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MEMBER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Oscar Underwood Dead in Virginia

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Oscar W. Underwood, former United States Senator from Alabama, and candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1924, died at Woodlawn in the state of Virginia, near here today.
 Death came to the veteran democratic leader as the result of a complication of diseases which sent him to bed shortly before Christmas. He stayed in congress for 30 years and was democratic floor leader in the senate during the World War. Congress adjourned today in respect to his memory.

12,000 MEN STUDYING TO BECOME AIR PILOTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Approximately 12,000 men entered air schools to learn to become pilots last year, reports the American Air Transport Association. One association's check indicated that approximately 20,000 will enroll at schools in 1929. To obtain license to become air transport pilots, students must have 200 "air hours."

Passengers Taken Safely to Vessel

(By International News Service)
 PROVIDENCE, Jan. 25.—A score or more passengers on the liner, Georgia, which is helpless with a broken propeller off the Connecticut coast, were transferred safely to the steamship, City of Lowell, according to owners of the Georgia.

CHICAGO'S SOCIAL ILLS ARE ANALYZED IN LECTURES

(By International News Service)
 CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Scientific analysis of Chicago's social and political ills will be part of a new series of 47 lectures scheduled here by the University of Chicago.
 Primary elections, crime, grand jury investigations and the city-manager plan will be discussed.

Band concert at the Hillcrest Auction Sale. 24-dtf.

Kaiser is Wanted Back in Germany

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—General Erick Ludendorff, one of Germany's foremost military leaders in the World War, today demanded the return of the ex-kaiser to Germany. Ludendorff proposed that the kaiser live in quiet. The kaiser is now in exile in Holland.

Scout Council To Meet Monday

A meeting of the Ballinger Boy Scout Council has been called for Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce office. At this meeting much real business will be presented to the council looking toward the final completion of the two troops here and the securing of charters for each troop.

Dates will also be discussed for the holding of a father and son banquet which will be held here in the near future.

The money raised here has been accepted by the Chisholm Trail as the local quota and the secretary will be instructed to pay the money over to the Trail at the meeting Monday.

Mr. Earnshaw, chairman of the council, is anxious to get a good representation of the council members present Monday to transact the business that is to come before them. For some time the work has dragged and it is the desire of the present officers to push the work forward until Ballinger boys are all given an opportunity to become scouts. Scoutmasters are badly needed and any man in Ballinger who feels that he can and would take charge of a troop is requested to turn his name in to the council.

Senate Passes Wirtz Bill Friday

(By International News Service)
 AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—The Pollard bill appropriating \$10,000,000 for rural school aid for the next biennium was reported favorably by the senate committee on finance. The bill has the endorsement of the Smith county school teachers. Senator Tom Pollard is author of the bill.

The senate passed the bill by Wirtz of Seguin, authorizing the State Board of Education and the University of Texas bonds.

It also passed a bill which would force dynamite dealers to keep a record of their sales. It passed finally the Westbrook Bill providing for nine members of the board of regents for state teachers' colleges instead of six at present.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—The senate today passed the Wirtz senate bill, placing all the University of Texas mineral lands in the hands of the university regents. Under the present plan, the sale or lease of university lands is in the hands of the land commissioner. The bill goes to the house for their action.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—Establishment of a bureau of criminal identification and investigation is advocated in a bill introduced in the senate by Judge John W. Hornsby, of Austin.

A complete record of all criminals and people held for investigation in crimes controlled by state laws, including establishment for the headquarters at Austin, is requested in the bill.

Fingerprints, photographs and a record of each criminal would be compiled and subject to call from any peace officer in the state. County and local officers as well as state officers would assist in compiling the record.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—A joint session of the house and senate committees on reclamation and conservation will be held in the senate chamber next Tuesday night when consideration will be had on the various bills affecting the state's policy on water rights.

The bills include one by Senator

Five Arrested In Crime Wave

(By International News Service)
 HOUSTON, Jan. 25.—A motor cycle policeman today arrested five men in connection with the crime wave and also recovered a safe stolen from the Graham Stove Company which contained \$2000 in negotiable notes.

Lions Club Hear Report of Pres.

