

Eastland Telegram

TODAY'S NEWS TODAY!

Counties May Have to Pay Part on Road Bonds

PEEPING THRU THE KNOTHOLE with BILL MAYES

If one will just read over the letters to Santa Claus, more than 50 of which are now in the office to be published in the paper...

With only three more shopping days until Christmas, the merchants of this section of the county are expecting more business...

Negro Loses His Appeal For Life... AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—Carter Rollins, negro, given a death verdict as the slayer of David R. Reed...

Christmas Customs from FOREIGN LANDS... In the frozen far north, where—it may surprise you—Christmas trees aren't to be found...

SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

FEE SYSTEM COSTS \$500 PER CONVICTION

MANY TRIALS NEVER CALLED REPORT SAYS

Legislature To Be Asked To Take Action At Regular Session... AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—It costs the state of Texas \$500 for every conviction it secures on felony indictments...

HORNED FROG SHIPMENTS ARE UNDER FIRE

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Criticism of Texans who are shipping horned frogs by mail and of postal authorities who say safe shipment is possible to any place in the United States...

McDonald Is Due In Washington To Discuss Farm Bill

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture, scheduled to arrive in Washington, D. C., today to assist in working out a plan to rescoup southern agriculture...

Houston Attorney Is Found Shot

HOUSTON, Dec. 21.—Minor Stewart, prominent attorney and president of the Houston Title Guaranty company, died today of a gunshot wound in his bedroom...

Knights of Pythias Have Noted Visitor

The initiatory meeting announced for Tuesday night by the Knights of Pythias, was called off at their session held last night, and will be featured at the first meeting in January...

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF HODGES OAK PARK WORKS OUT PLAN TO CASH WARRANTS

The members of the executive committee of the Hodges Oak Park Parent-Teachers association of Ranger met in the office of Principal Hatley this morning with Dr. Walter Jackson, member of the school board present...

Beards Are Urged as New Men's Style

PARIS.—At least once a year the French capital attempts to steal from London some of its thunder as arbiter of men's fashions...

Edison Medal His

Bancroft Cherard (above), vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, has been awarded the Edison medal for 1932 for his contributions to electrical communication...

Defendant Freed; Becomes Fugitive

DOTHAN, Ala.—Alabama laws prevent courts from trying a man unless he is present. Duncan Wilson was on trial here recently, but sides completed the examination of witnesses and court recessed until the next morning...

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GOOD CHEER FUND DRIVE FOR RANGER

Solicitation of funds for the Christmas Good Cheer fund for the needy of the city of Ranger will begin Thursday morning promptly at 9 o'clock...

FIGHT BEGUN ON CHANGING COLLIER BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A wide-open fight on amendments to the Collier beer bill broke out in the house today as anti-prohibition leaders pushed toward a vote on the measure...

Bandit Suspect Is Being Sought In All Hospitals

FORT WORTH, Dec. 21.—Hospitals here were watched by police today for a bandit suspect they believed they wounded when three men fled from a parked sedan as a squad car of officers approached late last night...

Garner's Office Is Flooded Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Speaker Garner was flooded today by his private office today by a clogged water basin. When the water became too high for comfort the speaker sought sanctuary in an outer office with the remark "It looks like the wet tide is rising..."

Postoffice Force At Eastland Will Keep Office Open

Announcement was made today that the Eastland postoffice will be open all day on Saturday, Dec. 24, so that Christmas packages might be mailed. The postoffice has been closing at noon on Saturdays, but will remain open until 6 o'clock this Saturday.

STATE CAN PAY ONE THIRD OF THE PRINCIPAL

Interest and One Third of Principal To Have \$48,765 Deficit... AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—Texas counties with outstanding road bond issues, still will have to make a partial payment in 1933 on their bonds, despite the act of a special session of the legislature diverting one cent of the gasoline tax for the purpose...

Auto Licenses Must Be Paid By Last of January

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Registration of every car and truck in Texas, now open, will send the owners first to a headlight testing station and next to the county tax collector's office. It will start more than \$15,000,000 on the way to county treasurers and the state highway-building fund...

Eastland Lions Hear a Talk by Dr. W. P. Jackson

John A. Burke and George Belcher, program chairman for the Lions club luncheon Tuesday, presented Dr. W. P. Jackson of New York City, in an interesting talk along the lines of his work, that of sane hygienic recreation and the need for same in this machine age...

Toys Collected For Eastland Children

Troop No. 3, Boy Scouts of Eastland, is busy engaged in collecting toys from over the town and are storing them in the office of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. When all the toys that can be found in the town are collected, they will be repaired by the scouts and will be distributed among the needy children of Eastland on Christmas...

Weather

By United Press. West Texas—Generally fair to night. Slightly colder in extreme southeast portion. Thursday increasing cloudiness, rising temperatures in west.

U. S. Mails

(Mail for Fort Worth and beyond 10:00 a. m.) Daily West—12:00 p. m. Daily East—4:18 p. m. Airmail—Night planes, 4:00 p. m. Day planes, 8:50 p. m.

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A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

GOD IS MERCIFUL: Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9: 17.

LAGUARDIA SOUNDS A WARNING

Rep. F. L. LaGuardia of New York made a spectacular demand that distillers and brewers "get out and stay out of Washington." He described before the house ways and means committee his message as a warning "against abuses that might defeat repeal of the 18th amendment."

FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUES WARNING

Federal Judge James C. Wilson of Texas was a congressional lawmaker before he was placed on the bench to interpret the laws of the nation. Holding court in the city of Fort Worth he declared that prosecution of federal agents would be resorted to if the practice of entering homes without warrants was not stopped.

