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BALLINGER, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1936.

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Federal Highway Fund Available for Use Now

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—State highway departments today were notified that their respective portions of the \$80,000,000 emergency highway construction appropriation are available immediately.

The money is officially to be apportioned by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur Hyde.

Captain C. D. Curtiss, chief in control of the bureau of public roads, estimated that more than half of the appropriation would go directly to labor, and more to labor indirectly.

The apportionment for Texas is \$5,088,080.

All Stores Close On Christmas Day

All Ballinger firms will close late Wednesday night and will not reopen for business until Friday morning. Clerks and employers alike will take all of Christmas day to spend as they please and no business will be transacted.

The local postoffice will be closed all day Thursday and no delivery will be made on any of the routes nor will any mail be put up at the office. Postal clerks have worked night and day to handle added Christmas business and every night before they leave every piece of mail is distributed and the office cleared. They have given good service and deserve a day of rest with other workers in the city.

The day after Christmas local business houses will begin invoicing taking preparatory to making out annual statements on January 1.

The Ledger with other business firms in Ballinger will close for the day, and no paper will be issued Friday afternoon, and no work will be done in the commercial department.

Drug stores, restaurants and other businesses that usually remain open on holidays will observe Sunday hours.

The Palace Theatre will show a matinee on Christmas day, and a special midnight matinee will be shown at this theatre Wednesday night, Christmas eve.

Burton Reese is here from Stephenville to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

Noted Composer Dies in N. Y.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles K. Harris, music publisher and composer of the world famed, melodramatic ballad "After the Ball," 65, who died at his home here yesterday, after three weeks illness, will be buried tomorrow.

PALACE

Christmas Eve
MIDNITE MATINEE

HILARIOUS
COMEDY
DRAMA

SWEETHEARTS PARADE

Don't miss it!

FLOWERS

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

Higginbotham Funeral Home

Corner of Broadway and Park Avenue

Private Waiting Rooms
Exclusive Ambulance

Day Phone 1248 and 96 Night Phone 1248

Brady Attorneys Ask New Hearing

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Attorneys for John W. Brady, former judge of the court of civil appeals, whose three year sentence upon conviction on charges of having fatally stabbed Miss Lehlia Highsmith, capitol stenographer, was affirmed by the court of criminal appeals, filed a motion for a rehearing in the court of criminal appeals today.

Brady's attorneys insisted that Judge George Christian, who wrote the opinion affirming his sentence, misapprehended the importance of the trial judge's allegedly prejudicial remarks, and again raised the question of the competence of Dr. Lee Edens as a mental disease expert. Dr. Edens was a witness for the state, testifying that Brady was sane after treating him in jail for a small cut on the hand.

Ex-Rangers' Head Dies in Colorado

(By Associated Press)
COLORADO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Major W. M. Green, 76, a native of Hill county, organizer and president for life of the Ex-Rangers Association of Texas, died here today.

Major Green was a state ranger in 1871 and 1872.

Burial will be made here tomorrow.

Partridge Named Vermont Senator

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 23.—Governor John E. Weeks today appointed Frank C. Partridge, 71, a staunch Republican, to be United States senator from Vermont, succeeding Senator Frank L. Green who died Wednesday.

WEATHER FORECAST

West Texas—Fair tonight and Wednesday, temperature unchanged.

East Texas—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Continued cold tonight with frost to the coast, rising temperature Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Ornamental Pepper Plants bright and lovely, 25c each. Mrs. George Pearce. Call 1376. 1d

BUTTER

35c

POUND

ALWAYS FRESH AND
PASTEURIZED

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Just phone your grocer for
a fresh pound.

RUNKELS COUNTY
CO-OPERATIVE
CREAMERY

Bank Officials Fail to Identify Alleged Robber

(By Associated Press)
PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 23.—Frank Alverson, of Athens, was lodged in jail here today on charges in connection with the robbery of the First State Bank of Frankston of \$13,000 on December 10.

Alverson proclaimed his innocence.

Cashier of the bank, Rip Perry, and Mrs. Currie Watkins, employee of the bank, failed to identify Alverson as the bandit.

Widow Sues For Insurance

DEL RIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Insurance suits in excess of \$100,000 have been filed here by Mrs. Marion Foster Scales against life insurance companies in connection with the death of her husband, C. P. Scales, president of the Del Rio Bank and Trust company. Scales was found in a dying condition at an Eagle Pass hotel October 20.

Judges Pick Six Winners in Christmas Window Contest

Show windows in the window show fair here were judged Monday afternoon and soon after the winners in each class were announced. Firms with only one small window were placed in one class and firms with two or more windows in another.

