

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS.—Tonight and Thursday fair, slightly warmer, except in extreme southeast portion.

SENTENCE SERMON
Fear guides me to duty than gratitude. For one man virtuous for love of virtue, there are ten thousand good only from apprehension of punishment.—Goldsmith.

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SURPRISE SETTLEMENT OF SUIT EXPECTED

ELKS DISTRICT DEPUTY NOW ON OFFICIAL TOUR

W. W. Bridges of El Paso To Visit Eastland County This Week.

Extensive preparations are in progress for the visit of District Deputy Governor W. W. Bridges of El Paso to the Eastland, Cisco and Ranger Elks clubs. He will visit the Cisco club tomorrow (Thursday), the Ranger club, Friday, and the Eastland club, Saturday, being on his official tour of the oil field lodges. A class will be initiated at each of the lodges visited in addition to special programs that are being arranged.

The territory of District Governor Bridges is distinctive in this respect, that Eastland county is the only county in the United States where there are three Elks lodges. It is expected that members of the three lodges will visit with each other at the time the district governor is a guest.

Baptist Young People Of District Union To Gather In Eastland

An interesting program has been arranged for presentation at the meeting of the district Baptist Young People's union, which will meet with the Eastland E. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Representatives from Ranger, Carbon, Breckenridge and Eastland organizations appear on the program, which is as follows:

Rousing song service, L. M. Underwood, Ranger, leader.
Prayer.
Song, honoring Mr. Gardner, each B. Y. P. U.
Order of nominating committee and count taken.
Special number, Carbon B. Y. P. U.
Little Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. P. U., Raymond Lovett and Madge Hearn, Eastland.
Reading, Ranger B. Y. P. U.
Address, T. C. Gardner.

H. C. Poe Injured In Automobile Crash In The Panhandle

H. C. Poe, former county clerk of Eastland county and well known in this section, was seriously injured late Monday afternoon when the automobile in which he was riding near Amarillo turned over, breaking one of his legs in two places, cutting his throat and breaking two ribs. His tongue was also cut almost in two. It was not learned whether Mr. Poe was driving the car at the time of the accident or whether it was being driven by someone else.

Dr. W. S. Poe of Eastland, a brother of H. C. Poe, after seeing an account of the accident in the newspapers, telephoned the doctors attending his brother, and was advised that while H. C. Poe's condition was serious, he would recover unless unforeseen complications set up.

Wagon Tongue Causes Death in Collision

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 16.—A wagon tongue protruded the side of William Walters, causing his death in a short time late Tuesday afternoon. Walters was in an automobile which collided with the wagon.

JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR DISTRICT COURT TERM

Walter Gray of Eastland, L. A. Carter of Cisco, and T. G. Gray of Gorman, appointed as jury commissioners by Judge Been of the 88th district court to draw jurors for the weeks of Jan. 1, Jan. 18, Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 of the 88th district court, completed their work Tuesday, having drawn sixty names for each of the four weeks.

TWO DEATHS RESULT FROM EXPLOSION ON DAIRY FARM

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 16.—Thomas Clark, 27, died in a hospital here today, the second victim of an explosion on a dairy farm nine miles east of here, Mrs. Neica Clark, 45, mother of Thomas, was fatally burned in the same accident.

ATTORNEYS FOR SEWELL SPARRING FOR TIME

DENTON, Dec. 16.—A decision upon motion to quash the special venire in the W. J. Sewell murder case was expected here this afternoon. The quash motion was entered at opening of court today after the court had overruled a motion for a change of venue to Tarrant county.

VISITOR IN RANGER

John Watson, one of the leading merchants in Strawn, was a visitor in Ranger today and called on City Secretary Sanford Dean at the Ranger City Hall.

Clothing Given To Salvation Army For Its Christmas Cheer

Women's clothing, including two coats and nine suits, has been given by a Main street merchant who wished the name withheld to the Salvation Army in Ranger to be distributed at Christmas time to the worthy poor appealing for aid. The clothing is said to be new and is valued at close to \$400.

Officers of the Salvation Army are planning to distribute both food and clothing at Christmas time to bring some cheer and happiness into lives that are dreary. If any person or business house has something that will aid in spreading the Christmas spirit and will telephone to the Salvation Army to "come and get it" the army will gladly see that it reaches the place where it will do the most good.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLS THREE PERSONS

Wounds Three Others Before Being Captured. "Folks Bothered Me," He Says.

By United Press.

YELLEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 16.—The story of a 14-year-old boy who played "bad man" in earnest, killed three persons and wounded three others, was told to the police today by Arnold Homer, who killed his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Boyd, her infant child, and Charles Moore, a farmer, last week. Boyd was captured late yesterday at the home of a farmer he had frightened with his gun into taking him in and giving him food.

"I was hungry and was afraid she would refuse to give me any food," said the boy, telling of killing his grandmother. "I killed the baby because it started crying," he said. The boy told of the killing with a bright smile and showed little concern.

Asked why he killed Moore he said, "I was afraid he would make me go home and do my chores."
"When I went to a farmhouse to get some food the man there opened the door too quick, so I shot through the door with my gun," said the boy in referring to the wounding of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beavers and their small child. "I was tired of home and so I left," he said. "I didn't intend to kill anybody when I started out, but folks kept bothering me."

Police do not believe the boy is sane. They say he has the mentality of a precocious child. Arnold says he was 16 years of age, but his father told authorities he was only 14 years old.

SKELTON INDICATIVE OF MURDER BY MOONSHINERS

By United Press.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 16.—The headless, handless and footless skeleton found in a swamp by hunters here was identified today with the discovery of a human skull about 10 miles distant. Mrs. Andy McGeorge, after examining some clothing found nearby believed the skeleton that of her husband, an itinerant Pentecostal preacher who disappeared from his home in Arkansas last summer. The body was found in the almost impenetrable fastnesses of a swamp and nearby was an abandoned still. Police believe that the man was murdered by moonshiners.

Two Convicts Killed On Prison Farm and Inquiry is Promised

By United Press.

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Investigation is to be made by the governor into the killing of two convicts on the Werme farm by two fellow convicts M. C. Ryan is reported to have died Nov. 1, from injuries alleged inflicted by another prisoner. Ryan's throat was slashed with a razor. Newton Stovall died two days later as result of a fractured skull.

LAWN.—A. M. Shores erecting building to be used as Chevrolet sales room.

CORSICANA.—Work started on construction of new Sunday school annex to First Methodist church.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

before CHRISTMAS

Jinglin' Bell

By HARRY LEE

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THE matron in the Orphans' Home told us there ain't no Santy Claus! I just put up my hand and snapped, and shook it, too, I did, because there is a Santy! And one time I seen him! Then the matron said: "Yes, Thomas, you may speak," and so I told how, "fore my mother's dead, and we were fast asleep, we heard bells jinglin', and there right below our bedroom window, Santy was—Old Santy dancin' in the snow— Long whiskers blowing, and his nose all red, and fat he was, and oh! The bumpy pack he had, with toys—engines and ever'thing, you know, and drums! And he lift up his face, and wave at us, and laugh, and call: "A Merry Christmas, little Tom—A Merry Christmas to you all!"

I'VE wrote him 'bout the Orphans' Home; I hope he finds the way out here! It's awful far from where home was; I had my mother, see, last year! Boy, won't we jump and run to hear The jinglin' bells! And then he'll call: "A Merry Christmas, little Tom— A Merry Christmas to you all!"

OUTLOOK FIRST HALF 1926 INDICATES GOOD BUSINESS

Prospective Tax Reductions, Betterment in Farm Conditions, Consolidations in Industry and an Improved Foreign Situation Affords Good Grounds For Optimism.

By S. A. LILLARD, Jr., Vice-President, Ranger State Bank. Having just passed through a year which from the standpoint of the country at large must be considered prosperous, every one with any interest in industry is curious as to what 1926 has in store for us.

And while much that I am going to say in this regard is prophetic and should be discounted as such, I think it may be helpful to list the following things as probable outstanding economic developments of 1926.

1. Federal tax reduction.
2. Further financial progress by farmers—barring unforeseen circumstances.
3. Consolidations and mobilization of industry into larger units—particularly in the case of the railroads.
4. Further gains toward financial stability on the part of Europe as a whole, and possibly more nations returning to the gold standard.
5. A major decline in security markets.
6. A continuation of general prosperity with added momentum, at least for the first part of the year.

Reduced Federal Taxes. Federal tax reduction now seems a certainty, although it is difficult at this writing to determine just how drastic a cut will be finally decided upon by Congress. Tax reduction will undoubtedly be a fine thing for industry and for all classes of people, as it will free large sums of money for business and investment purposes. It will be of especial assistance to farmers.

As things now stand, the cost of federal, state and local taxes is greater than the value of the five major farm products: Corn, wheat, cotton, oats and hay. Farmers of course do not pay all these taxes, but the agricultural community represents the largest consuming class in the country. Taxes raise the cost of doing business which is passed on to the consumer. Farmers bear a large proportion of the entire tax burden, the total of which equals more than their production. Even though state and local taxes do remain high, reduction in federal taxes will help ease that burden.

The year 1925 was all in all a fairly good farm year with satisfactory prices for farm products and a gain in the farmer's purchasing power. And farmers for the most part start 1926 in better financial conditions than they were a year ago and with real optimism for the future.

Mergers and Trade. As to my third point, that of consolidations, the natural trend of business has been to mobilize into larger and stronger units. This results in the bolting of waste, in greater efficiency and more economy. Numerous consolidations were wrought in 1925, and more are hoped for in 1926, particularly among railroads, as it is expected Congress will enact legislation to permit several important groupings of carriers to take place.

The foreign situation offers good ground for optimism. Italy especially has made great economic progress this past year and may stabilize her currency and return to the gold standard in 1926. Conditions in Germany and France should improve slowly. International trade in 1926 should be more normal and stabilized than at any time since the war.