GOVERNOR BILL EVER IN THE PICTURE

Gov. William H. Murray is ever in the picture. As a copy maker he has Huey Long distanced. He commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Ignacio Gomez, a 17-year-old Mexican youth who pleaded guilty to robbery with firearms.

DERRICK SHADOWS

By V. MARIE STEPHENS

I knew him in school as a tall, gaunt, stringy-haired person with pimples on his face and a decidedly feminine tang to his voice.

I read mystic tales about the tribes of Africa. They are wild men with no knowledge of civilized



Beauty vs. Brains—Which Wins?



Gavi Gordon, Lillian Miles and Jack Holt in "Man Against Woman," which comes to the Ranger Arcadia today.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE, Shawnee, Oklahoma

GOV. GEORGE WHITE, of Ohio, says: "Through the elimination of non-essentials of government, abolishment of unnecessary jobs and reduction of public payrolls in conformity with decreases found necessary in industry, we have demonstrated that it is possible to check the rising tide of administrative expenditures."

"There is more to be accomplished. As the exploration of the possibilities of economy in governmental finance continues, with an aroused public sentiment backing up resolute public officials conscientiously trying to do their duty, we shall find that savings of millions by a single state can be multiplied into savings of billions when sound business policies have been introduced into government on a national scale."

"The day of reckless tax spending is past. We have entered an era of judicious conservation of public monies and greater efficiency in government. Candidates for political office no longer can get by with mere preaching of economy; they must practice it when intrusted with responsibility."

of authority. They still exist, buying and selling suppose grains and fruits and dress goods . . . unloading guns and bombs and liquor on an unsuspecting (?) city. Loveless, Godless, heartless men living in the swimming midst of death and horror and fear. Yesterday a ghastly memory, today a gamble, tomorrow . . . ? And so Capone's "brains" lay dying in a hospital, begging to live.

THREE GUESSES



Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities like American Can, Am P & L, Am F & Pwr, Am Smelt, Am T & T, Anaconda, Auburn Auto, Avn Corp Del, A T & S F Ry, Barnsdall, Beth Steel, Byers & M, Canada Dry, Case J I, Chrysler, Cons Oil, Conth Oil, Curtiss Wright, Elect Au L, Elec St Bat, Fox Films, Gen Elec, Gen Foods, Gen Mot, Gillette S R, Goodvear, Int Cement, Int Harvester, Johns Manville, Kroger G & B, Lin Carb, Montk Ward, M K T Ry, Nat Dairy.

HERE AND THERE

By ELVIE B. JACKSON

Play, that opposite of work, was recognized centuries ago as, necessary to the human being and his preservation of mental, nervous and physical health as the food, he ate, and other means used for preservation of normal condition.

It is nothing new for the present century that value of organized play has been discovered. For this value was recognized and put into active operation as long ago as the first Olympiad in Greece, which is computed to be exactly 776 years before the birth of Christ.

Those famous Olympic games by which the ancient Greeks reckoned their time were held each four years, and originated in Olympiad, a district in Elis, where the games were celebrated, and continued until the last Olympiad of those times which would correspond to the year 393 after Christ.

For months and months the youth who purposed entering these games were subjected to skillful training, organized play in running, vaulting, dancing, and swimming, in preparation for their great test in the games.

Today, in this modern hour, recreational play is regarded as the outlet for overtaxed nerves, barren living, and an antidote for hard times; and means of relaxing the entire physical system, thereby fitting the man, woman, or child to better cope with the complications and exigencies of today.

This is known as the "machine age," when everything is at a high tension, and human brain has evolved magnificent machinery, that takes the place of the work by the hands of men and women, thereby throwing the human world into a chaos of unemployment and overwork.

This is the age, when little children are working in the dark of coal mines, are tending painfully over looms, in knitting mills, their weakened fingers, occasionally pressing lack luster eyes; and when the day comes to an end, finds their bodies too tired to play and minds too dull to recognize there is such a thing as existence!

This is the age and day when the men of the house comes home, after a ceaseless search for work, to a household that would otherwise be brooding if some determined spirit had not introduced the element of play.

Piano music, the informal home family dance; a chase in the cool air on the sidewalk; a gathering at a neighbor's home for an interval of social contact about an informal card table; All play, all life saves. For many a man and woman today, whose home is filled with nice furnishings, handsome dishes, solid silver, and imported bric-a-brac faces an empty kitchen closet, no bank account, and no salary job.

What is there to do, under these circumstances? These material things would be impossible to dispense of at this time, for others who would buy, are in the same condition, as they which faces the majority of our country today.

And then the problem of our young people arises, and how to keep them happy and gay; for so much that they have been accustomed to has to be denied them today; pretty clothes, treats, pocket money, parties, movies, on a lot of things, so Dad and Mother must now put on their thinking caps, and provide these young folks with informal evenings when youth meets youth under proper environments and a series of organized play provides entertainment.

Yes, this is the machine day of living but not, thank God, the machine age of the mind and the heart of countless thousands who will face the situation as it is, and resolve that established recreation shall be one of the rules of conduct for their families.

Biblical Quotation

HORIZONTAL: 1 You, 5 Venomous snakes, 9 Rings, as bells, 10 Fern of shall, 12 To lay bare by frostion, 13 Tale published in successive numbers of a magazine, 15 Fortification work, 18 Cast of a language, 18 Decrees, 20 Absurdity, 23 To cancel, 24 To verify, 26 Let it stand, 27 Drives, in this modern hour, recreational play is regarded as the outlet for overtaxed nerves, barren living, and an antidote for hard times; and means of relaxing the entire physical system, thereby fitting the man, woman, or child to better cope with the complications and exigencies of today.

