

West Texas—Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer in the eastern and northern portion.

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Educate the masses and it's easy enough to handle the classes. Education wipes out bigotry and intolerance.

## EXPLOSION WRECKS COAL MINE; 1 KILLED

### HOFFMAN CRIMINAL CASES TO BE TRIED IMMEDIATELY

### 10,000 PERSONS ARE REPORTED ILL WITH FLU

#### EPIDEMIC WORST SINCE WAR TIME; DALLAS HARD HIT

Four City Officials Are Reported Sick in Bed; Doctors Are Uneasy

DALLAS, Feb. 15.—With approximately 10,000 persons reported in bed, the flu epidemic is the worst since the war period when it played havoc in the various training camps. Reports are to the effect that 20 have died in the state since the malady gained a foothold. Four Dallas city officials are ill with it. Dr. W. W. Anderson said he believed that there were many more than 10,000 ill, because a number of physicians have not reported their cases so far this month. It was announced that 68 fatalities were due to influenza.

#### PRESIDENT VETOES ROOF REPAIR BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Weakened by a constant deterioration of supports, the white house roof is in danger of crashing down on the occupants of the executive mansion. Major Hugh S. Grant, public building director, told the house appropriations today. Grant described the mansion to be in a "very dangerous condition," and warned that it may collapse in event of a heavy wet snow. President Coolidge has refused to approve the appropriation of \$500,000 for remedying the condition, despite the fact that the roof becomes "more dangerous each year." The president is said to have said he "does not see how he can get away from the white house long enough for the roof to be taken off and replaced." Some of the danger was remedied last year by the removing of an eight ton water tank.

#### RAMSEY FARM IS GETTING PLAY FROM E. A. SMITH

Edward A. Smith and associates of Eastland, who are interested in the drilling of several shallow wells in the Eastland territory, are today spudding in their No. 1 Ramsey located about four or five miles northwest of Cisco in Eastland county. It is the opinion of these operators three or more wells on the Ramsey farm consisting of about 800 acres. It is the opinion of these operators that numerous shallow fields will be opened up in Eastland county during the present year, in fact, Mr. Smith stated that after carefully investigating the prospects for oil development of the territory west from Fort Worth to the Rio Grande, it is his opinion that Eastland county is by far the most desirable and promising for the individual operator with limited capital.

#### TAX BILL SENT TO CONFERENCE BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Without a dissenting voice, the house today adopted the resolution by Chairman Greene, of the house ways and means committee, suspending the rules ordering the tax bill sent to the conference with the senate for acceptance.

#### Plans to Expand Air Service of Navy Reported

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Plans for the further expansion of the naval air service were revealed in a naval appropriation bill reported by the senate appropriation committee today.

#### Hunters Kill 9,454 Crows in Six Days



Crows near Chickasha, Okla., got so thick that farmers suffered. Consequently, the above members of the Isaac Walton League went out with their shotguns. They killed 9,454 in six days, and T. E. Jacobs, at the left, is credited with killing 2,000 of them. The other hunters, left to right, are Dan Willmont, Dan Beets, C. R. Geiss and Fred Scott.

#### FATE OF 7 MEXICANS WITH JUDGE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 15.—The fate of seven Mexicans accused of first degree murder in connection with the "shame" suicide of the four members of the T. Poteet family, were rested today with Federal Judge Sam Huron. The Mexican judge may rule the man guilty or order a trial by jury. If the verdict is guilty, it is expected that some of the men will be ordered summarily executed by a firing squad.

#### NEW CARNIVAL IS PLANNED BY CALIFORNIANS

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 15.—"La Fiesta de las Rosas" is the name of a festival selected for the festival this year which will set up Santa Clara county as a rival for Portland, Ore., and Pasadena in rose growing honors. Dates for the local event, which will be joined by other communities of the county, have been fixed as May 20, 21 and 22. The Spanish name for the festival was chosen because of the historical background of this section. San Jose was an important Spanish settlement of early California long before it became the first capital city of the state and the very name of the county is Spanish. Tentative festival plans indicate float designs and costumes of those attending will stress this Spanish influence.

#### HOUSTON BANK IS ROBBED BY 3 MASKED MEN

HOUSTON, Feb. 15.—Three masked and armed bandits forced four employees of the Channel State bank here into a vault at noon today and robbed the cash drawers of approximately \$3,000. Officers of the bank said the vaults had not been emptied by the robbers.

#### INDIANA KLAN PLANS TO SECEDE FROM NATIONAL

KOKOMO Ind., Feb. 15.—The secession of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan from the national organization loomed up as a possibility today following a stormy session of the convocation held here yesterday attended by 3,000 klansmen. A call was issued for another gathering of klansmen here next Sunday.

