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## RANGER'S GROWTH SHOWN IN NEW BUILDING

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Legitimate Interests Will Not Be Hamed Says President Calles

#### PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE TO 700 BARRELS

Several New Pools Discovered, Few Miles Of Ranger Past Year

#### History of Gholson Gusher

Spudded in on October 10, 1926, on the A. L. Duffer farm five miles south of Ranger, by Chesnut-Smith Corporation, John M. and John D. Gholson and Albert Duffer.

#### 1927 Presents Kilcrease With Boy, 12 Pounds

The stork ran a close race with the new year in Ranger, as Oliver Jackson Kilcrease, a 12-pound boy, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Kilcrease, 308 South Oak street, at 4:45 Saturday morning—and the new year was in at 12 o'clock.

#### BURKETT PLANS TO DRILL WELL NEAR EASTLAND

Joe Burkett of Eastland and San Antonio is making preparations to drill the Kimbrough No. 1, three miles west of Eastland, which is producing gas from the Lake Eastland sand at a depth of 3,200 feet, to the Marble Falls pay in the hopes of getting oil production. Failing to get the pay in the Marble Falls the well will be drilled into the Ranger pay. The Kimbrough is near the San Knepley well, which has been a producer for five years.

#### ESTABLISH HOUSES HERE

All Public Utilities Report Increase In The Number of Customers

Seven hundred barrels daily is now credited the Duffer No. 1, in the Gholson pool, five miles south of Ranger.

Since the well had all the earmarks of a real producer and is not showing any of the freaks of a wildcat, it is rapidly taking its place in the high ranks of Ranger's oil wells.

Oil operators work rapidly and it is estimated that the skyline around the Duffer No. 1 will be materially changed within the next few days, as a number of locations will soon be announced.

#### Good Year.

Nineteen twenty-six was a good year from the standpoint of oil in this section. In Ranger the Conway Bros., G. C. Barkley, J. L. Thompson, Jack Urban, John M. Gholson, Jerome McLoester, Dwan Bros., and many others have profited largely by the coming in of oil wells in or near the county. Cross Cut and Cross Plains have added materially to the success of some of them, as has the Pratt field, one mile east of Lacasa, which was discovered in August by the Texas Fidelity Oil corporation, and has brought comparative riches to the discoverers and to those who followed their lead.

On December 30 storage tanks were completed and well put on a gauge.

On December 31 its production was estimated at 500 barrels.

On January 1, with the bit one foot in the sand, its production was estimated at 700 barrels.

And back of it all a woman's intuition that south of Ranger in that large undeveloped sector was oil in paying quantities.

Mr. Burkett also will deepen some wells on a farm owned by him just south of Eastland in the hopes of increasing production in them.

Mr. Burkett is also making preparations to drill on a 50-acre tract belonging to Tobe Morton, and located west of Eastland. B. W. Smith and associates of Eastland will also drill an 100-acre tract belonging to Morton and adjoining the Burkett 50 acres. The States Oil corporation drilled a well here in 1914 that was a consistent producer for six years.

#### DRILLING REPORTS.

Callahan County—Elmer Thomas No. 1 N. J. S. Banklin, intention to drill to depth of 600 feet; Elmer Thomas No. 1 J. J. Clark, intention to drill to depth of 600 feet; M. E. Wakefield No. 1 A. G. Webb, intention to drill to depth of 1,650 feet.

Eastland County—Elmer Thomas No. 1 D. H. Anglin, intention to plug; Brown County—W. L. Deinger and A. V. Syboda No. 106 Dayton Johnson, plug, has some gas; C. O. Moore Oil corporation No. 1 S. Hunter, well record, 80 barrels production; No. 2, 10 barrels production; No. 3 intention to drill to depth of 1,400 feet; E. R. Wilson No. 2 J. P. Newton, intention to drill to depth of 1,400 feet; No. 1 intention to drill to depth of 1,400 feet; No. 1 intention to shoot, 50 quarts of nitro.

By RENA B. CAMPBELL.  
Approximately \$100,000 in building permits were issued in Ranger during 1926, probably three times more than have been issued since 1919.

Five of these covered contracts for the erection of fireproof brick buildings, namely the building built at the corner of Pine and South Rusk streets by a Fort Worth bank because they considered an investment in Ranger real estate a most worthwhile one; the two Brin buildings, both on Main street, one of five store rooms, completed in the summer, and the other one now being pushed to completion, and composed of two large stores, which will be occupied by Street Motor Company and Harper Furniture Company; the Texas Filling Station at the corner of Main and South Commerce streets, taking the place of unsightly boom day shacks; the new \$30,000 Central Ward school in the Page addition, to take the place of overcrowded school shacks on the high school campus; the erection of the finest stadium in west Texas at Nitro field, and last but not the least.

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#### Interests Silent

Representatives of Aman oil interests in Mexico were silent here today. Seventeen companies representing 70 percent of the Man oil production, failed to apply for law required before midnight, January 31, for concession to ren their former lease hold or arship rights.

Failure to comply with provision, according to the law would automatically result in loss of all rights.

Authorities agreed that date seizure was not likely and as expected that the controversy would continue through diplomatic channels for some time.

#### Parsons Pool.

The Parsons pool, which is near Eastland, was the first oil pool being drilled and is still being drilled, and daily piling up wealth for the owners and the operators.

The Ramsower, discovered by Robert D. Gordon in the early part of 1926, is playing its part in developing the near Eastland and Cisco, and is giving the pioneer oil man opportunity to prove his faith in the sector.

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#### Former Secretary Fall's Condition Alarms Family

By United Press.  
EL PASO, Jan. 1.—Paroxysms of coughing have affected the condition of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, ill with pneumonia, that his family was doubtful of his recovery. Coughing spells began last night and continued through the day. Dr. H. T. Safford, his physician, remained tonight in almost constant attendance at his bedside. Fall is 65 years old.

#### Alabamans Hold Pacific Coast to Tie

By United Press.  
ROSE BOWL, PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1.—The football championship of America still was undecided tonight, thrilling the largest audience that ever witnessed the California East-West classic in the Rose bowl. Leland Stanford and Alabama fought to a 7-7 tie here. It was the most powerful gridiron battle in the history of the new year classics.

#### NICARAGUAN SITUATION WORRY SOME

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—With the opening of the New Year, the United States government faces the Mexican and Nicaraguan, two of the most dangerous situations in the history of the Latin-American relations, in the opinion of officials here.

#### Wild New Year Celebration In Several

By United Press.  
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#### SNATCHER GETS PURSE

By United Press.  
RANGER, Jan. 1.—A woman, 214 Cherry street, near Main, running back of the Gholson hotel about 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, Mrs. A. A. gave the police a good description of the purse snatcher.

#### DAVISSON JUDGMENT WILL STAND

By United Press.  
STEPHENS COUNTY, Jan. 1.—The Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland Friday refused a new hearing in the case of Eastland County vs. G. A. Davisson from the district court of Stephens County, Davisson having won a favorable judgment in the lower court.

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**FROM THE HOLY WRIT.**  
 Be careful for nothing; but everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.—Philippians 4-6.  
 Prayer: Grant us understanding and with it wisdom and endow us with strength to withstand temptations and sustain ourselves in perilous times, O Lord.

**ALL CAN HELP.**  
 Every body can help to make this year the grandest in history of progress and achievement. All can help make it one of the greatest in the history of spiritual as well as material development.

Every man and woman can do his or her duty in whatever sphere he or she may be thrown and help make the burden lighter and the world a better place in which to live. Every one can pay more attention to practicing the golden rule thereby helping themselves and others. All can help to make the world better and brighter another year.

The farmer can help himself by diversifying his operations and using intensive methods of cultivation. The farmer can materially aid by raising his own meat and meal and as many other supplies as possible and selling his surplus. When the farmer prospers everyone prospers. Prosperity begins with the plow.

All can help to make the world brighter by speaking kindly of your neighbor, and say nothing about him or her unless what you say is good.

All can help to make the world better in 1927 by not passing snap judgment on persons or happenings until after a true investigation has been made. Sometimes investigations lead to a change of opinion, because quite often, what may seem penuriousness may be self-sacrificing to help another.

The preachers of the country can do a big part in helping to make this world better in 1927 by teaching the doctrine of brotherly love, toleration and the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. The ministers and pastors of the land wield a great influence and by preaching the gospel for us to have due regard for other men's faith he can help do a lot towards sending 1927 down into history as one of the greatest years ever known. All cannot have the same faith. Every man believing there is a just God knows that He will judge us according to the light in which we see Him. Toleration in belief is justice.

All who live in the oil belt towns can help to boost their town and section. They can help to keep into the fore and at all times to tell the truth about the oil belt. The truth is good enough. Every man in the oil belt should be sold on his section and his city.

**THE OUTLOOK.**

The outlook for the oil belt for 1927 was never brighter since the day that the old McCleskey well brought itself in and made a noise that was heard around the world. The Duffer discovery well in the Gholson, the Fidelity discovery well in the Lacasa pool, the Gordon well in the Eastland pool all presage an unprecedented year for this section. Every town will be helped. The land owners will be helped and all lines should prosper.

The outlook for higher prices for crude oil is bright. Dispatches say the demand for petroleum products shows an increase. The law of supply and demand helps to govern the price of gasoline and lubricants.

Auto manufacturers see a bright year ahead although 1926 broke all records. Big men of state see nothing ahead in the way of breakers.

With oil bringing a good price and development making great headway in this section of the country, together, with farmers diversifying the outlook could not be other than bright.

**Not a Drop**



**VIEWS OF FEW RANGER BUSINESS MEN ON OUTLOOK FOR THIS YEAR**

"I really believe 1927 will be a successful and prosperous year for Ranger and Ranger's trade territory," C. C. Patterson, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce said, when asked what was his "dope" for 1927.  
 "I think that people are sold on the town and different outside interests coming into the town indicate that the town is on a firm basis and is going forward," Mr. Patterson cited the increase in users of various public utilities to back up his statement of progress and commented on the "team work" being done by Ranger citizens.

**JOHN HASSEN** of the Boston store said, "We always figure on our business being better each year and we figure that 1927 is going to be another good one. In fact we think that times are good enough for us to open up three new branch houses during the year, to add to the six we have now. We contemplate opening one new store at Del Rio but have not decided on the other two locations yet. We have houses now in Ranger, Breckenridge, San Angelo, Alpine, Floydada and Sweetwater. Only one of our stores felt the pinch of the slump in cotton, that was the Floydada branch," Mr. Hassen stated.

**W. W. HOUSEWRIGHT** sounded just like he meant it when he said that he thought business in 1927 was going to be better everywhere except in those localities that depend on cotton altogether. I think the first six months of the year will be especially prosperous and I see nothing to interfere with Ranger's continued prosperity, especially since the new oil field has been opened up south of Ranger—almost at its door."

**HALL WALKER** did not cast any aspersions on 1926. "It's the best year we have had for years," Mr. Walker said, and looked as though he was remembering the old year most kindly. "Nineteen twenty-seven looks brighter than it did 60 days ago and I am inclined to believe that its going to be a fine year."

**H. H. VAUHN**, manager of the Thomas Tire company, said that their business since they came to Ranger in 1926 had been very satisfactory and that all indications point to a big year during 1927.

**W. D. CONWAY**, whose ship came in during 1926 in the way of several good oil wells smiled his slow smile and said, "I hope it will be as good as 1926, but there are many factors that enter into its success as the cotton slump of the past year is bound to find a reflection in the business of the coming year—then one always faces the hazards of over production of crude oil and hence a cut in its price—but lets hope for good things," he continued.

**JOHN THURMAN** of the Southern Loan company said that 1927 should be a good year, much better than the past due to the fact that most all farming land is in cultivation and most all farms fairly well stocked with pigs, chickens and livestock, which should add a great deal to the prosperity of the coming year.

**"IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME,"** smiled J. M. White of the J. M. White & Co., especially since the new oil well came in. That whole southern country is due a big play now as its never been developed. Prospects are bright from several different angles. Merchandise has become more stable and prices not so fluctuating and we are entering the new year most optimistic.

**E. E. CRAWFORD**, who is looking forward to a new home for his drug business in the new year said, "Business been good the past year for me. I feel confident that business will be good during 1927 and look forward to it."

**CHARLES SURBROOK**, who has all the magazine and newspapers in the world almost, at his finger tips made his dope on the new year short and sweet. "Fine" was his only comment.

**S. P. BOON**, of the Ranger Dry Cleaning plant, speaking from his experience in Ranger for the past seven years, says "Things look better for a good year just at this time, than any I have faced for the past seven years." The volume of cleaning in Ranger has increased 50 per cent during the past year and everything points to a continuance of good business so far as I can see."

**A. N. LARSON** of the Oil Cities Electric company stated that every prospect for the new year looked good to him and his prediction of a prosperous year was based on the new buildings that have come up in 1926, the new firms that are to come in after the new year, the new building that will begin Monday and the opening up of the new oil field.

**M. R. NEWNHAM**, like many others, had nothing to say against 1926 but on the contrary said that his business had been good throughout the year. He said that he felt other sections of the state would feel the reaction from the low price of cotton but there is no reason why Ranger should be affected by that, as we were lucky enough not to have any cotton, made a good wheat crop, are getting a fair price for oil. "It looks like we ought to have a good year," he added.

