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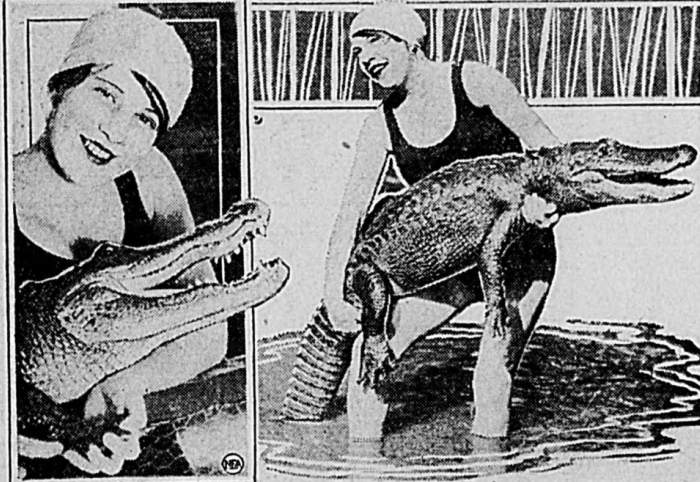
State Board Of Education Begins Annual Report

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 29.—The state board of education today began preparation of its report and recommendation to be filed with Governor Dan Moody and the 42nd legislature.

Lions Club Hears Reports At Meeting

Since this was the first meeting of the Lions Club in two weeks most of the time was given over to reports from committees.

Alligators? This Girl, At 16, Is Raising 'Em On a Farm Just Like Chickens



An alligator makes a pretty big animal says Eleanor Link. . . Here she is with a couple of her pets.

By NEA Service... LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The world's most unusual occupation for a woman is held by Eleanor Link of Los Angeles, who is following in her father's footsteps as an "alligator farmer."

experiments have proved that they can be taught tricks of an elementary nature, and she is now attempting to train "Peter" a three-foot specimen to pull a miniature boat.

Production Of Petroleum Shows Marked Decrease

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 30.—Unprecedented slumps in crude petroleum production of California and Texas Panhandle fields resulted in the lowest domestic production of oil in the year—a year in which production has dropped millions of barrels despite vastly increased potential stores.

Were Seen As They Left Town In a Big Car

CHESTER (Tyler Co.) Tex., Dec. 30.—A posse of deputy sheriffs and special officers were spreading out over Tyler and Polk counties today in search of two bank robbers who last night robbed the Chester State Bank.

Winesville Banks To Merge

Winesville, Dec. 30.—The First and Lindsay banks here, Sam King, president of the consolidation, D. J. National President, board chairman.

Judge Orders An Investigation Into Slaying Of Negro

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 30.—Judge R. A. Hall today ordered the Harrison county grand jury to investigate the fatal shooting recently of Jack Hanson, negro, by Constable Bill Smith of Waskom.

Marshal Joffre Is Improving

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Marshal Joffre was slightly improved late today, although he continued extremely weak.

Hoover Has Plan To Aid Veterans Of World War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Hoover is seriously considering the proposal to place between four and five hundred million dollars in the hands of needy veterans, it was learned today at the White House.

Completes Swim Of 2300 Miles

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—Fred Newton, 27, of Clinton, Okla., prepared to hitch-hike home today after swimming down the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to New Orleans.

Sentences Of Three Appealed To High Court

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 30.—An appeal was filed in the court of criminal appeals here today from the four year sentence given Monroe Stoker in Harrison county on a charge of killing Chesley Ollison when they both attended a Christmas tree and dance at Smyrna, Dec. 26, 1929.

Farmer Killed As Truck Hits Bridge

GANADO, Dec. 30.—Funeral services were planned here today for James Urban, 45, farmer, killed yesterday when a truck which he was driving collided with an automobile driven by L. R. Reedy, Lubbock, and then crashed into a bridge.

Business Leaders Of Nation Look For End Of Depression During 1931

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A general feeling that industrial and commercial activity in the coming year will show improvement over the unsatisfactory 12 months of 1930 was evidence in year end forecasts made public today by various business leaders and economists throughout the country.

Mystery Shrouds Sudden Death Of Naval Attache

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A mystery has developed in the death of Lieut. Bruce Settle, naval aide to President Hoover.

Relatives Seek To Break Buck's Will

WEST PLAINS, Mo., Dec. 30.—Suit by relatives to break a will written on a scrap of paper and leaving \$30,000 to charity was on file here today.

Died Quietly But Funeral Starts Row

STRABANE, Ireland.—William McCay, wealthy farmer, died quietly but his funeral was exciting.

Arch Spruil Of Bedford School Receives Trophy

Miss Beulah Speer, county school superintendent Monday received the University Interscholastic League trophy awarded Arch Spruil of Bedford school as state champion rural declamation in 1929.

Eleven Jurors Are Selected This Afternoon

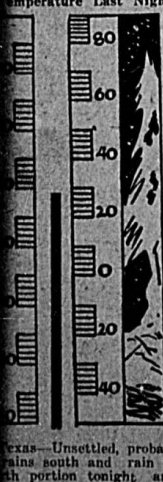
The eleventh juror was selected this afternoon in the Clyde Thompson sanity hearing when the state and defense agreed on J. T. Cavanaugh.

J. S. MAILS

for Fort Worth or beyond... East—12:00 P. M. East—4:18 P. M. Night planes 4:18 P. M. planes 8:30 P. M.

Radio Features

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"RECKLESS DRIVING IS A CRIME."

Uncle Sam has been on wheels in recent years. In a total registration of about 28,000,000 automobiles in the United States, 8,000,000 or 28 per cent. were bought prior to 1925 and have a rated value of less than \$25. This according to figures made public by the American Automobile association.