#### FLOOD DAMAGE IN KENTUCKY IS TWO MILLION

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—Eastern Kentucky took stock today of the damage caused by the cloudbursts which swept this section over the week-end, flooding the homes and taking a known toll of six lives, and causing an approximate loss of \$2,000,000.

#### SENATE PASSES AMENDMENT CHANGES DATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Norris constitutional amendment resolution changing the inauguration day from March 4 to the third Monday in January and the convening of congress from December to the first Monday in January, was adopted by the senate today by a vote of 73 to 2.

#### Two Persons Caught In Fire Trap, Both Die, Mother and Daughter

MANCHESTER, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Trapped, Mrs. Palmer Ibrahim and her invalid mother, Mrs. George Gragmire, 75, were burned to death when fire swept their home here today.

#### RANGER TAILORING COMPANY OPENS UP

The Ranger Tailoring Company opened for business this morning in the De Goff Hotel building on Marston and Pine streets. The proprietors of the new firm are Pickens Weaver and Mike Davenport, who recently bought out the Ogedon Tailoring Company, in one of the buildings on South Rusk street, to be torn down by the Texas National Bank of Fort Worth for their new building.

#### YOUNG GOES TO MEETING OF LEAGUE

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 15.—Owen D. Young, an associate of Vice President Dawes in the creation of the Dawes plan, has been tendered and will accept the invitation to participate in the deliberations of the preparatory commission of the League of Nations economic conference. His immediate acceptance of the invitation is interpreted here as indicating that the United States will bring before the conference a demand for an investigation to break up the world's monopoly of certain raw material.

#### Hughie Jennings Takes Rest Cure In Asheville, N. C.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15.—Hughie Jennings, former manager of the Detroit Tigers, today became a patient for "a rest cure" at a tuberculosis sanitarium here. Efforts to reach his bedside are futile. He issued orders he was not to be interviewed by newspapermen. His wife who is with him refused to be interviewed also.

#### FIRE FORCES 15 FAMILIES INTO STREETS

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Fifteen families were forced to abandon their homes, and damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused when fire swept two business concerns and damaged eight others here early today.

#### Lad With Fractured Skull, Holding Own Hospital Reports

Moston Jermiquin of Ranger, 8 years old, who is suffering from a fractured skull, as the result of having been hit by an automobile driven by Dee Sanders, Sunday morning, is reported as "holding his own" at the City-County hospital today. The lad, who is a newsboy, darted in front of the Sanders car as it was driving on Main street Sunday morning and was knocked down. He was taken to a doctor's office where he received first aid, and then removed to the hospital.

#### SWINDLING AND PERJURY ARE 2 CHARGES FILED

Attorney General Is Father Of The Cases Against Eastland Man

AUSTIN, Feb. 15.—Two cases against F. G. Hoffman, vice president and general manager of the Hoffman Construction Company, charging perjury and swindling in connection with an accounting on the road surfacing contracts held by the company with the State Highway Commission, are to be called today for a hearing in the Travis county criminal district court. It is alleged that Hoffman padded his bills and swore to them. The indictment followed an investigation made by Attorney General Dan Moody. It is alleged that Hoffman used more liquid asphalt used as a bidder than was placed on the roads. The Hoffman Construction Company recently entered a plea of privilege and endeavored to get the trial of the civil case transferred to Eastland county.

#### TWO OFFICERS OF BANK ARE UNDER BOND

HOUSTON, Feb. 15.—Shortage in accounts totaling \$110,000 is alleged by state bank examiners, who are auditing the books of the Farmers State Guaranty bank at Navasota, near here. John T. Evans, vice president, and R. L. Renick, are each at liberty under a \$17,500 bond. They are charged with embezzlement.

#### Grocery Robbed, Provisions Gone, Without a Clew

Schertz Grocery store, at 309 South Rusk street, Ranger, was burglarized last night and cigarettes, coffee and other groceries stolen. Neighbors across the street from the store seeing a light in it about 1 o'clock, telephoned the police. However, the burglars must have become alarmed, when the police reached the store, they had gone, but left a lot of stuff piled up on the floor, that they had been preparing to take with them. Entrance was affected through a rear door. Police have no clew.

#### FALL TO STAND TRIAL IN OIL CASES; RULED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, and Edward L. Doheny, California oil magnate, must stand trial in the criminal court on charge of conspiring to defraud the United States through naval reserve leases, granted by Fall to Doheny, Justice Wanzell D. Stafford of the District of Columbia supreme court, ruled today.

#### CROSS CLAIMS HIS ARREST HIS ENEMIES PLOT

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 15.—Claiming that his arrest here on a charge of having narcotics in his possession was part of a plot to harass him, Gen. Francisco Cross, of Mexico, held in the city jail here, asserted that the morphine found in his motor car, was issued to him on a physician's prescription at El Paso. The department of labor recently held that General Cross was in this country legally when it reviewed the proceedings of a deportation hearing here. He may be given a hearing today.