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Times Receives a Big Christmas Card

The Ranger Times is in receipt of a large Christmas card from W. K. Kellogg, most heartily endorsed by Earle J. Freeman and Charles F. Baumgart, officials of the Kellogg company, together with samples of each kind of product put out by the company.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

"Watch Our Windows" Killingsworth, Cox & Co. Phone 29; Night, 129-J, 37-W Ranger, Texas

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Waco Man Gets Perfect Relief Rheumatism By

CRAZY CRYSTALS

Crazy Water Company, Mineral Wells, Texas. Gentlemen: I suffered from chronic constipation for fifteen years with rheumatism in my right arm and shoulder for the past two years. Had it so badly that I could hardly raise my hand to my head. A few months ago I began using Crazy Crystals and they have given me perfect relief from both troubles. I cannot praise them too highly. Signed: JACK W. M'GLASSON, 1517 Colcord Ave., Waco, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm 9 years old, and I have a doll named Bessie. I like to play with my dolls and I like to read books. I have a dog named Spot and a cat named Mittens. I like to go to school and I like to play with my friends. I hope you can bring me a new toy for Christmas. Yours truly, [Name]

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl 10 years old, and you know all little girls like dolls, so please, Santa, bring me a doll and also bring me a set of dishes. Please don't forget my uncle, H. L. Stewart. He wants a bag of marbles and a top. Please don't forget the candy, gifts and nuts. Your pal, MARIE BRINGTON, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a school girl 10 years old. I want a pair of roller skates, gloves, and a pair of beach pajamas, fruits, candy and nuts. If you have not plenty you can take to all the little children if not leave off the pajamas. I'll be good and I'm looking for you. BILLIE LAWSON, 711 South Rusk, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I want a gun and scabbard with belt and bullets in the belt. Also a gun and a violin. Also a top that winds up, some candy, nuts and fruit. I am 10 years old. Please bring me and my brother some fireworks. JAMES LAWSON, 711 South Rusk, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am 7 years old. I go to Coop's school. I want a gun and two drum sticks, a gun and scabbard with a belt and bullets, candy and nuts and fruit. I would like to win a pair of your roller skates. JACK LAWSON, 711 South Rusk, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I wish you would come to see me. Please bring me a pair of shoes and some fruit and a good Christmas dinner and cap gun, shells and a pair of underwear. I have a sister 11 and a little brother 3 and I am 9. And that is all. We live in Mrs. Walker's house on the Caddo highway. Yours truly, JAMES ADAMS.

Dear Santa: I wish you would come and see me. Please bring me a pair of shoes and a pair of stockings and a good Christmas dinner and that is all I want. I have a little brother 3 and one 9 and my little brother wants some fruit and I do too and he wants a dump truck and that is all. We will be glad to get that and thank you very much. Yours truly, LOUIE AND CECIL LEE ADAMS.

Dear Santa Claus: I have just heard Daddy read about your ad in the Ranger Times that you are going to give five pairs of roller skates to five children who will write you the best letter, and they must be 7 to 12 years old. I am only 6 years old, but I am sure you will be glad for me to enter the contest. I would like to have a Daisy doll, trunk of clothes, and a set of dishes for her. Please don't forget sister and brother and other children. Good-bye, Santa. With love to you from your friend, ADELL HASSEN, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old and my mother says I am the sweetest little girl in the world so please come to see me this year and bring anything you want. Don't forget my little friend, Marian Jane Bishop. I love her and I love you. BABY SNYDER, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 11 years old and in the seventh grade. I want a bathrobe and a pair of house shoes to match. I would also like to get a pair of gloves and a purse. I am trying to get a pair of those skates. IMA GENE REYNOLDS, Ranger, Texas.

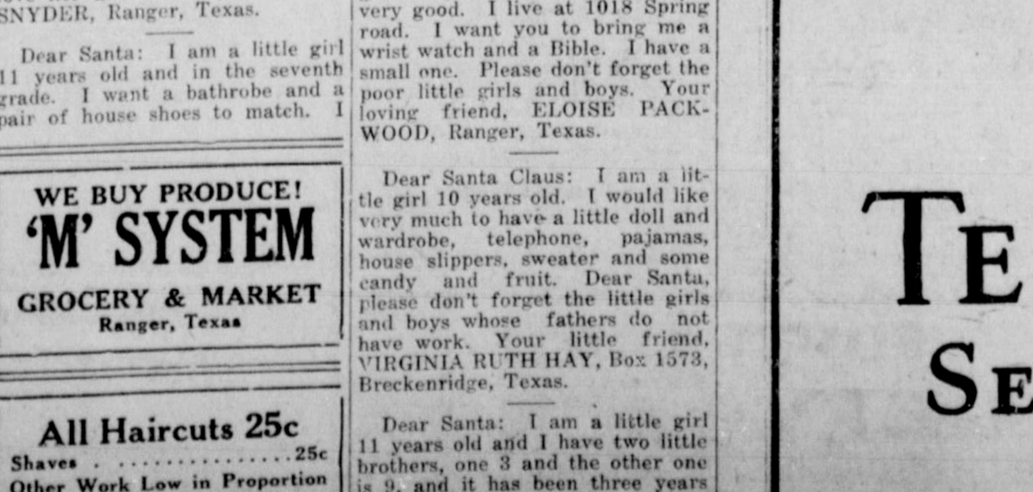
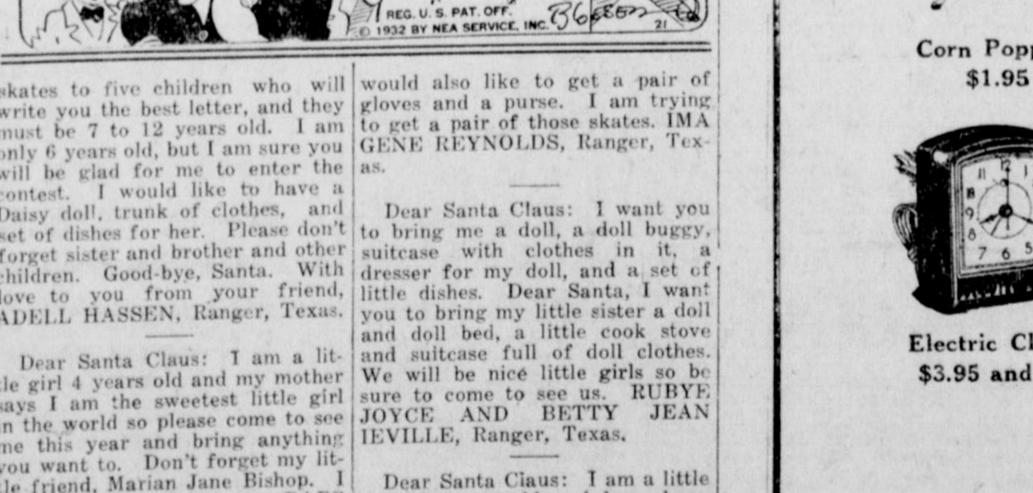
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a little sister a doll and doll bed, a little cook stove and suitcase full of doll clothes. We will be nice little girls so be sure to come to see us. RUBY, JOYCE AND BETTY JEAN JEVILLE, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old and have been very good. I live at 1018 Spring road. I want you to bring me a wrist watch and a Bible. I have a small one. Please don't forget the poor little girls and boys. Your loving friend, ELOISE PACKWOOD, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old. I would like very much to have a little doll and wardrobe, telephone, pajamas, house slippers, sweater and some candy and fruit. Dear Santa, please don't forget the little girls and boys whose fathers do not have work. Your little friend, VIRGINIA RUTH HAY, Box 1573, Breckenridge, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 11 years old and I have two little brothers, one 3 and the other one is 9, and it has been three years since you came to see us. My baby brother, Cecil Lee, doesn't know there is any Santa Claus and