As to stock and bond markets, they have for the most part been rising for over two years and seem ready for a major setback sometimes in 1926. And, unless carried to unruly extremes and coupled with other adverse circumstances, a severe decline in security markets shouldn't demoralize general industry. For business at present is on a sound basis with a healthy money situation, with inventories kept down, production well in hand, and employment satisfactory.

Business should continue good for at least the first part of the New Year, and we hope you will share liberally in the prosperity 1926 promises.

JAPANESE TROOPS READY TO GO INTO MANCHURIA

By United Press. OSAKA, Japan, Dec. 16.—Two regiments of Japanese soldiers were mobilized today in keeping with the war minister's orders to send 3,500 troops into Manchuria.

EUROPEAN DEBT SETTLEMENTS CONSIDERED IN SENATE

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Debt settlements negotiated with six European nations came under fire in the senate today. The Italian settlement was particularly singled out for criticism.

JOHN H. REESE OF CARBON DIES IN CALIFORNIA

By United Press. CARBON, Dec. 16.—Word has been received here of the death of John H. Reese of this city at Mecca, Calif., last Monday, where he and his wife had gone a few weeks ago for an extended visit. He had received injuries in an automobile wreck since going to California and it is stated that these caused his death.

Mr. Reese, who was past 70 years of age, was a pioneer citizen of Eastland county, having lived in the Flatwoods community and at Carbon for many years. It could not be learned whether the body would be shipped here for burial or not.

TAX DEBATE IN HOUSE REACHES TWO OBSTACLES

Inheritance Taxes and Board of Tax Appeals Life Tenure Arouse Opposition.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The tax bill debate, after sailing smoothly through the normal and surtax divisions and after reveal of the publicity clause, reached the controversial subjects of inheritance taxes and the board of tax appeals today.

Recommendations of the ways and means committee for a reduction of the inheritance tax levy from 40 to 25 per cent, is scheduled to have bipartisan opposition, and the committee's recommendation to give life tenure of office to members of the tax appeals board has aroused the entire democratic delegation, the insurgent group and a number of regular republicans to oppose it. Led by Representative Garret, democrat, Tennessee, they will hurl their strength against it.

Paul Doumer Asked To Be the Finance Minister of France

By United Press.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Premier Aristide Briand today requested Senator Paul Doumer, head of the senate finance commission and former finance minister, to assume the finance portfolio, succeeding Louis Loucheur, who resigned last night under pressure of popular dissatisfaction with his eight billion franc tax program.

Having experimented with a direct tax program under Loucheur's brief tenure of office and having found the direct tax unpopular, the cabinet, at a meeting today, decided to present its own project rather than one bearing the personal label of Doumer.

Reed Wants Probe Of Foreign Policy Of Administration

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An investigation of the administration's foreign policy is demanded in a resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri.

The resolution would require the foreign relations committee to investigate and ascertain if any foreign commission or corporation had been spending money to influence official or senatorial action.

NEGRO INSISTS HE KILLED WOMAN BY ACCIDENT

By United Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 16.—Wash Martin, negro, has confessed to the killing of Mrs. Lena Blevins, daughter of a Hilary Springs farmer, last Friday morning, according to police here today.

The negro said he killed Mrs. Blevins accidentally when he stopped and asked her for a drink of water, police said. Mrs. Blevins became alarmed and tried to wrest his gun from her, he told police. "It was discharged and Mrs. Blevins was shot. An indictment against the negro is expected."

FERRIS MERCHANT DIES

By United Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 16.—C. W. Crum, of Ferris, Texas, merchant, was found dead in a bath tub in Oak Cliff, today. A pistol with one chamber discharged lay near. He had been in ill health.

Explosion Survivor Says Men Suffocated As in Terrific Storm

By United Press.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—That the explosion which took the lives of five miners at the Wilkinson Coal and Coke Company mine at Wilkinson, Monday, was like a terrific storm, suffocating the men, was told today by one of the survivors in the hospital here with burns about his face and body.

Great Britain Will Agree to Terms By Which Gets Mosul

By United Press.

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—The League of Nations' council was ready today to announce formally its decision to turn over Mosul to British control. The council is understood to have received from London the formal assurance demanded as a prerequisite that Great Britain renew its mandate over Iraq for 25 years and conclude a satisfactory trade treaty with Turkey.

DON PARKER IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR

By United Press.

Police Despair Of Locating Murderer Of Battling Siki

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—While the police shook their heads and said, "Hell's Kitchen cooked Siki's broth," friends of Battling Siki, the eccentric prizefighter killed yesterday, planned a Mohammedan funeral for him. The body will be washed while prayers are said, clad in pure white and then buried.

The funeral will probably end the case, for none expects his murderer to be found. The police today raided poolrooms and places where things make their headquarters, but admitted little hope of bringing the murderer to justice.

"Siki was safe on Eighth avenue," said one old-time policeman, "but he strayed off his beat when he got on Ninth avenue, where the wops of Hell's Kitchen are numerous, and somebody bumped him off."

LIQUOR RAID AT VICTORIA ENTRAPS MANY

By United Press.

HOUSTON, Dec. 16.—Eighteen Victoria citizens were under arrest today as a result of one of the largest liquor raids in the Southwest this year.

Prohibition Director George Hammons swooped down on the town yesterday and seized 10,000 pints of liquor, 86,000 pints of beer, a complete distillery and three breweries.

New York Broker Owing Half-Million Dollars Is Missing

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Albert Benschner, a prominent broker, has been missing from his office and home since Dec. 1, the state attorney general's office revealed after alleging that Benschner owed his customers about \$500,000. The office of Albert Benschner & Co. has been closed and an injunction issued in the supreme court against the firm and against Benschner as an individual.

According to Deputy Attorney General Victor Kaufman, the brokerage firm recently "bucketed" its orders.

PRESIDENT SENDS TWO NOMINATIONS TO SENATE

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Coolidge sent to the senate today the nomination of Charles W. Hunt of Iowa to be a member of the federal trade commission, a reappointment, and the nomination of J. H. Walsh of Louisiana to be a member of the shipping board.

Ambassador Moore At Spanish Court Resigns His Post

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The resignation of Alexander P. Moore of Pittsburgh as ambassador to Spain was announced by the white house today. Moore, who was appointed by President Harding in March, 1923, will leave Madrid, Dec. 20.

The announcement occasioned no surprise as it was known that Moore, for personal reasons, wished to leave diplomatic work last spring, but was persuaded by Coolidge to remain until the new congress convened.

Cisco Lobos Defeat Yellow Jackets Of Cleburne, 14 to 3

Special Correspondence.

CISCO, Dec. 16.—The Cleburne Yellowjackets, after Bratcher had kicked a field goal from the 25-yard line in the second quarter, were unable to hold the heavier Cisco Lobos who, in the third quarter, made two touchdowns, and kicked two goals, giving the Eastland County team victory by a score of 14 to 3.

It was a fast and hard-fought game. The Yellowjackets attempted passing tactics with fair success, but the weight of the Lobos was too much for them.

The Lobos will now meet the Forest Hill team of Dallas for the North Texas championship.

Four Men Missing After Fire in Store

By United Press.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 16. Four men are believed to have perished when a fire destroyed the Cerner-Bradshaw department store here early today. The night watchman and three clerks who remained in the store during the night are missing and the debris is being searched for their bodies.

The Fredericks Hotel, adjoining, was menaced and guests, fled to the street. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

ROAD BUILDING COMPANY TO BE HEARD TODAY

Hoffman Construction Co. Will Answer Allegations of Attorney General.

By United Press.

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Postponement by agreement of the suit brought by Attorney General Moody against the Hoffman Construction Company set for trial in the 53rd district court this morning, until 2 o'clock this afternoon led to a report that the hearing was to be brief and that a "surprise" might be looked for in a quick settlement of the litigation.

George A. Davison of San Antonio president of the Hoffman Company, had not arrived this morning. Judge R. L. Batts of Austin and Conner & McRae of Eastland, represent the defendant.

Davison's deposition and that of C. R. Starnes, another official of the defendant company, were taken at San Antonio yesterday by the attorney general. Depositions of Frank V. Lanham and Joe Burkett, former highway commissioners have also been taken.

The Hoffman Construction Company is being sued for \$300,000 damages and prevention of payment to it of \$296,000 in approved highway estimates under contracts awarded by the highway commission.

NEW USED-CAR SALESROOM IS TO BE OPENED

Leveille-Maher Motor Co. To Open Its Greatest Sale Next Saturday.

The used car department of the Leveille-Maher Motor company will be moved next Saturday to a new location at 413 Main street, Ranger, just one block from the company's headquarters at Main and Hodges streets.

At the same time the greatest used car sale this company has ever put on will be opened. The cars have been reconditioned and equipped completely with accessories, and each of these will be backed by the company's guaranty, so any of them may be purchased with absolute surety of adequate service.

The Leveille-Maher Motor company has decorated its new used car quarters with Christmas colors, giving it a holiday atmosphere and the holiday shoppers will enjoy visiting the salesroom and looking over the offerings. The cars may be purchased, as doubtless many will be, for Christmas gifts, with an assurance they will please those to whom they are given.

Both open and closed types of bodies are included in the offerings. They are cars anyone would be proud to own, proud to ride in. Any of them will be sold for a small down payment, the balance to be paid in regular installments to fit the purses of the purchasers.

A special invitation has been extended to the women to visit the new salesroom and look over the cars. Everything about the place will be found scrupulously clean, so none need be afraid of getting their gowns soiled with grease or dirt. Salesmen will be on hand at all hours to show the cars and demonstrate them for the buyers.

Ranger Business Men Spend Week Hunting In Kimble County

W. W. Housewright, vice president of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, and Tom Bray of Ranger, are "somewhere in Kimble county" hunting deer and turkey and enjoying the outing, according to messages that have been received at their homes. They left Ranger late last Saturday, going by automobile and adequately provided with a camp outfit. They planned to spend most of this week hunting, and expect to return about Saturday laden with venison and wild turkey.

