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## Gay Crowds In Eastland for Santa's Parade

### CKOK'S WELL TO GET FINISH WITH PUMPING

Blackok Producing and Development Company Saturday was the operator to test its No. 5 Grover Goddard well, seven miles northwest of Cisco, which had a showing of depending on time from 3,804 to 3,876 feet of gas.

Operators were putting the well, the mustation of which is in section 477 of the SPRR survey, on pump. It is located in Eastland County.

In the northwestern part of Eastland County, J. O. Fox and associates No. 1 R. B. Wedding lease, section 2054, TE&L survey, at 3,200 feet was drilling.

Also in Eastland County, Dobbs kingdom Corporation has abandoned kingdom 1 B. Pierce, Hiram Walker real survey, two and one-half miles northeast of Carbon, at total depth of 2,702 feet. Though unconfirmed, it is understood another well will be sunk by the firm in the same area.

T. S. Holder and others No. 1 J. O. Nichols, S. H. Hines survey, two miles southwest of Pioneer, Eastland County, was drilling below 2,700 feet.

Reports on wells in Stephens County included the following: Horwitz and Odum No. 1 T. J. Lawley, J. T. Thomas survey, west of Crystal Falls, still awaited production test. It had reached 33 feet of lime to total depth of 3,582 feet and some flow, natural, had been reported.

George Fagg was running tubing to test showin of gas and oil around 3,935 feet in No. 1 Richardson, section 5, block 37, SPRR survey, seven miles north of Cadogan. Spray of oil from the well had been reported.

Stedman Petrol Company was drilling at 1,950 feet on No. 1 Powers, George York survey, about a mile north of Horwitz and Odum production.

Operators were spudding on the Pitzer and West and Byron No. 1 N. G. Price and others, section 67, BAL survey, southwest section of Stephens County.

C. J. West No. 1 Pierce, block 74, in the Breckenridge townsite, continued to be shutdown around 3,880 feet.

### High Yield Made On Peant Plots

Two members of boys' 4-H clubs have completed club demonstrations which netted each a profit of \$71.

The youths were Alvie Wright Gorman and Pete Foster of Greenwood. The demonstration was on peanuts.

Each had three-acres devoted to demonstration and each averaged a yield of 27 bushels to the acre. The average yield for Eastland county farms is 15 bushels. The peanuts graded No. 1 and commanded a good market price.

### Christmas Carols Through the Ages



### WASSAIL SONG

Here we come a-wassailing  
Among the leaves so green  
Here we come a-wandering  
So fair to be seen . . .

In England during the 12-day Christmas season, it was customary for young men and girls to go from farmhouse to farmhouse with a great wooden bowl of wassail. They sang this traditional song and invited everyone to drink "wassail," a term derived from the old English "Wes hal" which means "Be thou hale."

### 12 Shopping Day: Till Christmas

### Man and Wife to Bar Divorce by Written "Treaty"

By United Press  
EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.—A voluntary treaty of permanent peace between a man and his wife is on file with Ben Hodges, Madison county recorder of deeds. It has been duly ratified, notarized and recorded.

The declaration, titled "Articles of reconciliation," sets forth that husband and wife kindly and affectionately forgive any and all difference and disagreements from all causes that have arisen during their life.

"In consideration of promises and other good and real considerations," the treaty concluded "said husband and wife kindly and affectionately forgive any and all difference and disagreements from all causes that have arisen during their life.

"To the end that their married life be happy and successful, neither party will at any future time institute suit for divorce.

### FINNS HOLDING OFF RUSSIANS ALONG FRONT

ON FINNISH-RUSSIAN FRONT in Karelia, Dec. 9.—Despite heavy Soviet artillery bombardment, Finnish forces on the Karelian front north of Leningrad held their positions today.

The Finns held firm despite heavy reinforcements received by the Red army to intensify their drive against the Mannerheim line. At no point, it was ascertained, have the Russians reached even the outermost point of the Finnish defenses.

Finnish soldiers, required to wear steel helmets and carry gas masks, said that the Russians made two attacks with gas during recent days.

After heavy firing this morning the Russian artillery bombardment ceased about noon and the Russians, while moving in reserves in preparation for an attack, attempted to establish contact with Finnish forces.

They sent three tanks with infantry into the sector visited by the United Press correspondent, but the Finns beat off the raid.

Correspondents with Finnish troops also were required to carry gas masks and wear steel helmets. Their inquiries regarding the Mannerheim Line were politely disregarded. It was indicated that no one outside the Finnish Army knows where the real defenses of the line are located.

### Eastland School Play Casting Is Completed At Meet

Casting of the first play to be produced by the Curtin Club of Eastland High School, recently organized dramatic organization, has been completed, it was announced Saturday by officials.

The play, "A Christmas Crime," will be given soon in a chapel program. The casting was completed at a meeting in the High school.

Given assignments were Francis Brock, Winnie Pitzer and Sidney Scott. Mrs. H. D. Combs will direct.

New members present at the casting session were Ed Frey-schlag, Bob Furse, Bog Huchingson, Nancy Seaberry, Margaret Blythe, Eileen Smith, Jimmie Sue Eppler and Sidney Scott. Total attendance was 26.

### Gildbreath, Hurt In Accident, Home

Collin Gildbreath, formerly of Eastland and Ranger, who was injured in an oil field accident last May, has been transferred from a Dallas hospital to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gildbreath of Eastland.

Gildbreath had been in the Dallas hospital since June. He suffered the breaking of both his legs when a high pressure gas line broke in the accident, seven miles north of Goldsmith.

### ONE SLAYER OF OFFICER DIES, OTHER SOUGHT

By United Press  
MORTON, Tex., Dec. 9.—Howard Lackey, one of three men charged with murdering Deputy Sheriff D. T. Smith in a gun fight on a highway near here yesterday, died today.

He succumbed in a hospital at San Angelo, where he was taken suffering from bullet wounds.

Lackey died while officers searched for J. W. Mann, another participant in the highway battle. Highway Patrolman B. W. Wood-ell "shot him out of his car" near Crosbyton shortly before dawn, but he fled on foot and escaped in the darkness.

Mann jumped over a fence and lost one shoe, officers said. Airplanes were brought into the search as soon as it was light enough to continue the search.

Two planes, fitted with machine guns and heavy rifles, flew over the vast cactus-covered ranches, while 50 officers in ground parties hunted for Mann.

The officers had orders to shoot to kill in case they find him, as it was known that he had a gun.

### Robbery Believed Frustrated Early Saturday Morning

What Chief of Police Guy Pledger said he believed was an attempted service station robbery was frustrated early Saturday morning in Ranger, he reported later.

According to Pledger two men in a 1932 Chevrolet coupe drove slowly by the Gulf Filling Station near the Main Street railway crossing, which is operated by Milton George. The two left the car, leaving both doors open and the motor running, and walked into the station about two o'clock Saturday morning.

According to the report of the affair made by the filling station operator, one of the men pulled back his coat and reached for his hip pocket. At the same time Patrolmen Love and Pounds, who were on night duty, drove by the station and were seen by the men, who left hurriedly.

Love and Pounds followed the car, overtaking it at Prairie crossing, and arresting the two men.

Late Saturday morning District Attorney Earl Conner, Jr., questioned the two in the Ranger police station, where they were being held.

### Four Are Killed In A Collision Upon Highway

By United Press  
MARLIN, Dec. 9.—Four persons were killed today when a speeding automobile collided with a truck four miles south of here.

All of the victims were riding in the passenger car.

