

The Wheeler Times

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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

Wheeler Appreciates Home Newspaper!

Criner Dies Fatal to Wheeler Co. Man

Criner Found at Roadside Late Saturday Night in Serious Condition

J. B. Criner, 56-year-old Wheeler farmer living two miles east mile south of this city, was found at the Wheeler hospital late Saturday night, suffering with injuries from unknown causes, brought to him at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Criner was unconscious when found, but later regained his senses but unable to shed any light upon the cause of his injury.

Criner made his home on the farm with his daughter and son-in-law, west of town.

Criner, a son living in Oklahoma City, was on his way to visit his mother and other relatives here, driving up the lane to the place which is a little distance from the highway, Howard's car struck him in the road. Supposing it to be a kind of livestock, he gave the driver a little thought at the time. He became worried about the driver. A trip to the vicinity revealed that his father was lying by the roadside in a serious condition. It was thought that the car only passed the elder Criner's feet.

The injuries, therefore, must have been sustained otherwise than from the automobile. While some mystery surrounds the affair, the idea of foul play is not indicated. Criner had spent the evening in the city, according to reports. Authorities have made inquiries in an effort to learn the facts, which present indications may never be known.

Criner, during its two-day stay in this week, investigated causes of the unfortunate man's death, but with general opinion, but no indictment was returned. Criner had spent the evening in the city, according to reports. Authorities have made inquiries in an effort to learn the facts, which present indications may never be known.

Criner was born at Clarksville, Texas, Nov. 21, 1877, and died Nov. 5, 1933, at Wheeler, Texas. He was 56 years, one month and four days old at the time of his death.

Criner united with the Baptist church at Bolivar, Texas, when still a young man and had remained in membership to the end.

Criner during the past 12 years he had lived in Wheeler county, where he had many friends who will miss his friendly and cheerful greetings.

Criner was united in marriage to Miss Adelia Stewart and to this union were born five children: Sam, Mrs. Gladys Herd, Howard Russell Criner and Mrs. Faye Criner. These children, with the exception of Sam who died at the age of 12, survive the father.

Criner died in 1928 the beloved wife and passed away. On September, 1931, Mr. Criner married to Mrs. White, who died following year.

Criner leaves the Criner children, a sister, Miss Kerbow of Krum, is left in the death of their father and other.

Criner was in a car accident Saturday near Canadian. Mrs. Byars was seriously injured. A cut on her arm made it necessary to have stitches taken. She is recovering nicely.

REPRESENTATIVE PURYEAR TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

John Puryear, who lives near Wellington and is the state representative from the 122nd district, was in town Tuesday. While in a conversation with a Times reporter, Puryear declared his intention to seek re-election to the office he now holds.

The counties of Wheeler, Gray, Collingsworth and Donley comprise his district.

B. & P. W. CLUB GIVES KIDDIES CHRISTMAS TREAT

The hearts of more than fifty boys and girls of Wheeler were made glad Friday night when the Business and Professional Women's Club, cooperating with the American Legion, played Santa Claus to some of the children near Wheeler who otherwise would have had no Christmas.

The children were brought to the club room in the basement of the court house by members of the club, where a gayly decorated tree surrounded by glistening cellophane sacks greeted their wondering eyes. A Christmas story was told by Mrs. T. W. Adkins, and a reading given by Miss Willetta Templeton, after which sacks of fruit, nuts, and candy were presented to more than fifty children. Baby dolls, pistols, games, and toys of every description were given to more than forty of them.

After receiving the toys, the children were taken back to their homes, each bearing his gift—renewing his faith in the jolly, gray-bearded, old man who spreads so much happiness at Christmas.

Discuss Water Works Project for Wheeler

At the regular meeting of the city council, held on Tuesday evening, several matters of interest came up for discussion.

One subject of more than passing moment to citizens of Wheeler was the possibility of launching a water works project. It was stated that a saving of approximately \$6,000 a year would be effected in fire insurance rates, etc., if a water supply meeting the underwriters' specifications could be provided.

Present water arrangements afford but little protection in case fire breaks out, and for that reason insurance rates throughout the city are correspondingly high.

This condition, however, need not necessarily reflect unfavorably upon the present management nor arrangements. Wheeler's water supply system is privately owned by Ed Strenz of the Panhandle Power & Light Co., who has had charge of it for about three years.

For all private and commercial uses the present system has proven adequate. Two principal reasons are given for any contemplated change that might be made, namely: lowering insurance rates as outlined above, and to provide work for unemployed men. The latter reason is one of considerable importance, in view of existing needs.

The water works project, if carried into execution, would be handled under the Public Works Improvement service.

Preliminary operations are expected to start next week on street improvement work in Wheeler under CWA patronage. As mentioned in this paper last week, more than \$4,000 has been set aside for the project.

It is stated that graveling of the thoroughfare from the southwest corner of the square to the school grounds has been decided upon as the first and main improvement. A number of side streets will also receive treatment.

Members of the council attending Tuesday's meeting were: F. B. Craig, J. M. Lawrence, M. C. Jaco and R. D. Holt.

COUNTY RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETS HERE FRIDAY

Judge Forrester, chairman of the county relief committee, announced yesterday that a meeting of the committee is called for tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The meeting place in the commissioners' room at the court house.

Grain Arrives For Relief of Destitute

Administrator Veale Receives Car of Wheat and Same Amount of Corn

Further aid for bona fide farmers who are in actual destitute condition so far as feed stuff is concerned, arrived in Wheeler county this week. A carload of wheat was delivered at Mobeetie and one of shelled corn at Shamrock. This grain was consigned to County Administrator Veale.

In a conversation yesterday Mr. Veale said that distribution of the grain would start immediately, but added: "Considerable care will be taken to see that it goes to honest-to-goodness farmers who did not raise any feed and are in actual need of this help."

Registration of men for work under the CWA relief work program is progressing throughout the county. Two registration places are provided—the office of the administrator here in Wheeler, and that of his assistant, G. F. Geyer, in Shamrock.

Figures for the past week show that 309 men were given work at some time during that period. While the county allotment is 299 men, weather and other conditions did not permit this number to work the full amount of hours allowed and the extra men were used.

The sum of \$2,883.29 was paid out for labor during the past week.

A limited amount of funds for direct relief is available through the office of Veale. This money is to be used only to help those who are unable to work and are destitute.

The fund is the remainder of an appropriation by the Federal Relief Board, which was to have been matched dollar for dollar by state appropriation. Thus far these bonds have found no takers and the state is unable to comply with the federal government's requirements. It is said that unless state funds are forthcoming immediately that this plan of relief for needy Texans will be withdrawn.

Wheeler Is a Good Town to Trade In

Shoppers From Wide Area Packed the Stores All Day Here Last Saturday

If additional evidence were needed to prove that Wheeler is one of the best shopping centers in this part of the Panhandle, it could have been found here last Saturday in abundance. From early in the forenoon until late at night crowds filled the streets and milled about the stores, visiting with friends and acquaintances.

Practically every business house in town reported satisfactory returns for the day. Supplies in several lines ran perilously near to complete exhaustion, yet everyone was able to find something to suit their needs.

While Saturday's trade volume benefited from the holiday stimulus and was further augmented by attractively decorated stores, combined with appealing prices on quality merchandise, it did not completely distance the average last day of the week in grand totals.

In common with most towns throughout this section, Wheeler is largely a "Saturday town." That is, the patronage is made up principally of agricultural folk, busy most of the week with farm activities, who plan to do the greater part of their shopping on Saturday.

However, if figures were available this town would no doubt show as high percentage of mid-week buying as the average.

Wheeler is a good place to trade. Its merchants are a friendly, courteous, wide-awake group of business men who are doing their very best to serve the public.

"Business goes where it is invited and stays where it is welcome."

On behalf of the merchants of Wheeler, The Times invites business to the county seat, and predicts a welcome that will insure its stay.

COLDER WEATHER HITS THE PANHANDLE COUNTRY

Following the long spell of mild autumn weather enjoyed throughout this section, Christmas Day ushered in colder weather for this section of the Panhandle.

With one or two exceptions, temperatures had scarcely reached the freezing level since the beginning of fall. The sudden drop, though by no means at all severe, was rather keenly felt because of the unseasonably warm weather preceding.

Since the first of the week, the thermometer has remained well below the freezing point. About 15 to 18 above zero has been the coldest reported thus far.

This region has been exceptionally fortunate in regard to weather conditions thus far for the winter. Reports of bitter cold and extremely severe storm conditions have been noted from various sections of the country, especially the northern and eastern areas.

Name Committee For Corn-Hog Program

Naming of a county committee to control the new government corn-hog program for Wheeler county featured a meeting held in Shamrock at the chamber of commerce offices Tuesday morning. The meeting was the first of a series of three held over the county in charge of Jake Tarter, county agent. Around 30 or 40 farmers were present for the meeting here.

John Hefley of Twitty community, J. W. Stauffer of Pakan community and Jim Trout of near Mobeetie comprise the committee to handle the work in this county.

Other meetings held by Tarter this week included one Tuesday afternoon at Mobeetie, and one yesterday at Allison.

A general county-wide meeting is dated for Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the court house in this city. People from all over the county will assemble here for the purpose of perfecting an organization.

RELIEF WORKERS MAY SELECT OWN PHYSICIAN

Due to misinformation circulated in parts of the county last week, some confusion arose concerning physicians that might be called by county relief workers. A statement had gone out that only physicians who are members of the county medical association could be consulted professionally.

In paragraph 2 of rules and regulations as formulated by the Texas Relief Commission, the subject is covered in the following words: "Employment of physicians who otherwise qualify but who are not members of medical societies shall not be barred merely because they are not such members."

R. F. Hunt of Allison was in Wheeler Thursday on his way to Mangum to visit his father W. M. Hunt and family for a few days.

LAND BANK LOANS AGGREGATE MILLIONS

HOUSTON, Dec. 28—Loans totaling \$685,750 were closed Monday, December 11, making the best day's record for the Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner up to date, according to A. C. Williams, president of the land bank and general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston, today.

"During the first nine days of December loans were made to 1,125 farmers and ranchmen amounting to \$3,906,350 on a basis that will enable them to pay these obligations from the earnings of their farms or ranches," Mr. Williams said. "This money is going to refinance the borrowers' property on a sound basis."

Loans made by the Federal Land Bank through national farm loan associations are of two types: the regular land bank loans secured by first mortgages on farm lands and the Land Bank Commissioner's loans upon the security of first or second mortgages upon real and personal property. To be eligible as a bor-

More Than Half a Hundred Business And Professional Citizens Sign Congratulatory Greetings to The Times --Editor Greatly Appreciates Act

FORD-PERRIN

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ford announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Naomi, to Wilford Perrin. The ceremony was read at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, October 24, 1933, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Garvin of Canadian, Texas, by Rev. Garvin.

