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2 TEXAS OFFICERS KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

Moody Silent on Laredo Petition to Oust Valls

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, Jan. 2.—Although neither O. W. Killam nor Hal Brennan, representing the city of Laredo, nor Governor Moody would state definitely today the outcome of his conference yesterday over the situation in Laredo brought about by the closing of the Mexican consulate there, it was evident that the governor would not accede to the request that District Attorney John Valls be removed as the price for the restoration of the usual commercial relations between Laredo and Mexico.

Governor Moody declared he would not make a statement about the conference yesterday until he had had another discussion with Killam and Brennan today.

Doctor Victim of Blood Poisoning

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—Dr. Paul F. W. Wiperman, 41, widely known in medical circles, died here today after suffering a month from a rare form of blood poisoning in which he had specialized and discovered a treatment.

Theatre Manager Is Blamed for Fire

(By Associated Press)
PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 2.—Charles Durward, manager of the motion picture theatre where seventy-two children perished in a fire panic Tuesday, was charged today with culpable homicide.

JEFF SHOWS PROTEGE BOY CHAMPS ARE MADE

(By Associated Press)
BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 31.—Jim Jeffries, almost a decade ago king of the heavyweight fistie realms, believes he has a future champion of that division in the making.

So he is putting Al Marrow through the paces learned in the old school.

Jim thinks present day fighters are pampered and petted too much. Following this idea the 21-year-old youth of Italian extraction is getting 10 to 15 miles of road work instead of five, while the average consists of 20 to 25 rounds, not 10 and 15.

Marrow, who weighs 198 pounds is 6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall. He has had few professional fights, and none since Jeffries took him to his ranch here for seasoning. No "coming out" date has been set for this new "hopeful."

Clarence McCarver returned to Brownwood Wednesday night to re-enter Howard Payne College.

Have you read the want ads?

Two Stores Razed By Fire at Bryan

(By Associated Press)
BRYAN, Jan. 2.—Fire of unknown origin early today damaged the buildings and stock of two stores here.

The owners today estimated their losses to total \$18,000.

Bus Leaves Road; Two are Killed

(By Associated Press)
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 2.—Two persons were killed and several injured when a motor bus ran off the road near here early today.

Thomas Carney, 45, and Esther Masters, 30, were killed. The driver of the bus was injured.

The cause of the crash was not ascertained from the driver, although he is thought to have been blinded by bright lights.

Guard Unit Ready For a Big Year

Workmen are pushing the interior work at the Dr. A. S. Love building on Seventh Street, preparing it for the local National Guard company to move into on February 1st. Capt. Chas. H. Dobbs, company commander, said Thursday that the lease had not been approved by the authorities at Austin but he had been assured that everything would be all right and he was preparing to move the unit.

Carpenters have about completed the supply room with individual compartments for each member of the company where uniforms and other equipment can be kept. As soon as this is finished an orderly room will be built at the front of the building and the remainder of the floor space will be used for drill purposes. Dimensions of the building are 30 by 140 feet and the guardsmen will have sufficient room for some formations and inside drills when the weather is inclement. The parade grounds across the street from the new armory will be used when the weather permits outside formations. The grounds are furnished the company by C. A. Doose, and the West Texas Utilities Company lights the plat.

Capt. Dobbs stated that he hoped to secure steel lockers from the state after the next federal inspection here in April. Most guard units already have been furnished with lockers and the Ballinger unit is expected to get this equipment after the next inspection.

Company C intends to start equipping a gymnasium and club room as soon as the move is made to the new home. A show will be staged here on January 17 and 18 and the receipts from this will be used in purchasing gym equipment. The play, "Aunt Lucia," has been booked and a professional director will arrive here in the near future to commence rehearsals.

The local unit at present has an enlistment of sixty-three men and three officers. All officers have been with the company for at least two years and some for a longer period. The annual payroll in Ballinger is more than \$5,000, all of which is spent locally and means much to the city in a financial way. Company C has always ranked about as high in efficiency as any company in the Texas National Guard and will strive to better its record during 1930.

Frank Reese has returned to Austin, where he is a student in the University of Texas.

Underworld Thugs Wound Inspector

(By Associated Press)
DETROIT, Jan. 2.—Inspector Henry Garvin, head of the crime and bomb squad of the Detroit police department, was shot and wounded here today by a group of men who drove beside the inspector's car and fired twelve shots at the machine.

An 11-year-old girl, struck by a stray bullet, is said to be dying.