#### Foreigner



"Elf the Second," 17-month-old Irish Terrier belonging to Mrs. R. J. Kelleher of Rochester, N. Y., was ruled ineligible for entry in the puppy class of the United Terriers show being held at Madison Square Garden. Elf was born in France, and the fact that he was imported let him out, according to the judges.

#### MINERS CALLED TO CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY

HAZZLETON, Pa., Feb. 15.—A joint meeting of the miners unions officials and the operators sub-committees was called today for Wednesday in Scranton by Chairman Alvin Markel, a member of the joint conference of the tri-district. The committees are summoned to meet Wednesday in hopes of getting the five year contract signed up and the other differences wiped out of the way. It begins to appear as if there will be no stumbling block in the way and that the adjustments will be satisfactory to both parties.

#### TWO CONFESSED PLOTTERS SENT TO GRAND JURY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—The case of Mrs. Albertina Frank and Carl D. Davis, who confessed to a plot to kill E. L. Frank, husband of Albertina in a fake holdup, was given to the grand jury today for investigation. Mrs. Frank and Davis were quizzed for several hours in the prosecutor's office and it was announced that the grand jury would take further action. Mrs. Frank and Davis were arrested Saturday night by Detective Joe Dill, who Davis is said to have hired to kill Frank, thinking that Dill was an ex-convict.

#### SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL BOARD HEAD ARRESTED

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 15.—Frank S. Haines, president of the San Antonio school board, and two others were released under \$500 bonds each today when they were arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwards charged with having in their possession intoxicating liquors. According to the charges filed, Haines, Louis Dodd and E. D. Park were arrested in a roadhouse on the Fredericksburg road by prohibition officers.

#### SCHOOL BOARD WILL DISCUSS NEW BUILDING

Ranger school board will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the school tax collector's office in the Marston building. It is intimated that the main subject that will come up for discussion will be the contemplated new Central Ward building.

#### 500 MEN FOLLOW THEIR FOREMAN TO SAFE PLACE

Ignition of Pocket Gas Believed Cause of The Heavy Detonation

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Feb. 15.—A terrific explosion wrecked the main entrance of the Cleveland & Western mine at Powhatan, Ohio, 20 miles south of here this morning. Six hundred miners entered the diggings at 7 o'clock. The explosion occurred 55 minutes later. One body, horribly burned, has been taken from the pit, and 24 miners, all severely burned, were led from the shaft. Houses surrounding the shaft were rocked by the blast. Nearby residents said that when the explosion occurred, flames shot up 100 feet in the air. Workmen employed in the mine have been on a strike. They returned to work today. Only meagre reports of the explosion have been received here.

WHEELING HEARS REPORT. WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15.—Meagre reports of the mine explosion of the Powhatan mining company's mine at Powhatan, Ohio, reached here today with an appeal for the hospitals in this section to send ambulances to the scene. 500 ARE SAFE. POWHATAN, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Five hundred miners walked to safety today when a terrific explosion wrecked the main entrance of the Cleveland & Western Coal company's new mine here, killing one miner and injuring 25, five perhaps fatally. Mining officials at first believed that more than 500 miners had entered the mine and had been entombed. The hurry call for relief nurses and physicians were sent out to nearby towns. Wheeling and other towns sent relief. Pocket gas is believed to have become ignited by an electric current that caused the blaze. The entrance was converted into a veritable inferno. The fire died down quickly, and was extinguished almost as soon as it broke out. The remaining miners followed their foreman calmly marching from the pit.

#### BOYS DEVOUR WHOLE HOG AT BARBECUE

A whole hog, weighing 75 pounds when dressed, pickles, bread, coffee and four cases of pop, vanished rapidly when attacked by the 41 boys of Dr. Bob Hodges' Sunday school of the First Baptist church, Ranger, Saturday, when they were guests of Ab Pitcock, at his ranch, 17 miles north of Frankell. It was a great day. Beginning with the ride from the church to the ranch, continuing on through until the last boy said goodnight at his home that evening. Baseball, climbing trees, running races and hunting filled the day. Two boys made a lot of fun for the crowd when they came back running from a hunt, one saying they saw a wolf and the other saying it was a jack rabbit. Dinner was served in the long front room of the ranchhouse on account of the wind outside, and no casualties were reported other than one boy suffered slightly from discoloration on account of consuming eight bottles of various colored pop. Very few grownups were let in on this delightful outing, for it was strictly the boys' affair, but those who were lucky enough to be courted in enjoyed it just as much as the boys. The lucky grownups were Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Pitcock and Mayor Hodges.



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**BIBLE THOUGHT**  
**MAKING HASTE TO BE RICH**  
—He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. Proverbs 28:8.