Mrs. Perrin entered the grade school in Wheeler and was a graduate of the class of 1929, and attended Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, Amarillo College, Amarillo, and W. T. S. T. C., Canyon. She is widely known because of her talent in voice, having broadcast from Amarillo and Elk City, Okla. Mrs. Perrin taught in the Bethel school two years, and is now a teacher in the Hackberry school.

Wilford Perrin, better known as "Bill", is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Perrin of this city. Bill attended high school at Mangum, Okla., and Wellington, graduating with the class of 1928, and Oklahoma University, Norman, and Amarillo College. Mr. Perrin is a young business man, and is now employed by the City Tailor shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrin will make their home here.

NEW HOUSE TO REPLACE ONE TAKEN BY FIRE

Preparations are being made to rebuild the residence on the Holt-Crump ranch six miles north of town. The former building was destroyed by fire one night last week.

The new home will be up-to-date in plan and material, with stucco outside finish and sheetrock interior. It will contain five or six rooms.

Workmen are busy this week tearing down the old dwelling just north of the Crump-Mundy service station near the northwest corner of the square. This house was formerly located on the pavement but was moved to make way for a business structure. It was occupied for a time as a residence by Sam Watson. More recently it has served as a warehouse.

Usable material from this house will be taken to the ranch location and used in erecting the new dwelling.

J. L. Bradley and G. A. Bolton are the carpenters on the job, assisted by S. H. Murphy.

Births

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Smith Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Adeock are the proud parents of a boy, born Monday, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Hilton are the parents of a fine baby boy, born Thursday, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Risner are the parents of a son, born Wednesday night, Dec. 27.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples at the Wheeler county court house:

O. L. Hudson and Miss Lois Vaughn of Briscoe, Dec. 22.

James M. Slaten and Miss Toxie Elnore Smith of Twitty, Dec. 23.

C. G. Brand and Mrs. Ruie C. Wylie of Pampa, Dec. 23.

Bennett Davis and Miss Grace Harrison of Allison, Dec. 27.

CITY OFFICE TO MOVE

City Secretary C. R. Weatherly announces that his office, which has been housed in the court house for some time, will be moved about Jan. 1, to a room in the rear of the Citizens State bank building. It will occupy space used by Bones & Bones as a printing office for a few weeks. The printing equipment was purchased by The Times office now located in the Woodriddle building, which is shared with J. M. Burgess' shoe shop. M. V. Sanders formerly occupied the building.

MASONIC MEETING

A stated communication of Wheeler Lodge No. 1099, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the lodge hall next Monday night, Jan. 1.

C. J. MEEK, W. M.
O. B. MILLER, Sec.

If you were the editor of a newspaper laboring in the throes of getting started, in a strange community where infinite details must be ironed out, and a page advertisement—with the cash in hand—was brought and laid on your desk, what would you do?

That is just what occurred in The Times office this week. And is the management appreciative of this event!

We say yes in no uncertain terms. Not only is the act appreciated from its financial aspect, which cannot be ignored, but the contents of the page itself—coupled with the unanimous support given—reaches a point demanding the highest possible expression of appreciation and thanks.

Two business men of Wheeler, on their own initiative and of their own free will, laid aside the duties incident to their respective businesses and went out to call upon other business and professional folk. They

Subscribers Responding

Together with other evidences of appreciation of The Times must be mentioned subscription activities. A number of people tendered their subscriptions even before they had seen a copy of the paper. Since the first issue of last week, new readers have been added to the list rapidly—many coming directly to the office, and others placing their names with either Mrs. Jennie Miller or J. M. Newcome, circulation solicitors for the new county seat weekly.

carried with them a page of space to be filled with a declaration of approval and congratulations directed to The Wheeler Times upon its entrance into local business circles.

More than fifty men and women, engaged in every line of endeavor represented in the city, responded heartily to solicitation.

These men, whose enterprise and industry is equalled only by their modesty, requested that their names be left out of any write-up that might appear in the paper in connection with the incident. Their wishes will be respected.

However, there is nothing to prevent the management from seizing this opportunity to thank these gentlemen—and also those who signed the document, which will be found on another page of this issue. We do thank you all for this proof of your friendship, support and good-will.

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GIVE YOUR TOWN A BREAK

We hear much about loyalty—loyalty to your state and loyalty to your town. And there is not one of us who, if this loyalty were questioned, would not vow by all the gods that we are loyal.

But are we! Do we stand by our merchants—the men who are the backbone of our city? Do we spend our money with them in-so-far as it is reasonably possible or do we get the family car out and make for the nearest city everytime we want to buy over a dollar's worth of goods?

We cannot expect our town to flourish if its most integral parts are not in healthy condition. Nor can these merchants support thriving establishments with up to the minute goods if they are not able to sell them.

Let's give our merchants a break. Let's give them the first chance at our money. Let's not only BUY NOW, let's BUY NOW AT HOME.

"FIRE CONTROL" FOR 1934

Locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen is a common human weakness. And one wonders how many communities have done this in the case of fire. Hundreds of them have undoubtedly permitted fire departments to sink below the point of efficiency until a major fire destroyed irreplaceable lives and property.

Any time is a good time to rehabilitate the fire department. But the best time is always "before" the potential great fire occurs. That's especially true in small towns and rural areas, where fire loss tends to be abnormally high. Worn-out apparatus, sub-standard apparatus, a poorly trained personnel, these are the friends of conflagration, the enemies of security and prosperity.

Every community should make a new year's resolution to modernize the fire department, provide it with the best of apparatus, and make 1934 a banner "fire control" year.

THE MODERN SMALL HOME

The small home of the future will be a very different sort of a place than that of the past. It will offer, at a very moderate rate, advantages, conveniences and comforts that were unknown even in the mansions of another time. It will be more attractive to the eye, and offer infinitely greater possibilities for originality in design and treatment. And, most important of all perhaps, it will provide the maximum of protection against fire, tornadoes, hurricanes and other destructive elements.

The objectives to be attained in the modern home are low first cost, low depreciation, low maintenance and long-time economy. And for three and four or five thousand dollars, distinctive homes embracing all these features, may be had.

In the not-too-distant future there is going to be a residential building

boom in this country. America is "short" thousands of homes—population drift, coupled with fire and obsolescence and other destroyers, have continued to increase the housing need at a time when building of all kinds has been at the absolute bottom. The wise home builder, using modern materials and methods, is going to get more for what he spends than the home builder of the past imagined would ever be possible.

WINTER HAZARDS

The coming of winter, as the National Safety Council points out, brings with it a number of varied and important accident hazards.

Carbon monoxide is one of the foremost. Motorists warm up their cars in closed garages—and the inevitable result is more unnecessary tragedies to add to the annual death toll. Another field where winter brings an increase in fatalities is in hunting—nearly one-half of all fire-arms deaths each year occur from November to February. Careless or inexperienced sportsmen carry loaded guns in vehicles, leave them leaning against trees, draw them barrel foremost after them when crossing fences, shoot at moving, unseen objects, and so on. And the accident toll soars.

To most of us, winter driving presents the principal hazard. Streets are wet and ice-covered. Darkness comes early. Driving practices that are reasonably safe in the summer, become extremely dangerous. The condition of one's tires, brakes and windshield wiper is vastly more important than at any other time of the year.

Every motorist should have his car examined at the beginning of winter to make certain it is in good operating condition. Then he should remember that only 15 per cent of car accidents can be laid to mechanical failure, and that in the balance the human element must bear the blame. The only course to pursue is to drive with a maximum of care under any and all conditions—and drive as little as possible when road and weather conditions are exceptionally bad.

In automobiles, in homes and in sport, winter presents a thousand menaces to life and health and property. Practically every one of them can be offset by care, competence and thought on the part of the individual.

On Texas Farms

By W. H. DARROW
Extension Service Editor

That a balanced ration, a self-feeder and an automatic water trough will pay in raising pigs has been demonstrated to neighboring farmers by Millie Kristof, Burleson county 4-H club girl. Her eight pure bred Poland China pigs weighed an average of 222 pounds at the end of 177 days.

Leisure time that results in 14 rugs valued at \$102.40 is time well spent, thinks Mrs. A. M. Daniels, home industries demonstrator in the home demonstration clubs of Lynn county. She has a ready sale for all her rugs.

While corn in Guadalupe county was burning up last summer, Henry Pfannstiel had 50 acres on terraced land that stood the drought and promised 10 to 15 bushels per acre without any late rain, says the county agent. July rains came and the crop made 28 bushels more per acre than unterraced land.

Farm Bureau Notes

JAKE TARTER
County Agent

A simple method for figuring out how much processing tax you have to pay for the meat you sell out of the hogs you butcher for your own home use is described by E. M. Regenbrecht, extension swine specialist at Texas A. and M. College. Suppose you sell two 20-pound hams. The tax is \$1 per hundred pounds live-weight. Multiply \$1 by the conversion factor 206% and then multiply by the weight of the hams sold, in this case 40 pounds. The result is 82 cents which is payable to the United States collector of internal revenue accompanied by forms which are obtainable from the county agent.

A ruling of the legal department of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration states that a person not a producer may buy a live hog, have it slaughtered for his own use, and if he sells none of it need not pay a processing tax.

The Texas campaign for wheat acreage reduction which has taken more than half a million acres of land out of wheat, not only placed Texas high among the list of cooperating states, but so thorough was the work of county agents, local committees and review boards, that Texas contracts are being approved in Washington more rapidly than those of many other states, unofficial advices received at extension service headquarters indicate.

At least one million extra dollars will be received by Texas wheat farmers because of the careful investigation made this fall of county wheat production, resulting in the many adjustments of county allotments, declares O. B. Martin, director of the Texas A. and M. College extension service. Total benefit payments this winter and next June will probably amount to about \$3,500,000, he says.

The first 10 Texas counties for which checks have been written for part of the contract signers are Wheeler, Ellis, Runnels, Stephens, Denton, Briscoe, Clay, Gillespie, Gray and Lamb, the A. A. A. has announced.

Except that handbooks of instruction have not yet been received, everything is in readiness along the far flung extension service front for starting the sign-up campaign for the 1934-35 cotton contract in 214 counties on January 1, it is announced by H. H. Williamson, vice-director and state agent. Indications point to a rapid, effective and successful campaign with a great majority of cotton growers signing contracts, he says.

The signing of application forms for exercising the options taken on government cotton by many farmers in the summer plow-up campaign is expected to be completed before January 1, leaving everything clear for the new cotton campaign, Williamson states.

It took 23 hogs in 1932 to buy what the sale of 10 hogs would have bought in the five years before the war when hog production was in good balance with domestic and foreign demand for pork, declares E. M. Regenbrecht. Hog prices sank to their lowest level in 50 years last winter because we no longer sell abroad all the lard from every third hog and all the pork from every tenth hog as we did on the average the first 20 years of this century, he continues.

"We no longer feed to 11 million vanished horses and mules the corn from 15 million acres of land, and the corn from this land has gone to increased production of hogs and other livestock," Regenbrecht says. "Foreign hog production has also greatly increased since the war, and supported by high tariffs, most foreign countries have gone in for 'living at home.' All this has combined to make a huge surplus of pork which has ruined prices and will continue to do so until relief can come in the form of reduced production."

