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THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS — Today and tonight partly cloudy to unsettled in north and fair in south portions. Colder in the Panhandle tonight. Livestock warnings in north portion.

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COLD WEATHER WARNING IS BROADCAST

FARMERS PLAN STANDARDIZING COTTON CROP

Better Seed and Uniform Variety Aim of Planters in Eastland County.

Movements recently inaugurated in many portions of Eastland county for a uniform variety of cotton show every indication of going over good. At a recent meeting of farmers at Rising Star, where the Chamber of Commerce is backing the movement, the kind of cotton was decided upon and orders taken for 500 bushels of seed. Efforts are being made to increase this number to at least 1,000 bushels. Orders for several tons of commercial fertilizer were also taken at this meeting.

At the various other communities where movements of a similar nature are on foot, much headway is being made and it is expected that meetings, at which the variety of seeds to be planted will be adopted, will be held in the immediate future.

Much valuable work has already been done in the way of terracing farms and County Agent Bush has plans for much more. In many communities the farmers have formed pools and purchased terracing equipment, and with instructions from the county agent, have terraced their own land.

For a number of years past Eastland county farmers have been using commercial fertilizer with splendid results and it is stated that much greater quantity will be used in the county this year than for any former year.

NEGRO SLAYER TO BE PUT INTO STRAIT-JACKET

Confesses To One Killing and Suspected of at Least Six Others.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—Wash Martin, confessed slayer of Mrs. Lena B. Levens, has been brought to the state penitentiary to be confined in a straitjacket. The negro, who is believed by authorities to have committed at least six other murders, has given evidence of being violently insane. He was brought from the Fort Smith jail, where, on several occasions, he has tried to beat out his brains on the floors and walls of his cell.

In the last five years seven white women have been slain in a lonely swamp near here and their bodies mutilated and, until his arrest and confession of the murder of Mrs. Levens, there has been no clue as to the identity of the murderer. He denies any knowledge of the other crimes but the police believe that he killed these women as they passed through the swamp when he was in one of his periodical insane spells.

Farm Co-operative Marketing Plans to Be Investigated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The federal trade commission today started an investigation of farm co-operative marketing enterprises in the United States with a view to devising and helping in the successful marketing of crops.

Federal Trade Commissioner Thompson was on his way today to Denver to confer with co-operative marketing leaders there in compliance with orders of the commission to carry out the terms of a senate resolution at the last session of congress.

Federal Commission to Regulate Movies Industry Proposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Proposals for a federal commission to regulate the motion picture industry are before congress again. Representative Swoop, Pennsylvania, republican, is the author of a bill in the house to provide federal regulation of the movies.

"Motion picture regulation has been adopted in every civilized country," he said. "Even Russia and Japan have undertaken regulations."

HOLIDAYS PASS SERENELY IN EASTLAND COUNTY

No casualties were reported in Eastland or Ranger during the holidays and officers were compelled to make only a few arrests. One fire, in Eastland, that which destroyed a residence and its contents on West Main street Christmas night, were the only losses by fire, and it is not definitely known that this fire was caused by fire works. An automobile on fire called the Ranger fireman to Main street, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

Christmas Celebrations Take Heavy Toll of Life in American Cities

By United Press.
The celebration of Christmas, the day of peace and goodwill, cost a toll of 80 lives in 27 American cities, a survey by the United Press revealed today. Fatalities in cities and towns that included in the survey may bring the figure above 100.

The automobile was responsible for the major portion of the toll, 53 having lost their lives in traffic accidents. The gun was the second heaviest offender, 13 persons having been shot to death. Liquor ranks third, only seven deaths from liquor poisoning having been reported, although many cities told of hospitals having a number of cases of persons suffering from the effects of bad liquor.

VICE RESUMES ITS SWAY IN PHILADELPHIA

By United Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—With Gen. Smedley Butler, Philadelphia's clean-up crusader, definitely in retirement, the war between vice and the law broke out anew over the holidays. Resorts of various kinds were reported to have thrown open their doors Christmas eve and yesterday as the first move in their campaign to tilt the lid Butler has been sitting upon for two years.

George W. Elliott, Butler's successor, said he was surprised that the lawless element had become active, adding he had known they were merely awaiting Butler's departure from office to break out again.

PRESIDENT SUPPORTED IN WORLD PEACE PARLEY PLANS

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Representative Madden of Illinois, chairman of the house appropriations committee, today pledged his support to the president's plan for American participation in the League of Nations disarmament conference. An appropriation of \$75,000 will be provided by congress to pay the expenses of a delegation from the United States to the commission which is to prepare the way for the conference, Madden said.

Madden reported to Mr. Coolidge on plans to push the government appropriations through the house and indicated that the expected quarrels over the army and navy appropriations might delay final passage of the bills until March or later.

Men of the Ranger Christian Church to Dine Monday Night

Rev. H. B. Johnson of the Christian church announces that there will be a dinner at the DeGroot hotel Monday night at 8 o'clock. All the men members of the church and their friends are cordially invited to attend this dinner.

ITALIAN FASCISTI CLAIM HANDS OFF IN AMERICA

By United Press.
ROME, Dec. 26.—Answering charges by President Groves of the American Federation of Labor that the Italian fascisti was being organized in America, the Italian fascisti leaders said they had no intention of interfering in any way with affairs in America.

CONVICTED EMBEZZLER GIVEN IMMEDIATE PAROLE

By United Press.
DALLAS, Dec. 26.—J. A. McMichael, under five-year sentence upon conviction of embezzlement, was granted a forty-day parole today by the governor before beginning his sentence. Immediately upon receipt of the clemency grant county officials released McMichael.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living off the main thoroughfares of the world, seldom visited by travelers, nestled between the Malay peninsula and French Indo-China, is one of the few remaining pure monarchies, Siam, not quite so large as Texas with about twice the population (10,000,000). About 25 years ago the great missionary denominations distributed among themselves the mission territory for which each denomination should specially be responsible. The great Presbyterian church having begun work in Bangkok, the capital, in 1860, was assigned full responsibility for the evangelization and training of these wonderful people.

In an illustrated lecture in the Ranger Presbyterian church Sunday, 7 p. m., the pastor will show all who are interested how successfully this work is being accomplished by 87 missionaries and 475 native workers. These include evangelists and pastors, medical missionaries and nurses and teachers. It would be fine if these same forces were all working together in the same harmony and for the accomplishment of the same results in our own, as in foreign lands. Do not fail to get the lessons to be had from seeing this wonderful collection of slides from Siam.

FOREST AVENUE HIGH OF DALLAS DEFEATS CISCO

Wins Game At Cisco, 7 to 0, and North Texas Championship. Will Play Waco.

Forrest Avenue High School of Dallas defeated the Cisco Lobos on the football field at Cisco yesterday afternoon, score 7 to 0. Forrest Avenue made a touchdown and kicked a goal in the second quarter on a 37-yard pass, Jones to Barnett, who caught the ball on Cisco's goal line and fell over it. Barnett kicked goal.

The crowd of spectators, estimated at 12,000, filled the grandstand and bleachers and overflowed into the field. The game was interesting throughout. Notwithstanding that Forrest Avenue High had the game won after the early part of the second quarter, it able merely to keep the Lobos from scoring, the Dallas boys played even harder than before, seeking to increase their score.

Right at the beginning of the game Forrest Avenue took the ball from their own 20-yard line to Cisco's one-foot line, where they lost the ball on downs. Irving for Cisco then kicked his best punt of the game, the ball going 80 yards.

Forrest Avenue made eleven first downs and Cisco made nine. Few passes were made, line punting apparently being preferred. It was a clean game throughout, neither team being penalized.

This victory will enable Forrest Avenue to play Waco for the State high school championship, Waco having defeated Robstown, 32 to 0, in the South Texas finals at Waco, Saturday afternoon.

NORRIS FIGHTS FOR PUBLICITY OF INCOME TAX

Will Fight Elimination of This Provision in New Tax Bill.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The answer to criticisms of income tax publicity is that every income tax statement should be published, according to Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, who announced today he would oppose elimination of the publicity provision in the income tax law and seek to provide even more publicity for income tax returns. The finance committee of the senate will recommend that the publicity provision be left out, as was done in the house.

Norris, who led the fight for publicity before, expects the have the support of the insurgent Republicans and progressives of his own party and of most of the Democrats. "Whoever heard of a business being hurt by the publicity given in the books of the city or county tax assessor?" Norris asked. He contends that secrecy in governmental affairs caused the Russian revolution. "We must not forget our own government is subject to the same rational laws," he said, "and that the secrecy in American government will bring on corruption and tyranny as surely as in Russia."

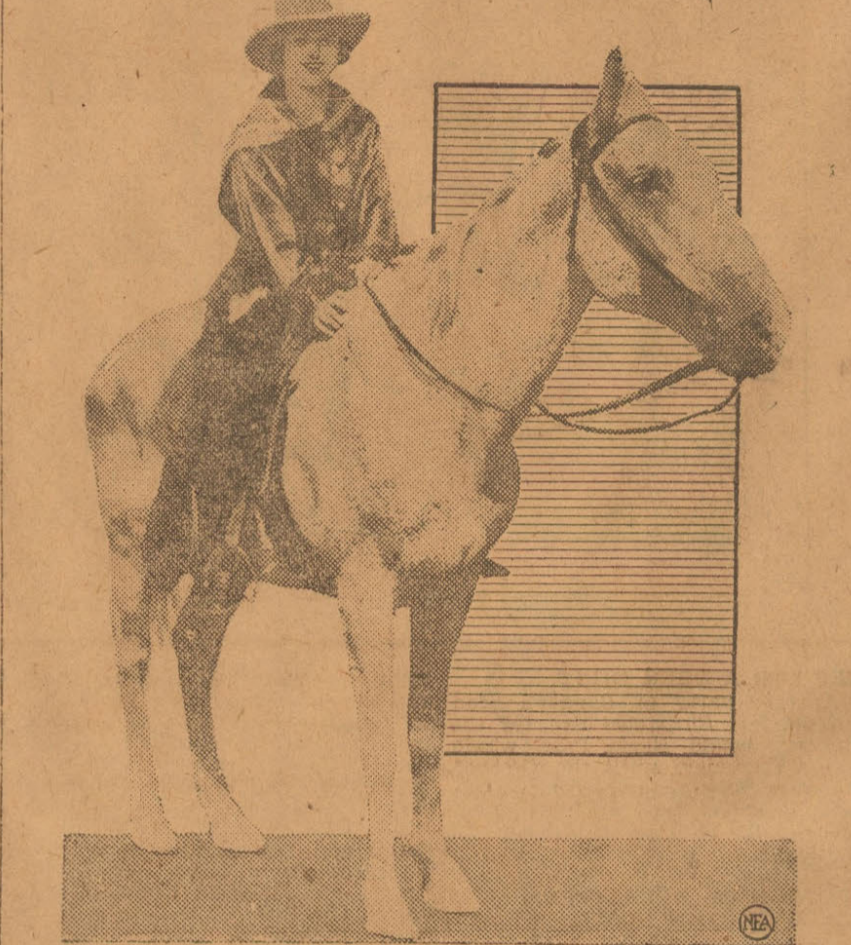
Denying that publicity of income tax returns was opposed because of harmful effect on business, Norris declared the real reason was an attempt of millionaires to escape just taxation.