**MORRIS BENDIX** of the Globe, was another one who would not knock the passing year. "It was a good year," said Mr. Bendix, who was busy over inventories. "We'll have no kick if 1927 is just as good and we are going to try our best to make it go over big."

**LOUIS DAVIS** says that Ranger is the best town in Texas if Ranger folks just knew it and cited the fact that E. H. & A. Davis had six stores and at the end of each year, the Ranger house always showed a good increase. Mr. Davis liked 1926, too, and said that his firm was very well pleased with the outlook for 1927.

**T. B. THARPE**, senior member of the Tharpe Furniture company said that with a \$340,000 monthly payroll in Ranger, the prospects ought to be good for next year. Tharpe expects great things of his own business and is just waiting for his new store to be completed so they can get an even start with 1927.

**POPE & BROWN**, the Ranger Shoe company, felt awfully good over their 1926 business and naturally taking that as a basis, they expressed themselves as feeling that 1927 was going to be the best year Ranger has had for years. "We expect to do much better in 1927 than in 1926," they stated, "but we did better in 1926 than we had expected."

**CULL MOORMAN** stated frankly that he believed in this old optimistic stuff and that he thought the outlook for 1927 was optimistic. "The oil market is steady—the new Gholson pool will open up thousands of acres of undeveloped land and we ought to see some active drilling campaigns during the year," he stated.

**STEVE A. LILLARD JR.**, of the Ranger State bank was optimistic also. Mr. Lillard gave splendid reasons for his thinking that oil would be going up during 1927 and said that from the standpoint of oil, he felt that 1927 would be a most successful year. He cited the fact that for months the Panhandle field had been storing oil for the account of the producers, but now they had turned the tide and were buying it.

**JACK SIVALLS** of the Sivalls Motor company said "You can say it as strong for us as you want to, for we are strong for 1927. The coming in of the Duffer well in the Gholson pool makes things look better than they have since 1918."

**JOE DENNIS** was working on his books when asked if he had a kind word for 1927. "Just beautiful," he smiled and said. "It looks better than at any time since the boom. Finances of the country around here and in town are on a better basis and we are expecting great things of 1927."

**J. J. KELLY** of White-Hampton Motor company stated that he believed 1927 would be the best year ever. That the automotive journals predict a great year in that industry and also the probable launching of many new model light cars on the market.

**J. T. KILLINGSWORTH**, of Killingsworth & Co., said, "It looks wonderful to me. We are very well satisfied with our 1926 business but are looking forward to even better business during 1927."

**JACK GULLAHORN** of the Gullahorn Motor company said that he expected 1927 to be better than 1926, and he, while not as optimistic as some, following a line of very logical deduction owing to the slump in cotton, felt that the prospects were bright. He said that if the used car situation improved other conditions would improve especially in the automobile business.

**ED MAHER** of Leveille-Maher Motor company is very much inclined to look very kindly on the prospects for 1927 and says that things look more promising for a good business year than for many years.

**FLOYD SINGLETON**, of the Gholson hotel, who is a newcomer, is very much pepped up over the prospects for the new year, more especially since the Duffer No. 1 announced itself so vehemently on Dec. 28.

**W. W. PASCHALL AND MRS. PASCHALL** of the S. H. store were well pleased with 1926 but are looking forward to a better year in 1927. "When we came to this location Sept. 12, 1925, Hicks Drug store was the only occupied store other than ours in the block. Now the whole block is either occupied or leased and in a few months thriving businesses will be in all of them. At the time we moved in, we could park anywhere in this block and now we are lucky to ever find a parking place. We believe that the filling up of the block is a big factor in our business," they stated.

**BILL PETTITT** of Durham & Pettitt, said that their first year in business was very gratifying and that they firmly expected 1927 to be the best year Ranger had had in six years.

**BOYD MOTOR COMPANY** expects a good year, according to G. J. Boyd, manager of the company. "It looks very promising to us," he stated Saturday.

**BOB RUTHERFORD** of the Rutherford Motor company expressed himself as being optimistic over the outlook for 1927 and as gratified with the business of the past year.

**A. WILLIAMS** of Joseph Dry Goods company said "Prospects are good for 1927 and we look for a good year. Our business was splendid in 1927 but we hope for a still better year during the coming one and firmly believe we are going to have a fine year."

**CHAIN STORES ESTABLISH HOUSES HERE**

(Continued from page one.)  
 the Joe Harness contract for a building on the McManus lot, which was scheduled on New Year's eve and for which a bid will be turned on Monday morning.

**Home Owners.**  
 In addition to these splendid brick buildings there have been built a number of beautiful homes in Ranger—some of these of brick, and many costing thousands of dollars. When the tax rolls are made up this year, they will show a larger number of home owners than at any time in the history of the city.

Water, lights and telephones show an increase and a fair sized gas company, while the Texas-Louisiana Gas Company has nearly 1400 patrons.  
 At least 25 new firms have been added to Ranger's business roster during 1926 and the new year will see the coming of Woolworths, who have 15 years' lease on the building now occupied by Tharpe Furniture Company, and who will make extensive improvements on same as soon as they get possession, and the J. C. Penny store, to occupy the Wier building on Main street, as well as others.

**Junior College.**  
 Among the most notable achievements of the year was the opening of the Junior College in September, with a faculty almost unsurpassable and the successful launching of a building and loan association that has made it possible for dozens of Ranger people to own their own homes, or improve them.

Figures don't lie. In taking a trial balance of 1926 Ranger finds itself on the credit side of the ledger with a most comfortable constructive dividend declared and going strong for a bigger building program—the acquisition of industries and the increasing of Ranger's payroll in 1927. A survey of many different business firms shows that business is in a healthy condition and most merchants have acknowledged that their inventories and trial balances showed up much better than they had expected them to. It was hard to find a man who would knock the passing year—and just as hard to find one who was not optimistic over the prospects of the new year.

**Eastern Capital.**  
 It is said that at least \$25,000 will be spent on homes in the first few months of the year. Already, Ranger's largest home builder, Dr. L. C. C. Buchanan, has on hand a commodious home for himself and family on the old Cabe Terrell lot on Pine street and is planning other things for the new year.

A number of Ranger people resolved as their New Year's resolution that they would buy a home during 1927 and several who own homes are planning to remodel them.  
 The purchasing of the Clay Boiler Works by Eastern capital will result in an extensive improvement of that industry, as well as inaugurate the making of steel derricks, which heretofore have had to be bought outside of this district.

The laying of the Magnolia pipe line to the Panhandle fields is bringing many men to Ranger. One boarding house reported an influx of 40 men during the past month and most all during the first part they are full up.

**De Molays Plan Organization of Orchestra**

"Get down to work" will be the 1927 policy of Ranger De Molays. Installation of officers elected at the last meeting will be held Wednesday night, January 5.  
 The De Molays have reacted from a loss in their ranks, caused by a number of their members leaving town to attend school, and are expecting to organize an orchestra from their group of 15 musicians.  
 Among those who will form a part of this proposed orchestra are Orville Tackett, banjo; Bobby Sanderford, saxophone; Harry Heath, saxophone; Byron Reeves, trumpet; Floyd Killingsworth, clarinet; Gaston Dixon, trumpet; Cecil Cole, cornet; Bud Shipp, traps and drum; Joe Roland, piano.  
 The De Molays are sponsored by the Royal Arch Masons and members of the advisory board have pledged their co-operation in anything the De Molays attempt to put over that is worth while.  
 All De Molays who have been notified as to what position they have in the DeMolay degree team are called for practice and rehearsal this evening at 2 o'clock sharp.

**Depth of Snow Is Measured by Telescope Now**

(By United Press)  
**VISALA, Calif., Jan. 1.**—Measuring the depth of snow on a mountain 11 miles away with a telescope and thereby saving a 2-day hike, has been arranged by Col. John R. White, superintendent of Sequoia national park.  
 Valley farmers kept asking how the snow was piling up in the mountains because it is their next year's water and irrigation supply in the making. Colonel White got tired of making a 1-day trip to Alta peak to measure the snow. This summer he placed a series of cross-arms at known distances from the ground on the peak.  
 Now he trains a 6-inch telescope from the Alder creek headquarters on the cross-arms and reads the depth of snow on Alta peak.

**GAINESVILLE FARMER LOSSES BARN AND HAY**

**GAINESVILLE, Tex., Jan. 1.**—A large barn belonging to E. Cartwright in which was stored 50 tons of hay, burned early today.

**SNYDER BURNS.**  
 (By United Press)  
**SNYDER, Tex., Jan. 1.**—The Charlie Reichter barn was destroyed by fire here today, and loss estimated at \$30,000. Only one ton of hay burned.

**Bandits Release One American Held in Mexico**

(By United Press)  
**HOBART, Okla., Jan. 1.**—A year's day was brightened for W. M. Bloom of Hobart, by that her brother, J. W. White, superintendent of the San Francisco mines near Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, presumably unharmed, after a three day sojourn with bandits on the mountains.  
 Mrs. Bloom said she received a telegram from her brother, but his sister said the message did not explain the fate of E. B. Comer, formerly of Pueblo, Colo., who was taken with Wiley, nor anything of what he endured while in custody of the bandits.  
 Mrs. Bloom said her brother had followed Mexican mining for the past 18 years.

**Fraud Carries Death Penalty Soviet Russia**

(By United Press)  
**MOSCOW.**—Executions for embezzlement, fraud and speculation in the conduct of the government-owned banks and commercial enterprises seem to be increasingly frequent, according to reports in the soviet newspapers. The severe penalty of death, reserved under the law for crimes judged dangerous to the security of the state, have been reported from small towns and communities. None have been recorded recently in the larger cities such as Moscow, Leningrad or Odessa.


**Anti-Socialists Talks England To Russian Worker**

**BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 1.**—August Vollmer, scientific criminologist, declining offers to continue his views of crime conditions in Detroit, which he terms a city less wicked than reviled, will return in January to resume his duties as Berkeley's chief of police.  
 "There is enough work here to keep me busy for another year," Vollmer wrote to his acting chief, "despite flattering offers made to me. I have told them I would be on my way."  
 Vollmer said he has not found conditions in Detroit to bear out the unfavorable findings of the Rockefeller foundation crime survey. Vollmer was retained by the city as a result of this survey, which termed Detroit "the wickedest city in the United States."

**Men in Clash With Filipinos**

(By United Press)  
**SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.**—A racial clash in which seven white men were stabbed and several other slightly injured occurred here today. Six Filipinos were placed under arrest. The affair marked the welcome to the new year. A battalion of police reserves were called out to put an end to the disturbance in which more than 200 persons were implicated. None were fatally injured.

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Canada will be represented in the Catalina swim by Irene O'Buryno of Toronto. She is 17 years old, champion girl swimmer and diver of Canada. She holds many records in long and short events. Miss O'Buryno recently arrived on the scene at Catalina Island, Calif., and has started intensive training for the big swim.

by mail. This was announced at national

headquarters, 505 University street, Seattle, Wash., by Jack Howell, executive secretary, who says, "It is the object of our association, through the awarding of these emblems, to create a spirit of co-operation and understanding between the motorist, the pedestrian, the traffic officer and the judge."

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The membership of the International Association of Automobile Traffic Officers consists of traffic officers, chiefs of police, city and traffic engineers and prominent police and traffic judges throughout the United States and Canada, who are co-operating in the solution of the great present-day motor vehicle traffic problems.

### Storm Center



Cyrus E. Woods of Pennsylvania, former U. S. ambassador to Japan, is center of the latest political storm in Washington. Appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission, he is meeting the opposition of a large group of western and southern senators. He was campaign manager for Senator Pepper in Pennsylvania's "slush fund" primary.

### Rudyard Kipling Is 69 Years Old Today, Recluse

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Rudyard Kipling, one of the last of the "imperialistic school" of British writers was 61 years old Thursday.

Since his illness with pneumonia last winter the occasions of his emergence from the seclusion of his beautiful home in the quiet Sussex hills near Burwash into the light of public utterances or writings have been comparatively few. Twice in the last nine months he has given remarkable addresses in London on English literature. Once he was provoked to an attack on the invasion of his quiet countryside by endless lines of motorists. Probably his most startling contribution of the year was his assault on American prohibition his poem "The Vineyard." During the year he published only one new volume—a collection of short stories which had mostly appeared in American and British magazines.

Except for a Mediterranean trip while convalescent from his illness and a short stay in southern France, Kipling during the past year had spent practically all of his time on his 600-acre Sussex farm, which prospers under the efficient management of his wife, formerly Miss Caroline Starr Balestier, a rich American woman.

### Oil Development Is Active Around Sweetwater

SWEETWATER, Jan. 1.—Oil activities within a radius of 20 miles of Sweetwater, include 15 wells scheduled to be spudded in between now and Feb. 1.

A big field of tests is developing north of the city, and one toward the south of less extent. It is expected that Sweetwater will be the center of these operations and should oil be found in paying quantities an increased stimulation in business is expected. While half a dozen wells are now being drilled, most of the activities will get under way early in the new year and February is expected to be the liveliest month.

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### Eastland Scout Leaders to Meet On January 10

The first meeting of scout leaders, in connection with the scout leaders' training courses to be held in Eastland, Cisco and Ranger under the direction of Guy N. Quirk of Abilene, has been announced for Jan. 7 at Ranger and Jan. 10 at Eastland. Those interested in the course should get in touch with W. W. Housewright, Citizens State bank, Ranger, and Alex Clarke, Arab Gasoline corporation, Exchange National bank, Eastland.

