

WILL ROGERS: He Visits the Champion Pear Town But Gets No Pears, Although Hungry

By WILL ROGERS
All I know is just what I read in the papers, or what I see as I hike hither and thither, mostly thither. A few weeks ago I was flying from Los Angeles to Seattle, and incidentally a beautiful trip, especially from Frisco north, up along the Sacramento River Valley for a long long way. They had just had their first snow, and the Mountain tops were covered, and the Railroad and Highway was winding along down there like a couple of black snakes. Then we begin to hit bad weather, snow and a drizzling rain, and clouds begin to close in on us. It looked like we weren't going to get any further than Redding, a little town in the edge of the mountains. But this Pilot had been on this route for five years and he without taking any chances, kept low below the clouds and wound his way right with the big Canyon and Railroad, and we got through as far as Med-

ford, (just over the line into Oregon).
Good field and a beautiful little City of twelve thousand. Well the Radio weather report said we couldn't go, so we decided to take the train in about three hours and arrive in Portland in the morning. Well I was kinder glad, I had never been to this Town before, and I don't know I kinder like to hit these strange towns. I always run onto a few old birds or young kids that recognize the old may from the movies and I never lack for company. The Pilot took us into town in his Car as that was the end of his run anyhow. We went to the Depot first, and got our tickets. (I keep saying We, what I mean was another Passenger and I, who I had just met on the Plane his name was Kennedy, and funny thing he had years ago when he was working for the Frigid Air Co. and they had a big Convention in Akron, he had booked me to appear before the

Convention. Now he and some other had started in the same business only they called theirs some kind of Ice Box, and they was a great big Company, they catered to the people who didn't know what Frigid Air meant but wanted a Ice Box that was cold all the time.)
Well he was on there, and then they had a Stewards, that's a very charming Girl, she is a qualified Nurse, and she makes things comfortable for the Passengers, and is a great comfort to ladies on there, especially if they don't feel well. Well this one could have been a comfort to a lot of men that was even feeling well too.
Did you ever see this Oregon Country? Well say I want to tell you its beautiful, lovely stream running all along, big Pine trees, then a long stretch of beautiful Valley. We passed right by Mount Shasta, the clouds and snow was so low that we could see the top. A beautiful Stock Farm at the foot of it, where they used to raise those Shasta bred Race Horses Shasta Nut, Shasta Daisy, and all named Shasta something. It used to belong to Carley Brown, since dead.
But this is about Medford and the home folks, the Editor called me, or one of them. There is two just dandy papers. This one said he run my Junk. So when I went down town and after checking out Baggage at the Depot I went across the street over to his Newspaper Office. I was kind of a Traveling man calling on his Trade. Well there was a great Gang in there, at there always is hanging around a Newspaper Office. Out come an old Boy said he used to work on a Paper in Claremore, in '33. There you are, you thought Claremore was just one of this Jumped up towns in the last few years. We was a Real Cow Town when Tulsa and Oklahoma

City both was just two section houses.
I didn't know what this Town had, but the Pilot told me all the way in that it specialized in raising Pears, (Not Pairs) Pears. The Depot Agent informed me that they shipped the most Pears ever shipped from one place. The Newspaper Owner told me I should stay and see the Pears, (that meant in eight months from then). The Girls that worked in the Office then all told me of what wonderful Pears they had. Newsboys come in and shook hands and informed me that Pears was right up this Towns alley. Over at the Train in a couple of hours later in come a lot of fine wholesome friendly people all telling me that Pears from there was Melolons from Rocky Ford. The Owner and two Reporters from the other Paper come to the Depot and they asked me if I know that Medford was noted for its wonderful Pears. Now I am not criticizing this, it was all done in such a proud way that it made you know these folks had a Town, but most of all they had Pears. And the thing that made it all the more enjoyable is that it was done by just everybody you would meet and Not by the Chamber of Commerce.
I didn't ever see the Secretary of the Chamber. So you see it was an organized effort to poke Pears down a Visitors throat by the better business element. These folks just wanted you to know they raised Pears.
I hadn't eaten any lunch on the plane, and it was then late in the afternoon. I had had two and half hours of steady Pears. But NO Pears. Just One lone Pear distributed in the right spot would have done the Medford Pear Industry more good than Lip Service from the total population. But not a soul dug a Pear. Some School Boys and Girls that knew me from the Movies come to the train to tell me of Pears, but brought no evidence. Its a beautiful little City, fine folks, but I don't think there is a Pear in the Country.
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To Sing Here



