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MURDERERS CAUGHT AFTER GUN BATTLE TENNESSEE FEUD SPREADS OVER 2 STATES TODAY

Killed Captured In Gun Battle

Who Was Wounded In Search From His Bed.

BY UNITED PRESS

Ind., Dec. 29.—Dan and Gibson, brothers, who Tennessee feud with Southern Indiana, were today to have eluded a king them for the murdered Salem town marshal back to their native

which set on their trail night after the Gibsons other brothers failed in 1921 lynchings was certain that had cornered at a thorough search trace. With the fugitive was a neighbor, named who gave them shelter night.

than 20 years ago the Gibson feud began in 1870 when the hill folk started over some petty which even the participants. From time to time are flared anew. No one many victims it claim generally believed in more than five. Spurn an equal number of Gibsons killed, most of them

One of the brothers of the Gibson clan, was killed, in 1918, that his slaying followed the laws of the hills, from Tennessee and some more Spurlocks, and Cleas Spurlock, with the murder of Patton and were placed in the

Yesterday four of the brothers, Otis, Gilfred, Dan and renewed the feud in a near struck terror into unity and caused an up- outraged citizens deter- to the laws of the hills, to supply the laws of wealth in Salem.

warning the brothers the jail. Otis remained the other three entered. A Sheriff Frinkle was shot in the thigh. The Otis engaged outside in

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HEATHER



Temperature Last Night

U. S. MAILS

For Fort Worth or beyond East—1:15 P. M. Night plane—4:18 P. M. Texas—8:40 P. M.

Heiress Sued By Dancer's Wife



NEA New York Bureau

Heiress to a part of one of America's greatest fortunes, Miss Adèle Ryan, above, granddaughter of Thomas Fortune Ryan, has been accused of alienating the affections of Robert Johnston, night club dancer, in a suit filed in New York by Johnston's wife. Demand- ing \$500,000 compensation, Mrs. Johnston charges that the wealthy social-registric won her husband's affections by presenting him with liquor, first editions, perfume and money.

Poor To Receive Rabbits Killed In Big Drive

BY UNITED PRESS

MORTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—Poor of Dallas will be given all of the jack- rabbits killed in a two day Cochran county rabbit drive Jan. 16 and 17. George E. Lane, president of the Chamber of Commerce here, announced today.

"We invite every hunter in the state to join us," said Lane. "All of the rabbits will be frozen and sent to the mayor of Dallas for distribution to the poor." "Hunters will meet here the morning of Jan. 16. Half will go north to the Bailey county line and work south. The others will go to the Youku county line and work north. Only shotguns and dogs will be permitted. Rifles are too dangerous in a crowd." "The steam-heated courthouse here will be open for free sleeping quarters but hunters must provide their own bedding."

Gold Bar Prize At Spelling Bee

RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—Up on the old Comstock lode, where every corner is colored with the romance of Nevada's history, the best known works of Noah Webster suddenly are in demand.

There will be an old-fashioned spelling bee on the Comstock. The prize will be a gold bar, a replica of the one won by Fred S. Oliver, now of Chicago, in a spelling bee 52 years ago, at Virginia City.

Blonde Bandit Sought DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 29.—Police today sought a petite blonde who Saturday night fled Homer Grizzle to surrender \$10 at the point of a pistol as he waited in his automobile while his wife purchased a cat.

Clyde Thompson Sanity Jury Is Being Selected

Two jurors had been selected at 2:30 p. m. this afternoon in the Clyde Thompson sanity hearing.

Twelve of the prospective jurors had been examined and the state had challenged four and the defense three.

Selection of a jury to hear the Clyde Thompson sanity plea was begun at 9:00 o'clock this morning in Judge Elze Beem's 88th district court following an announcement of ready for trial made by each side.

Thompson, under conviction for murder in connection with the killing of Lucian Shook in Sept. 1928, was given a sanity hearing when his father, Reese Thompson, filed an affidavit stating that Clyde had become insane since his conviction and since he was given the death penalty.

Thompson was brought into the courtroom this morning by Deputy Sheriff Steele Hill. He was handcuffed and walked along at a lively pace, apparently taking no notice of anything about him. When the courtroom was reached and the handcuffs removed, Thompson had to be escorted to a seat and told to sit down. As he stood in the courtroom two or three persons spoke to him. He returned their greetings, but stated at those addressing him as if he did not recognize them and as if he did not comprehend what was said.

Soon after being seated in the courtroom Thompson began the silly, unattractive and unbecoming actions during his second trial. His father and a brother sat beside him. Across the table with the state's attorneys sat the father of Lucian Shook.

Judge J. R. Stubblefield of Eastland and J. Lee Geary of Cison represent Thompson.

County attorney Joe H. Jones, assistant county attorney Grady Owen and special prosecutor Frank Jenkins represent the state.

The state has subpoenaed a number of allists to testify in the case. The defense also has a large number of witnesses to be heard.

Men's Bible Class Is Growing Weekly

Interest in the Men's Nine Fort- nine Bible class, which is held each Sunday morning in the main auditorium of the First Methodist church, is growing weekly and additional members are being added most every Sunday.

James J. Hickman is teacher of the class, giving a short lecture each Sunday morning. The class is non-denominational and no member is required to prepare a lesson nor attend all meetings of the class.

Harley Sadler's Home Is Robbed

SWEETWATER, Tex., Dec. 29.—Harley Sadler, West Texas showman, returned to his home here today from San Angelo to find it ransacked and \$3500 worth of valuables stolen by thieves and taken away in a truck since Christmas.