All procedure will be as if the men enrolled were registered scouts, the entire enrollment constituting a troop with a scoutmaster, senior patrol leader and one patrol leader for each 10 men enrolled. In reality everybody will throw off the shackles of business worries and become a boy.

Men who are fathers of boys, men who are teachers of boys' classes in Sunday school, men who are friends of boys, men who are teachers in public schools, and men who are interested in doing some type of boys work should avail themselves of this opportunity for training. The National Council Boy Scouts of America will issue certificates to all men who successfully complete the course. All taking the course must be over 18 years of age.

A trained dad is the man who has seriously studied the dad business. He bases all decisions, so far as they relate to the boy, on knowledge. Because he is a student of his job, he finds that physical punishment is not always conducive to the best boy results. Parenthood is a profession, in fact, a life calling and requires that one be constantly increasing his skill to be a good father.

### Law Schools Ban Vanderbilt From Its Body

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 1.—College circles were startled by the announcement that Vanderbilt University had been ousted from the Association of American Law Schools. E. C. Horack of the University of Iowa, secretary of the association, explained that two outstanding rules in the code of the association were broken by the Southern school. It did not enforce the regulations that a law student must have two years of general college credits before commencing his legal course, nor did it restrict the number of law students as is required.

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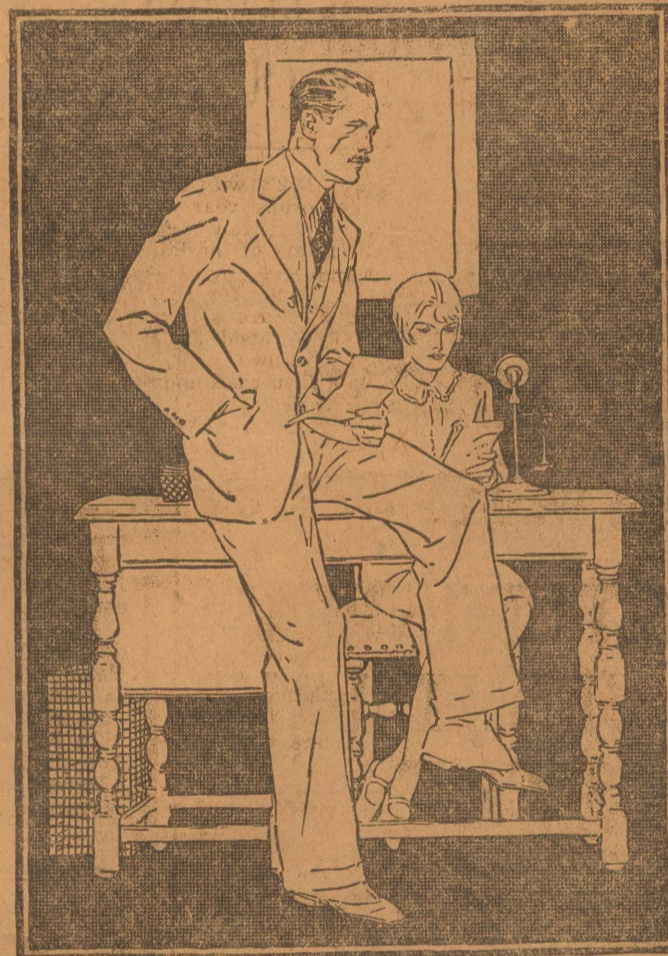
But this much is certain, the old and tried friends are always good to take along when embarking upon a new undertaking, and it is the boast of this business that we are always making and keeping new friends, because we never fail our old ones.

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### Adams Entertain Friends With Feast, Annual Affair

Never a new year's day rolls around but Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams, at their home six miles out on the Caddo road, north of Ranger, entertain the members of their family and a number of close friends with a dinner. In fact these dinners are looked forward to those fortunate enough to get an invitation with almost as much pleasure as Christmas is, and the one given Saturday was just as joyous as those that have gone before.

terday, "the bounteous board fairly groaned under its weight of viands," as all the good things of the season were put before their guests, and family.

Around this board were gathered Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Johnson of Ranger, Grandma and Miss Ethel Adams of Ranger, Mrs. Liddie Martin and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDougall and three children, Herman Dempsey, Mr. McCurtcher, R. D. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Candy Dempsey and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams and baby, Edith and Alberta Windham, Luke Lane and mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Belton Hatton and babies.

### ARGENTINE GIRL FAINTS AS PRESIDENT ARRIVES

By United Press. LA PLATA, Argentina.—The sight of the president of the republic was too much for Alicia Carreton, 15. She had been chosen to present the president with a bouquet of flowers on his arrival for a visit here recently, but at the crucial moment she fainted.

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### UNITED STATES IS BEFRIENDING PRESIDENT DIAZ OF NICARAGUA FOR SECOND TIME IN HISTORY

By RODNEY DUTCHER (NEA Service Writer)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—History repeats itself in America's befriending of President Adolfo Diaz of Nicaragua. It's the second time this country has gone to his aid. Diaz, while Nicaragua's president in 1912, had trouble with one General Mena much as he now is in difficulties with Rebel Leader Sacasa. In January, 1912, the Nicaraguan Constituent Assembly, or Congress, adopted and promulgated the Nicaraguan constitution, which stipulated that Nicaragua sovereignty rested in Nicaragua and that Congress alone might authorize loans and levy taxes. The Assembly attacked American interference, claiming that the American charge d'affaires had sought to monkey with the constitution and its promulgation. President Diaz, who had come into office when President Estrada resigned under pressure, promptly dissolved the congress, which had elected Mena president of the country for the following term. Diaz ordered Mena's arrest and Mena escaped to Masaya, where he

convened the congress and organized his own government. According to report, Diaz soon found himself in sore straits and unsafe outside of Managua.

At this point the United States stepped in and its intervention apparently was all that saved the Diaz skin.

Eight vessels of war, 125 officers and 2600 enlisted men were used to support Adolfo. They participated in the bombardment of Managua, a night ambush in Masaya, the surrender of General Mena and his army at Granada, the capture of the Mena gunboat Victoria and Ninety-Three, the attack on the capture of Coyotepe, the defense of Paso Cabilles Bridge and garrison duty at Corinto, Chinandega and elsewhere.

If you will look up these names on your Nicaraguan map, you will note how closely Diaz was hemmed in at Managua before this country stepped in.

All men are born equal, but it is what they are born equal to that makes all the difference.—Good Hardware.

### 33,000 SCHOOLS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Special Correspondence. AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—There are now approximately 33,000 member schools enrolled in the University of Texas interscholastic league, according to an announcement from its headquarters. The enrollment for basketball participation continues heavy, it is said. Schools have until Feb. 15 to register for that contest with the payment of a \$1 penalty.


### STEVE A. LILLARD BACK FROM HUNTING TRIP

Steve A. Lillard Jr., of Ranger, has returned from a duck hunting trip near Corpus Christi. The rest of the party, which left here last week, will return at a later date.

Mr. Lillard reports that they got lots of ducks and other kinds of game and the entire party, which was composed of Ranger men, was enjoying the hunt to the fullest.

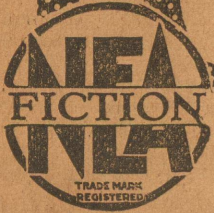
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## CHAPTER I

The Indianapolis Flyer, south bound from Chicago, was speeding through the black drench of a rain-strewn night in late October of the year 1898. It was ten o'clock.

For an hour and more Martha Dalton, from her own seat in the brilliantly lighted Pullman car, had been furtively studying the woman beside the window.

Not only was her professional interest aroused and her Eve-like curiosity piqued, but her womanly sympathies, ever alert and forever seeking an outlet somewhere, had been challenged again. It was the old "mother call" and it was hammering at Martha Dalton's heart.

"But why," she kept asking herself with a whimsical sort of humor that old doctors used to say was "better medicine in a sick room than any physic—" "why should I concern myself with the possibility of every woman's troubles? Lord knows I've got troubles enough of my own and to spare."

Thus Martha Dalton—"Mother" Dalton they had affectionately nicknamed her back there in the big maternity hospital where for four years she had battled with life and death, with internes, with graduate and undergraduate nurses, from the citadel of her arduous stewardship as ward supervisor, "Mother" Dalton—Martha of the Hoosiers—whose cry to arms might have been, "come all ye nameless babes and unfortunate mothers and damned be them that forsake ye!"

The woman who had aroused these thoughts in Martha Dalton on that memorable night, a woman young, beautiful and alone, and wearing the badge of culture in the poise of her proud head, occupied a deep leather chair drawn close to a window. Spread across the back of her chair was a sealskin coat. The handsome suit of brown broadcloth she was wearing bore the unmistakable stamp of New York tailoring. Her ungloved hands were clasped tightly over a portmanteau resting in her lap.

On the floor at the side of her chair lay a richly plumed Gainsborough hat. A splendid diamond sparkled on one finger. On another gleamed a heavy wedding ring. A great mass of bronze-tinted hair like the rippling flow of spun copper graced the shapely head, and the face, turned slightly away from the rain-lashed window pane, was tragic in its expression. In the depths of the dark eyes looking straight ahead was written a tragic story that seemed to tell of wrecked hopes and a shattered faith.

At times, as she watched, Nurse Dalton would see the woman's clasped fingers grip the knuckles in a convulsive clutch. The mobile mouth would grow strangely distorted for a fleeting moment, and into the handsome eyes would leap a frantic gleam, to hold for a brief count and then gradually fade out again.

"That woman," the watcher finally told herself, "is suffering both mental and physical torture. Unless I am greatly mistaken, she ought to get into a hospital and that pretty quick. So I reckon, after all, that it's up to me to get busy."

At that instant the train began to slow up. They were nearing the station of Martha Dalton's own home town, Camdensville. She rose with quick determination and crossed over to the woman by the window.

"Please pardon me, madam," she began, getting to the heart of her purpose on the jump. "I am a nurse, as you can see. I live in this town we are now entering. You need help and you need it quick. This is no time or place to bother about formalities. If you'll come with me I'll take care of you."

The woman looked up and into the nurse's eyes. What she saw there seemed to soothe for a moment both her tortured brain and body. She tried to smile, but it was a crooked, pitiful little smile that was wiped out when the slender body twisted and then suddenly crumpled in the chair. The bronze-topped head dropped over to one side.

Nurse Dalton bent down and caught the drooping form in her arms. A second later the train drew up at the station and stopped. She looked around. Several men were sitting close by but none made any effort of aid. A porter rushed up from the rear of the car.

"Can I help you, ma'am?" he inquired solicitously.

Nurse Dalton flashed him a grateful look.

"Indeed you can," she replied swiftly. "You can help me get her off the train and into the waiting room. She must have a doctor at once. She is very ill."

The porter, big and strong, took the limp figure from Martha Dalton's arms. He held the woman erect while the other wrapped the unconscious form in the sealskin coat which she fastened in front. Then the porter lifted the woman and carried her to the car's exit. Down the steps he went, and across the platform into the waiting room. Nurse Dalton followed closely, jugging her suitcase and the woman's portmanteau and hat.

The station agent, mouth agape and eyes staring, rushed out of the ticket office.



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briefly. "Goodbye, and thanks. You're a real man!"

She took the limp figure in her own strong arms. The porter, his dark eyes glowing, rushed out to catch his train. A moment later the station agent returned with a big piece of tarpaulin. Nurse Dalton held the woman up on her feet.

"Wrap it around her," she said. "Neck, head and all. This rain's awful. Then carry her across the street for me to the Elwell cottage. Then you hurry over to Doc Palmer's an' bring him back as quick as you can."

There was no lost motion in the cogs of Nurse Dalton's brain nor in her talk. She did her work well and did it fast. Always.

In the driving rain, the agent carried the woman across the street and up on the porch of a hospitably-lighted cottage. There he perked the dripping tarpaulin off and let it drop to the floor. Nurse Dalton, holding the suitcase handle in one hand and the handbag and hat in the other, stepped close to the door and gave it a couple of lusty kicks. The glass panes in their settings shook and the doorknob rattled.

"Mollie an' Prof, come quick!" she cried in a voice that cut sharp above the scream of wind and the splash of rain. "It's Dalton out here—Nurse Dalton!"

An instant and the door was opened wide. A man, good-looking young, with a face alive with friendly interest, stood framed in the opening. Behind him stood a pretty young woman with a boy of, perhaps, five by her side. Nurse Dalton stepped quickly inside, followed by the agent with his burden wrapped in a sealskin coat. The young couple and the little boy stared with wide-open eyes.

"A woman taken ill on the train," begged the nurse at once, and her tongue worked fast. "She's fainted. It's an emergency case, so I had Charlie bring her here. I knew you both would be glad to help. There's no time to take her to St. Mary's."

She turned to the man who had helped her to the Elwells and jerked a thumb toward a sofa near the wall. He stepped across and laid his burden down.

"I'll hurry now an' get Doc," he said as he straightened up. Martha Dalton nodded and he opened the door and darted out again into the stormy night. The nurse whispered something in Mollie Elwell's ear.

"Why certainly! Of course!" exclaimed the young wife with a quick, warm sympathy. "We must get her to bed at once."