**PRAYER**—Enable us, O Lord, to lay up our treasure in heaven and where our treasure is there will our hearts be also.

**PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS.**

Charity begins at home and then goes abroad, the Bible states. It's true. Merchants at home are doers of charity and play a big part in the civic and industrial development of a town. They help build churches and Ranger merchants have never failed to respond to all calls, denominations not considered.

Every dollar spent at home increases the per capita wealth of the town and adds just that much to its growth. A dollar is round and if you could trace one spent in Ranger, we venture the assertion that before 24 hours shall have elapsed that same dollar could be found back in the pockets of the person who originally spent it.

Home manufacturers should be given the preference. Every time a home manufactured article is purchased just that much is added to the payroll. If Ranger men would smoke Ranger made cigars, then a cigar factory in Ranger would be a big institution. If Ranger girls would demand of their beaus that they bring them Ranger made candy, then the candy manufacturing industry would grow by leaps and bounds.

Ranger merchants are Ranger taxpayers. They help support the government and should be supported by the people. You can find just as high class goods in Ranger as you can find in any other city in the nation. Ranger merchants carry as high class merchandise as merchants in all of the larger cities and they support Ranger enterprises. They help build Ranger churches and donate to Ranger charities. Everything being equal they should be given the preference.

**S. L. I. R. S.**

**PLANT THAT GARDEN NOW.**

Now is the time to lay out and prepare your vegetable garden. The back yards and a large number of front yards could be made to produce enough fresh vegetables to feed the family. Ranger householders could feed the population if they would just plant a garden. Home-grown vegetables are superior to those shipped in.

The soil in and around Ranger with little cultivation will produce more than a living for the town. What they can't eat they can can and save for the winter. The civic clubs, men and women organizations, should encourage the home garden. Home gardens are signs of thrift and Ranger is a thrifty town.

**R. N. M. S. L.**

**CRUSH THE FOOD TRUST.**

The federal government through the department of justice has made its first move against the food trust. The food trust recently was organized and with it the bread trust. The uncombed bread trust that it proposes to give 10 per cent to charity is a camouflage. Of course the trust will give 10 per cent to charity and charge the poor laboring man a huge profit. Ten per cent will be but a bagatelle to the vast sums that will be realized from profiteering. Let it be remembered that corporations are soulless and are run, a large number of them, to fill the pockets of the stockholders, who don't care how the profits are obtained.

**R. N. M. S. W.**

**Society**

**AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER**  
Mrs. R. B. Campbell, Editor  
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**TONIGHT**  
Young School P.-T. A. meets at 7:30. Open meeting.  
**TUESDAY**  
Wednesday Bridge Club meets with Mrs. Fred Yonkers at 2:30.  
Childs Welfare Club meets at the Gholson at 1 p. m.  
Tuesday Bridge Club entertains for Mrs. C. N. Ochiltree at Mrs. D. L. Jameson's at 2:30 p. m.

**FOR THE TINY TOTS**  
The basement of the Methodist Church was a gay place Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. C. P. Standard played hostess to the members of the Beginner's Class, consisting of tiny tots, both boys and girls. The mothers came along too, in response to an invitation from Mrs. Standard and enjoyed the afternoon with the little ones. Valentine suggestions, prevailed of course, and the tiny pupils had their own little red chairs drawn up around the beautifully decorated table, with its center of red roses, and Valentine favors, where they were served jello, topped with whipped cream and animal cookies. Games and contests suitable to the children were enjoyed for several hours.

**MRS. LACY ENTERTAINS TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.**

In her pretty home on Summit avenue, Friday afternoon, Mrs. Paul Lacy entertained the Twentieth Century Club. A vivid Valentine color motif ran the gamut of the house decorations. The floral was carried out in rich red carnations, which adorned the luncheon tables in bud vases, and all available niches. Guests assembled at 1:30 and enjoyed a daintily appointed luncheon before proceeding to the usual round of bridge games. Valentine nut baskets filled with red and white heart shaped candies, and Valentine place cards were used to charming effect in the luncheon appointments. In bridge the high score prize, an ornate ten apron, went to Mrs. W. R. Lowe, and the low score, a vanity set, to Mrs. Walter Cash. Around the tables were Miss E. L. McMillen, Walter Cash, E. J. Wise, W. R. Lowe, Charles Walts, J. A. Martin, Gus Coleman, G. C. Barkley, John Thurman, J. G. Boor, Saunders Gregg, J. D. Gholson. Mrs. Lacy leaves Tuesday for Kansas City, for a brief visit and will bring her grandfather, James Lowe, back with her for a visit to her father, and her own family.

**CENTRAL WARD P.-T. A. TO MEET**

The P.-T. A. of the Central Ward will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A good program is being arranged and some important business matters will be discussed. A full membership is requested.