Texas lawmakers will begin the grinding next month. They will be asked to make laws calling for complete registration and licensing of motor vehicles. Chief Engineer Gibb Gilchrist of the state highway department has returned the verdict that to make the highways safe all drivers should be licensed, after an acid test as to qualification and fitness.

It is said that the annual cost of reckless driving in life and suffering is about 25,000 deaths and 700,000 personal injuries and aside from the loss of life and the personal suffering "the loss of earning power and distress of dependents, there is the value of property destroyed and the loss to insurance companies covering life, accident and property."

Business Leaders—

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ditions, but that recovery will be slow.

Frank L. Dame, president North American Co.—"I am confident that its (normal industrial activity) return will be greatly accelerated if the public is not kept in apprehension by overemphasis on unemployment and the effect of an extra session of congress."

H. T. Parson, president F. W. Woolworth Co.—"Our policy of expansion shows that we are fully confident that 1931 will be a good year for retail business."

E. R. Reiser, president American Petroleum Institute—"The oil industry during 1930 overcame serious threats and maintained a healthy condition basically, which augurs a prosperous period during the coming year."

Frederick B. Rentschler, president, Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, Inc.—"If the aviation industry is considered as a unit, it would seem that these losses (sales promotion) can be offset in the immediate future only through continued government support as tangibly manifested in the extension of equipped airways, contract air mail routes and the program military and naval construction."

John Moody, president, Moody's Investors Service—"The oil country will wake up by mid-year to find that recovery is really under way."

H. F. Sinclair, chairman, Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—"The petroleum industry has little reason to expect a return to prosperity until it corrects the evils that afflict it and its house is put in order."

Thomas H. McInerney, president, National Dairy Products Corp.—"I am no pessimist, a change will come. I have too much confidence in American enterprise and in American acumen to believe otherwise."

John A. Bunnell, president, Chicago Board of Trade—"The outlook for agriculture is a more complex problem. Grain farmers have experienced one of their most trying years and so has the entire grain industry."

New Yorkers Spend 20c To \$2,000 New Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A conscientious attempt to ascertain how much money will be spent along Broadway on New Year's eve celebrations revealed today that individual expenditures will range from 20 cents to \$2,000. Both prices include a headache.

The throng that annually invests 20 cents in its celebration will be augmented this year by a large number of persons who believe conditions are basically sound, but don't care to spend any money until it has been some place and seen something.

The \$2,000 can and will be spent in any one of the following places: Hotel Ritz-Carlton, Central Park Casino, and Club Lids. The \$2,000 includes a horn.

For the man in between, however, the cost will be about \$60, excluding the cost of a woman to stay with the two children while he and the wife go through the quaint ritual known as "making whoopee." He will take her to a musical show—perhaps "The New Yorkers," or "Three's a Crowd,"—and when on ordinary evenings it would cost him \$5.50 a ticket, the tariff for New Year's eve is \$11 a seat.

After theater supper and celebration one of the better hotels will come to \$30, and the taxi home is going to cost \$10. That leaves \$5, and a choice between a pint of middling rye or three quarts of gin. Most of them will make it rye.

The better people presumably will be at the Ritz and at the Hotel



Pierre. The latter establishment, heralded as the haven of blue bloods, was so eager to protect its patrons from the baleful glare of publicity that at first it was deemed impossible to publish a guest list.

"Just say there will be many debutantes here," advised the officials after a conference.

Subsequently, however, a persistent correspondent elicited a guest list that presumably contained the names of the debutantes. John Hylan, former mayor, and Mr. G. I. Harris led all the rest.

Albert Keller of the Ritz was bitter. "We won't have any public party this year," he said. "Prohibition agents bothered our guests too much. They arrested waiters for serving gin and ale."

A person prominent in liquor vendic circles related on unimpeachable authority that plenty of rye was available at \$85 a case, and Scotch at \$65.

Bandit May Lose Arm After Being Shot By Officer

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—German Fascists, under leadership of Adolf Hitler, have set political supremacy in Prussia as the next objective in their drive for control of the Reich.

Prussia embraces two thirds of the German territory and the government is still predominantly socialist, just as the socialists are the largest of the parties represented in the Reichstag.

Otto Braun, regarded as one of the strongest leaders of Prussia and its premier, is a determined foe of the Fascists.

Family Reunion Brings Family Together Christmas

Among the noted gatherings on Christmas day was the big turkey dinner and family reunion of the nine children of W. T. Abbott who has resided on his farm in Hood county on the Weatherford and Granbury highway for the past 56 years.

Mr. Abbott had a wonderful turkey dinner with all trimmings prepared for the big event Christmas day. Forty-five people partook of the fine feast at noon.

This was the first occasion in 20 years that his nine children were all present while it has been a yearly event for years for a gathering of relatives and friends at the Abbott home. Mr. Abbott will be 77 years of age on January 11, 1931.

The following children with a part of some of the families were present: A. C. Abbott, Mrs. L. J. Landers of Granbury; Mrs. J. L. Snider and Mrs. John Barton of Weatherford; Waddie Abbott of Godley; Armour Abbott, Mrs. L. Landers and Mrs. Edwina Rains of Eastland; Mrs. Scottie Liles who assisted in making the day a pleasant one.

Other relatives and friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Liles and Walter Liles of Granbury. Miss Winnie Snider, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Daniels of Eastland, E. W. Tullis and family of Mineral Wells, Chester Abbott of Trinidad, Truman Abbott of Stephenville, Frank Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. John Liles, Mrs. Joe Hamelton and daughter Blanche, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran.

Many attractive gifts were received by Mr. Abbott and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Some Low Cost Foods Help To Maintain Health

When neither the food supply nor the purse limits the selection of food, it is possible to afford so large a variety that the homemaker may choose somewhat at random within each of the food groups and be reasonably sure of meeting the food requirements of the family.

Which as in the drought-affected regions, variety must be greatly curtailed because of food shortage and lack of ready cash, it is necessary to weigh with the utmost care the contributions made by each food material to the diet.

