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## Would Ask Solons About Public Service Affiliation

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—A resolution requiring members of the forty-second legislature, which opens sessions today, to make sworn statements to their affiliations with public service companies and special interests, will be introduced early, according to Senator J. J. Loy, of Sherman.

Loy also said he had a bill ready to require members of succeeding legislatures to make sworn statements of their affiliations before being permitted to take office.

A great number of other bills are ready for submission.

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—The 42nd legislature convened at noon today for a 120-day session.

Secretary of State, Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, presided over the House and Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller presided over the Senate. All thirty-one of the senators and 150 representatives answered roll call.

## Prisoners Break Jail at Gainesville

(By Associated Press)  
GAINESVILLE, Tex., Jan. 13.—While an armed guard, stationed to prevent a break, sat in an automobile nearby, nine men escaped from the Cooke county jail during the night. All the prisoners who escaped were charged with felonies.

Bars were sawed from a window in the second story, and the prisoners reached the ground by means of a rope made out of blankets.

No trace of the fugitives had been reported today.

## Smith Demands Public Apology

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Alfred E. Smith, Democratic presidential nominee in 1928, has written Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, of New York, saying that the Republican national committee owed him an apology for "permitting" Robert H. Lucas to distribute 800,000 copies of a "wet" cartoon carrying statements Smith said were false.

## Dry Law Test Case Started By Farmer's Truck of Beer

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The beer-laden truck driven by William Sprague, husky New Jersey town clerk and farmer, has deposited a legal bombshell for the Supreme Court to examine soon.

It is the decision of Judge William Clark of New Jersey holding the Eighteenth amendment invalid, and at the same time quashing an indictment against Sprague for illegal transportation of liquor.

Last March Sprague, Wingate township clerk, took the wheel of a truck loaded with beer and set out for Paterson, N. J. On the route a motorcycle policeman hailed him and glanced at the cargo. It was the end of the journey.

Sprague set up no denial and made no excuses. He went to jail and came out slightly bewildered a few hours later. He had an array of counsel that ordinarily would have cost a moderate fortune, but they had not mentioned fees and they have not until this day.

Among them were Frederic M. P. Pearce, Daniel F. Cohan, Seldon Bacon and Julius H. Cohen of New York. They were of the opinion the Eighteenth amendment was unconstitutional and Sprague's case gave them an opportunity to test that belief.

The case was argued before Judge Clark. His opinion, handed down December 16, was an exhaustive treatise, sprinkled with hundreds of references to works on government, going back to maxims of Confucius and coming down the line to such recent books as Beard's "American Leviathan."

It referred to scores of decisions

## Committees Sell Banquet Tickets

Four teams Tuesday morning began selling tickets for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and before noon reported that a good crowd was assured. Tickets will remain on sale through the four committees and at all local drug stores through Wednesday and those who have not been solicited are requested to secure their pastebords at once. Late Wednesday evening a check up will be made and rural club women informed how many plates to prepare.

Included with those holding tickets will be more than fifty guests who have been invited by the county agent, the home demonstration agent and the chamber of commerce. Among the guests are those on the program, a number of county agents and home demonstration agents from nearby counties, farmers, boy and girl club members, newspaper correspondents and other prominent citizens from adjoining cities.

The arrangements committee had completed all details for the gathering Monday. The building is being decorated by West Texas Utilities Company employees and will be ablaze with colored lights and other embellishments. Music has been provided, and favors for each plate have been purchased.