Ranger Chamber Of Commerce Directors Meet Thursday Night

Members of the board of directors of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, named last week by the Ranger city commission, have been called to meet at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Chamber of Commerce hall on the second floor of Guaranty bank building for the purpose of organization and to plan their work. A full attendance is desired.

Members of the board are: Ed R. Maher, W. W. Housewright, S. A. Lillard, J. C. Smith, John W. Thurman, L. R. Pearson, E. H. Mills, Abe Davis, Stule Perlechin, Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, W. C. Hickey, S. F. Boon, John M. Gholson, M. K. Newnam and Hall Walker.

WICHITA FALLS.—Five completions in local oil field in one day, reported.

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BIBLE THOUGHT
THE END OF ENMITY.
 When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Proverbs 16:7.
PRAYER.—O God, help us to live in Thee, and then Thou wilt stop the enemy, even as Thou didst stop the mouths of the lions for Daniel.

THE TWENTIETH AMENDMENT.
 On March 14, 1924, the senate passed by the significant majority of 63 to 7 a constitutional amendment providing that the terms of the president and vice president shall end on the third Monday of January and the terms of senators and representatives on the first Monday in January; that congress shall assemble on the first Monday of January.

The amendment was referred to the house, but owing to the short session which followed it was not voted upon there. With the convening of the sixty-ninth congress, however, there can be no doubt as to the re-introduction of the amendment and there can be little doubt as to its adoption by the senate and house and later ratification by the states.

The primary argument made by those desiring this change is that congress does not actually begin until 13 months after the members have been elected. It thus frequently happens that issues upon which they have been elected have been settled by the old congress or put into such a condition as to make adjustment doubly difficult. It is also claimed that congressmen who have been defeated for re-election have the opportunity during the session after the election to vote without responsibility for private legislation in which they will secure some personal gain.

There has been much discussion in congress as to whether it is necessary to change the date of inauguration day by a constitutional amendment, the constitution proper specifying no exact date for inauguration. Those in favor of the constitutional amendment maintain that since the president's term was fixed at four years by the constitution an extension or curtailment of that period, which would be necessitated by a change in the inaugural date, could only constitutionally be effected by an amendment.

BORAH'S VIEWS ON WORLD COURT.

Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee asked not to attempt to obstruct senate adherence to the world court, emphasized the importance of keeping the United States out of the League of Nations. He holds the court must be divorced from the league and made independent. He takes the position that the court as it stands today is radically different from the court originated by Elihu Root and that it has been so materially changed by Lord Balfour that it has become not only the legal side of the League of Nations, but to all intents and purposes is the league.

Mr. Borah says "the only honorable thing for us to do is to keep this country out of the league. But in order to do this, this court must be divorced from the league, so that in joining the court we do not become in fact a part of the league. We can stay out of the league, and we can give the people a court divorced from the league—an independent, judicial tribunal, the only kind of a tribunal which can be of any service in the cause of peace."

With only one exception all of the cities in the United States having a population of 25,000 or over are served by electric street railways. These electric street car lines have a total of 44,000 miles of track, operate 100,000 cars and employ about 300,000 men and women to whom in wages \$450,000,000 is paid annually.

Society
AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER
 Mrs. R. B. Campbell, Editor
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TONIGHT.
 Miss Marie Flahie's class recital at high school at 8 p. m.
 Play at Cooper school at 8 p. m.
THURSDAY.
 Mrs. Peter's class recital at Merrim school at 8 p. m.

NOTICE HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS TO GIVE WEDDING.
 All arrangements for the elaborate social event for the senior wedding to be given Thursday morning have been made by the girls of the home economics club. Two prominent high school seniors are to be married at the regular assembly period. The admission is to be 10 cents for all school students and 15 cents for all others. Mothers and fathers you are especially invited to attend. Come at 10:15 Thursday morning.

TUESDAY BRIDGE HAS CHRISTMAS TREE.
 A four-foot Christmas tree graced the center of the dining table, at the B. A. Tunnell home, yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Tunnell entertained the members of the Tuesday Bridge club and entertained extra guests, and here as members entered they were requested by the hostess to deposit their packages around the tree and to take their tally cards of red and green from it. The house was charmingly decorated in Christmas bells and wreaths and the tree was very elaborate in its trappings of tinsel and other bright Christmas decorations. It had been agreed at the last meeting that each member would draw another member's name and in this way exchange gifts, but the hostess was not aware that she was to be an honor guest and was very much surprised when the Santa Claus, Mrs. John Moyer of Cisco began calling her name with frequency, as she unloaded the gifts from the tree. Mrs. Tunnell received a number of lovely and appropriate gifts. There was another one who came in for her share of honors, their departing members, Mrs. A. G. Jury, who is a charter member of the club, and the members of the club, as a token of their love for her, presented her with eight exquisite Madeira napkins. All members present received dainty gifts as Santa was most generous. In the bridge game that preceded the Christmas tree, Mrs. A. G. Jury won high score prize, a lovely hand-painted plate, and Mrs. Steve Lillard Jr., second prize, a similar plate. Mrs. Tunnell served as first course for luncheon meat loaf, baked potatoes, mince pie, salad, cranberry sauce, olives, hot rolls, and coffee, followed by a second course of cream puffs stuffed with whipped cream and confections. Those present were: Meses. A. A. Diehl, R. L. Bettis of Cisco, Steve Lillard Jr., K. C. Jones, D. L. James, C. N. Ochs, John Moyer, Charles Overly of Eastland, J. J. Norman, A. G. Jury, H. H. Durham, C. M. Edwards, A. J. Martin.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. A. G. JURY.
 The Mystery Club believes in staying with its departing members until the very last moment and are taking advantage of the time intervening between now and the departures of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jury to spend as much time with them as possible, so the second meeting of the week, was held at the Gholson last night in their honor, with Mrs. Rena Bonner Campbell, hostess. Christmas decorations prevailed. Individual green and red nut baskets, topped with tiny poinsettias, were filled with green and white candies. Tiny Santy clauses in red decorated the first plates of the three course luncheon that was served at the end of the bridge game, and tallies and prize package wrappings were bright with the reds and greens of holly. Carnations, Chinese lilies and floor lamps placed about the two tables formed a cozy setting for the game. Mrs. A. N. Harkrider received the high score ladies' prize, a corsage bouquet and Dr. Harkrider the men's high score, a jar of bath salts. Mrs. Campbell presented Mr. and Mrs. Jury with an old fashioned friendship sampler, framed as a token of what their friendship meant to her. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jury, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bates, Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Harkrider, Mrs. H. B. Wilson, Dr. Carl Nelson and the hostess enjoyed a three course luncheon, served by the hotel management and consisting of caviare sandwiches, oysters, queen olives, and English pickled walnuts, crab meat Newburg on toast, fruit cake with hard sauce and whipped cream and hot chocolate. The club meets tonight with Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Harkrider.

STUDY RECITAL AT MERRIMAN SCHOOL.
 Mrs. Marion E. Peters will present her Merriman school pupils in recital Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Merriman school house, at the same time she will present several of her Ranger pupils. This program will be rendered without charge and a cordial invitation is extended the friends and patrons of the school. The program follows:
 Monologue—"Who's Afraid"
 Cooke—Ruby Nell Poe.
 Reading—"The Menagrie Diet"
 Ophelia Gibbs.
 Reading—"Helping Mamma"
 Ruth Richmond.
 Play—"Feminine Bravery"—Six Children.
 Reading—"The Cookie"—Nell McGlothlin.
 Reading—"Mamma's Bargain"—Gladys Larson.
 Play—"Highly Colored Sketch"
 Kathleen Gunkle and Ruby Nell Poe.
 Reading—"Pants"—Estelle Smith.
 Reading—"When Our Aunt Visits Us"—Phyllis Gray.
 Reading—"Measles"—Carl Clay Cooper.
 Reading—"Small Boy's Trouble"—George Allison.

Pantomime—"Waiting For Santa"
 Jack Poe and Children.
 Monologue—"At the Matinee"
 Kathleen Gunkle.
 Folk Dance—"I See You"—Children.
 Reading—"I Want to Be a Janitor's Child"—Ruth Smith.
 Operetta—"Will You Come and Swing"—Fourteen Children.
 Pianologue—"I Like the Old Doll Best"—Marjorie Wood.
 Reading—"The Boys"—Jack Galoway.
 Play—"Search for Mother Goose"—Seventeen Children.

HEAR TALKS BY RETURN MISSIONARY.
 In spite of the inclement weather of yesterday, a number of Ranger ladies, members of the W. M. U. of the Central Baptist Church, motored to Cisco yesterday afternoon to attend the W. M. U. District rally. Dr. Sallee, missionary, just returned from twenty-two years mission service in China was present and made an inspirational talk. Dr. Sallee was the first Baptist missionary to enter interior China. In a forcible manner he gave those present a vision of the work and the need of missions in that land. Mrs. George W. Truett was also a prominent speaker and pleaded for our people to get a vision of the missionary work and to harken to the Master's call for service. Mrs. A. L. Leake led the devotional, her subject being "The Widow's Mite." Those attending from Ranger, were Meses. J. M. White, district president, A. L. Leake, S. K. Mitchell, J. C. Pierson and B. V. Bollinger.

A SURPRISE PARTY.
 A number of friends of Mrs. R. H. Hansford surprised her last evening and spent several hours dancing to the music of the radio and listening in on some splendid programs. Punch was served during the hours, to the honor guest, who was Billy Johnson, of the Carter Apartments, recently returned from California, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Rucker and Mr. Moss Tharpe.

