

BRIEFINGS

"Yes, indeed, the shark is a gentlemanly fish—believes in live and let live—not a bit dangerous if left alone."

And so's your old buzz saw. The shark is a gentlemanly fish! Mr. William Beebe, whom we know not, is responsible for the above. Not only does he admit saying it but he prints it.

Well, we are glad to learn that. Now we can start swimming in the warm waters of the Gulf stream without fear of losing one or both limbs by a mad shark. If we have to make a shark mad before it will bite us, we are going to rub his back the right way. Which ever is the right way to a shark. Already we have started plans for a non stop swim from Galveston to the English channel.

People are fools. Almost daily we pick up a tabloid sheet and find where someone has made a first course for a shark. People will take chances. This man has gone to the trouble of telling the world not to make a shark mad, or it's goodly solar plexus. And every day someone goes out and pulls a shark's leg the wrong way, or makes the voracious fish get up on the wrong side of the bed—and it's insurance time at home.

A shark, poor thing, has an inferiority complex. He would much rather prey on fish than man. Although mankind is a juicy morsel, the beautiful worms of the seal will suffice. A fish is a fish. It is digestible. And he doesn't have to be made to eat a fish.

Should the man go farther, he would probably find that a whale won't slap the daylight out of one with his tail, unless his feelings are ruffled, and a sword fish won't saw one's nails off unless biffig under the chin by man.

Survivors of shipwrecks have learned now that a petted shark will point the shortest route to land, and in some cases will allow the derelict to ride his back.

But it is our nature to be prone to doubt every statement. Sometimes we even try to catch ourselves telling fabulous stories. It is hard for us to believe that the motto of the shark is: "Live and let live."

We accept the first part without debate. It is a shark's intention to live—live long and happily. We have known that always. A shark is going to live just as long as there is anything with which to whet his teeth. But the latter part is as hard to take as a headache solution.

But this sharkster says 'tis so. You got to make 'em mad as hops before you get as much as a tepid glance from one of them.

But here is the rub. It makes a shark see red for mankind to swim in his water. Nothing makes a shark madder than to have his home used as a community bath-tub. It's his sea. See if it isn't.

INFLUENZA CASES ARE BEING STUDIED

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—Although influenza cases reported in Dallas so far have been of a light nature, an effort is being made by the health department to study the situation and decrease the number of cases.

Dr. Manton Carrick, director of public health, is visiting motion picture houses, hotels, rooming houses to secure cooperation in coping with the disease. Theatre officials have promised to clean their houses thoroughly after each performance and hotels and rooming houses have agreed to do what they can to help.

Avoiding indoor crowds, keeping dry feet, avoiding chills and drafts and sleeping in well-ventilated rooms were listed as preventative by Dr. Carrick.

Girl Steals a 10-Cent Bible

HOUSTON, Dec. 27.—Sobbing as though her heart would break, a 13-year-old girl was taken to police station and held for probation officers.

"Caught her stealing," the arresting officers said. "What did she get?" the desk sergeant asked. "A Bible." "What was it worth?" "Oh, about a dime," the officer replied.

Tears streamed down the child's face as the sergeant entered notes on the police blotter.

MOODY IS UNDECIDED ON SPECIAL SESSION

'KEEP HER NAME OUT' MAN ASKS

Dallas Robber, Preacher's Son, Wants Sweetheart's Name Shielded.

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—"I don't want to talk about her, please. I'd like to keep her name entirely out of all this if it is at all possible." This was the reply of the young man who is held in the city jail in connection with the holdup Monday of the W. T. Grant store when he was asked concerning the report that he had become moody because of his infatuation for a young woman in San Antonio.

"Your acquaintances all say you're deeply in love with a young woman and write daily to her," the questioner replied. "Oh, there's no use denyin' that. I am. Head over heels. But—but I'd like to save her this," he answered.

Acquaintances say the accused is the son of a retired Protestant minister of Tulsa and deeply in love with a young woman belonging to the Catholic Church and now in a convent. Both their families are said to object violently to the match. The couple, however, have gone on determined to marry when he should get established in the business world. Constant brooding over his love for the girl and his failure to obtain a footing in the business world sufficiently strong to enable him to undertake the responsibilities of matrimony are said by acquaintances to have driven the young man into a state of melancholia.

"What's this going to do to your father?" he was asked. "He hung his head, tears dimmed his eyes and sweat gathered on his forehead."

"I don't know," he replied in a low, husky voice. "How old is your father?" he was asked. "He's 77 years old—an—an' never has been touched by trouble before," he answered with the same huskiness and a more pronounced quaver in his voice.

"I suppose my father and mother already know about it," he said, "but I haven't heard from them yet. But then I know I will."

REMODELING OLD BUILDING

Workmen are engaged today in remodeling the brick building on the North Side of the square formerly occupied by the O. P. Morris Grocery and owned by Moldave & Wolfe. A modern plate glass front is to be put in and the interior renovated.

273 WITHDRAW FROM STATE UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Withdrawals from the University of Texas since school opened in September total 273, according to Miss Gertrude Heath, statistician to the registrar. Of these thirteen withdrew during September, 84 in October, 123 in November and 52 during the first two weeks of December. Three deaths occurred among the student body, 2 in October and one in November, each the result of an accident.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU WACO, TEXAS

Plans were brought before the Chamber of Commerce, student organization of Baylor University, with the purpose of organizing a Student Employment Bureau which would help worthy students to work their way through school.