The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop) By Cowen



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Local--Eastland--Social

OFFICE 60- ELVIE H. JACKSON TELEPHONES RESIDENCE 288

Tonight. Methodist church Sunday school Christmas tree, 7 p. m., primary department. Christian church, choir practice, 8 p. m., Wilma Beard, director, Mrs. James A. Beard, pianist.

Thursday. Chanyata group Camp Fire Girls, council fire, 6 p. m., residence Mrs. J. L. Johnson. Carolyn Cox and Joan Johnson in charge. Mrs. W. P. Palm, guardian.

Methodist church, choir practice, 7 p. m., Wilda Drago, director, Mrs. Joe A. Gibson, pianist. Mrs. Sue Spencer, kindergarten recital, program and playlet, 7:30 p. m., First Baptist church auditorium. Public invited.

Rebekah lodge, 7:30 p. m., L. O. O. F. hall. Church Christmas Parties Holding Attention. The week before Christmas seems to be the time that belongs to the church organizations, and their pretty social affairs, in the way of Christmas parties, and other special observances of the season, arranged by church societies.

The very lovely "at home," tendered the Friendship class of the First Christian church by Mrs. Charles C. Robey marked an auspicious opening of the latter week church entertainments.

In compliment to Mr. Robey, who is superintendent of the Sunday school of the Christian church, and as a compliment to the classes, the hostess arranged an unusual evening marked with Christmas effects and originalities, for Tuesday.

Mrs. Robey's work in her own church, the Methodist, has long been recognized for its value and devotedness. The entire Robey home was beautifully decorated in Christmas greens, the mantel piece glistening in snow and icicles, that also hung to the great eave above, and below, the roaring fire sent its snappy sparks of welcome. In advance of this stood the handsome Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted and decorated. The ensemble was picturesque, and christmassy.

Six tables arranged for "42" with Christmas-card appointments claimed the attention of the major portion of the guests, and prefaced an old-time school program and "exhibition" before the Christmas tree, presided over by Mrs. E. R. Johnson, president of class, as the old-time school marm. An interruption of school was caused by the Santa, Mrs. Fred Maxey, who gave out the presents of toys from the tree and closed the entertainment feature.

Mrs. Robey served a delicious plate of chicken sandwiches, potato flakes, olives, salted nuts, and nut-date-pecan pie with coffee to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gattis, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fiensy, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxey, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Johnston, Mrs. J. H. Caton, Mrs. J. E. King, Misses Sallie Day, Wilma Beard, Jeanne Johnston, Mr. Hicks of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. Robey.

Pretty Program Tomorrow Night. Mrs. Sue G. Spencer will present her kindergarten in play, song and story recital, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Baptist church. It had been originally intended to hold the recital in the high school auditorium, but due to the closing of the schools, the recital was changed to the Baptist church. The public is invited to attend.

Home Makers Class Party. The Home Makers class of the Baptist church enjoyed a pretty Christmas party Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Horace Condliey, who was assisted in hospitality by her group, Meses. Ben Hamner and W. B. Pickens, co-hostesses. The delightful games were directed by Mrs. Artie Liles and Mrs. Condliey. The house was very charmingly decorated in mistletoe and had a canopy of red and green streamers, that stretched from ceiling corners to chandelier, festooned with holly and mistle-

toe. Red candles were used for illuminating the pretty scene. The major contest of an advertising nature brought the winning favor, a toy wheelbarrow filled with Christmas candies to Mrs. Hamner, and the second, a word contest from "Merry Christmas" was awarded Mrs. William Sherriffs, presented a framed etching as favor.