Regenbrecht urges Texas farmers who produce corn or hogs or both, and who are interested in cooperating with the government in controlling production of these commodities to apply to their county agents for information. It is intended that every farmer in Texas who wishes to sign a corn-hog contract may do so. Interested farmers should take the initiative by asking for contracts, he adds.

Instead of giving her cull hens away this fall in market sales Mrs. Tom Johnson of Eldorado canned 32 pints of chicken products by home demonstration methods. She now has on pantry shelves sandwich meat, roast, soup and giblets.

BRISCOE NEWS

Pauline Evans

Miss Mary Sallock and Mr. Emmet Eller were quietly united in marriage at the lady's home Thursday. Miss Sallock was a member of the senior class here and a well known young lady of Gageby.

The grade school entertained with a program Thursday night.

The high school gave a program and Christmas box Friday. Several of the patrons attended.

Pauline Higdon went home Friday to spend the Christmas vacation.

Lois Vaughn and Oden Hudson were quietly united in marriage Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarroll entertained a group of friends at their home Saturday night with a party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ridgeway's thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Jarvis Ridgeway returned home Friday from Amarillo Business college. He will be home for Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Oden Hudson, Gertrude and Victor spent Christmas visiting relatives in Amarillo.

Eldred Evans and Lawrence Vaughn are home to spend Christmas. They are attending business college in Amarillo.

Grace Douglas took Christmas dinner with Pauline Higdon at Twitty.

James Funston and family are visiting in Raydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Byars and son spent Christmas with the lady's parents.

Many people from Briscoe were in Wheeler doing Christmas shopping.

June McCarroll is home from Lubbock for Christmas vacation.

The Sparks family are visiting in east Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Rogers and family are visiting in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd and son Grady are visiting in Mineral Wells.

Claude Barker taught in Mr. Dodd's place Friday afternoon.

Willene Douthit, Susie Vaughn and Leonard Fulks motored to Amarillo Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. McNeil is visiting her mother in Nicholas community.

Fred Beatty Howard and Ovie Pace and Wiley McCray were in Shamrock Saturday.

DIXON NEWS

Lois Douglas

Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams Brown and little daughter Billie V. left Saturday for Canyon where they will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant and daughter Lucille were Shamrock shoppers Saturday.

Several from this community at-

tended the play at Mobeetic Tuesday night.

A Christmas program was held at the Dixon school house Friday night.

Mr. Joe Douglas returned home Friday from Childress where he has been visiting the past month.

Mrs. George Scott entertained a group of young people of this community with a party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Hefley and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Standle and daughter were Pampa shoppers Thursday.

Rev. Auddie and Mrs. Smith and sons and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parker and Mrs. J. M. Marchbanks and children spent Christmas day in the R. D. Douglas home.

Mrs. Dan Slagle and Grace Douglas were Twitty visitors Sunday.

Miss Geneva Cook and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Henderson and little son Jimmy Ray returned home Sunday night from Wichita Falls to spend

Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

The Dixon school will re-open day from the holidays.

Greetings

May the returns of the day to all of you Comfort, Peace, Contentment and Profound appreciation of True Holiday

WILLARDS DAIRY

DELIVERIES BOTH MORNING AND EVENING
PHONE 902B

PUBLIC SALE

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1934

At the old John Bryan farm, 2 miles north and 3 1/2 east of Wheeler, Texas.

Sale will begin at 1 o'clock p.m.

7 HEAD HORSES

- 1 black mare, 9 yrs. old, wt. 1300
- 1 brown horse, 8 yrs. old, wt. 1000
- 1 black mare, 4 yrs. old, wt. 900
- 1 black mare, 3 yrs. old, wt. 1050
- 1 buckskin mare, 3 yrs. old, wt. 900
- 1 smooth mouth gray horse
- 1 coming 2 year old mare colt

FEED

- 5 or 6 tons maize
- 2 tons half-and-half
- Some corn
- 600 or 700 bushels higeria
- 25 bales meadow hay
- About ton cotton seed

IMPLEMENTS

- 1 one-row Oliver lister
- 2 sled go-devils
- 2 one-row cultivators
- 1 disc harrow
- 1 horse power feed grinder
- 1 old wagon

13 Milk Cows and Calves

- 1 red cow, 7 yrs. old, fresh
- 1 red cow, 7 yrs. old, fresh
- 1 red heifer, fresh soon
- 1 blue Jersey cow, 5 yrs. old, soon
- 1 blue Jersey heifer, 2 yrs. old, soon
- 1 yellow Jersey, 6 yrs. old, soon
- 1 yellow Jersey, 5 yrs. old, spring
- 1 brown Jersey, 3 yrs. old, spring
- 1 grade Shorthorn bull
- 4 last spring's calves

HOGS

- 1 big lard hog
- 14 or 15 weaned pigs

MISCELLANEOUS

- Some household goods
- Some harness
- Other things too little to list

TERMS OF SALE—All items of \$10.00 and under, cash. Note approved by clerk, payable to The Citizens State Bank, due Nov. 1 at 10 per cent interest from date. Please have notes approved bidding.

J. C. LEE, Owner

LEONARD GREEN, Auctioneer

R. D. HOLMES

Friday & Saturday Special

Mens Overalls, Wichita Brand, pr. \$1.25

Boys Overalls, Wichita Brand, pr. 95

2 lb. Crackers 25

Oranges, nice size, Dozen 18

Pride Washing Powder, 43 oz. box, 10

White Swan Coffee 32

1 lb. Glass Jars

East Texas Sorghum, Gal. 59c

8 lb. Carton Pure Lard 59c

Blue Goose Coffee, 3 lbs. With Plate, Cup & Saucer 75

Star Coffee, 3 lb. can With Cup & Saucer 75

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Wheeler

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

May Cheer Be Yours

And the fond recollections of the joys of a Merry Christmas light your way down the road of 1934 to success.

—WE GREET YOU
—WE THANK YOU

And as we approach 1934 we are thinking, building, planning to make this bank more worthy of your confidence, esteem and patronage.

Citizens State Bank

Since 1908

To Our Friends

We come again to the glad Christmas season with a deep feeling of gratitude to all our friends. We are grateful to each of you for your loyalty during the past year and promise to strive earnestly during the coming year to fully merit your continued favors. May the holiday season bring you happiness in abundance.

W. E. Pennington & Son

Oldest Store in Town

Greetings

The spirit of Christmas calls us to a better appreciation of our old friends and the value of new-made friends. May this be your happiest Christmas and may the New Year be the most delightful and most prosperous you have ever known.

First National Bank

Season's Greetings

And hearty thanks to our many patrons for your continued confidence and patronage.

We wish for you all—

A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS,
GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY

Sanders & Sanders Grocery and Produce

Happy New Year

We enter the New Year with the determination to excel our past efforts to please you and cooperate with you every hour of every day during the coming year.

May 1934 bring you all of the good things you've been wishing for and be the best year you've ever spent!

Garrison Service Station

To Our Friends

Our very best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Christmas Season and may the New Year favor you with Wealth, Health and Happiness.

City Drug Store

Happiness

Nobody can wish for you any more happiness during the Christmas season than we wish for you. We sincerely hope that it will be a season of unbounded joy for you and yours and that 1934 will deal kindly with you.

Wofford's Dry Goods-Groceries

Good Wishes

The gayest season of the year, which young and old alike enjoy to the fullest . . . that's when we choose to thank you for your patronage of the past year and wish you well throughout the New Year.

Maloy Market & Cafe

Valued Friends

The good will of our friends and patrons is one of our most valued assets, and we like to pause at this holiday season and exchange a word of good cheer with those whose friendship we value.

C. H. Clay Grocery

Progress

May all of our friends and patrons experience much joy and happiness, is our sincerest wish for this year Christmas. We have much to be thankful for this year and are looking forward to a great year of progress during 1934.

J. P. Green and Son

Appreciation

We are deeply grateful for your patronage and good will the past year—and if this splendid support and faith in our merchandise has been justified—then, and only then, are we satisfied.

THE PEOPLE'S STORE

This Message

—will express our best wishes for your happiness during this week and also through the years that lie ahead of you. May the season bring you all the joys you could wish for yourself in such abundance that they will stay at your house forever.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Well Wishes

May Supreme Happiness abound in every home and this Yuletide be a never-to-be-forgotten event, and may next Christmas find us enjoying the same pleasant relationship with our patrons that we now enjoy.

Wheeler Gas Co.

It's Here

. . . And so we wish you again, as we have wished you so many times before, a joyous and happy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year.

M. McIlhany

Yuletide Season

We heartily extend to our friends and patrons a Happy Yuletide season, and may you stand in the dawn of brighter and happier days.

Wheeler Abstract Co.

HARRY WOFFORD, Manager

Friends

are always appreciated but especially so at Christmas. It is therefore natural that I should wish all of you a very happy time at this season of the year.

Ernest Lee Hardware

Taking Our Own Medicine

If advertising is good for the other fellow—and we know it is—a dose will help The Times. In a few words we wish to express our sincere holiday greetings and extend to everyone the wish for a happy and prosperous New Year. Also we desire to thank the many patrons and friends for the support and encouragement accorded this newspaper during the short time it has been operating in Wheeler.

The Wheeler Times

The County Seat Newspaper

Best Wishes

We thank our friends and customers for their loyal support during 1933. Our business has been good and we are looking forward to serving you in 1934 even better than before.

Model Variety Store

1933 : : Happy New Year : : 1934

Local News Items

Ineta and Velma Herd were Wheeler shoppers Friday of last week.

A. B. Southern and son Willie were in Wheeler Wednesday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee and family spent the week end with Mrs. Lee's parents Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Meadows.

W. A. T. Weatherly, A. B. Southern and son Willie were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway of Borger attended the funeral of J. B. Criner Tuesday.

J. C. Lee and son Alton, who live northeast of Wheeler, were in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace and son of Guymon, Okla., visited her sister Mrs. Don Battern Wednesday and Thursday at the Pennington home.

W. G. Stiles and daughter Miss Beth, who live eleven miles east of Wheeler, were in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bowers of Amarillo came Sunday evening to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bowers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Perrin and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perrin, spent Christmas in Wellington with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Maloy and daughter Miss Juanita were out of town Monday and enjoyed a much needed vacation.

Mrs. Ernest Dyer and Miss Clara Finsterwald motored to Borger Sunday to visit the former's cousin and husband Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foss.

Mr. and Mrs. Culley Richards, who live in Lynn county, came last week to visit his brother J. H. Richards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hargett and children of Lynn county are spending Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Herd and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Guthrie left Friday for Matador to spend the holidays with their children and old friends. They are expected home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thorman and daughter Miss Lucille of Briscoe were in Wheeler Tuesday to attend the funeral of J. B. Criner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johnston and children of Ft. Worth spent Christmas with his sister Mrs. Floyd Pennington and her mother Mrs. Jim Johnston at Miami.