Mitchell Has Many Jobs Offered Him But Is Not Accepting Any

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Col. William Mitchell is not accepting any jobs pending the final action of President Coolidge on the penalty imposed on him in his court-martial trial. He has had many, the latest being a request to head an aviation field development project. Nearly a score of offers are on his desk, but he does not intend to take any action on any of them at present.

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 26.—Sam Smith, 78, was burned to death today in a fire ignited by the explosion of an oil stove, which also consumed his house.

TEXAS LEGION'S MASCOT THAT WILL LIVE IN SONG



Here is Sarah, "The Old Gray Mare," mascot of the Brownwood, (Tex.) American Legion, who died just as the Texas and Oklahoma legions were starting a membership contest to see which state should take her to the next national convention. She is shown with Miss Mae Peterson, grand opera star, riding her.

AMAZING FEATS ATTEND PROPER MUSCLE CONTROL

Discovered Secrets of Physical Culture Give Power To The Parsees.

By United Press.
BOMBAY, Dec. 26.—The Parsees have recovered from their ancient past some marvelous secrets of physical culture, equally available for both old and young, it was indicated by a remarkable exhibition given here before the leaders of the Parsee sect by a small group which calls itself the Zoroastrian Health League.

A slim young school girl, dressed in native costume, but with her sleeves pinned back to free her arms, lifted a heavy army sabre—the kind that cavalryman would exert himself to handle—and began, first slowly, then more rapidly, swinging and flashing it through the air and around her head. She swayed toward it, pulled by its weight and she retreated staggering before it as it pressed its solid momentum against her, but she controlled it and with a slowing swing finally brought it to a dead stop before her and dropped it to the floor. The Parsees cheered and the school girl skipped to the wings.

Then some very ordinary school boys gave a wringing, lightning-like exhibition of wrestling—a sort of compromise between native Indian wrestling and a kind of Parsee jujitsu. Small boys flashed wriggling and kicking in the air and dropped with a thud on the great mat only to be up in a second tossing their pliant tormentors similarly or perhaps even more adroitly. It was a great contrast to the heavy Western style of wrestling where two men grunt in a deadlock from which neither can budge. The Indian-Parsee version is more like Japanese tumbling except that the tumblers seek to tumble each other.

Then a middle-aged man who had, it was explained, "only taken it up recently," showed some stunts in scientific weight-lifting; his face showed concentration but no strain while his biceps—very ordinary looking biceps—exerted themselves only moderately as it seemed. But from various awkward positions he got a solid chunk, a hundredweight, into the air chiefly, as was explained, by "knowing how." Another devotee of the art who had concentrated on "muscle-control" lay down on the stage while the wheels of a heavy motor-car ran over his abdomen.

Poisoning From Bad Liquor Sends Many Victims to Hospital

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Hospitals treated many cases of poisoning from bad liquor yesterday. At Bellevue Hospital there were twenty-seven cases resulting from various forms of liquor poisoning. In addition, many went sent to their homes after getting first aid.

CHINESE CARRY VICTIMS' HEADS PARADING CITY

Gruesome Christmas Celebration Reported at Mukden in Civil War.

By United Press.
TOKIO, Dec. 26.—Mukden, according to reports reaching here, celebrated Christmas by parading through the streets with the heads of General Kuo Sung Liang, enemy of Chang Tso Lin, and Kuo's wife, carried on poles. The couple were slain, reportedly, because they resisted capture.

After the gruesome parade, the heads were impaled over the main gate of the city.

Quarrel Beginning Over Beating a Dog Has Fatal Ending

By United Press.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Charles Baker is in jail today charged with murder because he wanted to protect his dog. Baker surrendered to police yesterday with the statement he had shot and killed John Krause on a houseboat near the Illinois shore in the Mississippi River. The body of Krause was found later.

Mrs. Ella Briggs is Released From Jail

By United Press.
PALERMO, Sicily, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ella Briggs, New York architect held by the Italian police for an unexplained reason, was released from custody today. Previously the police admitted to the United States that detectives of the police squad had detained her but declined to divulge anything about the case.

QUARREL OVER CHRISTMAS FIREWORKS ENDS FATALLY

By United Press.
NATCHITOCHES, La., Dec. 26.—Samuel Brown, 22, was held here today charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Clifford Grape, 20, at Campt, near here, last night. The killing followed an altercation over shooting of Christmas fireworks.

Badit Shoots Man Who Fights to Defend Money of Employer

By United Press.
McKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fighting with a negro thug in an effort to save money he was about to take to a bank, Frank F. Ranney, manager of the Clairton branch of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company was shot and wounded today. He is in a critical condition.

When confronted by the bandit, Ranney hurled a heavy ledger at him and then scooped the money into a drawer. As the bandit opened fire Ranney closed in and fought with him through the offices into the street until he dropped, weakened by loss of blood.

BATTLE RAGES IN DANCE HALL THREE KILLED

By United Press.
BROOKLYN, Dec. 26.—A Christmas dancing party in a Twentieth street dance hall ended in a quarrel and three men were shot to death, the police discovered this morning. None of the dead was identified.

Patrolman Richard Morano discovered the killing when he came across the body of one man in the gutter. He saw a trail of blood, followed it through a doorway and there found the bodies of two other men, one on top of the other, both dead. Four revolvers lay beside the bodies.

The station revealed that about twenty couples had attended the dance party, which broke up after midnight this morning in apparent confusion. From what the police could learn, several strangers had entered the hall and trouble followed the attempt to eject them. An Italian family living on the floor above the dance hall could give little information. Inside the hall all was in disorder, tables being overturned, chairs broken and every indication there had been a fierce battle raging over the entire hall.

SCHOONER GOES ASHORE IN CHESAPEAKE BAY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The three-masted ship Minnie and Emma, is ashore in Chesapeake bay near Point Lookout, Md., the coast guard announced today. High waves are washing over the ship. The coast guard ship has been ordered to the rescue.

Five U. S. Destroyers Sent From Manila to Chinese Stations

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Dispatch of five American destroyers from Manila to Chinese waters was announced today. The Stewart, John D. Ford, the Truxton, Peary and Pillsbury, comprising the Forty-third Destroyer Squadron, made up the contingent. No explanation was given, but it was said it was an ordinary shift of personnel.

THREE LAWYERS ENGAGED TO DEFEND F. M. SNOW

By United Press.
FORT WORTH, Dec. 26.—M. L. Munday, an attorney, will defend F. M. Snow, confessed triple murderer, in his trial at Stephenville, Jan. 18. W. E. Crowell of Farmersville and Wallace Scott of Dublin also will defend Snow.

Stricken Family is Appreciative of All Sympathy and Help

"I can not begin to express my appreciation of and thanks for what the people of Ranger have done for my family and for me," said Charles H. Griffin, who lost his infant son last Tuesday afternoon in a fire that destroyed his dwelling house and all in it. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin came to Ranger about three years ago and previously lived in Cleburne. "The people of Ranger are the best I ever heard of when it comes to helping those in distress," said Griffin.

ACTUAL WINTER NOW BEGINNING, SAYS FORECAST

Zero Temperatures in Middle West and Northern Due Today or Tonight.

Except for a few spurts of cool weather, the winter so far has been quite mild throughout Texas, and Christmas weather in Eastland county was ideal for those who like to spend some time out of doors. The winter season really begins, it is said, Dec. 25, and an old adage says: "When the days begin to lengthen, then the cold begins to strengthen."

Three days ago the six-month period of lengthening days began and now the cold weather is forecast. The weather bureau at Dallas yesterday sent out a livestock warning for today in the Panhandle country and for tonight throughout North Texas, indicating that a severe winter was on the way and would strike here some time today.

Throughout the middle west states bitter cold was reported yesterday and, apparently, it was just the beginning of the approach of Jack Frost, for Christmas Day, although the snow covered the ground in many sections of the country, generally was reported mild.

When the weather bureau sends out a livestock warning it behooves the farmers and ranchmen who have livestock to get them under shelter of some kind. It behooves owners of automobiles to drain their radiators or else see they are plentifully supplied with commercial alcohol. It means that heavy overcoats will be in demand, warm gloves comfortable and stoves should be in good working order. The approach of a northern that is not easily overlooked and when the weather bureau sends out such a warning it deserves attention.

Mercury Flirting With Zero and Going Into Lower Levels

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Winter blew an icy breath over the heart of the mid-west tonight driving the mercury to a new low level. It was expected to fall as low as 50 degrees below zero before morning, forecasters said.

The almost deadly cold is spreading rapidly into the south. The middle west, already a sufferer of low temperature, is slated for yet colder weather. It was three above zero in Chicago late this afternoon and 10 below was forecast tonight. Near the Canadian line the mercury stood at 15 below zero and the cold was becoming more intense.

Missouri will have a taste of real winter by morning, the weather bureau forecasting a drop to near zero. While the weather has been rather mild further south, the cold will invade the south into the Texas Panhandle. Six men died in Chicago today, four being frozen to death.

Bitter Cold Weather and Zero Temperature in the Middle West

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Bitter cold cripples the middle west today with temperature as low as 10 degrees under zero. There is no relief in sight in the immediate future, according to the weather bureau. In Chicago the thermometer stood at zero with the suburbs reporting two to five degrees below.

More than 100 fires were reported in Chicago in the last twenty-four hours. Underwood with overhead stoves and furnaces. Duluth, Minn., reported 13 degrees below zero during the night, the lowest of the season.

Newsboys Remembered and So Is the Boss

Newsboys and carriers of the Ranger Daily Times were not forgotten Christmas morning for when they came down at 5 o'clock to get their complimentary Christmas edition, circulating manager, C. F. Underwood, presented each boy with a box of initialed handkerchiefs and a nice pocket knife.

The boys were not the only ones who were remembered for they presented Mr. Underwood with a handsome vest pocket fountain pen and pencil set, which he is today proudly exhibiting as a gift from his boys.

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL VISITING IN RAISING STAR

RISING STAR, Dec. 26.—Rev. and Mrs. Jalmar Bowden of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, arrived the first of the week for a visit with Mr. Bowden's father, J. N. Bowden, and will go from here to El Paso for a visit to Mrs. Bowden's parents.

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Society

AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

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MONDAY.
St. Rita's Altar society will have a business meeting at 2:30 at the school.

WEDNESDAY.
Wednesday Bridge club meets with Mrs. Harry Lossdon.

THURSDAY.
Elks dance in the evening.
Prayer meeting at all churches.

ONCE A WEEK.

The bachelor, the married man and the widower, the three classes of adult men. Perhaps the most interesting of these is the widower. The Bible does not say a thing about one looking after the widower, although we are commanded to take care of the widow and the orphan but the Giver of Commands evidently knew enough of human nature to know that all widowers are perfectly capable of looking after themselves.

Look at the sod variety—the poor, lonely creature who stands at the brink of his wife's grave and gives voice to his sentiments. Look at the crepe band around his hat and watch it grow narrower and narrower, day by day until it fades into nothingness never to be replaced by a new one of the same variety. Watch the emphasis on his dead wife's tombstone and watch his step to the "narrow marriage altar."