The food groups mentioned by the committee are: Cereals; milk and cheese; eggs; lean meat; fish; fruits and vegetables; sugars; fats. Among the inexpensive protective foods noted, with a rough indication of what each furnishes to the diet, are included: Milk; eggs; lean muscle meat; liver; kidney; fish; shellfish; vegetables, including tomatoes, thin green leafy vegetables, potatoes, and carrots.

It was in this city that the Manassa Mauler first met the late Tex Rickard, dean of fight promoters, and signed his name for his first fight with Gene Tunney, the bout that cost him the fiststiff crown.

Dempsey To Be Referee At Fight At Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Dec. 30.—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, will come to Fort Worth to referee an athletic show Jan. 8 it was learned today.

Holidays For Schools To Be Fixed By Statute

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 30.—School holidays will be fixed by statute and inter-school athletic contests will be reduced if recommendations made by a committee to the state board of education are carried out before the next legislature.

Tax Receipts To Date Surpass All Expectations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Tax receipts due in December had reached a total of about \$491,000,000 today, exceeding official expectations by \$6,000,000. It was regarded as likely they would go to the half billion mark by the month's close tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the treasury was preparing for one of its biggest post-war refinancing operations. It has called for redemption of March 15, \$1,000,000,000 of 3 1/2 per cent. certificates. These issues will be replaced by other government securities at lower interest rates.

Secretary Mellon plans to meet

Ambassador Dawes Is Paris Visitor

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Charles G. Dawes, American ambassador to Great Britain, was a holiday visitor in Paris today, accompanied by his family. The visit was private, although Dawes enquired about the condition of Marshal Joffre and learned that he could not see him.

The ambassador and his family experienced one of the winter's roughest crossings of the English Channel from Dover to Calais, but seemed to enjoy it.

It was indicated that Dawes might visit Jo Davidson, American sculptor who has completed a bust of the ambassador to be sent to the senate gallery in Washington. Davidson said of Dawes that he was one of the "figetist" sculptors who ever sat before a statue.

Negro Hit-and-Run Driver Injures Two

DALLAS, Dec. 30.—E. S. Jenkins and her son-in-law W. J. Hurt, 33, Dallas, were in a hospital here today critically injured following a collision with an automobile driven by a negro hit-and-run driver. Police had found no trace several hours later of the negro driver.

Maniac Reported Near Scene Of Brutal Murder

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 30.—Search for the slayer of Jessie and Jexie Griffith, of Blackwell was concentrated here today when several persons reported the presence of an insane man.

Adjutant A. L. Chase of the Salvation Army gave officers three handkerchiefs given him by a man named W. T. Capehart who sought forgiveness for his sins at a Salvation Army meeting. The handkerchiefs were partially identified as belonging to the slain sisters.

The night clerk at the Rasbach hotel reported an answered Capehart's description. Early today the man rushed from his room, shouting that a woman was haunting him.

He appeared into the night. Police said he was seen about 6 a. m. wandering about the streets but they could not find him.

Contract Let For Hotel Addition

TYLER, Dec. 3.—Contract for construction of the new nine-story hotel here has been awarded to J. O. Everett & Co., Dallas contractor. The plumbing contract went to the Levy Company of Dallas. Work will start next week.

meets; 3 at four meets; and one at six meets. That 282 schools suffered no loss of time during regular school hours for football or basketball practice; 35 reported a loss of time. The time lost ranged from 30 minutes to three hours.

That 232 schools did not lose time from regular school hours for student rallies and pep meetings; 84 schools reported a time loss ranging from five minutes to three hours weekly.

That 244 schools had their athletic activities supported by school funds and gate receipts alone. Sixty-nine schools reported assistance from other sources as school plays, carnivals and circuses. Eight received aid from P.T.A. organizations; 7 received assistance from local boards; 24 received funds from civic clubs and private subscriptions; 6 received aid from other city organizations.

That athletic coaches' salaries ranged from \$1,800 to \$3,600. In schools paying the larger salaries the coach was either principal-coach or teacher-coach.

Dr. Naismith Sees Big Future For Basketball

By TOM MAHONEY United Press Staff Correspondent DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30.—Dr. James Naismith, father of basketball, estimated today, on the eve of the 40th year of the game which he invented, that 2,000,000 will take part in the sport. This season and predicted eventually will be included in the Olympics.

"With the possible exception of Soviet Russia and Sweden, I know of no countries where the game is not now played," said Dr. Naismith, here for a holiday visit with three of his children.

"The United States, however, is so far ahead of other countries at the game that foreign nations will oppose its inclusion in the Olympic program even though a schedule already includes many games popular in only a few countries."

Domestic development has kept pace with foreign progress, says Dr. Naismith. In New York City alone there are 3,000 teams, he says. A single church league in Kansas City has 300 clubs. Every high school, college, military academy, and Y.M.C.A. from Maine to California has from one to a hundred teams.

At an Edmonton, Canada, girls' tournament last year, Dr. Naismith agreed to shake hands with the champion of every team entered. Before the evening ended, he held the hands of 100 girls.

"The best college basketball is played in the middle-west," says Dr. Naismith. "Phog Allen at Kansas, Dr. Walter Meanwell at Wisconsin, Craig Ruby at Illinois and Hugh McDermott at Oklahoma have developed their systems to a high degree."

Everywhere Dr. Naismith goes he is asked to tell how he invented the game 39 years ago this month at the Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. training school where he was assistant physical director.

"It was in the winter just before Christmas in 1891," Dr. Naismith recalled. "We had 18 men on our hands who needed exercise but who were mighty tired of parading alleys, Dr. Luther H. Gulick, head of the department, told me to devise a game for them. Considering all games and the limitations under which the new game was to be played, I wrote the 13 original basketball rules. Twelve of them are still in the book."