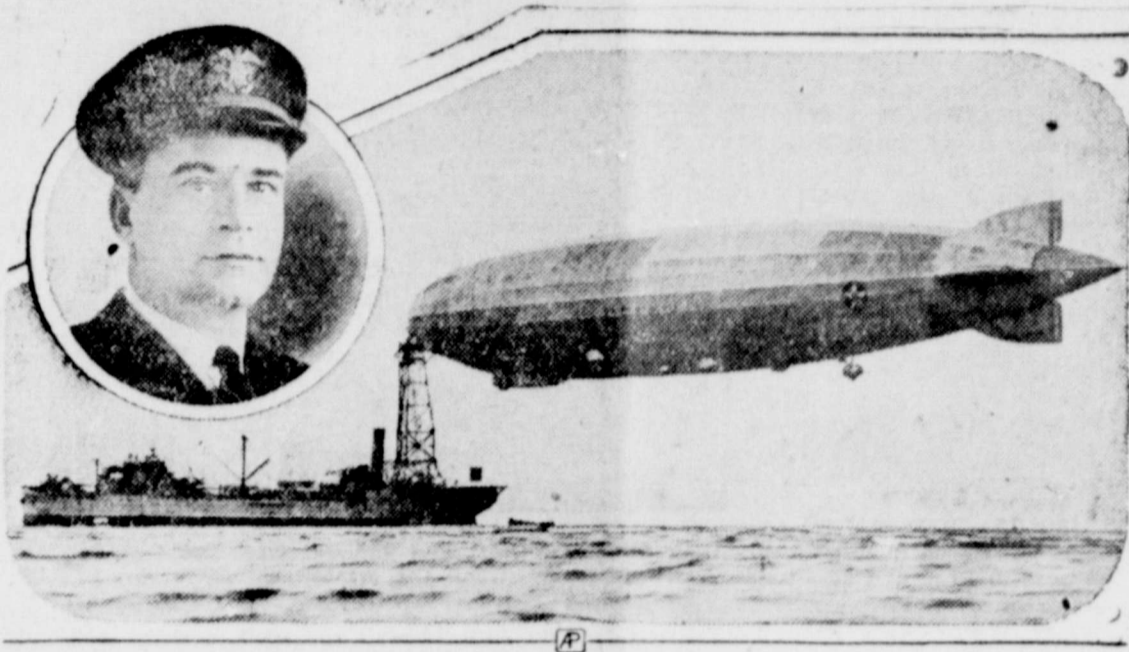
The program promises to be extremely interesting from start to finish and will not be long and tiresome. Guests are asked to be present shortly before 8 p. m. so that the program can commence promptly at 8.

All tickets have not yet been sold and those desiring to attend will be able to secure reservations Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Kipp came in Monday from Mineral Wells and will visit with her sisters here, Mrs. Asa Cordill and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer, for a few days, after which she will go to Pasadena, California, her home. She has been spending the winter in Mineral Wells with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Gross.

Be wise and advertise.

## Los Angeles will Fly to Panama For Scout Work in Canal Defense



Lieut. Comm. Vincent A. Clark, Jr. (inset), commander of the Los Angeles, will be at the helm when the dirigible flies to Panama in February for the winter fleet maneuvers. The airship is shown moored to the Patoka, which will be its base in southern waters.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Los Angeles, the navy's "old maid of the skies," will inject new problems into the annual winter maneuvers of the fleet.

Retracting the trail she blazed to Panama almost three years ago in a non-stop flight, the dirigible is scheduled to be used as a scouting ship in aiding the defense of the Panama Canal.

"The flight to Panama, to the navy department, is the least interesting phase of the dirigible's participation," said Lieut.-Comm. Charles E. Rosendahl, who commanded the ship on its trip in 1928.

"What is expected to be learned is the role it may play as a scout or reconnaissance vehicle. There is nothing new in flying to Panama, for we have done that before.

"The ship has shown that she can make the journey and there

are no more hazards than on any other normal flight. While the humidity is high down there, the only corrosion effects are those to be experienced by any aircraft used in that territory and these are not immediate.

"Various bits of work are being done to prepare the ship for the trip, though these would have been done anyway, including work on the motors and re-covering some of the envelope, part of which is still the original material put on in Germany."

The venture will make the ship's first employment as a military weapon in her six years of service, during which she had had a longer useful life than any rigid airship in the world.

Forces of the navy will concentrate in Panama Bay February 12 to complete their maneuvers March 24. The dirigible's departure is planned for February 10.

Lieut.-Comm. Vincent A. Clarke, Jr., commander of the airship, will be in charge of the flight but the employment of the ship at the canal will be the duty of Admiral Jehu V. Chase, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, who will supervise the maneuvers.