E. B. Bethell

A recital for the benefit of the Community Chest Christmas cheer fund is being arranged by Geo. White with a number of prominent local singers, including E. B. Bethell for Thursday evening in the Crystal Ballroom of the Settles Hotel.
The artists will be Mrs. Ned Beaudreau, well-known local violinist, Mr. Young, baritone, who sings with imitation and authority, E. W. Potter, a deep bass, H. G. Keaton, tenor, who has a very pleasing lyric voice.
Mr. Bethell has sung in some of the most popular opera arias and can be depended on as a drawing card for music lovers.
Miss Roberta Gay will be the accompanist.

Margaret Thomas Celebrates Her Sixth Birthday

Little Margaret Adair Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thomas, was hostess of a group of friends Friday afternoon in celebration of her sixth birthday.
The afternoon was spent in games and play, after which the children gathered around a tea table, decorated with wreaths and a miniature lighted Christmas tree, for the ceremony of cutting the cake and wishing the honor guest felicitations.
The following guests were present: Joan Rice, Betty Jeann Hart, Frances Ann Hart, Louise Ann Bennett, Mary Lee Cook, Lavoyce Short, Marjory and Roberta Henry, Champ Phillips, Dora Ann and Dorothy Dean Hayward, Barbara Jean Thomas, Charles Lovelace.

EXCHANGE NOTES

Mrs. E. T. Piner will oversee the Woman's Exchange at the clubhouse Monday afternoon. The hours are 1:30 to 5.

According to the latest reports the buyers in town need to be stirred up. Some of them have no idea of the good things for sale at the Clubhouse.

TO GIVE PARTY
Mrs. Billie Gill Frost will give her pupils and patrons a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 at the Crawford Ballroom. There will be a tree and Christmas music.

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Kappa Phi Omegas Entertained By Kid Dance In Clare Home

The Kappa Phi Omega Fraternity members were entertained with a kid party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clare in Edwards Heights Friday night. The house was decorated with Christmas suggestions.
Old-fashioned games were played and later the guests danced.
Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served to the following: Jack Hodges, Theresa Brooks, Bill Turpin, Marie Vick, Coulter Richardson, Charlie Mosey, John Ross, Emma Williams, Louise Freeman, Harold Harvey, Frances Wheeler, J. C. Pickle, Grace Sullivan, Warren Skaggs, Ada Bell Hawkins, Gene Davenport, Grace Lockhart, Ruth Taylor and Joe Clare.

Bible Class of First Christian Church Has Jolly Christmas Social

Mrs. Jim Parks and Mrs. J. F. Kennedy were joint hostesses to the Bible Class of the First Christian Church Friday evening when they entertained with a delightful Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Kennedy.

A Christmas motif was carried out with house decorations and a Christmas tree which was laden with gifts for the guests. Games and refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. James Wilcox furnished amusement for the evening. A short business session was held after the social hour.
Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Mary Alice Leslie assisted the hostesses in serving a salad course, fruit cake and coffee to the following class members and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed, J. R. Creath, D. R. Lindley; Messrs. B. Reagan, Coates; Messrs. Bud Brown, Dorothy Newland, Betty, J. I. Pritchard, Mary Ezzell, E. L. Deason, E. Lloyd; Wyndell Parks and Jennie Lucille Kennedy.

High School Pep Squad Girls Chosen

Members for the high school pep squad were selected Friday afternoon. Florine Rankin, Mattie Satterwhite, Edythe Ford, Jane Tinsley, and Dorothy Dublin were chosen from the football pep squad to select these members who are the club sponsors and Mr. Gentry, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Wingo who compose the activities committee.
Three girls were chosen from each of the clubs in high school. The following girls were chosen: Latin club; Margaret Tucker, Mary Davidson, and Dorothy Le Fevre; Spanish club; Gertrude Tucker, Juanita Cook, and Virginia Francis; Wheel; Georgia Bell Fleeman; Commercial Club; Lillian Crawford, Hazel Nance, and Ouida Hendricks; Reading club; Mary Louise Gilmore, Mildred Herring, and Billy Grant; Po-Clo club; Mickey Davis, Vianna Sanders, and Jessie Mae Couch; Debate club; Hazel Smith and Virginia Cushing; Dramatic club; Carolyn McCleskey, Oia Mae Hartman, and Doris Smith; Glee club; Johanna Barber, Boleyn Gordon, and Frances Rogers; General membership; Hazel Reagan.
These thirty girls will meet for the first practice at eight fifteen Monday morning at the high school in preparation for the Steer-Faculty game which will be Tuesday night.