"As the game was devised for the 18 students, it was first played with nine on each side. Later we played with more but finally came down to the present five."

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Market

Final Stocks NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Stocks gave a year-end demonstration of strength today.

Good news for the railroads in the form of an announcement from an eastern consolidation plan coming from President Hoover sent those shares soaring.

Proposals of a pick up in the Steel industry after the first of the year brought U. S. Steel up toward the 140 mark and other industrials followed.

Copper prices for export metal were advanced and copper shares joined the rise.

Utilities participated near the end of the session, rising 1 to nearly 4 points, the best gain being in North American.

Oils were up on reduced production.

Clasng Selected New York Stocks Am. Pwr. & Light 42 1/2 Am. Tel. & Tel. 17 1/2 Anaconda 2 1/2 Aviation Corp. Del. 3 Beth. Steel 4 1/2 Ches. & Ohio 4 1/2 Chrysler 1 1/2 Curtiss Wright 2 1/2 Gen. Motors 1 1/2 Gen. Sales Stl. 1 1/2 Houston Oil 3 1/2 Int. Harvester 4 1/2 Int. Nickel 1 1/2 Louisiana Oil 1 1/2 Montg. Ward 1 1/2 Panhandle P. & R. 1 1/2 Prairie Oil & Gas 1 1/2 Pure Oil 8 1/2 Radio 1 1/2 Sears Roebuck 4 1/2 Shell Union Oil 6 1/2 Sinims Pet. 6 1/2 Sinclair 10 1/2 S. O. Ind. 9 1/2 Southern Pac. 9 1/2 S. O. N. Y. 1 1/2 S. O. N. Y. 2 1/2 Studebaker 2 1/2 Sun Oil 3 1/2 Texas Corp. 3 1/2 Texas Gulf Sul. 4 1/2 U. S. Steel 13 1/2 U. S. Steel Pfd. 14 1/2 Warner Quinlan 1 1/2

Produce CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Eggs: market steady, receipts 6,440 cases; extra firsts 23; firsts 25; ordinaries 23.

Butter: Market steady, receipts 11,800 tubs; extras 23; extra firsts 27-27 1/2; firsts 25-26; seconds 21-21 1/2; standards 28.

Poultry: Market weak; receipts two cars; fowls 20; springers 23; chickens 15 ducks 23; geese 19; turkeys 25-30; roasters 14-15.

Cheese: Twins 16-16 1/2; yonnys Americas 15 1/2.

Fort Worth Livestock FORT WORTH, Dec. 30.—Hogs receipts 1,500; market 25 to 25c. Stock and light truck top 800; few loads medium to choice 220-315 lb. rail butchers 750 a 800, load 424 lb. rail butchers 735, bulk better grades 175-250-lb. truck hogs 775 a 800; packing sows 25c lower, mostly 675, few up to 700. Good stock and light cows around 700-700; light weight 160-180 lb. 760-800; light weight 180-200 lb. 780-800; medium weight 200-220 lb. 785-800; medium weight 220-250 lb. 780-800; heavy weight 250-280 lb. 780-800; packing sows 275-500 lb. medium and good 650-700.

Cattle receipts 2,600; market extremely dull trade in practically all classes slaughter cattle, including steers, yearlings and cows. Morning and occasional sale slaughter steers, yearlings and cows 25c lower; but very few cattle moving, some plain killing steers 600, good fed grades of value to sell up to 900 and above uncut; few heifer yearlings 775; she lower, some butcher cows around 325 a 350; low cutters 200 a 240; stock steers 600 and good 500-600.

Sheep receipts 200; market, no rail sheep or lambs offered; good fat truck lambs 450, or steady, few feeder lambs 450 a 500.

Shepard Files A Motion For A New Trial TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 30.—Attorneys W. T. Charles A. Shepard, convicted of a charge of murdering his wife, today filed a motion for a new trial with the federal district court here.

The motion alleged seventeen errors in the conduct of the trial of the army officer in federal district court at Kansas City, Kan., which resulted in his conviction on Dec. 22.

The alleged errors covered procedure in selecting members of the jury; rulings of Judge Richard J. Hopkins on admissibility of evidence, instructions of the judge in

giving the case to the jury; arguments of S. M. Brown, trial attorney, in his conviction of Maj. Shepard; Chief of the errors in admission of evidence relative to the testimony of Brown, a nurse, and J. F. W. Wadlow, an attorney, where Mrs. Shepard died in 1928.

Lindbergh's Plane Will Be Used In Wedding Ceremony WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 30.—A monoplane in which Capt. A. Lindbergh would act as pilot will be used in the wedding ceremony of a love on the part of a young man and woman here.

A wedding ceremony is being performed in the place of the usual church service. The bride will be Miss Bradfield, of Greckmore, both of whom were married by Rev. H. A. Kuhn at the residence of the bride.

Bond Is Set In Murder Case UVALDE, Dec. 30.—A \$10,000 cash had been set by B. H. Hunter, theater manager, as bond for J. M. Jamie, all charged with the murder of police chief John Jamie last week. Relatives and friends of the accused are

Realtor Injured In Car Accident TYLER, Dec. 30.—J. L. Can, Dallas, widely known site developer, was in a condition at a hospital here following an automobile accident yesterday in which he was through the windshield of a car. Duncan laid out on townsville.

To Honor First Catholic Mass OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—To honor the first Catholic Mass given his life in an effort to his faith in territorial states has been started by Bishop Joseph F. Rummel. Omaha Diocese has initiated inquiry directed to establish the place where Padre De Padilla of the Franciscan order was killed by Indians.

Kipling Receives Felicitations 65th Birthday BURWASH, S. Dak., Dec. 30.—Rudyard Kipling, the great log fire in the chimney of his home today, opening of letters and telegrams from all parts of the world, celebrating the attainment of his 65th birthday.