They were James Houston, 27, employee of a cafe in Waco; L. S. Moore, constable at Reagan; Miss Dathna Lee Watts, 31, employee of a cafe in Marlin, and her sister, Miss Clytee Watts, 20, who worked in a cafe in Bremond.

The truck driver, James Lawrence of Bremond, received only minor injuries, although his shoe was knocked off by the impact of the collision.

### Anti-Trust Prober Resigns Position

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—Victor W. Bouldin, who has been in charge of anti-trust investigations in the attorney general's department, has tendered his resignation effective Jan. 1, when he will engage in private law practice in Houston.

Bouldin conducted the investigations and participated in filing suits which resulted, recently, in payment of \$500,000 by cement concerns.

He has been a member of the department since 1935, coming to Austin from Mineral Wells, where he served three terms as county attorney of Palo Pinto County.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said his resignation is "a distinct loss for the state."

### Paralysis Victim Bears Normal Child



In a season of astounding natal events, Mrs. Albert Demmicell, although paralyzed in the lower half of her body since July, gave birth to a normal child. The Florence, Col., mother recovered from effects of childbirth, but still cannot move her lower limbs.

### OFFICERS FOR BOYS' FOUR-H CLUBS NAMED

A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, has announced that 18 of the county's 20 boys' 4-H clubs have elected officers.

The clubs which have not yet elected officers, Pioneer and Ranger Cooper, will do so later.

Membership in the 20 clubs totals over 300, said Pratt. The 20 boys' 4-H clubs is the highest number in the history of the county.

Officers of the clubs are as follows: Olden—Pete Boone, president; Ray Pryor, vice president; Troyce Boone, secretary-treasurer; F. L. Spurlen, reporter, Mr. McCuin, sponsor.

Flatwood—Otho Duncan, president; Billy David Reese, vice president; Dale Caudle, secretary-treasurer; Edward Henley, reporter. Co-sponsors, H. L. Henley and T. E. Robertson.

Lone Cedar—Stuart Utley, president; Glen Wheeler, vice president; Orville Stevenson, secretary-treasurer; Clinton Casey, reporter and E. B. Brinson, sponsor.

Ranger Young—Bobby Lowe Wallace, president; Fongo, vice president; Edward Freeman, reporter, L. C. Thomas, sponsor.

Alameda—L. C. Love, president; Curtis Redwine, vice president; James Calvert, sec.-treas.; Grady Redwine, reporter. L. C. Cooksey, sponsor.

Eastland Junior High—Paul Gibson, president; Norman Durham, vice president; Teddy Brinkley, sec.-treas.; Billy Ray Nurlen, reporter. W. J. Starr, sponsor.

Okra—Roy Wayne Acker, president; Billy Joe Culwell, vice president; Preston Alexander, secretary; Bernie Barnes, treasurer; Jack Roy Hill, reporter. W. V. Welch, sponsor.

Desdemona—Chester Erwin, president; Kenneth Tate, vice president; W. T. Yardley, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth Moore, reporter. C. F. Ervin, Sr., sponsor.

Eastland High School—Arlie Hennessee, president; George Wilcox, vice president; Winston Boles, sec.-treas.; Billy Johnson, reporter. W. J. Starr, sponsor.

Gorman High—Elmo Franklin, president; L. D. Mauney, vice president; James J. Jobe, secretary; Dale Glasson, treasurer; Ed Clark, reporter; George L. Smith. (Continued on page two)

### Marshall Fielder Is Sold To Oklahoma

By United Press  
MARSHALL, Dec. 9.—Willard Coker, general manager of the Marshall baseball club, said today that Gilbert Turner, Marshall outfielder who hit .327 last year and led the East Texas League in home runs with 26, had been sold to the Oklahoma City club of the Texas League. Turner's home is in Dallas.

### STOCK BOUGHT

Five registered Jersey heifers were acquired in November by 4-H club boys, said A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, Saturday. Each of the heifers is valued at \$200.

### THE WEATHER

By United Press  
WEST TEXAS—Fair. Little change in temperature Sunday.

### KIDNAPER IS BEING SOUGHT BY BIG POSSE

By United Press  
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 9.—Robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mingle and the kidnaping of their 11-year old son, who was held 16 hours for \$15,000 ransom by a patch-eyed Mexican gunman, was revealed today by Deputy Sheriff Claude Foldsmith.

The gunman entered the Mingle home about 6 p. m. Thursday, robbed Mrs. Mingle of \$200, bound the parents and left with the child, Ervin, Goldsmith said.

Ervin was found by Mrs. H. H. Dillworth in a newly constructed house near the Port Arthur High School football stadium yesterday morning. The boy was bound with tape.

Goldsmith said the local officers were not notified of the robbery and kidnaping until the boy was found, but that Mingle had called Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Dallas immediately after freeing himself and his wife from their bonds.

The county officer said that 15 FBI agents from Texas and Louisiana and about 20 local officers were working on the case here and expected to make an arrest "possibly tonight."

### DEDICATION OF CLUBHOUSE IS IN AFTERNOON

With a dance and floor show held Saturday night as initial features, a program marking dedication of a clubhouse leased by the American Legion from the City of Eastland will come to a close this afternoon.

Many attended the dance and floor show Saturday night.

This morning members of the legion and visitors plan to attend services at churches in Eastland.

Events today will include a dedicatory program from 12:45 until 1:45 in the clubhouse and a banquet from 2 to 4 p. m. at the clubhouse.

Speakers at the banquet will include Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; Judge Sam Russell of Stephenville, veteran and jurist; John Lee Smith of Throckmorton, principal speaker and prominent in veteran circles; C. W. Hoffmann, mayor of Eastland; Henry Pullman, commander of the Eastland post, and Virgil T. Seaberry of Eastland, who will be toastmaster.

Turkey and dressing will feature the banquet today. Many are expected to attend the dedication and banquet programs.

### Solon's Brother's Funeral Is Today

Funeral services for John Garrett, 61, brother of Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, who died Friday night at Corpus Christi, will be held this afternoon at Gorman.

Services will be held at 2:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church of Gorman with burial afterward in the Gorman cemetery.

Mr. Garrett had been a resident of Corpus Christi for sometime and formerly lived in Marlow, Oklahoma. He was born in Eastland County near Gorman. It has been nearly 25 years since he had lived in the county, however.

He was a mechanic. Survivors include his wife, several children, four sisters and four brothers.

### Oslo Newspaper Reports Finns Have Cut Russian Railway

By United Press  
OSLO, Norway, Dec. 9.—An Oslo newspaper reported without confirmation from Helsinki today that Finnish troops had cut the Russian railroad operating between Murmansk and Leningrad.

The newspaper reported, also, that the Russians had tried, unsuccessfully, to land troops in the area south of Lake Ladoga.

### GRANTS DIVORCE

Divorce has been granted by 91st district court in the case of Uva Williams vs. Glen Williams. The plaintiff's maiden name, Uva Hinman, was restored.

### CASES DISMISSED

Cases dismissed recently in 88th district court include City of Cisco vs. People's Ice Company and City of Cisco vs. W. J. Donovan.

### Man Runs Amuck And Slays Five In Two-Hour Period

By United Press  
CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wisc., Dec. 9.—Don Cameron, 35, who had a reputation as an industrious salesman, in two terrifying hours today, committed five murders, two robberies, a kidnaping, and finally suicide.

In the hours between midnight and two a. m. Cameron killed his wife, his son and both his wife's parents. Authorities said several hours later the charred bodies of his victims were identified positively as those of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilk, of Minneapolis, his wife's parents.