Death Toll Higher

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 29.—Death of W. T. Sisk, 45, over the weekend raised the 1930 local auto accident death toll to 80. Ten more than during all 1929.

Negro Still Alive

Bradford Hammond negro, who was shot in the head here on Christmas day, was reported today to be still alive. After the shooting, which occurred in the negro quarters of the town, Hammond was taken to the City-County Hospital at Ranger.

Where 27 Died In Blast That Destroyed Town



NEA Rio de Janeiro Bureau

The carelessness of a single workman is believed to have been responsible for the wreckage pictured here, part of the almost complete destruction of the town of Porto Nova da Cunha, Brazil. Twenty-seven lives were lost and a number of persons were injured when a huge store of explosives in one of the buildings was set off. Here you see soldiers and civilian rescue workers searching the ruined buildings for bodies of victims.

Rotarians Told About Causes Crime Waves

The crime wave that is sweeping this country is the outgrowth of the scared consciences of the citizens, Judge O. C. Funderburk, associate justice of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals, told the Eastland Rotary Club in an address before that body at noon today.

"Fear of punishment alone is not sufficient to deter one from violating a law, but we must have a 'law abiding conscience,' Judge Funderburk said. 'The average man and woman are habitual law violators,' Judge Funderburk declared.

As some of the reasons for the citizenship of the country not having 'law abiding consciences,' Judge Funderburk mentioned the fact that too many people have their own notion about what law is important and what is not; that even special agencies are set up by those in authority to enforce certain laws while no special efforts— in fact virtually no effort—is made to enforce our laws. 'Many of our laws may be silly and foolish,' Judge Funderburk said, 'but as long as they are laws they should be enforced just the same as any other law.'

Jim Reed, manager of the Community Natural Gas Company here, was voted a new member of the Rotary Club today.

New Orleans Jail Has Record Crowd

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Strenuous prohibition enforcement, unemployment and unseasonable cold weather, have given New Orleans its biggest prison population in many years.

13 Hoboes Plan To Eat Youth In Refrigerator Car

ALPINE, Tex., Dec. 29.—Desperately hungry after being locked in a refrigerator car for 24 hours after leaving San Antonio, 13 hoboes were planning to eat an 18 year old boy in the party when they were released here, persons who opened the door of the car said today.

Funeral Held For Victim Of Fall

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—Funeral services were held here today for J. Arthur K. Marialon, 55, killed in a plunge from the ninth floor of the Southern Pacific building Saturday night.

Unemployed To Be Found Jobs By Local C. of C.

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce is working on the proposition of securing employment for the unemployed in Eastland which means for actual food.

"The Chamber of Commerce is trying to help the unemployed in our city." "We have so far registered 58 individuals needing work, of whom 4 are Mexicans, 18 colored and 36 white.

"While some of these are skilled mechanics who can exist for the time being if no work can be had, there are many others who need a little work of any kind to furnish the means for actual food.

"We need the help of our citizens to carry this work on. It is no exaggeration to say that if anyone who has an odd job or two to give to some of these needy persons would phone us, some kind of work could be found for nearly all those who have registered with us.

Cold Freezes A Pet Turtle's Neck

ELY, Nev., Dec. 29.—After withstanding weather extremes for 500 years, a turtle owned by Roy Rigby just got too cold and froze up.

Man Is Beaten By Robber Who Overlooked Money

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Annered because he could find only \$1 on his victim, a robber beat James P. Holden, 65, former vice president of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, unconscious in the garage at his home here last night.

Funeral Held For Aged Railroad Head

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Funeral services were held here today for T. G. Hawkins, 80, chairman of the Citizens National Bank and last survivor of the men who in 1881 secured the right of way here for the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Lola Walker, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Barbara Haughton, Dallas.

Coste Is Given A "Safe" Job By Air Union

NICE, French Riviera, Dec. 29.—After ten years of death-defying, globe-circling exploits, Captain Dieudonne Coste, hero of the Paris-New York flight, is to take a safe, regular job with the air line which once employed him as a \$25 a week pilot, it was announced on his arrival here today.

Like Lindbergh, the French, are will become a technical adviser. He will be employed by the air union, which operates international lines from Paris. His designation will be inspector-general of lines.

After the world war, Coste, with his now equally famous companion, Maurice Bellonte, joined the air union. He became a pilot on the Paris-London air service, then just beginning to stretch its wings. Bellonte was his navigator and radio operator.

Old Well Blows In Unexpectedly In Oklahoma

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Maniac Slayer Of Two Sisters Is Being Sought

BLACKWELL, Okla., Dec. 29.—Search for a maniac who killed two school teachers near Tonkawa Sunday continued throughout northern Oklahoma today.

Although Lyman Constant, 34, a former inmate of the state hospital for insane, was held at Enid, assistant county attorney Ralph Harder said he probably would be exonerated.

The victims, Jessie and Jexie Griffith, were slain early Sunday shortly after they left the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griffith, with whom they had spent the Christmas holidays.

They had been shot through the head, dragged from their car to a field where they were found several hours later by a farmer. Authorities were hesitant in describing the crime but said it was "heinous."

After leaving the women in the ravine, the slayer escaped in their car, a small coupe. The car was found in a field near Perry last night. It was bloodstained. Officers took fingerprints from the car to Enid where Constant was held to attempt an identification.