The Friday luncheon of the Lions Club was well attended and a good program rendered. President R. W. Earnshaw gave a report of the banquet at Abilene Thursday night at which 225 Lions from 27 West Texas cities were present to hear Ben A. Ruffin, international president, speak. Mr. Earnshaw also gave a report of the Boy Scout work here stating that he had called up Ed Shumway while in Abilene Thursday and that the local scouts would be granted charters in the Chisholm Trail and the national organization. Mr. Shumway has furnished Mr. Earnshaw, chairman of the local Boy Scout council, with all papers to be filled out and a meeting of the council will be held at an early date to finish the steps of completing the organization of the two local troops.

The question of a city park and playground for children was discussed at the Friday meeting of the Lions and a committee was appointed composed of R. E. White, Frank Dickey and Geo. Holman, to look into the proposed site and report to the club next Friday.
 Dr. Chas. F. Bailey won the attendance prize offered Friday.

Bet Her Future on Murder Trial---and Lost!



Roscoe F. Warren, eccentric Kansas City, Mo., clubman, and his school-girl bride, the former Dorothy de Groff.

(INS Illustrated News)
 KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—The 19-year-old bride of Roscoe F. Warren, who married him in 1925 when he was under 15-year sentence to the Missouri penitentiary for the murder of John C. Deskin, an associate of Warren's in the Mutual Rock Mountain Club just outside the Yellowstone National Park, has lost her bet.

When Miss Dorothy de Groff married the eccentric clubman she said she was betting that the supreme court would give him a new trial in which he would obtain his freedom. The supreme court did grant him a new trial, but the jury found him guilty and assessed the punishment at death. Now Warren is waiting in the Jackson county jail, with two other condemned men for the noose.

Warren, who originated the Rocky Mountain Club and influenced many wealthy men here to join it, had been accused of misuse of the club's funds. There was a conference of club officers on the matter.
 Warren, who had not been invited to attend the meeting, happened in just as John Deskin was reading a resolution that urged Warren to sever his connections

with the club. Warren's eldest son, Neal, by a first marriage, was present.
 When Deskin read a sentence connecting Warren with misuse of funds, Warren leaped to his feet and shouted:
 "That's a damned lie."
 He then drew a revolver and shot Deskin, who slumped over a table.

Warren walked out into a hall and fired a shot into his own breast.
 He was in the General Hospital for three weeks and when Deskin died was taken to the county jail, where he remained until his first trial.

City Court is Grinding Steady

City court has been grinding away pretty busily for the past 19 days. During that time the court has disposed of three cold check cases, 10 cases of driving cars with old number plates, 12 cases of speeding and one case of drunkenness.

In most of the cases the defendants have pleaded guilty and paid their fines, however, a few remain on the books to be disposed of later.

The city police department is paying special attention to speeding and are watching this very carefully. Every day cars race through the downtown streets at a rate of speed that place the cars out of quick control of the drivers and make it dangerous for those along the street. The police are watching for these and have arrested 12 persons for speeding within the last 10 days.

They are also watching for old license plates and are preferring charges against violators as fast as they find them.

See the nice vegetables and fruit at Piggly Wiggly. 25-1d

A classified ad in The Daily Ledger will get results.

Policeman Killed In Terrific Battle

(By International News Service)
 CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—A policeman was shot and probably fatally wounded and one suspect was mortally wounded today in a terrific pitched battle in which four squads of detectives used tear bombs, machine guns, revolvers and riot guns. The suspect had barricaded himself in an apartment house.

Policeman Walter Skolny was shot in the abdomen and John Scerba, the suspect, was shot five times.

(By International News Service)
 CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Formation of a "major crime bureau" to handle all robberies, holdups and burglaries occurring in Chicago was announced here by Police Commissioner William F. Russell.

The new bureau, to be headed by Captain William Killeen, will be located in the new detective bureau building and will have a force of 40 picked detectives.

Scientific methods will prevail in the work at the new bureau. All robberies and burglaries occurring in the city will be reported in detail. All police station commanders will be required to report within 24 hours any and all burglaries, thefts, robberies or holdups.