Police believed he also was the merciless killer who kidnaped a man at Eau Claire, 10 miles from here, and then shot his victim from behind a cemetery.

When police trapped him in a garage behind his blazing home he committed suicide by firing a shotgun charge into his head.

### DR. RAINEY IS INSTALLED AS U. OF T. HEAD

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—Dr. Homer Price Rainey, a native Texan, risen to national fame in his 43 years, today was inaugurated 12th president of the 56-year old University of Texas.

Favorable weather conditions permitted outdoor exercises. The formal installation by Maj. J. R. Parton, of Houston, chairman of the board of regents, took place at the south entrance of the administration building.

Grouped about was a large part of the student body and thousands of alumnus and visiting officials.

A procession of presidents of 45 colleges and representatives from more than 300 colleges and learned societies preceded the installation.

Argentina, it was learned, has informed league officials that on Monday she will threaten to resign from the league unless Russia is expelled.

In deciding to deliver the Finnish appeal to the assembly, the council overruled a position taken by Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov that Rudolph Holsti, Finnish delegate, is not entitled to speak in the name of the Finnish people.

### John W. Carpenter Gets School Award

DALLAS, Dec. 9.—John W. Carpenter, president of the Texas Power and Light Company, has been presented the Arthur A. Everett-S.M.U. Ex-students Association Man of the Year Award.

Each year the plaque is awarded to the person, who, in the opinion of the directors of the Ex-students Association, "renders the most noteworthy and unselfish service in the stimulation and the organization of lay support behind the University."

Presentation was made in a student assembly by Arthur A. Everett, donor of the award.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Corsicana, Texas, in 1881, and has long served his state in numerous capacities. The public utility executive is also a director for the Bradford Memorial Hospital, a member of the advisory committee of the Texas Branch of the R.F.C., director of the state fair, member of Texas Advisory Committee for New York Fair, chairman of the board for the Gulf States Life Insurance Company, director of the St. Louis and Southwestern Railroad of Texas and serves numerous other organizations.

### Artillery Action On Front Is Heavier

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 9.—The high command announced today that artillery action had been "somewhat livelier" on several parts of the Western Front.

"Between the Moselle and Rhine southwest of Metz, on French territory, two enemy emplacements were blown up and three others partially destroyed by advance groups," a communique said.

### Peso Drops 10 Cents In Exchange Value

By United Press  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—The Mexican peso dropped 10 cents today. Dollars opened at \$4.90 and closed at \$5.00 and the drop was attributed to temporary withdrawal by the Bank of Mexico of its support of the peso.

Demand for dollars has been increasing since proposals for income tax increases and it was believed that this demand may have prompted the Bank of Mexico's action.

### SANTA ARRIVES IN CITY AFTER LONG JOURNEY

Children Are Guests At Show In Theatre

Pessimism of the most rabid cynic would have been replaced with optimism had he been in Eastland Saturday morning and witnessed the enthusiastic greeting of Santa Claus by hundreds of children on the courthouse square.

Children, unrestrained, showed their delight by following Santa Claus, atop a big red fire truck, around the square. Adults, too, had their fun by watching the children and Santa Claus.

Later the children, 1,200 of them, were guests of Eastland merchants and the Connellee theatre for a free show.

Santa Claus arrived in Eastland by airplane from the north. Before landing at the Eastland port he circled the city several times and dropped pieces of candy which floated to the earth in small parachutes.

Observers said that the visit of Santa Claus attracted one of the largest crowds of the year. Parking space was at a premium as the distinguished visitor arrived.

Not only were crowds in the city Saturday morning but were evident in great numbers the remainder of the day. The regular weekly trades day, as usual, drew a large crowd.

Visitors to Eastland took advantage of their presence in town and began their Christmas shopping in addition to their regular grocery store and other trading business.

H. J. Tanner, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation of Eastland merchants to Cecil Barham, resident manager for Texas Consolidated Theaters, Inc., who arranged the free show for them. Tanner said: "The merchants of Eastland are especially grateful to Mr. Barham and his company for the free show which was a big drawing card for the children to come to Eastland after Santa Claus' visit."

Santa Claus was greeted in Eastland also by the Eastland High School band in uniform. The band led a parade around the square.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced Santa Claus will again visit Dec. 16 and Dec. 23.

### Boy Makes Profit On 4-H Project

A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, reported Saturday that Bobbie Revels of Kokomo "is among 4-H club boys of the county who completed successful demonstrations during the past year's work."

A year ago Revels bought 10 baby beef turkeys, total value of which was \$6. This year he sold six of the toms for \$5 each.

Revels figures he made \$32.95 net on the demonstration and he is now beginning his 1940 demonstration with three hens and one tom.

### Dublin Winner Of Bi-District Title

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Coach Mike Murphy's purple-clad Dublin Lions pushed over a touchdown in the first half here Friday and ran up two more in the second to subdue completely the Decatur Eagles, rated one of the States' top five class A teams, 20-0. The bi-district argument was for championship of Districts 11-A and 12-A and the Lions now face the winners of the Burk Burnett-Stamford quarrel for the bunting in Region 3-A.

### Texas Commission To Attend Meeting

By United Press  
AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—Members of the Texas Railroad Commission left today for New Orleans to attend the hearing there Monday on the proposed bill for federal oil control.

Chairman Lon A. Smith said he does not expect the regional hearing at New Orleans to interfere with plans of the state to hold a conference on the topic in Washington, D. C., after congress convenes.

### Patterson Returns From Abilene Court

B. W. Patterson, judge of 88th district court, has returned to Eastland from Abilene where he presided in 104th district court for Judge W. R. Chapman, who was in Austin on business.

### Decrease Shown In Production Of Oil

West Central Texas averaged daily crude oil production for the week ended Dec. 8 was 27,700 barrels, a decrease of 9,500 barrels from the previous week, the American Petroleum Institute reported Saturday.

For the four weeks ended Dec. 2 average daily production was 30,450 barrels on an average of 60,000 for the week ended Dec. 8 last year.

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## Waiting for the Dust to Clear in Building

Along about October of each year, the building industry has come to expect an increase in the number of construction contracts. During the past 13 years, building activity has averaged an increase of 8.7 per cent in October over September contracts.

So while the industry waited with ink-filled pens and sharpened saws to tackle the increased volume of business it quite naturally anticipated, figures began coming in to show that something had gone haywire. Business not only failed to show the usual seasonal increase, but contracts fell off 9.3 per cent in October of this year from the September level. This situation was all the more enigmatic because the general manufacturing curve was heading upwards.

Residential building contracts in October, 1939, aggregated 29,371,000 square feet of floor space as contrasted with 32,977,000 in September. Building contracts of all kinds, including residential, totaled 44,865,000 square feet in October and 49,467,000 square feet in September. The October, 1939, total is about 5,500,000 square feet below that of October, 1938.

It is very likely that Thurman Arnold, assistant U. S. attorney-general in charge of the anti-trust division, holds the key to this disturbing puzzle. Arnold has charged into the building industry with a stiff-bristled broom, determined to pry out all the muck he may find in the corners. It is not exactly a hidden fact that Arnold, with the blessing of his boss, Attorney-General Frank Murphy, has started a general housecleaning and that he hopes to bring about decreased building costs by uncovering contractors' monopolies and union obstruction.

As long as there is any hope that building costs are to be trimmed in the near future, few prospective home-owners are going to sign contracts now. There is no point in buying more than just enough sugar if a drop in the sugar price is in prospect. If the dream cottage has waited this long, there is no reason why it can't wait a few months longer when, perhaps, the price will be substantially reduced.