With his favorite dog at the great imperialist poet, quiet day in the old Taylor's just outside Burwash. He has been his home since surviving child, Mrs. George bridge. None of the inhabitants wash written near "Bury" as the writer's home is in the place is considered a relic of the past. Kipling lived to have made one of his friends among the village street, both road-menders.

Amarillo Will Extend City Limits AMARILLO, Dec. 30.—City of Amarillo will be extended seven additional miles as a result of the 392 and 28th ballotting yesterday on the proposal.

Murder at Bridge

by ANNE AUSTIN author of 'THE BLACK DICEON', 'THE AVENGING PARROT', 'MURDER BACKSTAIRS'

BEGIN HERE TODAY

In the murder of Juanita Selim, there are six suspects, all guests at her bridge party; Judge Marshall, owner of the gun and silencer with which she was shot; John Drake, Flora Miles, who says she was in Nita's closet at the time of the murder, reading a note; Clive Hammond and Polly Beale, who say they were in the solarium together, and Janet Raymond.

Lydia Carr, Nita's maid and hair; Dexter Sprague and Ralph Hammond are practically cleared. Dundee's theory is that Nita, seeing a group of papers come one by one, came down to blackmail them, amounting for the \$10,000 she received since her arrival, and he warns Sprague, who he thinks she summoned to help her, not to go on with the scheme.

Nita's will is still very low and that we're to wire him at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Chicago if anything turns up.

"Then I suppose I can reach him there by long distance," and Dundee lifted the telephone from Penny's desk to put in the call.

"What happened?" Penny demanded, her brown eyes wide and startled.

"And hurry it up, will you, please?" Dundee urged the long-distance operator before answering Penny's question. "That's just the trouble—nothing's happened, and nothing is very likely to happen here. I'm determined to go to New York and work on this peaky case from that end—which is where it all started."

"Then you've come around to Captain Strawn's theory that it was a New York gunman?" Penny asked hopefully.

"Not by a jugful! . . . But what's the matter with you this morning, young woman? You're looking less like a new penny and more like one that has been too much in circulation."

"Thanks!" Penny retorted sarcastically, then she grinned wryly. "You are right, as a matter of fact. I was up late last night—bridge at the Mileses'."

"BRIDGE!" Dundee ejaculated incredulously. "So the bridge party did take place, in spite of the society editor's discreet announcement yesterday that 'owing to the tragic death of Mrs. Selim, the regular every-other-Wednesday dinner-bridge of the Forsythe Alumnae Association will not be held this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Miles, as scheduled.'"

"It wasn't a 'dinner-bridge' and it really wasn't intended to be a party," Penny corrected him. "It just sort of happened, and of all the ghastly evenings—"

"Tell me about it," Dundee suggested. "Knowing this town's telephone service as I do, I'll have plenty of time to listen, and you don't know how all-ago I am for inside gossip on Hamilton's upper crust."

"Idiot!" Penny flung at him scornfully. "You know 'society' would bore you to death, but I don't think you would have been exactly bored last night, knowing, as I do, your opinion of Dexter Sprague."

"Sprague? Good Lord! Was he there? . . . This does promise to be interesting! Tell me all!"

"Give me time!" Penny snapped. "Ralph called me up last night at dinner time, and asked me if I felt equal to playing bridge again. He said that he, Clive, Tracey and Johnny Drake had lunched together yesterday—as they frequently do—at the Athletic Club, and that Judge Marshall, who had been lurching there at another table with his friend, Attorney Sampson, stopped at their table and suggested a bridge game at his home for last night. Hugo said he wanted to coax Karen into playing again, so she would get over her hysterical aversion to the game since she had to reply that awful 'death hand' stop at a few days more."

"Brute!" Dundee cried disgustedly. "Why couldn't he give the poor girl a few days more?"

"That's what I thought," Penny acknowledged. "But I didn't get any inhibition against bridge, and the idea rather appealed to me personally. The last few days haven't been particularly cheerful ones, so I told Ralph I'd be glad to go. Tracey had suggested his house, instead of Hugo's, because Betty wasn't well yesterday and Flora wouldn't want to leave her for a whole evening. Well, Ralph and I—"

"Are you going to marry Ralph Hammond, Penny?" Dundee interrupted, as if prompted by casual interest.

Penny's pale face flushed vividly. "No, I'm not in love with him, and I'm sure he realizes I'm not and won't ask me again. But I had to say yes Sunday! I simply couldn't let you walk in on us, after I'd permitted you to eavesdrop while he was talking, without first saying the one thing that—"

"I told you it wasn't a planned affair," Penny reminded him. "But Flora did telephone her, and she said she didn't feel like coming. She's been moping about like a sick cat ever since Nita's death. We all know she was idiotically in love with Dexter Sprague, and it must have been an awful blow to her to hear you read aloud that note Nita received from Sprague."

"So I noticed," Dundee nodded, recalling the deathly pallor of the girl's face as Sprague had slyly explained away that damning note and all of its implications.

"Well," Penny continued, "at first Hugo suggested bridge, and at Tracey's flatly refused to play, but Hugo finally persuaded her. . . ."

"You see," Penny said, "but fancy a young girl like Karen being in love with him! . . . Well, anyway, we all went out to the side porch, which is kept in readiness all summer for bridge. Iron bridge tables, covered with oil-cloth, and with oilcloth pouches for the cards and score pads, so there's never any bother about scurrying things in on account of rain. It's a roofed, stone-floored porch, right outside the living room, and under it are the garages, so it's high and cool, with a grand view of Mirror Lake in the foreground down below, and of the city in the distance."

She sighed, and Dundee knew that she was thinking of her own last home in Brentwood—the Colonial mansion which had been sacrificed to her father's disastrous Primrose Meadows venture. Then she went on: "I don't know why I am telling you all this, except that the setting was so pleasant that we should have had a much better time than we did."