The inspector is known to have been a marked man in the city's underworld since the organization of the bomb squad two years ago to rid the city of racketeers and hijackers.

Waco Trio Charged In Examining Trial

(By Associated Press)
WACO, Jan. 2.—A. W. Kanaday, of Waco, was held without bond today in connection with the kidnapping of Dr. C. G. Swift, Jr., Saturday night.

Kanaday was charged with kidnapping and robbery by firearms. Kanaday's wife, Mrs. Hazel Kanaday, and Lawrence Teague, who were charged as accomplices in the abduction of the physician, were ordered released under bonds of \$2,000 each.

Gypsy Buys a Wife, But She Ran Away

(By Associated Press)
PUEBLA, Mexico, Jan. 2.—A San Francisco Gypsy, who paid 7,000 pesos for a wife who abandoned him on their wedding night, and now he wants either the wife or the money returned. He is not particular as to which.

Rover that is, Bimbo religiously abstained from participation of any sort in the social structures of the people, his tribe came into contact with, until his wife and his money disappeared—then he went straight to the established law and demanded justice.

Police raided the hut just outside the city where Liova Bel-esqui, the fugitive wife, makes her temporary home with her parents, but they found only 2,000 of the 7,000 pesos left, and the girl in no mood to return to the marital nest. Furthermore, an uncle appeared on the scene of to claim the money as the savings of a lifetime.

Liova asserted she found out just after the Gypsy marriage rites that Bimbo had not fulfilled the requisites of an eligible husband under the tribal regulations, and that, therefore, she has no obligation to keep her vows. She declared the 7,000 pesos Bimbo paid her parents as the price of her hand is not her affair.

Meanwhile, with police endeavoring to find a solution to the case, the tribe has divided and veritable brawls have been thrown up about the individual huts composing the Gypsy village, about half of which has sworn allegiance to the husband and the other half to the wife.

FORGIVES STRANGER WHO PARKED CAR WRONG

(By Associated Press)
BRADY, Jan. 2.—Diogenes has found another candidate.

F. R. Boyd, of Lorraine, Texas, has written Justice of the Peace Douglas that on a recent visit to Brady he parked his car wrong. He did not know about Brady's parking ordinance until he was several miles out of town and found a notice on his windshield. Judge Douglass forgave him this time.

Special Session is Set for Jan. 20th

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Jan. 2.—A special session of the state legislature will be convened on January 20th, according to Senator John Hornsby, of Austin.

Senator Hornsby said he asked Governor Dan Moody yesterday for a definite date so he could plan a reception for the returning legislators. He declared the executive assured him the session would begin January 20th.

Local Officials are Invited to Baseball Meet at Houston

The first baseball news that might concern the West Texas League for 1930 came to the Ballinger directors Thursday morning when a letter was received from J. Alvin Gardner, president of the Texas League, inviting officials of the Ballinger club to a meeting of the Texas League in Houston on January 11.

This meeting is the annual scheduled meeting of the Texas League and all presidents and managers join the conference. The meeting will also give West Texas League owners a good opportunity to meet Texas League owners and confer with them regarding "farms" in the West Texas League.

Texas League clubs have not made any formal statements as to whether they would want West Texas "farms" this year or not. Mr. Gardner stated in his letter that he did not know what Texas League owners expected to do in this regard or whether they would be interested or not, but that it would be a fine opportunity for the proposals to be made and deals closed.

As for entertainment, Fred Ankerman, president of the Houston club, is to serve a fish dinner at the famous San Jacinto Inn with all the club owners as his guests. Ballinger will likely have representatives at the Houston meeting to see what the lay of the land will be for 1930. Ballinger led the West Texas League in attendance last year and in case of Texas League clubs placing "farms" should be one of the first towns considered. The local club owns nine good ball players and one man on the volunteer retired list to start the season with. All players will be owned by the Ballinger club until March 1. In case contracts are not mailed to each player by that date they will automatically receive their release.

Players now under contract are: R. S. Hill; Troy Kittrell, Al Mueller, Bill Bean, Danny Lynch, Fant, A. M. Dockery, Lane and Brendt.

Following the Houston meeting the local directors will likely have some report to make to the local fans regarding baseball plans for the coming season.

(By Associated Press)
GONZALES, Jan. 2.—J. S. Tate, city night watchman and A. C. Strickland, a deputy sheriff were shot to death in a gun battle, here last night. The men were found wounded mortally by Deputy Sheriff Ruel Vasburg, who was attracted to a dark alley by the sound of gunfire.