Forest Bowers and a friend Wilbur Nance of Stephenville came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edens of McKinney came last Thursday and visited their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young until after Christmas, returning home Tuesday.

Harold Nicholson of A. and M. College Station is spending his holiday vacation in Wheeler with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Nicholson, and friends.

Demaris Holt, who is attending A. and M. at College Station, came home last Thursday to spend a ten day vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holt and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders had as their Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders and Macy Sanders of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anglin, who live near Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Garrison and children Jack and Ruth Faye spent Christmas with their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cornelius in Amarillo. Mr. Cornelius came up and got them Sunday. All the family returned home Monday night except Ruth Faye, who will come home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clay and daughter Mrs. J. A. Page and children Peggy, Amos and Joe, and Buster Walser motored to Kelton Monday where they enjoyed Christmas dinner with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walser.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Powell, who live near Wheeler, were in town Saturday shopping.

W. J. Sanders and Mrs. H. C. Sanders motored to Shamrock Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shira of Briscoe attended the funeral of J. B. Criner Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church in Wheeler.

Mrs. M. McIlhany, of the McIlhany Dry Goods Store, was ill last Thursday and unable to be at her place of business.

Mrs. G. Lock of Miami, an old friend of the Jeff Kelley family, came to Wheeler last Tuesday to attend the T. J. Kelley and son Boyd's funerals.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Lewis and granddaughter Bobbie Jo Hyatt left Thursday for Greenville to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson and daughter Miss Thelma motored Monday to Pampa, where they were Christmas dinner guests of their daughter and sister Mrs. Roy Snyder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keeney and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hyatt motored to Laketon Monday where they were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. Keeney's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Keeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keeney, Derwood, Johnie and Gerl Lewis, John Story and Miss Sue Hubbard were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. C. T. Lewis at Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Evans and daughters Misses Pauline, Valoise, Laverna and Mary Ruth of Briscoe were in the county seat Saturday, shopping. Mr. Evans teaches in the Briscoe high school.

Milton R. Beavers, manager of the Plainview Community Weekly and his brother Morris G. Beavers of Clarendon, were in Wheeler Saturday on business. Morris is employed as floorman at the Clarendon News. They were pleasant visitors at The Times office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jordan of Amarillo were Sunday guests of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott, where they enjoyed a Christmas Eve dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan returned home that night to attend to the business of the Jordan & Lord Mercantile company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller and son and daughter Bill and Beatrice spent Sunday in Butler, Okla., at the home of Mrs. Miller's mother Mrs. M. A. Miller, and spent Monday in Elk City, Okla., with his mother Mrs. Hattie E. Miller and daughter Mrs. R. H. Caillette and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilkisson and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wilkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Caldwell were Christmas dinner guests of the former's daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Armstrong at Kelton.

Alice Pearl Hogan, who is attending school in Amarillo, is spending the vacation with her mother and sister Mrs. Marie Bowers Hogan and Hughee Marie.

Miss Jewell Sewell spent Christmas in Clarendon with relatives and friends, returning Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holt and children Margaret and R. J. Jr., of Pritchett, Colo., came Saturday and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holt and family. They visited Mrs. Holt's parents Mr. and Mrs. Carr in Pampa Sunday, returning home Monday.

Superintendent and Mrs. M. P. Rogers and his parents of Briscoe motored to Wichita Falls Saturday to see their sons and grandsons, Porter and Ray, who are attending College and high school. Other relatives meet them there to join the family reunion on Christmas Day. The Briscoe people returned Tuesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to thank the many friends who extended assistance and expressed words of sympathy in the death of our dear father, J. B. Criner.

MRS. GLADYS HERD
HOWARD CRINER
RUSSELL CRINER
MRS. FAYE MAY.

New 1934-35 Cotton Contracts Now Ready

In the new 1934-35 cotton contract offered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, farmers agree to reduce cotton acres from 35 to 45 per cent in return for land rental payments running as high as \$18 per acre, and a parity payment of one cent per pound for 40 per cent of the average five year production, says George E. Adams of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service in charge of the cotton campaign.

A farmer who has grown an average of 40 acres of cotton making an average of 10 bales per year during 1928-32 would receive a total of \$89.92 in three payments next year if he signs a contract reducing his acres 40 per cent, from 40 acres down to 24 acres. His land rental payment will be 3 1/2 cents for every pound of lint produced per acre on the average during 1928-32. In this case that would amount to \$4.37 per acre or \$69.92 for the 16 acres retired. Forty per cent of his average five year production would be four bales, and his parity payment on this in December, 1934, would be at least \$5 per bale or \$20. The land rental payments will be made in two installments, the first in March or April and the second in August or September.

The land retired from production must be good average land, not gullied or eroded, and suited to cotton. The retired acres may be used only for two purposes: either to improve the land as capital stock, or if needed, to feed the family. Rented acres may be put in soil improvement crops or in crops designed to stop soil washing. If sown to feed or food crops all the resulting food and feed must be consumed on the farm. If fed to

animals the meat or other livestock products must be consumed on the farm.

The farmer signing a contract must also agree not to increase the total acreage on the rest of the farm of crops named as basic commodities in the Agricultural Adjustment Act, or to increase the production of livestock designated as basic commodities. That means that contracting cotton farmers may not increase above 1932 or 1933 their acreages of corn, wheat, rice and tobacco, or their production of hogs and of milk or dairy products, except as needed for home use.

The campaign for explaining contracts to farmers will begin in 214 counties having county agents the latter part of December, Adams announces.

FOR SALE—3 mules, ages 7, 8 and 10 years, 1 weighs 1,000, other 2 1,200 to 1,500; 75 Cornish Game chickens; one 2-year-old Jersey bull, subject to register. Would like to make sale at once. See I. N. Bowers, Wheeler, Texas. 1t1p

FOR SALE CHEAP—Filling station and wrecking yard. M. H. Mitchell, Wheeler, Texas. 1t1p

Members of ten Jefferson county home demonstration clubs have canned 10,000 containers of meats and vegetables for their needy neighbors.

An old chicken house was re-built into a modern A and M roof type house at a cost of \$5 last spring by Howard Sport of Bagwell's community in Red River county with the help of the county agent. Mrs. Sport, after de-lousing the flock of 140 and feeding them well from self-feeders, reports clearing \$83 above feed cost from eggs, in addition to having all the family could eat.

"Little Stories for Bedtime" by Thornton W. Burgess



JERRY MUSKRAT HAS TWO CALLERS

IT WAS very, very early in the morning. It was so early in the morning that some folks would hardly have known it was morning. But it was. Jerry Muskrat, sitting on the Big Rock in the Smiling Pool, knew that it was. He knew that over behind the Purple Hills somewhere jolly, round, red Mr. Sun was kicking off his bed clothes and making ready to show his big red face above the edge of the Great World as he began his daily climb up in the blue, blue sky, which didn't seem blue now because of the darkness.

A silver line started out from one bank and made straight toward the



"How's the Little Worker Getting On With Filling His Storehouse?" Asked Reddy.

Big Rock. Jerry Muskrat saw it. Also he saw a small brown head at one end of that silver line.

"Hello, Billy Mink. How's the fishing?" squeaked Jerry.

Billy stopped swimming and floated while he talked. "Hello, Jerry," he replied. "I thought I'd find you here. It wouldn't seem like the Big Rock not to find you sitting on it at this hour. Fishing is good, thank you. That reminds me that Reddy Fox happened along yesterday and seemed to be taking great interest in you."

"It's my new house," explained Jer-

ry. "That's what Reddy is so interested in."

"Oh, is it?" There was some very like surprise in Billy's voice. "I thought it was you. He didn't mention house to me. I must go on. I think I'll go down the Big River and see what is on."

The silver line with the little head at the end of it moved across the Smiling Pool and vanished down the Laughing Brook. Jerry Muskrat thoughtfully pulled his whiskers. "That is funny," said he to self. "That certainly is funny. I never mentioned food to me. I der—"

But just what Jerry wondered one will ever know, for who appears on the bank of the Smiling Pool just then but Reddy Fox with filling his storehouse?"

"Not as well as he is going to about two minutes," replied rather shortly, and with a splash from the Big Rock. He was gone quite a while, during which the dug up and carried to his store three particularly fine roots. Being tired, he once more climbed on the Big Rock and the very thing he saw was Reddy Fox where he had last seen him. It didn't look as if he had moved.

"I've been waiting for you. You were gone for a long time, he."

"I didn't know you were waiting," replied Jerry. "I guess I have made any difference if I because these days I have too to do to gossip. Winter will be here and I've a lot to get done then." To hear him you would thought that he had so much that he couldn't sit still a minute. "Oh, it doesn't matter," replied Jerry. "I have time enough to spend just waited to say to you that night I discovered some of the carrots that ever I have laid eyes and knowing that you like to thought of you right away and perhaps you might like some away for the winter."

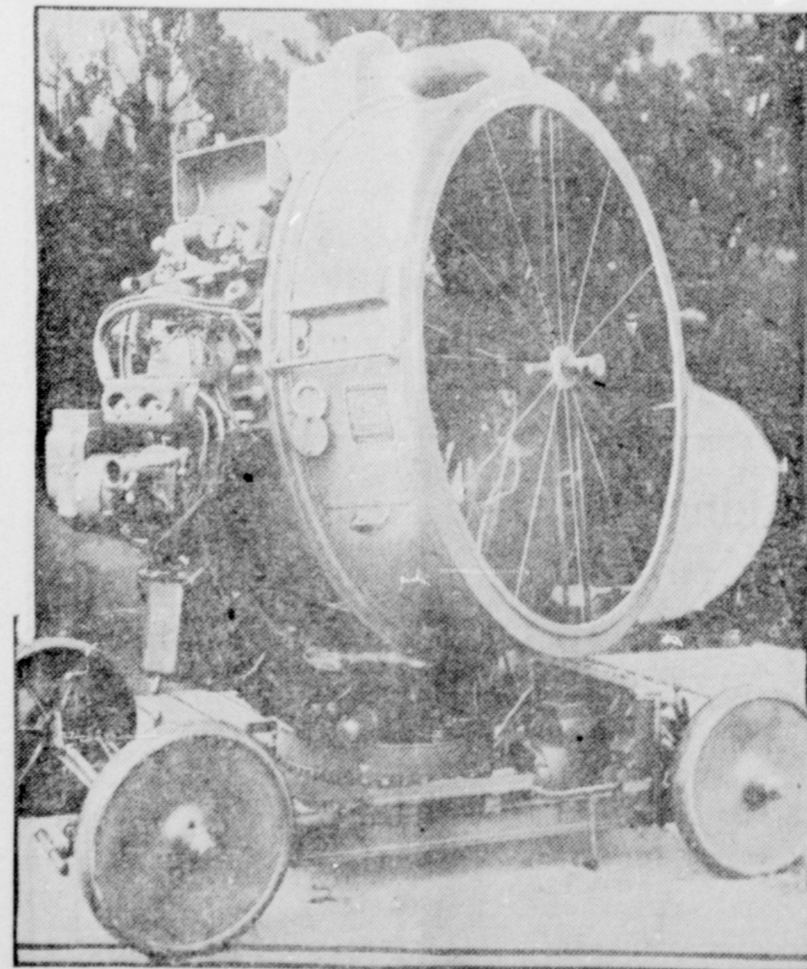
Right away Jerry was interested. © 1933, by T. W. Burgess.—WNU

Memorial for a Famous Naturalist



SARGENT CHILD putting the finishing touches to his model for the Darwin memorial that will be erected to the memory of the famed naturalist on Chatam island in the Galapagos group by the members of the Darwin Memorial expedition that is to spend two and one-half years in circumnavigating Central and South America. The party, which left San Francisco, is composed of 15 scientists, artists and pathologists. They are using the four-masted schooner Golden Gate.