First prize for the large windows went to Higginbotham Bros. & Co. A large wolf pictured as Greed, a card bore out the religious view of Christmas, and a ragged doll seated in the snow appeals to the Goodfellows to look after her. Second place was won by Hall Hardware Co. on its large center window in which gift suggestions were artistically arranged and the whole garnished with mistletoe. Third place was awarded the West Texas Utilities Co. on a window in which an electric range bore the inscription "To Mother," and other beautiful electrical gifts were surrounded with the glitter of snow and tinsel.

In the smaller window class the Ballinger Electric Co. was given first place on a window filled with suitable Yuletide gifts and interest by offering cash prizes.

Italian Air Fleet Resumes Flight

(By Associated Press)
MENITRA, French Morocco, Dec. 23.—An Italian airfleet flying from Italy to Rio de Janeiro, today took off for Villa Cisneros, Rio de Oro, the next stop on the African coast. From there they will fly to Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, thence across the Atlantic to Brazil.

Fifteen planes are making the flight down the coast, but twelve only will fly across the ocean.

At the take-off today one seaplane developed motor trouble, and was towed back to Portugal.

Free Workers Wanted

The Goodfellows Club distribution committee will need about eight or ten men and several trucks Wednesday afternoon to help prepare boxes and deliver them. Anyone who can give this time is requested to be at the fire station in the city hall at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Storms Take Heavy Toll of Life Over World on Eve of a Merry Christmas

Goodfellows Need Funds Badly; 56 Families Must Get Aid Now

The Goodfellows will take care of 53 families here on Christmas eve. Forty-four baskets of groceries will be sent out Wednesday afternoon and some of the needy families have already been taken care of this week.

The purchasing committee has figured out the articles of groceries to be placed in each basket and with merely the bare necessities the grocery bill alone will amount to \$341, more money than has been contributed to date. Those in charged stated Tuesday that no attempt would be made to furnish any clothing except second hand apparel on hand. The baskets this year will be smaller than ever before due to the lack of funds and probably will only feed the unfortunates for a few days.

The free matinee at the Palace Theatre Wednesday morning for all children is expected to bring in a large number of toys, but unless toys are received in quantity many of the kiddies can not be given any. Mothers are urged to gather all toys they can spare and send them to the Palace Wednesday morning in lieu of money for their children's tickets.

Members of the canvassing committees tell of cases that will bring tears to the eyes of the most hardened, but the biggest worry just now is what will become of some of these people after the holidays. Such cases as a family in poverty, the mother blind, four small children and another to be born within a few weeks, living in the cold, undernourished and totally without food part of the time, is but one of the pitiful reports on record. A number have sought aid from the Goodfellows who cannot even

be given anything this year as the demand is too great to meet with the funds on hand.

The last word from the distribution committee was to get all the money possible Wednesday and run the total far past the goal of \$350 so that others could at least be given enough for a decent meal on Christmas day. Donations will be received all day Wednesday and anything from 5 cents to a million dollars will be gladly received.

Previously reported	\$322.30
Roy L. Hill	1.50
Mrs. R. T. Trail	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Falls	1.00
Pre-School P-T. A.	1.00
Ballinger State Bank	5.00
T. B. Saunders	2.50

BALLINGER STORES WILL REMAIN OPEN AT NIGHTS

Ballinger stores will remain open Tuesday and Wednesday nights after supper so long as there are shoppers down town. This announcement was made by the Retail Merchants Association Tuesday afternoon after numerous requests were made by local people for night shopping.

Many men work until 6 o'clock and would like to spend a few hours shopping with their wives to secure gifts for the children and friends. Realizing this demand, most of the Ballinger stores will be found open with a full force of clerks on the job to show late shoppers the stock and assist them in purchasing gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gardner are here from Newcastle to spend the holidays with Mrs. C. C. Ganaway.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—With storms taking a toll of death, a blanket of snow covered large portions of the United States today so that Santa Claus will be able to cover a considerable territory in his sleigh.

General snows started falling from Virginia to central New England, in the Great Lakes region, and along the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys. New York city's first snow of the season melted almost as fast as it fell. In suburban New Jersey and Pennsylvania snow is three inches deep on the ground and roof tops.

The heavy fog which had retarded shipping and transportation over England, was lifting today.

A cable from Tampico, Mexico, reported that three American seamen were drowned when they were washed from the deck of the oil tanker Dunganon. The wife and daughter of Felix Gonzales were drowned near Tampico when his small boat capsized in the Rio Panuco.

Four members of a section gang were killed by a New Jersey Central Railway express train near Cranford, New Jersey, during a snowstorm today.