Vasburg said Tate told him Strickland was apparently under the influence of liquor and approached him, demanding that he "stick 'em up." Tate said the deputy opened fire without another word and that after he had been shot down he pulled his gun and shot Strickland five times.

The fact that a bullet hole in Tate's body appeared to have been made by a gun of smaller caliber than the others, led officers today to push the investigation under the assumption that a third man may have taken part in the fight.

Officer Found Dead; Shot Through Head

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 2.—Seated in a chair, a pistol on the floor between his feet, and a gas stove in the room kicked over but still burning, Grover Williams, 35, a city policeman, was found dead today.

Williams had been shot in the head.

TWO NEGROES SHOT, KILLED

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 2.—Two negroes were shot fatally here last night. C. W. Williams, 26, was slain in an altercation at his home. John White, 33, was killed on a street corner.

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TYPEWRITERS RATTLE IN YARDS OF MOSQUES

(By Associated Press)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—Bearded Turkish public letter writers whose booths give color to mosque court-yards, have been forced by advent of the new Latin alphabet, to take to typewriters.

These relics of the old Turkey find it easier to pound machines than to form the new ABC's with their own old hands. The more prosperous have engaged typists. Their machines rattle amid the splashing of the mosque fountains and the calls to prayer the muezzins, while the public letter writers compose love and filial epistles and business sermons for illiterate clients.

Miss Hortense Holl left Thursday morning for Belton to resume her school work after spending the holidays here with relatives.

Be wise and advertise.

Officials and Employees Hold Profitable Meeting

The city commissioners, mayor and all regular employees of the city met Wednesday night at the city hall in a get-together to further the cordial relations existing and reach a better understanding of the duties of each in the various departments. Fourteen of the fifteen employees were present. One man was forced to remain at the water pumping plant and could not attend. A general round-table discussion of the various departments was held by the employees and commissioners which is expected to prove very beneficial to both the employees and the public. It was decided by the commission to hold such meetings quarterly and perhaps augment the programs with entertainment features and refreshments.

Work of the commission has been divided into two sections with E. Shepperd acting as water commissioner, and O. L. Parish as street commissioner.

Mayor W. C. McCarver stated Thursday that the budget for 1930 had been set and would take care of all activities for the ensuing year and the deficit. Projects for the current year have been carefully planned by the commission and the budget apportioned to care for all details of the work in

1930.

According to Mayor McCarver the commission plans during the year to connect city paving with all highways leading into Ballinger. No contracts will let for this work, however, until the state highway department decides definitely how No. 23 will enter the city from the east. When this is settled the commission will be ready to connect Hutchings Avenue to the concrete surfaced highway near the Colorado bridge. Another project is from Seventh Street to the highway pavement, and a third from the Coleman road to the eastern section of the city. The commission plans to let contracts for the three projects at the same time.

The mayor also stated that the commission intended to buy a new fire truck during the year, and that in the near future representatives of three leading truck manufacturing concerns would come here to take the matter up with the commissioners and the fire department. The matter of the place to house the new truck has not yet been decided.

With the work well planned for the year, and taxes coming in nicely at present the city government is expected to be placed on a substantial basis in a very short time.

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Did you ever stop to think about stealing? There is a law against stealing anything of value, yet there is no law against stealing another fellow's time. This is a practice that is so common that at times it is beyond understanding.