Panama-bound, the ship will have a tailwind on the last lap of the trip since the general prevailing wind beyond Cuba is from the northeast. It will be based at Panama with the Patoka, a naval oiler equipped with a mobile mooring mast. The normal crew of the ship is 40 officers and men.

In the flight of February, 1928, the ship took 40 hours from the mooring mast at Lakehurst to the mast at France Field. However, the navy department has not decided whether the new 2,265-mile journey will be non-stop or in easy stages.

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All six of the accused were arrested at Houston, the sheriff of this county leaving today to bring them to Conroe.

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## Bridge Work Order Is Expected Soon

A work order is expected here soon which will start the second contract on highway construction between Ballinger and Talpa.

The order for construction to be done by White Brothers of San Angelo, has already been received and grading and building of drainage structures is under way.

The expected work order will tell the Austin Bridge Company of Dallas when to begin construction of the larger structures for this sector of highway 23.

The Austin Bridge Company's contract includes six structures to span small streams in the 14 miles of highway. The largest of these will be a concrete bridge near Benoit across the north fork of Mustang Creek—175 feet and 9 inches in length. This bridge will eliminate a bad spot on the road where high waters have interfered with traffic for years.

Another three-girder bridge will be constructed over Long Branch and a two-girder bridge will span the creek just west of Benoit. Three other smaller structures to be built will take care of every crossing where sudden torrents are likely to interfere with motor travel.

The contract awarded the Austin Bridge Company is for slightly more than \$41,000, representing about the same amount of work and working time as for the grading and small structures.

The contract for building a large bridge across Elm Creek at the outskirts of Ballinger will be let later. This bridge will span Elm just south of the A. & S. Ry. Co. bridge.

Marshall Moore, of Abilene, district manager for the Austin Bridge Company, has made a number of trips to Ballinger recently to look over the ground. He said his company would ship machinery here and begin operations as soon as the work order was received and planned to push construction of the six bridges as rapidly as possible.

## Bank Stockholders In Annual Meets

Stockholders of all three Ballinger banks met in their annual meetings Tuesday and practically elected all directors and officers without change. No changes at all were made by the First National Bank and the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. W. B. Halley was elected as a director of the Ballinger State Bank to fill a vacancy and that board of directors did not hold a meeting to elect officers. This was called for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The First National Bank

The stockholders' meeting was held at the bank at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and all directors were re-elected as follows: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, C. L. Baker, D. M. Baker, J. G. Douglass, J. McGregor and F. M. Pearce.

As soon as the business to come before the stockholders was completed the directors elected the following: J. Y. Pearce, president and chairman of the board; D. M. Baker, vice president; F. M. Pearce, vice president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; Harry Lynn, assistant cashier; J. W. Patterson, assistant cashier and W. R. Bogie, assistant cashier.

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank met in their annual meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. No changes were reported in the board or officers of the bank for the coming year. The board of directors elected Tuesday is composed of Mrs. J. F. Currie, H. Giesecke, J. L. Chastain, J. A. Zak and Fred Kiechle.

At the meeting of the directors following the stockholders' meeting, all officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. J. F. Currie, president, Fred Kiechle, ac-

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## Ten Million for Drouth Relief Asked by Hoover

### County Population Given by Division

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Hoover today called on the people to contribute \$10,000,000 for relief of the drouth sufferers.

The president said, "I am sure the American people will respond to the Red Cross' appeal promptly and generously." Unless this sum is raised the executive asserted many persons would lack the necessities of life.

Every few days The Ledger is called upon to settle some argument regarding the population of this county, some town or subdivision of it. All these facts have been published in some form or another since the federal census was taken in 1930 but as a record for comparison below is listed the complete data as made public by the U. S. bureau of census:

Runnels county, according to the last census had a total population of 21,821. Populations of the preceding decades were as follows: 1920, 17,074; 1910, 20,858; 1900, 5,379; and 1890, 3,193. The county contains 1,083 square miles of land area, and the largest growth in population in any ten-year period was 546 per cent.

