruth White, Ruby Mae Carwile; Mes. Karl E. Jones, Bobby Bates, Earl Reeves of Henrietta, Okla., and W. A. Cunningham of Cisco.

MRS. MENDENHALL HOSTESS TO WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB.

Members of the Wednesday Bridge club were entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. H. J. Mendenhall. A delicious luncheon was served before the game, which was auction bridge. High club prize was won by Mrs. McMillen, and high guest prize by Mrs. John D. Gholson. Consolation prize went to Mrs. H. A. Coomer.

Those present, members and guests, were: Mes. A. L. Bergere, F. T. Brahaney, E. L. McMillen, J. F. Champion, F. A. Brown, John Shannon Jr., John D. Gholson, W. H. Burden, W. L. McGinley, C. O. Terrell, M. R. Holland, and H. A. Coomer.

BRECKENRIDGE COUPLE MARRIED IN RANGER

William B. Munnerlyn of Frankel and Miss Buelah Taylor of Breckenridge were quietly united in marriage

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY SHOES

A Pre-Inventory Sale of Shoes brings the prices down to a new low level.

We want to reduce our Shoe stock on the first of the year and to do so we have cut the price on all novelty shoes as well as staples.

Several styles that are broken in sizes are offered you at almost bargain counter prices.

Children's School Shoes 20% Off

Red Goose School Shoes for boys and girls at a real saving. They will need another pair to finish school in. Buy them now.

See Our Windows

Mail Orders Filled

Joseph Dry Goods Co.

Ranger's Foremost Department Store

INFANT ASSASSINS CONFESS MURDER.



Paul Daedler & Will Forrester (Below) Arthur Morrison

Paul Daedler and William Forrester, two 14-year-old boys, of Pasadena, Cal., have signed a confession that they fired three bullets into the body of little Arthur Morrison, five years old, bound him to a post and then crushed his skull with a brick, leaving him to die a lingering death.

Christmas day at the residence of Ranger State bank vs. W. R. Kel-Rev. H. B. Johnson, pastor of the ly et al. Christian tabernacle. Gorman Bros. vs. M. J. Johnson.

Special Sale

Saturday and Monday

Extraordinary Savings on Furs and Dresses

25 Per Cent Off on all Furs

33 1-3 Per Cent Off on all Silk Dresses

50 Per Cent Off on all Wool Dresses

Early selection advisable. Every garment should be sold in one day at these prices.

The Julianna Shop

THE EXCLUSIVE SHOP FOR WOMEN GHOILSON HOTEL BLDG.

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