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## Finding of 4 Bodies May Solve Year Old Mystery

(By Associated Press)  
WATFORD CITY, North Dakota, Dec. 12.—The recovery of four bodies today led authorities to believe they were near a solution of the mysterious disappearance of a family of six persons near here last February.

Accused of selling hogs that did not belong to him, Charles Bannon was haled into court. During his trial mention was made of the disappearance of the Haven family, Bannon insisting they had gone to Colton, Oregon. After court was dismissed, Bannon called his mother, a minister, attorneys and officers, who went to a refuse pile on the Haven farm, revealing the body of a baby. The authorities said Bannon asserted Mrs. Haven, mentally unbalanced, had killed the baby.

After further questioning the authorities went to the barn where, in a trench, were found the bodies of A. F. Haven, his two sons, Daniel and Leland, and that of an infant three months old. Identification is uncertain and the motive is uncertain.

The officers reported Bannon told them Mrs. Haven killed her husband and three children with a hammer, then fled with her baby. Mrs. Haven's whereabouts are unknown.

## Senate Adjourns Account of Death

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate adjourned today out of respect to Senator Lee S. Overman, Democrat, of North Carolina, who died early this morning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Sudden illness today took from the United States Senate Lee Slater Overman, 76, Democrat, and one of the oldest and most highly regarded members. Several days of indisposition, an internal hemorrhage yesterday and another during the night, brought about death.

Overman had served in the Senate for twenty-eight years.

His wife, with whom decedent had shared life since 1878, and his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Snow, were in Washington at his death bed. Other survivors which include two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Gregory and Mrs. Gilbert Hamby, of Salisbury, North Carolina, are expected to arrive in Washington today.

The body will be taken to Salisbury for burial.

## Health Champion Likes to Dance; Wants to Teach Home Economics



Marian E. Snydergaard, 13-year-old Iowa girl, 4-H club health winner at the International Livestock show, is just three inches from one percent of perfect health. Her percentage of 99.7 was the nearest perfect ever made in the event.

By Marian E. Snydergaard (Healthiest 4-H Club Farm Girl, As Told to the Associated Press)

Having health is a wonderful thing. I wish every boy and girl in the world was as healthy as the doctors say I am.

I don't suppose living as I have would give everybody health, but I'm sure it would improve health. I eat just about as I please, not too much candy or cake. I drink lots of milk and I like ice cream.

Living on a farm gives anybody an opportunity to get plenty of fresh air. On our place in Grundy county, Iowa, there is plenty to do, and that gives me lots of exercise.

At high school, where I am a senior, I like to play basketball and hockey.

I like dancing and the movies. I always enjoy a trip into Waterloo, which is near our farm, for there we see the movies. School parties are fun.

But watching the photographers and movie cameramen rushing around, rapping into each other and fussing at each other while

they took our pictures after the health contest was almost as good as a moving picture.

I usually sleep nine or ten hours. Many times I walk to school two miles away. It's wonderful walking down the road through the early morning, and it's just as nice coming home, particularly in the fall when it's hazy and there is a tinge of winter in the air.

I like cooked cereal, toast, fruit, poached or boiled eggs and milk for breakfast. I try not to be late for breakfast because I enjoy it probably the best of any meal. I eat meat once or twice a day and all vegetables—yes, including spinach.

When I finish high school next June, I hope to go to Iowa State College at Ames. My brother goes there. I want to study home economics and teach it.

I like boys; I've gotten pretty used to them as there are eight children in our family. I suppose some day I'll settle down to liking one boy.

## Crazed Man Runs Amuck; Injures 3; Kills Wife, Self

### Christmas Seal Sale Swearingen Jury Starts Monday, 15 Fails to Agree

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals will begin in Runnels county next Monday, December 15, and will continue for one week, closing on Saturday, December 20. This announcement was made Friday morning by R. E. White, county health chairman. He stated that no stamps would be mailed this year to anyone and that the sale would be conducted through the schools.

Mr. White plans to have stamps in the hands of all teachers in the county by Monday morning and they in turn will organize the children into selling committees and will push the sale of stamps during the week. He also stated that independent schools would not be called upon to sell and that towns would be looked after by children from the rural schools who will visit in these places next week and canvass everyone on the sale.

For several years the quota here has been at \$1,600 and while it has never been reached, the sales for the past years have run close to that amount and stamps are here for that amount this year.

Mr. White feels that just as much can be done in five days of selling as to conduct a long campaign. Heretofore the plan of selling stamps through the schools has been very successful and was adopted this year because the children are anxious to work for this cause and such a campaign can be staged with little overhead expense.

The health committee urges that local people and that no bundle, Christmas card or letter be mailed during the holidays without one or more decorating it. The campaign is nation wide and much good has been accomplished for tubercular trouble since the seal sale was inaugurated.

The stamps sell at one cent each and children will be on the streets here next week offering them to local business men and citizens of Ballinger.