Huge Searchlight Built for the Army



THIS is one of the new 800,000,000 candle-power searchlights built for the United States army, which is capable of throwing a beam visible for one hundred miles. The new lights are built by the Sperry Gyroscope company under a contract awarded by the public works administration, and are the most powerful ever designed. At the present time 104 of these are being built to replace the now obsolete lights used by the army for anti-aircraft defense.

Movie Chatter

By a Rogue

Zane Grey's "To the Last Man"

Zane Grey's "To the Last Man" featuring Randolph Scott, Noah Berry, Buster Crabbe, and Esther Ralston will be at the Rogue Friday night, Saturday Matinee and night. This is one of the very best from the pen of the beloved Zane Grey and will please all of his followers. In fact, it is one of the best Western stories ever to go on the silver screen. It will please all lovers of the wide open spaces "where men are men and the wind pumps the water". Then, in addition, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in their latest two-reel comedy, "Me and My Pal".

"Hold Your Man"

The ole Rogue promises fare for both male and female for Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 1-2 in "Hold Your Man" featuring Clark Gable for the ladies, Jean Harlow for the gentlemen, and Stewart Erwin for everybody. This picture is rated as a special and will please. It will be time and money well spent, and how the audience will appreciate this combination! And now listen! for the first time in Wheeler movie history Popeye, the Sailor, will appear on the screen in person. Popeye will be well worth seeing in Seasinks Gretinks.

"Dr. Bull"

This is no bull, Will Rogers will be here Friday and Saturday next week in a picture by this name. We will tell you more about it later, but it is as good as "State Fair", say the critics. And another Popeye.

N. H. Mitchell and family and Mrs. Luther Harbor were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitchell.

Rev. and Mrs. Alamo Starke for their Christmas dinner guests and Mrs. W. E. Carter and daughter Joy Marie, who live two miles from Wheeler.

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TAX NOTICE

Those who have not paid their City Taxes are requested to do so before February 1, 1934.

C. R. Weatherly
City Secretary

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To the Millers

The First Issue of the Wheeler Times
Was Welcome and Appreciated By All.

We Wish You Continued

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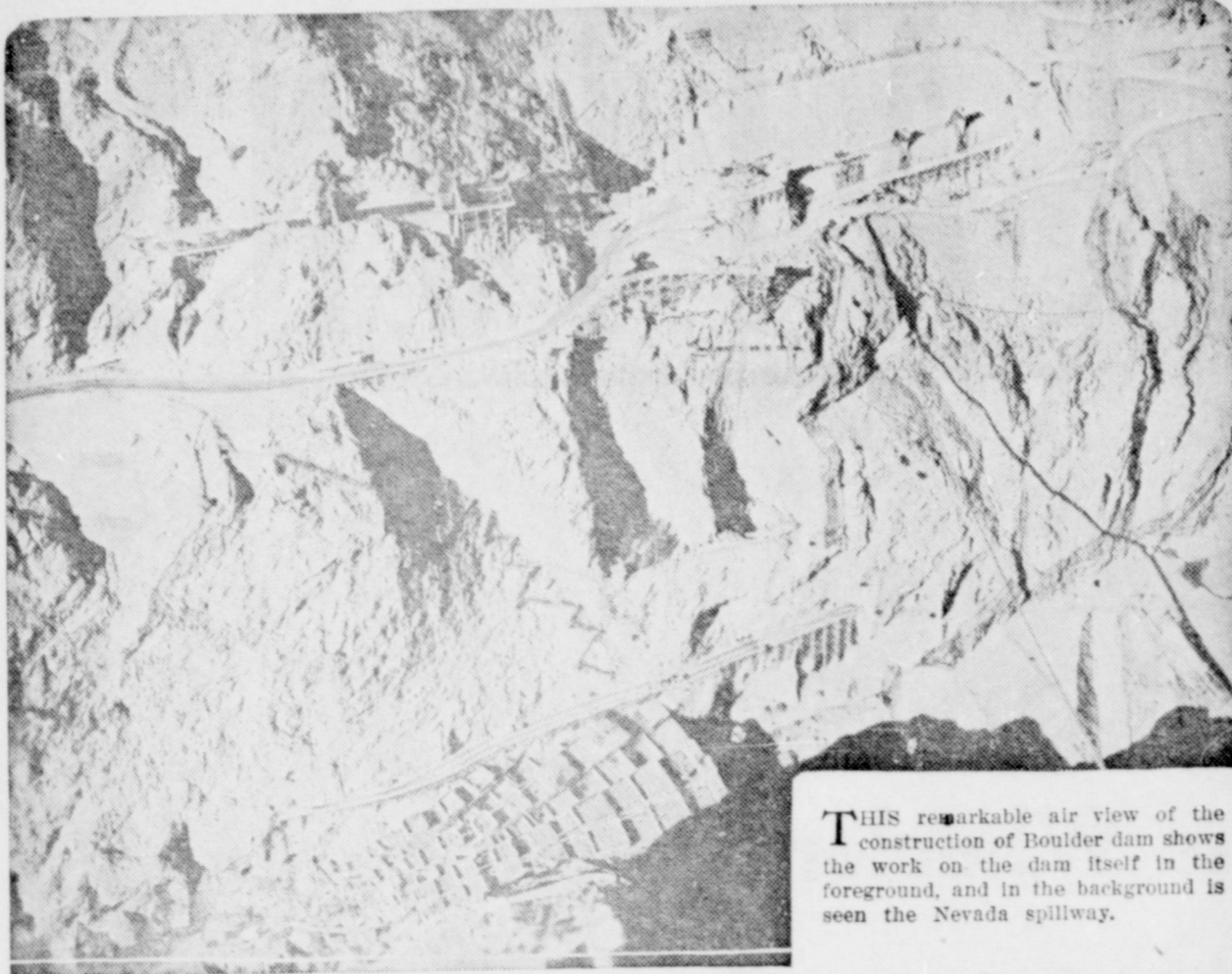
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Air View Shows the Progress on Boulder Dam



THIS remarkable air view of the construction of Boulder dam shows the work on the dam itself in the foreground, and in the background is seen the Nevada spillway.

BONERS



Matriculation is what the Italians do with their hands when they talk English.

BONERS are actual humorous tid-bits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

Caesar was re-elected ex-consul.

The root protects the plant from insects.

A plant is a human being growing in the ground.

An optimist is a person who does the opposite of everything you do.

Monogamy is the most famous form of marriage in modern times.

In Dark Velvet



This statuesque gown of black Bagheera velvet has the slinky fitted lines and low skirt flounce that mark this season's evening modes.

LOCAL ITEMS

Misses Grace and Lois Dixon were in Wheeler Saturday Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robert, children Laverne, Grady and Al Dixon were among the shoppers in Wheeler.

Miss Betty Finterswald and Nell Meek have returned home from McMurry College at Abilene to spend their holiday vacation.

Misses Barbara and Texas who are attending college at Woodward, Okla., came home the week of the week to visit their parents and Mrs. W. O. Miller and until after New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Watson, daughter Deloris and Worth Beal daughter Patsy motored to Manhattan Sunday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beal and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Veale, daughter Tucker and Louise, returned to Sayre, Okla., where they had Christmas dinner guests of Veale's brother J. T. Lanham and family, returning home Monday evening.

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WNU SERVICE

Just rejoined when Smif's voice warned them there was scant time for further consultation. She came in on them, cheerful and glowing. "Hello, my dears. Decided my fate? Exile in Chile or a 'sweet little house in the country'?" this clairvoyance remaining unanswered, she went on: "Had a radio from Leicester. Sent regardless of expense, the splendrift!" she resumed, fumbling in her bag. Producing it, she gave it to Louise to read aloud: "Thank God her hair curls naturally still resigned love Leicester." "His earldom sure is a good scout," Smif commented. Laura returned to the attack. "Lucy says you were clever, Louise says you were selfish. Yet if Cintra hadn't married Leicester—" "Exactly," Smif nodded, "with her looks she was bound to marry. I haven't told you half I said to Leicester. You see, I genuinely liked him. What he wants in a wife is a sort of feather-bed who'll look distracting in court dress, who'll have dozens of children and who'll never embarrass him by offering ideas of her own. English girls are too advanced and argumentative, he tells me. And so, at last, I'm free." She stretched her arms, clasping and unclasping her fingers as though just escaped from fetters. "Free to live as I please, not governed by thought of what will be best for Cintra. Not according to any rule laid down by others. To find adventure—" Every word she said seemed to bring the Head-Hunters nearer to Louise. "Oh, Smif—not adventure! Really, darling, I can understand your need of a change after the strain of the wedding. Why not a sea trip? The new South American steamers are palatial." "And summer is just beginning there," Lucy backed her up enthusiastically. "You'll see Bill-Lee, and if you don't like it, you—" "Can come back and find the little place in the country you consider appropriate?" Smif looked up from the cigarette she was tamping. "You're precious angels, all of you, and as transparent as glass. Don't you suppose I realize that a pauper sister is going to be extraordinarily inconvenient?" "You're not a pauper, Smif." "So near that you couldn't tell the difference with the naked eye," Smif returned cheerily. "Another reason for trying to break off the match with Leicester, although I never gave it a thought. There were half a dozen plutocratic morons who, being Americans, would not have expected settlements." "Smif!" Lucy exclaimed absolutely agitated. "Don't tell me you gave Cintra any of your money?" "Most of it," Smif nodded. "I hope a Lovely has some pride. Most of what was left, I settled on her when she was married. It wasn't too much. You wouldn't have wished our niece to go to England penniless, would you? And poor Bill-Lee—" "Don't say you've been giving him money, too?" Lucy interrupted. "When he would take it," Smif returned with the utmost serenity. "The way he was left was most unfair, and I'm afraid he'll never make a business man. Since he's never got ahead in all these years, it's useless to expect he ever will. So, if Lovelylea is to come back into the family, I'll have to be the one to manage it." "You don't make money if you're a missionary," Lucy offered this argument as conclusive. "Who said I was going to be a missionary? Not that it matters. The kind of missionary I mean to be can make money. Lots of it. I intend to be a missionary to the rich—exclusively!" said Smif. "I spent ten years and most of my money establishing our niece suitably, and I now refuse to

submit to another burden of boredom gratuitously. If I'm bored, some one is going to pay me for it. I've no one to consider but myself."