The last census gave Ballinger a population of 4,187; Winters, 2,423; and Miles, 972. Populations of these three towns for 30 years were as follows: Ballinger—1910, 3,536; 1920, 2,767; 1930, 4,187; Winters—1910, 1,347; 1920, 1,509; 1930, 2,423; Miles—1910, 1,302; 1920, 853; 1930, 972.

By precincts the county's population in 1930 was divided as follows: No. 1, including Ballinger, 7,662; No. 3, 3,287; No. 4, 1,288; No. 5, including Winters, 6,117; No. 6, including Miles, 2,094; and No. 7, 1,373.

Precinct No. 2 was annexed to precinct No. 5 in 1928 and the population for this was included in the figures for precinct No. 5 in 1930.

## Hungarian Woman Hanged for Murder

(By Associated Press)  
SCOLNCK, Hungary, Jan. 13.—Crying "God help me," Mrs. Marie Kardos was hanged here today in atonement to the state for murdering her husband and son last year.

This was the first woman to be hanged in Hungary for many generations.

Mrs. Kardos was one of forty women tried last year in group poisoning trials.

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## Drouth Loan Bill Goes to Conference

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The House voted today to commit the drouth loan appropriation bill to conference with the Senate conferees after the Democrats failed to force a discussion on the floor of the Senate's proposal to add \$15,000,000 to the bill for human food loans.

## Maryville Sheriff Refuses to Probe Burning of Negro

(By Associated Press)  
MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 13.—Sheriff Harve England said here today that he contemplated no action against the leaders of the mob which yesterday seized his prisoner, Raymond Gunn, negro, and lynched him.

The mob burned the negro to death on top of the school house in which Gunn was charged with assaulting and slaying a young woman school teacher, Miss Veima Colter, 19.

The sheriff said action against the lynchers would have to come from higher officials.

## \$30,000 is Loss in Fire at Commerce

(By Associated Press)  
COMMERCE, Tex., Jan. 13.—A \$30,000 fire damaged the stock of merchandise of the Grand Leader dry goods store here today.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)  
West Texas—Fair, with little change in temperature tonight and Wednesday.

East Texas—Partly cloudy, somewhat warmer in the south portion, tonight and Wednesday.

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A number of Texas towns which have voted paving bonds are experiencing trouble in getting property owners to sign up for their part of the work.

A Ballinger minister of the gospel called at The Ledger office Monday to extend his appreciation for the editorials published in this paper urging church attendance.

If some weather prophets know their business February will long be remembered as a month of bad weather.

OWNER OF LEOPARD TO BE TRIED FEBRUARY 3

OLTON, Texas, Jan. 13.—Trial of Charles "Captain" Howard, alleged owner of a pet leopard that on November 13 clawed to death James Ervin, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ervin of Littlefield has been set for Feb. 2 in district court here.

Howard was alleged to have been displaying the leopard from a leash when the animal pounced upon the boy and literally scalped him.

PUFFY



"My costly surfing suit of red and gold I can't get wet. So I'll just sit," says Puffy, "and soak up ultra-violet. Then too, there is a certain Mr. Peacock that I know whom it would please too much to be allowed to steal the show."

HOW'S your HEALTH

KEEPING THE NOSE CLEAR

When the nose is clogged with secretions due to a cold, breathing is interfered with and the passages of the upper respiratory tract, instead of serving to protect, become the seat of intensive bacterial activity.

On the other hand, improper use of nasal douches or cups in cleansing the nose is fraught with danger, since infectious material may in this manner be forced into the inner ear, setting up inflammatory reactions.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE FIRST SAILORS

By Mary Graham Bonner "Oh, I've turned the time 'way back this evening," the Little Black Clock commenced, "and you'll see something in another moment or two."

The children watched the boat as it was carried along through the water by means of many slaves who were pulling on the three tiers of oars that were along either side of the long, strange boat.

"What about going with them for a little trip and seeing what they do?" "Oh, could we?" John asked.

"Indeed we could," said the Little Black Clock. "They make those rowers work so terribly hard," Peggy said.