Weather reports from various points in Texas show it to be generally seasonal with cool temperatures due to stay another twenty-four hours.

An unidentified air mail pilot was killed and his plane burned near South Bend, Indiana, this afternoon.

A dispatch from London reported the total of accidental deaths due to the weather had reached twelve today.

Owen Boone, student of Sul Ross College, Alpine, is here for the Christmas holidays with home folks and friends.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office. ttd-

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CASH and CARRY
GROCERY

WITH HEARTY
GOOD WISHES FROM
EVERY MEMBER OF
THIS FIRM TO YOU
AND YOURS---

We are thinking of you at this Holiday Season, not merely as one with whom we have had the good fortune to come into business relations, but as a friend. We are happy because we have that priceless asset—your good will. We greet you and wish you happiness and prosperity.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
Ballinger, Texas



Letters to Old Santa

"Dear Santa:
I want a doll, doll bd, an iron and ironing board. My littl brother wants tinkr toys and a dump truck.
"Don't forget other little children."
"Marjorie Cavanaugh"

"Dear Santa Claus:
"How do you like snow? I wish you would bring me a gravel machine, some fire crackers and tinkr toys if you have that much for me, but please don't fail to bring nuts, candy and toys to the little children who are hungry and cold. And don't forget that my baby sister wants a cry baby doll.
"Your friend,
"Billie O'Neill"

"Dear Santa:
I love you and I want you to please bring me a little baby doll and a little high chair so my little doll can sit in it and I want you also to bring me a little telephone, and don't forget my dear daddy and mother and don't forget my two brothers and granddaddy. And be sure and find the little poor children.
"Your little friend,
"Margaret LaVerne Thomas."

"Dear Santa:
We are twin girls and are asking for the same things. Please bring us a pair of rayon bloomers and stockings and a tablet and pencil. And don't forget little brother, he wants a dump truck.
Remember all little children that are in need—and make them happy Christmas.
"Merry Christmas.
"Your Little Twin Friends,
"Annette and Jannette Tucker,
"Hatchel, Texas"

An American In Paris

By Adelaide Kerr

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The youth of Paris is up the air in earnest these days—for it is going glider flying with a vengeance.

Every day the sun shines—and more often when it does not—young Parisians are journeying out to Saint Cyr Field near Versailles and strapping themselves into gliders for a flight.

Sometimes they never leave the ground, for most of them are still unskilled in the art of glider flying.

Most of the youths are members of the Club Aeronautique Universitaire, an organization partly supported by the government.

Twenty-five of them use one glider for which they pay about \$300.

They have two anxieties—their determination to stay 30 seconds in the air and thus acquire a license, and their fear that somebody will damage the glider.

Girl Goes Gliding

The other day a young French school teacher essayed her third flight.

No little amazed at her ability to remain aloft for 10 seconds, she decided suddenly to return to earth. She thrust the lever forward with a jerk, and the glider dove head first in the mud.

Out rushed 50 anxious young Parisians—but they weren't anxious for Mademoiselle.

"You're stupid! You broke it!" they chorused in fright. And Mademoiselle was left to unstrap herself as best she could while a hundred hands examined the glider for damages.

Traffic a Problem

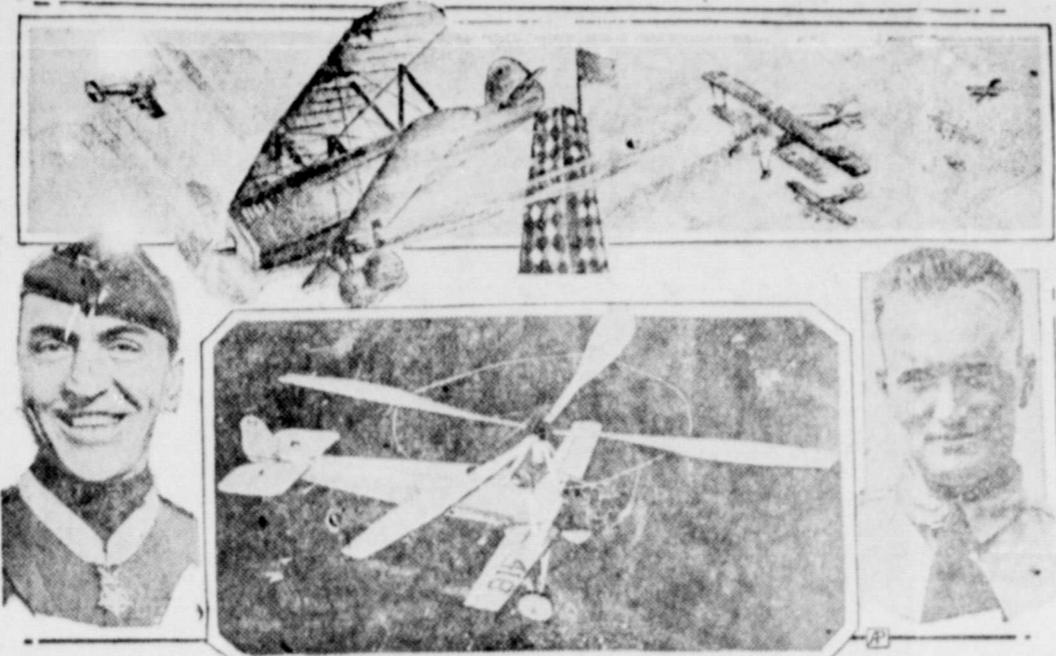
In these days of rain and more rain and the resulting congestion of traffic, Parisian pedestrians are proceeding across streets with the same deliberation they have always shown.