It was announced that work on the organization of the bureau would be completed soon after the Christmas holidays so that actual work may begin in the fall of 1929.

BANDIT GETS DIAMONDS

BONHAM, Texas, Dec. 28.—A masked bandit held up and robbed Mrs. Zac Smith of 4 diamond rings while she was on her way home last night. The bandit escaped.

A Closeup of the "Flying Windmill"



Whirling up and down over the field before a small crowd of spectators, this weird inverted windmill, the autogyro, made its first successful flight the other day at Pitsa in Fied, Philadelphia. The plane, which is the property of Harold Pitsa, airplane manufacturer and aviation enthusiast, is about 35 feet long, with wings only about five feet in length. The huge windmill, about 25 feet in diameter, takes the plane straight up from the ground.

Feared Lost In Shooting Rapids



Glenn Hyde and his wife, Bessie Haley Hyde (above) were sought by rivermen and aviators after the young couple made a daring attempt to shoot the rapids in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado in a small boat. Mrs. Hyde's parents live in Parkersburg, W. Va. She formerly attended school in Pittsburg.

RISING STAR BOY SCOUTS HONORED

Rising Star Boy Scouts had their second court of honor recently, according to Guy Quind, Eastland County executive, who attended the meeting.

Fred Roberts, chairman of the court, F. V. Tunnell and E. M. Howard, members, presided. Scoutmaster Lawton South, Pioneer, and S. M. Sellers, members of the executive board for the council, were visitors.

Lionell Lee was awarded the first class badge, Hugh Rixford, Weldon Bryant, and Tillman Bryant were given second class, Charles Bacy, James Irby and Charles Rutherford were awarded stars.

Merit badge awards were to James Irby, personal health and woodcarving; Charles Rutherford, pathfinding; swimming, woodcarving, civics; Russell Day, firemanship and bookbinding; Charles Bacy, public health and civics.

SINGING SUNDAY NIGHT

The singing league composed of a number of communities of this section of the county, will meet Sunday night at Olden when a program, previously arranged, will be rendered.

Leasing University Oil Lands Can Be Deferred

Special Session Legislature Not Needed After Ruling Made By Attorney General's Department.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Advised leasing of University oil land can be postponed until a later date in January, Assistant Attorney General C. W. Tuesheart advised Land Commissioner Robison in a letter received today. This will make unnecessary a special session of the legislature.

13 Sandwiches He Eats to Help His Friend But Falls

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—A patron in a barroom ate 13 sandwiches in a vain effort to save his friend, Walter Benwell, the bartender, from arrest.

GATESVILLE MAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

GATESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 28.—While returning from his farm last night, Dave M. Sams, superintendent of the juvenile training school and former mayor of Gatesville, drove his car off a culvert 20 miles west of here and was killed instantly.

An eye witness to the accident said Sams had undertaken to drive some mules on ahead of his car and the mules either obstructed his view of the culvert or Sams lost control of the car in attempting to keep the mules in the road.

Man Stabbed In Fight Over Fire-Works Shooting

GAINESVILLE, Dec. 29.—John Hess, 22, was recovering today from stab wounds received in an argument over shooting firecrackers in front of a restaurant at Munster, 16 miles west of here.

HOPKINS PROFESSOR AT STATE UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—"Biological Fallacies and Human Affairs" and "What Can We Hope from Eugenics?" are the subjects of two public lectures which will be delivered at the University of Texas January 7 and 9 by Dr. H. S. Jennings, professor of zoology at Johns Hopkins University, according to Dr. Aaron Schaffer, chairman of the public lectures committee. In addition to his popular discussions, Dr. Jennings will conduct three seminar lectures majoring in zoology and before the zoology faculty members.

CARRIZO SPRINGS Local Post Office Moved to New Quarters in Palm Building

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FARM TERRACING NOW BEING DONE

Fifty-Eight Acres L. D. Donoway Farm Terraced With County Road Equipment.

County agent J. C. Patterson went to Dothan Wednesday where he assisted in terracing 58 acres of land on the L. D. Donoway farm. The job required 4,250 yards of terraces.

MAN KILLED AS AMBULANCE COLLIDE AND CRASH

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SABINAL — Highway east of here will be improved.

Plans Big Flight

Major Oscar J. Morales, Guatemalan army aviator, will take off from a Houston airport on a good will flight to Guatemala city on Jan. 17, he announced here today.

Goodwill Flight To Guatemala Is Announced

Major Morales, who has been in Washington conferring with officials regarding the flight, arrived at Fort Crockett here Thursday from New Orleans.

Membership To Be Given For Grades

LEXINGTON, Va.—Membership in the American Chemical society will be awarded each year to the junior or senior candidate for the Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry who makes the highest grades at Washington and Lee university here. The award will be made by Dr. Samuel Colville Lind, director of the School of Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, a Washington and Lee graduate in the class of 1899. Should the honor go to a third-year student, it will be for two years.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC ON WANE AT BAYLOR UNI.

WACO.—Friday afternoon when students were scattering homeward for the holidays, it was announced by officials of Baylor University that the flu epidemic had not been alarming here and that there were fewer cases in the University Hospital than in several days.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

TYLER, Texas, Dec. 28.—Charges of assault with intent to murder have been filed against Louis and Earl Purdue in the shooting of E. Q. Tate, a relative. The shooting grew out of a quarrel over family matters, it was reported. Tate's wounds are not believed to be serious.