Several persons told officers, however, that Constant was seen leaving Blackwell about 8 a. m. Sunday. The women were slain sometime between 5 and 6 a. m. The robbery motive was discounted today when it was learned the women's purses were found without any money missing. One purse was found by one of the bodies. The other was found in the automobile.

Houstonian Dies Of Apoplexy Stroke

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—Charles J. Kirk, 55, former Houston public service commissioner, died today after a stroke of apoplexy.

Prior to coming to Houston twenty years ago he was mayor of Navasota for eight years. He was a Spanish-American war veteran, having been a sergeant of Shaw's rifles, Texas National Guard.

Liquor Drunk By Miss Woodruff Was Poisoned

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Liquor which Mildred Woodruff, 23, San Antonio widow, drank at Austin following the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. football game Thanksgiving day contained enough poison to kill three persons, a letter from Dr. T. N. Goodson, county health officer, to Justice Louis Boltz revealed today.

Radio Features

MONDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES Copyright 1930 by United Press WFAA-NBC Network 8:45 p. m. CST—Black and Gold Room Orchestra. WABC CBS Network 8:45 p. m. CST—Anheuser-Busch. WJZ-NBC Network 9:00 p. m. CST—Maya Orchestra. WABC CBS Network 9:15 p. m. CST—Mardi Gras. WFAA-NBC Network 9:30 p. m. CST—General Motors Family.



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NEW DEFENSE PLAN.

There appears to be considerable merit in a plan proposed by Congressman Williamson of South Dakota for the consolidation of all military agencies in one Department of Defense.

His idea is to have a secretary of defense, with three under-secretaries, of war, of navy and of aviation. This would give the cabinet head general supervision over all arms of the military establishment.

It can not be doubted that in our next war—if, unhappily, we must have another war—aviation will play an important role. In fact, many believe that air supremacy will be the deciding factor in any future struggle.

Another advantage claimed by Mr. Williamson for his plan is that great economies in the purchase and distribution of arms and equipment could be effected by the consolidation proposed.

GOVERNOR MOODY IS AN OPTIMIST.

This is the holiday contribution to optimism returned by the governor of Texas on the eve of Christmas day: "I expressed some views recently dealing with Texas business and economic conditions. I have had no occasion to change those views.

Highway work to cost \$5,000,000 has been planned by the highway commission and contracts for the huge amount of construction are to be let at Austin by the commission in January.

One Is Killed

Continued from page 1) a battle with town marshal Elmer Gerald, who was attracted by the shooting. Otis shot first and Gerald fell, a bullet through his abdomen, but as he fell the marshal fired and Otis dropped dead.

The entire town was thrown into an uproar as the three remaining Gibsons fled into the country. Ranking law enforcement officials summoned volunteers. American Legion men and others joined their forces immediately.

One of the first possessors organized marched to the farm of Gifford Gibson. Gifford was there, armed. He was ordered to surrender. The feudist walked from his house, his hands in the air.

North Dakota Capitol Burns; Records Lost

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 22.—Departments of the North Dakota state government were taking up temporary quarters in halls, hotels, office and public buildings today while officials rushed plans for erection of a capitol to replace the historic structure which burned Sunday.

In the smoldering ruins of the old capitol were the ashes of documents and records which is had cost thousands of dollars to collect and many of which never can be replaced. Firemen still were pumping water onto the wreckage of what was considered one of the finest buildings in the west at the time of its construction in 1894.

OUT OUR WAY



Judge To Start Crusade On All Gangs In City

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Judge Thomas V. Holland of North Side municipal court today planned a crusade against racketeers, after he had been stung in his own office.

The judge had fined an alleged policy tickets salesman \$25 which the assailant paid. He said the man struck him in the face and fled before witnesses could interfere.

Celeste Has A Disastrous Fire

CELESTE, Tex., Dec. 22.—A \$30,000 fire of undetermined origin damaged the Henslee Hardware and Furniture Co. warehouse here at 3 a. m. today.

Children Tore Pages From Arithmetics

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 22.—Texas school children tore out the multiplication tables from 100,000 arithmetic books, it was reported here today during consideration of desirability of rebinding text books or purchasing new ones.

Williams To Have Hearing In Girl's Murder

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 22.—Robert L. Williams, 18, University of Texas sophomore and the son of a Methodist minister, today faced a hearing here on charges of murdering his 16 year old high school sweetheart.

Officers guarded Williams in the Beaumont jail where he was taken last night on orders of Judge F. A. Butler who issued the warrant for the youth's arrest.

Williams repeated his explanation of Saturday that he had driven with the girl to the First Methodist church here to have Rev. Flinn, pastor, help them patch up a lover's quarrel.

Washington Letter

BY RODNEY DUTCHER NEW SERVICE WIRE WASHINGTON—When the government officials here begin to talk and act in terms of hundreds of millions of dollars, it is perhaps a special comfort to the taxpayer if he realizes that many of the officials and legislators dealing with those large sums know what it is to handle millions of their own.

Morrow and Young

At the moment, two very conspicuous millionaires are being widely discussed as presidential possibilities for 1932. One is Senator Dwight W. Morrow and the other is Owen D. Young of General Electric and the Radio Corporation.

Indiana Convicts Make A Fruitless Break For Liberty

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 22.—Twelve convicts in the Indiana state prison made an unsuccessful attempt to escape today. The break was led by Joseph Burns, sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, who opened a cellhouse door with a key fashioned from a spoon.