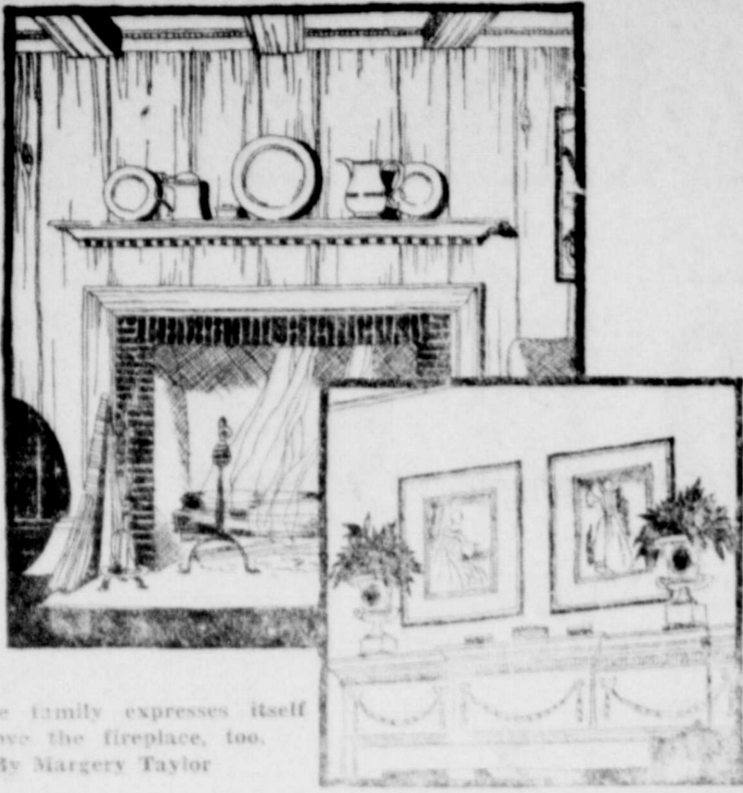
Ballinger citizens were proud of their many pretty yards last summer and perhaps the percentage here was as great as to be found in any West Texas city. Many took the fever last spring and more yard improvement was accomplished than in any preceding year.

A few new number plates have begun to appear on cars along the streets but the percentage is very low. Just because the time for securing plates has been extended a month is no reason for car owners to delay until the last minute and then have the same grand rush.

SOCIETY GIRL IS A GOOD HUNTER

(By Associated Press) SAN MARCOS, Jan. 2.—No one here doubts that Doris Rogers is a good shot. Just returned from a hunt on the Matthews ranch near Pearsall, Miss Rogers has the evidence to show that the first shot she fired brought down a nine-point buck and the second dropped a coyote in his tracks.

Over-Mantel Now A Barometer of Taste



The family expresses itself above the fireplace, too. By Margery Taylor

(Interior Decoration Editor, McCall's Magazine) writes for The Ledger:

By Margery Taylor

The over-mantel is no longer a depot for "junk" like the attic.

In the new decoration it worthily lives up to its position as center of interest in the room.

Eric-a-brac and the "artistic" colored photograph somehow do not seem to fit into the modern scheme.

Because the visiting eye just naturally turns to it, isn't the over-mantel the logical place for the family to tell about itself?

Have you discovered the beauty of old English or Colonial

Then the over-mantel is the perfect show window for pewter pieces you prize. Or, if china is your hobby, why not display above the hearth that odd Italian jug or that Spanish tile?

Of course, if your fireplace is the heavy cobblestone type, it is different. Then you had better forget the delicate china and decorate the mantel with the appropriate crude peasant pottery, wrought iron candlesticks or brassware.

If you prefer the beauty of the larger surface of fabrics, above the fireplace is a fine setting for an old damask piece, some Japanese embroidery or one of the soft toned modern textiles.

With these should be some appropriate grouping—but it must be right, and the whole arrangement simple and not cluttered.

Are the lines high of the fireplace high or low?

That's important, because you can make a low one seem higher by a grouping of a banjo clock flanked by pewter wall scones, land eight miles north of this Onea high mantel, a single piece of furniture looks uncomfortable, but two home to Nacogdoches.

small, similar ones are just the thing—and instead of the customary candlesticks, the picture is completed with colorful Chinese pot-pourri jars.

WILMETH NEWS

Monday night, December 23rd, R. N. Ensor gave a farewell party. Mr. Ensor is a pioneer of this community, and we hate to lose him. The family is moving to the plains.

T. J. Tubbs gave a party Christmas night. Many were present, and all reported a good time.

On December 19th, Truett McDonald and Elsie Tubbs were married. Both of these young people are well known in this community, and everyone wishes them happiness and prosperity. Their home is to be in Ballinger, where Mr. McDonald will be with the Healer Chevrolet Company.

Robert Ensor died in the Lubbock sanitarium on December 26. Robert had been ill for many months. Everyone offers sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jay Ensor and Phillip Davidson spent the holidays at home. They are attending Weatherford Junior College.

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OFFERS MORE LAND FOR OLD NEGRO SLAVES HOME

(By Associated Press) NACOGDOCHES, Jan. 2.—William Hemphill, manager of a home for former negro slaves at Gilmer, has been offered ten acres of land eight miles north of this Onea high mantel, a single piece of furniture looks uncomfortable, but two home to Nacogdoches.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE FIREPLACE LEADER

By Mary Graham Bonner

John and Peggy had been taken back of the fireplace by the Little Black Clock, and the brightly dressed creatures who lived in the Fireplace were talking about their plans.