"You're an artful mix, Penny!" Dundee chuckled. "You're working up suspense for the entrance of the villain!"

"Then let me do it justice," Penny retorted. "Lois and Peter, Ralph and I made up one table for bridge, and Tracey, Polly, Judge Marshall and Karen the other. Flora said she didn't want to play, because she wanted to be free to keep an eye on Betty although she protested she had perfect faith in Lydia, who, Flora says, is proving to be a marvel with the children. And Johnny Drake asked her to play anagrams with him, in between trips to the nursery. Johnny has a perfect push for anagrams, and is a wow at 'em. So Tracey got the box of anagrams out of the trophy room—"

"The trophy room?" Dundee repeated, amused.

"That's what Tracey calls it," Penny explained impatiently. "because she has a couple of golf cups and Flora has an immense silver trophy which testifies to the fact that she was the 'lady tennis champion' of the state for one year. There are also some mounted fish and some deer heads with incredible antlers, but the room is really used as a catch-all for all the sports things—racquets, golf clubs, skis, ping-pong table, etc. . . . Anyway, Tracey brought out the box of anagrams, and we were all having a pretty good time when, at half-past eight, the butler announced 'Mr. Dexter Sprague!'"

"Your tone makes me wish I'd been there," Dundee acknowledged.

"What happened?"

"You know how snap-'em-on-the-back Tracey always is?" Penny asked, grinning. "Well, you should

have seen him and heard him as he dismissed poor Whitson—the butler—as if he were giving him notice, instead of letting him off for the night! And the icy dignity with which he greeted poor Mr. Sprague—"

"Poor Sprague?" Dundee echoed.

"Well, after all, Sprague HAD been received by all the crowd before Nita's death," Penny retorted. "I think it was rather natural for him to think he'd still be welcome. He began to apologize for his uninvited presence, saying he had felt lonesome and depressed and had just 'jumped into a taxi' and come along, hoping to find the Mileses in. Flora tried to get the lady hostess, but Peter got up from his bridge table and said in tones that were even icier than Tracey's: 'Will you excuse me, Flora? And will you take my place, Drake? . . . I'm going into the library. I don't enjoy the society of murderers!'"

"Dundee ejaculated, shocked but admiring. 'Did Sprague make a quick exit?'"

"Not just then," Penny said mysteriously. "Of course everyone was simply stunned, but Sprague retorted cheerfully. 'Neither do I, Dundee!' Peter stalked on into the living room on his way to the library, Johnny took his place at the bridge table, and Tracey, at an urgent signal from Flora, offered

his seat at the other table to Sprague, as if he were making way for a leper. Poor Polly had to be Sprague's partner. Flora, as if she were terrified at what might happen—you know how frightfully tense and nervous she is—made an excuse to run upstairs for a look at Betty."

"And something terrible did happen," Dundee guessed. "You're looking positively ghoulish. Out with it!"

"After about half an hour of playing without pivoting," Penny went on imperturbably, "Hugo bid three spades, Karen raised him—in a trembling voice—to five spades. Hugo of course went to a little slam, and Dexter Sprague, if you can believe me, said: 'Better not leave the table, Karen. A little slam bid in spades has been known to be fatal to the dummy!'"

"No!" Dundee was genuinely shocked, but before he could say more the telephone rang. "Sanderson at last. . . . Hello! Chicago? . . . Oh, hello, Captain Strawn! . . . What's that? . . . Oh, my Lord! Where did you say the body is?"

(To Be Continued)

Released on Bond BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 29.—Jim Robinson, charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Sam Powers, Fannin county commissioner Saturday, was at liberty to-

day under \$10,000 bond. Robinson was shot five times with a pistol, two were thrown into the water when their boat overturned as they attempted to pick up a duck.

Firemen Find Firewater At Scene Of Blaze

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Firemen and policemen discovered fire water as well as fire when they answered an alarm in Greendale Hills, fashionable suburb, early today.

The blazing bungalow contained a 500 gallon whiskey still, 2700 gallons of mash, 12 sacks of sugar, piles of aging and flavoring equipment, and hundreds of bottles.

Neighbors could give only hazy descriptions of the occupants who fled at the alarm.

Two Are Drowned While Hunting

CHILDRESS, Tex., Dec. 29.—Funeral services were planned here today for Dr. M. L. Gibson, 40, and Jack Billingsley, 25, drowned in Lake Childress, eight miles west of here yesterday, while duck hunting. Billingsley was a Houston rug store employe at home for the holidays with his parents. The-

San Juan—Newly completed Morrison Funeral Home, costing approximately \$35,700, to open soon.

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Society

BAPTIST CIRCLES MET MONDAY

Circles 1, 2 and 3 of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. T. Turner. The Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. Turner from the 5th and 6th chapters of First Corinthians. A short business session was conducted. The members planned a quilting bee which will begin Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock, in the basement of the church. All members are urged to be present.

At the close of the meeting refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served to 29 members.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS MARTIN

Mrs. C. A. Martin entertained Saturday afternoon with a bridge party announcing the approaching marriage on January 6, of her daughter Ada, to Mr. Irlan McArthur of Breckenridge. The Martin home was lovely in its decoration of pink roses and begonias. High score in bridge, a purse maneuvering set was awarded Mrs. Dupree of Palestine, guest of Mrs. Gordon Brelsford. Mrs. Earl Thompson received a silhouette as second high. Table cut prizes were clever bonjour dolls. The chosen color scheme was further emphasized in the refreshments of peach and green French pastry kisses with

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Resolutions Are Adopted By The Football Coaches

By HENRY McLEMORE
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—More than 250 college football coaches from all parts of the country were on their way home today after the most successful convention they have held in years.

The most important bit of business transacted was the blanket endorsement of the following resolutions:

1. Elimination of all organized practice before Sept. 15.
2. Reduction of post season and charity games to a minimum.
3. Limitation of fall practice to two hours per day.
4. Spring practice, if any, to be elective, and not to interfere with other spring sports.