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. T. E. Paylor and friends: You have certainly been thoughtful and noble in arranging last rites for J. H. Paylor and we, the undersigned relatives, express our heart's pleasure over the way everything was prepared and arranged. We want to thank you and many friends for all the kindness shown.
Charles Paylor, 1026 S. Adams Fort Worth, Texas; M. P. Paylor, Clyde, Texas; J. B. Paylor, 4210 Oakland street, Inglewood, Calif.

Jimmy Ford Is Host To Friends

Mrs. Stephen D. Ford entertained Thursday evening for Jimmie in honor of his thirteenth birthday.
After playing games the guests were served refreshments from a beautifully decorated table. The centerpiece was made of softly glowing angel chimes and Santa Claus with reindeers and cedars.
Mrs. Robert Piner and Winifred Piner assisted in serving a salad course, cake and punch to the following: Nancy Bell Phillips, Judith Pickle, Eloise Kuykendall, Mary Louise Inkman, Doris Cunningham, Frances Stamper, Lula Bell Crenshaw, Mary Jane Reid, Beryl Duff, Betty Jean Fisher, Mary Alice McNew and Billy Wilson; Clayton Webb Bettie, William

Lane Edwards, Jimmie Meyers, Sam Peltz, Lawrence Liberty, Wendell Parks, George Miller, Bobby McNew, Sydney Mellinger, Temp Currie Jr., Jackson Good, and Woodworth Hall.

Christmas Pageant To Be Given By Choir

The First Christian church choir of twenty-four members present a dramatized Christmas pageant, "The Manger of Bethlehem," next Sunday night, according to an announcement made yesterday by Rev. D. R. Lindley, pastor. The cantata was written by Charles Frances Lane, and all who have heard any part of it declare it to be one of the most beautiful compositions ever written. Virgil Smith, Christian church choir director, will direct the music and Mrs. Lane will direct the pageant. The choir will be assisted in its presentation by Walter Deane Crawford Hotel orchestra, and by a cast of nine characters in the pageant given in connection with the orchestra. Announcement of the full program will be made later.

BIRTH NOTICES
Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hernandez, Friday night, a daughter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Salgado, Friday night, a daughter.
EAST FOURTH BAPTIST
Rev. Gordon Barrett, of Comanche, Texas, will fill the pulpit at the East Fourth Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Hughes, who is in Shreveport, La., for several days.

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LOCAL AMUSEMENTS FOR COMING WEEK

Exceptional Attractions For Big Spring Theatres Throughout December

Joan Crawford, Garbo, Helen Hayes With Gable, Tibbett, Haines, Keaton Among Stars For Week

Today will begin a month of exceptional attractions at the Ritz and Queen theatres. The best pictures available on the market have been secured for the opening week of this big month's entertainment. The Ritz and Queen will continue to show you hit after hit for the next four weeks.

The Ritz program for Sunday and Monday features Joan Crawford and Clark Gable in "Possessed," their latest vehicle which is promised to be the season's outstanding attraction. Tuesday and Wednesday, Greta Garbo and Clark Gable will appear at the Ritz in the much talked of "Susan Lenox" (her fall and rise). Thursday and Friday William Haines in

"The New Adventures of Get Rich Quick Wallingford," supported by a new comedian called Jimmie (Schnozzle) Durante who will keep you roaring with laughter. For a showing Saturday only Buster Keaton in his latest comedy hit, "Sidewalks of New York."

At the Queen for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, showing Lawrence Tibbett and Lupe Velez in "The Cuban Love Song." To hear Tibbett sing "The Peanut Vendor" alone is worth the price of admission, besides he sings "The Cuban Love Song" and a duet with himself. Broadway's famous stage star, Miss Helen Hayes, will entertain you Wednesday and Thursday in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet," in this picture Miss Hayes gives you the most marvelous performance of acting that you can possibly imagine. For Friday and Saturday, showing at the Queen, Wally Wales will entertain you in his latest Western thriller, "Flying Lariats." In addition to the feature pictures both theatres will offer you entertaining short subjects and News reels.