They were deciding how they would always dress in bright, bright costumes so as to give cheer and warmth to people. They also said that they would sometimes quiet down so that their embers could be used for roasting pop-corn, apples and sweet potatoes.

Then spoke the Fireplace Leader. He wore a magnificent suit of the color of the brightest flames.

"Of course people will have to help us," the Leader said. "But we will be ready to help them too. They must lay the fuel in the fireplace and strike the match to

start off the papers and kindlings. "But just as soon as they strike the match I'll wave my little right hand finger. That will mean that it is time for all of you to come forward and start to play and scamper and burn.

"We have many, many relatives, and they will all do the same in all the fireplaces everywhere.

"But always wait for the signal! Never come forward until the match is struck and the fire is supposed to begin. People will say that the fire is starting. We will know that that first little flame is my right hand finger waving to the rest of you to start."

And then Peggy and John saw the Leader wave his little right hand finger, a tiny flame could be seen, and then more and more more and more flames as the fire started to go.

But there were a few who were putting and complaining. They went around trying to catch the others and hold them so they could not follow the Leader.

"Now what's the trouble?" the Leader asked.

"What are they doing?" John asked the Little Black Clock.

(Tomorrow—The Pointing Clock)

Be wise and advertise.

Bateman Candidate For Tax Collector

E. V. Bateman called at The Ledger office Thursday morning and instructed that his "hat" be thrown in the political ring for coming election. He will make the race for tax collector of Runnels county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Bateman has been living in Ballinger for the past 25 years and during that time has come in close contact with the people of this county in numerous lines. He stated that he had never held a public office of any kind and that this was the first time he had asked the tax payers to elect him to office.

Mr. Bateman said: "I intend to make an active campaign and before the first primary will attempt to see every voter in the county. I feel that I am qualified to hold the office and give the public courteous and just treatment at all times. If elected, I will strive my best to fill the office to the satisfaction of every-one concerned. I will explain my claim to everyone I can see be-

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For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN E. V. BATEMAN

fore now and July, but in case I fail to see anyone it will be due to lack of time and I hereby solemnly his vote and influence." Mr. Bateman's is the second announcement for this position on the county force. W. L. Brown the present incumbent has already made his formal announcement a few days ago.

Mr. Bateman is well known in the county and has the advantage of knowing practically every voter to start his race for this office. 11-24-W

WICHITA COLLECTOR FILES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 2.—County Tax Collector Guy C. Raitel has filed a claim against the county for \$38,674.01 in fees on delinquent tax collections from 1924 to 1928 inclusive which is expected to result in a legal contest to determine the county's responsibility. The commissioner's court has taken the claim under consideration.

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"She has tried every kind of stomach medicine but nothing did her any good until we read of Organatone and she began taking it. She now has a good appetite and eats just anything she wants and says she never feels a sign of gas, bloating or pains afterward. Her headaches and backache have left her and her nerves are in good shape and she sleeps fine every night. She is much stronger and has gained in weight several pounds. It has completely relieved her of constipation. Organatone is the only medicine she has ever taken that did her any good and she says that she would not be without it. I am glad to the opportunity to tell the public what Organatone has done for my wife."

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HAGAN NEWS

Bro. Carter, of Robert Lee, preached for us Sunday. A large crowd attended and all enjoyed the good sermon he brought.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful holidays we had during Xmas.

Mr. Patterson is visiting his father at Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Nunn, of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn have moved from north of Ballinger to our community. We are very glad to welcome them.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are the proud parents of a fine baby girl who arrived December 20th. The little girl was named Mary Frances. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Owens spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

Miss Velma Turner, who is teaching school at Lowake, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mrs. Bradley is visiting her daughter here. Mrs. Patterson, this week.