Moody Opposes Elective Board

(By International News Service)
 AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—Governor Moody declared today that he would oppose the proposed elective utilities commission. "By all means the utilities commission should be appointed for we do not want utilities companies trying to use their influences in elections. An elective commission instead of controlling utilities could ultimately become a utility controlled commission."

TWO MEXICANS KILLED IN CAR WRECK HERE SUNDAY

Francisco Aldapa and Elisandra Alderegata, Mexicans, of Hondo, Tex., who had been picking cotton in the Winters country for the last four weeks, were killed in an auto wreck north of the city early Sunday morning.

The accident occurred when the car in which they were driving crashed into a car which was parked at the side of the road. The occupants of the parked car, also Mexicans, escaped injury.—Winters Enterprise.

THURSDAY NIGHT COLDEST NIGHT SO FAR THIS YEAR

Thursday night was the coldest weather so far this year and the government thermometer registered 15 degrees above zero, according to E. M. Eubank. He stated that the coldest peak of the night was at 8 o'clock Friday morning when the mercury went to 15 degrees above zero.

Morning papers Friday stated that a fresh norther would strike Friday and that another cold night could be expected.

Jealous Husband Destroys Family

(By International News Service)
 AKRON, O., Jan. 25.—A jealous husband who gouged out the eyes of his beautiful young wife, killed his four-year-old son and wounded his two-year-old daughter, died at his own hands today as a climax of the most frightful domestic tragedy of this city's history. Driven to maniacal frenzy by jealousy, George Thomas, age 30, a rubber worker, carried out a threat to claw out his wife's eyes and she probably will remain blind the rest of her life. Robert, age four, was killed and Rosemond, age two, is expected to die.

The man was maddened by the knowledge that his wife had been downtown seeking witnesses for a divorce. "Can you see now? I told you. I'll let you live and suffer," he taunted his wife as he fell dying after having shot himself twice.

MAIL PLANES IN 1928 FLEW 2,138,183 MILES

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—During 1928 National Air Transport Company planes flew 2,138,183 miles, carrying 1,126,067 pounds of mail, more than 72,000 pounds of express and almost 13,000 passengers between Chicago, Fort Worth and Dallas and Chicago and New York.

Three Men Killed In Airport Tragedy

A tragedy that took the lives of three men occurred at the opening of the San Angelo airport Wednesday afternoon when a plane piloted by Al Henley and carrying as passengers, W. E. Shytles and Don Frazee, crashed to the ground in an attempt to land at the new airport. The plane was arriving from Fort Worth and struck an air current 100 feet above the ground, throwing the plane into a tail spin and caused it to land on its nose.

Henley, one of the Dole flight entrants, was piloting the machine and he and Shytles were dead when they were rescued from the crushed ship. Frazee died while waiting for an ambulance to arrive from town to take him to a hospital.

Henley was driving a Ryan cabin type monoplane similar to Col. Charles Lindbergh. He fell in a small parking place outside the landing field among about 50 automobiles and many spectators. Miraculously no one was injured and no cars were damaged.

Henley was an entrant in the Dole flight last summer, from San Francisco, but was forced to turn back when several hundred miles out to sea. Since that time and before he has been manager of several airports and was recognized as one of the leaders in Southern aviation. Shytles was manager of the Majestic Theatre at Fort Worth and Frazee was a baseball player belonging to the Shreveport club of the Texas club.

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WEATHER FORECAST
 All Texas: Tonight and Saturday, fair; freezing in portions of East Texas. West Texas, warmer.
 I. N. Roark was out the first time Thursday after being sick since Armistice Day.

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PAPER FROM CORNSTALKS

What is said to have been the first edition of any newspaper in the world to be printed on paper made from cornstalks was issued by the Commercial-News of Danville, Ill., one day last month. And it was an edition of 116 pages, at that, using 25 tons of newspaper.

The paper was produced in Danville by the Corn Products Company, which has expended \$750,000 in the erection of a plant and research laboratory. The process employed is based on that originated by Dr. Bela Dorner, a Hungarian, with suitable modifications resulting from the labors of Dr. J. E. Jackson, an American industrial chemist.

While further research and experiments will be necessary to bring production of cornstalk paper to the level of that from wood pulp in cost, the technical problems have been practically solved and fear of a future paper famine through depletion of forests has been eliminated.