It's funny how a man bereft of his wife suddenly thinks that he has stepped back into his youth again, of course it's his second childhood, but his head is too far up in the clouds for him to realize it, and he fondly hunts up and courts some girl young enough to be his own daughter, firmly believing that December can happily mate with May—and never wakes up to the fact that he has been entertaining a delusion until it's too late, the knot is tied and he suddenly comes to his senses when a sharp pull on the cherished back-knoll makes him realize that it was the prime factor in the courtship and not himself. They're funny and they are pitiful. They're generally marry again for as a rule they have married one good woman and are on the trail for one to fill her place. They are used to home and don't like to take up the habits of a bachelor. If they pulled a boner in the first marriage and saw it end in a divorce court, they are just as anxious to try again, for they feel sure that their second selection could not be a mistake, yet nine times out of ten a man marries true to type and number two generally has quite a lot of the characteristics of number one, which was the loadstone that attracted him. There are a lot of widowers and a lot of widows each on the other's trail.

MISS WRIGHT ENTERTAINS FRIENDS CHRISTMAS DAY.
Miss Alpine Wright entertained a few of her friends Christmas day with a dinner, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright, of South Austin street. The Wright home was jolly and cheerful in its many pretty Christmas decorations and the dinner menu included all the good things that one looks forward to at Christmas time. After dinner some time was spent in kodaking, followed by a theatre party and in the evening the dinner party was joined by a number of other young people, who with them spent the rest of the evening dancing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Morgan. Places were marked at the dinner table for Misses Annabelle Phillips, Winifred Dunkle, Messrs. Hearold Morgan, Jim Cox, Charles Morgan and the hostess.

THE LEAKE FAMILY RETURN HOME.
Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Leake and daughter Joy, have returned from Abilene, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Leake's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Humphreys.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Santa Claus, Spark Plug and a Christmas offering to the Buckner's Orphan's Home were the three outstanding features of the Christmas program given at the First Baptist Church, Christmas Night. It was typically a children's celebration and there was a representative crowd of children present. The tree was a most resplendent one and Santa was as usual a jolly old fellow who seemed well acquainted with the children of the Sunday school and to know just their heart's desire.

An easel covered with a sheet was almost plastered with one dollar bills, there being something like \$115, which was an offering from those present to the Buckner's Orphan's Home.

All the children present were on tip-toe with excitement to see what Santa was bringing their superintendent, Walter Murray, and especially since it was in such a large box that it had to be hauled from under the tree with a rope. They even got so excited that they stood up in the seats watching Mr. Murray open the box and unwrap layer after layer of paper, until way down at the bottom of the box, in the very last layer of paper lay revealed his gift, Spark Plug.

Everyone present had a good time, joined in the singing and in the happy spirit of the Christmastide.

ROBERT HORTON MARRIES IN BRECKENRIDGE.
Robert Horton of Rising Star, general manager of the Bridgeport Tool Company, of Ranger, was married Christmas Eve in Breckenridge, at the Christian Church, to Miss Mabel Crawford of that city. Rev. Shupertworth performed the wedding ceremony. The bride was groomed in woodland by her mother and other accessories to harmonize.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton will make their home in Ranger, at the Bridgeport Tool Company plant.

OUT OUR WAY



THE NEXT TO THE LAST FAREWELL.

BY WILLIAMS

CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.
421 Fine street—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Wednesday services at 8 p. m. Reading room open Tuesday, hours 2 to 5 p. m.

SALVATION ARMY
South Austin street, near Elm.—Services on the street at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school in the hall on South Austin street at 2:30 p. m. Evening service at 8:15 o'clock. All invited.

RCM CATHOLIC
Blackwell road—Mass each Sunday at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor, will preach at the 11 o'clock service on "Lamps Going Out." At the evening service, Max Dunlap, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dunlap of Ranger, will preach. This will be the only opportunity friends of Mr. Dunlap will have to hear him preach, as he returns to the College of California in a few days, where he is studying to be a missionary. Those who promised their one dollar for the Buckner orphan's home and failed to bring it to the Christmas tree are asked to bring it at one of these services. Sunday school at 9:45, Walter Murray, superintendent. Sunbeams meet at 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Sunday school at 9:45. Morning hour from 11 to 12 will be used in electing Sunday school officers, and in appointing teachers for the ensuing year. Also reports from the Sunday school and the church work for the year 1925. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. State assembly meeting at Cisco, Dec. 29 to Jan. 1. Your presence will be appreciated both here and at Cisco.

The present pastor, E. W. Barrett, is resigning the pastorate here and at Eastland, Dec. 31, and is going to Dallas. Mrs. Robert Covington of Ranger has consented to take the temporary oversight until a new pastor is called.

CENTRAL BAPTIST.
There will be a double-header sermon at the Baptist church this morning, at which time Mrs. A. L. Leake will preach on "The Widower's Mite" and Rev. A. L. Leake will preach on "The Widower's Mite." At the evening hour the pastor's subject will be "The Fallen Woman." Special music at both services. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. You are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN.
Corner of Marston and Walnut Sunday school, 9:45. All members and friends are urged to be present. Eastland had 97 to Ranger's 94 last Sunday. "Our Debt to All People" will be the subject of the pastor's sermon at 11 a. m. The young people will meet in the clubrooms at 5:30. At 7 p. m., an illustrated lecture will be given on Siam, one of the special missionary churches of the Presbyterian church. Watch night will be observed Thursday night. You are cordially invited to work and worship with us.

NAZARENE CHURCH
510 Spring road—Sunday school morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday night.

METHODIST
Sunday school will meet promptly at 9:45 a. m. L. E. Forrest, superintendent. Junior church, with Mrs. A. W. Hall as teacher, will meet in the basement. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening hours. League meets at 7 o'clock. You are invited to be present and worship with us. A. W. Hall, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Main at Marston—H. B. Johnson, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Don't forget the Holloway Bible class at the old C. of C. building, South Austin, 10 a. m. This will be the last Sunday you will get to attend church in the year of 1925. How will you spend it? Come to the little church up the street from your hotel, if you are a stranger in the city. Special music at both services.

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OFF FOR A DEER HUNT.
Another party of Ranger's good hunters left Christmas Eve for the country around Eagle Pass, where they will remain until the first of the year hunting for deer. This party included Mr. J. C. Smith, John Tibbels, R. V. Trammell and Bill McCleugh.

REUNION OF RELATIVES AT COVINGTON HOME.
Christmas was a merry day at the E. S. Covington home at Lone Star Plant No. 1, when Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lash of Dallas, formerly of Ranger and their two twin daughters, Pauline and Josephine, and Mrs. Harold V. Burke of Honolulu, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Covington. Mr. Lash is Mr. Covington's mother and Mrs. Burke is his sister. A nice and dim of were prominent features of the day's pleasures. Mr. and Mrs. Lash and daughters will be several days here and the young ladies during that time will visit with their former friends, the Misses Hintons.

ELKS ANNOUNCE NEW YEAR DANCE.
As usual the Elks will hold their annual New Year's dance, on New Year's Eve. This is an event that is always looked forward to with much happy interest and it is their premier dance of the year. This year with the Southern Night Hawks of Minneapolis furnishing the music, it promises even to surpass any of the former ones. There will be serpentine, corinth, mowing, and horse and other noise making toys will be given as favors, so that on the stroke of midnight the new year may be properly welcomed in. Invitations are being mailed to folks in Strawn, Eastland, Cisco, Breckenridge, Thurber and Dadeville.

NEW NOTES T. C. OF M. AND P. T. A.
The following news notes have been received from Mrs. Will T. Dechard, publicity chairman Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations:

The organizations affiliated with the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations are spreading Christmas cheer in the towns and communities where they are at work. Community Christmas trees and entertainments and gifts for neglected children and the teaching of the real meaning of Christmas are important parts of the work. The organization that has for its aim the welfare of the child in the home, the school and the community delights to celebrate this Birthday of a Child, who was the most complete gift of God's love.

And with all the Christmas cheer joy plans are going forward for the new year. The state president, Mrs. C. E. Maddox, calls upon members of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations to look upon the fields and see what rich opportunities for service await them. Never before have so many avenues of work for child welfare been open. The state organization, with six departments functioning, is prepared to go forward and to make 1926 witness a decided advance in accomplishments for child welfare.

It will add to the Christmas joy of members of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations to know that Mrs. Charles Woodson, San Antonio, president of the fifth district, who was taken ill the first day of the state convention at El Paso, and was prevented from attending a single session of the convention and who has been confined to the Baylor hospital in San Antonio since that time recovering from a serious operation, is reported slowly improving. Mrs. Woodson has been in the state work 10 or more years first serving as a state officer, recording secretary, then as vice president to the state organization and president of the old fifth district which included two counties that now comprise the fifth and seventh districts. The state officer is glad to make this announcement to the many inquiring friends over Texas who know and love Mrs. Woodson through her efficient and self-sacrificing service to the congress.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Knott gave a birthday party in honor of their twin sons, Hays and Roy Knott, and Ray Laney of Eastland, at their home on North Marston street Wednesday night. The house was beautifully decorated with holiday colors. There was one large cake with 18 candles and another one with 16 candles, and a beautiful Christmas tree laden with gifts for the honor guests from their guests. A pleasant evening was spent in dancing and playing games and refreshments typical of the season were served to Misses Evelyn Ivy, Mildred Hays, Velma Brown, Ola Blair, Dean Myers, Margaret Sutherland, Elaine Riddle, Roma Riddle, Messrs. Burney Marlow, Truman Bohanan, Buck Blair, Arlys Niver, Joe Niver, Rex Alworth, Richard Alworth, Ray Grubbs, Allen Haws, Jess Seary, Frank Owens, Bill Ash. Out of town guests were Roy Laney and Miss Lola Raney of Royal Laney and Miss Lola Laney of

A PRETTY CHRISTMAS TREE.
The Helpers, of the Methodist Church, were delightfully entertained by their teacher, Mrs. E. H. Chaplin, at the church, on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Their own Sunday schoolroom was beautifully decorated with Christmas decoration and in one corner of the room a gay little Christmas tree smiled a happy welcome to each little miss present and every member of the class, which is composed of girls between 10 and 11 years old, was present with the exception of three. Contests were enjoyed as were other games and refreshments of hot chocolate, topped with whipped cream, cake, candy and apples were served cafeteria style. Members of the class had previously exchanged names for the giving of gifts and each one present received a pretty gift.

PERSONALS.
Raymond McMillen is home from Tulsa. The weekly office is spreading the week-end with Mrs. E. L. Miller. A festive dinner was enjoyed at the McMillen home Christmas Day which included Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Conner from Tulsa, Raymond McMillen and the host and hostess.

Mark Norton of Ponis arrived in Ranger on the early morning train Christmas morning for a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Glazner spent Christmas in Weatherford, the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Coleman left Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Paul Laev, and together with them attend a dinner party at the home of a mutual friend in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Stubbs of Eastland, aunt and uncle of Mrs. Gus Coleman, were dinner guests of the Coleman's Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sullivan who have been to Ardmore visiting Mr. Sullivan's people since their wedding day, Saturday, Dec. 26, are expected home today. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. A. W. Hall and immediately left on a wedding journey. Mr. Sullivan is with the Prompt Printery and Mrs. Sullivan, who prior to her marriage was Miss Anna V. Ellis, is a niece of Mrs. Stevens. Rodger Shook and Miss Eva Stevens were attendants at the wedding.

Claude Disharoon of Paris, Texas, spent Christmas with his mother at the Lone Star camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowner are spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman in Fort Worth.