It is only the American—mindful of Broadway and the Loop—who scuttles nimbly and warily from curb to curb in Paris.

PIG FOR PRESENT

(By Associated Press)
CANYON, Texas, Dec. 23.—W. H. Upchurch, agricultural agent of Randall county, has suggested farm boys of the county be given memberships in a pig club as Christmas presents by friends.

All-American Air Meet at Miami To Attract Outstanding Aviators



Col. Eddie Rickenbacker, American "ace of aces" (left), and M. Williams, former navy flier (right) will prominently feature the first race between autogyros, similar to the type above.

MIMFA, Fla., Dec. 23.—Metropolitan Miami is seeking recognition as the scene of the world's largest flying tournament as aviation enthusiasts prepare for the third All-American air meet here January 8 to 10.

Aviators from North, South and Central America and the West Indies will participate in the 1913 air carnival sponsored by the city of Miami.

Speed races, headed by Al Williams, former navy flier, safety races and distance events have been recorded on the program, as the modern knights of the air enter the list in competition for \$10,000 in cash prizes.

Invitations will be sent thru Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson to foreign aviators to take part in the meet. Andrew Heerhance, city aviation direct-

or, announced. Co. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's foremost war time ace, has accepted an invitation to act as official starter at the meet.

The application of various safety features of modern flying will be stressed during the meet, Heerhance said. In addition, novel departures from the style of every-day flying will be given prominence in the program. This feature of the schedule will be headed by a race, the first attempted, between autogyros. Heerhance said 140 entrants have already signed to participate in the meet.

Dedication by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, head of the naval bureau of aeronautics, of the new naval reserve flying base in Miami is expected to take place during the meet.

Radio-equipped pylons will mark the race course.

LONDON SEEKS TRACE OF 'BLACKSMITHS' CUP

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 23.—Efforts are being made to trace the "Blacksmiths' Cup," which for more than 250 years was the most valued possession of the Blacksmiths' Company.

The cup, which has a romantic history, is worth more than \$20,000. It was presented to the company—one of the craft guilds of London—by Christopher Pym, a signatory of the death warrant of Charles II.

The cup appeared in a public auction at Christie's in 1912, when it was sold as from the collection of "the late Joseph Dickson." Inquiries show that it has several times changed hands, and it is believed that it may have been bought by an American collector.

Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

MOVIES

Christmas Eve Midnight Matinee at Palace Brings All-Star Cast in Snappy Comic Talkie

"Sweethearts on Parade," the Columbia comedy attraction to be shown at the Palace Christmas eve only, in midnight matinee, is billed as an "all-star" production.

Alice White, who has been featured in many productions and starred in such prominent vehicles as "Show Girl," "Naughty Baby," "Hot Stuff," "Broadway Babies," "Girl from Woolworth's," and "Show Girl in Hollywood," plays a prominent part. Others in featured characterizations are Lloyd Hughes, who has played opposite such famous cinema personalities as Colleen Moore, Corinne Griffith, Billie Dove and Mary Astor; Marie Prevost, the famous Mack Sennett bathing beauty who scored such a tremendous success in the Lubitch productions; Kenneth Thompson, prominent stage star; Ray Cooke, Max Asher, Wilbur Mack and others.

Marshall ("Mickey") Neilan, famed as director of many of Mary Pickford's successes, and considered one of the outstanding directorial geniuses in films, handled the production.

"Sweethearts on Parade" is the story of a small town girl who comes to the big city to marry a millionaire. While her ambition is not exactly realized, she does encounter romance and falls in love with a dashing young United States marine.

