

Club Women to Serve C.of C. Banquet Jan. 16

Most of the preliminary details have been completed for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on January 16.

The place for holding the banquet has not been selected but it is probable that a vacant downtown building will be decorated and tables arranged with a kitchen in the rear and turned into a banquet hall.

The home demonstration clubs of this county have accepted the responsibility of serving the meal and will use all Runnels county raised products on the menu.

They are entering on their task with enthusiasm and are determined to open the eyes of those attending with the big variety of food raised and preserved in this county.

The banquet will feature the club boys and girls as well as the women and men who have cooperated with the county agent in poultry, dairying, terracing and soil conservation.

A large number of boys, girls, women and men of this county have won honors in state and national campaigns during the past few months and these will be honor guests at the banquet and their work outlined by them.

Entertainment numbers will be arranged so that the program will have plenty of variety, and fun mingled with the more serious matter and at least two weeks prior to the date set everything will be in readiness for the grand occasion.

Wood Bill Passed By Lower House

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House today passed the Wood bill incorporating President Hoover's recommendation for an additional \$150,000,000 for the federal farm board.

Cuba topped the list of countries delivering imports to the port of New Orleans last year with 1,195,850 long tons.

Arctic Outpost Celebrates By Week's Frolic of Eskimos

(By Associated Press) POINT BARROW, Alaska, Dec. 18.—Perhaps the world's most unique Christmas celebration is held in the most northerly settlement of North America.

More than 300 Eskimos, guests of half a dozen white residents here, will arrive on dog sleds for the fete.

It lasts a week—through the "midnight week" of the three-months' Arctic night.

There are football games—with goals three or four miles apart—feasts of reindeer and—whale meat, canned goods from the states topped by frozen fish from the Arctic—and a Christmas tree made of two-by-fours and colored paper.

Few of these Eskimos have ever seen a real tree, for the nearest ones grow 400 miles away. Next to a little community at Spitzbergen, this is called the world's

Miles Banker is Injured in Wreck

MILES, Dec. 18.—Four persons were injured, none seriously, about 9 o'clock last night when two automobiles and a herd of horses figured in an accident near Crow's Nest Creek, three miles west of here.

Bud Johnson and Otho McCorkle, who were en route to Gatesville and were driving east in a small closed car, were bruised and cut by glass when a car struck a horse belonging to a group being driven west along the highway by a man who said his name was John McLendon of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Brown, also driving east, were just behind the other car. Mr. Brown was unable to stop his car and it turned over three times. Mrs. Brown sustained an injured back and Mr. Brown suffered minor injuries. He is cashier of the Miles Guaranty State Bank.

The horse was said to have walked in front of the car and the driver said he was unable to see the animal until he was too close to avoid a collision. The horse was thrown upon the hood of the car. Both automobiles were badly damaged.

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Defense Rests in Shepard's Trial

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The government then began the presentation of rebuttal witnesses.

Mrs. Stegall Named Floyd County Sheriff

(By Associated Press) FLOYDADA, Tex., Dec. 18.—Another woman had the distinction of being sheriff today, Mrs. P. G. Stegall, of Floyd county, being named by the commissioners' court to complete the term of her husband, who was found fatally shot, in the court house basement here yesterday.

Stegall was completing his second term, and had been re-elected for another term starting January 1.

HORSE FOR SANTA IN SAND HILLS

(By Associated Press) HYANNIS, Neb., Dec. 17.—Here in the "Sand Hills" cow country Santa often must come on horse-back.

When heavy snows block roads for any other form of transportation, ranchmen often resort to horse-back or horse-drawn wagons.

Toy "Mission" Brings Gifts to Thousands



George L. Bond plays Santa Claus to thousands of Pittsburgh children by collecting and reconditioning toys from well-to-do people for the poor. He is shown in his toy shop.

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—More than 13,000 Pittsburgh children will have toys this Christmas because of an incident that happened 37 years ago.