CORSICANA WOMAN PROVES HERSELF HERO IN A FIRE
DALLAS, Dec. 26.—Fire party destroyed a two-story frame apartment house here today. Mrs. S. R. Shipp of Corsicana, visiting here, carried three of her children to safety and nine others. Damage was estimated at \$16,000.

OHIO MAN ENDS LIFE LEAVING FROM HIGH BRIDGE
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Leaping from a bridge 150 feet high, Emil McKay, 39, ended his life today. McKay's wife is in a hospital suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident, Dec. 20, and his net been told of her husband's death.

MRS. RIDDLE RECEIVES WORD OF FATHER-IN-LAW'S DEATH
Mrs. George L. Riddle of Ranger, has received word of the death of Mr. Riddle's father, James Riddle, after an illness of about two weeks. He died last Saturday night at his home in McNeil, Ark. Before being attracted to the oil fields of Arkansas, about two years, the home of Mr. Riddle was in Clarksburg, W. Va. His son, George, was with him during the last two weeks of his illness.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
E. S. Gregory and Miss Glenn McKinley, Ranger.
Lee Ponder and Miss Alta Moore, Wingate, route No. 2.
H. L. Tomlinson and Miss Lila McGlothlin, Long Beach, Calif.
G. H. Falk and Miss Ada Rose Ranger.
John H. Kleiner and Miss Johnnie Mae Jensen, Cisco.
Dave Duncan and Miss Eunice Carroll, Cisco.
O. K. Norton and Miss Dovie Hill Olden.
Charlie Rogers and Miss Letty Crawley, Gorman.

SWEDISH STEAMER DRIFTING HELPLESSLY AT SEA, REPORT
The ship of Peace, HALIFAX, Dec. 26.—The marine department today was without word of the fate of the Swedish steamer Carlholm, reported last night drifting helplessly several hundred miles off the Norwegian Coast. A night message said the rudder and rudder post of the 2,200-ton craft had been swept away in the heavy seas.

GRAIN ELEVATOR AT HEREFORD COLLAPSES
HEREFORD, Dec. 26.—Word here on the debris resulting from the collapse of Harrison's grain elevator, one of the largest in the Panhandle, was under way today. With about 100,000 bushels in storage, the structure collapsed Friday night. Marketing of grain will be seriously affected in this section, it is said.

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Barbara Hawley, 25, self-willed and talented, breaks with her fiancé, Bruce Reynolds, and sets a job on the Telephone in order to see life. Andrew McDermott, the managing editor, is a former friend of her father. She makes friends with Bob Jeffries, police reporter, and through him meets Jerome Ball, man about town, at a roadhouse, where a prominent local man commits suicide, and Barbara, covers the story. She picks up a red scarf left in the room by the unknown woman companion of the dead man.

Bruce has joined the real estate firm of Manners, Stone & Reynolds, which is promoting Vale Acres, a mammoth real estate project. Lydia Stacy, a rich widow, refuses to invest in Vale Acres, when Bruce fails to respond to her blandishments.

Barbara gets many letters from a girl named Violetta, which she prints and answers in the love column. She reads of Bruce's marriage to Violetta Cranky, a box factory employee, and realizes that she has engineered Violetta's campaign to win him.

Barbara's mother is taken ill. Suggestions of crooked dealings in the Manners, Stone & Reynolds enterprises are abroad. McDermott assigns the story to Barbara. She sees Manners leave town suddenly and reports it to McDermott, who tells her Lydia Stacy is the person who gave him the first tin on the matter. Barbara is sent to interview Bruce on the crash of the Vale Acres project and meets him in the crowded hallway of his office.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:
CHAPTER XXX.

Barbara stood in front of him, but he only looked down. His hands were thrust deep in his pockets and his shoulders slumped.

She stared at him with large, frightened eyes for several minutes. At length he started and raised his eyes to her face. His brows drew together, as if he was trying to recognize her. He said nothing.

"Bruce," she whispered at last. At the word, he drew back. In an instant he had turned abruptly and gone back into the office, closing the door in her face.

Barbara almost staggered as she turned away. In the front hall, the crowd had disappeared. She opened the door of the Manners, Stone & Reynolds company and found a throng inside.

The bald little Mr. Stone was standing on a desk trying to talk. Above the exclamations of the crowd, his thin voice could be heard only occasionally. "Now gentlemen," he was saying, over and over. "Now, gentlemen."

Barbara pushed through to the front row. Stone recognized her. He leaped from the desk and seized her wrist. "Come into my office," he whispered. "I want to talk to you."

The crowd saw its prey escaping and made no move to block his way, but Stone and Barbara were too quick for them. They were in his private office and the door was shut. "Look here, Miss Hawley," he stammered, "don't blame me for not talking last night. You know how these things are. An ounce of publicity will destroy what chances there are of recovery. I still think we'd have come through if the damn press had let us alone. I beg your pardon, but I sometimes swear when I am excited."

He looked so mild and his profanity was so different that Barbara almost smiled in the midst of agony. "You see, Reynolds and I never smelled a mouse till two days ago. Reynolds went to Chicago to try to get a loan to help out. Manners must have guessed we were on to him and decided to skip before Reynolds got back. I'll swear we never thought he'd do it. In fact, we had the goods on him so straight I thought he'd not dare to make a move."

"But Reynolds and I are innocent in this. And if the public isn't too bloodthirsty maybe we'll save a scrap of reputation yet. You'll try to help us?"

He looked like a bashful child begging for a cookie. Barbara again stifled the wish to laugh.

"I'll try to write the truth, Mr. Stone," she answered. "But I can't color it, for you or anybody else. Will Mr. Reynolds make a statement?"

"He will if you can catch him," replied the man. "But my guess is that he'd gone home. He looked so sick this morning that we tried to keep the crowd away from him. He's probably sneaked out the back door."

Barbara went down the inner corridor and knocked at Bruce's door. Nobody answered. She tried the knob. The door was locked. She left the suite by the rear door and went back to the newspaper office.

McDermott was watching for her, through a crack in his door. He called her in.

"I'm sorry Wells gave you that assignment this morning, Miss Hawley. Meant to warn him. But supposed you wouldn't care to have me plead for special privilege for you either. Did you get a statement?"

Barbara laid her hat down listlessly on his desk. "Not from Reynolds. But Stone says he and Reynolds are both innocent. The office was full of angry men." She seated herself and hid her head on the back of the chair. McDermott looked at her with compassion in his eyes.

"Better go home early tonight," he said. "You are going to have a bad smashup one of these days if you don't rest." She looked up and tried to smile. "I guess it doesn't matter," she said.

"Oh, yes, it does," contradicted McDermott. "Who'll take care of your mother if you break down?"

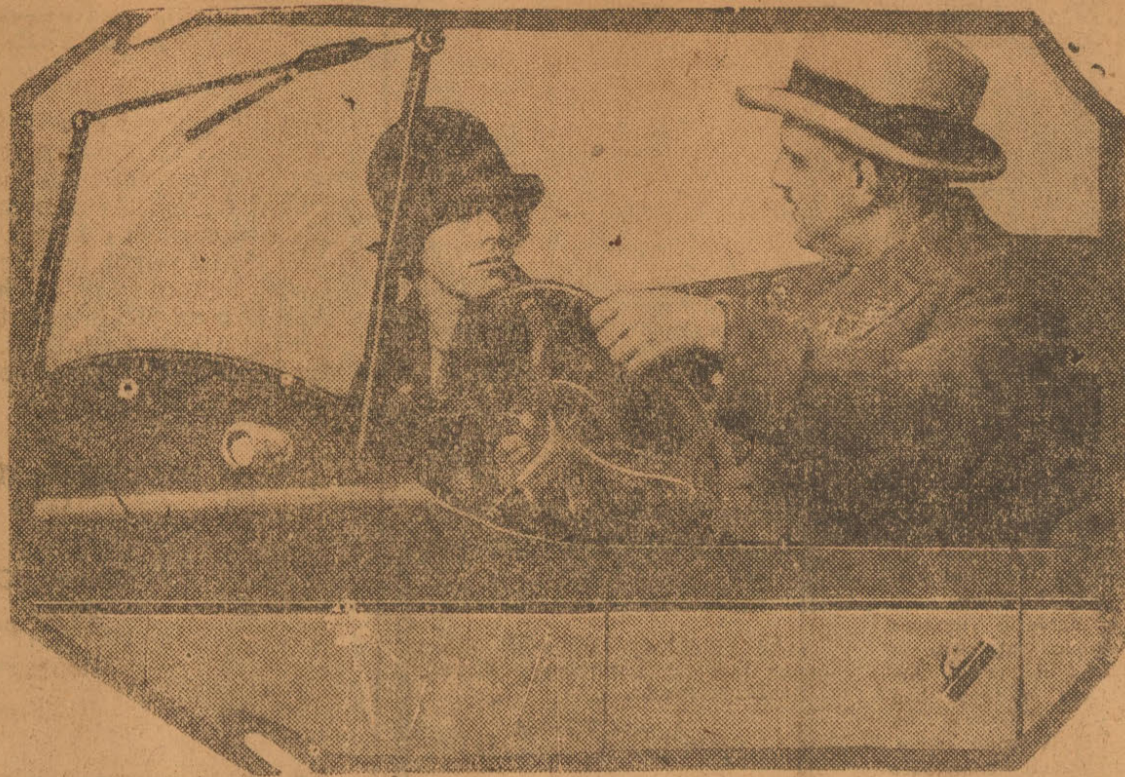
"I don't know," said Barbara desperately. Her eyes were far away.

She went back to her desk and sat down to write her story.

"Have you a good hot story for me, Miss Hawley?" asked Wells, leaning over her shoulder.

"I'll give you what facts I could get," Barbara spoke coldly.

At 4 o'clock she called her home. The day nurse answered the telephone. "Your mother seems better, Miss Hawley. She has had some-



Barbara drew away as Jerome put his arm carelessly around her shoulders. "I just wanted to tell you," he said, "I'm going to be married."

thing to eat twice today and is sleeping quietly now. Dr. Graham will be in a little later."

Barbara hung up the receiver with a lighter heart. "Do you know," she said to Bob Jeffries, as she was preparing to go home, "if only my mother gets well I'll not ask another thing of God as long as I live. Just one person in this world is all I need. But I do need her."

"Course you do, Babs, and I hope she'll be all right soon. Believe me, I know what it means to be knocking around from place to place, without anybody that belongs to you. I haven't had even a relative to write since I was a little kid. It's pretty bad—and still worse for a girl. Girls just weren't meant to live all alone."

"And what about men? The most pathetic persons I know are bachelors past 50. Far worse than old maids."

Bob only smiled.

Her mother was sitting up in bed when Barbara reached home. The fever held color in her cheeks and

an unnatural sparkle in her eyes, but she looked better.

"Hi, there, mumsy," cried Barbara, throwing down a bunch of long stemmed roses. "See what I've brought you!"

The pink roses were scattered over the counterpane. Mrs. Hawley picked one up with caressing fingers.

"Why did you do it, Babs?" she asked. "You have so many expenses just now. It worries me frightfully. Have you heard anything from my lawyer? I ought to have an accounting on my affairs soon. I'm afraid I'm a poor business woman."

Barbara looked away. "There'll be time enough for an accounting after

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you get well," she evaded. "Just enjoy those roses now and don't spoil me for bringing them to you."

She ran into her own room to dress for dinner.