### Swearingen Jury Fails to Agree

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Dec. 12.—After deliberating for twenty-six hours the jury failed to agree and was dismissed in the trial of Ed Swearingen, of Lockhart, charged with fatally stabbing Carter Flowers three years ago. The foreman said the jury stood eight to four for conviction. It was Swearingen's second trial ending in a hung jury.

The defendant pleaded temporary insanity brought on by over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor and drugs.

### Mexican is Held in Stabbing Case

(By Associated Press)  
SAN MARCOS, Tex., Dec. 12.—Tomas Acinos was charged with murder here today in connection with the fatal stabbing last night of Manuel Vargas.

Bystanders declared an altercation preceded the stabbing.

### 20 Communists are Arrested in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—Police raided a communist meeting, arresting twenty men here last night, and confiscating a quantity of seditious propaganda.

Cabinets of 100 sheets of fine paper and 100 envelopes to match, secretary use, either printed or monogrammed at Ballinger Printing Co. These will solve Christmas problems. 12-Std.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie O'Kelly, of Lubbock, are here visiting through the holidays with Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly and other relatives.

## Teachers' Courses To Begin Saturday

Prof. Hoyt Ford from Simmons University who is teaching tests and measures here each Saturday at the office of Supt. R. E. White will meet his class here Saturday at 3 o'clock. This same hour will be the meeting time each Saturday until after Christmas and then classes will meet each Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Fifteen rural teachers have already signed up for the course and anyone else interested in taking the work can meet Prof. Ford here Saturday at 3:00.

The course includes education for advanced standing for both juniors and seniors and 2-hour classes will be held each Saturday here for the next 18 weeks. Full credits will be given for the work taken here as it would be if taken at the University in Abilene. The charge for the complete course is \$15.

## W. C. T. U. Leader Hoover Supporter

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, today said, after a call on President Hoover that her organization, which supported him in 1928, is loyal to him now, and expects to support him in 1932.

## Reichstag Adjourns Until February 3

(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The Reichstag adjourned today until February 3 after the opposition parties attempted vainly to prolong the session, into next week to consider non-confidence motions against three of the cabinet ministers.

Felton Wright left Friday morning for Junction and will spend the week-end hunting wild turkey and deer.

## Military Revolt Begun in Spain

(By Associated Press)  
MADRID, Dec. 12.—A military revolution was commenced in Spain today on the heels of widespread labor troubles which have continued for several weeks.

## Purchase of Road Approved by I. C. C.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today approved the purchase by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway of the Denver & Salt Lake Railway, known to Rocky Mountain tourists as the picturesque Moffat road.

### HELP US GET PERSONALS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

From now until after Christmas many people will be coming and going and The Ledger would like to have a local about every visitor to this city and about Ballinger citizens who are visiting elsewhere. Many students will return home for the holidays and as most of these will travel in automobile or bus it will be impossible to get the information without help of local citizens.

Anyone who knows news of this description is requested to phone 27. A reporter will answer the telephone to take this information which will be greatly appreciated.

## Have You Joined the Goodfellows?

A few more Goodfellows were aroused Friday and turned in nice offerings to be used in taking care of the poor and needy here on Christmas. One man came to the Ledger office Friday morning bringing his donation and stated that he believed everyone in Ballinger was interested in the work and was just neglecting to make an offering as he had done for several days. He further stated that it was a great work and some thing that everyone should have a part in this year.

At the same date last year the fund was more than twice the size of this year's amount and the need this year is much greater. If you are one who is neglecting the work get busy and bring or send an offering at once. Unless the fund grows by leaps and bounds, children will sob out a pitiful Christmas eve and morning and realize that Santa Claus is not their friend. Make these little hearts by being a Goodfellow and your own happiness around your fireside will be better, knowing that you have had a part in relieving the suffering and making these little ones have a good Christmas.

Previously reported	\$84.35
Rev. T. E. Bowman	1.00
Young Women's SS Class of Christian Church	2.50
A. M. King	2.50
Higginbotham Bros.	10.00
Southwest Telephone Co.	5.00
Total	\$102.85

## Inspector Completes Work in Runnels County Rural Schools

State School Inspector Frank Van Winkle and County Superintendent R. E. White completed inspection of thirty-five schools in Runnels county Thursday afternoon. These are all the schools entitled to receive state aid. The inspection had been going on for the past ten days.

Supt. White stated Friday that districts in this county meeting requirements would receive a total of \$19,370 from the state, the largest allotment ever received here. The maximum appropriation to any one school is \$1,500 and the minimum \$100. Of the 35 schools receiving aid 33 are in common districts and 2 in independent districts. The only independent districts to be given aid are Norton and Wintate.

This was the first inspection Mr. Van Winkle had made in Runnels county and he was very complimentary not only of the schools but of the county in general. He told Mr. White he had not realized the possibilities of Runnels county until after covering every section, and was frank to say it was one of the best counties he had visited in the state.

In all communities Mr. Van Winkle explained the state department's plan and two main purposes, namely for more economy in per capita cost of instruction, and increased efficiency in teaching. He told patrons of the smaller districts that if they wanted their children to receive high school education they must combine with other districts, allowing all subjects to be taught by efficient teachers who could give ample time to the various courses.