October was the first month this year during which the building contracts failed to exceed the volume for corresponding months last year. During the first 10 months of 1939, construction contracts were 9 per cent ahead of those in the same period last year. The October volume was off 11 per cent from that of October, 1938.

Whether Mr. Arnold's dynamic campaign will have its effect remains to be seen. It probably will. According to Bruce Catton, Washington columnist, a downward trend in construction costs has already been noticed in Pittsburgh, where a number of indictments have been returned. If nothing else, the campaign against the building industry will have a psychological effect.

Generally, however, building costs showed a slight rise in October over the previous month. Using 1926 as 100, the index in September of this year was 105.2, but in October it had risen to 106. This was higher than in peak-year 1929.

No matter what happens to Mr. Arnold's campaign, people will probably begin looking up architects again when the whole matter is settled—one way or the other.

## BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—For the second time in history, one of the major political conventions may be held as late as August.

Chairman John D. M. Hamilton of the Republican National Committee has pretty well sold the party high command on the idea that the Republican convention in 1940 ought to be held after the Democratic convention. Now the idea is being carried farther, in high Republican circles, and there is talk of holding the convention late in July or August.

This will be one of the subjects discussed when the party's executive committee meets here Dec. 7.

### FAVOR LATE DATE TO AVOID LETDOWN

THOSE favoring a late date argue that there is always a letdown after a presidential convention. The delegates go back home full of enthusiasm and energy, then have to wait a couple of months before they can really get to work.

One suggestion being advanced is that it might be smart to make the presidential campaign swing into high immediately after the convention, have the formal notification of the nominee as soon as possible, and start the candidate out on his speech-making tour right after that. This would keep tempo high all through the campaign.

In line with this idea, plans are being made to get as much as possible of the routine spade-work of the campaign out of the way before the convention.

In 1936, it is recalled, Mr. Hamilton took office as chairman and found—as new national chairmen usually find—that he had to start from scratch. Nobody knew how much money was going to be available, where it was going to

come from or who was going to get it.

### HOPE TO ELIMINATE ROUTINE WORK

If enough of this routine work can be eliminated ahead of time, it is figured, the campaign can swing into high right after the convention without any waste motion.

Naturally, it won't be possible to do all of it. For one thing, a new nominee is always entitled to name a new national chairman, who in turn may name a new committee staff. But it is felt that enough can be done to make the job of the new chairman (if there is a new one) a good deal easier.

One reason for wanting a late Republican convention is the prevailing uncertainty about what line the Democrats are going to take. In 1936 everybody knew the Democrats would nominate Roosevelt on a straight New Deal platform.

This year no one knows whether the Democratic nominee will be an ardent New Dealer, a middle-of-the-roader or an anti. The Republicans can shape their platform and perhaps pick their candidate more intelligently if they know just who and what they're going to be up against.

### CIVIL WAR DEMOCRATS CONVENED IN AUGUST

SINCE the Republican party was organized—in 1856—there have been 21 presidential elections—and, of course, 42 national nominating conventions. Thirty-three of these conventions have been held in June, six in July and two in May.

The only one ever held in August was the Democratic convention of 1864. This was when the Civil War was on and the line the party took was going to be determined pretty largely by what happened in the field.

## ICE QUEEN

### HORIZONTAL

- 1,6 Pictured skater.
- 11 To excite.
- 13 Amphitheater center.
- 14 Overmatches.
- 15 Ham.
- 16 To be sick.
- 17 Plural pronoun.
- 18 To scatter.
- 20 Court.
- 21 Chewed.
- 22 Noun termination.
- 24 Egyptian sun god.
- 25 Lifetime.
- 26 Striped fabric.
- 29 Animal pest.
- 31 Fissure.
- 32 Assumed name.
- 34 Style.
- 35 Melodies.
- 37 To be ruled by.
- 39 South Carolina.
- 41 Requirement.
- 43 Pleased.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### VERTICAL

- 1 South Africa.
- 2 Eye socket.
- 3 Christmas carol.
- 4 Law.
- 5 Shrewd.
- 6 To restrict.
- 7 Before.
- 8 Tidy.
- 9 To bury.
- 10 Each.
- 12 Actual being.
- 16 She is a motion picture.
- 18 Her skating looks like.
- 21 One more.
- 23 Competed in speed.
- 25 Wine vessel.
- 26 Morindin dye.
- 27 Coal box.
- 28 Lava.
- 30 Your.
- 32 Toward sea.
- 33 Shoe bottom.
- 36 Proverb.
- 38 Food fish.
- 40 Tendrils.
- 42 Day.
- 43 Waist measure.
- 44 Nettle rash.
- 46 Throe.
- 48 Secular.
- 49 Toilet box.
- 51 Greek letter.
- 54 High mountain.
- 55 Preposition.
- 56 Southeast.
- 57 Exclamation.
- 59 Upon.



## Tops for 1939



Nile Kinnick, Iowa's All-American halfback, with John M. Heisman Trophy, awarded him by Downtown Athletic Club of New York City as result of being chosen outstanding collegiate football player of the season.

## DEDICATION OF

(Continued from page 1)

parliamentarian. N. A. Sanders, sponsor.

Gorman Grammar School—Carlton Stephens, president; Junior Simon, vice president; James Wilson, secretary; David Goodman, treasurer; Jimmy Mehaffey, reporter. H. A. Reynolds, sponsor.

Bullock—Floyd Smith, president; Welton Adams, vice president; Billy Tom Hatton, secretary-treasurer; Billy Langford, reporter. H. E. Wilson, sponsor.

Colony—Carl Taylor, president; Lonnie Maehall, vice president; Bobby Eakin, sec-treas.; Buster Hatcock, reporter. Fred Moser, sponsor.

Ranger High School—Sig Faircloth, Jr., president; James Ratliff, vice president; Howard Hinman, sec-treas.; Earl Blackwell, reporter. Charles Bell, sponsor.

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Soviet Russia blames Finland for floods, caused by winds blowing down from the north. There may be a punitive expedition unless Finland can keep her breezes to herself.

U. S. Ambassador Anthony Bidie said 698 pieces in his 700-piece China collection were damaged before he could leave Warsaw. Someone had better make a note of that to be presented when the inevitable war debt conference gets under way.

## BY WILLIAMS Mexican Women

### 118, Still Doing Laundry

By United Press  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. Francisco Sanchez, 118, another basket of clothes and started to give her sugar for longevity.

"Kindness, charity, plenty of sleep, plenty to eat. Tragedy, I hope to live another year," she said, "but I want to die any time now."

Today she simply is a widow, but time was when Mrs. Sanchez was the best friend of the daughter of the dictator, Mexico.

She was born in 1821 from pure Aztec Indian blood moved to Texas in 1860 never been back to Mexico.

## Eastland Personal

Virgil Love was a visitor day in Fort Worth.