It was about 10 o'clock when the doorbell rang loudly. Barbara rushed to answer it before it should wake her mother. She had spent the evening over her bills and her head was aching violently.

Jerome Ball stood at the door. "Hello, Babs," he said gaily. "Come by to make peace and to ask you out for a spin. Bob tells me you're having hard times right now, sickness, and everything."

Barbara looked at him coldly. "It wasn't necessary for you to come." Jerome brought out a long box. "I bore the name of a florist. 'Something for the sick room,'" he said.

Barbara melted. The box was full of white roses and lavender sweet peas. "How nice of you, Jerome!" she cried. "This just about makes up for everything. Mother will love them." She called the nurse and sent the flowers upstairs.

"You look dead to the world," said Jerome. "Won't you ride around the block with me, for a little fresh air

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Salvation Army Puts Christmas Dinners Into Many Homes

Santa's other good right hand, the Salvation Army corps of Ranger, was busy Thursday distributing Christmas baskets to Ranger's worthy poor. They prepared and distributed 32 baskets in all and helped 115 persons to "find Santa Claus." Their baskets contained a beef roast, two loaves of bread, rice, beans, coffee, sugar, nuts, candies, fruits, canned corn, pork and beans, milk, oatmeal, corn flakes, syrups and a good number of eats that will last through the holidays.

Most of the food supplies were contributed by Ranger retail and wholesale grocers and the local Salvation Army folks are very grateful to all of them for their generous response to their appeal. The baskets delivered were full to the very top of good things to eat and will bring much material comfort to the many poor of this vicinity. Many could not enjoy their own Christmas cheer if they knew there were homes where the wolf had a front seat on the back porch and this fear has been eliminated by those who minister in the name of the Salvation Army.

There is still plenty left for those who were not remembered. If they were overlooked it was because they were not reported or could not be found, and if there be such, all that is necessary is to phone the Salvation Army headquarters here and a basket will be forthcoming. On Sunday night the army will give a Christmas tree at their church on South Austin street, to which everyone is invited. There will be gifts of fruit, nuts or candies for all children.

The Salvation Army feels very happy over their distribution this year, and well may, for they have brought food and happiness into many homes and into the lives of many persons.

RUSSIAN METAL TRADE EXHIBITS REAL BOOM

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—A real boom has hit the Russian metal industry which dropped almost to nothing during the years of revolution and civil war.

Felix Dzerzhinsky, head of the Supreme Economic Council declared at the congress of metal workers, that the value of the metal produced in Russia during 1925-26 will reach 652,500,000 pre-war rubles. The Soviet Government is planning to build twenty-one new metal factories, including a tractor factory in St. Petersburg and a car factory in Nizhni Tagel, in the Ural's.

1—LOST AND FOUND.

- LOST—Case with dress goods samples. Leave at Times office, please.
- LOST—Coin purse containing \$2.50 gold piece and other valuables. Finder please return it to Texas Bond and Abstract Company, Eastland.
- LOST—In front of West Side Barber shop, \$60 in bills. Finder please keep all he wants and return balance to me. L. E. Woods, West Side Barber shop, Eastland.

4—SITUATIONS WANTED.

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- FURNITURE refinished, repaired, upholstering, stoves fixed. Bob Lee, 116 N. Austin, Ranger, formerly with Tharpe Furniture Co.
- DRESSMAKING—Sewing of all kinds done and satisfaction guaranteed by Mrs. J. C. Mangham at the Ray Apartments, phone 351, Ranger.

8—ROOMS FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Two rooms, 220 S. Austin; paved street; Ranger.

HOTEL SAVOY—Board and room, \$10 per week, and apartments to suit. 307 1/2 Walnut st., Ranger.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Three-room cottage, phone 249, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Six-room modern cottage, neighborhood South Ward school. Rent \$35 per month. Phone 28, Eastland.

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR RENT—317 So. Marston street, Ranger. Ray Apartments.

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12—WANTED TO BUY.

SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main street Second-Hand Store, 530 Main street, Ranger. Phone 95.

IF YOU WANT more for your second-hand furniture, call Ranger Furniture Exchange, phone 242, Ranger.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Tharpe Furniture Co., 218 Main st., phone 154, Ranger.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture. New & Second-Hand Store, 121 No. Austin st., phone 276, Ranger.

15—HOUSES FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—5 room house with garage, \$1,000; half cash, balance monthly. 1207 Oddie street, Ranger.

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16—AUTOMOBILES.

LATE 1923 Chevrolet touring; lots of extras; good rubber; \$125. Late model Ford truck, starter, etc.; \$125. Term to responsible parties. Pritchard, S. Commerce st., Ranger.

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17—WANTED TO RENT.

WANT to rent small farm near Ranger. P. O. Box 1048, Ranger.

22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK.

OUR FIRST HATCH goes on Jan. 7. A hatch each Thursday thereafter. Custom hatching, poultry supplies and quality baby chicks. Oak Ridge Hatchery, 105 S. Marston street.

THROTTLING THE DEMON THAT GOADS TO CRIME

World-Wide System of Records Enables New York Police to Strike at One of Chief Forces Behind National Crime Wave.

THE recent formation of a National Crime Commission, and the announcement that the Commission's first step will be to compile adequate records for the purpose of presenting a clear and undistorted picture of criminal activities in the United States, has crystallized the public's vague and long felt alarm into positive action that promises relief.

Few are aware, however, that for the last four and a half years there has existed in this country an organization which has done for one form of criminal activity a work of much the same nature as that which the new National Crime Commission is now setting out to do for the whole field.

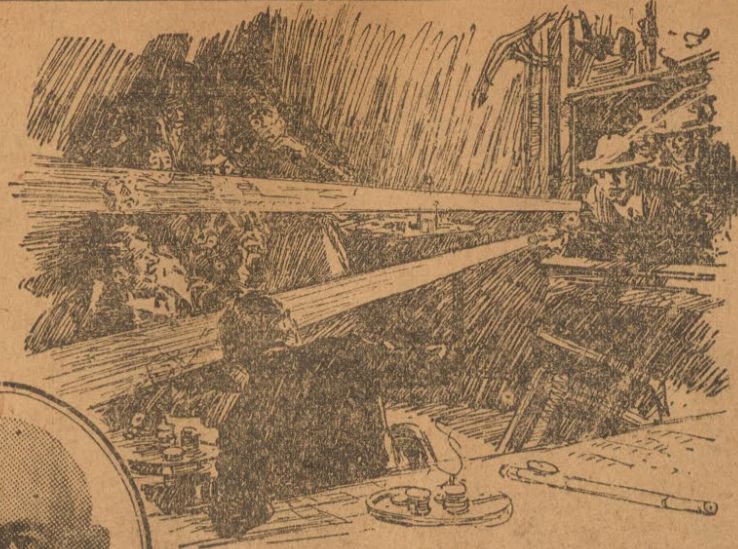
A Newgate Calendar.

Along the walls of a large room on the second floor of the Police Headquarters Building in New York City are ranged long lines of tall steel cabinets made up of row upon row of narrow drawers filled with data sheets. Pasted on the data sheets are photographs and finger prints of men and women which have been sent to New York from nearly all the nations of America and Europe. The data reads like a modern edition of the Newgate Calendar.

Who are these people of the photographs and finger prints? The answer is given by the actions of a group of men as they gather before a darkened building in lower New York and then begin to mount the fire escape.

The Demon's Lair

At the sixth floor the men halt for a low-toned conference. A dim light struggles through the heavily curtained window—and with the light comes a pungent odor far different from the ordinary smells of the city. The word is given; and, as the glass is shattered by the butt of an automatic, the five



Dr. CARLETON SIMON

plain clothes men hurl themselves into the room which at the first sound of the shattering of the glass the inmates have plunged into total darkness.

Through the darkness that is heavy with the same pungent odor that seeped through the window, stab the long beams of the detectives' flashlights. They illumine a scene of seething confusion. Men and women struggle madly to reach the door. On a low stand of teak lies an overturned lamp. On the floor and on the couches lie long pipes with weird carvings and tiny bowls.

Back at Headquarters

Back in the room at Police Headquarters the next morning the photographs of the men and women taken in the raid are compared with those in the steel cabinets. Two of the men have just arrived from Italy. One of the women has recently come from Buenos Aires.

But their photographs are in the cabinets, for this is the headquarters of the Narcotic Bureau of the New York Police Department and of its ally, the Narcotic Criminal Interagency Identification Bureau, established by New York's Police Commissioner, Richard E. Enright, in line with the recommendations of the International Police Conference, and whose branches are in most of the larger cities of the two white-inhabited continents.

"Seven hundred cities," says Dr. Carleton Simon, Chief of the Bureau, "send us photographs, records, and fingerprints of criminal drug addicts. As a result, our statistics on narcoticism and our

Thinning the Ranks of Crime

The work of the Narcotic Bureau in rounding up drug addicts, and in damping the spread of the evil, is ridding New York City of thousands of criminals and at the same time is checking the development of potential lawbreakers who otherwise would surely add themselves to the ranks of those who live by robbery, fraud and murder.

The 125,000 finger prints and the 25,000 photographs which have been gathered by the Narcotic Criminal Interagency Identification Bureau play a leading part in contributing to the efficiency of the Narcotic Bureau by giving a complete picture of narcotic activities in 34 nations, and by making available the records of old offenders so that they may receive their just deserts at the hands of the courts.

The value of the statistics on drug addiction and the other records gathered by the Narcotic Criminal Interagency Identification Bureau augurs well for the value of the undertaking which the National Crime Commission is embarking upon.

BANDITS NEAR PITTSBURGH ROB MOTOR CAR TOURISTS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Bandits today stole about \$8,000 worth of gems and \$120 in cash when they held up the motor car of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keith of Hollywood, Calif., near East McKeesport.

Barbara had made up her mind to forget it.

"Do you know you're an awfully good kid, Barbara?" he asked. "And a darn pretty one." Barbara blushed under the winter moon.

Jerome suddenly stopped the car. He put his arm carelessly around her shoulders. "I just wanted to tell you," he said, "I'm going to be married." (To be continued.)

SPINSTERHOOD

(Continued from page three) before you try to sleep. I really want to talk with you."

Barbara looked out at the frosty night. The house was close and warm. The faint odor of chemicals drifted down from upstairs. Her head was throbbing mercilessly.

"I'll go," she said, "but only for a few minutes." Jerome was handsome, notwithstanding his weary eyes and worldly mouth. Barbara enjoyed his masterful, protective manner.

The night air brought relief from the throbbing in her head. She began to feel at ease, even young again. They drove in silence for some time. Jerome did not speak of the escapade that had ended their last ride together.

"THE HEN'S LAMENT"

The old hen sat in a leafless tree. And said: "Nobody gives a darn for me. My food is what I find about. I hunt for it till I'm frazzled out. My owner says I do not pay, And that I ought to sing and lay. I wish he had to sit out here And live on pickin's all the year. I'll bet a half a cent, by jing, He wouldn't lay from now till Spring." —"Swiped."

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SANTA CLAUS COMES IN BUS BEARING GIFTS

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Modern conveniences superseded the old-time reindeer this year when Santa Claus made his annual trip to Ranger and Eastland to visit the poor kiddies of Ranger and Eastland. Arriving on one of the huge buses of Bowen Bros. of Fort Worth, Santa was greeted with a rousing cheer and the kids packed around the big bus 20 deep all voicing their eagerness to see, touch or talk to Santa among the first.