**A REAL VALENTINE**

A real Valentine, in the form of a baby girl, arrived yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Akin. The little girl has already been named Pauline. She is the first child to come to this home and will be a perpetual Valentine.

**TWELFTH BIRTHDAY.**

The twelfth birthday of Lois Woodell was a joyful occasion, as her mother, Mrs. F. Woodell entertained for her with a theatre party, during the progress of which chocolates and fruit were consumed as only school boys and girls can consume them. Those who shared this happy event with Lois were Frances Glazner, Nellie Barrett, Martha Marie Gholson, Merle McGee, Martha Carroll, Mary Jane Dreisher, Katherine Galloway, Mary Evangeline Baker, Agnes Barnes, Bonnie Wayne Daniels, Dea Alva Shirley, Bertha Fay Sanderford, Katherine Robison, Tina Williams, Edna Myers, Maudie Bruce, Bobbie McGee, Clifford Reese, Imogene and Nadine Womble.

**CHANGE IN TIME.**

The Child Welfare club will meet at 1 o'clock Tuesday, instead of 1:30. Members please note the change in time.

**RECITAL ANNOUNCED.**

Mrs. Marion F. Peters and Miss Nell Tibbels will give a recital Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Gholson hotel. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**PERSONALS.**

Ed Maher returned Friday from a short visit in Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Norton and family are moving today to their new home in Eastland, where they will be located on Halbray street.  
Miss Cuy of Lubbock is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cherry, at the latter's home on Pine street.  
Mrs. Beulah Johnson of Baton Rouge, La., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Johnson at their home on Cypress street.  
Miss Mary Wood of Cross Plains and Howard Mace of Mexia were guests of Miss Mabel Wood and Mrs. Eric Holland yesterday.

**PERSONALS.**

Mr. and Mrs. George B. True and Mr. and Mrs. V. Hopkins, motored to Fort Worth yesterday, spending the time visiting the parks and nurseries, and completed the day with supper at Lovers Retreat last night on their way back to Ranger.  
Mildred, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Balch, who has been quite ill, is reported as better today.

Blue blood comes from some ancestor who worked himself blue in the face.

Making a fortune is easy. It just seems hard because you need three or four of them for living purposes.

**OUT OUR WAY**



**WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY—THE MECHANICS**  
J. F. WILLIAMS  
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**Fishermen Seek Diamonds Off Florida Coast**

**PALM BEACH, Fla.**—The humble fishermen who earn their living along the same coast here where millionaires play have been spurred to pursue their task with greater zeal by the loss of a \$25,000 diamond bracelet, the Christmas present of Albert B. Dick of Chicago to Mrs. Dick.  
A hungry barracuda is believed to have run off with diamonds when Mrs. Dick dropped them overboard as she stepped from her yacht the "Chieftain" upon her arrival here recently.  
Divers were sent down to the bottom which is sandy and firm and strong search lights were turned on the water at night, but the search was futile.  
Seasoned fishermen have advanced the theory that a hungry barracuda pounced upon the diamonds as they would very likely attract his eye. Consequently there has been considerable fishing in the vicinity since the loss was reported.

**STAFF AREA IS GETTING A BIG PLAY**

Extensive operations, with Eastland as the base of activities, are being conducted by the Eastland Oil company.

The company is now drilling a well near Staff in Eastland county, two wells in Mitchell county, a well south of Cross Cut and still another well out in New Mexico, states George Donnelly, of Eastland.  
The Staff well is two and a half miles east of that town, about midway between the Sibley gasser and the Gorman field. It is down 3,400 feet and if production is not encountered soon, drilling will be stopped and the 3,100-foot level, at which a gas and oil showing was obtained will be shot.  
The Cross Cut well is a mile from production while the New Mexico well is in the northern edge of the Artesia field, where the company has a half interest in six producers, five of them yielding from the regular pay at 2,200 feet while one has been deepened to 2,600.  
One of the wells in Mitchell county is due in within the next five or six days but the other well is just starting. Both are in the West brook field where wells ranging from 75 to 175 barrels are brought in at 3,000 feet. Production is sustained and steady. The company now has seven producers in that pool.

**Ranger Landmark To Be Improved Plate Glass Front**

Work has begun on the remodeling of the building now occupied by C. E. Maddocks Insurance Company and the Cohn Ready-to-Wear and Millinery Shop, at 207-207 1/2 Main street, Ranger, which when completed will give the C. E. Maddocks agency twelve and one half feet more floor space, as well as a modern plate glass front with alcove entrance.  
The old stairway adjoining the south side of the insurance office has been torn out.  
The remodeling of this building calls to mind quite a bit of Ranger's history. The building was constructed about 1887 by Dr. C. E. Terrell, father of Drs. Cobe and Sanford

**Wills and Lenglen Are Now Read For Last Tennis Play**

**CANNES, France, Feb. 15.**—Helen Wills and Suzanne Lenglen are now ready to meet for the third time to decide which is the supreme mistress of the tennis court. Helen won her way into the finals today when she defeated Mme. Didi Valaco, 6-1 and 6-4. Immediately afterwards, Suzanne flashed an imposing victory over Madame Henrietta Contoslavio, 6-0 to 6-2.  
Barring illness or accident the two premier women players will settle the issue tomorrow, the play to start at 11 a. m.