Supt. White was delighted with the showing made by the schools. All buildings and

equipment were in first class condition and attendance was good at every school. The inspector found the courses being taught satisfactorily and this point furnishes one reason why the maximum aid was recommended.

The only delay experienced on the tour of inspection was due to rain and muddy roads. The itinerary prepared in advance of the inspector's visit was carried out with only minor changes.

## Three Years Given For Bank Robbery

(By Associated Press)  
AMARILLO, Dec. 12.—A jury here today gave Bert Smith three years in the penitentiary on charges of having robbed the Stinnett bank of \$6,000 a year ago.

A motion for a new trial was filed by defense counsel.

### WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)  
West Texas—Fair tonight, increasing cloudiness Saturday.  
East Texas—Generally fair and warmer in the northwest portion tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness, possibly rains in the lower Rio Grande Valley and on the coast, warmer in the west portion.

## FLOWERS

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Private Waiting Rooms  
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Day Phones 1248 and 96

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(By Associated Press)  
PAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 12.—Believed to have become suddenly mentally unbalanced, J. R. Cates, 60, manager of a creamery station here, injured three members of his family and killed his wife and himself today.

After striking his son, Haskell Cates, and son-in-law, E. J. Price, in the creamery with a hammer, Cates ran across the street to the Price home where he similarly struck down Mrs. Price.

Cates then drove to his own home, seized a rifle and shot and killed his wife and himself.

A prominent and respected citizen, it is not known why Cates committed the atrocious crimes.

### BOND ELECTION ORDERED

(By Associated Press)  
UVALDE, Texas, Dec. 12.—The commissioners' court of Uvalde county has ordered an election to be held Jan. 6 in road district No. 1 for the purpose of voting on a bond issue of \$175,000 to pay this county's part of the construction of the newly designated state highway No. 4 from this city to the Real county line. This is a unit of the transcontinental highway from Canada to Mexico.

### TO VOTE ON BONDS

(By Associated Press)  
BIG LAKE, Texas, Dec. 12.—Voters of the county will vote Dec. 31 on a \$275,000 road bond issue. The money, with state and possible federal aid, would be used to pave Highway 99 straight through the county. There is a little more than 34 miles of the highway in this county.



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One more week of school and then thousands of children will be turned out for the Christmas holidays. Those away from home are particularly looking forward to this time when they can forget studies and making of grades and join homefolks and friends for a time of merriment.

It is a good time to remind parents and children that it is a violation of the law to shoot fireworks in the fire zone here and children who are ignorant of this fact should be warned by parents and save trouble with the law. Fireworks can be shot at the home but even then it is a dangerous thing to do and when such pleasure is indulged in by children some adult should be with them and carefully watch the burning pieces that may be thrown some distance by the explosion and cause a fire later.

During the last two years in Texas 10,964 persons have been given prison sentences. This is conclusive proof that trial by jury is not as easy as some people try to make it seem and shows that loyal citizens who perform jury service are standing firm for law enforcement and dealing out punishment where it is needed.

You often hear that people talk too quick, and what is meant by this is that they freely express their views on a matter when they are ignorant of the question at issue. Many a good man that is working for the good of the schools or some organization is criticised when he is sacrificing and doing things that are right and proper.

PUFFY



Says Puff to Bunny: "Here's a tip! Why not draw pictures on our trip. Then use them later, line for line. On Easter eggs of new design?"

HOW'S your HEALTH

Edited by DR. LAGO GALISTON For the New York Academy of Medicine

APPENDICITIS, II.

In the United States inflammation of the appendix, or appendicitis, has become one of the most common serious surgical conditions of the abdomen.

Appendicitis has been recognized and surgically treated only since the nineteenth century. The first operation for disease of the appendix as such was performed in 1838. The surgical treatment of appendicitis did not become common until 50 years later.

Between the years of 1875 and 1883 there is a record of but 56 appendix operations. In 1928, however, there were in the United States 18,000 deaths from appendicitis. The condition and the mortality therefrom appear, therefore, to be on the increase.

The appendix, called vermiform, because of its fancied resemblance to a large worm, is a blind gut—that is, a gut with but one opening. It is attached to the caecum, the beginning of the large colon, and is located on the right side of the abdomen in the

old dam was torn off. This man was just guessing and entirely ignorant of the proposition. Be careful of what is said unless it has been proven for an idle remark may start criticism of some man who is a leader that is untold value and who is doing just the right thing. City, county and school officials all strive to give their best to the community they serve, but they are all under the gun, and in a position to receive criticism quicker than most people. Be their friend and if you think they are wrong go to them and talk it over rather than start some irresponsible talk that may injure them and the good work they do.

Yes, lady, we will have some fine Dressed Turkeys for Christmas. Sam Behringer's Grocery.

SUNDOWN STORIES



SANTA'S TALK

By Mary Graham Bonner

"In Norway," Santa Claus told John and Peggy, "I travel over the rocky mountains, down by the fjords, and stop at the brightly painted huts and houses in the little valleys, or at places on the rocky hills—and leave gifts for all the children there."