CAR REGISTRATION SLOW

At 2:00 o'clock this afternoon 569 cars and 154 trucks had been registered under 1929 license at the office of A. M. Hearn, County tax collector, according to Tom Halsey, deputy collector.

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IS ANXIOUS TO PREVENT TEXAS U. LAND LEASE

Whatever Is Necessary To Prevent I Am For, Governor Said.



AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Governor Moore said this morning that he has not yet decided his course in regard to calling a special session of the legislature to prevent leasing of University of Texas oil and gas land at this time. At 10:30 Governor Moore was trying to get in telephone communication with Assistant Attorney General Trueheart before definitely deciding on his course.

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THE MODERN MIRACLE.
Miracles don't happen these
days—not very often, anyhow.
We put our faith in things that we
can handle and understand and
diagram. A matter-of-fact and
skeptical age has stopped looking
for marvels, and for that reason
it doesn't see any.

But, for all that, we still have
one miracle left, that even the
most case-hardened of us can ex-
perience. Every year, when
Christmas comes, each one of us
can transform himself, for a space,
from what he is into what he
would like to be.

Christmas—though the glitter-
ing shop windows sometimes lead
us to forget it—is more than a
day on which we exchange gifts,
eat hearty dinners and speak cor-
dially to strangers. It is a cele-
bration of the greatest miracle
and the most beautiful story the
world has ever known. And, as
we celebrate it, we unconsciously
absorb something of the reflection
of that miracle and that story and
become better men and women
than we knew we were.

The world 20 centuries ago was
not a very refined or civilized
place. The southern fringes of
Europe were under the domina-
tion of Rome. Beyond, in all di-
rections, stretched barbarism. The
world's stock of hope was not
large.

But into that world came some-
thing new—a hope and a promise.
Before the eyes of those who
would trouble to look there was
raised a new vision; a vision that
showed mankind proceeding along
an ever-mounting road, that
showed men, not as blind strug-
glers in a losing fight with a host-
ile creation, but as glorious sons
of light rising to claim an ever-
lasting heritage.

That vision is still with us. On
Christmas day, as we re-read the
old story of the little town, the
star in the sky, the wondering
shepherds, the devout wise men of
the east and the caroling angels
we realize, once more, the full sig-
nificance of it.

And that works a miracle with-
in us. For the moment we are
lifted out of our daily shells of
caution, reserve, fear and suspi-
cion. We get a glimpse of the
deathless nobility of all human
lives, and it transforms us. We
can greet the strangers all about
us as brothers. We forget to be
jealous, resentful, suspicious,
or afraid. We become what we have
always wished we might become.
The transformation does not en-
dure. A few days after Christ-
mas we go back to our old ways,
and the stranger in a crowd is
nearly someone to show out of
the way and not an immortal spirit
clothed in the miracle of human
flesh. But some residue lingers
in our hearts. Bit by bit, over
long years and centuries, it builds
up an accretion of faith, good will
and hope.

So we may take courage. Each
Christmas loves us a little better
than it found us. Each year, as
the tiny lights blaze out on the
little green trees, the race moves a
little bit closer to the ideals for
which we should strive.

CANYON.—It is the aim of the
Woman's Book Club, pioneer study
club of Canyon, to develop a coun-
ty library for Randall county from
the subscription library which has
been in use for fifteen years. A
good number of books will be
available from this source.



SOCIETY
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SATURDAY
Sunbeam Band 9:30 a. m., Baptist Church.
Junior Intermediate Society, Presbyterian church 1:30 p. m.
Public Library open 2 to 5:30 p. m., Community Clubhouse.
Church of Christ; Demonstration 3 p. m., in church.
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davison; Bridge dinner and dance; Reef Garden Connellee Hotel, 6:15 and 10 p. m.

ELKS DANCE TONIGHT:
Gilder's Imperial Orchestra has been engaged for the Elks dance tonight which will probably be one of the best of the holiday season, offered by the Elks.

The football teams and their supporters will be open house guests of honor, and open house will also be kept for their friends, and the Elks usual guests.

The ballroom floor has been freshly gone over and presents a tempting invitation.

ENTERTAIN WITH FAMILY DINNER PARTY:
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovett were hosts for seven o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferrell, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Pearce of Frankel; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cates, of Ciser; Mr. and Mrs. Anorey Jameson; and Allen Harwood, student in law at the Randolph College, Cisco.

The table was covered with poinsettias and spaced with red lighted tapers in silver sticks. Above, the electrician was wreathed in mistletoe, and red globes shaded the lights.

A delicious turkey dinner with all appurtenances was served in five courses.

The guests were relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell, or host and hostess.

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DANCE AT CONNELLEE HOTEL ROOF GARDEN:
One of the best dances of the year will be given tonight on the roof garden of the Connellee Hotel.

Members of the younger set of Breckenridge, Ranger and Eastland will attend the function.

During the past week many dances have been held throughout the oilbelt.

Beginning with the Eastland Elks dance Monday night, the crowds have attended the Christmas eve dance at the local Elks Club, the morning dance of the Ranger Elks Club, the dance given by Misses Christine and Aline Burch at the Burch Hotel, Breckenridge, and the formal dance given last night at the Breckenridge country club by Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Woods.