Markets

Final Stocks NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Erratic movements prevailed on the New York Stock Exchange today in slightly more active turnover than that of last week.

The two were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Binnton, sister and brother-in-law of the bride. After a honeymoon of a fortnight, the two will be at home in El Paso.

Snyder Papers Are To Merge This Week

SNYDER, Tex., Dec. 22.—Consolidation of the three-year-old Snyder News and the 44-year-old Seury County Times-Signal effective this week was announced today.

Former Priest Is Placed Under Ban

RENNES, France, Dec. 22.—The Roman Catholic Church has just placed Joseph Tuvel, former priest and lecturer in the Catholic University here, under the severest ban possible under church rules.

Standard Oil Buys Refiners Oil Co.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Purchase of the Refiners Oil Company of Dayton by the Standard Oil Company of Ohio was announced today by W. T. Holliday, president of Ohio.

Model City To Fight Bootlegger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Every effort will be made "to prevent the bootlegger or other law violator

Heiress To Yates Fortune Is Wed

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Ann Yates, beautiful daughter of Ira Yates, owner of the Yates oil pool in West Texas, and Mason Pollard, El Paso attorney, were married in Ardmore, Okla., last Friday and today were on an airplane honeymoon to Mexico.

Rockne Confers

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From interfering with the... of the workmen... er Dam project on the... River, according to the... port of the Bureau of... to Secretary of Interior... Boulder City, the new... housing the employes... is being planned... Leases of government... for commercial purposes... tinue only during the... good behavior on the... tenant, the report said.

Seven Die In Hotel Fire

COCHRANE, Ont., Dec. 22.—At least seven lives were lost in a fire which broke out in the Queen's Hotel here, believed, and as yet uncovered when the flames sufficiently to allow a... the ruins.

Steel Merger Held In

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 22.—The billion dollar Sheet & Tube Co. Bethlehem Corporation merger which was filed by Sheet & Tube last April, was held in common plea judge J. J. Cyrus S. Eaton, dynamic financier and largest in Sheet & Tube stockholders fought the consolidation around that it was tangled fraud and would result in \$50,000,000 to follow state.

Society

BIBLE CLASS TO MEET THURSDAY Mrs. Stella B. B. the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. J. J. Hines as guest speaker. Mrs. Hines' address is in a Hardware building. This very important meeting members are urged to attend.

Former Teacher Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. W. Hines were here Saturday visiting from Wilmett will be re-member Eastland as a member South Ward faculty before to Huntville in January school, Mrs. Wilmie's sister Miss Pauline Gooden couple were married Dec. 18 at the home of the bride in Weldon, Texas. The friends here wish them happiness.

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# Murder at Bridge

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ANNE AUSTIN  
author of  
"THE BLACK PIGEON"  
"THE AVENGING PARROT"  
"MURDER BACKSTAIRS"

### BEGIN HERE TODAY

Janita Selim is murdered at bridge. Suspects are Lydia Carr, the maid; Flora Miles, in Nita's closet at the time of the murder; reading a note she thinks is from her husband, Tracey, but which is from Dexter Sprague, probably Nita's lover and partner in blackmail, and on Ralph Hammond, engaged to Nita. All but Flora seem practically cleared.

Lydia says she doesn't know whom Nita feared, and tells of a bell Sprague contrived near Nita's bed, to ring in Lydia's room. Investigating the \$10,000 Nita received, probably as blackmail, Dundee asks Penny Crain, former society girl, now the district attorney's secretary, if any of the women were in scandal at the Forsythe School, where Nita directed the Easter play, and is not convinced by her denial. He learns that Marshall, his wife, Karen, Polly Beale, Clive and Ralph Hammond, Peter and Lois Dunlap, and John Drake conspired to pay blackmail. Janet Raymond, on an allowance, as is Carolyn Drake, and Tracey has little money of his own, but manages his wife's affairs.

Dundee learns from Lois that Nita at first wasn't interested in coming to Hamilton, but was strangely excited on seeing a group picture of "The Beggar's Opera," and decided to come. Peter Dunlap is hostile toward Dundee and angry at the publicity for his wife. On the way home, Dundee warns Sprague not to carry on with the blackmail, reminding him that Nita got a bullet, as well as \$10,000.

### NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXXIV

It was Wednesday evening, four whole days since Nita Leigh Selim had been murdered while she was dumpy at bridge. Plainclothesmen, in pairs, day and night shifts, still guarded the lonely house in Primrose Meadows, but Dundee had taken no interest in the actual scene of the crime since a railway, fingerprint expert, had reported negatively upon the secret shelf between Nita's bedroom closet and the guest closet.

The very lack of fingerprints had of course confirmed Dundee's belief that the murderer's hand had pressed upon that swiveling panel, had quipped in vain for the incriminating documents or letters which had been the basis of Nita's blackmail scheme, had deposited upon the shelf the gun and silencer with which the murder had been accomplished, and had later retrieved the weapon in perfect safety. A hand loosely wrapped in a handkerchief. . . The hand of a cunning, careful cold-blooded murderer—or murderer. . . But who?

Bonnie Dundee, brooding at his desk in the living room, had a small apartment, reflected bitterly that he was no nearer the answer to that question than he had been an hour after Nita Selim's death. "Well, my dear Watson," he addressed his caged parrot finally. "What do you say? . . . Who killed Nita Selim?"