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Wed.-Thurs. **HUGHES FRANKLIN QUEEN**

Two Great Stars



Clark Gable and Joan Crawford in "Possessed" at Ritz today and Monday. Starred together for first time.

The Great Garbo



The great Greta Garbo in "Susan Lenox" (Her Fall and Rise) supported by Clark Gable at the Ritz Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

Calendar For The Week

RITZ THEATRE
Sunday and Monday
Joan Crawford and Clark Gable in "Possessed."
Tuesday and Wednesday
Greta Garbo and Clark Gable in "Susan Lenox" (Her Fall and Rise).
Thursday and Friday
William Haines in "New Adventures of Get Rich Quick Wallingford" with Jimmie (Schnozzle) Durante and Ernest Torrence.
Saturday Only
Buster Keaton in "Sidewalks of New York."

QUEEN THEATRE
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
Lawrence Tibbett and Lupe Velez in "The Cuban Love Song."
Wednesday and Thursday
Helen Hayes, Lewis Stone in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet."
Friday and Saturday
Wally Wales in "Flying Lariats."

Eighteen Changes Of Costume Used By Greta Garbo In 'Susan Lenox'

Greta Garbo has eighteen changes of costume for her role in "Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise," in which she is starred by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

In the picturization of the David Graham Phillips novel, which will open Tuesday at the Ritz theater, Miss Garbo's wardrobe included a carnival dancer's gingham, ultra-modern evening gown, pajamas, ensembles, sport suits, farm girl's clothes, Follies tights, hiking outfit, gingham frocks, lounging robes, oilskins and boots and boating costumes.

Robert Z. Leonard directed the new feature from Wanda Tuchock's adaptation of the famous story. The film setting encompasses a wide latitude of action, necessitating the wide variety of costumes worn by the star.

Clark Gable plays opposite Garbo and the cast includes Jean Harsholt, John Miljan, Alan Hale, Hale Hamilton, Hilda Vaughn, Russell Simpson, Cecil Cunningham and Ian Keith.

'Sin Of Madelon Claudet' On Week' Queen Program

The story of a woman who descends to the lowest depths in order to insure the happiness of her son is told in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet," which will open Wednesday at the Queen theater. The picture was adapted from the Edward Knoblock stage success, "The Lullaby."

Helen Hayes, the distinguished actress who scored on Broadway in "Coquette" and "Peticoat Influence," makes her screen debut in the production and the cast includes Lewis Stone, Neil Hamilton, Robert Young, Cliff Edwards, Jean Harsholt, Marie Prevost, Karen Morley, Charles Winniger, Alan Hale, Halliwell Hobbes, Lennox Pawie and Russ Powell.

GARBO
in **SUSAN LENOX**
(HER FALL AND RISE)
with **CLARK GABLE**
RITZ
Tuesday and Wednesday

Meet Helen Hayes



Lewis Stone and Helen Hayes in a scene from "The Sin of Madelon Claudet," at the Queen Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Under The Tropic Moon



Lawrence Tibbett, Jimmy Durante and Ernest Torrence in "The Cuban Love Song" at the Queen Theatre today, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Crawford Native Texan: Her Father Now Resides At Abilene

Joan Crawford, whose latest talkie, "Possessed," is now showing at the Ritz theater, was born in San Antonio, Texas. Her real name is Lucille Le Seer. She is five feet, four inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, has red hair and dark-brown eyes. She was educated at a private school in Kansas City. Her father was a theater owner. He now lives in Abilene, Texas. When her family opposed her wishes to go on the stage, she ran away from home and joined the chorus of a musical comedy in Chicago. In New York she appeared in "Innocent Eyes" and "The Passing Show," where her work attracted the attention of Harry Rapf, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer executive. Rapf signed her to a motion picture contract. Her success has been one of the most sensational in the history of pictures. Her outstanding vehicles include "Our Dancing Daughters," "Our Modern Maidens," "Our Blushing Brides," "Paid," "Dance, Fools, Dance," "Laughing Sinners" and "This Modern Age."

The total enrollment at Texas Technological College Lubbock is over eighteen hundred for the present regular session.