A dance will be given tonight at the Eastland Elks Club and the holiday functions will be climaxed Saturday night with the dance given at the Connellee by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Davison, honoring their daughter, Majorie, and their son, George A. Davison, Jr.

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Did You Ever Stop To Think?
United States Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, says:
That the Nation is expecting farm relief action from congress, is entitled to it and ought to get it immediately. The country has waited long enough.

The program for farm relief as outlined by Mr. Hoover is designed to bring about stabilization of this industry, place the control of surplus production in the hands of the producers through cooperative marketing and stimulate the development of markets for farm products. It contemplates cooperation by the government with the farmers in this enterprise, not through subsidization but through the lending of funds needed in getting the program under way. This was done for the Federal Land banks and the intermediate Credit Banks. It is a logical and constructive way of helping the farmers solve their surplus marketing difficulty.

HOKS AND SLIDES
Henry L. Farrell

Cheap Prices Bring Business
THE serious business slump which threatened the business of fighting during the outdoor season apparently has been overcome by Tom McArdle, who has been only a short time on the job of making matches for Tex Rickard.

McArdle handled a number of small clubs in New York before he was drafted for the biggest job of his kind in the country and in the big house of Rickard's he applied the same methods that made him successful with the little clubs.

McArdle is essentially a good matchmaker. His little clubs a number of years ago had the best matches in New York for the cheapest prices. He wouldn't take the job at the Garden until he was assured of a free hand in making the match and the final word in setting the prices.

He decided on five dollar tops and he has been packing the big house week after week with matches that Rickard never wanted to bother with. It is estimated that boxing is now netting the Garden corporation a profit of \$20,000 a week. The boxers are satisfied with the dough they are getting and the customers are satisfied with what they are getting for their dough.

This Boy Looks Good
LESS than eighteen months ago, Al Singer, a little Bronx fellow, was an obscure and unknown preliminary boy looking for work around the little clubs in New York. A few nights ago he fought Tony Casoneri, former featherweight champion of the world, before the biggest crowd that ever had been assembled in the Garden. He was given a draw.

Sentiment, some of the critics thought, influenced the judges to give Singer a break in calling the fight a draw but they all seemed to agree that the boy is a coming champion.

He is growing out of the featherweight class and if he is not rushed along too fast he will have a good chance to win the 135-pound title.

Feed 'Em Hard Ones
SINGER's manager, was warned that he was rushing the boy too fast when he accepted the match with the experienced Cas-

oneri but he went on and proved his contention that Singer was too good to waste on bums.

Jim Corbett says the trouble with the modern manager is that he is not willing to take a chance. "Let young fellows fight the good ones with the big names," he says. "If they are beaten by a good one they will learn more and get more advertising than by winning from the punks."

Johany Risko did himself irremediable damage when he fought Ted Jackson, a terrible ham, and Jim Maloney in recent weeks. Risko had been out of the ring for months when he accepted a cheap match with Jackson, a notorious tank.

He couldn't possibly get any credit by beating Jackson and he discredited himself plenty when he hardly beat the big colored fellow.

Then he took a match with the thoroughly discredited Maloney and Maloney beat him. Maloney climbed back into the money over Risko and Risko fell right out of the fancy group of contenders for the retired one's title.

Real Competition For All-Star Crew

Blair Cherry's Aggregation Filled With Sparkling Gridiron Warriors.
Special to the Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 27.—That West team of All Stars is going to face some he-man competition this afternoon on the Eastland gridiron.

Coach Blair Cherry has gathered a collection of huskies who are expected to wallop the Oil Belt team.

For one thing, Cherry has gone outside the Dallas-Fort Worth district and has recruited three of the greatest stars of the Cleburne Yellow Jackets—the team that was ranked by Coach Dewey Mayhew of Abilene as next to his own Abilene Eagles.

Seaman Squyres, the lad about whom the famous eligibility dispute was waged; Taylor, fullback and McKinney, backfield man, are the Cleburne stars who will be on Cherry's team.

Squyres is declared by many to be the most spectacular backfield man in the state. He can punt 50 yards—and cut the ball out of bounds on the three-yard line. He can sail a pass 50 yards and he is a fine runner and line plunger. His absence from the Cleburne-Abilene game was a terrific blow to the chances of the Yellow Jackets. He has been a star for four seasons. Away back in 1925 when the heavy Cisco Lobos made 17 first downs and Cleburne made none, the score was 0-0 because of the wonderful punting of Squyres, then only 15-year old lad.

Taylor, Cleburne fullback, was placed on many All-State teams this year.

But these are not all the great players that Coach Cherry has. There is "Little" Sprague, who was voted the most valuable player in Dallas this season. He is the 190-pound kid brother of "Bud" Sprague, All-American tackle and captain of the Army team. Sprague is a powerful line plunger—the best Dallas has seen since Roy Lumpkin was in his glory.

Round Rock Grade Crossing Will Go

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Schedule of Baylor Games Completed

WACO, Texas, Dec. 28.—Hardly before the clod of football enthusiasm has cleared away, Coach Morley Jennings of Baylor University has announced his complete gridiron schedule for the season of 1929. Ten games are to be played by the Baylor Bears, six of which will be staged on the home ground.