ELKS' HOP A GREAT SUCCESS.
 Response to the invitations to the Elks' hop Tuesday night were liberal as there was a splendid crowd present, and many new faces were noted among those present, showing that the dancers came from many of the nearby towns. Gus Coleman's orchestra snapped right into action at 9 p. m. and played one popular number after another until about 2 o'clock this morning, receiving round after round of appreciative applause. If this hop can be taken as a forerunner of coming events, then one can look forward to many more good dances during December at the Elks' club.

CHRISTMAS CHEER KEYNOTE OF MEETING.
 The Christmas cheer annually sponsored by the Child Welfare club was the keynote of their luncheon and meeting yesterday afternoon, when they assembled at 1:30 in the coffee shoppe of the Gholson and partook of a splendid lunch, which was followed by their business meeting in the green room. The members of the club certainly radiate the spirit of Christmas and at this meeting Mrs. John Thurman, chairman of the Christmas cheer, announced her committees who will work with her in filling and distributing the Christmas baskets. While a canvass of the town for worthy cases is being made, there is always a possibility of some one being overlooked and to avoid this the chairman asks that anyone knowing of such cases advise her, or the Times, accordingly. Miss Joyce Connolly gave her monthly report, in which she stated that a number of children to whom free milk had been furnished had gained sufficient weight to be taken off the list, while others who were losing weight had been put on. Her report was very interesting. Meses. O. L. Phillips, Barney Carter and J. T. Gullahorn were appointed as a nominating committee and members are requested to get their lists ready, and turn them in to the committee between now and the next meeting, the third Tuesday in January, which will be the annual election of officers. Last but not least, the club had a delightful talk by Mr. Case, representing the National Playground association, on supervised playgrounds and the club was so inspired by this talk that they hope to do some constructive work along that line next year.

New Sealskin Coats For Nothing. Offered To Girls Of Boston, England

By C. T. HALLINAN
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)
 BOSTON, Eng., (By mail)—This old town is one of the few places in the civilized world where a girl, whenever she likes, may clothe herself gratis in sealskin.
 A grateful government will give her two dollars for every seal she kills. All she has to do is send in the nose to the local office of the Ministry of Fisheries. This two dollars will cover the cost of skinning and curing the late unlamented and if she furnishes all materials, the local furriers will turn her out a fashionable garment for next to nothing.
 Seals, however attractive on Bond street, London, or Fifth Avenue, New York, are a pest in Boston, England. Thousands of families find their livelihood threatened by the inroads which the seals are making upon the fishing in the Wash.
 Experts estimate that there are now about 1,500 full grown seals sporting about in the bay, and as each seal consumes daily from fifty to sixty pounds of fish, it is increasingly difficult for the professional fisherman to compete with them.
 However, the seals in the Wash have become so wary that it is almost impossible to kill them. They lie in hundreds on the sands when the tide goes out but at the first sight of a human being, they dash flopping and wriggling back into their element, Fishermen who try to sail noiselessly up to a school of seals find suddenly that every wet black bobbing head in the bay has disappeared.
 During eight weeks of steady hunting in September and October, only nineteen seals were killed. A fishery cruiser has been equipped with a gun but it has few noses to its credit.
 During the entire year 1924 the combined efforts of villagers, fisherman, sportsmen and Ministry of Fisheries experts accounted for less than 150 while the noisy colony in the Wash increased by at least a thousand.
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 Leveille-Maher Motor Company, 413 Main St., Ranger.—(Adv)

Letter From Weeks Criticizing Mitchell Read To The Court

By United Press.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A letter from former Secretary of War Weeks to President Coolidge, criticizing Col. William Mitchell for his testimony before the house aircraft committee, was read in the court-narrative trial of Colonel Mitchell today.
 Weeks charged that Mitchell was taking a lawless, contrary to the upbuilding and maintenance of organization, so "indicative of personal desire for publicity at the expense of anyone with whom he was associated, that his actions makes him unfit for a high administrative position such as he now occupies."
 Weeks added, "I write this with regret, because Mitchell is a gallant officer with a good war record."
 During first 8 months of 1925 transportation system of Houston Electric Company carried 34,470,708 passengers, an increase of 1,674,627 compared with the same period in 1924.
 Approximately 14,000 bales cotton ginned in Bee county, up to November 24.
 BLACK JACK.—New ginnyery to be built here.
 GRAND PRAIRIE.—Contract let for drilling new artesian well.

ROAD MATTERS DISCUSSED BY RANGER COMMISSION

Mayor Hodges and Commissioners Teal and Brasher of the Ranger city commission discussed road matters for an hour Tuesday afternoon, but the commission took no definite action on any matter.
 It was agreed that the commission would meet again next Saturday if it was possible to get County Commissioner Cooper and some of his associates of the county commission's court to confer with the city commission with reference to work on the Pleasant Grove road.
 AUSTIN.—6.8 miles highway on Fort Worth-Dallas hike in Tarrant county, to be widened and reconstructed.
 COMANCHE.—New federal building under construction, to cost \$40,000.

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RANGER, TEXAS

HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE NEEDS AVIATOR FOR AIR CHARTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Naval Hydrographic office is in need of a trained aviator to devise special sailing directions and plot charts for aviators, Captain F. B. Bassett, Naval Hydrographer, told Secretary of the Navy Wilbur in his annual report today.

"The shortage of officers mentioned in the report of 1924 continues," Bassett declared. "The work of the office is continually increasing due to the invention of new instruments, new methods and to the increased activities of all foreign hydrographic offices and to the mercantile marines of all countries and the increasing demands of aerial navigation."

Bassett pointed out that the publication of pilot charts of the upper air for the use of aviators is being considered by the Department and that an officer with flying experience is needed to take charge of their preparation.

Workmen of the company which supplies electric service to the people of Montreal, Canada, have voted to abolish profanity during business hours and have asked the company to co-operate in this effort. In this way they hope that soon there will be no swearing among the employees in the company's offices, work shops, and generating stations as well as those working on transmission and distribution line construction.

HOUSTON.—Extensive program launched for improvement of Negro schools.

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Levellie-Maher Motor Company, 413 Main St., Ranger.—(Adv)

0—LODGES.

Carl Barnes Post, No. 69, American Legion, will meet Wednesday at 8 o'clock in Legion Hall, over City Hall.

J. R. TOLLAND, Post Adjutant.

1—LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Friday afternoon brand new General cord tire and tubes. Finder phone or return to Jameson's, Ranger.

LOST—Sunday night on Spring road lady's brown coat. Finder please return to Jobe's Grocery or call 229, Ranger.

FOUND—One rubber engine belt. See Daniel S. Evans, Howard farm, Ranger.

LOST—Dec. 6, between Ranger and Breckenridge, female Airedale dog, H. K. Word, phone 58, Ranger; reward.

7—SPECIAL NOTICES.

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, paved st. 220 S. Austin, Ranger.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Eight-room house, all modern conveniences, 452 Pine St., Ranger.

FOR RENT—Three room cottage, Phone 249, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Three room modern house, close in. Phone 97, Ranger, Mrs. Weir.

FOR RENT—Modern 4 room house, 424 Main street, Ranger. Phone 420

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT

SEE Mrs. Yardley at Wier rooms for furnished apartments and bed rooms, Ranger.

12—WANTED TO BUY.

SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main street Second-Hand Store, 630 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.

13—FOR SALE—Miscellaneous.

SPECIAL SALE—Beginning Friday, Dec. 18, and lasting through the 23rd on all fancy work. Ladies' Exchange, 222 S. Austin St., Ranger.

ABSOLUTELY and positively the best clothes for the least money in Ranger. Seeing is believing. Specialists in shoes and hats. Mrs. Zeigler Clothes Shop, 120 East Main, Ranger.

HAND-MADE articles solve Christmas problems; many novel articles on sale at reasonable prices at the Ladies' Exchange, 222 S. Austin st., Ranger.

\$150 Victrola slightly used for sale at a good price; also slightly used piano at a special price. E. E. Ray Music Co., Eastland.

14—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE or trade for small farm my home 902 Foch street. Five room house strictly modern. H. T. Huffman.

16—AUTOMOBILES.

FOR SALE—1923 model Ford 5 door, good shape and good rubber, \$175.00 cash or terms. O. W. Hanson, 216 Pine st., Ranger.

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WHY PUT new parts on old cars. "We tear 'em up and sell the pieces." Ranger Auto Wrecking Co., 422-24 N. Rusk st., Ranger, phone 84.

17—WANTED TO RENT.

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



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 picturization of this novel.

SYNOPSIS

John and Eileen Mannerling are more than commonly happy when they waken this morning, for it is the twenty-first birthday of their son, Bob. Before leaving their bedroom they spend some time in reviewing the happy events of their life together, and John showers compliments on his wife as he did when she was a bride. They hear a call, "Ma," and Eileen admits Bob. He has come to ask his mother to arrange his necktie. Both parents congratulate him on his anniversary.

CHAPTER I—Continued

She embraced him and with practiced fingers set to work on the tie. "Congratulations on your twenty-first birthday, dear," she said, gazing into his eyes from her vantage point. Then, the tie adjusted to her satisfaction she kissed him.

He returned her embrace, mumbled his thanks awkwardly and would have turned to leave the room had she not detained him.

"You are a man now,—my baby's gone," she whispered with a catch in her voice. And as if overcome by her feelings she sank into a chair still clinging to his hand.

Bob waited uneasily. Love of her and sympathy he had. But in his boyish shyness could only express them by leaning over her and patting her on the back.

"My baby's gone," she repeated and the memory of chubby hands and tiny feet made her cling desperately to him, drawing him lower and lower, as if she could once again cradle that tiny tot in her arms.

"Mother, don't," he protested, blushing furiously as if in fear that

despite his age and size she would insist upon her purpose.

At the entrance of his father, he gently but firmly drew away from her and advanced to meet him.

"Good morning, Dad." John regarded his son seriously.

"The law, my boy, says that you are a man today. How about it?"