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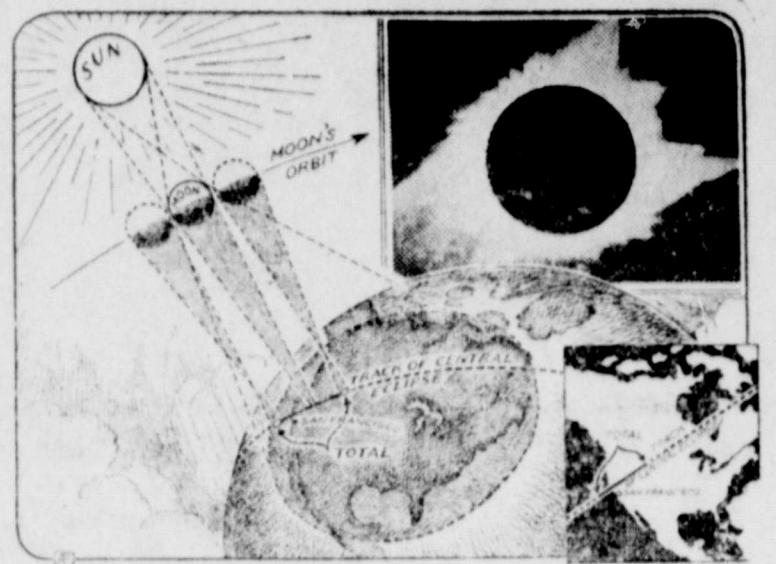
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The MONTH IN THE SKIES

SUN ECLIPSE IN APRIL



There will be an eclipse of the sun next April 28. The diagrams show its track, the comparatively short line of totality and the great area of shadow. The photograph is of the total eclipse of 1925, with the black disk of the sun surrounded by the corona.

By Robert H. Baker, Director of Astronomy, University of Illinois

UPLANA, Ill., Jan. 2.—(AP)—An eclipse of the sun of an unusual type will occur April 28, 1930.

The moon's shadow will strike near San Francisco about 11 a. m. Moving swiftly toward the northeast, the shadow will rise above the earth in southern Montana half an hour later.

The penumbra of the shadow will overspread all of North America. In the greater part of the United States half or more of the sun will be hidden.

Total eclipse will be viewed only along the narrow track between California and Montana, lasting nowhere longer than a second and a half.

Astronomers call this type a central eclipse. Along the central track which runs on through Canada and across Hudson Bay the moon will pass centrally before the sun, but it will not quite cover it.

The moon will be partly eclipsed April 12, the eclipse beginning a little before midnight, eastern time, and lasting about an hour. Two other eclipses in 1930 will not be seen in our hemisphere.

Venus, now the morning star, will cross behind the sun February 6. From March to November it will be in the west after sunset.

Near the end of April Mercury will be seen in the west at nightfall not far from the little cluster of the Pleiades.

Mars will rise after midnight until October. Near the end of

the year it will be visible in the evening as one of the brightest stars. But it will not be seen at its best again until 1929.

Jupiter will be the most conspicuous planet early in the year, continuing in the evening sky until June. Saturn and its rings are reserved for the summer and autumn. The rings are now open as wide as they ever appear to us.

Astronomers are making preparations for the visit, near the end of the year, of the tiny planet Eros. About once in a generation it comes nearer the earth than any planet ever approaches. It can come within 14,000,000 miles of the earth. The closest approach this time will occur early in 1931.

WILL GIVE 4 SCHOLARSHIPS

(By Associated Press) LIBERTY, Jan. 2.—Four scholarships to Baylor University of Baylor (Belton) College are to be awarded by M. P. Daniel, one for each high school in the county. The total value is estimated at \$840.

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"Hired Hand" to Be Feature At C. of C. Banquet Jan. 10th

The first feature for the annual membership banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on January 10th was definitely announced Thursday as that of Harold Hough, better known as "The Hired Hand" of Fort Worth WBAP fame, who will act as toastmaster for the occasion. For a number of years negotiations for an appearance here have been attempted with "The Hired Hand," but this was impossible heretofore on account of previous dates made by Mr. Hough.

In a telephone conversation Wednesday night Mr. Hough stated that he would make every effort to be in Ballinger and confirmed his remarks Thursday by wiring that he would be here on the date to act as toastmaster.

"The Hired Hand" has long been popular in this section of the state and has provided much fun and amusement around big conventions with his antics. Last year he served as toastmaster at a number of banquets in West Texas cities, proving a big drawing card and the source of much entertainment.

The arrangements committee is going ahead with the remainder of the program and will have a complete program to announce within a few days. It is sought to provide a fine evening's entertainment with one state-recognized speaker to bring a short message to the banquet. Queries have been sent to several prominent men and a speaker is expected to be secured by the end of the week.

In addition there will be plenty of music and other entertainment together with a real home-cooked meal.

The committee wishes to stress the fact that only 300 tickets will be for sale. A portion of these will be used for guests with about 275 offered for sale at \$1 each to local citizens. The tickets have already been printed and are

ready to be placed in the hands of those who will sell them before the week closes.