A real Santa Claus entered and the forget-me-not gifts from the tree were distributed and also interchanged with Christmas toys, which will be sent with the other toys similarly donated by clubs to Mrs. Walter I. Clark and Mrs. Fred W. Blatt for Christmas distribution among less fortunate children on Christmas eve.

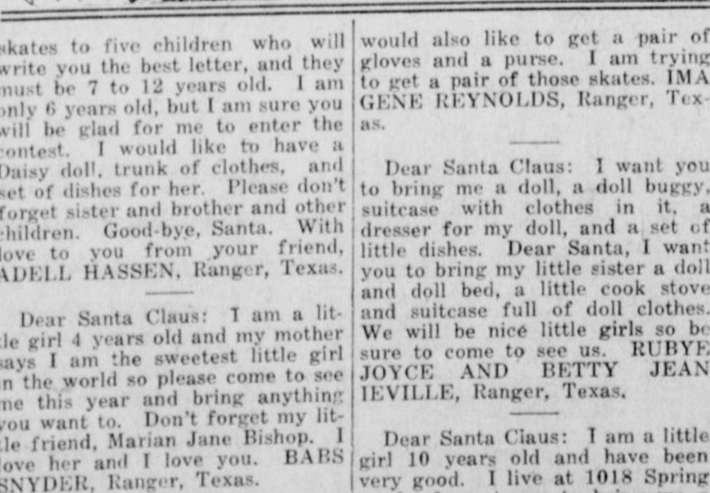
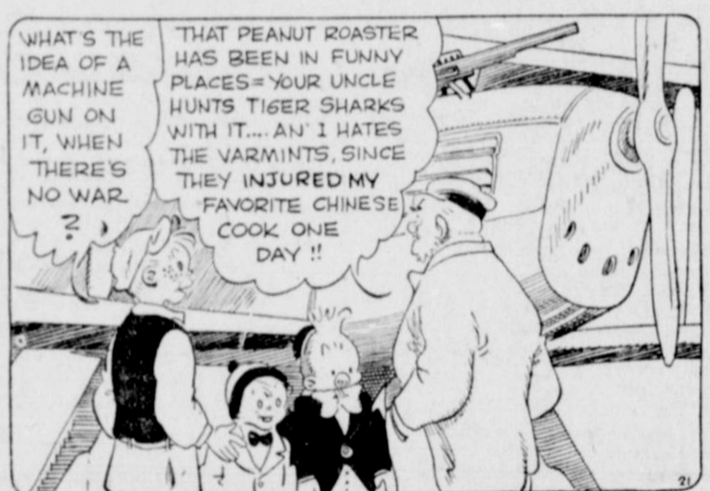
A lovely effect was obtained in the serving of refreshments as each plate bore an individual fruit cake centered with a burning red taper, and flanking, fruit marshmallow pudding with whipped cream topping served with salted pecans and coffee, and carrying the plate favor of a nosegay of mistletoe bound in red and green ribbons.

Those present, Meses S. D. Phillips, Ben Hamner, E. R. Wenterford, Claude Maynard, Artie Liles, Clyde L. Garrett, V. E. Vesels, W. B. Pickens, W. T. Morgan, C. T. Lucas, Fred Scott, William Sherriffs, and Horace Condliey.

Fidelis Matrons Annual Christmas Party. Mrs. W. D. R. Owen was house hostess to the Christmas party of the Fidelis Matrons class of the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon, when the program was presented under direction of the social chair-

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FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



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SATURDAY Is Your Last Shopping Day

Saturday night is zero hour for Christmas shoppers—if you've not finished your list by then, it will be just too bad. It will only take a minute—phone our store and order the percolator, toaster or whatever it is you want—we'll send it to you. Let us help you with your last minute buying.



Electric Ranges as Low as \$114.50

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- Cookers \$7.95
- Food Mixers \$16.45 and Up
- Urn Sets \$17.45 and Up

Opposite of... Carmine... Encountered... Small European herring... Joints of... Above... Birds' homes... To read... Woolly surface of cloth... Burden... Glazed clay blocks... Indian tobacco... Is called this... Legal claims... Ages... Snaky fish... Star-shaped... Turkish money... Self... Corded cloth... File... Bugle plant... Instruction... E SERVICE... Cox & Co... I. Davis... nd Music... ADE... Six% in... will let... nd Sold... E CO... orth, Texas... Relief... fifteen... that I... A few... and they... oubles. I... SSON... CRYSALS... razy water... today—the... ny... ystals Way!

Week-end MURDER

GABRIELLE E. FORBUSH
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BEGIN HERE TODAY

LINDA AVERILL believes her elderly cousin, AMOS PEABODY, was murdered when he fell from the second story balcony of the Averill Long Island home because of a few words he uttered before his death. Linda rushes upstairs. Someone tries to strangle her and she faints.

There are four guests in the house—all suspects of the crime. They are: MR. STATLANDER, business associate of TOM AVERILL; ELI CAPTAIN DE VOS, handsome Belgian; MARVIN PRATT, former saloon owner; and LILY SHAUGHNESSY, Irish writer.

Since there is no evidence on which to base an arrest, Linda and Tom, her husband, set themselves to solve the crime. They are aided when DR. BOYLE, medical examiner, sends word that everyone must remain until he has questioned them. Boyle is on a fishing trip and can not return for several hours.

Linda finds the towel with which the attempt was made to strangle her—identified by a smear of southern ointment.

Linda then goes to the balcony and searches for the shirt. Shaughnessy finds this out. To see matters right Linda tells him the shirt was in the laundry of the "county" death Shaughnessy instructs Tom and Linda that he saw Statlander replacing the broken railing of the balcony and that his manner was queer.

VERY FEUR STOMER invites DeVos to a dinner party next evening. Tom still has business to discuss with Statlander and is agreed all the guests shall stay over until Monday morning.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XXXVII

"I FEEL as though this morning was six months away," murmured Linda. "How do you feel otherwise?"