Sometimes, while Santa talked, his beautiful big dog, Great Boy, barked as though to agree with what Santa was saying. Then he would put his cold nose into Santa's hand and rub up beside him.

The children could hear the reindeer outside, jingling their bells. There was such merriment and such joy around Santa's shop!

Santa told them of the glorious letters he had been receiving, and he let them look at many toys. He told them, too, how he visited Scotland after he visited Norway.

John was looking at some boats that Santa had made.

"You know most of the great big boats that sail the seas are made along the River Clyde in Scotland. I've seen them many times," Santa Claus said.

Santa looked so happy as he was working. His cheeks were so cuddly, his eyes were so bright, his hair and beard so white and silky.

"I'm very busy," he went on, "but not too busy to talk and tell you how much I love it that I decided that I would make Christmas Eve my time to come and visit you."

"What are you going to bring

region of the groin.

The average length of the appendix is about 8.3 centimetres, or between three and three-and-a-half inches. The appendix varies in size, however, some having been reported nine-and-a-half to twelve-and-seven-eighths inches in length.

There is a good deal of question as to what the function of the appendix might be, if any at all. Health appears in no way to be affected by its surgical removal—hence the conclusion is drawn by some that the appendix is functionless.

Some scientists consider the appendix a vestigial organ—that is, an organ which in former periods of human existence may have served some useful end, but now is merely a remnant.

On the other hand, certain other scientists believe the appendix to be a useful structure, secreting a gelatinous mucus which helps in the movement of waste material along the colon.

(Tomorrow—Appendicitis, III.)

"You tell me what you want," Santa said, "and I'll do the best I can. I can't tell you what I'm going to bring you because that's a secret, and Santa loves his secrets! I'll be there right on time, too," he added.

"No matter how much I have to do I am never late—never. I have never been late and I never shall be late because I know just how to get everywhere as quickly as possible. You're not stopping me from working, you see!"

So John and Peggy asked the Little Black Clock if they could talk to Santa some more, and the Little Black Clock said, "By all means!"

(Tomorrow—Christmas Customs)

For Christmas No. 48 R. C. A. Radio \$135.00 KING-HOLT CO. tfd

MAVERICK SCHOOL NEWS

The boys basketball team motored to Norton last Wednesday and played a very interesting game. Our boys won by the score of 17 to 13. They were very proud as this is the first game they have won this season, but it is not going to be the last one.

The play staged by the Senior class was very successful and we have a large crowd present. The class wishes to thank the people who were present and helped to support the class in that way.

The program given by the S. S. A. W. Club was very interesting and the little students are going to be great speakers some day.

The county health nurse and Dr. Mitchell will be present Thursday to give the second injection of diphtheria serum. All pupils must be present to receive their serum.

All rooms are working on a program to be given before Christmas.

The state school inspector and Mr. White visited our school last Friday afternoon and brought along with them good news, that will be beneficial to the school. We received our state aid, which was \$1,000.

There was one student that made grades high enough to be on the honor roll in the fifth grade, which was Clyde Lee.

There were four honor students in the fourth grade: Chloe Borders, Anilla Bruton, Joe Lee, and Connie Berry.

In the third grade the following ranked highest: Ernest McAuley, Irene Moore, Lavelle Frizer, Irma Roberson, Lois Brooks, and Cloreta Bruton.

"REPORTER"

Let us lay away your Christmas Tree for you. Sam Behringer's Grocery. 11-3td

MOVIES

Hersholt is Villain in Jungle Triangle "Mamba"

Jean Hersholt in the role of a rich, cruel and hated vulgarian, Eleanor Boardman in the role of an exquisite, sensitive, gently reared daughter of nobility, and Ralph Forbes in the role of a handsome young officer who loves as fiercely as he fights, stand at the three points of the triangle drama set forth in the all-talking all-technicolor Tiffany production, "Mamba," to be shown next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Palace Theatre.

The story of "Mamba" is laid in an African jungle and its name comes from the mamba, poisonous snake of that country. A poisonous reptile in human form is the man portrayed by Hersholt. When his wealth buys a cultured bride who hates him and who is wooed impulsively by a daring soldier, the romance begins. And when war brings about a mobilization of the English and German troops in New Posen and the natives start a war of their own against Hersholt—the excitement begins.

F. Schumann-Heink and John Reinhardt wrote the story of "Mamba" and Al Rogell directed. Also included in the cast are Josef Swickard, Claude Fleming, William Staunton, Hazel Jones, Arthur Stone and others. It is recorded by RCA Photophone.

For Christmas Electric Lamps, Tables—Bridge and Juniors. KING-HOLT CO. tfd

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company has been called by the Directors of said corporation, to be held at the principal office of the corporation in the City of Galveston, Texas, on the 23rd day of February, 1931, at eleven o'clock a. m. for the purpose of submitting to the stockholders the question of increasing the authorized capital stock of the corporation from Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), consisting of One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), consisting of Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, and to do all things and give all proper authorizations to carry out and effectuate such increase.