Elizabeth Ballou Hughes To Present Christmas Program

In addition to the regular program Greta Garbo and Clark Gable in "Susan Lenox," on the bill for the Ritz theater showing Elizabeth Ballou Hughes will present nineteen pupils in a thirty minute play, "Santa Claus Xmas Party," a one act play of song and dance. Among the pupils appearing are Maurice Lee, Miles Carter, Betty Jo Adams, Sarah Woodard, Mary Jo Thurman, Patsy Rose Barton, Champ Phillips, Johnnie Marie Glimmer, Mary Willmouth Dalton, John H. Lees, Jess Slaughter, Jr., Eloise Kuykendall, Jannie Lee Meador, Cleo Mullins, Marie Dunham, Margy Hudson, Eddy Ray Lees, Betty Rose Coon, Mary Ruth Ditz and Janice Slaughter.

'Possessed' Adapted From 'The Mirage'

"Possessed," Joan Crawford's latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture opening today at the Ritz theater for two days, is an adaptation of the successful Edgar Selwyn play, "The Mirage." Clark Gable, who last scored opposite Greta Garbo in "Susan Lenox," has the leading male role. The heroine of "Possessed," made famous by Florence Reed in the stage version, gives Miss Crawford

a wide range of acting opportunities. She is seen as a factory worker who cannot reconcile herself to the poverty and drab existence of her class. Instead she makes the most of her charm by going to New York, where she becomes intimate with Gable in the role of a young millionaire with political ambitions.

manance in revolutionary China, with Clive Brook, Anna May Wong, Warner Oland and Eugene Pallette featured in an unusually strong cast appearing with Miss Dietrich. Shooting just completed by Director Josef von Sternberg, maker of hits.

Startling Novelties In Music Features In 'The Cuban Love Song'

Two startling novelties in music as applied to talking pictures figure in "The Cuban Love Song," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new Lawrence Tibbett starring picture, which will open today at the Queen theater.

One of these is a dramatic episode told almost entirely in song. The other is a "tone poem" that illustrates a pictorial account of a voyage at sea. Both are hailed as new forms of musical expression in connection with drama.

The dramatic episode in music, arranged by Herbert Stothart, famous "Rogue Song" composer, is designed as a thrill analogous to the whipping post scene in the former picture.

William Haines To Be At Ritz During Week

William Haines always has to learn something new when he starts a picture. Sometimes it's

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Methodists Hold Reception In Church Parlors, Honoring Two New Pastors of The City

Dr. and Mrs. J. Richard Spann, Rev. Mr. James Culpepper and Ministers of Other Churches, And Their Wives in Receiving Line

The members of the two missionary societies, the Women's and the Birdie Bailey, were hostesses to the Methodists of the city Friday evening at the First Methodist Church for a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. J. Richard Spann and Rev. Mr. James Culpepper.

Mrs. C. T. Watson and Mrs. Russell Manion, presidents of the societies, met the guests at the door and presented them to the three honor guests. The ministers of the city and their wives were present were also in the receiving line. They were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lindley and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin.

The first part of the evening was devoted to a recited program in the Sunday School auditorium. Mrs. N. W. Beaudreux gave a violin solo accompanied by Miss Roberta Gay. C. T. Watson made an address of welcome to the new ministers while they both responded.

A quartet, composed of Messrs. Herbert Keaton, Fred Leeper, H. F. Williamson and J. M. Manuel, sang several songs accompanied by Mrs. Chas. Morris at the piano. Mrs. V. H. Fievelen and E. W. Potter also rendered solos. Miss Virginia Felen

guests by Misses Jeannette Pickle, Zelma Chadd, Fern Wells, Virginia Trus, Mary McElroy and Marie Fablon.

The following women served on the entertainment committee as act- ed as hostesses throughout the evening: Misses Hal Hart, V. H. Fievel- len, J. B. Hodges, W. D. McDon- ald, W. A. Miller, J. M. Manuel, C. E. Talbot, Vivian Nichols, Calvin Boy- kin, Herbert Keaton and Chas. Mor- ris.

About 300 guests attended the re- ception.

Howard County Honor Roll

One of a series of sketches on careers of former boys and girls of Big Spring and Howard County who have gained success in their chosen professions.



EDWARD H. ROWLEY

Most Big Spring people are sur- prised when old-timers claim Ed Rowley for an ex-resident.

The truth is that Ed graduated right here in the Big Spring High School under Prof. S. E. Thomp- son, in 1905.