Christmas packages in white were distributed from the huge pack but instead of being on Santa's back it was atop the big bus where an assistant, the driver of the bus, tossed the packages to those whose names were called out by Santa.

The list of names, over a hundred, were prepared by the charitable organizations of Ranger and Eastland and only those whose circumstances were such that Santa would be apt to pass them by were included.

Santa Claus had commissioned Bowen Bros. of Fort Worth, operating the bus line from Fort Worth to San Angelo, to make all the towns between the two ends of the line. The trip was started at Fort Worth and ended at Cisco. Delayed some due to overstay at the various towns, Santa did not arrive in Ranger until about 7 o'clock and in Eastland about 7:30 p. m. Several times the cry went up, "Here he comes," but each time, as the kiddies surged into the street clamoring for the first view of Santa, they discovered it wasn't their jolly friend and patiently waited until the next alarm went up.

Correspondence With Philadelphia's Mayor To Be Made Public

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—General Smedley Butler promises to "hit back" at Mayor Kendrick, who yesterday dismissed him as director of public safety. More of the correspondence between Kendrick and General Butler will be made public, he said, adding that the mayor's views on law enforcement probably would raise a roar.

Butler already has released correspondence relating to the prosecution of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for liquor law violations, in which the mayor expresses his opposition to the prosecution of big places.

"I shall not stop my attack on Kendrick until I have proved my case," Butler said.

BANK IN CHENEY, KANSAS, ROBBED BY TRIO OF BOYS

By United Press. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 24.—The Cheney State bank of Cheney, Kan.,

was robbed today for the second time in a year, this time by three white boys and a negro driver. They obtained \$10,000, then left town in a small car and transferred to a Cadillac car driven by a negro when a few miles out of the town.

Dale Matin, business college student, was arrested two hours later and confessed, police said, to taking part in the robbery. Clyde Harrison of Hutchinson, negro driver, was captured with Matin when the car ran into a ditch. The other two ran away.



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The Sioux Indians took part in the greatest battle their tribe has fought for forty years during the filming of James Cruze's new western epic for Paramount, "The Pony Express."

Not since the last battle of the last Indian war in the United States—the "Ghost Dance War" in Wyoming in 1886, have the Sioux been engaged in a battle of such magnitude.

A band of more than one thousand Sioux Indians was brought to Cheyenne, Wyoming, from their reservation at Pine Ridge, North Dakota, for the purposes of this tremendous picture.

Decked out in fantastic war paint, wearing little else than loin cloths, and mounted bareback on spirited Indian ponies, they were given the order of Cruze to attack the town of Julesburg, Colo.

In a minute they had swooped down on the town, killed it, firing rows and old-fashioned muskets, driving off the stock, and sustaining wounds from the "riced" townspeople firing from windows and doors.

Then came the soldiers—1860 cavalry, recruited from companies of real soldiers at Fort D. A. Russell. More than seven hundred of them swooped down on the village, led by young Billy Cody, played by Johnny Fox Jr., and the greatest Indian battle of this century took place. Foot by foot the Indians were driven out. The battle continued long after it was out of range of the camera.

So realistic did the battle become on the outlying hills that Cruze had to send out special riders to call it off for soldiers were still trying to round up red men, and red men were still running down attacking isolated soldiers.

"The Pony Express," coming to the Comedee Theater on Monday and Tuesday next, features Betty Compson, Ricardo Cortez, Ernest Torrence and Wallace Beery. The screen play is by Walter Woods from an original story by himself and Henry James Forman.

When sprinkling tablecloths, an even dampness can be given the linen by dipping half the cloth into boiling water, wringing as dry as possible and folding the wet side on to the dry side. Roll and wrap in a towel for two or three hours.

A bag containing an onion and sweet herbs put into the water with the boiling fish will add more flavor to the fish.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By E. R. Waite, Secretary Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

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That if you are not now prepared to buy, window-shop anyway. The merchant who advertises always has a window display worth-while. The fact that he advertises shows he keeps up-to-date goods, and you can see goods now that you can purchase later.

That window-shopping is a good way to keep posted on styles.

That advertisements are time-savers for the busy shopper.

That the business concerns who advertise are ready to serve the customer whenever they may need them. Keep their names in mind.

The foundation of good business is quality goods. You will find that quality goods are advertised. Read the ads!

THE "DOPE" SITUATION

It is hardly necessary to point out that the dope problem is challenging all nations and has become serious and urgent. Take the situation in America for instance. In 1919 the special survey of the treasury department reported the number of addicts in the United States as exceeding 1,000,000, an increasing.

A health officer of Chicago, investigating cause of crime there, found drug addiction alarming among the youth of both sexes. Last year the Assistant United States Attorney General reported that more than 46 per cent of all prisoners being convicted in federal courts were addicts and that the number is increasing. Judge McAduo of New York City courts estimates that of the thousands of addicts who have appeared before him, 98 per cent were below the age of 26 and 98 per cent heroin addicts. The heroin addict is inherently a robbing agent and soon recruits a gang. The members of this gang in turn soon start recruiting others. —by Walter E. Maguire.

They Carry Telegrams for the Capital



Telegram companies in Washington have found girls make more efficient messengers than boys. Hence the four here have been given pretty caps and told to go to it. They are, left to right, The Misses Betty Brown, Shel Farrell, Grace Stevens and Virginia Voelcker.

Elderly Jap Patriot Beheads Own Brother In Hari-Kari Pact

By United Press.

TOKIO, Dec. 26.—A strange case of patriotic fanaticism has come to light in the Hokkaido where one Sato Takegoro, 63, is under arrest charged with abetting suicide in connection with the death of his brother, whom he beheaded.

Takegoro told a weird story of a suicide pact between six men made years ago, during the reign of Emperor Meiji. Spurred by the fanatical patriotism of the Samurai the youths agreed to commit hari-kari at the tombs of their ancestors on the death of the Emperor. The plan went awry, however, when some of the patriots decided they would be of more value to the Empire dead than alive and it was not until this month that the men felt that, having outlived their usefulness, they

might kill themselves "for the glory of Japan."

Sato Kemman, 67, was selected as the first offering and after fasting and prayer at the shrine of his ancestors, plunged a sharp sword in his abdomen. In accordance with the creed of hari-kari his brother Sato Takegoro stood by as "kahishakimin," or executioner, to save the writhing patriot from more suffering.

"When Kemman plunged the sword in his stomach I sliced off his head, as agreed," he told police emotionlessly.

The suicides were intended as "a protest against the present degradation of the national spirit" of Japan, the executioner said.

News of the death of Kemman leaked out before the other members of the hari kari could kill themselves and police intervened, explaining modern Japan does not encourage such bloody protests from her citizens. Takegoro was not charged with murder, however, but with abetting suicide.

Turned Down



When Suzette Bermudez, Argentine dancer, appeared before Judge Gates in Los Angeles to ask for alimony from her husband, Jose Bermudez, Judge Gates asked her how much money she was making. Learning that she was making more than Bermudez, the judge denied her plea, declaring she could take care of herself.

BUFFALO BILL'S GRAVE VISITED BY THOUSANDS

By United Press.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—A record-breaking number of tourists visited "Buffalo Bill's" grave on the top of Lookout Mountain this year, according to figures furnished by Craig Bradford, superintendent of the Denver mountain parks.

In the 201 days of this year's tourist season, a total of 88,323 persons registered at Pahaska tepee, "Buffalo Bill's" memorial museum on the mountain. Since only about one person in three registers it is estimated that the total attendance during the period was 264,494.

This attendance was even greater than the previous record in 1924, when 85,192 persons registered at the tepee.

PHONE SYSTEM IN MOSCOW TO ACQUIRE EFFICIENCY

By United Press.

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—Politeness is yielding to efficiency in the Moscow telephone service under the pressure of increasing business congestion.

Under the present system the telephone operator repeats the number after it is called and adds "Rang up" after the number had been called. The caller is then supposed to reply "Thank you." Now it is proposed to substitute "Ready" for "Rang up,"—an economy of one syllable in the Russian language.

The repetition of the number and the polite "thank you" are also to be eliminated. All these changes, it is calculated, will permit the making of 20 per cent more connections every hour.

CHINESE SOLDIERS FIRE ON FOREIGNERS IN TIEN-TSIN

By United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Chinese soldiers fired on the American quarter in Tien-Tsin Thursday, according to a Central News dispatch from that city. The Americans did not reply.

Gen. Li Ching Lin's defeated troops, which attacked the foreign quarter, then withdrew to the outskirts, where they were rallied and placed machine gun in the rear and threatened to fire if threatened further by Gen. Sane Yuh Sian. Li Ching was driven back five miles.

Foreign sailors and soldiers behind sandbags and electrified barricades prevented Li's stragglers from entering the foreign quarters. Italians replied to the attack on them and killed two of Li's soldiers.

Lay newspapers over the freshly-scrubbed kitchen floor to prevent the tracking of dirt while the floor is still damp.

The first license issued to broadcast in the United States was in September, 1921.

Chief Hennessee of the fire department stated that from the best information he could obtain the family occupying the house was away from home and the fire evidently originated from the shooting of fireworks into bed clothing on the back porch.

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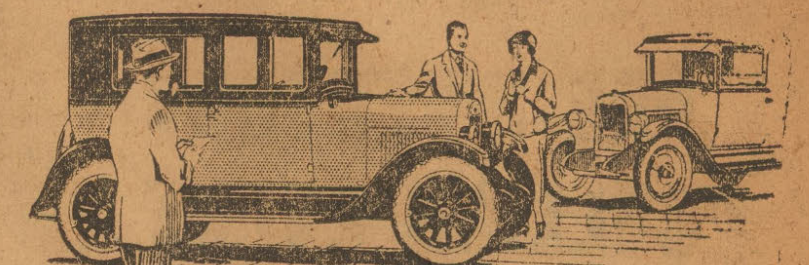
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RANGER, TEXAS

Movies and Toy Electric Railway Used in Pennsylvania Auto Drivers' Tests

By United Press.
 PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Special laboratory tests to determine a chauffeur's ability to drive safely, and given under conditions that jeopardize neither life nor property, have been devised by the Psychology department at the University of Pennsylvania here.

The tests do not cover details of motor car operation, but measure with a maximum of accuracy a driver's judgment of speed and distance, his ability to think and act quickly, and his coolness in emergencies.

The apparatus employed includes a miniature electric railway, a projecting camera, a signal light system, and a driver's seat, flanked by levers approximating those used in controlling an automobile.

The first phase of the test involves the operation of two cars on the electric railway. One car runs continuously at varying rates of speed. From his drivers seat, which commands a view of the entire railway trackage, the test subject operates a lever which controls the movements of the second car. The tracks are arranged so that the cars are certain to cross at various intervals. In addition, there are a number of sharp turns to be negotiated.

The success with which the various traffic hazards are met are determined by the subjects' judgment in starting, stopping and controlling the speed of his car. On this basis is measured the chauffeur's ability to measure distance and estimate speed of moving objects, as well as his tendency toward "taking chances."

In the second phase, the driver, with hand and foot pedals, faces a battery of electrically controlled signals, all of which call for different movements on his part. In the third phase, pictures showing an automobile in various traffic situations are projected, the driver to rapidly indicate what course he would pursue under the circumstances.