GEO. N. YARD, Secretary of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company. Dec 8-60td

Large assortment Christmas Trees at Sam Behringer's Grocery. 11-3td

Green Tomatoes. C. A. Comp-ton. Phone 4121. 2-tfd

Paid Insurance Tops Two Billion In Record Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Life insurance companies in the United States paid approximately \$2,200,000,000 to policy-holders and beneficiaries this year—the largest in the history of the business.

This was reported to the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents today by James Lee Loomis, president of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company and chairman of the convention.

The amount paid out this year, he said, was \$238,000,000 more than in 1929, the previous record year.

He estimated that new life insurance amounting to \$18,500,000,000 would be purchased by the people of the country during this year.

These huge disbursements, Loomis said, had lessened the effect of the nation-wide depression and represented the full value of every contract obligation without diminution.

"Of the total of \$2,200,000,000 the sum of \$1,325,000,000 will have been paid to living policy-holders as dividends, matured endowments, annuities, disability benefits and cash surrender values," he said.

"The amount paid in cash surrender values will be larger than usual this year. Occasions will arise, particularly as in the current year, when all other resources have failed, the policyholder turns to the surrender value of his insurance."

"But even here we must recognize—conscious as we are of the loss of the protection involved—that life insurance is serving pressing needs. The balance of \$875,000,000 will be paid to the beneficiaries of deceased policy-holders."

Loomis emphasized that the rapid growth of policy disbursements to the \$2,200,000,000 paid out this year was double the amount in 1923.

Alluding to his forecast that new life insurance this year would touch \$18,500,000,000, he pointed out that this sum would exceed by \$1,100,000,000 the average yearly purchases for the preceding five record-breaking years, and was less than 4 per cent under the previous high water mark of 1929.

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Stephenville Man Is Senate Greeter

AUSTIN, Dec. 12.—Carl Hardin, of Stephenville, prospective president pro tempore of the senate in the legislature, is the official greeter for visiting volunteer firemen. Senator Hardin is generally looked upon as the "funster" of the Senate and during slow times in the upper house is credited with having pulled some clever practical jokes on other members.

Senator Hardin's manner of greeting friends has caused him to be dubbed the "fire chief." When he encounters a particular friend he rushes forward with outstretched hand and shouts "Welcome, visiting volunteer fireman."

The Stephenville member said he received the somewhat doubtful honor while at a Houston convention. In company of other senators, Hardin started to tour the town, having tired of the sessions. They started to a picture show and Hardin, seeking to have a little fun, asked the girl selling the pasteboards if the "visiting volunteer firemen" were being admitted free.

She answered in the negative. "That's funny," said the senator, "they told us we could go to shows free all during the convention of the volunteer firemen."

The girl, however, required the money on the barrel head and the group paid and entered. A few minutes later an usher sought out Senator Hardin and refunded him the \$3 admission charge for the party, saying the girl had decided to let the visiting firemen in free.

Senator Hardin said they spent the rest of the time in Houston trying to find something else that could be obtained by the "visiting volunteer firemen" for nothing.

COLEMAN COUPLE HOLDS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

(By Associated Press) COLEMAN, December 12.—At the old farm home in Brown county where they lived for 47 years and where their seven living children were born and reared, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shore of this city have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The old couple and the children and families all moved to Coleman after oil was discovered on the homestead place, but the palatial Shore home in Newsom addition in this city was not good enough for the celebration of an event so important.

McCULLOCH TURKEY CROP READY FOR CHRISTMAS

(By Associated Press) BRADY, Dec. 12.—McCulloch county turkey raisers will furnish 400,000 to 500,000 pounds of dressed turkeys for the Christmas market, according to the managers of the four local turkey dressing plants.

The Christmas market opened here at 19 cents per pound, two cents above the Thanksgiving market.

About 500 turkey pickers are employed here during the turkey dressing season with a daily payroll of about \$1,000.