She turned swiftly to her husband.

"Oh, Prof, it's pitiful—tragic. My heart just aches for her, she's so young and beautiful and, oh, my dear, so evidently broken-hearted!"

"And she has said nothing to indicate who she is?" questioned Prof Elwell with his ready sympathy, but a sympathy toned down to a man's practical view of such matters.

"Hastn't she any cards or letters in her handbag to show where she came from? It's very strange, you ynow, dear," he went on, "that a woman of her appearance, in the state she is in, attired as she is and wearing a thousand-dollar diamond, should be traveling."

And the little town of Camdensville once more. It is a Hoosier town, flanking the left shore, looking southward, of a winding river that finds its crooked way along down through the farming country of Indiana.

Walking down the shady side of Main street to just past Fifth, you look across the street through the plate glass window of a narrow brick building with sidewalks 80 feet high and reaching back 100 feet to the alley. The building is topped its



"What the big idea, Prof, stalling off Sacku on that job?"

ing alone. For she must, of course, belong to people of culture and wealth somewhere.

"She hasn't made mention of a single name except Jack," Mollie told him. Her Irish gray eyes were wet with tears. "And there's not a thing in her bag except twenty dollars in bills. No cards, no letters, nothing."

Prof Elwell was silent for a long minute, his forehead wrinkled in thought.

"It's about the strangest things I've bumped into for some time," he finally remarked.

Several hours later on that wild October night, while the storm still howled outside with an eerie screech and all Camdensville kept close to its firesides, two little "strangers" were ushered into the world by Doc Palmer and Nurse Dalton. Two, not one, and both girls. They had arrived, the doctor thought, a little ahead of schedule.

And just as the gray, misty dawn of another day was lighting the east, the young mother of the little twins left this life and ventured into the Unknown, leaving behind her no hint, no trace, nothing to show who she had been or whence she had come. And although Prof Elwell, during the four days immediately following, communicated with Chicago police and inserted inquiries in Chicago and Indianapolis papers, his efforts brought no results.

Who or where the husband was of whom the tragic stranger had dreamed, or who the brother was to

whom she was going, no word came to tell. The connecting threads were broken, the ends tangled up and lost in the Spinning Wheel of Life.

And so it came that the earthly remains of the beautiful young mother who had died that night under such strange and pitiful circumstances were finally buried in the town's little cemetery on the hillside, the expenses paid by Prof Elwell. Three months later a pretty tombstone marked the spot. Carved on its marble face in Old English letters was an epitaph that read:

To the sweet and lasting Memory of one who died That others might live.

And of the twins, strange little wayfarers in a big and strange world, what of them?

But it has been remarked that Prof and Mollie Elwell were sympathetic and understanding and kind of heart.

Seventeen years and eight months have marched by since that night of tragedy in October of 1898 when the Elwell home witnessed the passing of one life and the beginning of two more.

In that span of years we pass from a period during which America was readjusting its life after a war with Spain to June of 1916, when America was slowly but inevitably being dragged into the greatest conflict in the history of nations.

The allies of Europe are crying to the United States to get in it. For one year they have been after us to avenge the sinking of the Lusitania. The war spirit is slowly kindling throughout the country; young patriotism is inflamed; young blood is running hot and angry, wanting to fight, knowing nothing of the tragic specter of death and heartbreak that is to stalk through the land before the world is restored once more to sanity.

And in Washington a lonely man sits in the White House, his heart torn, still playing his game of "watchful waiting," still holding his thumb in the leak in the dike of passion, trying to forestall the cataclysm.

And the little town of Camdensville once more. It is a Hoosier town, flanking the left shore, looking southward, of a winding river that finds its crooked way along down through the farming country of Indiana.

Walking down the shady side of Main street to just past Fifth, you look across the street through the plate glass window of a narrow brick building with sidewalks 80 feet high and reaching back 100 feet to the alley. The building is topped its

work on sidewalks," replied Prof Elwell as he, too, laid down his brush and paused to wipe the sweat from his forehead. "Besides, Jim," he went on, bending a whimsical smile on his tall offspring, "I'm getting along. Don't you realize that? I'm 44 and past, Jim."

"You don't look it, Prof," said Jim, as he looked his parent up and down with an appraising eye. "You don't look a day over 30."

Prof's smile widened. He made an elaborate gesture.

"You've got the know-how touch all right, my boy," he answered. "I suppose you get it from Mollie—the little touch of th' Irish blarney."

And, speaking of Sacku's work, he informed Jim that could wait. "There's something else, however, and that's my thirst. I'm dryer than a fish! Find the can an' get a pail o' suds!"

Jim saluted. "Thanks for them kind words. I was thinkin' of it myself."

He started for the rear of the shop, which adjoined a place run by one Bill Tyler, a place that in 1916 was designated as a saloon.

Prof sat down to await the coming of the "suds." He liked his beer when he was thirsty, did Prof Elwell. But beer was the nearest approach to intoxicants that he or Jim ever drank. Jim never had whisky. Prof knew that for Jim had told him so. And when Jim told him so he knew it was true. Jim didn't lie, although he could be very deceptive at times in his whimsical way.

Prof glanced casually across the sunlit street. Something he saw there brought a slow smile to his lips just as Jim returned from the rear of the shop lugging the suds.



MOLLIE

"Girofle and Girofla," remarked Prof with cryptic utterance to his son, "are coming to pay us a visit. He jerked a thumb in the direction of the street as he reached for the pail with his other hand.

Jim Elwell shot a quick glance through the window and a glad light leaped into his eyes. He grinned. A moment later he was almost knocked off his feet when two young girls charged joyously through the open doorway.

Instantly the drab shop became alive with their beauty. Every color seemed to take on a brighter tint. The great painting on the wall changed into a scene of palpitating life and nothing about the place but appeared to reflect the spontaneity and charm of glorious youth.

These two were the blooming flowers for the little buds that had opened their petals to the world on that stormy night in October more than 17 years before. They were Jim's pals. They had been his pals since babyhood. His mother had mothered them from the night they were born. To Mollie and Prof Elwell they were as much their daughters as Jim was their son.

When they were old enough to understand, the girls had been told the sad story of their mother. For it was best, agreed Prof and Mollie, that they should know the truth. One had been christened Margaret Callahan Elwell after Mollie's mother. She had been called Peggy for several years. The other was named after Prof Elwell's mother, Elizabeth Brooks Elwell. The first named had been shortened to Betty.

When they had reached the age of 8 Jim had tied Peggy up with the nickname of Rusty, because of her

russet gold hair and the little gold specks in her dark brown eyes.

And Jim was their escort always, whether to church, to parties or the picture shows. And he owned a motorcycle—a "scoot-cart" they called it—with a side extension built for two. He called them his buddies and he called them his sweethearts. But he never made love to either of them after the fashion of a lover. He treated them both just as an older brother might treat two dearly and equally beloved sisters. And he treated them with the utter lack of seriousness that marks the relationship of an older brother to his sisters.

This old-fashioned chivalry in the make-up of Jim Elwell was not only inbred but had been nurtured and fed from infancy by a careful father and a wise mother. When he was old enough to grasp the meaning of things Prof had begun to tell him what he considered a healthy, growing boy ought to know.

"Be very careful in your treatment of girls," had been one of the subjects on which he always dwelt. "Don't ever listen to boys who talk disrespectfully or in an unclean way of girls or boast of their conquests. A girl, pure and sweet, is a fragile thing that must be handled with delicate care. A boy who spends his leisure time courting first one girl and then another is a menace to any girl's welfare. Love is sacred, my son, and I don't want my boys to dim its luster or touch it lightly."

From all of which it may be gathered that Prof Elwell was a mighty wise parent and a father who never grew away from his son. And thus we now find Jim Elwell a man in years, clean of heart and clean of mind, straight and strong and whimsical and kind and easy to look upon, the last being a quality for which he could thank his parents as much as his training was.

And yet there was nothing of the mollycoddle about Jim by any means. If there had been, he would not have been a son of Prof Elwell. Jim liked and drank his beer in a moderate way. He smoked, he liked baseball and other sports and, although he had the knack of making friends, he was not a total stranger to argument and to using his fists to back up his theories.

A plain but happy little town, this Camdensville. And a plain and happy little family, the Elwells. The twins had been given much to reflection, might well have thanked their lucky stars that fate had chosen the Elwell home for them to be born in that night of storm and strangeness.

Happy, eager, alive with the joy and sparkle and beauty of youth. Fresh as the impudent little daisies that dotted the Indiana countryside that day in June of 1916 when they burst in on Prof and Jim in their shop.

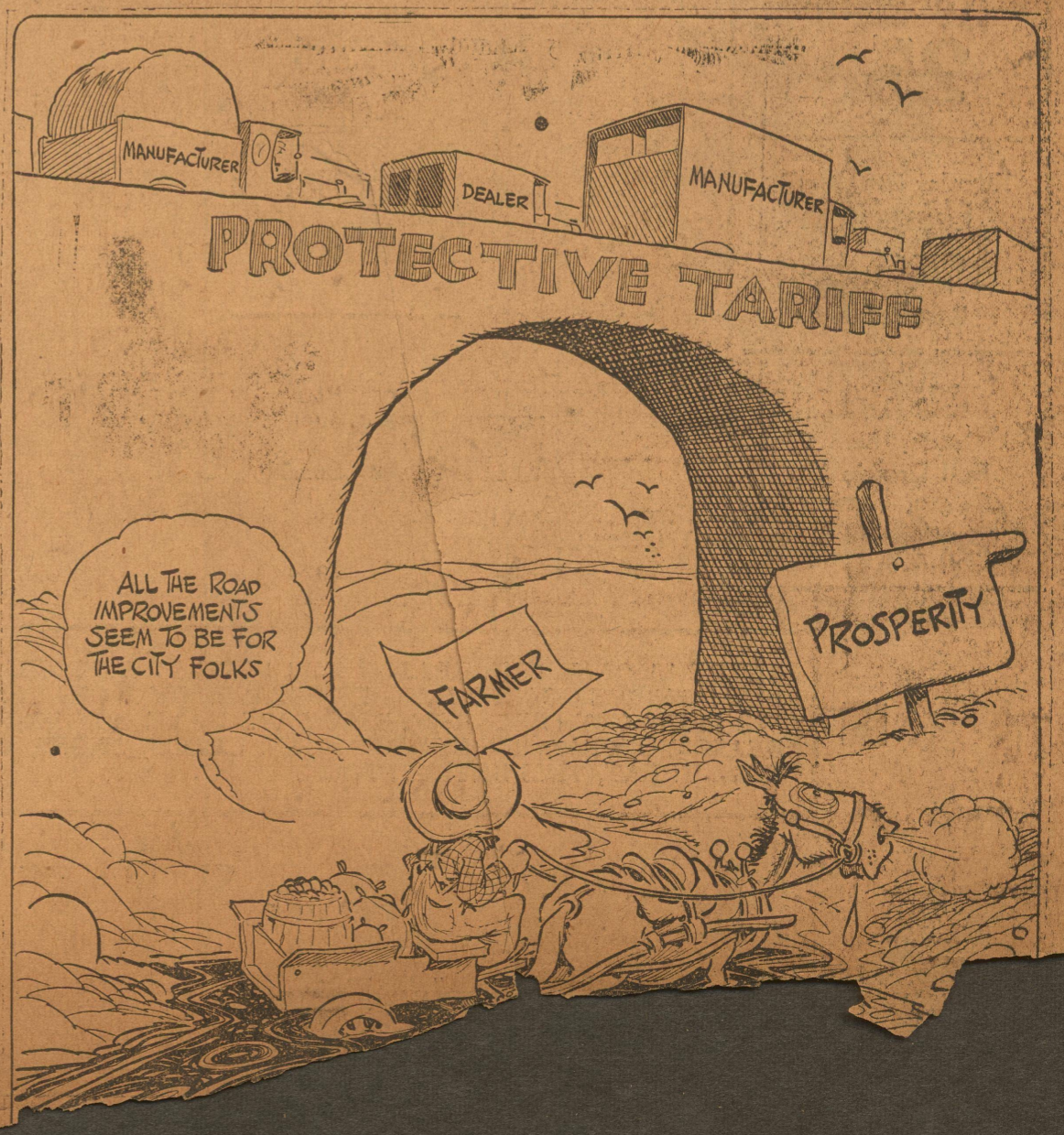
Happy and all unconscious of the gathering storm clouds of tragedy that hung just over the horizon. Unaware that the grim god of war was chuckling as he saw the battle mood fanning into flame across the length and breadth of the land. Unaware that was to age them and to tear at their hearts and to demand "his bloody sacrifice of youth."

(To Be Continued)

Prof Elwell is beginning to worry. The day will come when Jim will look on the twins as something more than kid pals. What's in store when the girls are women?