"Well," said the Little Black Clock, "it's a comfort to see that the world has improved as it has grown older."

"The clock had now asked the boat to stop, and it was drawing alongside so that Peggy and John could climb aboard."

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Says Good Staple Brings \$10 More

DALLAS, Jan. 13.—In more than five per cent of cotton planted for the new year in Rusk and adjacent counties is of short-staple varieties, W. F. Hubbard says he "will eat it."

As classer in charge of the Texas Cotton Cooperative Association office at Henderson, he said he has been writing checks all this season which gave good-staple men something like \$10 a bale more than their short-staple neighbors.

The short-staple men have been looking over his shoulder while he did it. And now these short-staple men are much interested in the list of good-staple men that Hubbard has kept and whom he has advised to save their seed for sale.

Hubbard said his system for providing an economical supply of good seed was made possible by the cooperative association plan of paying for each bale on its individual merit, rather than according to the usual "poing basis" or "big round" price, and was adopted for statewide use at a conference of association field men and branch office managers which closed here recently.

DEER INVADERS CITY TO SEE THE SIGHTS

SAN SABA, Texas, Jan. 13.—Perhaps she had the target for hunters' shots but anyway a rather large doe celebrated the recent close of the hunting season by running down the main street of this town.

She dashed up the street from the east side of town, crossed the plaza, starting laborers working on the paving, and then strolled up the sidewalk to the San Saba Hotel where she again took to the street and disappeared in the direction of the fair ground.

Pedestrians were so surprised that none made any effort to arrest the travel of the doe.

DEATH OF POLICEMAN DISMISSES 17 CASES

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 13.—Death dismissed 17 traffic cases in corporation court recently. Motorcycle Officer R. W. Taylor, who died as the result of a collision while in performance of duty, was the arresting officer in 17 cases which either had not been called or had been postponed.

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Two Yanks Play Pro Basketball in Winter



Ben Chapman (left) and Sammy Byrd, New York Yankees, are playing pro basketball this winter.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 13.—While Babe Ruth hunts and other New York Yankees play winter baseball and what-not in warmer climes, Ben Chapman and Dewey (Sammy) Byrd, second baseman and outfielder for the club, dribble a basketball during the off-season.

Chapman and Byrd are members of the Birmingham Reds, independent basketball team.

"Big Ben," who played in all but a few games for the Yankees last year at third base, or the

keystone, is a center and coach of the Reds, a team made up of former southern college or high school stars. Both he and Byrd are Birmingham products.

Byrd, who sometimes hits for Babe Ruth when the Bambino is unable to fill his post in the New York outfield, is a guard. While baseball is his best game, he is no mean dribbler and also handles a golf ball creditably. He beat Babe Ruth last year for the Yankee golf championship.

While Byrd was a member of the Simpson high school cage

team that placed in the semi-finals of the national prep tournament in 1923, Chapman was making basketball history at Phillips high school and later played with the Birmingham athletic club.

Both stepped from the high school door to professional baseball. Ben, who is only 21 years old, signed with the Yankees and was farmed out for two years. Last year he was called back to the team and played regularly at third until moved over to second.

CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMPS WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 19

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 13.—The Camp Bullis Citizens' Military Training camp for the coming season will be held from June 19 to July 18, according to an announcement by Lieut. Col. Emmet R. Harris, C. M. T. C. officer for the Eighth Corps area.

Colonel Harris is planning to start the annual procurement campaign for the corps area on Feb. 1.

Although no definite word has been received from Washington relative to the quota tentative plans being prepared by Colonel Harris contemplate the same number of applicants as last year, when 2,900 was set as the quota for the Eighth Corps area. Should the quota be the same, Camp Bullis will again be the largest in the corps area, with 1,000 students to be trained.

The camp at Fort Sill will be the second largest with approximately 800 students. The Fort Logan camp will have 480 students from the Eighth Corps area and 50 students from the Ninth Corps area. Fort Bliss' quota is expected to be 150 and Camp Stephen D. Little 270.

The camp will not be held at Fort Warren this year, the students who would ordinarily go there being assigned to Fort Logan, Colo.