How this new industry will benefit farmers of the corn belt is forecast by one of the men interested in the new process, who said:

"We can visualize in the years to come innumerable comparatively small pulp mills scattered throughout the corn belt, making pulp from cornstalks grown on millions of acres now non-producing."

Commenting on the matter, Secretary Jardine declared that with the rapid progress being made in technical and commercial procedures, a new day is at hand when many agricultural wastes will become sources of profit, not only to the farmer, but to the country at large.

TO INVITE INDUSTRIES

Like many other states, Arkansas has suffered in the past from the enactment of laws which have tended to keep capital out of the

state, owing to restrictions and taxation measures which are considered burdensome by industrial leaders seeking new fields of activity.

As a consequence, a special commission on business laws and taxation was appointed to study the whole question, with the result that a report has been prepared for submission to the governor and legislature. This report recommends nearly a score of changes in existing laws, with a view to unshackling business and industry in that state.

The result to be sought is to assure capital that it may find in Arkansas a favorable field for investment. In other words, industry would be invited to the state, instead of being kept out by unfavorable legislation.

Many states are slowly learning the lesson that if they desire to attract new industries they must grant reasonable treatment to those they already have, and make it possible for new ones to develop under favorable conditions. A few radicals in a state legislature can do more to drive industries away than all the chambers of commerce can do towards attracting them.

This does not mean that regulatory laws are not needed. The public must be given proper protection and all business institutions should bear a fair share of the public tax burden. But regulations and tax measures should be imposed in a spirit of friendliness and fairness, and not, as some would have it, in a spirit of hostility toward those who employ their talents and their money in building up the commercial and industrial fabric of the state and nation.

Double auctioneering at sale of Hillcrest. Come. 24-dtf.

L. C. Daugherty has returned from a business trip to Texarkana leaving here Tuesday and returning Friday.

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ROTARY CLUB BANQUET EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT

The Ballinger Rotary Club will meet in a banquet tonight at the Central Hotel at 8 o'clock with all members and their wives being urged to be present. Rue Parcell, district governor of this district, will be present on his annual visit to the clubs under his jurisdiction. Mr. Parcell is a doctor of Amarillo and at the present is visiting 57 clubs from El Paso to Waco.

Aside from the address from the district governor the program committee has arranged a program of fun and entertainment for tonight with Rotarians and their Anns taking part.

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PERMANENT SCHOOL FUNDS BILL WILL ALLOW PURCHASE OF ANY BONDS

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—The senate banking committee favorably reported out a bill allowing permanent school funds to be invested in securities other than in the United States bonds now required under the statutes. The bill is designed to allow universities and other schools to purchase their own bonds.

MOOR IMPROVING NEW CAFE ON HUTCHINGS AVE. E. C. Moor, who has just recently moved into a new location next door to the Ledger office, has installed a Frigidaire system to take care of his refrigeration and water cooling system. He also states that

new seats will be installed in the very near future. These improvements will be in keeping with the policy of this new and popular cafe.

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Science As Well As Mysticism Enters Into Choice of Birthstone

By Pauline

"Birthstone, every one is fond of. January's birthstone is garnet. Mark the word, or the name, with a garnet as the word."

That certain gems, because of their physical attractions, have a strong power for good upon certain individuals according to the date of their birth was the first belief of an early mystic and seer. It is a belief that has come down to us through the ages unbroken by the quiet superstitions of such ages, now at last to find some justification by modern science in the theory of chemical attraction and the newly discovered vibratory rate of gems which is as varied as their colors.

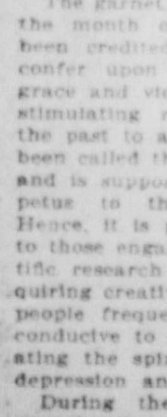
The garnet, the stone assigned to the month of January, has long been credited with the power to confer upon its wearer strength, grace and victory. Because of its stimulating red color, likened in the past to a glowing coal, it has been called the gem of inspiration, and is supposed to give great impetus to the creative instinct. Hence, it is particularly favorable to those engaged in original scientific research or in any work requiring creative ability, as January people frequently are. It is also conducive to cheerfulness, exhilarating the spirit and driving away depression and gloom.