WANTS PLENTY OF HELP TO AID SICK FARMER

Dee Oliver called at The Ledger office Thursday morning and asked the paper to broadcast a request for aid in helping do farm work for J. D. Adams, who lives about a mile and a half west of Ballinger.

Mr. Adams, who has been ill

for some time, has been unable to attend to the work about his farm, and friends are arranging to meet at his place on next Monday, January 6th, to break land, make any repairs necessary, and do any other work about the farm that is urgent.

Mr. Oliver asks that all those who can to meet at the farm, and thinks the work can be accomplished in a short time if enough friends respond to the call.

MRS. J. J. ERWIN DIES AT SWEETWATER WEDNESDAY

R. G. Erwin and Mrs. George Holman left Thursday morning for Sweetwater in response to a message stating that Mrs. J. J. Erwin had died there. Mrs. Erwin had been ill for several years and confined to her bed, with no hope held for her recovery. She passed away at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Funeral services were announced for 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at Sweetwater.

Mrs. Erwin was well known here, having visited here on numerous occasions with her husband, who is a brother of R. G. Erwin and Mrs. George Holman. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin had resided in Sweetwater for many years.

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Twenty-seven Get Licenses to Wed

During the month of December there were twenty-seven marriage licenses issued here, and four made applications during the last three days of the month.

Many licenses were also granted for the months of October and November, according to Miss Ima M-Kown, county clerk, who said October was the banner month since the new marriage law went into effect in June. Thirty-three licenses were issued in October, a few less in November, and December showing an increase.

Removing Sundays from the calculations and figuring only the days the clerk's office was open, an average of one marriage permit a day was issued last month.

The following licenses were issued last month:

- Eldon Avent and Miss Elva Foreman
- Odus Hay and Miss Minnie Lee Drake
- George W. Pruser and Miss Myrtle Matthews
- Charlie Owen and Miss Alpha Lou Sparks
- Lawrence Hoelscher and Miss Alma Pelcel
- Willie Woehl and Miss Irene Barcum
- Earl Dowell and Miss Ruby Hicks
- H. T. McDonald and Miss Elsie Tubbs
- Travis Wilson Andrews and Miss Gladys Inez McCarty
- Claud McShan and Miss Nola B. Gregory
- Cloyde Bowman and Miss Zella Beatty
- C. E. Sullivan and Miss Luta Underwood
- F. E. Roberson and Miss Dorothy Graham
- Robert L. Beach and Miss Elizabeth Schwertner
- James C. Parrish and Miss Ollie Jean Cordill
- Jack L. Jones and Miss Maude Jane West
- Lee Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Dunean Ransel
- A. H. Lewin and Miss Margaret Avery
- Lawrence Kelley and Miss Bertha Mae Sanderfer
- Frank Midgley and Miss Dorothy Sparks
- Homer Bryant and Miss Nettie Lee Westbrook
- August Schipplick and Miss Frances Gottschalk
- Eustorgio Alvarado and Miss Beatriz S. Soto
- Alfred Rose and Miss Lillie Redman

BRADY HAS PROGRESSED DURING PAST TEN YEARS

(By Associated Press)
BRADY, Jan. 2.—The past 10 years have been for Brady and its trade territory an era of unprecedented growth.

Frame buildings which cluttered the business district here 10 years ago, have been replaced by structures of brick and plate glass fronts; former streets of mud are covered with five miles of pavement, the erstwhile dimly lighted business and residence district is now replete with the glow of powerful electric lamps. Beautiful homes, a water system, a sewerage system, a new and modern electric plant, natural gas and every municipal convenience has been installed.

During the past decade the population of Brady has doubled while a 75 per cent increase has been noted in the rural population.

The diversified crop system has taken a firm hold in agricultural economies in McCulloch county. While cotton and beef are still a vital factor, the hen, the turkey, the sheep, goat, and the dairy cow have been added to the farmer's prosperity team. The McCulloch County Wolf Club, organized in 1922, has made smooth the way for the poultry and livestock production by eradicating the wolf and the wildcat, which now are practically extinct in this county.

Sheep and goats, which in 1920 were an insignificant item, this year added \$450,000 to the coffers of the farmer and ranchmen in wool and mohair alone, and another \$320,000 from the shipment of 400 carloads of live animals.

Turkey shipments totalling 48 carloads to date with about ten more cars to ship on the January market, approximately 15 carloads of chickens and 40 carloads of eggs, 60,000 gallons of sour cream, and four carloads of pecans are other items which have made the present year a prosperous one.