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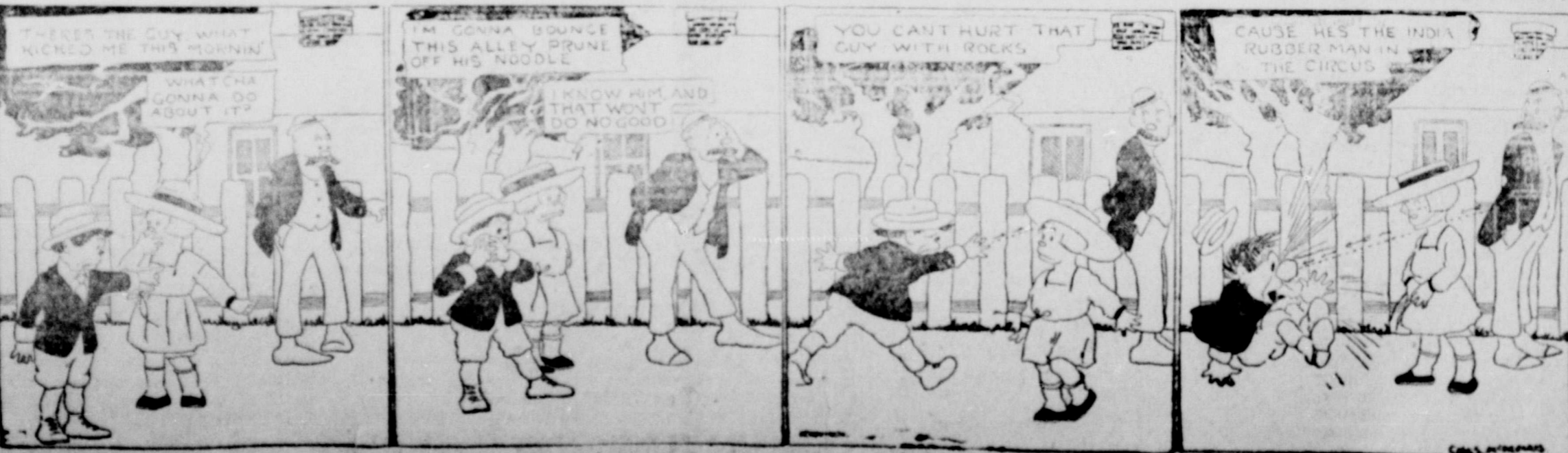
Results—your table freshly supplied from your own farm; stable branches of farming on which to rely when the cotton crop fails, or low cotton prices—enrichment of the soil through livestock herds and crop rotation—a SURE year-round income instead of uncertain one season profits.

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By Charles McManus



**By C. E. Butterfield**  
(Associated Press Radio Editor)

The program possibilities of radio haven't been exhausted by any means.

Limited to voice, music and drama, radio has turned to the dramatic to produce something in the way of a real hit. "The Trial of Vivienne Ware."

Spit into six broadcasts as many consecutive nights, the feature gave the listeners the impression that they were actually listening to a real trial. As presented for the fans of WJZ, it brought forth an unusual amount of favorable comment, both in the public prints, by letter and verbally.

While the trial was not carried by network, it was the plan to put it on at various stations throughout the country, changing the locale and personnel, with prominent local attorneys taking the leading roles of defense lawyer, prosecutor and judge.

Although the trial was in six sessions, requiring nearly a week for its completion, listeners have not hesitated in expressing the belief that it could have been given in one program, even if three hours were needed. It was the kind of a feature that had the necessary "grip."

There's a definite trend in price reduction of radio sets this year. Announcement has just been made that a four-tube midge receiver is to sell complete with tubes for \$37.50. This figure is declared to be about the lowest recorded for an outfit ready to be hooked up and be tuned in. The model it replaces sold for \$54.50 with tubes.

The set, powered from the house lighting mains, has four tubes, two screen grids, a 245 power tube and 280 rectifier. It is the design of well known manufacturing company engineers.

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**TERRACING AIDS CROPS**

(By Associated Press)

BRADY, Dec. 12.—The profitability of soil conservation by terracing has been clearly demonstrated in this county during the past season, which was unusually dry.

Figures compiled on the crops of 3,800 acres of terraced land in McCulloch county by J. D. Prewitt, county agent, show that the cotton averaged between one-third and one-fourth bale per acre more or about twice as much as unterraced soil which averaged only one-eighth to one-tenth bale per acre.

The average yield of feed crops on terraced land was 1,500 pound or three-fourth tons of threshed maize per acre and compared in yield to unterraced land in about the same ratio as did the cotton production.

**Christmas.**  
A Large Cedar Chest with \$250.00 insurance policy.  
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**GENERAL'S SON BECOMES PILOT**



SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—There are two Lucius R. Holbrooks in the army now, the father, a brigadier general, and the son, a second lieutenant.

The latter has just qualified as military pilot, completing the advanced training work at Kelly Field with 84 other students graduating with the October class.

Lucius, Sr., has recently assumed charge of the first division at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lucius, Jr., embarked on a military career at West Point, enrolling in the military academy in 1925 and 1926, spending two years at Georgetown University, and serving again in the military academy in 1929.

**Tulane Scientists Comb Jungle for New Facts On Tropical Diseases**

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Tulane University's microbe hunters are back from the jungles of Panama with new secrets of tropical ills, blazing the health trail for great international highways of the future.

In three months, one in a jungle seldom penetrated by white men, they gathered data that it will take two years to compile and classify.

Some of their findings are expected to halt the ravages of tropical diseases whose path to the north will be opened in the future with construction of the proposed international highway that is to stretch from Brownsville, Texas to the tip of Argentine.

The expedition was led by Dr. Ernest Carroll Faust, professor of parasitology, in charge of the department of tropical medicine in the Tulane medical school.

A veteran whose research work has taken him to China, French Indo-China and the remote Malay sections of the Philippines, he led the Tulane group to a section in Panama which is one of the few remaining tropical areas in that region not previously investigated by Rockefeller Foundation men.