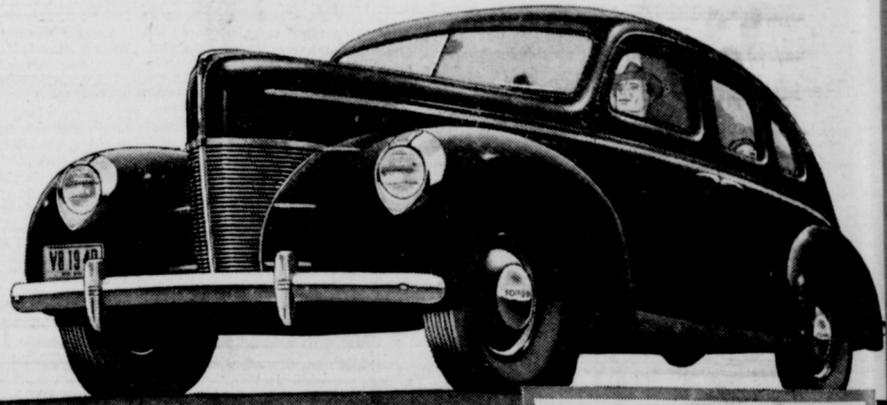
Sheriff Loss Woods train business Saturday at Risley.

C. F. Shepperd has been fined to his home by illness. C. B. White and family Angelo are week-end visitors home of his brother, White, and family.

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SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL BY TOM HORNER

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Yesterday, Dawson decides someone who knew Benthorne's superstitions "planted" the cat for him to see. He also recalls the "three on a match" episode before di Torio's death. As he goes upstairs to search Mrs. Benthorne's room again, he finds a box at the door. The old man takes two more sleeping tablets, opens the box to Dawson. Dawson throws open the door to Helen Benthorne's room.

CHAPTER XXII

The room was practically unchanged since Dawson's last visit. Someone had made the bed, and the spread was tightly and neatly drawn. Ara, Dawson thought. A pillow on the chaise longue indicated where she had tried to rest.

He walked to the bed, lifted the mattress, then turned it completely over and on to the floor. If there had been a gun hidden there, it was certainly gone now. Dawson studied the underside of the mattress carefully, and the cover of the box springs. No trace of any outline that a revolver would certainly leave.

Where was that gun? A slight noise startled him. He rushed to the door. It had sounded as if Alston's door had been opened. There was no one in the hall. A glance in Alston's room, showed the old man again stretched on the bed.

"I would take a bomb to wake him up now," Dawson said, half aloud. Deciding not to disturb Alston, the detective closed the door again, called Krone from the head of the stairway. The patrolman came up on a run.

"Keep an eye on this hall, and the one below, too, if you can, Krone," Dawson ordered. "Who is downstairs?"

"The coroner's deputy just arrived and the coroner is with him. I left them with di Torio. Mrs. Benthorne was in the living room."

Dawson nodded and returned to the bedroom. Krone took his post at the stairs, so that he could see both the upper and lower halls.

In a few moments he saw Helen Benthorne walk through the archway from the living room. Krone leaned out to watch her as she walked along the hall to the study. Then he heard the dining room door close and her footsteps died away.

HELEN BENTHORNE watched the coroner and his assistant at work over di Torio's body. When they took a few preliminary pictures she took care to be well out of camera range, but when they started to lift the raincoat Dawson had ordered spread over the body, she could stand it no longer.

"Do you mind if I leave now?" she asked. The coroner looked up. "No reason for your staying. If Captain Dawson had wanted you kept here, he'd have said so." She left hurriedly.

She knew Krone was watching her as she passed through the hall. She paused at the study door, to see Ara and John talking earnestly. It's lucky for them to have love, she thought, and inwardly she voiced a prayer that this whole affair might turn out well for them.

The breakfast dishes were still on the dining room table. She'd have to speak to Jameson. Then she recalled that Dawson had ordered the butler and the entire staff of servants placed under guard in Jameson's quarters after the second shooting. That officer—the Irishman was probably there too.

She stopped at the refrigerator, found a pint of milk and went on to the rear entry. There was a coat hanging in a closet near the door and she slipped into it, hiding the bottle of milk in a deep pocket.

Outside, she hesitated, glanced around to see if any patrolmen were near. The sun was trying to break through massed clouds, but last night's rain left it still wet underfoot. She went on across the driveway, disappeared into the garage.

DAN FLYNN saw her coming, and crouched lower in the rear seat of Benthorne's limousine. If she intended trying to get away in a car, he reasoned, she probably would take the small roadster. It was likely her own car.

But she evidently had no such intention. She passed the car, went on to the rear of the garage, toward the stairway that led to the loft. As she reached the door, Flynn stepped out of the limousine, called to her.

"And where are you going, Mrs. Benthorne?" She swung around, surprised.

"I was just going upstairs for some luggage that's stored up here," she explained. "I couldn't find any of the servants and I wanted—"

"There's no luggage or anything else up there and you know it."

Mrs. Benthorne, Flynn answered. "The Captain will want to see you. Come along with me." He took her arm, led her back to her house.

"I FOUND her going up to the garage loft, just as you thought she would, Captain, with this bottle of milk in her pocket," Flynn announced as they entered the bedroom.

Helen Benthorne stared at him. While Dawson had been somewhat careful, however thorough, in his first search of her room he had spared nothing in his second. He had made no attempt to replace the mattress on the bed, her closet door stood open and the cushions of her chairs had been pulled out, pounded and awkwardly replaced. When they entered, Dawson had been carefully tapping the walls.

"What were you doing in the garage, and why were you going up to the loft?" Dawson asked.

"I've told the officer what I wanted. There's some luggage stored there. I can't stay here after—after last night. I couldn't find the servants."

"And why would you carry a bottle of milk?"

Helen Benthorne did not answer. She groped for a chair, sank into it.

"Go get the cat, Flynn!"

At the mention of the word, Mrs. Benthorne looked up, startled. "Cat?" she queried. "What cat?"

"We'll see, soon." She fitted in her chair as they waited. Dawson went on with his tapping. Dawson went on with his tapping.

"There may be a cat around here, but it probably belongs to one of the servants," she said. "I can't see what—"

"It's nothing to worry about, Mrs. Benthorne," Dawson assured her. "Just a little experiment of mine to determine the ownership of a certain cat. If you know nothing about it, you need have no fears. Huh, sounds like Flynn's having trouble."

Flynn appeared at the doorway. In his arms he struggled to hold a spitting, biting, scratching cat. Long scratches on his hands showed that the cat had not been captured without something of a battle.

"All right, Flynn, you can let go now." The officer complied, gladly.

The huge black cat ran lightly across the room to Helen Benthorne, paused for a second at her feet, then leaped to the arm of her chair, to fawn against its mistress and glare back at Flynn.

(To Be Continued)

RED RYDER By Fred Harman

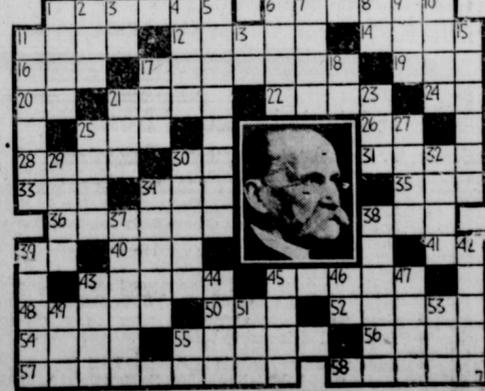


"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



PRESIDENT OF A REPUBLIC

Word puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1.5 Pictorial president of Finland, 12 With might, 14 Small nail, 16 To moisten, 17 Spinning machine, 19 100 square meters, 20 Type measure, 21 His land's legislature, 22 Pitcher, 23 Cur, 26 Onto, 28 Slate of bliss, 30 Street, 31 Puts on, 33 Insect's egg, 34 Definite article, 35 To woo, 36 Depended, 38 Scarlet, 39 Pint, 40 Bear, 41 And, 42 Perfume, 43 Form of "n", 15 To degrade, 17 To roost, 19 Note in scale, 21 Payment demand, 23 Scepter, 25 To measure, 27 Spout, 29 Fifth, 32 Nuts, 34 Naked, 37 Pertaining to talk, 38 Before 1929 it belonged to, 39 Adhesive substance, 42 Inclination, 43 Shoe bottom, 44 To lacerate, 45 Gong, 46 Lava, 48 Chum, 51 By way of, 53 Female deer, 55 To suffice.