Homecoming day will be on November 2, when the Bears meet the T. C. U. Horned Frogs on the Cotton Palace field in Waco. This year the Arkansas Razorbacks will play the Bears in Waco. The complete schedule follows:

- Sept. 21, Stephen F. Austin Teachers in Waco.
- Sept. 28, North Texas Teachers at Waco.
- Oct. 5, Trinity University at Waco.
- Oct. 12, St. Edwards University in Waco.
- Oct. 19, Arkansas University in Waco.
- Oct. 26, Centenary College at Shreveport, La.
- Nov. 2, T. C. U. in Waco. (Homecoming).
- Nov. 9, Texas University in Austin.
- Nov. 16, S. M. U. in Dallas.
- Nov. 28, Rice Institute at Houston.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence, son of Chief of Police H. E. Lawrence and wife, accompanied by his wife is visiting in the city. Lawrence lives at Corpus Christi and this is his first visit to Eastland in three years.

W. H. McDonald, wife and children, have returned from a visit to Mrs. McDonald's parents at Lancaster near Dallas.

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Unable to buy a gown for a party he has invited her to, Jerry yields to the temptation to slip one from the store for the evening. When they taunt her for being "dry" at the party, Jerry drinks too much. Dan appears to help her, but Alester takes her home.

She is discharged from the store when she confesses about the dress. Jerry seeks another job, and is surprised one evening when Dan calls. He proposes and she tells him she does not believe in love, but hopes to marry for money. He leaves after warning her.

Alester drives Jerry out to the deserted camp, where he makes advances, which she repulses. Dan happens by and Jerry makes Alester take her home. When he learns that she has lost her job on his account, he uses his influence to get her a place in a chorus.

Rehearsals are hard for her, but she is befriended by Evelyn Starr, who is in love with Jack Thane. Evelyn gives a party to celebrate the opening of the show at Atlantic City. Jerry goes with Dan when Alester says he cannot take her. But when Alester learns that she has gone with Dan, he arrives in a rage, demanding that she go home with him.

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MOM'N POP



She was seated in the car and Alester was shifting into gear when she exclaimed that she had forgotten something. He helped her out of the car.

"I'll just be a minute," she said and ran up the stairs. Once inside the house she went to the pay telephone and dropped a nickel in the slot.

A short wait and she got her number. She was glad that Evelyn answered—it saved time. Then she told her friend what she wanted her to do. Evelyn agreed to do as she was bid but Jerry was conscious of her reluctance. She was sorry that Evelyn did not approve of her plan, but all that mattered now was to have her do as Jerry had requested.

"When she knows why," Jerry said to herself, "she will appreciate the joke."

Finishing her call to Evelyn, she rushed upstairs to get her dressing case. And this time when she left the room she thrust the key under the door.

"I'm not used to this case," she explained as Alester took it from her.

"What time is your date?" Alester asked.

"One o'clock."

"You'll be late," he said. "Why don't you phone and say you're not coming?"

"Oh, no, I couldn't do that," Jerry protested. "It's really from one to half past."

"Come in with me," she invited when they stopped before the Ritz.

Alester summoned a doorman to whom he turned over his car and a dollar bill to see that it was well taken care of. He was not a bit leathe to learn who was to be Jerry's luncheon companion. In fact, he had intended to intrude into the situation whether she asked him or not.

Though Jerry was not familiar with the hotel, nevertheless she led the way with well assumed assurance to a certain location in the lobby that appeared to her to be a good meeting place.

Alester was taken in by her air of surprise at finding no one waiting for her.

"He'll be along presently," she said without mentioning any name. "Don't wait if you want to lunch at some other place."

She knew he wouldn't "lunch at some other place." Not even the Rock of Gibraltar seemed firmer in Jerry's mind than Alester's determination as expressed by his stance on the Ritz carpet—his feet apart and his arms folded across his chest.

There was a five-minute wait. And then Jerry was paged in accordance with a prearranged plan. Evelyn was instructed to advise the hotel operator that she would be with Mr. Alester Carstairs. Jerry knew that the mere mention of his name would bring result that hers would not.

"I'm glad you waited because now I can lunch with you," she said to him a little later. "I told D—my friend, that I couldn't wait another 15 minutes—it would make me too late getting started for Atlantic City."

Jerry felt well pleased with herself. She was going to drive down after all, and Alester had no reason to believe that she'd jump through a hoop for him at the snap of his fingers.

They had a delicious luncheon of squab en casserole and a frozen dessert. Jerry looked very smart in her plain blue dress and tight black hat. Alester had checked her old sports coat and she'd pinned the orchids on her shoulder. Not a few people stole frequent glances at her animated countenance. Jerry tried to forget Dan Harvey.

The drive to Atlantic City was delightful. It was one of those fall days when the sunshine is like

liquid gold and the sky as blue as Irish eyes. The cushioned seats of the roadster were deep and soft-sprung. Jerry relaxed and told herself to enjoy the good the gods provided and stop thinking of a lean brown man who held you like a gorilla against a pounding heart but would not kiss you...

She had thrilled to the Holland tunnel under the Hudson river—to the gently winding curves and unchecked speed, and to the thought of a great stream flowing over her head.

Was she—Jerry Ray—wearing orchids and riding beside a millionaire in an imported car, the same Jerry Ray who, a few short weeks before had counted her pennies and pulled down the heels of her stockings to hide the darns?