"What are you going to do?" Lucy wailed. "You talk and talk without telling us anything."

Smif puffed her cigarette meditatively.

"I'm thinking how to explain it to you," she said at last. "You've nothing against rich people, I suppose? After all, they're human, aren't they? We hear a lot about the deserving poor, while no one has a word for the deserving rich. From now on, I mean to devote my energies to their relief."

"Just as I thought, she means to be a bootlegger!" Lucy cried. "We'll have to make her an allowance."

"A practical suggestion," Smif chuckled. "Possibly I can combine it with the project I have in mind."

"Smif, please don't be tantalizing," Louise urged, understanding her better than the others, "tell us straight out what you mean to do."

"It requires explanation," Smif said, "principally because no one has openly embarked on it before as a profession. There are lots of people skirting the edge of it, people who more or less prey on the rich, hangers-on of all kinds who have no thought of giving any return for the money they exact. Whereas for years where I am concerned the boot has been on the other foot. The rich have come to me and dumped their troubles on my shoulders and I've given them sympathy, advice, pluck to carry on with when their burdens grew too heavy; my time, my companionship—all free gifts so long as I could afford it. Now I can't afford it, and I propose to make them pay for just those things. I'm going to announce myself as a Little Sister of the Rich—at a high rate per consultation."

"No one will come to you under such conditions," Lucy sniffed; "the idea's absurd."

"Your mistake, my dear," Smif assured her amiably. "I've several clients already. And, whether you believe it or not, this enterprise will fill a want. There are people in need of exactly what I can give. I've had it in mind for years."

"Doesn't it occur to you that you are likely to come in contact with some very undesirable people?" Lucy asked.

"Certainly," said Smif, "almost sure to, in fact; and, looking on the bright side, why not some very desirable ones as well? At all events, they'll be new, and I pine for novelty after years of Cintra's monotonous beauty. Why, girls, I'll meet women—and men too—who've not led our cramped little lives, all crowded against our neighbors and their prejudices like pot-bodded plants without room to grow—and who'll be none the worse for that, although they may have their own troubles. I honestly believe that what I have to sell them will be worth all I'll ask."

"But what have you to sell?" Lucy wailed. "Please tell me that much."

"Comfort and common sense," Smif replied without hesitation, "worth every penny they'll pay me. . . . And now I'm going, leaving my reputation for sanity behind me. Good-by, you dears. Don't worry more than you have to."

When the elevator door closed behind her Lucy exhaled audibly, as if she had been holding her breath.

"Well! This business of losing Cintra has affected her brain. To protect her, she ought to be shut up."

"Don't be silly," Louise, under stress, asserted herself strongly. "Smif's as sane as you. Don't you agree with me, Laura?"

"I agree that Smif's perfectly sane, not that I wouldn't try to have her restrained if I thought it either necessary or any use. It isn't, Lucy, so

apartment and rent for herself two rooms with a toy kitchenette in the Badminton, an apartment hotel on Madison avenue, where she would need no servant and could be served such meals as she desired.

She had told her sisters the literal truth when she had said that the gown she wore was the only good day dress she possessed. Since it was useless for anybody with her figure to attempt to shop in the ordinary department stores, she necessarily directed her steps to a Fifth avenue dressmaker who had contrived very satisfactorily to her niece's trousseau.

Madame Georgette, who swept out to meet her, greeted her formally. Madame Georgette's French ended with her name. She was Irish, with a large heart and a fine flair for the next fashion in clothes.

"Madame requires," she began elegantly, instead of with the usual shop formula: "Can I help you?" Then, seeing who her customer was, she changed her tone: "You're always a sight for sore eyes, Miss Lovely, and these days mine are strained looking for luck. I hope it's a trousseau you're wantin' for yourself this time."

"Not a chance of it," Smif laughed. "I just want one frock, durable and reasonable."

"I'll make it as reasonable as I can. I don't mind telling you I'm glad to have anything to keep the work-rooms busy. What it costs me and no more, if you find a model that suits you, and I think I've just the right thing."

A couple of girls received orders to dress and while she waited, Smif talked casually.

"Is business really so bad?" she asked.

"'Tis useless for me to try to hide it when you've only to look around ye," Madame Georgette answered. "The bottom of me purse is stickin' out of the top. Not that I haven't made money—it was comin' in hand over fist before this contagious disease got into the stock market. Then one after another me customers lost fortunes or was afraid they might. I took a lease on the three lower floors of this building when everything was on the up an' up, an' that's why I've more room than I want and no help for it."

Her heart beating rapidly, almost unable to believe her eyes, Smif stared around her. They were on the second floor of the establishment and it seemed designed expressly for her purposes.

"What part of the premises do you wish to reserve for yourself?" she asked breathlessly. "Could you get along without this floor?"

"As aisy as ye'd get along without a hollow tooth," the woman answered eagerly. "Do ye know of any one who'd like to take it off me hands?"

Again Smif looked around her.

"Not with your fittings, I'm afraid."

"To be sure not. 'Tis more than I could expect. There's little here but draperies, an' they can be packed away, stairs until better times. 'Twould save storage." The woman's quick brain had settled all details in a flash. "Do ye think there's any chance of me rentin' it, Miss Lovely? It might make just the difference to me between sinkin' or swimmin'. I don't mind tellin' ye that I'm overloaded. Miss Cintra's dresses was a grand help—"

In her agitation and sudden hope Madame Georgette was babbling.

Smif stopped her good-humoredly. "Fix a moderate price for a frock and, once we've settled that, I'll tell you what I have in mind for this floor if you can really spare it."

Madame Georgette, amazed, incredulous, doubtful of the success of so unusual a venture, when at last she was won over, threw herself wholeheartedly into the details of furnishing the stage-setting and incidentally saved Smif both money and annoying delays. In time the alliance of good will was destined to work out to the advantage of both Madame Georgette and her tenant, neither hesitating to recommend the other where she might be of use.

The word Lovely having an unfortunate connotation, from the inception of the plan Smif had known that she must take a business name, and finally she struck on the name Saitou. It was in no known language. It did not mean anything, but it sounded as if it might, and before she had expected, Smif found herself launched as Madame Saitou.

Her staff consisted of one small boy. He was dressed in black with many gilt buttons. A round braided cap of jade green, poised over one ear and held by a gilded chin strap, lent him picturesqueness. The diminutive infant was officially entitled Buttons and entered into his duties with enthusiasm.

Smif had seen little of her sisters during her period of preparation and, hearing nothing of her activities, they took it for granted there were none. Either she had given up her foolish plans or had exaggerated her situation. It was like Smif to make an amazing story out of nothing.

It was Doctor Stannard who brought about the revelation. He and his wife were engaged to dine at the Hammersleys and he was called out professionally at the last moment so that Lucy was obliged to go on alone.

He came in, however, before the cocktails were finished.

"I'm glad you weren't detained, Cyril," his wife greeted him. "Nothing serious, I hope?"

"Nothing at all, you might say," he snapped, as if the fault were hers. "A fool who wants a doctor to hold her hand and tell her she looks younger than she did when she was nineteen every time she discovers the beginning of a wrinkle. I've always thought that a man was justified in sending his tiregome patients to psy-

choanalysts and such people as this Madame Saitou Reeves Blanton is so keen on."

Cyril fumbled in his pocket and drew out a couple of cards.

"Blanton gave me several of these and advised me to use them," he said. "She's not a psychoanalyst, as I understand it. She's just a Pollyanna sort of person. Big and jolly and fat. Rather laughs people out of their silly fads and notions, I take it."

There was a swift exchange of glances between the sisters. A horrible suspicion had struck them at the same instant.

Laura reached for the cards and passed one to Lucy.

MADAME SAITOU
Little Sister of the Rich
690 Fifth Avenue
Terms high.

Special appointments, double fees.

"Surely it's a joke!" Lucy cried. Watching her, however, Laura saw the fingers that held the card tremble and at once skillfully dismissed the subject of Madame Saitou.

Not till she went into her sister's room to put on her wrap did Lucy find a chance of sharing her suspicions.

"You don't for a moment think it can be Smif?"

"I'm afraid I do," Laura returned. "Isn't it just the sort of thing she talked of at luncheon that day?"

"If this is what she's doing she must be stopped. It would simply engage Cyril. I mean he is so particular about his professional standing it would simply kill him."

"We're probably agitating ourselves needlessly," Laura patted her sister on her shoulder to reassure her. "Anyway, say nothing about it—especially to Louise. I'll see Smif tomorrow and find out what she's doing with herself."

"You'll see her tomorrow without fail?" Lucy implored. "I shan't have a happy moment until I know, you know."

"Without fail," Laura promised. But by the time she was up and had telephoned the Badminton Miss Lovely had gone for the day.

Did they know where Miss Lovely could be reached?

With deep regret, the clerk assured her that he did not.

Laura hung up. She wished she could find Smif. There was nothing more annoying than to be kept in suspense. And then the way to end that suspense occurred to her. She took up the telephone again and ordered her car. She would go to see Madame Saitou.

On the way to make her call, Laura had time to reflect and to suffer many qualms. Should Madame Saitou prove not to be Smif, what could she say to her? There was nothing she wanted to consult her about. She finally decided to ask to have her horoscope drawn. It might be amusing, and if Madame Saitou were not a horoscopist it would provide an easy escape.

The motor drew up as near to the number she had given as the crowd of cars parked at the curb would permit. She descended, and locating the number she was searching for on a tall narrow building, she walked past it twice before she entered the vestibule leading to the elevators.

She had recognized Madame Georgette's shop, and its proximity reassured her. The elevator slid into sight to discharge its freight: a girl, pretty in spite of the cheap make-up which hid her fresh young skin; a messenger boy, chewing gum as if his job depended on it; and a worried-looking man with a large horseshoe pin of emeralds adorning his expensive necktie.

Laura was sure the emeralds were real, and immediately, while noting no more of him than the pin, cast him in the role of gunman. When the elevator boy asked, "What floor, please?" she said "Madame Saitou" reluctantly, as though she were disclosing a compromising secret. And she was no whit reassured when he announced cheerily "Second floor," and ushered her out of the car before she had time to resist.

She thought peevishly that he was in a great hurry to be rid of her. Directly in front was a door across which was a bar on which was printed for all the world to read: "Oblige by using the entrance at the front." No name was attached.

"Highly mysterious!" Laura told herself.

A few faltering steps brought her to another door, uncompromisingly labeled "MADAME SAITOU." Nothing more.

Here she paused to quiet her nerves. Of course it was Smif. Why was she hesitating? Yet she opened the door with a hint of violent haste, so fearful was she that her courage might evaporate.

At once she found herself in the most cheerful and modernistic of foyers, done in emerald green and citron yellow. A boy in livery, with red curls bushing out below his natty cap, sprang to attention.

Would Madame be seated while he inquired if it would be possible for Madame Saitou to see her? Madame Saitou's time was heavily taxed.