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## The High Road and the Low Road



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### Noted Scientific Criminologist To Return To Coast

By United Press.  
LONDON.—Lady Astor's Bolshevik who used to tell his English friends about the advantages of the Soviet system, is now telling his Russian friends about the advantages of the British system. Now in the land of his dreams, he has taken the very English attitude by talking to his fellow workers about "things we do better in Britain."  
Some months ago Lady Astor offered to pay the fare to Russia of a believer in the Soviet system if he would undertake to remain for two years and take the risk of having to pay his own fare home again afterwards. James Morton, 38, a Liverpool moulder and Socialist, accepted the offer. He went to Russia last August and is now settled in Leningrad with his wife and two children. He is employed in a factory there.  
"The Russian workman has impressed me greatly by his professional and disciplined training," he is quoted as saying in an interview with him that appeared in the "Ogoniok."  
"There are no fines, no punishments for infringements of regulations. Such a feeling of collective responsibility seems strange to us. Your

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### Ty and Tris — in Fighting Mood



—NEA, Cleveland Bureau  
Tris Speaker (left) and Ty Cobb are pictured here as they conferred in Cleveland, Ohio, on a fight against the charges of "Dutch" Leonard that they framed a 1919 Cleveland-Detroit baseball game.

workers show an amount of discrimination which proves them equal to high tasks."  
Morton said Russian machinery was very old-fashioned and that he would like to see more organization and economy. He said:  
"You need to reorganize all the processes of manufacture. The molten metal in the factory is dirty and the castings are not pure, while there is much loss and waste. You throw odds and ends on the floor."  
"In England we have staffs of collectors whose job it is to pick up this scrap. Excellent bolts, screws and other things are made from it, and the factory shows an extra profit on such trifles, while the premises are kept clean and tidy and fewer people suffer from consumption."  
"In England every worker has to see that the room in which he works is clean, and that the house in which he lives and the clothes he wears are

### Risberg Comes Out With Story On Four Games

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Charles Risberg, outlawed from organized baseball in 1920 when the Chicago White Socks threw a world series to Cincinnati, appeared before Commissioner K. M. Landis this evening and made fresh charges of a scandal in baseball.

Risberg told that the Detroit club in 1917 threw four games to the White Socks, two double-headers, the last played between the two teams that year.  
In payment for throwing the games Risberg said the White Socks pitchers each placed \$45 in a pool and turned the money over to Bill James, a Detroit pitcher, for distribution.  
Further remuneration to Detroit was made in 1919 when the White Socks sluffed two games to Detroit.  
The money collection was taken in New York after the White Socks had gone East to finish the season.

### Further Trouble Expected From Filipino Clash

By United Press.  
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—Possibility of further racial clashes loomed today as the "outgrowth of a spirited engagement, shortly after the new year arrived, between Filipinos and white men."

Seven white men were taken to the hospital suffering from knife wounds and six Filipinos were arrested.  
More than 200 new year revelers took part in the battle which started on a down town street corner, when a Filipino struck a white man with a tin horn. Other Filipinos drew hunting knives and brass knucks and started in. The whites outnumbered the foreign party and in a few minutes the Filipinos were in the center of a mob, threatened with lynching and mob violence.  
It took a battalion of police to quell the disturbance.

### FOUR PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH AT PEMROKE

By United Press.  
PEMBROKE, Texas, Jan. 1.—Four persons were burned to death tonight when fire destroyed a rooming house operated by the Clapp Lumber Company.

tidy. Your health depends on it. "Why should a working man be a contrast to other people? Why should dirty hands and clothes be the exclusive privilege of a laborer? In England a workingman looks very much like his master."

### Back Waters Flood Hartsville, Tenn., People Suffer

HARTSVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Surrounded by miles of the back waters of the flooded streams, Hartsville is completely isolated from the outside world. The closest railroad track, now 20 feet under flood waters, is two and one-half miles from the city. The lobby of the hotel at

which I am staying is under two feet of water, and the streets are flowing with a 20-foot depth of black murky flood water. The rooms of the hotels are cold, and the winds sweep across the flooded area in every direction. All the coal supply in the city is under 15 feet of water, and trips are made daily for small quantities of coal.  
The new year dawned pitifully on an isolated town of 1500 persons. Fully one-fourth of the houses are abandoned and families whose possessions have been washed away are ferried from one house to another, to be fed and warmed by the scanty supply of coal brought in from other towns.

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LEAVES RANGER to Eastland, Cisco, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, 9:10 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 2:05 p. m., 6:10 p. m., 7:15 p. m., 10:50 p. m.  
LEAVES EASTLAND to Cisco, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, 9:35 a. m., 11:35 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 6:35 p. m., 7:35 p. m., 11:10 p. m.  
GOING EAST  
LEAVES EASTLAND to Ranger, Strawn, Palo Pinto, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Fort Worth, 8:05 a. m., 10:55 a. m., 2:00 p. m., 4:20 p. m., 7:55 p. m., 10:35 p. m.  
LEAVE RANGER to Strawn, Palo Pinto, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Fort Worth, 8:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 4:40 p. m., 8:20 p. m., 11:00 p. m.  
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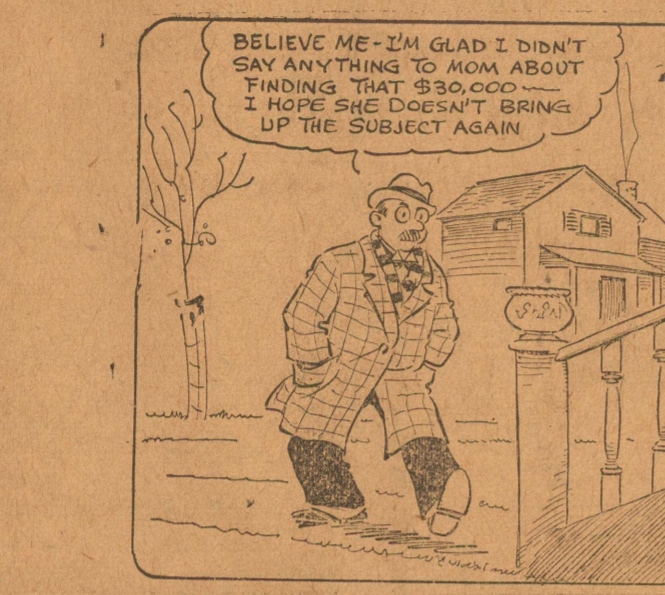
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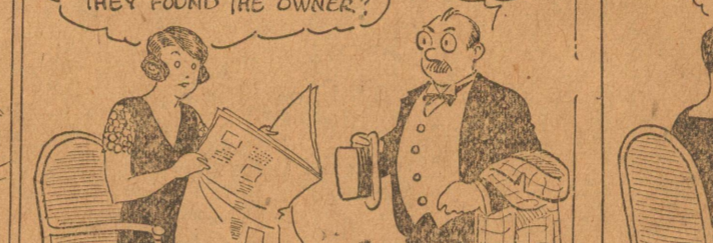
The "over-all" height of the cars without sacrificing head room makes for a more racy contour.

The radiator of polished airplane metal follows a new design. It is longer and larger and with the centrifugal water pump provides for high cooling efficiency.

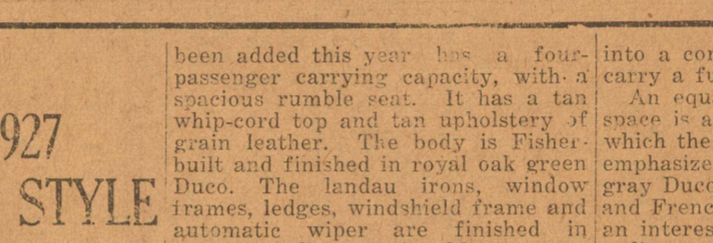
Steel disc wheels in colors are standard equipment on all models. Natural wood wheels are optional at a small additional cost.

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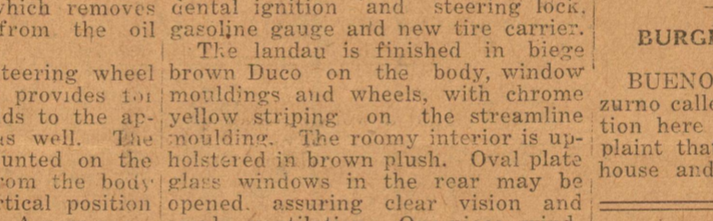
BELIEVE ME—I'M GLAD I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO MOM ABOUT FINDING THAT \$30,000— I HOPE SHE DOESN'T BRING UP THE SUBJECT AGAIN



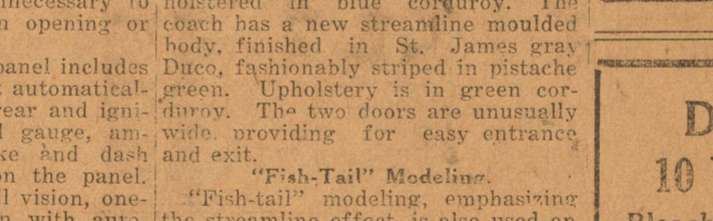
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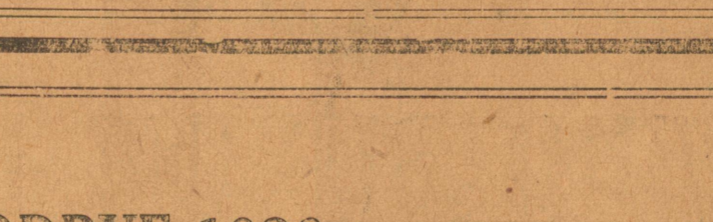
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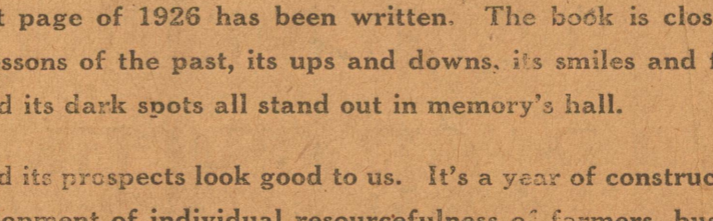
IT MUST BE A WONDERFUL SENSATION TO PICK UP MONEY LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?



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GEE, IF I EVER FOUND THAT MUCH MONEY I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT!



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18—FOR SALE OR TRADE, FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fresh milk cows, 200 barrel rock pullets, at my farm 1 1/2 miles on Strawn road. Pink Stafford, Ranger.

19—POULTRY AND PET STOCK FRYERS FOR SALE—Plenty of them at 50c each and up. Come and get them. O. S. Driskill, Phone 842, Ranger heights, Ranger.

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BRUNKS ANNOUNCE "GIRL FROM OUT YONDER" Brunk's tent theatre, Old Yonder, announces the opening of the new "The Girl From Out Yonder from the story, "The Light of the Sea." Bonnie Brunk and Florer both take leading parts.

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BURGLARS DELETED LOOT. By United Press. BUENOS AIRES.—Oswaldo Pazurno called at the nearest police station here recently and filed a complaint that burglars had entered his house and left without taking any-

CLOCKS ON SOCKS Side clocking furnishes the newest motif in men's sheer socks.

thing. They turned his house topsy-turvy, he said, and then made sneering remarks about his belongings.

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### RECORDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN SEVERAL LINES OF BUSINESS AND LAZOR DURING PAST YEAR

C. WALZER Staff Correspondent Jan. 1.—High recession enterprise in 1926 and the new year with falling in nearly all lines in sight. Altogether 12 months produced country's history in production and distribution set new carrying record in abundance were exceeded previous in general progressed

by holiday trade the into a new period with outweighing adverse cross leaders voiced pro radical setback would ary Mellon setting the expression of belief that ce continuance of pres- is in most lines. The past year has not been able quality but rather progressive development easily be shaken. While growth may not be strict- to, there is no abrupt t, and any tendency to ightly would be taken as tural in view of the tre- dence in nearly every