**Geological Frat Invites Class**

**AUSTIN, Feb. 13.**—Sigma Gamma Epsilon, national honorary geological and mining fraternity, announces the invitation of the following Universities of Texas students: William Milton of Austin, Herman Foville of Wichita Falls, Robert Brown of Peersall, Guy Gierhart of Shamrock, Vaughn Maley of Monteola, David Harrell of Austin, Robert Cuyler of Austin, Frank Fulk of Dallas, and James Bryce. Only students of junior standing who have a B average in geology and a C average on other University work are eligible for election to the fraternity.  
Founded at the University of Kansas in 1915, Sigma Gamma Epsilon now has thirteen active chapters located at various state universities. Zeta Chapter was founded at the University of Texas in 1920. The purpose of the fraternity is to bring into closer union those students who intend to enter the field of geology or mining engineering and metallurgy, and to create a spirit of brotherhood among them, according to members of the organization.

**Sherwood Is County Town Without a Lawyer and Books**

A county seat town without a lawyer or even a set of law books.  
This is the unique description of Sherwood, the seat of government of Irion county, brought back to Eastland by Virgil E. Seabury and Carl P. Springer, attorneys who have been engaged in a hearing in the West Texas city.  
Sherwood is 25 miles beyond San Angelo and it is necessary for the lawyers to take law books from San Angelo to Sherwood. If additional authorities are required, an attorney has to hasten back to San Angelo for more volumes.  
The hearing was on the Suggs will, involving the estate of a cattle baron, and the county judge, who presided, was himself an unique character as he left his home when he was only 18 years old and roamed through China, the Fiji islands and New Zealand, returning to Sherwood only a few years ago, Springer states.

**RANGER PLANS TO ENTERTAIN OAKLEY FOLKS**

The trade extension committee of the Board of City Development of Ranger, with W. W. Housewright as chairman, has been asked to meet with the Oakley school district Saturday night, Feb. 20. Mr. Webb, justice of the peace in the Oakley district, is looking after that end of the program and Mr. Housewright will furnish the numbers requested from Ranger, which will include a quartette, a reading and a speaker.  
This is the first of a series of get-acquainted meetings to be sponsored by the extension committee and the rural schools and a good time is expected. The school will provide a part of the program and the ladies of the community will furnish refreshments.

**States to Drill Offset to Carter's Latest Gusher**

A well offsetting the Cowboy Evans-Barney Carter gusher in the new Rising Star field will be started at once by the States Oil corporation of Eastland it was stated today by Joseph M. Weaver, president of the company.  
W. H. Street is associated with the States in its holdings there.  
The States and Street well will be put down on the Allen. They already have a well on this lease making 9,000,000 feet of gas and they hope to be able to deepen it and make it into an oil well.

**Back Door Beggars In Evanston, Ind. Are Given Coupons**

**EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 15.**—A novel plan to save residents of this city from being annoyed by back-door beggars has been adopted by the Evanston social service league.  
Coupon books good for \$1 in service at the league are being sold to the needy. Then when a man knocks at the back door and asks for a handout he will be presented with a coupon.  
He must then take this coupon to the league headquarters. There, after it has been determined that he is needy and worthy of being helped, he will be given a "feed" and place to sleep.

**Electrical Students At University Form Branch of Institute**

**AUSTIN, Feb. 13.**—Reorganization of the student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at the University of Texas was effected recently, according to J. M. Bryant of the faculty of the department of electrical engineering. About 30 students were in attendance at the first meeting and the student officers elected were R. M. Baker of San Antonio, president; G. A. Sinigson of Austin, vice president; A. B. Atkinson of Austin, secretary treasurer and J. D. McFarland of Cleburne, corresponding secretary. Associate Professor J. A. Correll was chosen faculty adviser.