When he graduated he was only 15 years of age, too young to be admitted into the University of Tex- as, where his parents wanted to send him. That fact has probably had an important bearing on his whole future. If he had been 16 in- stead of 15, he would have gone on and being an exceptionally bright boy, would have finished and most likely have never made a million- aire.

As it was, Ed went to work in the office with his father. The family moved to Mingo soon after he graduated. He showed his ability in everything he did; ability with a smile from Lady Luck at the prop- er time, that is Ed's formula for success.

From Mingo he went to San An- gelo where he was treasurer for the Orient Railroad before Harold Robb discovered him and formed that partnership which led to the blazing of R. & R. signs over the most successful moviehouses of West Texas.

The story of Ed's life since that date has been a steady climb up the financial ladder. He was a certified accountant and the financial inter- ests of the theatres individually ac- collectively kept him busy.

Ed was born in Chicago, but came to Texas at the age of 3 and moved to Big Spring at the age of 5. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowley (Mr. Rowley passed away this summer) lived on the vacant corner near the Chevrolet garage. When Ed first went to school, it was in that old wooden schoolhouse that preceded the building of the erstwhile Central Ward, now torn down for the new Post Office. B. Reagan was his superintendent and his mother still gives credit for his rapid advance- ment to his teachers and the old blue-back speller.

Ed makes his home in Dallas now; is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Webb Hostess To Thursday Luncheon Club

Mrs. J. L. Webb entertained the members of the Thursday Lunch- eon Club with a delicious luncheon. Mrs. T. W. Davis and Mrs. Wayne Rice were the guests of the club.

Mrs. Kuykendall made high score and Mrs. Timmons second. Both received silhouette plaques. The members present were Messrs. Garland Woodward, H. C. Timmons, J. E. Kuykendall, E. V. Spence, Carl Blomsheld and Fred Primms.

The club will have a night party next Friday evening with Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Kuykendall as hostesses. After that it will not meet until Jan. 14, when Mrs. Woodward will entertain the mem- bers.

Barbers Hear State Organizer Thursday

Members of the Big Spring and Colorado locals of the International Journeymen Barber's Union of America met at the Settles hotel Thursday evening with J. E. Robinson, state organizer, as principal speaker.

Mr. Robinson will remain here through the first part of next week meeting both journeymen and master barbers, in a campaign to increase membership of the local union.

Louis Thompson is president of the local union.

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Pythian Sisters Elect Officers

The Pythian Sisters held a regu- lar semi-monthly meeting Friday night at the I.O.O.F. lodge room. The charter was draped in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dubberly who were members of the organization.

Annual election of officers was held. The following were elected: Most Excellent Chief, Mrs. Beas Bo- llinger; Excellent Senior, Mrs. Ara Walters; Excellent Junior, Mrs. Ethel Clifton; Manager, Mrs. Hat- tie Everett; Protector, Essie Jewel Bell; Guard, Mrs. Clara Burns; Mis- tress of Record and Correspond- ence, Mrs. Jessie Jenkins; Mistress of Finance, Mrs. Lydia Witten; Pianist and Grand Representative, Mrs. Ruby Smith; Alternate Repre- sentative and Installing Officer, Mrs. Carrie Ripps.

Children To Have Open Meeting at Methodist Church Sun. Afternoon

The Boys and Girls World Friend- ship Club of the First Methodist church will hold an open meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the main auditorium. Parents and other adults interested in the work of the youngsters are invited.

The program will be devoted to the dedication of Christmas gifts which the club is sending the Mc- Donald Home in Emma, Mo.

Ina Ann Ratliff will give a Christ- mas story, "The King's Birthday." Melrose Rankin will read the scrip- ture selection. There will be several carols sung by the children.

They will lay their gifts on al- tar, after which Emma Ruth Strip- pling will give the prayer, followed by the doxology as a recessional.

Child Study Club Plans Xmas Party

The members of the Child Study Club met at the Settles Hotel Lodge Rooms for a very profitable session and business meeting.

Mrs. E. J. Heywood led the pro- gram discussion on the subject "Authority and Discipline." The members voted to have a Christmas party Wednesday after- noon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Underwood at 306 N. W. 3rd street. They will have a tree for the par- ents with gifts for the children.

Mrs. Frank Eiter was a visitor yesterday. Members present were Mrs. R. E. Blount, A. E. Under- wood, E. J. Heywood, A. Knicker- bocker, C. A. Brewer, Earl Glaser and J. A. Coffey.