The Tulane men were the first group of investigators selected by the Gorgas Institute of Panama for research in tropical diseases. They examined more than 2,000 patients, captured rare specimens of reptile and animal life, and studied some of the greatest scourges of the American tropics, amoebic dysentery, malaria, worm parasites and venomous snakes.



DR. ERNEST CARROLL FAUST

They captured specimens of the deadly bushmaster, a snake that takes a heavy toll along jungle paths, and are working on an anti-venom. From one specimen Dr. Faust took enough poison to kill eight men.

After two months' laboratory work under Dr. Herbert C. Clark, director of the Gorgas Memorial laboratory, the Tulane party went by steamer to Boca de Cupe, the last native village on the Tuira River in Darien province and proceeded by canoe into the malaria-infested jungle.

With Dr. Faust were Dr. William H. Martinez of New Orleans and Alberto Prieto, a Tulane medical student.

**Many Ballinger People See Santa**

A large number of Ballinger people left here Friday for San Angelo to attend the big Christmas celebration there and see Santa Claus and his troupe of performing reindeer and big group of 75 people who will stage the big show in that city Friday.

The Santa Claus troupe is only making four stops in Texas on this visit and is spending a day in each place. At Abilene a big banquet will be staged Saturday at noon at the Hilton hotel for newspaper men, city officials, chamber of commerce officials and school heads from all parts of West Texas and this group will later occupy seats in the reviewing stand for the mammoth parade at 2:30.

Five high school bands from sections of West Texas will participate in the parade aside from the Abilene College and high school bands. The entire day there will be a festival of fun and pleasure and all downtown streets, 27 in number will be roped off so that the crowds can view the events without interference from cars.

Included in the party with Santa Claus and his reindeer are a troupe of real Eskimos, and a representative of every nation of the world. These will take part in the parade which will resemble a big Christmas pageant and it being Saturday and all school children at liberty, thousands from all parts of West Texas have signified their intentions of attending.

Abilene has decorated for the coming and a special edition of an Abilene paper Friday carried more than 1500 letters from children to Santa Claus in which each stated he would see him there on Saturday the 13th.

Place your order with Sam Behringer for Christmas Turkey, relieving your mind of this worry. 11-3td

Doctor Farms for Health  
FUQUAY SPRINGS, N. C., Dec. 12.—(AP)—It's healthy to farm, reasons Dr. W. S. Cozart, so he has 11 acres here from which he gets a plentiful supply of milk, butter, eggs, meat and vegetables.

**COLLECTOR SEEKS BOOKS ON EARLY DAY LIFE HERE**

Frank Caldwell, of Austin, was in Ballinger Thursday and called on friends at The Ledger office seeking booklets or other literature dealing with pioneer life of this section and of Texas. Mr. Caldwell's hobby is collecting data and pamphlets on the early days, giving actual experiences and adventures. He had been informed that The Ledger printed a booklet written by an old Indian fighter and plainsman by name of Parker, and the Austin man is anxious to get a copy of this edition.

Any citizen who owns a copy of the Parker booklet is asked to bring it to The Ledger office to be forwarded to Mr. Caldwell. He also will be glad to buy at a moderate price any other volumes pertaining to personal stories of frontier life in this region.

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**Ocean Depths "Peaceful"**

LA JOLLA Calif., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The depths of the Pacific Ocean are found to be "peaceful" in one respect by Scripps Institution oceanographers. They are less subject than other oceans to "upwelling" and other currents which mix surface and deep waters.

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Lv. Ballinger	7:00 a. m.
Ar. Junction	11:30 a. m.
Lv. Junction	12:00 Noon
Ar. Ballinger	4:15 p. m.

**School Notes**

**Volley Ball Team Starts Practice**

J. D. Harvey, of the Ballinger high school, called a meeting of all girls interested in volley ball last Thursday afternoon. Those present at the meeting were as follows: Jean Gressett, Cathryn Barnett, Jimmie Taylor, Allyne Straley, Pauline Malone, Cozette Gill, Minnie Ola Cox, Eloise Smith, Otella Jones, Dorothy Dooze, Freddie Bloxom, Annette Stokes, Esta Fulcher, Estelle Ingle, Lois Carroll, Margaret Ludwig, Mildred Fulcher, Vivian Esmond, Lois Shipp, Myrtle Crockett, Elsie Motley, Lillian Russell, and Ophelia Haynes.

Jean Gressett was elected captain of the team for this year.

The girls have been champions for two straight years and they are going to work hard to be victorious in all games played this coming year.

Class Reporter.

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TODAY - SATURDAY

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**GET NEW VOTING BOXES**  
(By Associated Press)  
LAMEA, Dec. 12.—Two new voting precincts were created in Dawson county at the last meeting of the county commissioners court, due to the increase of population of the county. One voting box will be at Munger and the other at Pride, both in the northwest portion of the county.

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MORE DECORATED WINDOWS APPEAR HERE FRIDAY

Every day new Christmas windows and decorations are appearing in Ballinger. A beautiful window carrying out the Christmas spirit is on display at the office of the Ballinger Floral Company on Eighth Street and many stop especially at night to look at this window which suggests flowers for gifts this year.