"Tom Averill studied his wife keenly as she relaxed on the chaise longue.

"All right, dead heat, of course, but nothing serious. Why?"

"Because, Binks, if you can stand the heat, it is better to hold things over now. I needn't go right back—they're perfectly happy without me—and too much has happened to sleep over it. That is, if we mean to carry this through we ought to straighten out this evening's plannings. Are you agreed?"

Her eyes were almost closed but she managed to open them again.

"Absolutely," she said, "but give me a minute to get comfortable. I thought it was not out of this room's better."

"Come here a moment," said Tom quietly, and as she stood beside him at the door, there came the rhythmic sound of gentle snoring from the next room.

"It sounds real," he whispered, "but don't take any chances. Binks Remember—when I go—"

Shutting the door again he indicated the key in the lock.

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than anything that day the constant menace which hovered over them. But she sponged off quickly and appeared, cool and perfectly calm, to enquire herself by the window toward the water.

"And now for the parley," she said. "First, what do you think about Mr. Shaughnessy now?"

"We can't count him out altogether," Tom answered slowly. "He hasn't explained and he won't explain all there is against him and, while I think that's just stubborn Celtic pride, it leaves him still open to suspicion. Yet on the whole he pretty well cleared himself."

"And pretty well implicated Mr. Statlander."

TOM threw her a quick, appreciative glance.

"You saw that, too? Yes—he turned suspicion from himself very neatly."

"You saw that he told could easily have happened."

"Yes, we can't disprove it certainly."

"And there was something about the way he said it that rang true. That bit about how Mr. Statlander turned away as if he didn't want to see—"

"I thought of that. It's the type of thing that's hard to make up."

"And what he said about the towel fitted in."

He made it fit. He could have invented all that after you told him about the attack and how you found the towel in Statlander's hamper."

"But on the whole I believe him."

"And on the whole, so do I."

"Yes, what he said, lowering her voice instinctively, "we come from Mr. Statlander. He certainly seems our best suspect."

"There's a lot against him. I've heard in the office that he's a terrible man, but with a terrible temper and he's certainly acted Prussianly on any of us here. He has that thick-set, sturdy physique that often means abnormal strength, and he's in splendid condition. His temper—well, I can testify he has not been a minute to get comfortable. I thought it was not out of this room's better."

"Come here a moment," said Tom quietly, and as she stood beside him at the door, there came the rhythmic sound of gentle snoring from the next room.

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for the personal questions he's asked me—and questions about the house."

"Yes, He's inquisitive as the devil. But neither does that necessarily mean that he's murderer."

Linda shivered. "That's a terrible word, Tom."

"I know," he sobered quickly. "Binks—we can call in the police the first thing in the morning—or even tonight."

"There'll still be time," she said. "Till after dinner tomorrow we stick to our guns. Have you planned any line of attack for the day?"

"If we eliminate Shaughnessy, we have Statlander, Pratt and DeVos to be considered. Suppose you let me tackle Pratt in the morning. I'll do my best—don't worry about my getting along with him."

SHE laughed.

"All right. You can do it if you really try."

"As for Statlander—in the first place, he is still to be prevailed upon to stay, and while I think he will, if he refuses, that spills the beans. Then you'll have to pump him about the towel. That's your end of the house. DeVos we can both have in mind. I didn't like that break about getting to the room before I did."

"Oh, must I wrestle with that Statlander man again?" groaned Linda. "That seems almost more than I can bear."

"Perhaps I can help you some. I'll try. But I know one thing. Binks, I shan't let you out of my sight with him after this."

"Could he break me in two as easily as he did the golf club?" she teased, but at sight of his face repeated. "Sorry, Tommy! Somehow I still can't believe it. Well—it's time for you to go down. I do think we made some progress, don't you?"

"Yes—some," he said soberly, but inwardly he felt far more than he had 12 hours earlier. They had something on every body—but nothing concretely definite on anybody. Well, the night might bring counsel! He waited in the hall until he heard the little click of the key turning then went slowly downstairs.

Linda, left alone, found sleep harder to coax than she had expected. She heard more faintly than from the hall the even measure of what she supposed to be Mr. Statlander's slumbers. She heard the crash of gravel as Annie and Rosie returned and their whispers and movement in the kitchen below as they—she hoped—left everything in order for the

morning.

And sooner far than she would have anticipated, she heard voices in the lower hall, the purr of a self-starter as the Stokers' chauffeur turned over his engine, and the farwheels of the department.

Then Tom's voice in the upper hall, bidding the two men good-night, and she was out of bed and at the door to open it again before he knocked.

After that, with the sense of relief and return to normal which his presence gave, she fell into a sleep so deep, so dreamless, that it seemed but the passing of a moment before she woke to find the room filled with morning sun and knew that the final day of their adventurous week-end had come.

FEELING the sense of conscious virtue which for some reason early waking gives, she decided she would get up and dress, if she could, without rousing her husband. Sitting up in bed, however, she perceived Tom by the window.

"Hello, Binks. Awake for good or going back to sleep?"

"Awake and going to get right up. Has anything happened?"

"Nothing—yet. I've been thinking things over though, honey, and I feel more encouraged than I did last night." He glanced at the clock. "Why don't you bathe and dress then come over here and we can talk a bit before we have to go down."

Ten minutes later she was ready—her shower-wet hair combed in sleek waves, her eyes eager, her brown legs curled on the chaise longue near the big chair where he had watched her rapid toilet appreciatively.

"And they talk about the feminine vanity of lingering over the ritual of dressing!" he murmured. "That's one of my bachelor delusions. My testimony has completely destroyed it."