The resolutions were submitted by William W. Roper, retiring Princeton coach, and are calculated to put an end to possible overemphasis.

The coaches went to record as favoring retention of all the present playing rules, including the point-after-touchdown, but with two exceptions. The coaches would like a revision of the rule giving the officials power to award the point after touchdown on penalty. They recommended the levying of the penalty and a second try.

They also recommended that a kicking team be given the privilege of recovering and running with its own blocked kick. Under the present rules the ball is dead at the point of recovery.

The coaches elected the following officers for 1937: President Chick Meenan, N. Y. U.; first vice-president, Mal Stevens, Yale; second vice-president, Dan McGuinn, Vanderbilt; secretary treasurer, W. H. Cowell, New Hampshire; trustees, Knute Rockne, Notre Dame, chairman; Dana Bible, Nebraska; B. W. Bierman, Tulane; and Eddie Casey, Harvard.

Dr. Franklin Talks Sunday On Line Least Resistance

The "Line of Least Resistance" was the subject of the sermon delivered Sunday by Rev. M. C. Franklin, pastor of the First Christian Church. In discussing his subject, Dr. Franklin stated in part:

"It has been asserted that man follows the line of least resistance. That statement is true in so many of life's activities that we seem to have questioned its validity as a rule of human activity. But it is not true in the realm of religion. Paul says 'For the love of Christ constraineth us.' II Cor. 5:14. A literal rendition of the Greek text reads as follows: For the love of Christ throngs us. The apostle gives us the picture of one trying to go in one direction on a sidewalk while the great crowds of people are going the other way. The crowd throngs him and it is with difficulty that he makes his way against them. Just so does the love of Christ throng one when he attempts to go the wrong way.

"In living the Christian life one follows the line of least resistance. He finds the civil law on his side; what is a violation of one is almost a violation of the other. His finds himself supported by the opinion of the community in which he lives. Most folk admire the Christian way of life even though they may not be Christians themselves. He finds also that the Christian way of life is conducive to good health, happiness, and family relationships. Society frowns on his way of living and he sinks into disgrace. His health is broken by his impure habits and he becomes very unhappy. His sins often bring about the destruction of happy family relationships, and he is threatened by death here and hereafter.

"As regards moral and ethical living Christianity is the line of least resistance. Unmoral and unethical living is the most difficult life one can lead. But in spite of these facts many folk choose the latter way. And yet they have the audacity to call themselves rational beings. Every force and influence in the civil, social, emotional, and biological world conspires to aid one in living right. They 'throng us,' just as does the love of Christ, when we try to go the wrong way."

Marriage Licenses And Intentions

The following notices of intentions to wed have been filed with County Clerk R. L. Jones:

Jack Dwyer, Eastland to Miss Ruby Redwine, Abilene.

A. D. Hale, Milford to Miss Mayne Chambers, Weatherford.

Albert New, Rising Star to Miss Elizabeth Lancaster, Kismet Star.

Ponds C. Martin, Ranger to Miss Ruby Heath, Ranger.

O. L. Green, Abilene to Miss Truman Robt. Prickett, Cisco, to Miss Lellie Fields, Canton.

J. P. Stinson, Pampa, to Miss Juanita Skiles, Desdemona.

C. G. Williams, Eastland, to Miss Johnnie Mae Graham, Olen.

Carroll Landwehrlik, Comanche, to Miss Frankie J. Cloud, Comanche.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the County Clerk:

Dr. C. G. Downtain, Eastland to Miss Emma Ford, Dallas.

Jack Dwyer, Eastland to Miss Ruby Redwine, Abilene.

A. D. Hale, Milford, to Miss Mayne Chambers, Weatherford.

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ice cream filling, cake and orange juice. Individual favors were tiny peach and green sachets concealing the announcement "Mack and Ada January 6."

The guest list included Misses Elizabeth Davenport, Edna Day, Ruth Louise and Virginia Weaver, Madge Brelsford, Harriet Taylor, Florene Martin of Breckenridge, Alma Lynn Gorman of Abilene, Elizabeth Garrett, Sadie Brewer, Glenna Gillespie, Jane Angstadt, Marjorie Davison, Jane Davissah, Lucille Woods and Pearl Wray of Breckenridge, Aline Williams, Daphna Grisham, Mmes. Earl Thompson, H. L. Martin, W. S. Poe, Dupree, Gordon Brelsford, Gene Harrison, Broe Leonard, R. L. Young of Abilene and V. T. Seaberry.

Mrs. Jack Gillespie, Mrs. J. M. Weaver and Mrs. W. T. Garrett assisted Mrs. Martin in entertaining and serving.

BRIDE-ELECT IS HONORED WITH SHOWER

Miss Geraldine Dabney complimented Miss Ada Martin, bride-elect, with a beautifully appointed shower at her home Monday afternoon. Pink roses were featured in the decorations. The gifts were daintily wrapped in peach and green papers and presented to the honoree on a silver tray. High score in bridge, an attractive French mirror was awarded. Miss Pearl Wray of Breckenridge, Miss Daphna Grisham received cut prize a dance handkerchief. Clever containers filled with colored candy were given as favors.

At close of game a delicious ice cream carrying out the peach and green color motif was served. The guest list included: Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mrs. H. L. Martin, Mrs. W. S. Poe, Mrs. C. A. Martin, Misses Elizabeth Garrett, Virginia Weaver, Sadie Brewer, Glenna Gillespie, Jane Angstadt, Marjorie Davison, Daphna Grisham, Lucille Woods and Pearl Wray of Breckenridge and honoree Miss Ada Martin.

Motion Picture Theater Robbed In New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Paramount motion picture theater, in the heart of Times Square, was held up early today by a bandit who escaped with at least \$11,000, and caused the audience at a midnight performance to be held inside the theater while a search was carried on.