Yes, she guessed she was. The coat she wore proved it. Well, anyway, she would soon be able to send her mother a coat with a fur collar. And she could fold this old thing over her arm when she got to her hotel. She hoped she wouldn't need a warm wrap in Atlantic City.

They stopped at a gas station later on and Jerry removed her coat. Alester noticed that she tried to hide the worn lining. When he got back in the car he casually drew it over to his side and when Jerry became absorbed in the scenery he managed to drop it out of the car.

"Cold?" he asked her presently. "Yes," she said, "I think I'll put my coat on."

When she discovered that it was missing Alester inquired if she had anything of value in the pockets. Jerry said no.

"Then, if you don't mind wearing my topcoat, I'd rather not go back for yours," Alester told her. "It must have been picked up by this time anyhow."

"But I haven't another heavy coat," Jerry wailed.

"It was my fault," Alester declared. "You'll have to let me get you another in Atlantic City." He handed her his light topcoat and helped Jerry put it on. Then he took the wheel again and in a few seconds they were spinning along at 45.

Well, she'd have to send her mother a coat without a fur collar now, Jerry told herself. She hadn't resisted Alester's subsidizing instincts thus far only to yield over the loss of an old coat. She could make up for the fur with a dress later on. She wondered if clothes were very expensive on the Boardwalk.

But perhaps she'd better not buy anything more until after the show opened. Everyone said it was going to be a hit, but Jerry had been reading the theatrical news with great fidelity. She discovered that an appalling number of shows flopped.

What would she do if "Summertime" rolled over and kicked up its legs? No job! No money—not even a hall bedroom she could go back to!

The day lost some of its brightness for Jerry. There wasn't a dark cloud in the sky but her spirits dropped like a barometer before a storm. She kept her eyes on the road looking for bumps.

When they were down past Asbury Park she asked Alester if they'd reach Atlantic City before dark.

"Yes," he said, "We'll do 70 pretty soon."

"Take me to the Everett Hotel," she said. "Evelyn's staying there."

"Wouldn't you come to the Ambassador as my guest if I asked Miss Starr to share a suit with you?" Alester said pleadingly. "You don't know how I feel, Jerry, having so much money that isn't making life any pleasanter for you."

"But it is," Jerry responded instantly. "Why! I'd be back in New York watching the clock ring

now if it weren't for you. And I'd probably be having a roast-beef sandwich for dinner. Evelyn says the Everett is a nice place."

"Well, would you come to a little party?" Alester urged. "I've wired for rooms."

"Not tonight," Jerry said firmly. "We're going to work all day tomorrow for our final dress rehearsal."

"Tomorrow night, after the show?" Alester appealed. "You must come, then, Jerry; the party's in your honor."

"Who will be there?" "The whole show."

Jerry frowned. "Drinks?" she asked.

"Well, for those who want them."

Jerry said nothing more. She was thinking of what Dan had said to her about keeping her reputation unsullied, and suddenly she knew that she didn't want to go to a party Alester would throw—and not because she hoped to marry him.

(To be continued)

STAFF
Staff Dec. 27—There are quite a number of people in this community sick with the flu.

L. B. Bourland and wife motored to Eastland last Saturday.

Harry White has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White Harry is attending college at Denton, this being his third year in College.

Miss Maurine Garley visited home folks at Colony during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White were business visitors to Ranger last Friday.

Wylie Terry was on the sick list last week.

M. O. Hazard and Mr. Spurlin had business in Eastland last Wednesday.

Jack Wright is sick with the flu.

Rev. Mr. Holt and Rev. A. W. Cunningham of Carbon were visitors in the community last Friday.

Union school had a good program and Xmas tree on last Friday afternoon. Triumph had a Xmas tree on last Friday afternoon.

Lone Cedar gave a fine program and Xmas tree on last Monday night, which was well attended. Alameda had a Xmas tree on last Friday afternoon.

Miss Buleah Wright of Stamford spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wright.

Miss Addie Fonville of Desdemonia was a guest of Miss Jewell Nelson on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Crowley were shopping in Ranger last Monday afternoon.

Eddie Duncan and family of Eastland were visiting relatives in this community Xmas day.

O. F. Hazard and family accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White and son Harry, were Carbon visitors last Sunday afternoon.

Leon Bourland and wife of Eastland were visitors in the L. B. Bourland home on last Sunday afternoon.

Ralph White and family and Murry White and wife were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bourland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bourland on Xmas day.

Miss Jewell Nelson is sick with the influenza.

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December 30th, Mass today will be at 8 a. m. by Rev. P. Ruano. The events related in today's gospel of St. Luke 11:33-40. The events related in today's gospel, which is a continuation of the gospel for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Candlemas day, occurred in the temple at Jerusalem, forty days after the Nativity of Our Lord. Mary and Joseph carried the Divine Infant thither, to present him to the Lord, and thereby fulfill the Mosaic Law. Whilst Mary and Joseph with the Infant Jesus were in the temple, Simeon, led by the Spirit, came in also, and with a loud voice blessed God for having granted him the happiness of Saviour of the world. Anna, an aged widow, who was present, did the same. Let us meditate on what the gospel of this day says of Simeon, Anna and the Holy family.