During the Middle Ages, the garnet was used as a remedy for inflammatory diseases, and was worn to insure constancy, fidelity and happiness. It was also foremost among the stones supposed to warn their wearers of approaching danger by changing color, so that during the Crusades nearly every knight wore a garnet given him by his lady as a protective danger sign.

An ancient name of the period likewise set forth the extraordinary claim that "if the image of a lion were engraved on a garnet it would protect and preserve honor and health, cure the wearer of all disease and guard him from all perils in traveling."

People who are born in the latter half of January and the early part of February when the planet Uranus is in the ascendant invariably lead interesting lives, though not always happy ones. They are under the influence of Aquarius and for this reason, marriage for Aquarians is usually anything but a tranquil venture, even though they generally embark upon it with the greatest forethought and caution.

There are green garnets as well as red, so that January people have the choice of practically two gems in this one birthstone. The finest garnets, often termed "Cape Rubies," are found in South Africa, in close proximity to diamonds, from which they seem to have taken on unusual brilliance. Many are also found here in the United



MOVIES

Lust For Gold, Theme of Fox Film
Buck Jones has just completed his latest picture for Fox Films, "Black Jack," under direction of Orville Dull. This is Dull's second Jones picture within the past few months.

It is a typical western Jones production, from the story by Johnston McCulley. All the action takes place in the West and centers around a theme of the lust for gold. Exteriors were shot at Lone Pine, in the heart of the high Sierras. This town is noted for its Western atmosphere, still retaining much of the picturesqueness of the gold rush days and even its old ranches.

Buck has as his leading woman Barbara Bennett, Richard Bennett's youngest daughter and also known as the dancing partner of the famous Maurice. In addition to Miss Bennett the cast includes Theodore Lorch, George Berrell, Harry Cording, William Cares and Buck Moulton.

"Black Jack" is showing today and tomorrow at the Queen Theatre.

Film Actors Barely Escape Dangers of Bursting Dam

Only bad weather prevented Tim McCoy and his M-G-M company from being in the path of the devastating flood which swept the San Francisco Valley while "Beyond the Sierras," which comes to the Palace Theatre today for a two-day run, was being made. Two days before the great dam burst and claimed many lives in the onrush of raging torrents, the McCoy company, under direction of Nick Grinde, left their location in the canyon because of poor weather for filming.

In the new McCoy action picture the charm and beauty of the valley before the flood laid waste the fertile land will be seen, virtually all of the outdoor scenes having been filmed there.

The scene at the gold mine was taken just outside of Newhall, where the flood reached its height. The thrilling holdup scenes and running chases were filmed in the ruined valley, and many other sequences in the film depict the scenes of beauty that today stand desolate.

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"HIT THE DECK" TO PLAY IN ABILENE JANUARY 31

Manned by a crew of jolly tars and freighted with pretty girls, the Vincent Youmans' nautical musical comedy, "Hit the Deck" with a record run of over a year in New York, six months each in Chicago and Boston and a solid year in London, is scheduled to make this port and drop anchor at the Fair Park Auditorium, Abilene, Thursday night, January 31.

This much-heralded production comes to Abilene complete in every detail, and with the personal guarantee of its composer-producer, Mr. Youmans, who is known everywhere by his music in "No, No, Nanette" and who is not only the composer of "Hit the Deck," but its producer as well.

He promises an augmented orchestra for the interpreting of the score and a cast of singers and dancers headed by that noted musical comedy ingenue, Grace Smith, and including Edw. a Garr, 3 m. r. Dale, Katherine Gingham, Ernie Mack, Betty Benton, Rita Carita, John Robb, George Scully, The Mannequin Four, Lois Landis, Dan De Leo, Butler Mandeville, and a large chorus of dancing beauties, all in their teens.

"Hit the Deck" has been made internationally famous through its alluring score and all those who would hear the rousing negro spiritual "Hallelujah," and those en-

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trancing strains of "Sometimes I'm Happy," performed in their original settings, should lose no time in placing their orders for tickets at once.