For an instant the two gazed deep into each other's eyes. John, too, had ambitions for his son. In his dreams he pictured for the youth a life of rectitude and high purpose, of honor and success merited and fairly won.

Something of this the youth seemed to understand for he faced his father squarely.

"I'll try to be under any circumstances," he said firmly.

"Good," and in an instant John's seriousness departed and a mischievous twinkle danced in his eye.

"And you'll learn to tie your own neckties, too, my son?"

With a sheepish grin Bob glanced at his mother and seemed to gather strength from her presence.

"I don't need to while I have you to do it for me, do I, mother?"

Her answer was to arise and under the very eyes of her husband readjust her tie. Then she turned to draw them to her on either hand. There was pride and joy and great contentment in her heart as she viewed them in turn.

Her boys! That was what they were, she told herself. A united family bound by faith and love, what evil could prevail against them?

Even as they waited there, a sound from without echoed through the room. It was a long drawn "coo-hee" in a silvery voice of great carrying power.

Bob started and cast a nervous glance towards the window. As he turned back, his father caught his eye and arching his eyebrows in a most knowing and disturbing

man older than a good woman at his side.

Eileen smiled. You can find no fault with Marjorie on that score. She's merely young,—very young. All women run after men, John. Only when they are older, they are clever enough not to let the men know it.

"So that's it, is it?" he chuckled as he turned away to dress. "This Marjorie may be a perfect infant so far as the wiles of women are concerned, but mark my word, she's got the system of a bull dog. When she takes hold of anything, she is going to hang on like grim death."

CHAPTER II

A simply clad maid of demure appearance stood upon the rungs of a ladder that rested against the brick wall which separated her father's estate from that of the Mannerlings and gazed solemnly down at Bob. There was nothing of the modern flapper about Marjorie Patterson. So serious minded did she seem that she might have been meditating over a conventional upon the evils of the world without.

But watch her. As Bob climbed the trellis on his side of the wall and perched himself upon its top, there was eagerness in her manner. As he turned towards her, she smiled full upon him, and such a smile. Well might it have caused Bob's father some apprehension. There was no concealment in it. There lay exposed the soul of a young Diana, huntress of men. A persistent huntress who having marked her game clung unwearingly on its trail.

Headless of the peril which beset him, Bob met the warmth of her gaze carelessly, even heedlessly.

"Lo,—Marjorie."

(To be continued)

No. 1924. CITATION ON APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of 10 days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Eastland county, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To all persons interested in the welfare of Elizabeth Ann Harrell and Mary Jane Harrell, minors, Tom Harrell was by the county court at law for Eastland county, Texas, on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1925,

duly appointed temporary guardian of the persons and estates of said minors, which appointment will be made permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2nd Monday in January, A. D. 1926, the same being the 11th day of January, A. D. 1926, at the courthouse thereof, in Eastland, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Eastland, Texas, this 8th day of December,

A. D. 1925. ERNEST H. JONES, Clerk County Court, Eastland County, Texas. Dec. 9-16.

L. V. DODSON GETS FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

Word has been received in Eastland that L. V. Dodson, formerly an Eastland attorney but now living in El Paso, had been appointed federal assistant district attorney for the El Paso district.

COAHOMA.—Two-story hotel to be erected.

On Deep Creek in the mountains of Western Maryland a hydro-electric development project is under way which will eventually produce 150,000 horsepower of electrical energy.

Eighty-five miles of electrically welded pipe are being laid in Oakland, California, to distribute water about the city. This will result in a saving of \$4,000,000 over any other variety of pipe.

In Illinois alone there are 1,188 communities where electric service is available and in 82 per cent of these communities this service is at the beck and call of those using it any hour of the day or night.

Figures just published show that total taxes raised by states increased without interruption from \$307,000,000 in 1913 to \$1,064,000,000 in 1924, and various county, city, town, village, townsite and other district taxes increased from \$1,219,000,000 in 1913 to \$748,000,000 in 1924.

PANHANDLE.—New street lights to be installed along Main street.

CISCO.—Western Union Telegraph Company remodeling local office.

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LAMB THEATRE

Final Showing Buddy Roosevelt in "RECKLESS COURAGE"

Tomorrow Yakima Canutt in "THE HUMAN TORNADO"

10c Admission 25c

LIBERTY THEATRE

Today and Tomorrow

NORMA SHEARER

A Slave of Fashion with LEW CODY

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10c Admission 35c

NOTICE OF SALE OF HILLCREST ADDITION TO EASTLAND.

By order of the Eighty-eighth district court of Eastland county, Texas, made on the 10th day of December, 1925, I, as receiver of Hillcrest, Eastland county, Texas, hereby advertise said estate for sale, and request that sealed bids be turned in to me on or before Dec. 22, 1925.

Said estate is composed of about two hundred and twenty (220) vacant lots and one lot with a five-room stucco residence thereon. Side-walks have been built along the front of the majority of said lots and there is a gas well on the north end of the addition, in the royalties of which all the owners between Plummer street and Jordan avenue are to participate.

Said sale is to be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, subject to the approval of the court.

JOE F. ORR, Receiver. Eastland, Texas. Dec. 13-16-20.

VERNON.—Bridge to be erected across Red River.

PORT ARTHUR.—Sewer work in Model Addition nearing completion.

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ECONOMIZE Practical Gifts AND PRACTICAL GIFTS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED Giving a Suit usually means giving \$50.00. Here it means giving \$50.00 worth of gift for only \$35.00. Saves you \$15.00 Not only on a Suit but all over the house in every department are economic values in gifts in that proportion. HIS GIFT IS HERE—HER GIFT IS HERE— Suits Overcoats Leather Jackets Hosiery Robes Shirts Ties Etc., Etc. Overnight Cases Hat Boxes Jewelry Fancy Hosiery Vanity Sets Lingerie Spring Hats Etc., Etc. THE BOSTON STORE EASTLAND, TEXAS

White's Christmas News of Paramount Interest to Gift Seekers Gifts—And New Apparel for Holiday Events at Savings You can easily solve that Gift Problem just by shopping through our vast stock. You will find here the most unusual but appropriate Gifts of the season. And White's "Greater Volume and Less Profit" policy enables you to buy at a saving. We will be glad to have you shop through our store. J. M. WHITE & COMPANY "We Show The New Things First"

CAN YOU SPELL?

IF SO, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR SKILL AND WIN A \$125 SCHOLARSHIP IN THE EASTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE AND C. S. I.

Good spelling is a matter of memory and observation. The business world demands good spellers, close observers — men and women who are ever alert, and whose vigilance can be depended on.

Business Men Pay Well For These Qualities

Success, in the last analysis, is simply a matter of skill in applying knowledge. It is not enough to know—you must be able to do. Business men are looking for doers, and wherever they find them, they treasure them and reward them in proportion to their proficiency. The average grammar school graduate can spell almost any word on this page, yet there is not one person in a hundred who can detect the misspelled words here without the most careful vigilance. The reason is that so few people observe. They are not careful. Yet the highways of life are strewn with the wreckage of those who do not observe. About one person in a hundred can qualify as a close observer.

You May Be That One Person in a Hundred

If so, you are the one in most urgent demand by business men. In time, you can set your own figure—name your own salary—and get it. Besides you can win this free scholarship. At least, you can gain a fine credit on any course you may choose.

A Number of Misspelled Words are Concealed

in this advertisement. They have been misspelled purposely as a test of your skill and observation. Only those who know they can spell and who are close observers will stand much of a chance in the business world. Hence, we desire to find as many good spellers and close observers as we can, for such make the best students, win the greatest success in the business world and reflect the most credit upon the school that trains them.

Now, Show Us What You Can Do.

Scattered all over this page are misspelled words. Find them. Make a neat list of them in the order in which they occur. Write on one side of your paper only. Use pen and ink. Have your name and address at the top of your list of words. Mail or bring your list to the office of the EASTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE, Eastland, Texas, Room 5, Beard Building. If your list is the first correct list to be received, you will be awarded a \$125 scholarship, and the second correct list will entitle the sender to a \$75 scholarship, any selection.

Ten Cents a Word For Each Misspelled Word Found

It will be impossible for you to lose. All cannot win the free scholarship, of course, but we will allow a credit of ten cents a word for each misspelled word found. This credit may be applied as cash on any course you may select. There are enough misspelled words here to make the credit a very liberal discount. In fact, we do not mind saying to you that there are fully a hundred of these misspelled words.

Many Can't See a Good Thing Close at Hand

They are rainbow chasers. What is most distant is most alluring. This is true in respect to educational institutions the same as of other things. Like the South African farmer, they travel thousands of miles in search of diamonds, only to return home late in life, broken in years, and discouraged, to find the old homestead the site of the greatest diamond mine operations on earth. If you are close observer, you will not make the mistake of overlooking a good business college at home, and run the risk of disappointment, loss and failure by following the lure of some distant school, but you will take a clue from the findings of Eastland business men, and get your training at home in an institution endorsed and backed by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Lion's Club, and other civic organizations. You will profit by the recommendations of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, as contained in the following letter:

November 9, 1925

Dear Sir:

The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, after a thorough investigation of the character and ability of Mr. C. C. Reddoch, of Marshall, Texas, is pleased to state that every report shows that he is a man of the highest character. Also, the investigation shows that he has been successful as a business college teacher and manager.

The Executive Committee therefore voted unanimously to endorse Mr. Reddoch, and the Business College, which he is organizing in this city. The business men are requested to cooperate especially by recommending and assisting students who may wish to take business college course.

Very truly,
GEORGE W. BRIGGS,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,
Eastland, Texas.

Note Carefully The Following Information

Regardless of where you go, how much money you pay, or what may be the claims and counter-claims of the various business schools, you could not find a more complete and comprehensive

course of bookkeeping and business practice than the one offered by this school. The course is divided into four parts—primary bookkeeping, elementary bookkeeping and accounting, corporation accounting and cost accounting. When completed, the student is fully equipped and prepared to accept a position leading to success as a public accountant or an auditor. The course can be completed in from four to six months. It embraces bookkeeping, business law, rapid calculations, penmanship, business English, spelling—in short, everything necessary to a thorough knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting. Promotion to managerial positions or department heads, is usually only a matter of a few years of practical experience.