#### Modern Methods.

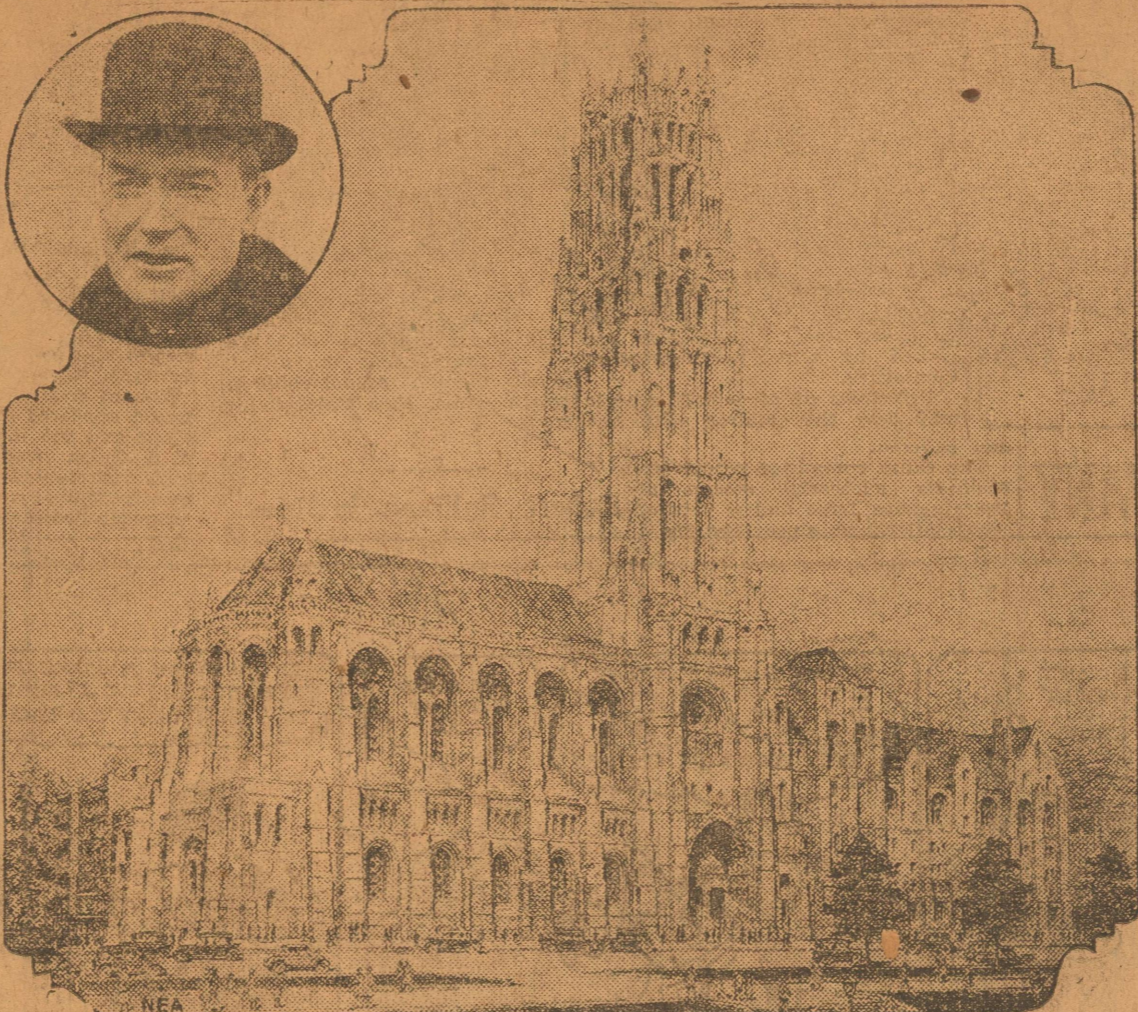
With all the earmarks of business of 1926 showed wing the modern line of mergers in diverse lines led. Oil companies, food s, oil producers, coal roads and hordes of other unfiled or attempted to eral companies under a anagement. Melons were the larger and any number r corporations, indicating of their profits.

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housing facilities, but he is averse to subsidy and believes he can work out his own salvation. Next year probably will see a greater diversification of crops in the South and more attention will be paid to the further development of an already progressive manufacturing business.

As a result of the over-production of various crops farmers of the country will lose well over a billion dollars if prices are compared with those of 1925. On the cotton crop more than \$550,000,000 difference is noted between the 1926 and 1925 figures. Of 55 principal crops in 1926 farmers will realize only \$7,801,303,000 as compared with \$8,949,321,000 in 1925. Corn in 1926 brought \$1,703,430,000 while in 1925 its value was \$1,966,761,000, a decrease of \$263,331,000. A good profit is noted in wheat but lower prices prevailed in potatoes and apples.

Difficulties in the South and West would reduce the purchasing power of these sections seriously hampering business in general. The automobile trade would be hard hit, as would all other lines. Just into the automobile business is looking forward to a prosperous year. Still there are obstacles, the greatest of which is a campaign of manufacturers to produce cheap cars which are in urgent demand at the present time.

Incidentally, the gigantic General Motors Corporation, whose earnings exceed even those of the Steel Corporation, bids fair to give Henry Ford a hard race for supremacy in the low-priced field. It will be a merry war and one profitable for the buyer, and with no really serious consequences for either of the powerful adversaries. General Motors strength

is noted in its earnings which justified declaration in 1926 of a 50 per cent stock dividend in addition to numerous extra cash distributions.

The stock market in the year just ending saw many records established in the railroad and industrial divisions, most of the activities being under the leadership of the two leading issues mentioned above. It was a big year in stocks. The averages for both industrial and railroads reached new peaks while, sales set a new high figure for all time. On March 3, when a violent break was occurring, a new record was set for a single day's trading with 3,873,700 shares changing hands, mostly at lower prices.

Stock averages started the year at high levels, following the rise of the fall of 1925—the Crooked bull market. A drastic decline was encountered in February, lasting into March when a new law was established for the year. Rallies in two-week intervals, interspersed with declines, followed until the high level of the year was reached by the industrial average on August 14 at 156.64. Stocks declined, bringing the figure to 145.66 on October 19, after which it rose gradually to over 160, making the biggest strides on December 17, following the declaration of the U. S. Steel 40 per cent extra. On this day Steel turned over at a tremendous rate, monopolizing the tape, 400,000 shares changing hands in the first hour, a performance which recalled the record Steel turnover exactly a decade back.

Railroad averages set a new high record for all time, the rise being based on the record car loading figures and continued high earnings of the carriers in 1926. These shares

declined with the market, reaching the low of the year on March 30 at 102.41, after which a steady advance was made until a high of 123.33 was reached on September 3. A decline followed, most of which was recovered before the year ended.

Most of the industrials showed a good tone. Tobaccos moved higher on merger possibilities and growth in earnings. Amusement shares were bid higher, notably Warner Brothers Pictures A, which ranged between a low of 12 and a high of 69 3/4, the rise being induced by introduction of the vitaphone, a device synchronizing the human voice with motion pictures. Chain store stocks, mail order issues, harvester stocks, minings, coppers, coal shares, foods, utilities, oils, traction, motors, textiles and sugars all had their period of advancing prices. Chain stores and mail order houses were higher on better earnings and growth in sales while harvester shares developed demand as a result of orders from the farming community. Fertilizer shares received a setback but many recovered losses. Sugars received impetus from the decree of President Machado of Cuba limiting the 1927 sugar crop. Motors weakened off and on as conflicting trade conditions interfered with their business.

In the security market, new records were established in the averages and in the prices of many individual bonds, notably United States Treasury issues, all of which achieved new high levels. Treasury 4 1/2s sold as high as \$110, the first time in more than a decade that a government bond sold at a \$10 premium. Foreign and domestic bonds continually advanced, thereby reducing yields to a minimum, and opening a wide field

for new securities which it is estimated ran over \$7,000,000,000, the largest figure in all history.

Many large firms took advantage of the easy credit conditions prevailing to float new loans, retiring higher interest bearing issues. A notable example of this financing was the Standard Oil of New Jersey offering, which involved flotation of an issue of \$120,000,000 of 5 per cent 20-year debenture bonds and about 3,500,000 shares of \$25 par common stock to retire \$200,000,000 of 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock.

Numerous individual events lent interest to stock market trading in the year, the outstanding one being an interview with Thomas Cochran, J. P. Morgan partner, in which he was made to say that General Motors was selling too low. As a result of publication of the story the stock jumped to new high levels, selling above 225. The present price represents a reduction of a 50 per cent stock dividend. Early in the year a concerted effort was made by professionals to depress Nash Motors but bankers came to the aid of the issue and kept the price pegged, giving the shorts a terrible drubbing.

No more serious drubbing was given shorts through the year than the one received when tickers on the

exchange printed a story saying Hudson had only declared regular dividends when in reality an extra of 20 per cent in stock had been declared. More than a million dollars was lost.

Baldwin rose sharply, and it was learned that a former Chicago grain dealer had outwitted New York traders at their own game, obtaining a strong hold on the shares and signing all who were short in them. A stock exchange error of nearly \$80,000,000 furnished glee for those who had watched Wall Street writers try to figure out the discrepancy in the brokerage figures as given by the stock market and the Federal Reserve Bank. Other interesting side lights included the sale of a railroad and a steamship line—the St. Paul being knocked down for \$40,000,000 at Butte, Mont., while the White Star Line was sold to British interests for \$34,000,000.

Foreign events which had a direct bearing on our situation were topped by the British strike, which opened new markets for Americans and boomed the coal trade and other lines. Incidentally the pound declined about two dollars after reaching parity of June 20. The French franc showed remarkable strength.



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TOO LATE.

Cannibal Prince: "Is it too late for dinner?"  
Cannibal King: "Yes; everybody's eaten."—The Progressive Grocer.

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HIS GIFT.

A Scotchman invited to a golden wedding where guests would be expected to take a golden present. He took a goldfish.—Good Hardware.

### Society Editor's Greetings to Her Army of Readers

Starting the New Year right. When you unfold your paper this second day of January, 1927, stretch your mental frame of mind—take a few mental exercises and follow this with a plunge into the possibilities of the New Year.

You will react as if from a cold bath. The first thing you know you will be alive with hope—aglow with optimism and feel that you are really ready to start out on another lap of life's journey.

The year is before you. It is all future except this present minute and you can shape it to meet your own ends. You are in the dawn of a new prosperity and your own gleanings depend on your own efforts. Nineteen hundred and twenty-six is already numbered among our yesterdays. It was a good year—most of us have nothing to regret, most of us did the best we could, but whether it was good or bad, we have before us the unwritten pages of a brand new year—an untried year, that before long will be divided into the past, present and future and its up to you and to all of us to make every minute count so as to insure a pleasant memory of a successful past.

This department of the Times wishes all of its readers a Happy New Year and hopes that when 1927 has run its course you will have reached the goal of success and all along the way may you have health and happiness—the two priceless ingredients of life, as well.

#### SOCIAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY**  
Eastern Star Chapter meets 7:30. District Deputy will be present.  
Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Churches meet at 3 p. m. and will install officers for 1927.

**TUESDAY**  
Young School P.-T. A. at 3:45.  
Central Ward P.-T. A. at 4 p. m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Rotary Club Luncheon at 12:15 at the Gholsen.  
Prayer meeting at all churches at 7 o'clock.

**THURSDAY**  
1920 Club meets at 3 p. m. at the Gholsen.  
Lions Club Luncheon at 12:15 at the Gholsen.

**CAREY ALDERSON AND MISS HUCKABEE WED.**  
A wedding that came as a surprise to their families and to their friends, was that of Carey Alderson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Alderson, of the Majestic Hotel, and Miss Ennis Huckabee, formerly of Dublin, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Huckabee of that city.

The young couple were married on New Year's Eve, at 8 o'clock in Rev. H. B. Johnson's apartment, with Mr. Johnson performing the marriage ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Johnson and the pastor's wife.

Later they attended the Elk's New Year's dance and the news of their marriage did not leak out until Saturday morning, when their friends in wishing them a Happy New Year at the same time extended their congratulations.

Mr. Alderson is a popular young business man and is employed at Phillips Drug Store, while his bride, is stenographer at the Boston Store.

Mrs. Alderson's parents live in Dublin. She has not been in Ranger very long, but has made many friends and won the love of the young man to whom she pledged her troth "for better or for worse," just before 1926 faded into oblivion.

They will make their home for the time being at the Majestic Hotel.

**YOUNG SCHOOL P.-T. A. TO TAKE UP WORK**  
The Young School P.-T. A. will take up its work again on Tuesday afternoon at which time Mrs. C. E. Maddocks, state president of P.-T. A. will be present and make an address, which all members and friends of the association should hear. Some very important business is to come up and members are urged to attend this first meeting of the year—thus launching the New Year right and making for the ultimate success of the association.

### Ancient Hats and Modern Knees



The modish hat of today will look like a perfect scream to your grand-daughter, so don't prize it too highly. These Cleveland girls were hunting for straw hats, which used to be all the rage. They found 'em, finally—vintage of 1856. Above, Miss Dottie Bergum displays one; below, Annette Farnacot, Margaret Murray and Frances Zanetti prove that while styles in hats change, a knee is always a knee.

**PROGRAM FOR 1920 CLUB**  
Subject for the 1920 Club Thursday's program will be John Greenleaf Whittier and will be conducted by Mrs. C. C. Patterson. The program will be as follows:  
1—Reading assignments: Whittier's Poems in Page's "Chief American Poets."  
2—Whittier's Life as Reflected in His Poems, Mrs. O. L. Phillips.  
3—Whittier's Anti-Slavery and War Poems (especially "Randolph of Roanoke," "Massachusetts to Virginia," "Lauds Reo.") Mrs. R. M. Schmuick.  
4—Interpretation and Reading: Ichabod, Miss Laura Schmuick.  
5—"Snow-bound," Mrs. E. L. Shattuck.

**HUNDREDS AT ELKS DANCE SAT. EVENING**  
Hundreds of folks attending the Elks New Year's Dance, New Year's Eve, said "Howdy 1927," in no uncertain tones, when the whistles announced that the year 1926 had run its course and was to be numbered among "yesterday's ten thousands" years, and that a new year stood on the threshold waiting to be welcomed in. The welcome was loud and vociferous. The walls of the Elks club echoed and re-echoed the welcome that came from many throats, as friends called "Happy New Year" to one another or blatant horns and whistles proclaimed its coming. Had it been a timid New Year it might have been bewildered by its welcome—but being doped out as the best year "since the boom" the baby year, 1927, took its welcome in a truly lion-like manner—not even putting

his hands to his tender ears to shut out the din that greeted him.

If years could talk, the year 1927 would probably be inclined to "oot his own horn," over the welcome accorded him and would strut up and down before the years of the past and say "The Ranger Elks gave me the biggest welcome yet," and they did—for even though most everybody admits that 1926 was a good year for them—still there is always a charm about the new and the untired—so members of Elks Lodge No. 1273 and their guests gave 1927 a rousing welcome.

The clubroom was gay in their holiday decorations, formed of red and green and tinsel, winding over ceiling, windows and light fixtures, and intermingled with icicles pendant therefrom.