"Not everyone is such a rapid fire artist as I," retorted Linda. "Having to work taught me lots besides office politics."

"But I've been working for years," offered Tom meekly. "Much longer than you ever did, Linda—do you know for speed?"

"Darling—you're a man," said Linda brightly and appeared to think she had ended the discussion. After an eloquent look, her husband changed the subject.

"Well," he said, "speaking of getting down to work—"

"Come on."

"Do you realize how much depends on what happens today?"

"Do I? Everything depends, that's all! Did anything happen last night that I should know about?"

(To Be Continued)

Ranger Social News

ARRITTA DAVENPORT, Editor, Phone 224, Ranger

Ranger High School Notes

JEWELLE JUDD, Editor

President Mrs. Jacobs
Announces Important Call Meeting for Thursday A. M.

Mrs. J. E. Jacobs, president of Young School P. T. A. wishes to call to the marked attention of every member of the organization, particularly those the dance calendar loom with color and smartness, due to the arrangement of two dates to be given on Friday and Saturday evenings. The former to be held at the Ranger Country club will come as the annual Christmas dance, at which function merrily will be given in her favorite evening ensemble, perhaps purchased for this function. Saturday evening, dance guests will meet at the American Legion clubroom, with dancing continuing the drawing to a climax the dance calendar.

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First Baptist Church Choir
Entertained With Mrs. McGehee Hostess

Mrs. J. G. McGehee delightfully entertained members of the choir of the First Baptist Church, last evening with a well planned Christmas party carrying out a pretty decoration arrangement featuring shades of red and green intermingled with bits of white and silver. The guests enjoyed many entertaining games as well as music during the evening.

Names were drawn and gifts, which were clever and funny, were exchanged. The choir personnel expressed their appreciation to their director, Mr. Keel, for his efforts which were molded into successful steps of work and rapid progress, through the presentation of a handsome gift. At the close of the evening a delicious refreshment plate of angel food cake and cocoa, with almonds were passed to 27 guests.

Hogan Hancock and Trio
Pie-Orchestra To Play In Ranch at Legion Clubrooms

Yes, of course the name is quite familiar you too are sure to have heard the name Hogan Hancock and his lovely 13-piece orchestra mentioned numerous times. One or two occasions in particular over radio when Lucky Strike presented pleasing and highly entertaining programs, featuring this wonderful group of outstanding artists.

Numbered among various places they have played successful engagements are Lake Worth, Rice hotel, Houston, Gunter hotel, San Antonio, and have recently finished an engagement at Phoenix, Ariz.

A real Christmas treat awaits you Saturday evening, Dec. 24 at the American Legion clubrooms, when this orchestra plays for their annual mid-winter dance.

It is seldom our city is favored with so popular and sought-after music makers, and the dance date comes at just the opportune time for all guests and friends to be delightfully entertained.

Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock and no doubt the dance lovers will gather earlier than usual following informal assemblies at different hours, in order not to be cheated on such an occasion.

Dance folk, respond to the arrangement made under the supervision of entertainment Chairman Harry Henry and committee by attending this function.

Mrs. Durham's Kindergarten Class to Entertain With Christmas Program

Parents and friends of the kindergarten class instructed by Mrs. E. H. Durham will be entertained with a Christmas program Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of the First Methodist church.

Each season at this time this group of small tots present a colorful program which is greatly anticipated by mothers, fathers, and friends. The public is cordially invited to be present tomorrow evening.

Eastland Personal

S. W. Kitley is here from Troup, Texas, for a two weeks visit with his family.

Dan L. Childress claims many of his friends haven't discovered that he is home from the A. & M. for the holidays and has to return the first of the year.

Mrs. J. M. Perkins is pianist for Dr. W. P. Jackson's recreational lectures now in progress in high school gymnasium, and which terminate with the last period of tomorrow, Thursday evening.

CARD OF THANKS

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What has been wrong with Henry Whately? (Signed) "A."

He has something on his mind and it's not you.

What makes "Red" Earnest so darn silly? (Signed) A Fellow Student.

She's not silly. Don't be silly yourself!

Why were we honored by a visit from C. W. yesterday? Did she come to see the students or teachers and why is she so interested in the band? (Signed) J. W.

She probably came to see both and you had better keep your mind on your lessons instead of worrying about who she came to see in the band. Why didn't you sign your own initials?

Why don't you put something in the paper about your broken-ridge boy friend and that box of candy you received from "Naine" Monday? Instead of everyone else's affairs. That's gossip. (Signed) One Who Knows.

Listen, One Who Knows. It is a gossip editor's privilege to keep her personal affairs to herself.

Jessie White seems to have lost interest in all girls—besides a certain brown-eyed cutie. We miss him.

We wonder why Frances Hobson smiles at all the boys.

Andrew B. seems to take a lot of interest in Odell J. lately.

High School Clubs Meet.

All high school clubs met at 2 o'clock today.

A Kansan was sent to prison for two years for stealing a hound pup. Suppose he had stolen a full-grown dog!

left today for a visit to be spent in Oklahoma cities. While visiting in Norman they will be honorary guests at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity of Oklahoma U. of which the Alworth sons are ex-students.