The quickest way to keep abreast with the times is to read the ads

Hoover Plan May Help Federal Aid Roads



Figures for each state show the mileage of designated federal aid highway system, the miles completed with federal aid to June 30, 1929, and the percentage completed. Map prepared by the American Automobile Association.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Hoover's call for economic cooperation came at the psychological moment for road building.

Increased appropriations for the federal aid system are seen as an impetus to all highway construction.

For many years the appropriations have been held at a constant figure of \$75,000,000 annually, a sum parceled out to the various states to match the amount spent by each in federal highway development.

Indication that, without an increased appropriation, federal projects would not proceed as rapidly as they had in the last few years is carried in the report of the bureau of public roads that the mileage of improvement during the fiscal year was smaller than in previous years.

That federal projects have been able to approach a constant pace is laid to the accumulation of a large balance in the fund because, during earlier years, annual sums had not been entirely expended.

The balance has hastened the rate of improvement during past years but it has now been absorbed and the results of confining the road building program to current appropriations are reflected in lessened mileage.

Governors of many states, in response to the president's call for increased building, pledged their

aid, but the maximum to which the states can push their highway development may depend on federal help.

As a result, eyes of the road building world will be turned to congress when it fashions what may be the backbone for road building programs in authorizing federal aid appropriations.

In response to the general movement for highway expansion, an increase in the federal aid appropriation to \$125,000,000 is being sought by the House committee alone to stimulate building and forestall depression.

The federal aid system for the fiscal year included 188,857 miles of interstate and intercounty highways. Nearly 79,000 miles of the system have been initially improved thus far with federal aid.

With an increase in the federal aid appropriation, the American Automobile Association estimates, expenditures for highway and street constructions and maintenance in 1930 would exceed \$2,500,000,000 and furnish employment for 625,000 people.

A bill to appropriate \$250,000,000 to aid states in construction of rural post roads has been introduced by Representative Robinson, Republican of Kentucky.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander has returned to her school work at Belton after spending Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Alexander.

it to turn over. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, receiving only a few scratches and bruises. The car was badly damaged but not beyond repair.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cotten have moved up near Lackey. We regret to see these good people move from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard spent Tuesday night and Wednesday visiting relatives at Herring.

Miss Mildred Brevard, of Belton, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill, of Benoit, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Linderman and family attended church at Winters Sunday.

A number of the young people of this community enjoyed the party at the Morrison home in Oxley Wednesday night.

Mrs. Troy Nichols and two children, of Miles, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. James.

The party at the H. B. Fowler home Tuesday night was well attended and all reported a good time.

Mr. Harris, Russell Flannagan, and Mrs. Cullen Mullins, of Novice, were guests in the Cebe Flannagan home Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Foreman spent last week with Miss Alice Foreman.

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Quite a number enjoyed turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone Sunday, given in honor of Miss Mildred Brevard, of Belton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope and family; Oscar Floyd, Elzie Cope and Chester Wood enjoyed turkey dinner at the J. A. Foreman home Wednesday.

Rev. Brown filled his regular appointment at the New Hope church Sunday morning with a large crowd present.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Wade are here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. T. L. Foreman spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood.

Floyd Cope spent Saturday night and Sunday with Grover Foreman.

LAREDO HAS A NEW KIND OF BOOTLEGGER

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, Jan. 1.—A new kind of bootlegger broke out on the Texas-Mexico border at Laredo during the holidays when the Mexican government was taking measures against the port of Laredo because District Attorney John A. Vails had attempted to arrest General Plutarco Elias Calles on an old charge when the latter passed through this, Webb, county on his return home from Europe.

When folks from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, were prohibited by the Mexican government from purchasing anything in Laredo and Webb county, Texas, and taking it to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, the new bootleggers saw their opportunity to make some money other than by smuggling liquor from the Mexican to the American side.

The result was that such goods as clothing, shoes, hats, dresses, stockings, neckties and other articles of clothing were taken in charge and landed in Mexico and then delivered to the purchaser. In other instances the bootleggers took orders for goods on the Mexican side, came to the American side, purchased the things wanted and then delivered them to their trade.

Burt Wentworth, internationally known fingerprint expert, says the place for fingerprints is in record of the family Bible.

BLANTON NEWS

The Christmas tree at Blanton church Tuesday night was well attended and all enjoyed it fine, especially the kiddies.

The party at Carl King's Friday night, December 30th, was well attended and all reported a good time.

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