The holdup, in all its aspects, was dramatic. The treasurer of the theater was seated at his desk in his office on the mezzanine floor of the huge building, when the youthful gunman entered. The midnight show, featuring the picture "Tom Sawyer," was well under way, the box office had been closed, and the night's receipts were on the treasurer's desk. The office is accessible only by an elevator, and its location was thought to be secret except to a few employees of the theater.

The bandit ordered the treasurer to "stick 'em up," and swiftly scooped up the heap of bills and silver on the desk. The moment he had left, the treasurer telephoned the alarm to the ground floor, and all the doors of the theater were closed and guarded.

Before police arrived the lobby and corridors were filled with men and women who wished to leave, but were held by the men.

All available informed men and

detectives from the West 47th street station, and two emergency squads clattered up to the theatre in police cars, emergency truck and commandeer ambulances.

Since it was believed the bandit had not had time to escape before the doors were closed, the audience was marshalled at one door and passed out in single file while the treasurer stood by and looked for his assailant.

In spite of the precautions, the bandit was not found. The search continued until well into the morning.

Rogers Hornsby Will Be Highest Paid Manager

By DIXON STEWART
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Rogers Hornsby will have the double distinction during the 1937 season of being the only playing manager in the Major Leagues and baseball's highest paid pilot.

Hornsby's two year contract as manager of the Chicago Cubs was signed formally yesterday. As is customary, the club did not reveal the salary, but it is certain that Hornsby's pay will be the highest of any manager in baseball. As a player in the Cubs ranks during the past two seasons the Rajah received approximately \$32,000 per year. The premium for added

managerial duties is believed to have brought his stipend to \$40,000.

Joe McCarthy's five year term as manager of the Cubs netted him an average of \$30,000 per season and he is reported to have received a like salary when he signed with the New York Yankees last fall. John McGraw, formerly reported to be the high wage earner among managers, is reputed to draw \$35,000 annually for his labors with the New York Giants.

Hornsby guided the St. Louis Cardinals to a world championship while playing regularly at second base. American League

Now playing managers are becoming as rare as the dodo. All major league pilots except Hornsby have outlived their usefulness as active performers. Five of the present managers were catchers during their playing career, four are second basemen, two each shortstops, third basemen and outfielders and one a pitcher. The list follows:

National League
Chicago—Rogers Hornsby, second base; New York, John McGraw, third base; Brooklyn, Wilbert Robinson, catcher; Pittsburgh, Jewell Ems, second base; St. Louis Gabby Street, catcher; Cincinnati, Dan Howley, catcher; Philadelphia, Bart Shotton, outfielder; Boston, Bill McKechnie, third base.

American League
Philadelphia, Connie Mack, catcher; Chicago, Donie Bush, shortstop; Detroit, Stanley Harris, second base; St. Louis, Bill Killefer, catcher; Cleveland, Roger Peckinpaugh, shortstop; New York, Joe McCarthy, second base; Boston, John Collins, outfielder; Washington, Walter Johnson, pitcher.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS



Airplane Plunge Restores Hearing

By UNITED PRESS
EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 22.—A 13,000-foot plunge in an airplane here has restored, temporarily at least, the hearing of H. I. Harveo, Fresno, Calif., deaf since the World War.

Harveo today said that he could understand persons with whom he formerly was unable to converse.

He made the flight with pilot Don McConnell of Del Rio.

LEGAL RECORDS

Ida Joyce, et al. vs. Roy Nunnally, et al. to collect notes and foreclosure of vendor's lien.
Ada Sneed, et al. vs. H. I. Gibson, to collect notes.
Billie Halbert by next friend E. W. Halbert, vs. T. & P. Railway Company for damages for \$28,000.
E. W. Halbert vs. T. & P. Railway Company for damages for \$32,250.
Jno. W. Ritenour vs. Warner Memorial University to collect debt of \$48,144 and foreclosure of mechanics lien.
Roy Nunnally vs. Charles Nunnally to collect note.
The City of Ranger vs. J. E. Barnes estate to foreclose paving file assessment.
Ranger Building and Loan Association et al. to collect note.
J. N. Morris vs. O. J. Lee to col-

Hoover Opposed To Paying Cash On Compensation

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Hoover is opposed to the project now gaining momentum in congress for paying the World War veterans' insurance compensation in cash, it was learned here today from a source competent to know his position.

Mr. Hoover is preparing to move publicly to stifle the plan if it is seriously advanced by any substantial group in congress, according to this source.

The ground reported to have been taken by the executive after a conference with secretary of treasury Mellon is that the existing condition of the treasury does not warrant any such additional strain being placed upon it.

Champions of the plan have urged it as a means for putting more money in circulation and thereby increasing buying as well as affording financial relief to many veterans reported to be in distress.

From this standpoint neither the executive nor the treasury is convinced of the soundness of any proposal thus far advanced it was said.

The plan was brought up at the American Legion convention addressed by Mr. Hoover last fall in Boston. It was not, however, included in the items of legislation requested by the veterans and submitted to the president. Therefore it is not being considered at the White House in connection with veterans relief legislation.

Further discussion is expected in congress of the charges and counter charges that "a lobbying racket" exists in the widespread movement to gain veterans support for the cash payment plan.

The charge was denied by Rep. Patman, Dem., Tex., who said the "lobbying racket" was maintained by less than one tenth of one percent of those who favored the cash payment.

Patman said the plan was endorsed by the veterans of foreign wars and many departments of the American Legion.

Permission To Issue Bonds Is Given Big Four

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Big Four Railroad received authorization from the Interstate Commerce Commission today to issue not exceeding \$5,000,000 of refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, series E, to be mortgaged to the New York Central. The bonds will be issued at par in reimbursement for expenditures for maturing debentures.

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