At Christmas time in 1893 two little girls, playing in an alley, told Major R. W. A. Simmons they hadn't heard about Santa Claus.

Their story prompted him to talk with his friend, George L. Bond. The result was that 25 children received toys that Christmas—old toys the two men collected and repaired.

The next year distribution was expanded—to 200 children. When Major Simmons left Pittsburgh in 1906 the number had run into thousands.

Simply because he carried on—because he believes "toys are necessary to proper development of the child."

It is all volunteer work. Even Santa's Christmas mission quivers are rent-free. His helpers are wealthy business men, society women—and those children, now adults, who received gifts from Bond's toy mission years ago.

No toys are made, but they are collected throughout the year—principally from the rich and near-rich. The work of cleaning and repairing rises to high tide near Christmas.

Then school teachers send in lists of the needy, classification of toys by ages—and distribution starts, chiefly through the schools.

Record Breaking Crowd is Expected for Xmas Party

The coming of Santa Claus to Ballinger next Monday in an airplane and his 3,000 feet parachute jump to the streets is expected to bring one of the largest crowds here ever entertained in Ballinger. This stunt has already appeared in a number of Texas cities and all records for attendance have been broken at each place.

Next Monday here will be a great day. A program starting at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasting the entire day will be staged and people invited from all of Runnels and adjoining territory. A fleet of planes will arrive here Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon will be spent in distributing circulars over this section of West Texas by three planes. The ships will leave here at noon Saturday and at present are offering to fly in formation over all surrounding towns provided seven passengers can be secured at \$10 each. In case the passengers are not secured one ship will cover the territory and fly low and let the circulars fall by the thousands.

The morning part of the program will take place at the airport one mile north of town on the Abilene highway. Features will be run every 30 minutes beginning at 10 o'clock with the balloon ascension and parachute drop as the feature of the morning show. At 1 o'clock guineas will be dropped from a plane and each person catching a guinea will be given a free ride over the city in one of the planes.

The big feature of the day will be presented at 1:30 when Santa Claus will ride into town at a height of 5,000 feet and will jump from the plane in a parachute and descend to the streets to greet the thousands of kiddies expected here to meet him. Everything will be free and visitors here will be charged for nothing.

Local stores are preparing for the occasion and will have their places ready to receive the visitors and each extends an invitation for people to make their stores headquarters for the day.

The program is sponsored by the Retail Merchants Association and stunts are being paid for by them. Six big features will be presented during the day and

Third Government In Week Controls Guatemala Today

(By Associated Press) GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 18.—Guatemala today had its third government within a week following the revolution ending yesterday in which Baudilio Palma was displaced as head of the government with General Manuel Orellana provisional president of the republic.

Orellana said he would retain the place only until General Larzaro Chacon, the regularly elected president, recovers from a severe illness, cerebral hemorrhage.

Fifty-seven persons are known to have been killed during the revolution. No foreigners were injured.

Bombs Dropped by Airplane Kill 500

(By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 18.—Nationalist government aviators reported that in the twenty-four hour period ending at 11 o'clock tonight 500 bombs were killed by airplane communists over the red infested districts of northern Hunan province.

Santa Fe Witnesses Complete Testimony

LUBBOCK, Tex., Dec. 18.—Santa Fe Railroad witnesses today supplied the finishing touches to their testimony opposing the proposed construction of the 333-mile line of the Texas & Pacific Northern Railroad from Big Spring to Lubbock, Amarillo, and Vega.

T. B. Gallagher, Amarillo, general passenger agent for the Santa Fe, introduced a map purporting to show that a small area only of the proposed road's territory was not within fifteen miles of an existing railroad station.

Drouth Relief Increase Beaten

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House today rejected the attempt to double the administration's \$30,000,000 drouth relief measure.

Representative Marvin Jones, Democrat, of Texas, sponsoring the increase, demanded a count by tellers, the result being 189 for rejection of the increase and 133 for the increase.