Christian Science Society
Christian Science Society, Lamar and Plummer streets, Sunday Services 11 a. m. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Testimony Meetings Wednesday 8 p. m.
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First Methodist Church, South Mulberry Geo. W. Shearer, Minister.
Miss Drago, Choir director, Mrs. Norton, at the piano; Sunday school, J. A. Caton, Supt., 9:45 a. m.; Preaching, by pastor, 11:00 a. m.; Special music by choir; Epworth League, Joe King, president 6:30 p. m.; Preaching, Rev. C. O. Shugart, Presiding Elder, 7:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; Choir practice Thursday, 8:00 p. m.

On account of inclement weather we have not been able to complete our Orphanage collection. The last report of the Treasurer we had but half of the amount we are expected to raise. Our quota was not very large, and, we can easily raise the full amount. Please turn your offering in by next Sunday if possible. Help us to wind this matter up in the next week or ten days.

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CHURCH OF GOD
H. M. Sell, Pastor
Next Sunday is the last Sunday in the year. It is time for an inventory of our years work, in the church. Has the church progressed or has it retreated, and what part have you played in making it so? Then again, what is your personal testimony? Where are you in the religious realm of life?

Next Sunday also closes the study of Paul and his great work. The pastor will bring a message in the evening from "Paul's life and work." This message will be given in commemoration to Paul as we close the studies of him in our Sunday school lessons.

The morning message will be "Enlisting the church or the church at work"

The C. G. Y. P. will bring a program at 6:30 Sunday Evening. Entitled "Tired of Missions"

Everyone is invited to attend these services.

BAPTIST CHURCH
W. T. Turner, Pastor
"A Review of Pentecost," will be the theme of the sermon by Pastor W. T. Turner at 11:00 a. m. "Some of God's If's" will be the theme of the sermon at 7:15 p. m. The Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:00 p. m. All services are held at the old high school building except that the young people meet at the cottage near the Telephone building.

CHANEY
Dec 26—We have been having some real pretty weather the past week and everyone is enjoying it and they have finished the thrashing.

There is quite a bit of flu in the community this past week but we hope all to be well again soon. Mr. S. E. Thomas is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blackwell are reported better.

Miss Myrta and Minnie Dell Rose were in Chaney community Monday.

Mr. Dan Browning and family of Mertzan, Texas spent Saturday night with his uncle, R. R. Browning and left for East Texas Sunday morning accompanied by Mr. R. R. Browning.

The Christmas tree at Chaney Friday night was a great success with Jid Blackwell as Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gentry have moved to their new and future home on the S. E. Thomas place and gave a dance Wednesday night all reported a nice time.

Mrs. Lena Thomas is visiting in Lusk in Throckmorton County this week.

Most every one has killed hogs through this pretty but cold weather.

"Buck" Wheeler and family have been down with the flu but are doing fine now. They spent the day with her mother Mrs. Hendrix of Kokomo, Wednesday.

CIVIC CONTEST
CANTON, Texas, Dec. 27.—Wash pots, tubs, barrels and rubbish disappeared from view to be supplanted by grass, shrubbery and trees in the yard beautification contest recently ended at Edgewood in Van Zandt county. "Thirty five women entered the contest in two classes, and eighteen finished and had their yards scored according to the rules of the contest," says the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Mary E. Brandon. "The improvement spread to other communities and a total of 42 yards were made more beautiful at a cost of \$358.44 of which most was spent for 576 shrubs and trees and 1480 overgreen hedge plants. Ten new lawn were made, 12 houses given underpinning, 7 walks built 2 old wells fixed and cleaned out, 2 fences built and painted and many other changes made such as repairing gates, hauling off rubbish, hanging garage doors properly and remodeling door steps."

CROSBYTON—By order of the city council at Crosbyton, elm trees are being planted in the city park to replace locust trees that have died. The city square has been much improved by bermuda grass that was set out in the spring. Crosbyton people do their part in civic beautification by keeping attractive lawns.

EL PASO—Building permits issued here for first 11 months of 1928 totaled \$1,687, 409 and increase over same period last year of \$484,837.

With **HOOVER** in Latin America

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
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AMAPALA, Honduras (By mail)
"Any flapper senator in Tegucigalpa knows more about politics than many American statesmen," said an American business man from the Honduran capital.

To understand the things that happen in Central America it is necessary to get the significance of that assertion. The factors which permit the peculiar condition of politics in this section are intimately bound up with Central American development and the growth of Central American trade with the United States.

Politics, the soap, meat and desert of these republics, is carried on by a very small minority of wealthy, upper class, educated gentlemen who control the destinies of the vast majority of poverty-stricken people. The latter do all the agricultural and other heavy work—and often no work at all. The political class is generally Spanish, though there has been considerable intermarriage with American and all the European nationalities. The great lower class is generally Indian, with some mixture of Spanish and negro blood.

Revolutions and Elections
So passionate are the politics that revolutions have time and again followed elections, especially in Honduras and Nicaragua. Resultant disorganization, naturally, has held back the affected countries while more peaceful nations have forged ahead. The revolutionary tendency, however, is now distinctly on the wane. Asked what appeared to be the most hopeful sign of Honduran development, an American girl from Tegucigalpa replied:

"Well, we've just had our very first peaceful election!"