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FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



and resistant to chemical and acid action, they said.

The ore is white, soft and resembles soapstone. The deposit is 40 feet thick, 450 feet long and dips eastward into the hill in which it is located to an unknown depth.

Scientists have hailed the discovery as the only one of its kind in the world. Dr. Paul F. Kerr of Columbia University, New York, recently conducted a lengthy investigation into the deposit in collaboration with V. R. Sullivan, noted authority on ceramics.

First Use of Pinitite

Pinitite has never been used before. It is made into bricks which so far have been used almost exclusively in the ceramic industry. Laboratory technicians here said that tests of pinitite bricks in a high-temperature enamel furnace showed them to be able to withstand chemical action nearly three times as long as any other type of brick.

Other uses of pinitite are seen in the magnesite, canabarr, cement and other industries which there is rotary smelting to be done. Because the material has a rated hardness of eight, it can stand up under terrific abrasion, at the same time resisting chemical action. Pinitite fuses at the high temperature of 3,000 degrees.

Engineers said pinitite was nearly as hard as corundum, the hardest material next to the diamond. It is harder than glass and steel, they said.

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use of pinitite bricks and compounds indicates that large-scale operations over a long period can be expected soon.

An English Bishop Forbids Clergymen To Join The Army

By United Press BIRMINGHAM, Eng.—The Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. E. S. Woods) has forbidden clergy in his diocese joining the army as combatants.

He has, he says, had a considerable number of applications from clergymen who wish to become chaplains in the services and he is sure that if a need for further chaplains arises the Lichfield diocese will not be wanting. He adds:

"I have had one or two requests from clergy to join the army in a combatant capacity.

"I have no hesitation in saying that such a course will not meet with my approval or have by authority. The special and indeed unique contribution which the clergy can make at this time to the national need is a spiritual one and our special vocation to minister to spiritual needs is officially recognized.

"The only possible alternative open to the clergy would be service in the R.A.M.C. But even such service would be a distinct divergence from our appointed task."

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ALLEY OOP By Hamlin



Christmas Cards Reflect New Color; Emerald Foremost of Jewel Tones

By United Press NEW YORK.—Color is the big thing in Christmas cards this year, but the plain reds, greens and blues are bowing to jewel tones, a review reveals.

Emerald, a clear lighter green than the usual Yuletide hue, seems to be about the most popular combination with gold, and perhaps a bit of white, Ruby and garnet are a close second, combined with either gold or silver. Then there are rich sapphire blues and striking combinations such as turquoise with coral, aquamarine with tourmaline or rose-quartz colorings.

However, the jewel tones have rivals—new browns which go in for wood tones from soft honey maple to deep walnuts and mahoganys. These are set off by metallic notes of gold, dull silver and shining chrome. They interpret the Christmas motifs with a modern directness of expression and elimination of detail, but the motifs themselves are those tradi-

English coaching scenes. Again, an old-fashioned coach is set against a formalized modern background or is transplanted into a puffing train or a sky-writing plane.

There doesn't seem to be so many animal cards this year. Perhaps a little more popular than dogs this year are cats, which appear in varied poses, for example, an awakening Maltese snuggled comfortably on an authentic high-backed Victorian chair.

Indian Culture Is Dated Earlier

By United Press NEW ORLEANS.—Traces of a prehistoric race of Indians, the oldest yet found in the Mississippi Valley, have been uncovered on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain by Prof. J. A. Ford of Louisiana State University and a WPA survey.

The new culture has been named the Tchufuncta horizon. This culture, Prof. Ford said, antedates

the Marksville culture which previously was the oldest civilization established in the Mississippi Valley—about 1,200 years old.

"In ancient times, American Indians living along the Gulf coast apparently subsisted upon shell fish and small mammals, birds and

tained fragments of pottery and

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# Society Notes

**Congratulations**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Skaggs of San Saba announce the birth of a baby boy, weight 6 pounds, born Thursday, December 7, at Payne Hospital.

**Birth Announced**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Reed announce the birth of a 9 pound baby girl born Thursday, December 7, at the Payne Hospital.

**Christmas Tea Scheduled By Civic League**  
The Civic League and Garden Club will entertain with a Christmas tea at the Woman's Clubhouse Wednesday, December 13. Mrs. A. H. Furse will be hostess for the affair.

The Fort Worth Garden Club will present the program with the musical program presented by the Drago Studio of musicians.

During the business session reports of the Christmas Cheer fund

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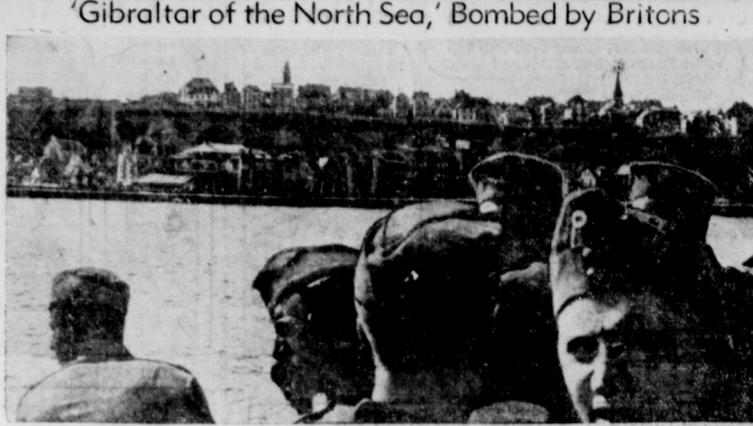
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Settlement and official buildings on island of Helgoland, German naval stronghold, photographed from a Nazi troopship. British flyers bombed this rocky "Gibraltar of the North Sea," claimed "direct hits" on German cruisers and destroyers.

plans will be given by Mrs. P. G. Russell and a report on the Charity Folk Festival plans will be brought by Mrs. Earl Conner, chairman of the Festival.

**Choir of Baptist Church to Present Christmas Cantata**  
Selecting as the theme "Prepare Him Room," by Rosemary Hadler, the choir of the First Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata at 7:30 the evening of December 17, officials announced.

Telling the beautiful and ever new story of the Nativity the choir will be directed by Mr. W. G. Womack with accompaniment by Mrs. D. L. Kinnaird.

**Rev. Weathers Speaker For Music Club on Bible Day**  
Rev. Jones W. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was speaker Wednesday on the Bible Day program presented by the Music Study Club. Mrs. Grady Pipkin was leader for the yearbook program and presented the speaker.

Response to roll call were stories of a hymn. A voice solo, in keeping with the program theme, was sung by Miss Roberta Kinnaird. A voice duet was also heard rendered by Mrs. Victor Ginn and Mrs. Grady Pipkin.

"Yuletide Traditions," an interesting topic, was discussed by Mrs. R. N. Wilson.

Mrs. F. M. Kenny, president, presided over the business session at which time the announcement for the Watch Night Party, which is scheduled for December 31, was made. Mrs. Hollis Bennett and Mrs. K. K. McElroy will be hostesses for the affair.