The parrot stirred on his perch, thrust out his hooked beak to nip his master's prodding finger, then disdainfully turned his back. "I don't blame you, Cap'n," Dundee chuckled. "You must be as sick of that question as I am. . . And what a pity it ever had to be asked! If the murderer had not been so hasty—or so pressed for time that he really could not wait to listen to Nita—he would have learned that Nita had decided to be a very good girl, and had burned the papers—all because

she was genuinely in love with Ralph Hammond. . . One comfort we have, my dear Watson: the murderer still does not know that Nita burned the papers Friday night. . . Sooner or later, when he believes police vigilance has been relaxed, he'll go prowling about that house, and to Captain Strawn, who doesn't take the slightest stock in my theory, will go credit for the arrest. . . Unless—"

Dundee reached for a telegraph form and again scanned the penciled message. Only that afternoon had it occurred to him to ask the telegraph company for a copy of the wire by which Dexter Sprague, according to his own story, had been summoned to Hamilton by Nita Selim.

The manager had been obliging, had looked up the message and copied it with his own hand. It was a night letter, and had been filed in Hamilton April 24—the third day after Nita's arrival. Addressed to Dexter Sprague, at a hotel in the theatrical district, New York city, the message read: "EVERYTHING JAKE SO FAR BUT WOULD FEEL SAFER YOU HERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING AND DEVELOPING OF HAMILTON LOOKING FOR GOOD DIRECTOR WHY NOT TRY FOR JOB AS GOOD EXCUSE STOP ALL MY LOVE—NITA."

Dundee laid the paper on his desk, locked his hands behind his head, and addressed the parrot again. The habit of using the bird for an audience and as an excuse for puzzling and mulling aloud had grown on him during the year he had owned the doughty old Cap'n. "As I was about to say, my dear Watson, Captain Strawn's boys out at the Selim house will have their chance to nab our man—or woman—unless Dexter Sprague ignores my warning and tries to carry on the blackmail scheme, which he undoubtedly knew all about and which, most probably, he encouraged Nita to undertake—the 'friend' she had to consult, you know, before she could decide to accept Lois Dunlap's offer."

The parrot interrupted with a hoarse cackle. "Have you gone over to the enemy, Cap'n?" Dundee reproved the bird. "You sound exactly like Strawn when he laughed at my interpretation of this message this afternoon. My late chief contends—and it is just possible, of course, that he is right—that Nita was afraid she couldn't swing the job of organizing and directing Lois' Little Theater, and wanted Sprague here, both as lover and unofficial assistant. But that's a pretty thin explanation, don't you think? . . . Oh, all right! Laugh, damn you! But I'd feel better if Strawn had taken my advice and set a dick to trail Sprague, to see that he keeps out of mischief. All this, however, gets us no nearer to answering that eternal question."

With a deep sigh the troubled young special investigator reached for the "Time Table" he had drafted from his notes made during the grisly replaying of the "death hand at bridge," and scanned it again:

5:20—Flora Miles, dummy, table No. 1, leaves living room to telephone. 5:22—Clive Hammond arrives and goes directly into solarium. 5:23—End of rubber at table No. 1. Players: Polly Beale, Janet Raymond, Lois Dunlap, Flora Miles (dummy), Polly Beale leaves living room to join Clive

Hammond in solarium. 5:24—Janet Raymond leaves room; says she went straight to front porch. 5:25—Tracey Miles parks car at Nita; walks up to the house; hangs up hat in clothes closet and (his estimate). 5:27—Miles enters living room, talks with Nita, who, as dummy, has just laid down her cards at table No. 2. Players: Karen Marshall, Penny Crain, Carolyn Drake. 5:28—Nita leaves living room, goes to her bedroom to make-up. 5:28½—Lois Dunlap and Miles go into dining room, Miles to make cocktails. 5:31—Judge Marshall enters living room, interrupts bridge game. 5:33—John C. Drake enters living room, having walked from Country Club, which he says he left at 5:10, and which is only three-quarters of a mile from the Selim house. 5:36—Karen finishes playing of cards and goes to her room. Janet Raymond enters from front porch, proceeding into dining room. 5:37—Penny Crain finishes scoring, and Karen leaves room to tell Nita the score. 5:38—Karen screens upon discovering the dead body at the dressing table.

Dundee laid aside the typed sheet and reached for another, the typing of which was perfect, since Penny's efficient fingers had manipulated the keys. When he had telephoned to the office just before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon to see if anything had come up, Dundee had learned from Penny that Peter Dunlap had issued an informal call to "the crowd" for a meeting at his home that evening.

"You're going of course?" Dundee had asked. "Then, during the discussion of the case, I wish you'd try to get the answers to some questions which need clearing up—if you can do so without getting yourself 'in Dutch' with your friends. . . Fine! Got a pencil?" And now he was re-reading the "report" she had conscientiously written and left on his desk Tuesday morning.

Peter, desiring he wanted to get to the bottom of this case, presided almost like a judge on the bench, and asked nearly every question you wanted the answer to. Everyone in the crowd adores gruff old Peter and no one dreamed of resenting his barrage of questions. "What a detective he would make!" "First: Janet admitted she did not go directly to the front porch when she left the living room after her table finished the last rubber. Went first to the hall lavatory to comb her hair and renew her makeup. Said she was there alone about five minutes, then went to the front porch. (Revised her story after Tracey had said he did not see her on the porch when he arrived.)