The election result was highly interesting from an American point of view. Dr. Vincente Mejia Colindres, the fusion candidate of the Liberal and Republican parties, was elected over the incumbent conservative or National

party. Dr. Colindres is a progressive medical man and an intellectual. Recognizing the pressing need for better transportation facilities in Honduras, which are bound up with future national development and foreign trade growth, he ran on a good roads platform reminiscent of some gubernatorial fights at home.

One often hears the cynicism that the names "liberal" and "conservative" mean nothing at all in Central American politics. But here on the scene one learns differently. The Liberals are not at all radical, but they are the more forward-looking and progressive lot.

U. S. Companies Involved
In the recent Honduran election, the three leading American fruit companies, United, Cuyamel and Standard, are said to have been involved up to their necks; fruit company operations in this country are so heavy that it is not surprising. United Fruit backed the Conservative candidate and lost. Cuyamel and Standard got behind the Liberal ticket and won.

Colindres told your correspondent through an interpreter that he hoped to complete a fine highway from Amapala, the Honduran Pacific port, through Tegucigalpa to the Atlantic. Like other progressive leaders, he realizes the need for American capital in developing his country.

The contrast between Colindres and the Tegucigalpans who came with him to Amapala to meet Hoover and the natives of the town was almost appalling. The former were all snappy dressers, comparatively speaking; they appeared cultured, sophisticated persons and one or two spoke as intelligible English as the average American. The latter, chocolate brown, were nearly all shoeless. Tegucigalpa, the capital, is without railroad facilities. A coast to coast railroad has been a Honduran dream for many years, but prospects for it are nebulous as there is not yet any economic justification for it in the eyes of investors.

General Improved Conditions Noted In This District

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—A sharp reduction in number of commercial failures, unusual large volume in retail distribution with sustained buying in wholesale channels and a rising tide in bank deposits are cited as the chief features of the business and industry situation in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during the past month by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in its monthly business review.

Agricultural conditions are generally favorable, according to review. The crop harvest is practically completed. Farmers have progressed well with their plowing operations. Winter wheat and oats are growing rapidly. Despite a setback in livestock and ranges during November, present conditions indicate that livestock will go into the winter in excellent shape.

Commercial failures were fewer than in any month since July, 1927. The combined indebtedness of defaulting firms showed a notable reduction as compared with the previous month and the corresponding month last year. The 23 failures in November had liabilities of \$756,000 which compares to 65 defaults in October with an indebtedness of \$857,125 and 68 insolvencies in November, 1927, owing \$818,200.

Late reports indicate that Christmas shopping, which began earlier than usual this year, has proved to have been unusually heavy in December. Heavy consumer demand in rural sections is reflected by numerous replacement orders at wholesale establishments at a season when distribution usually slackens perceptibly.

These factors are noted in the review as illustrative of the strong position of business and industry in the Southwest.

No unexpected developments in the financial situation have been disclosed during the past 30 days. There has been some diminution in the demand for credit due to the slowing down in the movement of the district's commodities. Federal Reserve Bank loans which amounted to \$15,143,053 on December 15 were \$4,372,725 less than those of a month earlier. There were \$9,510,657 greater than the corresponding period last year. The combined net demand and time deposits of member banks rose to \$963,139,000 on November 7, the highest point on record and represent a gain of \$17,069,000 over those of a month earlier and \$55,996,000 over those on Nov. 9, 1927.

Construction activity reflected improvement last month with the valuation of building permits issued at principal centers 21 per cent larger than those in October and 11 per cent larger than those of a year ago. The production and shipments of cement declined sharply from a large volume in October as did those of lumber.

The November receipts of cotton at the ports of Houston and Galveston reflected a substantial seasonal decline as compared to those of the previous month. Exports from these ports were considerably larger than those of a year ago.

large number of wells which proved to have a small initial flow and to the largest percentage of failures.

In November 672 wells were completed. Of this number 339 were producers with an initial production of 228,591 barrels and compares with 623 completions in October of which 348 were oil producers yielding new production of 409,524 barrels.

PLAINVIEW—An extension road improvement has been started by the citizens of Plainview. Five city blocks have recently been ordered paved by the city council. This will include paving of the streets on two sides of the Plainview sanitarium, and widening of seventh street. A dip in seventh street will be eliminated.

SABINAL—New Sabinal deep well recently opened.

The domestic consumption of cotton during November amounted to 619,884 bales as compared to 618,788 bales in October and 626,742 bales in November, 1927.

The Department of Agriculture in its December 1 report estimated Texas cotton production at 5,150,000 500-pound gross weight bales which was the same as the estimate a month earlier. This report shows that the state's production this year has been exceeded by 5,628,000 bales in 1925.

Weather conditions in November were generally favorable to cotton picking and 536,541 bales were ginned. Practically all cotton except scrapings was gathered in all portions of the state except the northwest and parts of the western half of the state. Rainfall earlier in the season was an important factor in the decreased yield in these sections.

The lower production of cottonseed products reflects the small amount of cottonseed that has been crushed in the mills although receipts of cottonseed at Texas and all United States mills have been larger during the first four months of the current season.

Production of crude petroleum in this district during November which amounted to 22,161,950 barrels reflects a considerable decrease compared to the heavy output in October. Last month's production figure represents a decline of 991,126 barrels in total output and 8,141 barrels in the daily average rate. A substantial increase in the daily average yield was reported for the first two weeks in December.

Although November witnessed a sharp gain in the number of new wells completed, the new production added fell considerably under that for October. The decline in initial production was due to the

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