Streaming serpentines, favors of caps, whistles and other noise contrivances and confetti played their part in the festivities. Just before the hour of midnight, the orchestra assembled in the center of the ball room and the dancers grouped around to offer their congratulations to the incoming year—thus as the invitations stated, "linking two prosperous years with hours of lasting joy."

Harrison's Texans, called "The Best in the West," furnished the syncopation and syncopated for six hours—for the dance did not end until Saturday morning.

Taken on whole, it was one of the most delightful dances ever staged by the Elks and was attended by many Ranger people and seats out of town folks.

Noted among the crowd were Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Harkrider, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Logsdon, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Craig, Messrs and Mmes. E. E. Crawford, Roy Jameson, Aubrey Jameson, R. J. Bates of Eastland, L. P. Lavton, Louis Fleck, Guy Cummings, Morris Bendix, T. R. Valliant, Jeff Hartnett of Weatherford, Chas. Milliken, Con Hartnett, Walter Cash, John D. Gholsen, Robert Treives of Weatherford, Saunders Gregg, Ed Maher, Wade Swift, Rhea Vaughn of Cisco, R. J. Norman; Mmes. Lena Hight, Vera Malone, R. B. Campbell, Otho Moore; Misses Helen Gholsen, Rosalie Jameson, Dorothy Taggart of Eastland, Willie Belle Williams of Eastland, Skeen of Eastland, Madeleine Norman and guests from Fort Worth, Cordymae Sandefur; Messrs Joe Eason, McManus of Eastland, McWilliams of Graham, Robert Campbell, Chas. Gholsen, Shag Floor of Breckenridge, Liston Ball of California, J. L. Thompson, Dr. Barnett, Julian Krause and Chas. Meade.

**VISITORS RETURN HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moss who have been over-Christmas guests of Mrs. Moss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Alderson, have returned to their home in Gainesville, where they will resume their teaching duties Monday. Mr. Moss teaches chemistry in the

Junior College, and Mrs. Moss, who was Miss Ann Alderson, teaches the first grade in the primary department.

**YOUNGSTERS GO A-VISITING**

Miss Betty Jean Burden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burden left Friday for Abilene, where she will visit the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dillingham.

James Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Phillips left at the same time for a visit with cousins at Sweetwater.

**THURBER ANNUAL DRAWS CROWD**

The Thurber Annual Dance drew a large crowd on New Year's Eve and among the guests were quite a number of Ranger people. The Annual is always looked forward to by those who are lucky enough to get an invitation, and as a rule the Ranger people who attend the Thurber dance, return soon after midnight to attend their home town dance. Quite a number did this on Friday night and each returning one reported that dance a most delightful one.

**A WATCH PARTY AT HAYDEN HOME**

New Year's was ushered in with a watch party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hayden when they entertained in honor of the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of the Central Baptist Church, of which Mr. Cross is leader. During the early part of the evening games and music was enjoyed and the new year was given a hearty welcome as the clock struck the hour, after which refreshments were served to some 25 young people.

**1923 CLASS HOLD REUNION**

One of the most delightful parties of the week was that given at the J. T. Gullahorn home on Thursday evening, when the members of the class of 1923 assembled in reunion. Gordon Gullahorn, one of the sons of the home, was a member of the class and enjoyed the reunion with his old schoolmates. Games, dancing and music, interspersed with some clever speeches, made the evening pass rapidly by. There were about 20 members of the class present, among them being their class president, Brock Hazard. Sandwiches, stuffed angel food cake, topped with whipped cream and hot chocolate, were served at a late hour.

**YOUNG FOLKS PLAY FORTY-TWO**

The younger set of Ranger have been enjoying themselves as much as the grown-ups the past week. One of the most delightful parties of the week was given at the J. C. Smith home, with Kathleen Bailey and Lettie Echols, as hostesses, on Thursday evening.

The Smith home was gay in its Christmas decorations, which formed a perfect setting for the game of "forty-two" and other games that were enjoyed during the evening.

Refreshments were served to Theo Stidham, Sug Wallace, Katherine Robison, Marie Crutsinger, Mayme Ruth Donald, Mary Edlo Davenport, Emily Benedict and Saunders and Lewis Gregg, Allen Baker, Nicol Crawford, Jack Gullahorn, Roy Jameson, Poke Robison, James Smith and the two hostesses.

**TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB ON NEW YEAR'S EVE**

The last meeting of the Twentieth Century Bridge Club for 1926 was held on New Year's eve at the John Thurman home on Cypress street, when Mrs. Thurman dispensed her cordial hospitality to the club members and a number of extra guests.

Tables were arranged in the spacious dining and living room of this attractive home and bridge was played until the requisite number of games were played.

Mrs. E. L. McMillen made the club high score and Mrs. Paul Lacy, club low score, both receiving pieces of Weller pottery as prizes. Mrs. Rena B. Campbell received as guest high prize, a lovely etched glass compote, with green stem and Mrs. Charles Conley was consoled for low with a piece of pottery similar to the club prizes. At the end of the game, handsome luncheon cloths took the place of bridge table covers at the various tables, and salad, olives, hot rolls, fruit cake and a frozen dessert was served to the following:

Mmes. G. L. Barnett, F. E. Champaign, Walter Burden, Saunders Gregg, C. C. Craig, Roy Jameson, E. E. Crawford, Frank Brahamey, Paul Lacy, W. R. Lowe, J. A. Martin, E. L. McMillen, Ed Maher, Ross Hodges, W. R. Bowden, Charles Conley, L. H. Flevelen, G. C. Barkley, R. B. Campbell, J. T. Gullahorn L. P. Lawton, A. N. Harkrider, Howard Gholsen, M. H. Hagaman and Garvin Chastain.

**PASTOR FINDS MONEY INSTEAD OF SOUP**

Attending a dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dyer in Rodgers Oak Park Wednesday evening, Rev. H. B. Johnson noticed that there was soup at all the places except his and that his plate was turned down. Just when he was beginning to think that he had been slighted, he turned over his plate and instead of a soup bowl, he discovered a nice new crisp twenty-dollar bill.

A party dinner was served to Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Johnson and the host and hostess.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodson of Dallas have returned after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. H. A. Metcalf. Dr. G. L. Barnett has returned from Waco, where he attended the wedding of a close friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hartnett of Weatherford attended the Elks' dance Friday night and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Con Hartnett and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milliken.

Shag Floor of Breckenridge was in attendance at the New Year's dance Friday night.

Mrs. W. J. Mulkey of Fort Worth has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dyer for the past few days.

Mrs. J. C. Pierson has for her guests Miss Oneita Reimmer of Fort Worth and Mrs. Mart Farrar of Hamlin.

Mrs. R. L. Hunt and son, R. L. Hunt, Jr., are spending the week-end with Mrs. Hunt's sister-in-law, Mrs. B. I. Wilson, in Fort Worth. Little Mella Hunt has recently returned from a visit there.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School at 9:45; Walter Murray, superintendent.

Actions speak louder than words. Let your resolutions be revealed by attendance at the services Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m., "It is Not Half so Hard as You Think."

P. U. at 3:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Good singing. Everybody welcome.

W. M. U. meets at 1:30 Monday afternoon.

Wednesday night the pastor will begin a study of the Polity of the Church. The question will be at this time, "Who is God, and Where Did He Come From?"

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**METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday School 9:45, Walter Harwell, superintendent.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.

Epworth League, Floyd Killingsworth, superintendent, at 6 p. m.

Preaching by the pastor at 7 p. m.

Missionary Society, installation of officers, Monday at 3 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Choir practice, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The stewards will meet at Ranger State Bank Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. All stewards are urged to be present.

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Sunday School 10 a. m.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

C. E. 6:30 p. m., led by Egils Burnes.

Cheerful Workers meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the church.

Board meeting Monday evening at 7:30. Let all members of board be present.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

Come and worship with us this morning. This is the beginning of the new year and we should make some improvement of the one just gone out.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock.

Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.

Thirty minutes live singing and evangelistic sermon.

All B. Y. P. U. s meet at 6:30.

Our entire membership is urged to be present at both services Sunday. Interesting messages at both hours. Come, start the new year right.

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#### NEILAN OWES FILM SUCCESS TO HARD WORK

The wide acclaim with which "Everybody's Acting" has been greeted by both press and public during its local run at the Rialto Theater serves to focus attention on the man responsible for the picture's success. Marshall Neilan, affectionately known to all Hollywood as Mickey, wrote, directed and produced the story, which is an original for the screen.

If it had been at all necessary, Mickey could have stepped in and acted in the picture as well. Moviegoers of a few years back still recall that Neilan gained his first motion picture fame as Mary Pickford's leading man. Later he was a star in his own right. There have been times in the past when he has been associated with a production in all four capacities—as actor, author, director and producer.

A versatile chap this Mickey Neilan, an all-around expert, thoroughly familiar with every phase and department of motion picture production, yet withal, a genial personality whose outstanding characteristic is his well-developed sense of humor.

Filmdom points to him with pride for he is a notable example of what ambition, hard work and stick-to-itiveness can accomplish. If it were necessary for all screen aspirants to serve as rigorous an apprenticeship as did Neilan there would be an alarming shortage of acting and directorial talent.

Mickey's initiation into the film business was in the humble capacity of prop boy. This was 18 years ago when the movies were really in their infancy and a prop boy was a jack-of-all-trades. So it isn't surprising to learn that Mickey was called on to fill in as an "extra" every once in a while. Soon he was acting as a steady diet. In quick succession there followed such jobs as scenario writer, film editor, cutter, cameraman and assistant director. He then returned to the acting fold, became leading man, then star, after which he got his chance to direct.

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Pointiac Six's new crack race into Los Angeles inaugurating the new train between Chicago and Los Angeles, but the remarkable record of the Pointiac Six, last year, set two points. The train, takes 255 hours to make the run. The Six set a time record of 29 minutes, just minutes of slashing two hours from the old record.

Out Our Way



Chrysler's New  
Coupe Has All  
Power Needed

A new five-passenger coupe on the famous Imperial "80" chassis is announced in advices received from the general offices of the Chrysler Sales corporation in Detroit. The new coupe, which embodies all the power, riding ease and luxury typical of the Imperial "80", is equipped with a wealth of refinements. It provides unusually copious leg room for all passengers, more than ample entrance room, and even greater riding comfort and increased quality of appointments. In the new coupe, exceptionally durable and rich upholstery is used in seats and seat backs. Both forward seats are of the folding type which

permits free access to the rear compartment. The interior details include genuine walnut door panels with inlaid designs; velvet carpets in both front and rear compartments to harmonize with the upholstery and color combinations, vanity case and smoker set in tooled leather with gold design, specially selected hardware of new and novel design, artistic and completely grouped instrument board and instrument paneling, and many other items of luxurious convenience familiar in this finest type of motor car. The price is \$3,095 f. o. b. Detroit. Like the other cars in the Imperial "80" model, the new coupe is available to the owner in a wide variety of color combinations as well as in a varied choice of upholstery. Shipments are now being made on the new coupe which entered production at the Chrysler plants on Dec. 1.

S. M. U. Students  
Approve Part of the  
Examination Pledge

DALLAS, Jan. 1.—Students of Southern Methodist university recently expressed their desire through a straw vote on the honor system of holding examinations to abolish the second part of the pledge which each student is required to sign. The clause of the pledge which the majority of the students expressed disapproval over was the report to the student council of anyone seen cheating on examinations. Out of 463 votes cast in the ballot, 334 favored dropping this clause from the pledge.

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some day the white man would race across the continent, taking but 63 hours from Chicago, and enjoy comfortable beds and meals while doing it!" mused Chief Yowlache. "We have come a long way since his time."

Saxophone Not  
Modern; Born  
80 Years Ago

Special Correspondence.  
ELKHART, Ind.—The saxophone, inexorably tied up with modern youth and the jazz age, is really the product of grandfather's day, according to the Music Center here, which is observing the eightieth anniversary of the birth of the saxophone. The saxophone was invented and patented in 1846. The inventor of the saxophone and after whom the instrument was named, was Antoine Joseph Sax, born in Dinant, Belgium, on Nov. 6, 1814, the son of a celebrated instrument maker. Young Sax entered Brussels

conservatory of music at an early age to study the clarinet and flute, but the work-bench soon claimed him as his love for mechanics grew, and he came to devote his genius to the improvement of musical instruments. He later went to Paris, where he met great success in perfecting instruments. The saxophone was patented in 1846. Jealous persons sought to prevent him from getting due credit for his invention, and due to their scheming, his factory passed out of his hands under the auctioneer's block. He died at the age of 80, almost penniless.

The saxophone might have been but another musical instrument, but for the efforts of E. A. LeFebvre, the famous European clarinetist, who is responsible for the present-day popularity of the saxophone. LeFebvre had known Sax in Paris and promised to devote his life to making the new instrument known everywhere. The clarinetist came to America, and during his attention to his friend's instrument, became America's foremost saxophone virtuoso. He toured North and South America, continuing his concert work with but one intermission until his death in 1911. The saxophone today is the most

popular of all instruments. Approximately 400,000 persons in the United States alone now play this instrument. The popularity of the saxophone is attributed largely to the fact that it is one of the easiest instruments to master, and that its tone approaches most closely the human voice.