Second: Judge Marshall said he glanced into the living room when he arrived, saw Karen, Carolyn and me absorbed in our game, and went on down the hall, to hang up his hat and stick. Proceeded immediately to the living room. "Third: John Drake told Peter he entered the front hall and passed on to the lavatory to wash up. Felt ticky after his walk from the Country Club. Hung up hat in the guest closet. Went to living room within three minutes after reaching the house. "Fourth: Polly and Clive told

Peter they stayed together in the solarium the whole time, stationed at a front window, watching for Ralph. When Peter asked them if they could confirm Judge Marshall's story and Johnny Drake's story, they said they had seen them both arrive, but had paid no attention to them after they were in the house. It occurred to Peter, too, to wonder if either Polly or Clive went to Nita's room to warn her that Ralph knew about Sprague's having slept the night before in the upstairs bedroom. They both denied emphatically that they had done so. "Fifth: Judge Marshall volunteered the information to Peter that Nita had not paid her rent, on the place that she was short of funds, and that he had told her to let it go until it was quite convenient. "Sixth: The word 'blackmail' was not mentioned, and Johnny Drake, because of professional ethics, I suppose, did not tell about Nita's two deposits of \$5,000 in his bank. "Seventh: The secret shelf in the foyer closet was not mentioned. "Peter's verdict, after he got through with us, was that only Sprague could have done it—using the gun and silencer which Nita herself had stolen from Hugo. I couldn't tell him that you are con-

vinced that Lydia's alibi for him is a genuine one, for apparently Lydia hasn't told either Flora or Tracey that she was able to furnish Sprague an alibi. "And that's all, except that Peter asked me to convey to you his apologies for his rudeness Monday afternoon. . . Penelope Crain. . . With a deep sigh Dundee laid Penny's report aside. "Exactly half a dozen possible suspects, and not an atom of actual evidence against one of them—except that Judge Marshall owned the gun. Six—count 'em: Judge Marshall, John Drake, Flora Miles, Clive Hammond, Polly Beale, Janet Raymond. . . Every single one of them possible victims of blackmail, since the girls all attended the Forsythe School, where Nita directed the Easter play for two years, and since the men make several trips a year to New York. . . Six people, all of whom undoubtedly knew of the existence of the secret shelf. . . Six people who knew Nita was in her bedroom, either from having seen her go or from hearing her powder box tinkling its damnable tune! . . . Yes, Penny! You're right! That's all—as far as Hamilton is concerned! If Sanderson won't let me go to New York—which is

where the damned business started I'll resign and go on my own, without wasting another day here. . . But Dundee did not go to New York the next morning. He was far too busy in Hamilton. . . (To Be Continued)

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# Football Rules Committee Meets New York Today

By HENRY McLEMORE  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—More persons than it takes to run the League of Nations were gathered in New York today for the purpose of discussing football.

Included in the throng were coaches, lawyers, college presidents, physical directors, bankers, and doctors. Some came to praise the sport; others to criticize it. Much will be said on both sides.

Today three organizations—the American football coaches association, the Sportsmanship Brotherhood, and the director of physical education in colleges—will hold sessions. Football will be the sole topic of discussion at the coaches' gathering and will grab most of the talk at the brotherhood and physical directors' meetings.

The climax of the week's athletic meetings comes on Wednesday when the National Collegiate Athletic association, with representatives from 250 colleges from all over the country, holds open session. The N. C. A. A. will devote Tuesday to preliminaries such as election of officers, etc.

The N. C. A. A. is interested in the administrative end of all college sports, but with the tremendous rise of football the association has become more and more a gridiron body.

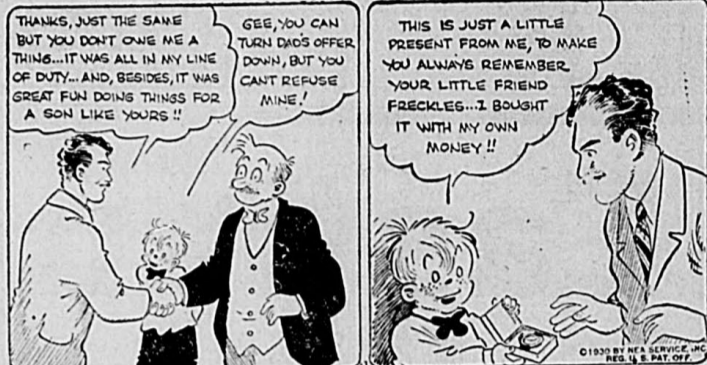
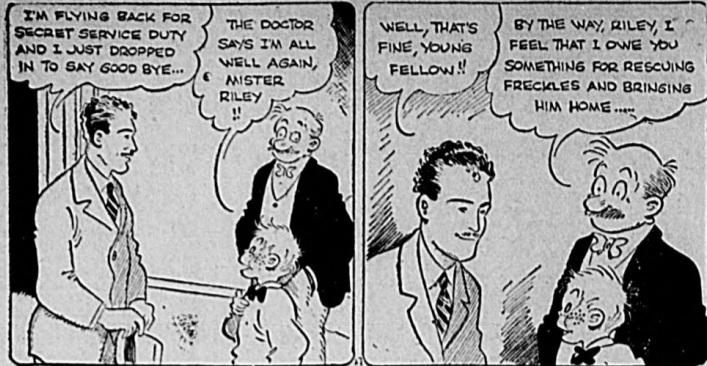
Dr. James R. Angell of Yale; Dr. Charles W. Kennedy of Princeton; Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Association, and Dr. Howard J. Savaze of the Carnegie Foundation are among those who will address the N. C. A. A. on Wednesday.