The locale of the picture is

laid for a major part around one of the greatest amusement resorts of a large city. The gobs and leathernecks come ashore to make "whoopee" and they make plenty of it. Other sequences are unfolded on a palatial yacht and aboard a United States cruiser.

From Frying Pan to Romantic Fire is Jump Made in "Anybody's Woman"

The embattled lovers who stormed their way through "The Laughing Lady" and "Charming Sinners," will be seen again in another dramatic thunderbolt—"Anybody's Woman." In cast you haven't guessed their names—Ruth Chatterton and Clive Brook are the struggling pair of lovers. The reason why they have been selected again for the teamed roles in a dramatic production is that they seem to be the ideal couple for the type of play they are cast in. Each is a splendid portrayer of characters, they never fail to impress public and critics alike with their very capable playing.

"Anybody's Woman," which also features Paul Lukas, Huntly Gordon, Virginia Hammond, Tom Patricola (famous dancer), Juliette Compton, Cecil Cunningham, Charles Gerrard, Harvey Clark, Sidney Bracey and Gertrude Sutton, will begin a two-day showing at the Palace Theatre tomorrow, with matinee Christmas day. It will not be shown in the special midnight matinee Christmas eve, another attraction holding the screen at that time.

YOU ONLY, MR. GROWER, CAN RAISE THE PRICE OF COTTON

Consider the great amount of cotton on the market now and the subsequent low price that prevails. Cut down the acreage of your cotton and supplement your cotton with feed crops, poultry, hogs and dairy cattle.

Supply your table from your own farm. And by the same operation take advantage of the less fluctuating branches of farming to insure you an income if the cotton crop fails, and to insure you better prices regardless of the condition of the cotton crop.

The reduction of cotton acreage is the only sure means of improving cotton market conditions for the grower.

THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK

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City Report Good For Past 8 Days

The weekly city report issued Monday showed all lines of work connected with the city progressing nicely for the past seven days. No work was done the past week on the new city hall but the replacing of the roof is expected to start as soon as the required colors of tile arrive. Dirt was hauled all during the week and placed in the yard at the building and as soon as it is levelled will complete the filling work there.

Workmen have been working at the upper dam this week cutting a channel through the masonry portion of the dam to drain the upper reservoir faster and allow work to begin on the causeway at that place to serve the public road which formerly crossed the creek just below the dam. Water in the upper reservoir has been lowered about three and one-half feet but the natural flow of the creek is retarding the work. A large drain pipe will be placed in the channel cut in the dam with a valve that can be opened and closed as needed.

At the pumping plant workmen have completed tearing out concrete to move the Cameron pump. A large amount of lumber has been stacked and the grounds cleaned up at the plant. A two-inch gate valve has also been installed on the sprinkler line to irrigate grass on the earthen embankments.

The police department has put an extra man on duty during the holidays and will closely watch the business district during that time. Two arrests were reported during the past week, no fines assessed and one old fine collected.

The street department used the grader for three days and a large number of drainage ditches in the south part of town were opened and practically all work completed just in time for the snow and another day of bad weather to cut up the streets which are not paved. All pavements here were swept and dirt hauled to the dump ground.

The water department's report

LITTLE STORIES OF Little Stars



DIANA GORDON

SHE came from a family of lawyers, so Diana Gordon decided to continue the tradition.

She began the study of law, but classes were too often interrupted by her habit of mimicking the instructor. So she gave up law.

She hurried off to Italy and entered a seminary in Genoa. There she studied drama and character delineation and decided that she would follow Ruth Draper and Cornelia Otis Skinner and start a one-woman theater.

Recently she made her New York debut. With only a velvet curtain as scenery and a table and chair as properties she gave a full evening's performance.

The theatre is her first love, but she often assists her father.

was as follows: cutoffs 35, cutons 34, remaining delinquents 3, new meters set 5, boxes set 3, dead ends drained twice, one stop sign and old ones repainted. The rest of the week was used in repairing a few jobs.

For Christmas Living Room Suites, Christmas price.

KING-HOLT CO. tfr

BUMS FLOCK TO CITY

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Dec. 23.—Seeing the inception of an undesirable situation in the "drifters" flocking to Houston in growing numbers, city officials and executives of

the three daily newspapers, a conference to seek a discouraging such visitor. They were reassured to extent by the police chief, Heard, who said: "Other cities are keeping drifters on the move and we tend to do likewise. I think you will find the 'snowbirds' warning each other to stay away from Houston."

Railroad detectives, meanwhile, had been quoted as saying that the greatest movement of tramps in recent history was converging on Houston.

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French civil aviation is supervised through regional offices in Paris, Marseilles, and Algiers.

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