Dallas Woman  
Sews on Million  
Buttons Yearly

By United Press.  
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—Every year Zelma Herrich sews on a million buttons. Zelma is employed in a Dallas power laundry and the buttons she sews on are not for herself but for Dallas folk who had rather have laundries sew on their buttons than do it themselves. If Zelma had to do her job by hand it would be impossible, but with the aid of a machine that sews the buttons on at the rate of one a second she works faster than anybody's hands could move. "And they stay, too," Zelma said as she put new buttons down the front of a shirt. The button expert has been sewing buttons for the last three years, making a total of 3,000,000 buttons sewed on the shirts and dresses of Dallas people.

UNIVERSITY RESUMES  
WORK JANUARY 3  
Special Correspondence.  
AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—Old and new students should be on hand for registration at the University of Texas on Monday, Jan. 3, advises E. J. Mathews, registrar. Classes will be taken up again on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Students registering after that date will be required to pay a late fee of \$3.

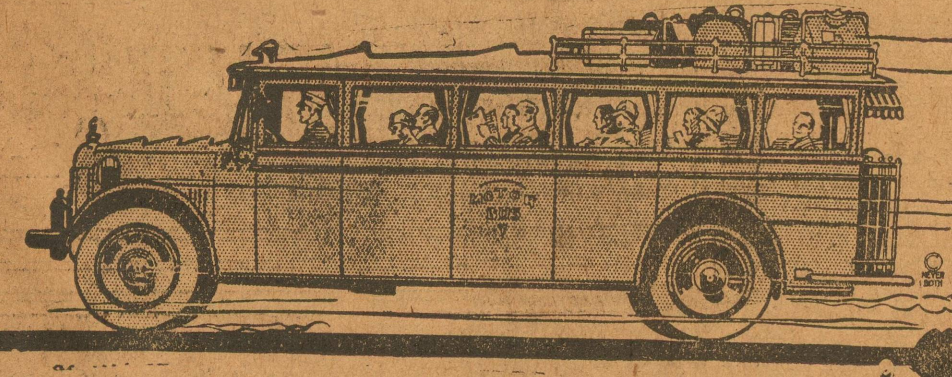
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# GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER ALL BROADCASTING

By United Press.  
LONDON, Jan. 1.—With the expiration of its license at midnight tonight, the British Broadcasting company will cease to exist and its functions will pass to the British government.  
The final liquidation of the com-

pany was completed today, preparatory to transfer to the Government Broadcasting corporation tomorrow. The government's control of the broadcasting throughout the British Isles will then be vested in the hands of a department of state analogous to that of the Port of London authority. A board of five directors has been appointed to control the corporation.  
Lord Clarendon, under-secretary of state for the dominions, has been appointed chairman of the board at a salary of \$20,000 annually.  
The price paid for the broadcasting facilities was about \$3,100,000. All studios, stations, plants and publications of the company were included in the deal.  
The royal charter for the new corporation provides that the govern-

ment, as applied to broadcasting purposes, may acquire copyright for any literary, musical and artistic works, plays, songs, news and other matter as well as trade marks and trade names. The corporation may collect news and establish and subscribe to news agencies.

The direct return to the government from its new operation of broadcasting, will be approximately \$5,000,000 annually, derived entirely from the 2,000,000 licenses issued to those with receiving sets in the British Isles. The net return to the government, after deducting the cost of collecting the \$2.50 charge from each radio enthusiast is estimated at \$4,500,000.

Under the charter the corporation is prevented from broadcasting advertisements or editorial matter. The latter provision is to prevent the broadcasting of controversial religious and political subjects.

When the plan was first presented to the house of commons several members of the opposition criticized it on the grounds that it would give the government a complete monopoly of broadcasting within the British Isles. Several declared this should remain in the hands of a disinterested corporation under private control.

## Diversification Program Laid on Shelf for Year

By United Press.  
STAMFORD, Jan. 1.—The more food, feed and conservation contest proposed by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as a part of their diversification program in western territory has been postponed for a year, according to an announcement by chamber of commerce officials. Postponement of the movement followed a conference of Manager Homer D. Wade and President Arthur P. Duggan in which it was decided advisable because of the big legislative program and other important obligations now before the organization.

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# CHAMBER GIVEN BUILDING FOR A HOME OFFICE

Special Correspondence.  
STAMFORD, Jan. 1.—Establishing the organization headquarters in a new two-story, fire-proof building erected as permanent home of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce by citizens of Stamford will be the first move of the regional body in 1927. In connection with movement of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce into new quarters, a staff meeting of the organization will be held to formulate tentative plans for activities of the new year.

The structure which forms the new home of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was erected through efforts of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, provision for its erection being made with former Manager Porter A. Whaley. The site of the building is strategic, being directly opposite the new municipal auditorium on Weatherbee street, and on the Stamford Inn block, and near the Stamford municipal building. The lot for the new West Texas Chamber of Commerce offices was donated by E. P. and S. A. Swenson, the abstract being furnished by C. J. Duggan of Anson, brother of President Arthur P. Duggan. Valuable concessions for the home of the organization were made by the city of Stamford. In addition to these donations, citizens of Stamford contributed largely to financing the building, now a permanent acquisition of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The new headquarters have full appointments for conduct of the regional organization's business. Besides regular office space for the staff of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, provision is made in the new building for a permanent exhibit of West Texas products. The gold medal exhibit shown at the sesquicentennial by the organization will form the basis of the permanent display in the agricultural division. Agricultural, industrial, and horticultural and other materials are solicited by the regional body for building up the permanent exhibit which will be under the direction of Exhibit Manager B. M. Whiteaker.

Provision is also made in the new building for dormitory space for trav-

eling representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and ample office room is set aside for them. The entire structure is equipped to accommodate increasing needs of the regional organization.  
The formal opening of the new West Texas Chamber of Commerce building will be fittingly solemnized at the next meeting of the executive board of the organization. President Duggan has announced that the next gathering will be held in Stamford to occasion the formal ceremony.

## Source of Cheap Jade on Coast Found at Last

By RAY G. HARRSALL, United Press Staff Correspondent.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—For nearly a year, pieces of jade of variable quality have been offered in Oakland and San Francisco stores at prices comparing favorably with those quoted in the bazaars of China.  
Some old time Trans-Pacific travelers, who barter regularly for the stone in China, found they could in some cases obtain better bargains here. Their boasts of the bargains reached the customs and the result was a special watch for the incoming liners.  
Then a too fond greeting extended to two Chinese, revealed at least one source of supply. Two Shanghai men

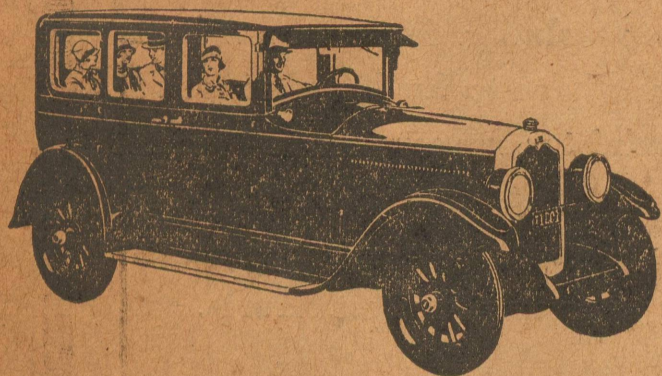
safely passed the inspection on board ship and were on the pier when suspicion was excited.  
San Francisco Chinese waved them a hearty greetings, then rushed to the pier and prepared to hustle the newcomers off to a feast.  
So the arrivals, supposedly traveling merchants on business, were searched. Jade valued at \$10,000 was found in their clothing.  
The merchants Ng Kay Foo and Quong Kay are held for trial on smuggling charges. In the meantime watch on the liners has been doubled.

## BUENOS AIRES ELECTION HAD 223 CANDIDATES

By United Press.  
BUENOS AIRES—There were 223 candidates, representing 14 distinct political parties, for the 17 city councillor seats in the municipal elections, held here recently. Even the theatre interests had a candidate in the field. Only 53 per cent of the total of eligible voters presented themselves at the 1,589 polling booths of the city. There was but one woman candidate and she was defeated.

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### Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$489,687.37
Overdrafts	1,026.06
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,223.90
Cash and Due from Banks	\$240,687.98
Bonds and Warrants	1,486.50
Bills of Exchange	5,540.89
Liberty Bonds	92,337.17

AVAILABLE CASH 340,052.54  
\$884,239.87

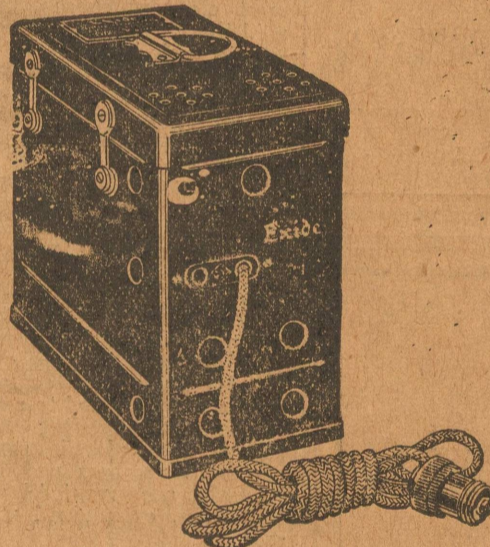
### Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus and Profits	6,128.25
Reserved for Taxes	4,037.15
Dividends Unpaid	3,000.00
DEPOSITS	746,074.47
	\$884,239.87

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IN THE COURTS

proceedings in the Court of Civil Appeals for the Eleventh Supreme Judicial District of Texas, at Eastland: Actions on Motions, Dec. 31. E. W. Millsap vs. W. S. Peoples, ap-

plicants second motion for re-hearing overruled. H. N. Conely vs. Texas company, appellants motion for rehearing, is granted in part, overruled in part. Chas. O. Austin vs. H. P. Brelsford et al, appellants motion for rehearing overruled. United States Torpedo Company vs. E. R. Liner, et al, appellees mo-

tion for rehearing overruled. Eastland County vs. G. A. Davison et al, appellants motion for rehearing overruled. Sanger Bros. vs. W. E. Russell, appellants motion for rehearing, overruled. J. N. Tanner, et al, vs. R. C. Grisham, appellants motion for rehearing overruled. C. A. Turen vs. S. H. Stoker, appellees motion for rehearing, overruled. C. J. Rhodes vs. J. P. Meloy, appellees motion for rehearing, overruled.

Decisions.

The C. D. Hartnett Company vs. J. C. Shiral, et al et al, from Palo Pinto county, reversed and rendered for appellant.

Pastor and Party Return With Fish Caught Near Ranger

Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ranger, and George Porter and Prof. Mosely, spent the last day of 1926 fishing. While they did not tell which creek near Ranger they found so well stocked with members of the finny tribe, but they brought back to town with them 86 fish and their three families had all the fish they could eat for their evening meal on Friday.

Moody's Last Act Will Be to Argue Boundary Case

AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—The last official act of Attorney General Dan Moody in the capacity of attorney general, before he is inaugurated governor, will be to argue the Texas boundary case before the supreme court at Washington. The date of the hearing is set for Jan. 3. Moody will return to Austin in time to turn over his office to Claude Pollard on Jan. 6.

OILBELT MOTOR EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN BANQUET

Employees of the Oilbelt Motor company of Ranger, Eastland and Breckenridge, and their wives, numbering 100, laid all cares of 1926 aside and joined their president, W. R. Newnham, in their first annual banquet, new year's eve, at the Gholson.

Two long tables were arranged on the mezzanine floor of the hotel, so that the party might have privacy, and these two tables were cleverly decorated. American Beauty roses marked places for the ladies, while bottles of black narcissus perfume were given them as favors, while the white iced cakes that were served with the last course had inscribed on them in pink the words "Oilbelt Motor company."



M. R. NEWNHAM

Employees of the company were favored in a novel way. At each plate a Christmas check was placed for each employe that had been with the company for over six months—the amount of the check being based on the number of years of his service they had had with the company. The largest check went to Jerry Lagrone, of the Breckenridge house, who is the oldest man in point of service with the company.

A trip to the automobile show in Chicago in 1927 was awarded Clark Edison of the Ranger house, in a salesman's contest, as first prize. The second prize, an overcoat and hat, went to Mr. Duren; the third prize, a fully equipped radio set, went to D. F. Ledbetter of the Ranger house, and the fourth prize, a gold watch, to T. R. Rose.

The employees were not the only ones who were remembered, for E. D. Hood, of the Ranger house, in a most eloquent speech, in which he paid the highest tributes of appreciation to their host and president, presented Mr. Newnham a handsome suit case, bearing his initials in gold letters, from the employes.

Mr. Newnham was toastmaster and introduced each speaker, which included practically all employes present, and made a talk himself on co-operation and his appreciation of the services rendered the company by its employes.

Walter Murray of the Times Publishing company, was another speaker of the evening and in introducing him Mr. Newnham touched on the value of advertising and what a newspaper means to a firm and to a town.

During the evening the Rainbow serenaders rendered some splendid orchestra numbers and Mrs. W. R. LaPrelle, accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Newnham, entertained with a vocal solo.

At the end of this perfect evening the majority of those present climaxed the good times, by watching the new year in—thus starting in 1927, closely bound by ties of association and loyalty.

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Hail thee 1927



RESOLVED

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