**Christmas Dinner Planned Honoring Husbands**  
At the meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Study Club, plans were made for the Christmas dinner party honoring the husbands of the clubmembers to be held December 19 at the clubhouse. Mrs. Victor Ginn was appointed as chairman in charge. Mrs. W. P. Leslie was leader and hostess for the afternoon.

The session opened with the singing of Christmas carols led by Mrs. Victor Ginn with Mrs. R. A. Lerner at the piano.

A review of the book, "Grapes of Wrath," was brought by Mrs. James Horton. Mrs. W. P. Leslie brought a discussion on "The Modern Trend in Literature."

Appointed to assist Mrs. Ginn in the arrangements for the formal Christmas dinner, which is an annual affair of the Thursday Club, Mrs. O. E. Harvey, Mrs. Carl Springer, Mrs. F. M. Kenny, Mrs. Ben Hamner, Mrs. Hubert Jones, Mrs. Jack Frost, Mrs. C. C. Cogburn, and Mrs. T. P. Johnson.

Present: Meses. Jack Frost, Cyrus B. Frost, Dan Childress, T. Collier, E. Conner, Elmo Cook, Victor Ginn, Leslie Gray, Ben Hamner, Otis Harvey, James Horton, T. P. Johnson, F. M. Kenny, Julius Krause, R. A. Lerner, W. P. Leslie, Jack Muirhead, W. D. R. Owen, B. W. Patterson, W. S. Poe, Ben Scott, Carl Springer, E. R. Townsend, W. A. Wiegand.

**"Footlights" Theme of Las Leales Program**  
The Las Leales Club met Tuesday evening in the Woman's clubhouse for an interesting program on the theme, "Footlights," with Miss Marguerite Quinn as leader and hostess.

Miss Joan Johnson discussed the topic, "I Wanted to be an Actress" by Catherine Cornell. Mrs. Jack Ammer chose as her subject, "Glimpses Behind the Scenes."

The club will entertain with a Christmas party on their next meeting.

Present: Meses. Joan Johnson, Carolyn Doss, Marguerite Quinn, Florence Perkins, Viola LaMunyon, Mary Carter, Dorothy Day, Charlton Marx, Jessie Lee Ligon, Meses. Jack Ammer, J. T. Pipkin, J. C. Whatley, H. B. Sone, C. W. Geuse, W. Q. Verner.

Mrs. C. I. Hyatt of Austin and her son, John C. Hyatt, student of Texas University, were Eastland visitors this week.

Rudolph Priml, the composer, says he gets his inspiration from the Ouija board. It's reassuring to know some of it comes from something other than a woman's eyes.

## 'Gibraltar of the North Sea,' Bombed by Britons

**Christmas Workers Urged to Receive Security Cards**  
SAN ANGELO, Tex.—Persons who expect to work temporarily in stores, shops, and other business establishments during the Holiday Season were urged by W. O. King, manager of the San Angelo office of the Social Security Board, to assure themselves that they can produce their social security account numbers before making application for employment.

"Those who have not already done so should equip themselves with an account number because many employers now require account numbers to be recorded before the worker may start on the job," King said. "Duplicate cards should be requested by workers whose originally-issued cards have been lost or destroyed."

Employment in seasonal business such as turkey picking, pecan shelling, and part-time work usually is covered by the law. It was pointed out that the fact that workers are employed on a temporary basis does not exclude them from participation in the old-age and survivors insurance program. Generally, any employment in the fields of commerce and industry is covered. Wages received for such work are counted toward old age and survivors insurance.

"Employers should request all employees to obtain account numbers promptly, and make a record of them since each employer is required to report each three months the name of each worker, his number, and amount of wages paid him," King said.

"Application forms, available in San Angelo at the Social Security Board office, and elsewhere in this area at post offices, should be filled out and returned to the Social Security Board, 412 Rust Building, San Angelo, Texas. To those who apply at our office personally, we are able to issue an account number in just a few minutes. Account cards are forwarded for applications received by mail on the same day they are received, provided they are properly executed."

It was explained that persons who already have established social security accounts should not apply for another. King emphasized that a worker keeps his own social security account number, reporting it to each of his employers, throughout his working life, regardless of the number of firms by whom he may be employed.

## Tarleton To Have Good Cage Team, But Records Gone

**Absent Mindedness Championship Is Claimed by Teacher**  
LUBBOCK, Texas.—The champion absent minded professor of the United States is the claim for Dr. Oscar A. Kinchen, professor of history at Texas Technological College. Minor evidences of absent mindedness such as failing to meet dinner engagements, forgetting to go to his classes, and delivering the same lecture two days in succession are conceded by Kinchen's friends as not being worthy of consideration.

Being a bachelor he forages around the various campus eating places. He often eats two breakfasts and maybe forgets to eat lunch. He bought a cigar recently, gave it to the clerk, picked up the box of cigars and walked out. A prominent club woman engaged him to deliver a lecture, took him to the hall in her car, and introduced him. After the lecture she congratulated him, "And now, who are you?" he inquired.

He never owned, or drove an automobile until recently. He soon had to purchase a new set of tires but he never called for them. One day he drove to Amarillo, 120 miles away. After looking about town a bit he left his car parked and came back to Lubbock on the bus. When he went back on the bus to get his car he purchased a round trip ticket.

A few days ago Dr. Kinchen worked on a farm and was put to running a tractor. Pondering some philosophical subject he was oblivious to his surroundings until his tractor ran up on the back porch of a farm house. He called on a young woman friend last winter. The conversation was interesting. Much coffee was consumed. At long last the young lady said: "Well, it's time to go to breakfast."

Dr. Kinchen could write a history from memory of nearly any country or period. His classes are large and he is popular as a lecturer—when he doesn't forget to appear.

A man convicted of selling phony oil leases was sent to a penitentiary, the warden of which was one of the victims. There should be some pleasant little chats about the good old days.

## Thanks Expressed For T. E. S. Co. Visit

Members of the physics class and Supt. P. B. Bittle of Eastland High School, Saturday expressed appreciation to the Texas Electric Service Company for its arranging a visit to the Leon Power Plant of the firm Friday morning.

The members of the class saw operation of the giant machines which are used in the generating of electricity. Supt. Bittle said that the visit proved especially informative.

## Device Warns As Car Approaches On Blind Curve

**HELENA, Mont.**—When Douglas L. Stemple, Greenough, Mont., was snowbound in a mountain cabin for three weeks, he had a lot of time to think about a near-accident he had on a highway curve.

As a result, the nation's highways may be made safer by means of a signal system to warn motorists of approaching cars on blind curves which he invented during his enforced idleness.

The device, which works much like a railroad block signal, is receiving experimental tests by the Montana highway department on McDonald Pass, west of here.

D. A. McKinnon, Montana state highway engineer, has described Stemple's invention as "an important contribution to highway safety."

The signal system works like this:

A thin rubber hose is placed across the highway well back from the blind curve. When an automobile passes over it, a red warning signal flashes at the other end of the curve, warning other motorists that another machine is approaching.

It is estimated the devices would cost about \$100 each. Highway officials said they also could be used on hills.

## Bird "Watchdog" 21-Years Old Dies

**By United Press**  
TEXARKANA, Tex.—"Tom," a pet Cardinal which once routed a burglar, is dead, his body buried in a fruit jar mausoleum beneath the house of his master and mistress of 21 years.

A Mississippi wind shook "Tom" and two sisters from their nest and dropped them at the feet of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker 21 years ago. Baker a railroad baggage master, climbed the tree and placed the birds back in the nest, but when the bird parents spurned them, he and his wife kept the Cardinals as pets.