The light test is designed to appraise the driver's reaction to suddenly projected situations, while the photographs are employed to determine his reaction under actual driving conditions.

A taxicab company which has experimented some time with the tests has now adopted them as part of regular examination for prospective drivers. Several safety committees in different parts of the country have also displayed an active interest in the success of the tests.

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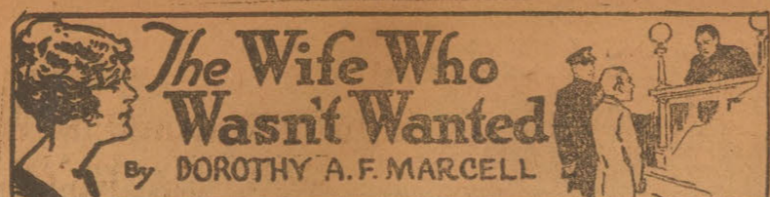
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Financial Statement of Eastland County, Month of November

County Treasurer J. T. Sue has made the following condensed financial statement of Eastland county for the month of November, 1925:

Credit balances: Jury fund, \$7,563.43; road and bridge fund, \$1,183.73; general fund, \$2,338.77; state highway and maintenance fund, \$1,813.70; road and bridge, precinct No. 1, \$89.18; road and bridge, precinct No. 2, \$820.26.



The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted
 By DOROTHY A. F. MARCELL
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"THE WIFE WHO WASN'T WANTED" with Irene Rich is a picture-tization of this novel.

SYNOPSIS

The unscrupulous Jerome Wallace is a candidate for District Attorney against John Mantering, who is standing for re-election. As a young man he was a suitor of Eileen, now Mrs. Mantering. Today he is looking fondly at a girl's photograph, lovingly inscribed by Eileen. His reveries are interrupted by a telephone call from "Slick" Jennings, a notorious ward heeler, who is assisting him in his campaign. Wallace is a handsome man and believes himself a winner with women.

CHAPTER III—Continued

Politically speaking, Mr. Jennings was a man of parts. He was reckoned in such matters a skillful hand capable of producing results, rather remarkable results, too. It was Mr. Jennings' practice to get out the vote—for his candidate. He got it out, careless of where it came from. For voting purposes, Mr. Jennings had liberal ideas. He held a transient guest to be quite as good as a permanent boarder and a residence in a vacant lot equal to that which could be obtained by dwelling in a mansion. Furthermore, Mr. Jennings was not one to shed tears over the disappearance of a ballot box so long as it came from a precinct favorable to his opponent. In a word, Slick Jennings was a man of action, a sort of modern treebooster, feared by his enemies and beloved by his followers, a heterogeneous group of sports and near sports, who added zest, a very piquant sauce, it may be added, to the exercise of the

rights of suffrage by their fellow citizens.

But as Slick waited at the telephone for Wallace to respond, he was troubled and unduly moved. When emotion was combined with his flesh—Slick was fat—he perspired excessively. So now he sat there with his hat on the back of his head, and chewed viciously on an cigar, while drops of moisture arose in great beads upon his florid countenance.

"Hello,—hello," shouted Slick, seemingly cringing a half inch off the butt of his cigar and swallowing the debris. "What the h—ll?"

A novel summons, this latter, and having a fire and vital much to be preferred to the "Are you there?" of our English cousins.

It was effective, too, for over the line came the calm voice of Wallace, and it might have been an echo.

"Well?"

"Have you seen the Star—the Star paper?" Once Slick had been a newsboy and there were memories of this former occupation in his conversation.

"No, not yet. Is there something of interest to us, in it?" Even Wallace's studied calm could be shaken at times.

"I'll say there's a plenty, an eye-ful, or I'll chew my tie." If gaudy colors are derived from poisonous dyes, this was a perilous pledge.

"Well," said Wallace curtly, passing over the fact of Slick's tie in a most callous manner. "What did the Star have to say?"

Slick rolled his cigar from one side of his mouth, to the other, with astounding dexterity and swallowed hard. For an instant, it looked as if the whole cigar was going, but it came back, safe and sound.

"The Star paper," he said, and it was as if he sparred for time, "had



"Listen, Mr. Wallace, you got me wrong."

"That said Wallace, once more, 'that will make it interesting for you, Slick, open up a larger territory for your amusement, give you a chance to show your metal eh?'"

So moved was Slick by this remark that he raised his eyes to one of the many posters bearing Wallace's picture upon the wall and there was something almost sniffling in his look.

"Listen, Mr. Wallace, you got me wrong. I don't never let my boys use metal. I frisk 'em myself before they go out. I don't stand for no rough stuff, just fists, maybe a club or two if somebody gets mean. An' listen, Mr. Wallace, I got a friend, a friend that's got a friend down at the Court House, and this guy tips me the office, Mantering's, strong with the bulls. They pick him for a winner, and he plans to pack a million of them around every polling place in town. They're bound to be victorious, Mr. Wallace, an' I won't have my elbow room. It's intimidation, Mr. Wallace, that's just what it is. You can't work without plenty of elbow room."

Slick hesitated an instant and then went on in the full measure of his words.

"These women voters, Mr. Wallace, they keep snoopin' around an' don't give you no elbow room, neither. They keep lookin' up at dresses and makin' a heller about this one, an' that one, till you can't get nothin' done. It looks like a clean free-out for us, Mr. Wallace."

Then, over the wire came the response in Wallace's bland tones.

"Why bother me, Slick,—aren't you being paid to worry?"

"I'll be d—d," said Slick as he hung up the telephone and then he turned with a melancholy air. It was the air of a gruel-eater finds his work unprofitable. He might have been an actor, whose pleasure was refused, a literary man whose manuscript was rejected. The sympathy at his elbow, his aid there with a mournful visage, looking doubtless for the good old days, longing for the gas-house.

But, though Wallace's voice was bland, he did not turn immediately from the telephone, but sat there, thinking, thinking. Something must be done to stem the tide which appeared to have set against him, but what?

CHAPTER IV

A gay place, a very gay place indeed was the Western County Club. Too gay by far, said certain of the old golf hounds who liked to seek out a congenial caddy, find easy chairs and, in the enjoyment of cooling drinks, live over again the blood stirring delight of that birdie on the fifth or to submit appropriate alibi for the slice, which landed them in the rough on the seventh.

To such keen disciples of St. Andrew's, the younger set's continued round of dinners and dances was an offense but little better than a stench in their nostrils, the Club's reputation as a social center, a snare and a delusion, and the whole thing displaying a tendency towards higher scores and a neglect of the graver things of life both inexcusable and reprehensible.

(To be continued)

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Debit balances: Courthouse and jail fund, \$679.89; road and bridge, precinct No. 3, \$3,059.68; road and bridge, precinct No. 4, \$190.05; total, \$3,929.62.

Net balances to credit of all funds, \$126,918.76. Total of all warrants now outstanding, \$3,176.51; total amount of cash on hand, \$130,095.27 which is distributed as follows:

—Eastland State bank, Eastland, \$45,585.82; Hanover National bank, New York, \$20,731.81; W. S. Michael, 161, York, \$20,731.65; Continental National bank, Chicago, \$16.49; Continental State bank, Gorman, \$69,251.81; W. S. Michael, county auditor, \$500; treasury cash on hand, \$9.50.

TWO BANDIT'S ROE DETROIT JEWELRY STORE OF \$12,800

By United Press.
 DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Loot taken from a jewelry store here by two bandits totalled \$8,000 in diamonds and other jewels and \$4,800 in cash, police said.

The Italian quarter also was fired on and one Italian wounded.

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That said plaintiffs and defendants are the sole owners in fee simple title to all of the oil, gas and mineral rights in, on and under the following described tract of land located in Eastland county, Texas, being 20 acres of land out of the N. E. corner of Matt Finch survey, and described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the N. E. corner of said original Finch survey; thence S. with its E. B. L. 752 vrs. to a stone mound for corner P. O. 1/2 sec. north 60 1/2 E. 4 1/2 vrs. and a P. O. 3 in. box, S. 19 E. E. vrs. thence N. 72 1/2 vrs. to a stone mound for corner on N. B. L. of said original survey; thence E. with said N. B. L. 752 vrs. to the place of beginning.

That plaintiffs and defendants are jointly and severally and undivided interest in and to all of said oil, gas and mineral rights on the land above described. That Plaintiff W. A. Parton owns 1/2 of 1/16th interest, and the said Wells, Jones, Nora Butler, Edith Frasher, Gladys Yielding, Jewell Smethers, Edith Combs, Emma Overstein, and Lord Parton each own an undivided 1/16th in the said 40-100 oil, gas and mineral interest. That said minors, Jennie Sharp, Fanzo Sharp and M. D. Sharp, minors, plaintiffs, herein appearing by their father, Frank Sharp, jointly own 1/16th of said 40-100 interest.

That all of the said plaintiffs are desirous of having their said undivided 49-100 interest segregated and partitioned and set apart from the interest of the defendants in the above described tract of land.

Wherefore, premises considered, these plaintiffs pray the court that the clerk of this court issue citation by publication to all of the above named defendants, save and except John M. Gholson, and W. E. St. John of Eastland county, Texas, and that all of the said defendants be caused to come into this court and show cause why said partition of said oil, gas and mineral interest shall not be granted, and that a commission be appointed of three disinterested parties of Eastland county, Texas, to partition said interest of the plaintiffs, and the defendants, and that these plaintiffs have their judgment segregating and partitioning their interest jointly to the amount of 49-100 of all oil, gas and mineral rights in said land in one separate tract, and for all other relief both general and special, to which these plaintiffs may show themselves justly entitled to receive in law and equity, all of which let execution issue.

Herein full met, but have you before said court, on said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Eastland, Texas, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1925.

WILBURN B. COLLIE,
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Peace Reigns In Herrin And People Enjoying Christmas

By United Press.
 HERRIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—Peace reigns at Christmas time in the homes of Herrin, the little mining community which a year ago was known throughout the world as a seat of feuds, hate and deaths for vengeance. The bungalows of the workmen were aglow tonight with Christmas lights and Christmas carols were sung in the churches of the city. Less than a year ago the pulpits of these churches had echoed to prayers that strife might cease, although some of the leaders at the same time called on the Almighty for aid in their strife.

But in the last year the klan and anti-klan strife reached a climax when two of the leaders of klan and anti-klan forces were killed. Two more widows mourned in Herrin but the gun duel marked the end of the struggle.

Fireworks Set Fire to Eastland Dwelling House, Destroying It

A residence, said to have been occupied by Mr. Harrell, in the 1200 block on West Main street in Eastland, was destroyed by fire last night. The contents of the building were a total loss and the house was damaged almost beyond repair.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEWS CARRIERS, DOING WORK OF IMPORTANCE DAILY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

The Dayton Daily News of Dayton, Ohio, publishes a tribute to the news carrier that seems worth passing along. It is well known that every cog in a wheel serves a useful purpose and the slipping of any cog disturbs the methodical movement of all, and in this tribute to the news carrier it is shown that he gives service of the highest importance. Pointing out that the news carrier, while yet a mere boy, is learning lessons of service and efficiency that will fit him for posts of greater usefulness to the community in later years, the tribute says:

Once again your news carrier, modern herald of a noisy world, the news of all nations tucked within his sack, extends to you and yours the season's greetings. His visits to your home during the year now fast drawing to a close have been brief, yet pleasant.