Stenography and Typewriting

Literally and truly the bread-winner's insurance policy — an infallible source of steady income. Best when combined with bookkeeping. The shortest, the easiest, the surest road to permanent employment at good pay. Promotion and increase of pay, short hours and easy work, are a few of the most attractive features of this course.

Twentieth Century Shorthand

There are systems and systems of shorthand—none perfect—all good—but Twentieth Century Shorthand is perhaps the most nearly perfect and best system of shorthand that has yet been devised. Brief but complete. Simple, but lacking in nothing. Speedy, without being over-loaded with word-signs and special phrases. A connective vowel system. Does not require lines or positions to make it as legible as the printed page. Actual letter dictation begins right at first and office practice is given from the beginning. Time required to complete the course varies from six weeks to six months—depending on the student. Only seven lessons cover the principals—the rest is speed practice and sight reading. For those who want to get to a payroll at the earliest possible moment, nothing is more desirable, or certain. The course embraces Spelling, Letterwriting, English, Punctuation, Composition, filing, indexing, Duplicating, Typing, Transcriptions, Copying, Et cetera.

Civil Service

This course prepares the student for a position in the United States government as railway mail clerk, city mail carrier, rural mail carrier, post office clerk, inspector, and a number of other positions that pay from \$125 a month to \$2,300 a year. Time required, about three to four months. Employees in this service have the regular eight-hour day, thirty days sick leave, and two weeks vacation on full pay. Promotions are made from within the service without examination.

Junior Stenographic Course

In this we have a course that prepares the student to pass the Civil Service examination for junior stenographers and typists, in the shortest possible time. Junior typist positions pay \$1,140, and junior stenographers receive \$1,340 a year in addition to the regular bonus of \$240 per annum. The time required to complete this course ranges from three to five months. This includes all special drills and examination tests requisite to bring the student's speed and accuracy up to the required standard. The course embraces spelling, punctuation, composition, letter writing, penmanship, English, copying from rough draft, copying from plain copy, report writing, etc.

Senior Stenographic Course

This is a very important Civil Service course, and the larger salary received by those who take this course, amply justifies the added time required to complete it. By adding an extra month or two of work, the student can be assured of an extra \$25 to \$50 a month. The course embraces the same subjects as those covered by the Junior Stenographic course. The extra time required is for the added speed and proficiency. There are other advantages which the student of this course enjoys, such as more rapid promotion and a better initial salary.

Secretarial Courses

There are no more desirable courses for girls and women than the Junior and Senior Secretarial courses. The time required to complete either of these courses is very short, compared with their importance and the liberal salaries received. The course embraces the subjects covered by the Junior and Senior Stenographic courses, with the addition of bookkeeping—the Senior Secretarial affording bookkeeping drills and practice sufficient to enable the student to keep the books and look after the general routine of an office in a highly satisfactory way. The salary is more liberal in the beginning and the promotion more rapid than that of any other course except the combination. This is the most desirable course for teachers—both men and women—because

of their educational advantages. Those who have had the equivalent of a high school education or better, make the best private secretaries. It is true that many of the highest paid and most efficient secretaries did not have anything more than a grammar school education when they came to us, and enrolled for this course. What they lacked in these respects had to be made up, but this was quickly and easily done by our special time and labor saving methods. The course can be completed in from five to seven months, after which the road to opportunity is wide and easy.

Other Courses Offered

In addition to the above special and general courses, we offer instructions in Latin, Salesmanship, Advertising, Business administration, Commercial Law, Penmanship, Memory Culture, English (arithmetic, spelling, punctuation, composition, grammar, etc.), Personal Magnetism, etc. Information will be cheerfully supplied upon application.

Special Methods

It is not enough to know. The employe must know how. The average high school and college graduate has a wonderful stock of ideas and store of general information, but has never been taught how to make practical application of this knowledge and use of this information. The memory is faulty, and often fails at the most critical moment. The power of concentration, of independent thought, of deep penetration has never been developed. What is known as mental grasp, has never before been attempted by any school offering regular commercial courses. This feature of our work, is alone, worth many times over the cost of the course. Some students say they would not take a thousand dollars for what they were able to accomplish in a single month along the line of mental development and memory culture. Observation, concentration and memory—as necessary parts of a regular business education—while the most important, are yet the most neglected studies. Students of this school succeed with the least effort and more naturally, as a result of these special features of our work.

Additional Rules For Contestants

The following rules must be complied with. The suggestions will be found most helpful:

1. This advertisement should be read very carefully for the meaning. Words are often spelled differently, but pronounced alike, convey different ideas. It is their use in the sentence—their meaning—that determines their spelling.
2. The advertisement should then be read again, and studied for misspelled words. Each misspelled word found should be underlined with pencil or red ink.
3. The underlined words should then be listed and spelled correctly. Do not give both spellings—only the correct spelling of the misspelled words is wanted.
4. Webster's International High school or Collegiate Dictionary may be used. The words must be listed in the order they occur in the advertisement and must be numbered from one, up, consecutively. Each list must be signed by the contestant and must be in our office not later than January 5.
5. No one connected with the school in any way will be permitted to enter this contest.
6. The first list containing all the misspelled words correctly spelled and listed in the order they occur in the advertisement will entitle the sender to a \$125 scholarship; and the second correct list will be awarded a regular \$75 scholarship, any selection. All other lists will entitle the senders to a credit of TEN CENTS A WORD for each misspelled word found and listed. This credit will apply as cash on tuition in any course desired, provided the credit is used as part payment on tuition on or before January 31, 1926.
7. Any number of trials may be had. If a paper is torn or soiled in such a way as to make it difficult or impossible to find the misspelled words, the contestant may send for another paper. But after a list has been completed and sent in, the contestant will not be permitted to try again. No paper will be returned to contestants until after the close of the contest, but any contestant may call at the office and have his list checked in his presence, but not more than one error will be pointed out; so be sure no mistake is made. Every contestant is expected to find all the misspelled words without assistance from other contestants, but when in doubt about the correct orthography of a word, a dictionary should be consulted.

Make a Neighborhood Affair of This

Get your friends to join you in this contest. Send or have them send for extra papers containing the misspelled words. Nothing is more helpful, educational, or beneficial than a test of this kind. It may start you on a course of action that will lead to fame and fortune. "Watch Your Step," is a motto the wisdom of which this lesson will impress upon your mind.

MAIL, SEND OR BRING PAPERS TO ROOM 5, BEARD BUILDING
Eastland Business College and Civil Service Institute
Box 1014
EASTLAND, TEXAS



SPINSTERHOOD

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BEGIN HERE TODAY:
 Barbara Hawley, 25, breaks with her fiancé, Bruce Reynolds, and gets a job on the Telegraph, in order to see life.
 Andrew McDermott, the managing editor, is a former friend of her father, Bob Jeffries, police reporter, proves friendly.
 Barbara attends a newspaper dinner at the Lighthouse inn with Sinead Sullivan, a press agent. There she meets Jerome Ball, a man about town.
 The sound of a shot comes from an inner room in the roadhouse.
 Norman Hollowell, a prominent broker, is found dead in the room. A suicide note is found in his pocket, but Barbara finds a woman's scarf under the table.
 She is sent to interview Mrs. Lydia Stacy, a prominent society woman, on a real estate project by Bruce's firm.
 While there Mrs. Stacy's maid reveals having sent a dress to the cleaners to have a wine stain removed. Barbara connects the wine-stained dress with the roadhouse shooting of Hollowell.
 She seals the tell-tale scarf in an envelope and hides it in her desk. That night she has dinner with Jerome Ball, and rebuffs his advances.
 Barbara and Bob enjoy reading letters addressed to the lovelorn column by a girl who has a beer-stained kimono, straight eyelashes and unrequited love for a certain young man.
 Later Bob escorts her to a reception given by Mrs. Stacy for a foreign architect. Barbara finds Bruce is the guest of honor. Bob is called away on an assignment, and Barbara is forced to accept Mrs. Stacy's offer to have Bruce see her home.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY: CHAPTER XXI.