Notice to Depository Bidders

Sealed proposals will be received up to ten o'clock A. M. of February 11th, 1929, from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker, in Runnels County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county. Each proposal should state the rate of interest offered on the funds of the county and must be accompanied by a certified check for not less than \$600.00 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder and that the bond required by law will be entered into if such bid is accepted.

PAUL TRIMMIER, County Judge. d-18-25-F1

A lot in a choice residential district like Hillcrest is one of the best nest eggs a person can have. 24-dtf.

FRANK DICKEY IS HOST TO FRIENDS THURSDAY

Frank C. Dickey was host to a few of his friends Thursday night at the Central Hotel with a turkey dinner. Mr. Dickey prepared the turkey himself and asked a few friends to enjoy the spread with him. Talks were heard from all present and everyone present enjoyed the occasion very much.

Those present were Paul Trimmier, O. L. Parish, K. V. Northington, J. W. Macune, Fred Kiechle, B. N. Wilke, Pat Howe, M. C. Atkins, Bill McCarver, Estes Lynn, Paul Bryer, Geo. Luck, Drew Beams and Mr. Sanders.

LEAVE TO BE AT BEDSIDE OF COUSIN AT FRANKLIN

George and Mildred McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Atnip left Friday for Franklin to be at the bedside of their cousin, Reuben McMillan, who was shot and fatally wounded by a negro at that place. No particulars of the tragedy were available here Friday other than the message summoning them to the bedside of their relatives.

Ohio Pied Piper Slays Rodents With Air Rifle

By Lloyd R. Rhodes (International News Staff Correspondent)

MT. STERLING, O., Jan. 25.—From out of German mythology a modern organization has arisen in this Ohio village, and woe unto the rats and mice that encounter the modern "Pied Piper" of Mt. Sterling. The mythological character's modern brother is a member of the Mt. Sterling Rat Hunters' Association, who arms himself with an airgun, 22-calibre rifle, club or what-not, instead of the regulation life of yore.

Open season on the rodents will continue until 6 o'clock the evening of February 2, when according to mathematical processes, all rats in the community will have come to an untimely death. The figuring "detail" is based on experiences of the association in the past as to the length of time it takes to rid any given community of the pests.

This year a contest has been made of the annual "Rat Hunt" by the Mt. Sterling Chamber of Commerce, which body is sponsoring the hunt this year. Two teams have been organized and at the end of the season a banquet will be given the winning squad. Official "tail-counters" have been appointed by each team captain to tally the final score.

The score is kept by tails of the rodents. Each of the pests slain is "tailed" instead of "scalped" and retained until after the final tabulation. The winning team will receive reimbursement of 50 cents, or half of their membership fee, for their work.

Led by their captain, the two teams are wreaking havoc among the favorite haunts of the little pests. All places where rats and mice can hide are stormed by the hunters. Located in such a position that its environs extend into Madison, Franklin, Pickaway and Fayette counties with hundreds of farms "just outside" the village, corn cribs on these farms are considered fair territory for the raids. "Dates" for attacks on the corn cribs have been made in advance

and great rivalry has developed among the farmers seeking to have their cribs cleaned out by the rat hunters. In addition to the cribs every nook and corner of the village itself is scoured and to date nearly a thousand rat and mice tails have been officially counted.

The Mt. Sterling rat hunt has gained nationwide fame during the past, especially in 1928 when the greatest "haul" of rats ever made in a community of its size was procured. More than 100 cities over the country have written to the local chamber of commerce asking detailed information of the "rat hunt," expressing desire of trying out the plan in their communities.

A. R. Alkire, president of the rat hunters organization, declares that he will be glad to aid any community suffering from the destruction caused by these rodents. It was the fact that rats and mice became so numerous here that they would almost "sass back" at the citizenry that the rat hunting expedition was first organized.

Each year since then the number of pests throughout the section has become smaller and smaller. It is believed that they may be come extinct if the annual hunt is continued long enough.

Hillcrest has all city conveniences. Invest at the auction. 24-dtf.

Banquet Tickets Are Selling Fast

Committees started a campaign early Friday morning on the sale of tickets for the annual chamber of commerce banquet which will be held next Tuesday night at the Methodist church. The committee reported that the tickets were going fast and that they expected to sell all the tickets without any trouble.