**CONTACT CAMP TO BE HELD AT COLLEGE STATION**

**COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 13.**—Captain George A. Murray of Houston, executive officer of the 360th infantry regiment of the 90th Division, was a recent visitor on the Campus. He came here for conferences with Colonel Ika Ashburn, commanding officer of the regiment, Lt. Col. Frank G. Anderson of the 438th field artillery and Lt. Col. F. H. Turner, commandant of the College, with reference to the holding of a contact camp at the college on February 20, 21 and 22.  
One hundred reserve officers, most of whom are in the 360th infantry and 438th field artillery and various branches of the service will attend the camp here. The program will include a review of the cadet corps of the College on Monday morning. Colonel Lindsey Blaney, reserve officer and president of the College of Industrial Arts, will be the speaker on the program of the morning. The camp program will consist of instruction in military science and tactics, the use of machine guns and other automatic weapons, principles of warfare, and war games. On Saturday evening there will be a regimental dinner for the 360th infantry and the 438th field artillery in the

mess hall.  
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# The YELLOW STUB

by Ernest Lynn

**BEGIN HERE TODAY:**  
Henry Rand, middle-aged business man, is found murdered in a cheap hotel in Grafton. Police find a woman's handkerchief and a yellow stub of a theatre ticket.

Jimmy Rand, his son, goes to Waterton where the theatre is. The stub is traced to a Thomas Fogarty, who says he gave it to Olga Maynard, a cabaret singer.

Jimmy meets and falls in love with Mary Lowell. Later he finds Olga Maynard, and she faints when he tells her she is suspected of murder. Mary, out with Samuel Church, a wealthy lawyer, sees Jimmy lift Olga into a taxi and misunderstands.

Olga tells police the ticket stub and handkerchief were hers but might have got into possession of a man who "picked her up" two nights before the murder. She doesn't know who he was. Police scoff, but Jimmy believes her and arranges for her release. He receives mysterious warnings to leave Waterton and on his way home one evening discovers he is being followed.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:**  
CHAPTER XVII.  
He swore. "What's the matter with me?" He had that strange hot and cold sensation that men often experience when a crisis is to be met.

Again he listened, straining his ears, and this time he heard a sound—a quite definite sound like a footstep—some distance down the street behind him. He stood quite still for a moment, then he pressed himself flat against the building and waited.

His back pressed closely against the building. Jimmy began to move cautiously away from the corner in search of a better position, for the street light on the corner picked out every nearby object in bold relief.

He felt a doorway at his back and stepped into its protective shadow. He saw that he was standing in the entrance to a grocery store. The place, closed for the night, was quite dark. The doorway, a few feet farther back from the street than the adjacent show window, offered him a haven from which he could command a clear view of anyone that passed without being readily seen himself.

The sound of that footfall—at least he felt positive it was a footfall—had entirely dissipated the feeling of uneasiness and vague irritation that had been preying on him.

In the shadow of the doorway he strained every nerve—watching, listening. He tensed his muscles, ready for instant action. His heart pounded terrifically.

"Nervous as a schoolboy," he said aloud. "Why don't I run?"

Now he was quite sure he heard footsteps again—following the same path he had taken to the corner. He waited, scarcely breathing, and then he saw a figure enter the corner of the building and emerge into the shadows into the light cast by the street lamp.

The man was looking—looking in the direction of Jimmy's rooming house. The light revealed his burly frame and, although a cap was pulled well down over his head and eyes, Jimmy got a clear view of the lower part of his face, the heavy chin and jaw.

He stood still for several seconds, looking and listening, and then he moved. As he drew abreast of the grocery store Jimmy stepped out into the light. "You seem to be looking for something," he suggested.

The other, startled at Rand's sudden appearance, jumped back. Recovering quickly, he muttered a reply and started to pass on.

"Come on, you were following me. What's the game?" Jimmy had moved quickly to block the man's path, his eyes glowing with hot anger.

"Out of the way, you—" With an oath the man in the cap suddenly shifted his right foot behind his left and swung a vicious blow with his right fist.

If it had found its mark the encounter must have ended right there. It swished wickedly through the air. But quickly as it had been launched, Jimmy had been quicker, and the blow fanned the air in front of his face as he sprang lightly back.

The man was still half turned with the force of his swing when Rand moved swiftly forward, and all the power in Jimmy's shoulders was in the straight thrusting punch that he aimed at the other's jaw. It crashed home, and the man staggered back on his heels. He tottered for an instant, and his knees sagged slightly, but he quickly regained his balance. With a bellow of rage he rushed his smaller opponent, his powerful arms

flailing as he sought to land one of those bone-crushing blows.

Jimmy had aimed at the point of the other's chin—the vulnerable "gutten," as it is known in prize-fighting circles. A powerful punch, landing squarely on that nerve center, robs a man of consciousness just as surely as does an ether cone in the hands of a surgeon.

"Too high," Jimmy muttered as he saw the other recover and come charging in. "I'll have to finish him or I'm gone."

It looked that way, certainly. A spectator witnessing that fight would have declared it too unequal. Rand, not a small man himself, but straight and slender for all of his breadth of shoulders, was actually dwarfed by the bulk of his antagonist, who was easily half a head taller and must have had a weight advantage of 20 or 30 pounds.

Once he reached out a mighty paw, showing surprising swiftness in a man of such size, and grabbed Jimmy by the arm, trying to draw him close. In that position his greater strength would have crushed the other into helplessness. Jimmy struggled against the grip, but his left arm was held fast. He clubbed his fist and brought it down with all his strength on the man's wrist, and the hold was broken.