The subject of over-emphasis and how to remedy it is certain to be considered on all sides at this session.

Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette, is to make the principal address at the Sportsmanship Brotherhood luncheon. With William J. Bingham, director of athletics at Harvard, Harold F. Woodcock, general manager of athletics at the Naval Academy, and Bill Roper, Princeton football coach, in attendance, the Brotherhood luncheon is certain to produce its share of gridiron talk.

With these things out of the way the coaches will rest until tonight when they gather in the banquet hall.

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## By Blosser

# BASKETBALL, WRESTLING TO BE PRESENTED

Plenty of Space For Athletics; Public Is Invited.

RANGER, Texas, Dec. 28.—A veritable center of athletic activity—such will the new armory of the Ranger national guard company prove, it is planned.

The building, formerly occupied by the Sivalis Motor company on Rusk street, is being fitted for the occupancy of the unit of infantry and Capt. Wayne C. Hickey and his national guardsmen will move in Jan. 1.

Offices and supply rooms have been portioned out to the back, leaving a space 50 feet by 90 feet for drills and for athletic contests.

A basketball team will be organized as the armory has adequate space for a basketball court, with plenty of room for spectators. A ceiling, 10 feet high, gives ample space for tossing the ball.

It is hoped that a league can be organized, with the National guard team meeting teams representing Chestnut & Smith, Jake Hagan, Lone Star and others.

After the basketball season is over, it is likely that wrestling matches and other forms of athletics will be staged.

The public is invited to witness the athletic games and contests.

# BLANTON GETS ACTION ON THE DIVIDEND DUE

Is Final Payment To Creditors of Old First National.

RANGER, Texas, Dec. 29.—Checks for nearly \$50,000 are being received by Ranger citizens as the result of prompt and vigorous action by Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of this district.

Recently several Ranger citizens called on the congressman and asked him to use his influence to get the final dividend paid on the old First National Bank of Ranger.

In characteristic fashion, Blanton got busy at once. He wrote the following letter to J. W. Pole, controller of the currency:

"Please refer to my previous correspondence from Texas with you relative to the assets of the defunct First National bank of Ranger, Texas, still retained by the receiver at Greenville, Texas.

"There is no gross reason in the world why these assets should not be distributed by the receiver in a dividend to the creditors of this bank. I understand that he has some \$50,000 on hand.

"This would be a godsend just now to the creditors and they are entitled to it, I would appreciate your taking such action as will cause these assets to be distributed.

"Advices here are that the dividend checks are being prepared and mailed.

# Ranger Has Large Building Program For Coming Year

RANGER, Texas, Dec. 29.—A building program that surpasses anything Ranger has witnessed in a long time is in progress.

Projects under way or completed in the last few weeks include:

Extensive improvements of the Gholson hotel at a cost of thousands of dollars.

Remodeling of the armory for the Ranger national guard company.

Remodeling of the large building to be occupied by the Hodges Motor company.

Recent improvement of the building now occupied by Gentry's cash-and-carry grocery.

New extension of the new location of the Blue Moon Tea room.

Rebuilding of the gas system in the business section, now in progress at a cost of \$50,000.

The last-named project entails the greatest outlay of any item on the program of construction and is providing employment for a large number of workers by the Texas-Louisiana Power company.

Hotel improvements.

So quietly and steadily has the Gholson hotel been carrying on a program of improvement that the general public knows almost nothing of it. Last summer, the entire exterior of the big hotel was repainted and the lobby was beautified and fitted in new furniture.

The work now in progress on the fourth floor includes new and artistic paper on the walls, new and luxurious carpet in the halls at a cost of approximately \$1,500, repapering and redecorating of all the rooms.

By throwing two rooms into one, the size of the rooms across the front of this floor is being doubled.

Extensive improvements have already been made on the fifth floor.

All the rooms in the hotel have been provided with ceiling fans of the latest type and electric heating and mattress made, stated Manager Howard R. Gholson.

Motor Company Moves.

The Hodges Motor company will

# Millionaires Of United States Double In 1928

By CECIL OWEN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Taxpayers in the million-dollar-a-year income class nearly doubled in 1928, increasing to a total of 511 as a result of a booming stock market and business conditions in that year.

Revised income statistics for 1928 issued today by the treasury revealed that a new crop of super-millionaires was created in the last complete year of prosperity.

In addition to those individuals who reported incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in that single year, the treasury's figures showed there were more than 43,000 persons with incomes in excess of \$50,000, which is the usual interest on \$1,000,000.

Few of these taxpayers had \$1,000,000 capital, however, but derived their income from wages and dividends.

Most of the nation's millionaires live in New York which reported

# Senator Urges Recognition Of Soviet Russia

By LYLE C. WILSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator Bronson Cutting, Rep., N. M., one of the wealthy backers of cultural and economic advantage of the United States to recognize the Communist government of Soviet Russia.

"And instead of stipulating that they should not propagandize in the United States," Cutting told the United States Press, "we should invite their propaganda."

"The more our people knew about the Soviet system and conditions the less they would like it. It is all right for Russians. But they have been used to hardships but it will not do here. If there were wide-spread accurate knowledge of the Soviet system in the United States, there wouldn't be 50,000 persons in favor of a change in this country."

"I think," Cutting continued in response to questions "that we could gain culturally and economically by recognizing the government now established in Moscow has a better chance of survival than any other government there because the people are back of it."