Buford C. Donald left for Carth- age Saturday, called there by the death of a nephew. He will be away until the end of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hall To Celebrate Anniversary With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall are hold- ing open house Tuesday afternoon in celebration of their golden wed- ding anniversary for all their friends. Since their friends include practically every resident of the city, instead of sending invitations, they are taking this method of in- viting their guests. The invitation in Mr. Hall's own words reads as fol- lows:

"An invitation to our friends: The 15th of December being the fiftieth anniversary of our marriage, we will keep open house to our friends from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m. on that date. You are cordially invited to call. No presents, please. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall, 1410 Scurry street."

SINCLAIR MEN TO SAN ANGELO. L. I. Stewart, Jack Phinixy, of Lamesa, Dudley Lee, of Midland, Lauderdale, of Stanton, motored to San Angelo to attend the district meeting of the agents of the Sin- clair Refining Co. They also at- tended a luncheon given in their honor by Ed Carroll, agent at San Angelo.

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Dr. Jago Goldstein Academy of Medicine TOOLS OF THE TRADE

The shining collection appears to be composed of many odd and curious devices, terribly complicated and strange.

LADY with a PAST BY HARRIET HENRY

Chapter 30 ENIGMA Her mind in the days before Lola's love-warming played about all sorts of contradictory pictures.

"I'm glad you're back, Venice," Jerry purred. "You must live things up occasionally for an old married couple."

"Beware of this woman," Jerry laughed to Donny Reese. "She admitted to Lola that the best part of her was hidden deep."

"I can't, Lola. Thanks so much," the situation had grown too big for her. She could not cope with it gracefully and she wanted to leave before her own natural lack of vivacity gave her away.

"Excellent," he said. "At that moment Lola brought up two young men who wanted to meet Venice. They had both been at Biarritz at the time of Rene's suicide."

"Hello, darling, come into our humble bedroom and dump your coat," Lola left her in the doorway of a charming room made helter-skelter by innumerable wraps, bags and gloves on beds, chairs and chaise longue.

Lola's face lit up as she saw her. "Splendid," said Venice. "Why don't you come and dine with me first? I might ask Lola and Jerry and turn it into a foursome."

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gave quick rapartee for rapartee. There was laughter in the little group about her. This new attention crept subtly to her head.

She was happy with the dimming of that panicky feeling at each party, but she realized that the people who danced with her continually and invited her here and there was just unearthing playfellows in a giddy game.

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Thursday evening a gay crowd danced and dined and enjoyed the floor show. Many of the ladies wore lounging pajamas. During the dance waffles were served in buffet style at one end of the ballroom.

The Phillip Mannings gave a dinner in late October that started a new wheel revolving in the machinery of Venice's popularity.

TIRES STOLEN - Lem Stallings reported Friday that three automobile tires and a rim had been stolen from him.

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Unspoken Romance

A YOUNG MAN from Lowell, Mass., has sailed his 32-foot sailboat into New York harbor after voyaging all the way around the world in it.

A three-year voyage around the globe in a tiny ketch certainly ought to provide a lot of conversational material. But the most interesting thing about the published interview with the young man is that he seems to have had a very hard time giving an intimate, realistic account of his adventures.

To be sure, he told in detail just where he went and what he did. He mentioned an attack by pirates in the Red Sea, a sojourn in the South Sea Islands, an incident in which a steamer nearly ran him down.

If you are at all familiar with travelogues of this kind, you will realize at once that this is the way it usually is. These chaps who make unspeakably romantic trips to far places never, or almost never, seem able to get the essence of their voyagings into their narratives.

They give us, instead, catalogs of things seen and itineraries of places visited, and all the while they know, and we know, that they are not really getting over to us the true significance of their experiences at all.

For the real inwardness of any bit of romantic adventure is a secret that is almost impossible to communicate. It has to do with something that happens within.

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Hull of Tennessee, White of Maine—both veterans of the house—do not feel the same way.

Bugwig of South Dakota, who comes to Washington widely heralded for his dry humor and ability to wisecrack, is another of the incoming group expected to be heard from soon.

COSTIGAN SPEAKS UP Costigan of Colorado has given evidence that he is fond of speaking up when something annoys him. True, the evidence thus far has been confined to his complaint that cranes in the Washington zoo made so much noise that he couldn't sleep, but that may give an insight to the man.

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