"Tom" outlived his sisters by more than half a dozen years. It was in Memphis, Tenn., several years ago that the bird took over the job of "watchdog."

A prowler entered the home and began going through Baker's clothing. "Tom" frightened him away with shrill bird invectives.

"Tom" always had the run of the house. Shunning the company of other birds, he had perches in every room and liked to rest on his master's shoulder and be fed food tidbits. He ate almost anything, balking only at cheese. He bathed in the kitchen sink.

Baker said that "Tom's" scarlet coat remained unfaded throughout his long life.

"And his chirp was merry right to the last," Baker said.

Baker and his wife conducted a funeral service for the bird. They placed a head stone beside the fruit jar mausoleum.

## Paper Again To Publish Letters To Santa Claus

Children of Eastland and of the surrounding territory are again reminded that this newspaper, as its usual custom, will again print Santa Claus letters this season.

The letters may be brought by the children or their parents to the office of publication at 106 Plummer street or sent by mail.

As a grammar school activity, it is suggested that teachers have their students write letters to be published. In past years hundreds of letters have been published, advising Santa Claus of the wants of children.

## CHURCHES

First Methodist church school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m.; evening period at 7 p. m. Rev. Philip W. Walker, pastor.

First Baptist Church school at 9:45 a. m.; morning services at 11; B.T.U. at 6:15; evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Weathers, pastor.

Church of Christ school at 9:15 a. m.; morning worship at 11; evening period at 7:30. Rev. A. F. Thurman, pastor.

Church of God school at 9:50 a. m.; morning services at 11; Young People's session at 6:15 p. m.; evening services at 7:30. Rev. H. C. Hatcoat, pastor.

Christian church school, 9:45 a. m.; morning services 11 a. m.; evening services at 7:30. Rev. J. B. Blunk, pastor.

## Annual Charity Benefit On Friday

Friday at 9 o'clock the doors of the new American Legion clubhouse will be opened for an evening of old-fashioned entertainment presented by the Eastland Civic League and Garden Club with Mrs. Earl Conner as general chairman.

Staging its annual Charity Folk Festival the League will present an evening of fun and gaiety with dancing, ballroom and square dances, and the Schottische. An out-of-town orchestra will play and other features will be a floor show with a barber shop quartet, and square dance groups from Baird, Breckenridge, Abilene and Ranger.

Prizes will be awarded the wearer of the most unusual costume. Every one was urged to bring forth his cowboy regalia, gay ninety, apron and overall or any other dress up costume and attend. Proceeds will be used in the Christmas Cheer Fund to buy clothes, food, toys for the needy.

Mrs. T. P. Johnson will have charge of the hot drinks and refreshments and others on the committee are Mrs. Fred Maxey, Mrs. H. Pullman, Mrs. Carl Hoffmann, Mrs. R. L. Davenport.

## NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank will be held in the banking room of said bank between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m. on the 9th day of January, 1945; being the second Tuesday in said month for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the shareholders meeting.

ALBERT TAYLOR, Vice President. Dec. 10-17-24-31.

## ATTENTION! TO THOSE WHO HAVE Refrigerators WHEN IN NEED OF SERVICE ON YOUR MACHINE CALL 33 SEELYE ELECTRIC CO.

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TULARE, Cal.—Justice of the Peace Ward Rush accommodated Frank Clark of Tulare when Clark came into justice court with the request: "Put me in Judge; I want to sober up." The judge gave Clark a 10-day sentence for intoxication.

## It Won't Be Long Now

... until Christmas, the advent of the New Year, and the close of our fourth month's campaign in which time we have offered prospective home owners a 4% simple interest rate on all purchases, the lowest ever published in the history of home financing in Eastland. Those who are holding contracts or others who contemplate taking advantage of this saving should see us at once, as all sales contracts must be in the home office by the first of the year.

Make up your mind to own your own home by 1940. Santa Claus may bring you a home some day, but our guess is now that it will be a long time. Those who work and save today will be our leaders in industry and good citizenship tomorrow.

Special offers for this month: 1110 S. Seaman, 1310 W. Commerce, 115 Garvin, 201 S. College, 506 S. Daugherty, 1101 W. Main, 510 S. Dixie, 202 N. Walnut, 715 S. Halbryan, 412 Pershing.

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## Parables of the Kingdom

**Text: Matthew 13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46**  
**BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.**  
Editor of Advance

MUCH of the charm and persistency of the teaching of Jesus lies in the form in which that teaching was given. Above all things, of course, is the moral and spiritual worth of the truth that Jesus uttered. But noble truth has been uttered in great volumes by deep-thinking philosophers where it has never reached the masses of the people or where it has been lost, perhaps to be worn and worm-eaten on the shelves of dust-ridden libraries.

Jesus put the truth in the vivid story form of parables, and these have retained all the vitality and freshness after nearly 20 centuries and after the reading and re-reading, that would long ago have ended as commonplace any lesser or even more brilliant things.

What were these parables of Jesus? They were stories from life. But were they true stories about actual persons and events? About this, we do not know, but it seems more likely that they were stories formed by the imagination of Jesus to declare and illustrate the truth actually to teach. They were true in the sense that they were things which might happen anywhere in daily life. They were true in their human content.

When we read, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son or of the Good Samaritan, the truth of the story and its plain teaching do not depend upon whether there was an actual father and an actual son in such a situation, or whether some man actually went down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and was helped and cared for by a Good Samaritan. These stories were true in a far larger and deeper sense than as the relation of mere facts. That is why every age and race of man. Here in our lesson we find three parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, all designed to illustrate its nature. The first is a parable of the sower, going to sow his seed. It might be called more properly the parable of the hearer, for it is intended to show how the different ways in which people receive the words of life are typified by the different sorts of ground into which the seed falls.

The seed that fell by the roadside was devoured by the birds; the seed that fell on the stony soil withered and yielded fruit, but the seed that fell on the good earth with rock underneath, a quick growth, but also quickly withered away; the seed that fell among thorns was choked before it came to any growth, but some seed fell upon good ground and yielded fruit.

THE meaning of this seems to be that the Kingdom of Heaven is not something that is forced upon us. It comes to us, and we have the opportunity of accepting God's kingdom; but it all depends upon ourselves. What sort of ground are we? Do the seeds of life fall on us in vain?

The parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the leaven and the meal are which illustrate the way in which the kingdom grows, silently yet surely, as it makes its way into the hearts of men. The parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the goodly pearls illustrates the prime value of the kingdom of heaven—that is, the kingdom of God's grace is the one real treasure that is worth while men to sacrifice everything to obtain.

If we believe that, we are for the kingdom.

## Dairy Herds Are Greatly Improved Throughout State

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—That there is a definite upturn in dairy herd improvement and feed conservation throughout the State in recent months is indicated by reports received by the Texas Dairy Products Association at its Fort Worth office. These coming from dairy committees and agricultural workers in 37 counties show a total of 6943 dairy animals added to existing herds. Among these are 4658 mature cows, 1479 heifers, 527 mature sires 279 bull calves.

The fact that farmers and dairymen are coming to realize the necessity of conserving home grown feed for existing and added herds is also reflected in the reports when it shows that in the same area 5038 trench silos were filled during the year. Of these, 2382 were of new construction, representing an approximate increase of 48 percent in feed storage. Reports from the 37 counties are thought to be indicative of general increase throughout the State when the entire report is received and tabulated.

## YOUNGSTOWN, O. —

8-year-old Jack LaBelle told he had been held up and robbed of 5 cents while on his way to candy store. He said the "buddy" was another boy who robbed him once before.

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