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C. W. Alworth and son, Re-

Santa Claus Letters

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I sure do wish you could come to see us this Christmas and bring us some nice toys and some candy and fruit and something good for dinner. My brothers both need some shoes but that might be asking too much. Daddy is one of the many unfornates and is out of work. It seems like he tries so hard. But it just takes all he makes to keep us from starving. Well, I will close, hoping that you don't forget us this time and come to see us. I live in one of Mrs. Nanny Walker's houses on the Caddo highway. Sincerely your friend, LOIS MAE ADAMS, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 9 years of age. I have been very very nice. I have been going to school. I will tell you what to bring me for Christmas. I want a little trunk and a tam and some apples and nuts and some chairs and do not forget my oranges and apples and nuts. Do not forget me. Your little friend, GLENN VALENTINE BLANKENSHIP, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa: I have been very good. I want a doll, a blouse and if you have a chair I want it. I will be all I ask for. For the rest of the poor children, From CHARLOTTE FAYE FRANCES MANSKER, Ranger, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I may not be at home Christmas, but if I am I will be at grandmothers. She has a chimney but we do not. Will you please bring me an army tank, a pair of skates, a stocking full of candy, nuts and fruit, and a good sharp knife. I don't know what my little brother wants. Please bring me all I told you to. I am 8 years old. Your friend, BILLY HUFFMAN.

Dear Santa: I am writing you this letter for the fine party roller skates you are giving away for the five best letters. For Christmas I want some doll clothes for my new doll. I want some boots, gloves, fruit, nuts, and candy. Please help the poor and give them presents, too. I want you to do for everyone in my friend. My name is Dorothy Bowen. I am in the sixth grade and go to Colony school. I am 11 years old. With love, DOROTHY BOWEN, Route 4, Ranger, Texas.

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Society EASTLAND

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man of the class, Mrs. Frank Williams.

Ensemble singing of Christmas carols brought "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World," with Mrs. O. B. Darby as accompanist. Prayer by the class teacher, Mrs. W. H. Muston, preceded the double violin group, "Silent Night" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," solo by Mrs. J. T. Cook, with Mrs. Darby at piano.

Mrs. W. D. R. Owen gave two beautiful readings, "Christmas Spirit" and "Christmas Dusk."

A series of games brought the exchange of gifts from the beautifully decorated tree. Refresh-

ments were served of sandwiches, ginger-bread with whipped cream topping and tea with lemon with plate favors of real East Texas holly.

The hostesses were Mrs. W. D. R. Owen, Mrs. O. B. Darby, the group captain; and group, Mrs. L. G. Summers, Mrs. O. B. Darby, Mrs. Frank Williams.

Those present, Meses. W. A. Owen, O. C. Terrell, Marvin Hood, Gilbert Frye, May Gates, Elizabeth Ann Harrell, Lurline Brainerd, Jessie Seibert, Lee Campbell, Earl T. Williams, George Harrell, J. T. Cook, Eugene Tucker, R. C. Young, Frank W. Williams, E. C. Gourley, W. H. Muston, J. A. Stever, L. G. Summers, Lily Herndon, W. T. Fuller, O. B. Darby, E. D. Pritchard, A. J. Campbell, W. D. R. Owen, and Miss Jewett Sawyer.

Talahi Group Takes Tests.

The Talahi group of Camp Fire

Girls were represented by a small number only at their regular meeting, held Tuesday afternoon, in their clubroom, at the residence of their guardian, Mrs. Tom Harrell.

All those attending took the tests in spelling, arm, leg and head, instructions for which they have been receiving for some months from Mrs. Melvin Gates.

They have the proud record of having passed all tests. Present, Margaret Frye, May Gates, Elizabeth Ann Harrell, Lurline Brainerd, Kathleen Cottingham, Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Harrell.

Pretty Birthday Party For Emalee Hart.

A very beautiful party was recently tendered Emalee Hart by her mother Mrs. H. M. Hart, honoring the delightful little girl's sixth birthday, set in an atmosphere of Christmas decorations, and the added attraction of a brilliantly illuminated Christmas tree with its souvenir for each small guest in its large pack.

The beneficent old man was greeted in shouts of pleasure and surprise. After a delightful hour with games, piano and radio music, the children were clustered about the lace-laid table in the dining room.

What a pretty table, centered with a big white,iced birthday cake on which twinkled six tiny

sandies in rosebud holders. Amid prettily expressed wishes for happiness, the candles were blown out by the children, and delicious refreshments served with the cake by Mrs. Hart, assisted throughout by Misses Mae Gates and Gladys Gates, to Norma Jean Maynard, Louise Jones, Elizabeth Carlisle, Frances Crowell, Catherine Grisham, Merle Hodge Deck, Mollie Woods, Carolyn Kelly, Emma Dee Barker, Mary Pace, and the choir, including Misses Betty Jones, Jewell Garrett, Mary Nell Gates, Johnny Lou Hart, Jean Hart of Roscoe, James Bigby, Howard Brock, Benny Houle, Don Hudson, Bob Harrison, Thomas Marlow, and the little honoree, Emalee Hart.

Church of Christ Bible Class Party.

Mrs. Dan Childress entertained the Bible class of the Church of Christ on Tuesday afternoon, in a most delightful and informal fashion, when her home reflected the Christmas spirit, in touches of mistletoe, blooming flowers, and evergreen.

A very charming gift was presented by the class to Mrs. Tunniff, in blessed event spirit, and Mrs. W. H. Herring was honored with the Christmas gift of a lovely Morocco-bound Bible and commentator with her name engraved in gold on lid.

A pretty Christmas tree unburdened its treasures in exchange of toys, which will be taken to the church Christmas tree in Church of Christ, Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock for distribution among the children.

Mrs. Childress served a timely poinsettia salad with olives, wafers, sausage, and coffee with small Santa Claus plate favors to Meses. I. Herring, Tunniliff, H. E. Everett, James Graham, E. E. Roberson, J. D. Reed, J. R. Crossley, C. E. Fohl, R. F. Baxter, J. M. Beale, B. Downtain, Kelleck, C. E. Horn, J. R. Boggs, W. P. Self, Elbert Mays, Pat Everett, Hoyt Davis, R. B. Reagan, and Mrs. Selby Smith of Olden.

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