Barbara sat in the far corner of the limousine, staring out the window. She was trembling.
 Then she laughed aloud. Bruce turned from the opposite window. Barbara was laughing recklessly, her body shaking.
 "What's the matter?" he asked.
 "It's so funny," she gasped, "this whole affair."
 Bruce looked at her soberly. "I don't quite see it," he said.
 She went on laughing. As they passed a street lamp he saw the light flash across her face, wet with tears. He took her hand. "What is it, Barbara? You mustn't carry on like this. You'll be sick. Why, you're almost hysterical."
 Barbara gave another little shriek of laughter that ended in a sob.
 "Lydia Stacy worrying because we had never met each other—wanting us to be friends—forced you to bring me home whether you like it or not. Bob's coat tails—the whole horrible evening. Perfectly gorgeous joke. Just like fate to hand out his kind of deal."
 She lay back against the cushions weakly. "Tears were running down her cheeks. She did not try to wipe them away."
 "If you will get hold of yourself, Barbara, perhaps we can talk. I've been wanting to talk to you for a long time."
 She did not answer. Bruce looked hard at her. Her eyes were shut and her face white against the dark upholstery. "Babs, dear, are you all right?" He put one arm about her shoulders and drew her forward.
 Barbara pulled away and sat up straight. "Please don't," she said wearily, drawing her cloak about her.
 The great machine was bowling through quiet streets, its powerful lights painting a wide white avenue ahead.
 "Look here, Barbara," said Bruce. "What's this all about anyway? Are we going to be enemies to the end of the chapter, or can we at least be friends again? Is it necessary to hate each other, just because we fell out of love?"
 Barbara flared back. "I don't hate you. You just don't count, that's all. But it is a good joke on both of us, being forced together this way. My, wouldn't Mrs. Stacy be sorry if she knew the true circumstances? Her grand lady airs toward me would vanish into thin air. She's just a jealous cat, if she knew."
 "Not that there's any reason for jealousy. You and I are only strangers forever and ever. But she's so gone on you she'd even be jealous of your past."
 Bruce stammered. "What silly nonsense, Barbara. I'd never have expected such talk from you. But let's have it out here and now."
 "Are you satisfied with the course you've chosen or not? For heaven's sake be honest with me, Babs. Maybe our whole future happiness rests on it. You don't look like a happy woman, Barbara."
 Barbara sniffled. "A happy woman! And since when did you take up mind reading, Bruce?" she asked, self-improvingly, her broken envy-life before. So don't flatter yourself. "I'm happier than I've ever been in engagement. That's so far in the past I sometimes find it hard to believe that I ever really knew you at all."
 "You're lying," he answered calmly.
 She was stung. "I'm telling the solemn truth. You simply don't exist for me any more. And the life I'm living is the only life I'd ever want to live. So you may go ahead with your rich widow as soon as you like."
 Bruce answered slowly. "I don't know what you've heard, Barbara," he said. "But there's never been any girl for me but you. I don't like your ideas and I don't like many of the things you do. And most of all, I don't like your selfishness. But I've loved you. And that's more than I can say of any other woman."
 Barbara spoke reflectively. "Of course I haven't any money to offer you for your personal ambitions. And I wouldn't flatter you by giving up all my own interests to plunge into yours. You'll do better after all with the rich widow, Bruce."
 "Look here, Barbara. You don't know what you're talking about. But it's damn near insulting. There's nothing between us. Lydia's a rich trifle, interested in architecture and architects this season just as she was

in Buddhism and Buddhists last season. Next year it may be honiton lace or Chinese chow dogs. She just naturally collects things.
 "Anhow, that is beside the question. What about you and me? If you told the real truth, you'd admit you're lonely and miserable and overworked. And you'd admit you still loved me, too. And maybe we could pick up the broken ends and make a go of it after all. It would be worth it, Babs."

Barbara's anger had died down. She was too tired to maintain any intense emotion. "No, Bruce. It won't do. We want different things. You want a Victorian helpmate, and I want a life of my own. I'd be no better than a turnip if I lived under your regime. We don't understand each other, and we couldn't ever really have cared for each other. You go ahead and marry Lydia Stacy, and let her money help your schemes. And I'll worry along by myself and have a rather good time of it, too."

The car stopped at the Hawley door. "Shall I send the man back and come in a while, Barbara?" asked Bruce as he opened the automobile door.
 Barbara wavered. Then she caught sight of her wrinkled yellow dress under the lamp light, the dress that had accompanied Bob's wagging coat tails up that endless line of people to the regal Lydia.

"No," she said, "I'm too tired. Besides, why draw out the agony? What's done is done."
 Bruce was helping her out of the car. She dashed past him and up the steps to the house. He leaned against the car a moment, straining his eyes for a last glimpse of her through the window as the lights flashed on inside.

Then he climbed into the car and it rolled away.
 The great Stacy house was quiet and dark when he reached it, save where one or two windows in the main hall threw streamers of light across the front walk. The door opened as he climbed the steps, and Martha, the butler, addressed him.
 "Madam would like to see you in the music room, sir," he said.
 Bruce followed him through the hall.

The music room was an apartment in the east wing of the house. Bruce found Lydia at the piano, a Chinese lamp throwing a glow upon her cap and hair. She was playing some bit of old Italian melody when he entered.

He seated himself on a hassock near the piano. The light from the Chinese lamp fell on the backs of some old books stacked on a leopardskin table. Lydia's Persian cat lay on a black satin cushion at her feet. There was a level of yellow roses on the window sill, and the curtains were closely drawn against the night.
 The music went on and on, Lydia did not turn to look at Bruce. She might have been alone in the room, so little sign did she give of noticing his presence.

The cat rose and stretched itself, rubbing against Lydia's feet. At last it went out of the room.
 In the middle of the busy night

hands faltered and dropped from the keyboard. "No use," she sighed. "Imperfect music." She turned about to look at Bruce. "Sometimes I think that all of life is imperfect music, a chord with a wrong note or a missing note."
 She moved restlessly.

Bruce smiled. "Your life should be perfect music, Lydia. You've beauty, wealth, friends—everything it takes."
 She rose impatiently and paced the floor, her long fringed shawl trailing across the Chinese rugs. She made a gesture very like wringing her hands. "Everything except the one thing that would make me happy, Bruce," she said. "—a gift. If I could paint or sing or write or dance or do some one thing perfectly! But all I can do is to try to help those who can. And I don't like that kind of second hand satisfaction."

Bruce smiled at her. "Nonsense, Lydia. Just being what you are should be enough. Isn't it anything to be beautiful and rich and young?"
 Lydia shrugged and gave him a wry smile. "Don't flatter me, Bruce. You don't do it well. You're not even thinking of what we're talking about right now. I believe Miss Hawley has vamped you." Her tone was light, but her eyes were questioning. Bruce made no answer. He was puffing at a cigarette and looking at the yellow roses.

Lydia made a sudden movement and seized him by the arm. "Come on," she said, "let's write the statement for the Telegraph about my connection with Vale Acres. I want to send it down first thing tomorrow."

"Look here, Lydia," answered Bruce. "Are you sure you want to put so much money into it? You mustn't let friendship sway you too much, you know. It's rather a venture, and if anything should happen to our plans, I'd rather you didn't lose heavily in it."

"Lose!" cried Lydia. "Nothing I'm connected with ever loses. I'm a lucky penny and you'd better be glad I'm going to take hold of your enterprise. What shall we say about it?"
 "How does this go?" Mrs. Lydia

Stacy today announced her intention to invest large sums of money in the Vale Acres Development project sponsored by Manners, Stone & Reynolds.

"Mrs. Stacy will buy a large tract of land which will be platted and built up according to the plans of Bruce Reynolds, a member of the firm, and Giovanni Giffelli, Italian architect, whose presence in this city was the occasion for a large reception given last night at Mrs. Stacy's home."
 "That's going to look well in print. I'll call Barbara Hawley first thing in the morning and read it off to her."
 "Give it to McDermott instead," said Bruce. "It'll get better attention."

"What have you got against the Hawley girl?" asked Lydia suddenly. "I thought she looked at you with adoration in her eyes."
 (To be continued.)

Cisco Ma nRecalls Caloons And Politics Two-Score Years Ago

A. J. Olson, contractor and business man of Cisco, was in Eastland, Tuesday assisting A. J. Anderson, a native of Sweden recently arrived in the United States, in obtaining proceedings to become a citizen of this country. Mr. Olson, himself a native of Sweden, came to the United States about 38 years ago, settling at Brownwood, Texas, in Oct., 1887.

"When I lived in Brownwood more saloons were there than all other kinds of business houses combined,



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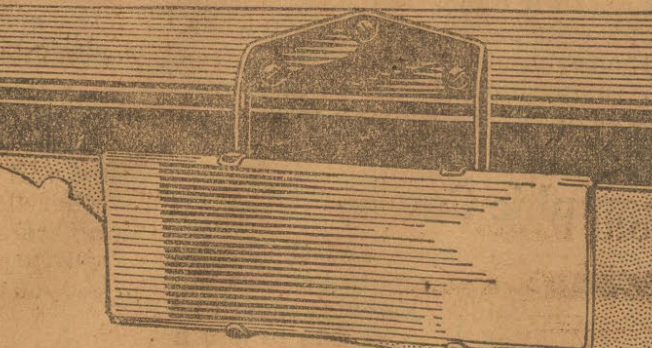
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and during the two years I was there more than twenty men were killed on the streets of the city," Mr. Olson said.
 Mr. Olson, who has amassed a considerable fortune, said that he worked for ten cents per hour for a long time just after he came to this country and remembers that he worked three years on the farm for \$25 per month and boarded himself. "The best board I ever had in my life I paid \$8 per month for it," Mr. Olson said.

Mr. Olson said that he did not know until about three years ago when he applied for passports to go to Sweden on a visit, that he was not a citizen of the United States. "During the Hogg and Clark campaign in Texas I was working in Brownwood and both sides in the controversy wanted me to vote for their candidate," he said. "I told them I was not an American citizen and they took me to the district court, where I signed a 'declaration of intention' to become a citizen. It then became known that I was not

21 years of age and the parties who had been advocating my taking out citizenship papers, came to the conclusion there was no need to go further with the matter, as I was not old enough to vote, and the matter was dropped. I was under the impression, however, that I had done

all that was necessary to become a citizen and only learned the difference when I attempted to have the government issue me a passport as an American citizen. I obtained citizenship papers without any difficulty and the passport was readily issued."

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ANNIVERSARY SALE OF BLANKETS

A special feature for tomorrow is our Anniversary Sale of Blankets and Quilts. High quality Blankets in soft all-wool—Quilts fit for a queen. Note the reduction in price and come see our showing.

Beautiful Satin covered Quilt in blue or rose. New carded cotton filling. Regular, \$11.50 value for \$9.50	An all-wool Blanket, extra size 70x80 inches; Satin finish binding; extra heavy; pink, blue and tan, \$21.50 value for \$16.95 pair	70x80 regular weight all-wool double Blanket. Satin finish binding in a good assortment of colors. \$16.50 value for \$12.95
An extra good buy is a heavy cotton Blanket, doubled, 66x80 size in a good grade \$4.95 Blanket at \$3.25 pair	Full size Comforters fancy challis tops and bottoms. A \$6.50 grade for \$4.95; a \$7.50 grade for \$5.95	INDIAN BLANKETS Single size 66x80. The Blankets come in very pretty designs and are an excellent quality at \$5.95. Now \$4.50

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Calumet Home Economist Suggests Recipes For Christmas Night Supper

Christmas night supper is worthy of more than a passing thought, according to Marian Jane Parker of the economic department of the Calumet Baking Powder Co., who suggests a fireside supper and gives some new recipes. She says:

After the hustle and rush of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Christmas Night entertainments should have a quieter, less pretentious tone in order to aid in the transition of every day affairs.