Clinesmith's Flying Devils will be in Ballinger Saturday, Dec. 20th to cover over 100 miles of trade territory by air, billing each town for Monday's Free Christmas Party. There will be room for seven passengers in either cabin or open ships. Amount of fare for entire trip \$10. Reserve your tickets early from J. D. Motley, Chamber of Commerce office.

Here We Come Again But this time it is just to announce that the Mission Workers Christmas Fruit Tree will be held December 22 at 2 o'clock.

FLOWERS

Pot Plants, Cut Flowers and Christmas Wreaths. Eubank Floral Company, 905 Sixth Street, phone 171. 18-6td

Notice

Why not give a beautiful ornamental Pepper Plant at Christmas? I have some very fine ones and will appreciate your orders. Call 1376.

Mrs. George Pearce, 205 Ninth Street, 16-4td

Higginbotham Funeral Home, Corner of Broadway and Park Avenue, Private Waiting Rooms, Exclusive Ambulance, Day Phones 1248 and 96, Night Phone 1248

Woman Hurt in Blast Of Printing Plant Dies

Charges Dismissed Against Two Men

(By Associated Press) HOUSTON, Dec. 18.—On motion by the government, charges against Edmund P. Williams and Cam E. Hill, two of the six Hidalgo county men on trial on charges of election fraud conspiracy, were dismissed today.

Both sides then rested, the defense asking for an instructed verdict for the other four defendants, Alan Cameron, William Chaddick, Sam Hargrove and Tom Bucklew.

2 Firms Destroyed By Fire at Bonham

(By Associated Press) BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Arnold Company dry goods store, the three-story brick building housing it, and A. M. Cline's tailoring store adjoining were destroyed by fire last night.

Total damage is estimated to be \$75,000 to \$80,000.

19 Hurt when Bus Skids on Street

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 18.—Nineteen persons were injured, two seriously, when a street railway bus skidded on an icy street here and crashed into a street car.

Officers estimated there were forty-five passengers on the bus.

(By Associated Press) AMARILLO, Dec. 18.—Mrs. I. D. Devine, wife of the publisher of the Texoma Times near here, died today of injuries received last night when the newspaper plant was wrecked by an explosion.

The blast is believed to have been caused by ignition of accumulated gas.

Burdice Smith, of Hemphill, Sabine county, a printer, who was at work at the time of the blast, is believed to be fatally injured.

Devine was injured but not seriously. The building, which cost \$8,000, was recently completed.

Girl Dies from Thorn in Hand

(By Associated Press) CORSCIANA, Tex., Dec. 18.—A thorn accidentally imbedded in the hand of Alvie Ingraham, of Barry, caused tetanus which resulted in his death.

E. E. Holt, Sr., came in Wednesday afternoon to spend the week here visiting relatives.

Billy Banker, Tulane's former "blond blizzard" halfback, after a trial in the movies now is playing professional football with the Memphis Tigers.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press) West Texas—Fair tonight and Friday. Colder and freezing in the south and east portions tonight. East Texas—Fair and colder tonight; probably frost to the coast. Freezing temperatures in the interior portions Friday morning.

free! SALE Extraordinary On CHRISTMAS CARDS Beginning Friday and lasting until supply is exhausted, we will make the following extraordinary offers on our remaining stock of Christmas Cards: FREE BOX OFFER 100 boxes, our very finest and latest engraved cards, 25 to the box, while they last, you buy one box and we give you another box free with your name neatly printed on the cards in both boxes. Priced from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per box one box FREE. Lot No. 1 12 boxes assorted cards, 20 to the box (name not imprinted) per box Formerly Sold for \$1.00 50c Lot No. 3 12 boxes assorted cards, 12 to the box (name not imprinted) per box Formerly Sold for 50c 25c Lot No. 4 50 boxes fine engraved cards, 25 to the box, formerly sold for as much as \$4.00 per box, now special, one box of 25 cards, with name neatly printed very special \$1 Ballinger Printing Co.