"Tell Madame Saitou it is Mrs. James Hammersley. She will see me," she said it haughtily, placing the slightest shade of emphasis upon the last word; and the next moment regretted the impulse that had led her to give her name. If the woman were a blackmailer—she had heard of such things.

The boy returned. Madame Saitou would be able to give her a few minutes shortly. At the moment she was engaged.

If Laura was nervous, Smif at the back of the establishment was hardly less so. Plainly the tug of war with her family could be postponed no longer.

The upshot of much meditation was that she used Madame Georgette's private elevator to summon that kindly woman.

"My sister, Mrs. Hammersley, is here," she announced without reserve, since Madame Georgette already knew that her family were in ignorance of her occupation.

"And what do you care, dearie—" she at once began truculently.

Smif stopped her. "In one way, not at all. In another I find I care a surprising lot," she said succinctly. "This is why I wanted to speak to you, Madame. There's just a chance that even yet she has no idea who Madame Saitou is and has come to consult her in good faith. But if Laura has come snooping—and that is what I suspect—I mean to punish her for it. Why didn't she ask me what I was doing, straight out, man to man?"

She did not add that on the few occasions when she had seen Laura or Lucy of late they had taken every opportunity to stress the pleasures and advantages of life in South America, and that their obvious desire to be rid of her had wounded her deeply. Their affection for her was so hidden by their selfishness that she had begun to doubt its existence.

"And what do you want of me, Miss Lovely?" Madame Georgette asked. "I'm ready to help you, you know that."

"I want you to lend me Mademoiselle Yvonne for a few minutes. I propose to make sure of Mrs. Hammersley's fee before she sees me."

Smif showed her white teeth in a highly malicious grin and Madame Georgette ejaculated "God save us!" adding: "You wouldn't be takin' money off your own sister, Miss Lovely?"

"If she has come here to spy on me, I would," Smif declared. "She deserves to be punished. Moreover, in any case, to make her appreciate that this is a serious business she must be made to pay serious money for a sight of me. And of course she won't pay a penny if she knows who Madame Saitou is. So I'll find out that much before I see her."

"You certainly are a wise one!" Madame Georgette's admiration was unaffected. "But I'd better send you Jalna. She's new since Mrs. Hammersley bought anything off me, so there'll be no risk that she'll recognize her."

A few minutes later Laura's solitude was broken in upon by the silent entrance of a sedate black-robed figure, notebook in hand.

"Good morning, Madame," the girl said. "The name is Mrs. James Hammersley?" Her air was businesslike.

"Yes," Laura confirmed this ungraciously. Since she had foolishly given her name, she saw no help for it.

The girl made an entry on a blank page. "And the address?"

That too was surrendered reluctantly because it was useless to attempt to hide it.

"This is a first consultation, I believe?"

"Yes." (Another entry.)

"The fee is one hundred dollars—in advance," the self-possessed young woman looked at her expectantly.

"I never carry such an amount of money with me," Laura exclaimed.

"Naturally not," Jalna returned, "your check will be entirely satisfactory, Mrs. Hammersley. I can supply you with a blank check—"

One hundred dollars for nothing! The thought was preposterous. Laura hesitated. Should she refuse to pay it and go away?

Seeming to read her thoughts, the girl closed her little book.

"If you prefer to postpone the matter," she said cheerfully; too cheerfully, Laura thought. Plainly that was the idea. This was one of Smif's gigantic bluffs. She counted on Laura's refusal and would chortle with joy at ridding herself of her.

"I was just wondering if I had one of my own checks with me," Laura said deliberately. "You can lend me a pen, I suppose? I prefer a stub."

"Saitou, Incorporated," she was prompted, as she filled out the check and handed it to the waiting girl.

"And now I hope I will not be delayed long," she suggested. "I am not accustomed to waiting."

Jalna was pleased with her new role. People with the inflections Mrs. Hammersley employed always rubbed her the wrong way.

"No longer than is necessary, Madame," she said. "I assure you it is a concession on Madame Saitou's part to receive you at all without an appointment." She bowed herself out, and again Laura was left to her own devices. Time passed slowly until Buttons at last appeared once more.

"Madame Saitou will see you now if you will come this way," he said, and led her past the angles of the corridor into the lounge at the rear.

The room was modernistic, the walls sharply patterned in black, red and gold; the floor black, highly polished; the hangings of the little stage red velvet, a tone softer yet as vivid as geranium. The boy went out the way he had come and again Laura waited. Then the curtains parted silently and Madame Saitou advanced.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

CHAPTER III

ney timed her arrival at Laura's to coincide both of her younger sisters. She meant that Laura should support in the coming encounter. "My dear, have you seen Smif?" she asked, dispensing with a greeting or a caress. "No, have you?"

Her sister replied that she had "seen Smif but had met Susan

lips. If I'd cared to pump her, I might have discovered what the fuss was

ut. Smif was so wonderful, so final, so half a dozen other things."

Then you really found out nothing?" Laura was disappointed.

I found out that it was a new and staccato enterprise with opportunity to make money. That, of no consequence in view of the immense service she will be to humanity," Lucy

pped. Before Laura had time to reply she joined them.

Oh, girls, have you heard about it?" was the first remark.

No!" they exclaimed together. "ive you?"

Be prepared for an awful shock," warned them. "Ned should have us in time to stop her. She probably hasn't a penny left."

The three exchanged glances of commotion. Ned was Smif's business partner and they feared knew what he was talking about.

And that isn't the worst of it," she plunged on. "Ned thinks she's us to be a missionary. Girls, I don't bear it. You must help me to her."

Of course, Susan would encourage "Lucy said. "She's very re-

Not at all," Laura disagreed, "just gloriously High Church. Not both with missionaries. However, she

ht think it a duty not to discour-

Smif."

If it's the thought of travel that

rests her why doesn't she go to

le to visit Bill-Lee?" Lucy sug-

gested. The others caught at this idea

enthusiasm; even Louise, who did

like to be parted from Smif, con-

ceded it a desirable alternative. The

missionary she had ever met in

flesh had given a glowing account

domestic life among the Head-

sters of Borneo which had not ap-

plied to her at all.

So long as we stick together, we

be able to make her see reason,"

argued feverishly. "If she has

led herself for Bill-Lee's child, he

ht to help her now."

She's not a man, so it must be

t. Wine, women and cards are out.

ll Street? The panic?"

She never speculated.—And why

Bill-Lee so poor? He gets a big

t for Lovelylea."

So he does, but he has let this mar-

bit add so many improvements that

taxes have been jumped till there

t much left, and he can't raise the

t before this lease ends."

Bill-Lee ought to have come back

the end of the first lease. Then

could have asked more from this

ant or some one else."

I agree that it would be a good

g for Smif to visit Chile," said

ise. "It would prevent her acting

impulsively because she misses Cintra

terribly. When she came back,

ra would be in her own apartment,

y could find summer quarters

nting on Smif, and, if the depres-

sion's over, Ned and I will have a

er house, so that we could share

among us."

Her elder sisters regarded this new

for organization as very irritat-

ing. They had no desire to add

one so conspicuous to their house-

ing. Louise was too ready with her



"Don't Say You've Been Giving Him Money, Too," Lucy Interrupted.

she was married. It wasn't too much. You wouldn't have wished our niece to go to England penniless, would you? And poor Bill-Lee—"

"Don't say you've been giving him money, too?" Lucy interrupted.

At the Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST Wheeler, Texas

(Sunday School).....9:45 a. m.
 Preaching—"Our Weakness" 11 a. m.
 Communion.....11:45 a. m.
 Young people's service.....6:45 p. m.
 Preaching—"God's Plan for My Life"
7:30 p. m.
 Mid week service, Wednesday 7 p. m.
 Ladies Bible class, Friday.....3 p. m.

As the years come and go you will more and more feel the need of Christ and His teaching. It is best to get acquainted with that as early in life as possible. There is adequate opportunity offered in Wheeler, and surely you can find all needs supplied. We invite you one and all to come and worship Christ with us.

FLAVIL YEAKLEY,
 Minister of Church of Christ.

METHODIST CHURCH J. Edmund Kirby, Pastor

Why not get the jump on the new year and begin attending church Sunday, Dec. 31?

We invite you to worship with us at the Sunday school and preaching hour.

Sunday night at 7:15 the pastor is preaching a special sermon for the young people of Wheeler who have been away at school. All the young people are especially invited to this service.

Wednesday night, Jan. 3, there will be an interesting service. We are trying to make these Wednesday night services the best of them all. Here are some of the things we are going to do: First, there will be a big sing-song; second, we are going to ask those present to tell all the good gossip they know about their church and community; third, the pastor will preach on "Waiting". The pastor preaches his best sermons on Wednesday nights.

We invite everyone in Wheeler to these Wednesday night services.

BAPTIST CHURCH ALAMO STARKEY, Pastor

9:45—Sunday School.
 11:00—Preaching Service.
 6:30—B. T. S. Meeting.
 7:30—Preaching.
 Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday hours of service are:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Preaching 11 a. m.
 Young People's Meeting 5:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 7 p. m.
 Everybody invited. Everybody welcome.

MOBEETIE

Verdie Lee Meadows

Wood Myers who has been seriously ill, was reported to be improving.

Roy Fultz of Mobeetie and Nellie May of the Mt. Zion community were married Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Cordie Gill and girls La Verne and Louise and Lillie B. Meadows, all of Wheeler, spent the week end visiting friends and relatives at Mobeetie.

Mrs. Loys Williams went to Wheeler shopping Saturday, and visited Cordie Gill while there.

Frank L. Rush from the C. C. camp at El Paso, spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rush of Mobeetie.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Meadows and children Harriett Alice and B. F. of Briscoe took dinner at the home of P. L. Meadows Dec. 24.

Mrs. B. R. Lane of Mt. Zion community was in Wheeler shopping Tuesday.

Ike Heare of Mobeetie transacted business in Wheeler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Seitz and little sons, L. J. and Monroe Jr. spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Collins.

Miss Alice Burch, who has been employed at Miami, came home Sunday for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. Brister and children attended the Christmas program and tree at Mt. Zion Saturday night.

Due to serious illness of Bud Scribner, the Christmas program was not rendered at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Oswald and son left Friday morning, Dec. 23, for their home in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Oswald spent the week end with their daughter Mrs. Owen Johnson of Pampa.

Angus Oswald, who has been attending school in Pampa, was at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunstream and daughter Erma Lee were visitors in Wheeler Tuesday.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 31

THE LIFE OF PAUL

LESSON TEXT—Philippians 3:1-14.
 GOLDEN TEXT—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7.
 PRIMARY TOPIC—Stories of Paul.
 JUNIOR TOPIC—In Sight of the Goal.
 INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Aiming High.
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Our Debt to Paul.