Jimmy was not agile enough in backing away from those huge flailing fists and a thundering blow caught him on the shoulder and sent him reeling backward. He would have fallen if he had not backed into the brick wall of the building. He sprang away from the building and to one side just as the other came boring in with a bull-like rush. But another thing became apparent, too, as they maneuvered back and forth, the bigger man ever plunging forward and Jimmy retreating in a circle. That was this: In griving ground as he did, Jimmy not only managed to keep out of reach of the other's swings but also to keep to his opponent's right. Consequently the man was forced to turn slightly toward Jimmy before starting one of those right-hand "hay-makers"—and he seemed to be using his right hand two to one in preference to his left. Invariably, every time he made the shift Jimmy would dart in with a stinging punch to head or body and back again in time to avoid the return.

There was another marked difference between the two. Whereas his opponent's attack was confined to those mighty wide-arc swings, Jimmy was punching straight from the shoulder or snapping little short blows from the wrist. It is an axiom in scientific fighting, just as it is in mathematics, that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, and in countering as he did with those swift lance-like thrusts Jimmy was not only beating his antagonist to the punch every time, but he was astonishingly accurate. Besides this there was a deceptive power in those straight, snappy jabs that were raining a steady tattoo on the other's face and body.

"Come on and fight like a man." He snarled at Jimmy through lips that were puffed and bleeding. His breath was coming in short, jerky

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gasps, the effect of those telling body punches. "You damn dancin' master, you, let me get my hands on you and I'll break you in half."

Jimmy pulled up short, well out of the other's range, and dropped his hands. Save for a bloody ear, where one of those wild swings had grazed the side of his head, there was no visible mark on him. He surveyed his opponent, whose tight-fitting cap was still pulled well down on his head, and told him, with a good deal of contempt in his tone, where he could go.

"I'm going to put you to sleep in just about a minute," Jimmy informed the other coldly. "You're pretty near gone now. I'll be aiming for the button from now on."

"You ——" The man's battered countenance was contorted with rage. He gathered himself for another rush and Jimmy braced to meet it. He came charging in, head lowered, and retreating, stopped swiftly to his right, shifted his feet and then stepped in, lashing out as he did so with a lightning-like uppercut.

The other had no time to avoid the punch, but instinctively ducked, and Jimmy's fist, instead of finding its mark on the chin, crashed squarely on his nose. He went reeling back sickened into the building, and Jimmy waited for the final charge, which he knew would spell the end.

The finish was as unexpected as it was swift. Standing there braced against the wall, the man faced Jimmy much as an angry bull faces the final sword thrust of the matador. There was written on his face all the anger that a man can feel who has been beaten by a smaller antagonist.

"You may be interested to know," Rand said coolly, "that a little training in boxing is the greatest thing in the world to bring a big man down to your size. You may be interested, also, to know that after you go to sleep you are going to get a ride in the patrol wagon. I hope the police station benches are not hard."

"I'll kill you, you little squirt. You ——" He glared at Jimmy and hunched his shoulders. He took one slow step away from the wall and then suddenly checked himself. His right hand, dangling at arm's length, had come in contact with his coat pocket. A look of cunning crept into his eyes as he gazed steadfastly at Rand. His hand slid slowly into the pocket.

Jimmy, watching him narrowly, suddenly sprang at him. "Drop that

gun!" he cried as he closed in. His left hand gripped desperately the other's right wrist, while his right sought the man's throat.

He had his opponent backed against the wall, one arm pinned to his side and the other prevented from coming into action by the pressure of his own right forearm. He tightened his grasp on the man's throat. The latter, fighting convulsively for air, was trying to break the hold on his windpipe. Jimmy could feel him growing limp.

Jimmy suddenly released his hold on the man's wrist and thrust his own hand into the pocket. His fingers closed on a hard object and he jerked his hand away, at the same time letting go of the other's throat.

It was not a gun after all, but a blackjack. The man, slumped against the building, was sucking the air into his lungs in great gasps. Jimmy backed away from him, holding the weapon in his hand.

It was then that he heard someone running toward them—a patter of feet coming from the direction of his rooming house. The man backed against the wall heard them, too. Hope blazed into his eyes.

"Kid!" he cried. "Oh, kid!"

(To be continued.)

**RUSSIAN LAYS CLAIM TO INVENTION RADIO**

By United Press.  
MOSCOW—The soviet government has issued a stamp bearing the likeness of Prof. Alexander Popoff with the inscription, "inventor of radio" in Esperanto. The Russian scientist's claim to be the inventor of wireless is based on his feat in transmitting radio signals over a distance of 40 meters in 1895, the year before Marconi took out his first patent.

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