The preparations for a fireside supper are less elaborate, if anything than for a table service. But one must exert care to secure an effect

of quaintness and careful arrangement. If you possess a black luncheon square or runner bound with gold this offers a soft and lovely background for your best silver and china. Which effect will be heightened by Madiera dollies and napkins. A tall coffee service placed at the right with the cups and saucers grouped around, the serving plates centered beside it, and the dishes of food attractively garnished placed at convenient intervals down the table is a good arrangement for this type of service. If you possess a table cart, place the silver, the cream and sugar and such seasonings as you

Stewart's Washington Letter

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WASHINGTON—A violent epidemic of annual reports has been raging in Washington for the last week or two.

There always is such an outbreak just before and after the December gathering of Congress, but this year it has been rather worse than usual, probably because there's more government.

Besides the president (who calls his report a message) and all the cabinet members, subordinate officials too numerous to mention (as well as too numerous for any good use) have stories to tell concerning their various departmental activities.

YOU can prove anything by these reports—absolutely anything.

You can prove that for quantity and quality, nothing ever equalled the prosperity that this country literally is wallowing in. Or you can prove that it's a fictitious pros-

perity, which covers the country only spottily, at that.

You can prove by Secretary Jardine's report that the farmers are better off than they've been since 1920. You can establish conclusively, by census statistics, that the number of American farms is dwindling rapidly, due mainly to hard luck with the boll weevil, drought and unsatisfactory economic conditions.

YOU can prove that taxes are and are not being reduced. You can prove that lightening the tax load on the rich benefits the poor and you can prove that it just makes the poor's load that much heavier.

You can prove that Americans are making more money than they ever made before and you can prove that what they make won't buy as much as their former and smaller incomes.

You can make out a case for and against the tariff. It's demonstrable that President Coolidge steadily is cutting down the governmental personnel; also that there are more names on the government payroll now than when he started.

may need on it. Or, if you prefer, wrap the necessary individual silver in the napkin, tie it with red ribbon and pass it from a tray or woven basket. You may have your guests serve themselves, as a buffet supper, or you may have them served, as they sit about the room.

Flowers on Table
It almost seems that flowers would be out of place, providing the proper attention has been given the arrangement of the table, but a low blue bowl of tiny button chrysanthemums or short stemmed red roses, may be placed at the opposite end of the table as a balance.

One Christmas night hostess chose what she called cafeteria service and with the preparations described above, used small tables placed through her living room for the guests to sit at, after having served themselves from the center table. These small tables were covered with black satine bridge covers, and each place was marked with a hemstitched tray cloth. But cases, holding a perfect red rosebud, marked the centers of the tables. The silver was served individually as described and each guest helped himself to water, silver and food and then found his place, which was indicated by a place card, fastened to a

Christmas cracker. Sugar and cream and salts and peppers were on each table.

Although with the suggestions here for a supper menu, silver will not be an important item. It is not necessary to use large dinner napkins, the smaller sized ones, and a luncheon cloth, rather than a table cloth, are more appropriate. Dollies have rather waned in popularity, but with a well-kept table top, the oblong ones, particularly lend themselves to effective arrangement. Water goblets, rather than glasses, also add attractiveness.

We would suggest nut bread sandwiches spread with cream cheese and lettuce leaves. A jellied fruit salad, served by the hostess from a platter on which the individual portions have been arranged, already dressed. Cold sliced turkey, gooseberry conserve or cranberries, served with the meat. Calumettes and coffee.

The most effective way to serve this meal would be to place the salad on the plates and pass them to the guests. Then have the cold meat and the sandwiches offered them by the maid, or passed from guest to guest.

Household Hint
When I mix my Christmas cakes

and pudding or large quantities of mince meat I save a lot of time and exertion by using my bread mixer. Simply put in the ingredients and turn the handle.

For the Recipe File
When copying a recipe for my cabinet from a magazine or paper, if an illustration of the dish is shown, I paste the illustration on the card—the reverse side of the card, if there is no room on the front. I also have two card cabinets, one for tested recipes and one for those which I have not tried.

Why not try a raisin roll instead of a jelly roll? I make a filling by cooking until thick a cup of chopped raisins, two-thirds of a cup of sugar, two tablespoons of flour, a cup of water, and a pinch of salt. This I spread on the cake in place of jelly and roll as usual.

When Planning Your Marketing
Before you plan your menus for the week, read the market reports and get the market prices. This is the best way to get a good return for your money.

When Making Cocoa
When cocoa is ready for the table, add four or five marshmallows, allow to stand a few moments, then beat with a Dover beater about a minute. You will find your cup of cocoa raised from the ranks of the commonplace.

ANAHAUC—Chambers County Progressive League reorganized.

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CANDY RECIPES FOR CHRISTMAS BY AN EXPERT

Christmas Spirit Stimulated By Family Candy Parties and Gift Boxes.

By BARBARA BROOKS (Home Economics Department, Kellogg Company, Battle Creek, Mich.)

Christmas would not be Christmas without home made candy. In many homes the candy kettle is put on the range two or three weeks before this important holiday and sweets of many kinds are made and used for filling gift boxes. There is no better way of stimulating the Christmas spirit than by having family candy parties. The boys can lead a hand in beating the creams and, of course, the candies must be tasted. The girls will enjoy molding and coloring, and mother can watch the temperatures.

If you are going to make a good deal of candy, a thermometer will be a great help. Candy thermometers can be purchased at a reasonable price and they will save time, worry, and materials. It is a pleasant feel-

ing to be sure that candy will turn out the same every time.

The following recipes are tested and will yield delicious candies:

Fondant

2 cups sugar; 2 tablespoons light corn syrup; 1 cup water.

Mix sugar, syrup and water together, and cook, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Cover the sauce pan for a few minutes, so that the steam will wash down any sugar crystals which form on the sides of pan. Remove the cover and allow the candy to boil until the temperature 238 degrees F. is reached. (Soft ball.) Pour the fondant on a cold, wet platter and allow it to cool to 120 degrees F. (Lukewarm.) Beat until smooth and creamy. Knead with the hands. Put away in a covered jar until you are ready to make the fondant up into fancy shapes.

Super Fudge

2 cups sugar; 2 tablespoons butter; 2 tablespoons corn syrup; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 4 squares chocolate; 2-3 cup fondant; 1-4 cups milk.

Mix sugar, syrup, chocolate and milk together and cook, stirring until chocolate is melted. Continue cooking until the temperature 236 degrees F. is reached. Remove from fire, add the butter and let the mixture stand until lukewarm. Add the fondant and vanilla, and beat until creamy. This fudge is of the consistency of fondant and is soft and

pliable. It can be used for centers of bonbons, for making fudge rolls, etc.

All-Bran Brittle

2 cups granulated sugar; 1-4 cup butter; 1 cup brown sugar; 1-8 teaspoon salt; 1-2 cup light corn syrup; 1 1-2 cups All-Bran; 3-4 cup water.

Put the sugars, corn syrup, and water into a sauce pan and cook, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking, without stirring, until the temperature 300 degrees F. is reached. Remove from fire, add salt and butter; and stir only enough to mix well. Add All-Bran and turn at once on a greased slab or on a greased, inverted pan or baking sheet. Smooth out with a spatula. After about a half minute, take hold of the edges of the candy and lifting it slightly from the slab, pull it as thin as possible. Break into irregular pieces.

Approximately three and a half million people in the United States have money invested in the nation's electrical industry. Of this number about a million are stockholders while the balance own bonds and other securities of the various companies which constitute the electrical industry as a whole.

AUSTIN.—Permit granted New York Underwriters' Insurance Company of New York to do business in Texas.

Charles Ray, Film Star, Bankrupt, Blames "Art" For Financial Ruin

By LINCOLN QUARBERG (United Press Staff Correspondent)

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 16.—Charles Ray, bankrupt film star, blames "art" for his financial ruin.

"My desire to contribute something lasting to the motion picture profession broke me," Ray declared today in an interview.

"I tried to produce my own pictures, and failed. It was poor business management. I attended to the acting, but my managers who handled production and distribution, argued over petty things and we headed straight to bankruptcy."

Ray's creditors have filed more than a dozen suits against him in Los Angeles courts. Recently he filed an involuntary bankruptcy petition listing liabilities of approximately a million dollars, with assets of less than \$200,000.

Ray's financial "bust" is another sad chapter in the story of meteoric but uncertain successes in the film business.

The star, not many years ago, was literally wallowing in wealth. He had at one time more than a million dollars actual cash to his credit in the banks. He owned a huge film plant,

and had extensive real estate holdings.

His wife had expensive jewelry, they had a palatial home, a fleet of automobiles and maintained a large staff of liveried servants.

Ray's only assets today are his histrionic talents. His liabilities are staggering. He lives with his wife in a rented house, drab in its comparison to the mansion they once occupied.

Withal, Ray is optimistic, and has returned to the business of picture-making under the banner of one of the biggest producing companies.

"Life is just a series of experiences," he philosophized. "I went out and learned bitterly from experience. But I still think more of my career than money."

"I was not content to make good, light fares that would not last. That is why I sank on the financial scale."

"But I did it, and still I am not unhappy. To achieve the things I wanted brought me happiness despite the fact it brought me financial ruin. To merit, has all been marvelously successful, as I didn't go into the business to make money alone."

"Now I know I will be able to do

things on the silent stage that I would not have been able to do had I not tried the artistic."

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