Cutting visited the Soviet union this year. He is one of the group which includes Chairman Borah of the State Foreign Relations Committee, convinced that the Soviet union government should be recognized officially.

"The people I saw in the Soviet union looked healthy," he said "and there were no signs of starvation. They eat one meal a day on the average."

"Of course they are sending goods here under production costs. They must get rid of their produce to pay for machinery which they are buying in an enthusiastic effort to realize the five year industrial expansion program. I think there will succeed in that. But they haven't enough credit to finance the program except by sales abroad."

Cutting said he thought the Soviet Union "well advised" to maintain its large standing army.

"If they were unable to protect themselves to that extent," he said "they might have trouble."

Asked whether he thought there was any possibility of immediate recognition, Cutting said he did not.

"But a fairly large element of big business now wants recognition," he said for business reasons. "We are not going to be able to deal

# Air Division To Assemble Large Unit At Dayton

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An air division, the largest unit of aerial fighting strength, will, for the first time in U. S. army aviation history, be assembled at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, next May, it was learned at the war department today.

More than 600 officers, 500 enlisted men and 684 airplanes will be drawn from fields all over the country to make up this peacetime armada of the skies. Even this vast assembly, the department explained, will represent but a fraction of a war strength air division, such a unit would include 4,000 officers, 30,000 enlisted men and 2,000 airplanes.

The concentration next May will be preparatory to the defense maneuvers on the Atlantic coast, which were announced by the department some time ago. From Wright Field the division will move, as a unit, to New York City, where the exercises will begin.

During recent years, the department explained, there have been numerous concentration of air forces, but none so large as the one now planned.

The skeletonized division at Wright Field, will be deficient in bombardment units, but will have a surplus of observation squadrons. It will include the following units: headquarters staff with 50 planes; observation group with 15 planes; one bombardment group with 40 planes; one observation group with 111 planes; one attack group with 50 planes and one transport group with 40 planes.

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quiet hall. The football rules committee will make its report to the N. C. A. A. on Tuesday. It is generally understood that the rules committee is pretty well satisfied with the rules as they now stand and will recommend that 1931 football be no different than that of 1930.

The eastern association of inter-collegiate football officials decided at its annual meeting last night that the rules were all right and for the first time in several years recommended no changes.

## Stars Charter Plane Back To Dixie Classic

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Five stars of Texas gridiron were flying back to Dallas today in a chartered plane to fill the gaps in the lineup of the Southwest eleven which clashes here New Year's day with a mid-western team in the annual Dixie football classic.

Late arrivals due today to complete the southwest squad are Boehey Koch, all-American guard of Baylor University; Jake Wilson, Baylor quarterback; Louie Paradeux, center for Baylor; Louie Lonz, Southern Methodist end; and Noble Atkins, Texas Christian University center.

All but Paradeux played in the winning West squad against the Eastern all-stars at San Francisco. Paradeux performed with Jimmy Pheasant losing eleven against the Rockne all-stars.

Both the middle west and southwest elevens were given a rest Sunday, but a grueling grind was slated today to taper off training for the two squads. Coach Bob Zupke sent his midwesterners through a final three-hour practice period early this afternoon. Coaches Morley Jennings and Fred Thomson of the southwesterners said two more rehearsals remained on

## SPORT SHOTS

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 28.—Despite the disapproval of Billy Edwards, mat artist of Kansas City, Mo., his bout with Jim O'Dowd tonight will be fought under the watchful eyes of three judges seated at different points outside the ring.

O'Dowd will enter the ring at catch-weights, which gives him a 12-pound advantage over the Kansas City grappler. Jim Heslin and Buzz Hartley feature the preliminaries.

CROCKETT, Tex., Dec. 29.—Crockett high school will dedicate a new gymnasium Jan. 3 when the local quintet meets the basketball team from the state deaf school.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 29.—The Dallas Reds defeated the Abilene quartet in the polo finals here Sunday afternoon, 6 to 5. In the first half the exhibition was ragged and marred by many fouls. Spirited action and fine horsemanship in the closing chukkers acquitted the contestants.

The between-halves polo race was won by Postmaster, owned and ridden by Carroll Coyle of Wichita Falls.

MEXIA, Tex., Dec. 29.—A rabbit's foot and psychology played a part in Tyler's sensational victory

over Amarillo's Sandies for the state schoolboy gridiron title, it was learned today from coach George Foltz, spending the holidays here with his parents.

Foltz declared each member of his squad carried a rabbit's foot in the championship race. "But we didn't have these when we played Mexia," said he. Tyler tied Mexia 7 to 7.

The psychology of being doped to lose was a strong factor in his teams favor, Foltz commented.

## Shires Arrested On Charge Of Carrying Knucks

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28.—Arthur "The Great" Shires, who admits he is a good baseball player and a swell prize fighter, was arrested with a pair of brass knuckles when he was arrested here early today for intoxication, police reported.

Shires upon his marriage here recently, declared that he had given up fighting, so police were unable to account for the presence of the fist padding.

The baseball player told police he had been on a door-bell ringing expedition, and rang at the side door of the Hollywood police station.

Sergeant G. C. Toyne, unable to persuade the great one to re-enters his taxi-cab, locked him up for possession of the "knucks" and for intoxication.

Election Called  
 STINTON, Dec. 27.—An election has been called for Jan. 1, \$30,000 bonds for insurance, supply of fresh water for the wells in the vicinity of the

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