Preparations are being made to take care of 250 people at the banquet and the chamber of commerce had that number of tickets printed for the banquet. The committee will cover the town today and will leave tickets at each of the five drug stores and at the chamber of commerce office until they are all taken.

The program as carried in yesterday's Ledger will be carried out as printed which insures one of the best banquets ever staged by the organization.

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Stephens Will Be With Wix Currie

Willie Stephens, proprietor of The Ivory until a few weeks ago, has bought a partnership with W. B. Currie in the W. B. Currie Produce Company and will be found with that firm hereafter.

Mr. Stephens was formerly in business with Mr. Currie and for six years prior to entering the variety store business he and Mr. Currie operated a grocery store in Ballinger. They sold the store out three years ago and Mr. Stephens bought The Ivory which he ran until January of this year, selling it to Berry Bros., Inc. Mr. Currie bought the produce business and custom hatchery from E. A. Jeanes three years ago and has developed a feed, produce and custom hatchery since that time.

The business will continue to operate under the name of the W. B. Currie Produce Company in the future.

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DEATHS

Baby Honeycutt

The one-day-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Honeycutt of Hatchel died at the home at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday with interment in the cemetery at old Runnels. Higginbotham Bros. & Company undertakers were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Everybody invited to the Hillcrest Auction Sale. 24-dtf.

Senate Passes—

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Woodward of Coleman, which provides that in the appropriation of water from the various public streams of the state, preference shall be given to domestic and irrigation purposes before water is diverted for other uses. Another bill that will be considered is the Jenkins bill which would authorize the cancellation of water permits for the construction of dams and reservoirs in all cases where the project has not been started by Jan. 1, 1929.

The committee will also consider a couple of bills by Representative Tillotson wherein he defines a state policy for the appropriation of water from the public streams of the state.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—A bill has been introduced in the house by Representative Kincaid of Crowell providing for sexual sterilization of inmates of seven state institutions where persons afflicted with hereditary forms of insanity are kept.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—The house committee on education has reported favorably on the Cox house bill authorizing an increase in the tax that may be imposed in independent school districts from \$1 to \$1.50. The limit is now \$1.

The Johnson bill, authorizing an increase in the salary of county school superintendents of Scurry county was also favorably reported.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—Authority of the board of directors of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College to accept gifts of land to be held and administered as state forests is sought in a bill introduced in the house by Ray Holder of Lancaster.

Holder cited the instance of John H. Kirby who wanted to donate 20,000 acres of land in East Texas for this purpose was not permitted to do so under the present law.

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—A bill introduced by Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, the senate would give the dead bodies of all wards of the state, if not claimed by relatives, or died by contagious disease to medical authorities in the state for furthering of science.

Scientific study is hampered, the bill says, by lack of bodies by scientists.

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SINGLES SAVE LIFE OF FIREMAN IN FALL FROM BURNING ROOF HEAD FIRST

(By International News Service) EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 25.—A little shingle probably saved the life of Al Lehnard, a member of the Evansville Fire Department. While he was fighting a fire he lost his balance and fell. He was sliding head first down the roof when the top of his boot caught on a protruding shingle, which held him with his head hung over the eaves.

Lehnard managed to stay in that position, thanks to the shingle, until brother firemen could run up a ladder and rescue him.

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Mrs. George Armer returned to her home at Big Spring after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. R. G. Erwin.

Remember the big auction sale next Wednesday. 24-dtf

People come to this office daily seeking to learn where they might procure rooms, a house or a place to live. We always refer them to classified column.

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MISS GLEITZ HIDES FROM MAIL ORDER SWEETHEART

(By J. C. Oestreicher) (International News Staff Correspondent) MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 25.—PUTTING all thoughts of marriage to her "mail-order" fiancé out of her head, Miss Mercedes Gleitz, the adventurous young woman who has swum the English Channel and the treacherous Strait of Gibraltar, has embarked upon a new enterprise.

Secretly, and keeping her identity carefully hidden, she has taken employment under an assumed name in a cotton spinning mill of Manchester, for the professed purpose of studying the living conditions of the industrial classes.