Do you recall among your friends the substantial business and professional men who once felt the weight of a carrier's sack upon their backs, men who now proudly boast that, although the years have silvered their temples and time has dimmed their sight, they can still think back to those days and count them as the

starting point of all things worth while. These men of today, newsboys and carrier boys of yesterday, play well their roles in a world in which a business yardstick measures one's success. They have set their mark of endeavor high, and are paving the pathway toward it with the two solid stones of industry—Service and Efficiency.

Learns To Battle.
 To your successful business man of today these words are in no wise new. He learned them back in days when, through sleet and snow and rain and scorching sun he battled his way to the doorstep of your own father's house, and laid the chronicle of an entire world at his feet. It was then he learned the magic power of service, it was then he came to know the reward of efficiency. Other men have learned it in other ways—yet of all who serve you none can boast the ability to bring forth that power and that reward as fully as those who learned their true meaning under the weight of a newspaper sack.

Your news carrier, as earnest in his endeavor to serve you as the merchant prince who sits at a mahogany desk, asks no greater reward than the kindly consideration to

What the World Is Doing

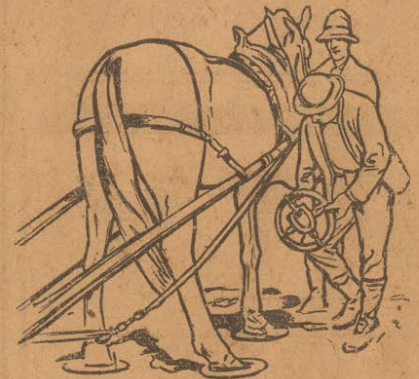
As Seen by Popular Mechanics Magazine

Go Halfway around Globe for Two Minutes' Work

To watch the eclipse of the sun, January 14, a party of scientists from the naval observatory in Washington, D. C., has gone to Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies. The phenomenon will last only two minutes, but in that time the observers hope to make motion pictures and color plates which will show more about the sun's gases and other features. The expedition has devoted three months to erecting their lookout station and telescope tower. Other parties from England, Germany and France, as well as one from Swarthmore college, will be at Sumatra. An Italian group will be stationed in Africa.

Round Snowshoes for Horses Aid Travel in Alaska

So they will not sink into deep drifts, horses in Alaska are fitted with round snowshoes which are chained to the



hoofs. The animals are said to become accustomed quickly to the shoes and usually refuse to enter deep snows without them.

Cracks in plaster walls and ceilings can readily be repaired before paint or paper is applied by filling them with a stiff paste consisting of plaster of paris and whitening mixed with water.

which his important task in life entitles him. To you, as he trudges along, with beck and call to dog companion, he too often represents "only another newsboy." You have learned to look upon business as something that must be transacted in massive structures of steel and concrete, amid the hum and roar of machinery, or where coin rings upon mabel slab as it passes into valvets of hardened steel.

Your news carrier knows the power within his grasp, and yet he is not boastful. He knows that if papers are not delivered huge and costly presses must stand silent. And when the printing presses of this country are forced into silence the death-knell of the race has been sounded, and civilization will fall into decay.

Your news carrier knows that upon his shoulders, as one tiny unit in the vast brotherhood of newsboys, rests the weal or woe of the mammoth business builded by the merchant prince back of the mahogany desk. If papers could not be served to readers, none would be printed. And when newspapers cease to appear the merchant prince can not pass on his merchandising message to the public upon which his entire business structure depends. His business crumbles, and when his money ceases to ring the marble slab of banking places the markets of the world will close and with them all our cherished institutions.

Build and Serve.
 Great, far greater than you know, is the power of your news carrier. But, like the true soldier of industry, he reckons not upon his power to destroy. He glories, rather, in his ability to build and serve. He knows that here at home, or in a distant state, or even to the fathermost ends of the earth, his brother of the press—the reporter—is pushing aside all obstacles that he may put upon the wires or upon the air that which you want and can not in this day of progress forego—the daily story of the world in which you live. He realizes that even though the men who gather that story in places afar win out over every peril and privation faced, all will have been in vain, all will go for naught if he is not at his post to receive the ink-wet papers as they stream from a press that hums a mingled song of happiness and shattered dreams.

He casts no eye skyward when his zero hour arrives. He has no argument with the elements but, as dear old Jimmie Riley said, "if the Good Lord sorts the weather and sends rain, then rain's his choice." He is off in the front rank when the "Home Edition" gong is sounded, and his goal is the doorstep of those he is pledged to serve.

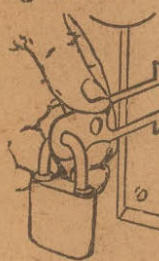
Chilled by icy blasts, often forced to face the stinging, biting bits of snow as they swirl about him from all sides, fighting his way at times with bowed head that breathing may be easier, he battles bravely on and with no thought of turning back. Through your window he catches a fleeting glimpse of bright wood fire, or against his face as you greet him at the door he feels the kindly caress of the comforting heat of your home. And back of the smile and the tip of his cap is a vision of a rest well earned, of warm food and a comforting fire, and a little later on a place to rest in boyish dreams—when he is through.

Moving Onward.
 And yet he knows that, in reality, he will never be through. He knows that he is acquiring for all time a busy world's greatest assets—the power of Service and Efficiency—and that a little later on he will be applying that power to other tasks. Another boy will come to take his place, just as he came to take the place of some man who now plays a valued part in the business world. Possibly your own boy may replace him, and if he does, count yourself fortunate in that he has entered a university that graduates no weaklings and passes out no parchment honors to faint of heart.

Tomorrow your news carrier may

Guard Fits inside Keyholes to Prevent Picking Locks

Doors are made almost as secure as when fitted with cylinder or other safety locks by means of an expanding guard that is slipped inside the keyhole and grips the doorplate on the other side. It may be used either from the interior or exterior and is provided with a hole for the attachment of a padlock to prevent its being pulled through the opening.

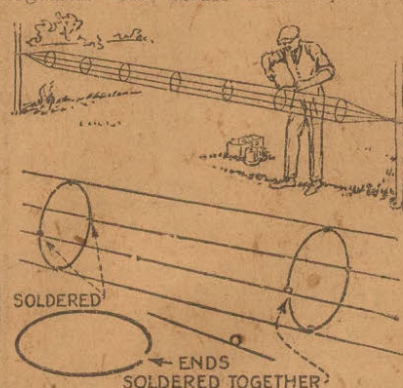


Mirrors Aid Sun in Drying and Coloring Macaroni

By using mirrors to supplement the sun in drying macaroni, manufacturers of the product have found the color to be more satisfactorily preserved, since the deep yellow tint is not bleached so easily, and the flavor also is said to be improved. The process is quicker than sun-bleaching.

Simple Method of Building Aerial

A carrier is simple to build if the wire is supported above the ground as shown in the illustration. Two posts or trees, sufficiently far apart, serve as supports. Four, six or more strands of No. 18 bare copper wire may be used. Cut the strands of equal length and string them between the supports. Make a loop in each strand with a pair of pliers, at the points where the hoops are to be placed, as shown in the illustration. The hoops are formed of heavier copper wire, No. 8 or 10 being suitable for the purpose, and spaced about 6 ft. apart. Before joining the hoops together, thread them into the loops in the antenna wires, and then solder the ends of the hoops together. Also solder each loop where



it passes over the hoop, thus making a good electrical connection. The far ends of the strands are then twisted together and securely soldered, making a compact antenna.

Thousand Dollars a Minute Toll of Fires in U. S.

Every time the clocks tick off a minute in the United States, property valued at more than \$1,000 goes up in smoke and flame. The nation's fire toll for 1924 was placed at \$548,000,000, a figure which gives this country a per-capita loss eleven times as great as that of the average for all the nations in Europe.

Surveys by the National Fire Protection association and similar organizations indicate that incautious smokers and careless use of matches are the leading causes of fires. A property loss of \$70,000,000 was laid to those two sources alone in 1924. Nation-wide education and fireproof construction are being directed toward decreasing the annual fire toll. As an example of efficient building, Astoria, Oreg., is cited. Here there is but one frame structure in the business and residence district which was rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1922.

It costs an average of 10.27 cents a mile to operate an automobile in Iowa, according to reports of the Iowa state college. This estimate includes depreciation, interest, maintenance and driving expense, and assumes that a car will last six years and can be driven for at least 36,000 miles.

Pickpocket Operating On Train In South Texas Gets \$2,500

By United Press.
 SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—A statewide search for the "king of daps" was asked by the police here after he had picked \$2,500 in cash from Philip Sallos, wealthy social worker of New York, while the latter was en route to San Antonio, but so far it has brought no results. Three others recently suffered losses on trains entering San Antonio.

Sallos, who lives in Rochester, N. Y., was on his way to Monterey, Mexico, and missed his money as the train neared San Antonio. He telegraphed ahead for officers and was met at the train by city detectives who began a search at once. Several thousand dollars in travelers' checks, which he had in another pocket, were missed by the pick-pocket. A description of the notes stolen has been broadcast over the state.

By United Press.
 HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—A man giving the name of Ellis Cannon, 34, was held here today as a suspect in a \$2,500 Pullman car theft. He is said to have some dozen or more aliases and is believed to have served in Arkansas and Leavenworth penitentiaries.

American Scientists Meet In Kansas City for Annual Session

By United Press.
 KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Two thousand notable in the scientific world were here today for the opening of the seventy-seventh convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dec. 27 to Jan. 3.

This is the first time since the association, was organized in 1848 by university professors that it has held its convention west of the Mississippi river.

In addition to the general meetings of the association, 25 divisional meetings are scheduled during the week. Popular lectures on scientific subjects will be delivered by leading scientists. Many members of Canadian and British scientific societies are here for the convention meetings.

Dr. Michael I. Papin, professor of electrical engineering, Columbia university, New York, is presiding at the sessions of the association, which is the highest ranking scientific organization in the United States devoted to the promotion of scientific knowledge. The association acts as advisor to the federal government on scientific problems and its members were active during the world war in conducting a scientific research under governmental auspices.

GREAT WHEAT POOL PLANNED IN WEST

By United Press.
 GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 26.—With one great organization as a possible ultimate aim, Canadian wheat officials are considering a joint meeting of representatives of Australia, South America, the United States and Canada.

This plan was announced here by R. L. Taft, cashier of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' association, who has been in consultation with the Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd., and the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd., which is the central selling agency for the three provincial pools.

The Canadian pools are expecting to handle in excess of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat this year.

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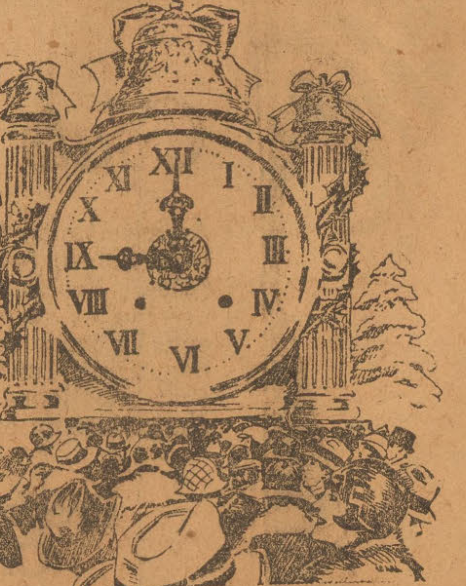
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