The Ballinger Transfer Company with a small window is in keeping with the season and a snow scene with heavy trucks rushing over paved roads not only advertises the coming event but their business as well.

The Western Union Telegraph office has joined the list of those showing the spirit of the season and has a window with a beautifully decorated tree and numerous suggestions for holiday messages.

Other firms here are employing their windows and preparing to decorate them and have them ready for Monday noon when the campaign to determine the three winners will begin.

The first no-hit game in night baseball was pitched by Gene Jones of Springfield, Ill. team in the Three-Eye league. He defeated Decatur, 4-1.

### Box Supper Monday Fun Making Event

The American Legion box supper for next Monday evening is all set and invitations are issued to every citizen of Ballinger to be present and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas evening. A committee of ladies are phoning all Auxiliary members for boxes and more than 100 will be ready for sale to the highest bidder Monday night at 7:45 and these boxes will contain good home cooked food and a generous amount will be found in each box including slices of Christmas cake and other delicious dishes. Sam Behringer will be on the job for the Legion dispensing Hill Bros. Coffee with pure cream and sugar and everything possible for the entertainment and amusement of guests will be done.

Such men as R. E. White, J. D. Motley, R. W. Earnshaw, A. R. Jones and a double auctioneer team will be on the job to mingle humor with the actual selling of the boxes. These men have been instructed to use no high powered measures to make boxes bring more than they are actually worth and they will be sold quickly and at a moderate price.

In addition to this a delightful program presenting a number of Ballinger's most talented entertainers will be presented that will last for about one hour.

This program will be filled with fun and good clean entertainment and the Legionnaires are anxious that many local people meet with them.

In some way a rumor is on the street that the occasion is for members of the Legion and Auxiliary only. This is not true and the affair is wide open and every person in West Texas is invited. No one will have to purchase a box. The boxes will be sold and anyone who would like to be present, hear the program and enjoy a few hours of social gathering with his friends is urged to be present.

The meeting will begin at 7:45 promptly and something will be doing every minute until it is over. There will be no formality and the purpose is to have a good time and enjoy the occasion. Come prepared to take a part and laugh.

A big turkey gobble will be one of the prizes for the occasion.

For Christmas Special prices on Home Furnishings.

KING-HOLT CO. tfd

Depend on Sam Behringer's for your Dressed Turkey for Christmas. 11-3td

Tad Richards was here Thursday from his ranch in the northwest part of the county attending to business.

### Charity Show Goes To Get Souvenirs

W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace Theatre, announced Friday morning that he was all set for the big charity show here on the morning of December 24 from nine to twelve o'clock. This popular picture house will be thrown open free to everyone and a continuous performance staged for three hours.

Those attending are asked to bring some package for the poor if possible. This does not mean however that everyone has to bring something for the house is open to everyone as long as they can crowd in and Mr. Scales is very anxious for those who are unable to give and need help themselves to be his guests that morning.

He has 500 souvenir boxes of candy to be given to the children as long as they last and every child in Kunnels county is invited to attend.

Those bringing packages are asked to leave them at the entrance to the theatre where they will be stacked until after everyone is in the house and then they will be hauled to headquarters and distributed in the evening to the poor of this city. Packages may contain anything that a needy person can use. Used clothing, shoes, stockings, food, apples, oranges, candy, toys and

a thousand other items will be acceptable and will make some child happy on Christmas eve.

Last year a similar performance at this theatre brought in a full truck load of fine useful gifts and they were carefully sorted and distributed in the evening to many homes. Included the list last year was one bill of groceries amounting to \$40. A number of stores and wholesale houses sent their wagons with whole crates of fruit and the Goodfellows had to spend little money last year for such things as these.

Be sure and take advantage of Bair's special sale. There is more in saving than in making money. 11-2td

### SIMMONS U. GETS BEQUEST

ABILENE, Texas, Dec. 12--A bequest, the amount of which is yet unknown, has been made to Simmons University here by Mrs. Carrie Gustine, 79, who died a few days ago at her home in Colorado, Texas, information received here disclosed. Mrs. Gustine also left a part of her estate to the Baptist church at Colorado.

Make Christmas brighter with a beautiful Fir tree. Sam Behringer has lots of them. 11-3td

Printed cabinet of secretary size stationery makes ideal Christmas gift. See them at The Ledger office. 12-8td

### Athletics Discussed At Lions Program

The Ballinger Lions Club met Friday at noon at the Central Hotel for their regular weekly luncheon. Attendance this week was excellent with 25 being present and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

Coch Harley Davis addressed the club Friday on the value of high school athletics as seen by the coach and stressed the part of character building more than the number of points made by good play.

He was followed by Price Middleton who discussed the same subjects but from the viewpoint of a student and player. He also stressed the finer things in the game and especially the fundamentals of better living as instilled by the leaders.

The musical treat for Friday consisted of a male quartet composed of club members including R. E. White, R. W. Earnshaw, Tommie Hall and J. D. Motley.

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