Miss Gleitz "disappeared" mysteriously from London several weeks ago, just about the time when newspapermen were trying to make something concrete out of her postal romance with Private William Farrance, of the East Lancashire Regiment, with whom she fell in love while he was stationed in India and she was desperately trying to conquer the treacherous currents of the English Channel.

Farrance wrote to Miss Gleitz, and she wrote back. Soon they became "engaged" by post, and Farrance came to England recently to claim his bride. Since then, the romance has sputtered and apparently died, for Miss Gleitz now steadfastly refuses to discuss it in any way. She was not so reticent, however, about discussing her new enterprise.

"I thought I might gain some experience of life along the working classes," Miss Gleitz said, "and get to know more of the conditions under which they live. I have found the work very strenuous, but it has been a wonderful experience."

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TIAJUANA WOMEN'S RACE IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 24

(By International News Service) TIAJUANA, Mexico, Jan. 25.—The second running of the classic Coronado Town plate, the Tiajuana Jockey Club's race for women riders, will take place Sunday, February 24, President James Wood Cofroth announced.

The race is patterned after the oldest stake race of the British turf, the Newmarket town plate, which was first run 250 years ago with both men and women drivers but which now permits only women riders.

The Coronado last year was won by Holly Boy, with Miss Ardath Schneider, pretty college girl of Long Beach, Calif., up.

AIR MAIL FLYER IN LONG MILEAGE RECORD

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—During the year 1928 Charles E. Peeples, flying the National Air Transport mail plane between Dallas and Kansas City, flew 1,076 hours, or almost 45 days of continual flying, covering 93,967 miles.

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Architects Should "Sign" Buildings Like Authors Do Books, Says Expert

(International News Staff Correspondent) By James L. Kilgallen NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Buildings like books or any other work of art, should be signed by their author.

This is the opinion of William Orr Ludlow, vice president of the New York Building Congress. He believes it is no more unprofessional for an architect to sign his building than it is for the sculptor to place his name on the fold of the garment of his statue or for the artist to place his signature on the corner of his canvas.

"Rather than being reprehensible," said Mr. Ludlow, "I believe that this is a duty which the architect owes to the public and himself."

The American Institute of Architects approves the policy of architects signing the buildings they put up. And most of the architects themselves are in favor of the plan.

"By signing buildings," declared Mr. Ludlow, "we interest the public in architecture, by attaching to architecturally worthy buildings some personality. We help educate the public to the idea, that a really good building is a work of art, not merely a structure, and that its author is an artist, as well as a master builder."

"If the names of Rubens, Murillo, Rembrandt, or even lesser painters were unknown in con-

nection with their paintings, what would be the effect on the interest of the public?"

Mr. Ludlow pointed out that in Europe architects are accorded recognition with their work. He said that in Athens, even today, the names of great architects are venerated along with their great sculptors, statesmen and philosophers.

"Isn't it worth while, in the cause of public appreciation of architecture and for the standing of our profession, to forget our 'difference,' to overcome our 'laziness,' and to take the trouble to sign our buildings, as a plain duty to ourselves, the public and the art of architecture?" asked Mr. Ludlow.

Fresh oysters at Piggly Wiggly 25-1d

HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB IS IN CAMPAIGN FOR SANE LIGHTS

(By International News Service) INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25.—Contending that millions of dollars are wasted in delays caused by unnecessary traffic lights in small towns and villages, Duane Dungan, president of the Hoosier Motor Club, has begun a campaign to restrict the signals to congested areas.

"Where there is only light traffic, the signals are not only unnecessary, but are costly in loss of time and annoyance to car owners," Dungan said. "Authorities in smaller cities and towns all over the country have overburdened the taxpayers by installing unnecessary stop and go signs."

Band concert at the Hillcrest Auction Sale. 24-dtf.

JESSE JAMES CRAWFORD, NEGRO BANDIT, FACES EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

(By International News Service) ATLANTA, Jan. 25.—The Fulton county grand jury here was recently confronted with the time-worn question—"what's in a name?"

Indictment was returned by the grand jury for one Jesse James Crawford, negro, charged with embezzling \$335 from a local drug company while serving as messenger boy.

The namesake of the notorious bandit leader, Jesse James, was apprehended in Detroit, and returned to Atlanta under extradition papers.

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