In order to grasp the meaning of this lesson it is necessary to understand the entire letter to the Philippians. The occasion for writing to the Philippians was the receipt of a much needed contribution from the hand of Epaphroditus for Paul's support while in prison (Phil. 4:10-18). The church was perhaps small and certainly poor (II Cor. 8:1-3), yet it repeatedly sent gifts to him (II Cor. 11:8, 9). It is therefore a letter of a grateful missionary to the church which sent means for his support.

1. The True Israelite. (vv. 1-3).
 Certain Judaistic teachers had persistently dogged the steps of Paul. Against such he issues the warning, "Beware of dogs"; "beware of evil workers"; "beware of the concision." The true Israelite is the one who worships God in the spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, having no confidence in the flesh.

2. Paul's Ground of Confidence. (vv. 4-6).
 Paul had everything in which a true Jew might glory.

1. "Circumcised the eighth day" (v. 5). This was the literal requirement of the law for those born under the Abrahamic covenant. His being circumcised showed his true upbringing.

2. "Of the stock of Israel" (v. 5). He was of the chosen nation by blood and birth.

3. "Of the tribe of Benjamin" (v. 5). The first king of Israel, whose name he bore, was a Benjaminite. The tribe of Benjamin, though small, had remained loyal to national customs.

4. "A Hebrew of the Hebrews" (v. 5). This showed he was of Hebrew parentage and not a proselyte.

5. "Touching the law, a Pharisee" (v. 5). The Pharisees were of the sect most zealous for the rites and ceremonies of Judaism.

6. "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church" (v. 6). He proved his zeal by his positive effort to stamp out that which was threatening Judaism.

7. "Touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless" (v. 6). So exactly had he conformed to this requirement of the law that he was consciously blameless.

III. Paul's Estimate of Himself (vv. 7-9).
 If any man had a right to confidence on the ground of inheritance and accomplishment, Paul had. The vision of Christ and his merits gave him the true perspective of values. In this light he saw the utter worthlessness of the things he prized most. He counted all things but loss for Christ, even regarding them as refuse in comparison with what he had gained.

IV. Paul's Transcendent Aim (vv. 10, 11).

1. "That I may know him" (v. 10). Personal acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ was his supreme desire.

2. "The power of his resurrection" (v. 10). This is an advance over personal acquaintance with the Lord. It is the expression of the life of Christ through the apostle.

3. "The fellowship of his sufferings" (v. 10). It is suffering for righteousness' sake, the common experience of all who will follow the Lord.

4. "Attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (v. 11). It is not only to be resurrected but to have part in the first resurrection, that is, the resurrection from among the dead, when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to the earth (I Thess. 4:16, 17).

V. Paul Presses Toward the Goal (vv. 12-14).

Paul clearly grasped the meaning of his perfection in Christ, yet he was keenly conscious of his personal limitation. Herein is expressed the true law of progress in the spiritual life.

1. Conscious limitations (v. 12). "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect."

2. Conscious of a transcendent goal (v. 13). The Christian life is an upward calling. One must know of heights before he will make any effort to attain unto them.

3. A resolute determination to reach the goal (v. 14). He declares "This one thing I do." The primary concern of life is not the stage of progress made, but the effort to attain thereto.

Planning the Future

We are always wanting to be doing, to be giving, to be planning for the future, to be mapping out all our life; instead of resting and receiving day by day, leaving the morrow to our God, and rejoicing in Jesus Christ amidst all our falls and failures.

The Live Reality

The profoundest fact of human life is that, for everyone, the real, the only true life is lived in the realm of the spirit.

At the Court House

District Court Adjourns

Judge W. R. Ewing of Pampa, judge of the 31st judicial district, reconvened district court here Wednesday following the holiday recess. Mostly routine matters occupied the time until late this afternoon, when the November, 1933, term was finally adjourned for the session.

The next term of court will be held in the spring, beginning April 9th.

The grand jury was in session yesterday and today, receiving its discharge late this afternoon after tendering its final report. Six indictments were returned during the two days.

During the term of its service a total of 26 indictments were returned.

Jury Lists Drawn

H. E. Forgy, Shamrock; Nathan Hunt, Mobeetie, and Nelson Porter, Wheeler, composed the jury commission which yesterday and today selected the names of 200 men for the next jury panel. Sixteen men were also chosen for duty on the spring grand jury.

County Court Next

Beginning Monday, county court, with Judge W. M. McMurry on the bench, will start a two weeks term.

A rather light docket, both in the civil and criminal divisions, is reported.

Lunacy Proceedings

The case of J. W. Hooker, Jr., was heard before a jury of six men in lunacy proceedings before the county court this afternoon. The young man was adjudged of unsound mind and in need of treatment. He will be taken to a sanitarium in Wichita Falls.

LEGION TO HOLD DANCE

The American Legion of Wheeler will hold a dance at its hall here on New Year's night. This announcement was made yesterday by Adjutant Risner of the local post.

FORTY-TWO TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by the parent-teacher association, a forty-two tournament will be given for high school students and the faculty on Friday night, Jan. 5. The event will take place in the American Legion hall in this city.

DEATHS

J. D. Merriman received word late Monday of the death of his oldest brother W. F. Merriman at Huntington, Indiana, on Dec. 25. He was past eighty years old.

Twin babies were born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller last week. One of the twins died and was buried in the Wheeler cemetery.

Burford Shadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shadden of Twitty, died Thursday morning at the hospital in Shamrock following a major operation.

TEXAS MOTORISTS TO GET NEW YEAR'S GIFT

Although Texas remains dry, prohibition repeal will bestow upon motorists of the Lone Star state a New Year's gift of \$3,500,000 yearly, the Texas Good Roads Association pointed out recently.

The special federal gasoline tax of one-half cent per gallon, levied by congress this year as a revenue provision of the National Recovery Act, will be voided automatically on January 1.

The act, which raised the federal levy on motor fuel from one cent to 1½ cents, stipulated that it would be returned to one cent "as of the first day of the calendar year following repeal of the eighteenth amendment". Liquor tax income will make up the difference.

Thus, twice during 1933, the much-harried consumer of motor fuel has regained a little of the ground he has lost, of recent years, in his battles against heavy special taxation.

The first "break" for more than a million Texas motorists came last March, when the state legislature struck a hefty blow at gas tax evaders with the new felony law against motor fuel "bootlegging".

Comptroller Sheppard, by hard work, is recovering millions in stolen revenues yearly, half of which go to improve state highways.

Taxes on motor fuel in Texas, as 1934 begins, will remain at five cents per gallon—one cent federal and four cents state. Yet only two cents of this total goes directly to the basic purpose for which the tax was conceived, construction and maintenance of highways.

The average Texas motorist pockets \$2.78 a year from the reduction, his annual motor fuel tax bill dropping from \$30.58 to \$27.80 for average consumption of 556 gallons, the road association estimated.

KELTON ITEMS

Mrs. D. L. Briley

Misses Valley and Louella Whiteley left Wednesday for Oakland, California, where they will stay for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Edd Wall and Mrs. Tommie Isbell were shoppers in Wheeler Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Rathjen and son Leonard were callers in Shamrock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Roberts visited at Amarillo and Canyon Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Hartzog, beauty operator of Shamrock gave permanent waves here Tuesday and will be here every Tuesday.

Misses Hallie Chilton, Dorothy Henderson, Katherine Rutherford, Marie Garner, George Davidson and Leroy Wall were Shamrock and Erick shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Perryman were callers in Wheeler Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Baron and small daughter of Amarillo visited during the Christmas holidays with the lady's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clay and children spent Christmas with relatives at Ardmore, Okla.

Miss Lorena Wall, who is attending college at Canyon, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Bradstreet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Waldo and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cockran spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Davee of Corn Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Worley and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Burton of Chillicothe visited during Christmas with Mr. A. D. Worley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Garner and family visited with relatives at Oklahoma City Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webster and family of Shamrock were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pitecock and children visited Sunday and Monday with her parents at Aberdeen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker and son James Allan and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tucker spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister Mrs. Willis Thornton and family of Amarillo.

Jap Price accompanied his wife to San Antonio last Wednesday where she was placed in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davidson and family visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Caltroph and family of Erick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathen Watson of Plainview visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pitecock Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Henderson of Shamrock spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Nelson were Christmas visitors with relatives at Mangum and Reed, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Isbell visited with friends at Sayre, Okla., Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anglin and daughters of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clay, and Mrs. J. A. Page and children of Wheeler were visitors in the H. H. Walser home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Fox and children of Shamrock visited Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Carman and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rathjen during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Washam and small daughter spent Sunday night and Monday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Washam, near Shamrock.

Miss Bernice Woodring of Canyon is spending the holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodring.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Henderson and Claude Henderson of Shamrock spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hoffer and small son and Miss Bernice Parnell of Laketon spent Sunday and Monday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parnell.

Mrs. Edd Wall and children Lorena and Leroy, and Katherine Rutherford visited Monday with Mrs. Wall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jackson of Erick.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCurley spent the Christmas holiday with their parents at Cordell, Okla.

Miss Mary Heriage visited over the week end with her sister at Shamrock. Mrs. Jim Biggs and son returned to their home in Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Young spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Clemens at Sweetwater, Okla.

Dalphon Randolph accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington as far as Vernon, where he visited his sister Mrs. Stokes and her daughter Mrs. Gatewood, returning Monday night.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

R. J. Puckett has been quite ill this week.

J. M. Lawrence and Demaris Holt spent Christmas day hunting birds.

W. A. Young who lives northwest of Wheeler was in town Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie motored to Shamrock Monday in the interest of the Rogue theatre.

John E. Puryear and son E. C. Puryear of Wellington were in Wheeler Tuesday on business.

W. M. Sanders and son Murry of Sandy Basin were in Wheeler Tuesday trading.

Miss Louise Rogers who is attending school at Canyon came home last Friday. She will return to school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers and children Louise, Willis, Willard and Wayne who live southeast of Wheeler were in town Thursday.

Miss Marilyn Wiley, who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, came home last Thursday to spend Christmas and New Year's with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders and brother Macy of Amarillo came Sunday to spend Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders and family. Tom is employed as parcel postman and Macy has been helping during the holiday season. They returned Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Orr and daughter Louise spent the holidays visiting relatives in

LaVerne and Louise Gill are spending the week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Weatherman son Joe of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith of Briscoe motored to Amarillo Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Risner Sunday dinner guests Rev. W. O. Puett and family, Lee, Ella Pearl, J. W. and F. E.

Ralph Bowers of Shamrock spending this week in Wheeler his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cornelison Richard Earl of Amarillo Saturday night with her sister W. O. Puett and family.

Both families motored to Shamrock where they were dinner guests and Mrs. W. E. Moss. Mrs. W. also a sister of Mrs. Puett.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington son W. E. and Mrs. D. A. Bagston of Mineral Wells left early Sunday and Electra to spend Christmas with Pennington's father D. A. Bagston.

and his brother R. J., who accompanied them as far as Vernon where other brother A. B. Johnston employed a Christmas dinner and fast-food union was enjoyed Monday at B. Johnston home. The Pennington party, including Dalphon Pennington returned to Wheeler Monday night.

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