Dates for the other four camps have been set as follows: Fort

Sill, July 2 to July 31; Fort Bliss, June 5 to July 4; Fort Logan, June 19 to July 18; and Camp Little, July 24 to August 22.

TEACHERS' SALARIES CUT

SEAGRAVES, Texas, Jan. 13.—Every member of the faculty of the Seagraves school, from the superintendent to the janitor, agreed to a ten per cent cut in salary for the remainder of the term.

This, with a special appeal for payment of taxes, will enable the district to complete its term with a full amount of instruction, it was announced.

"AS I WUZ SAYIN"



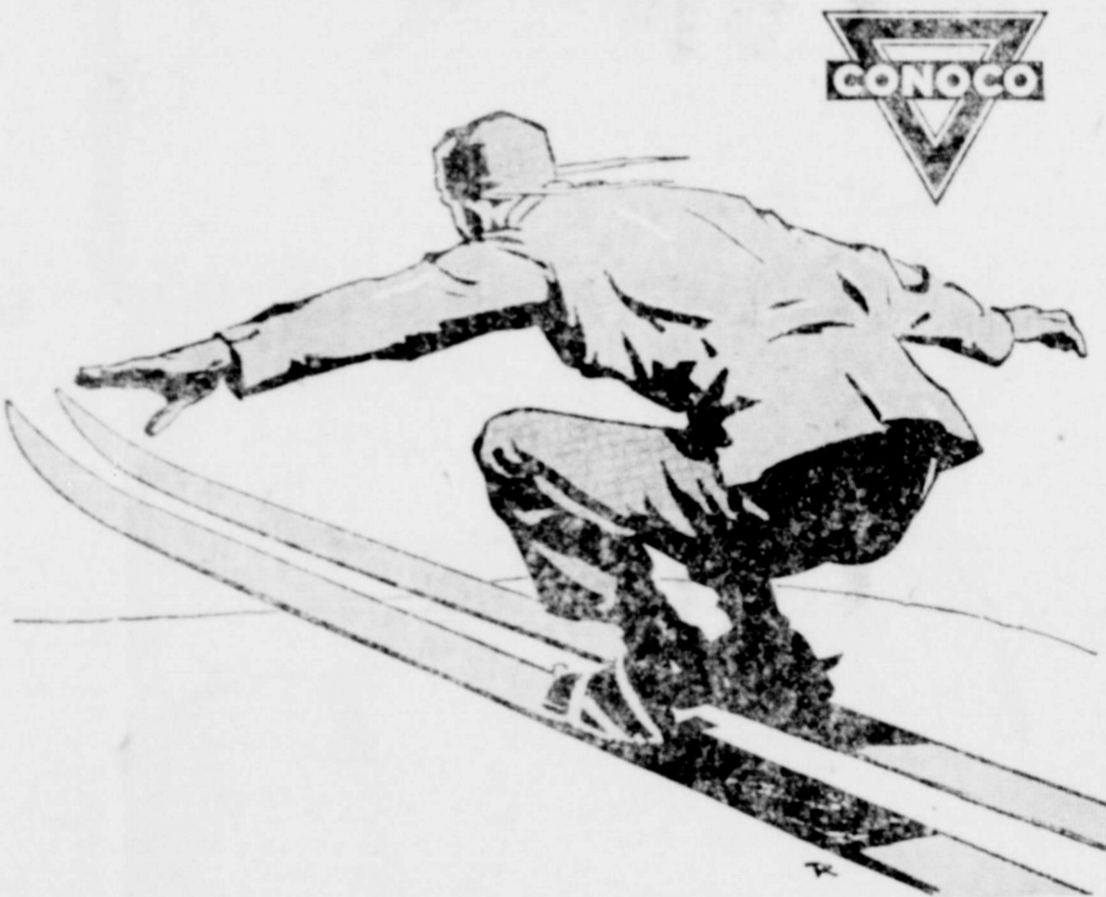
Women Are Like That!

"Lafe Bud's wife said she'd go to Reno and take the new electric refrigerator with her if he didn't quit smokin' nickel cigars around the house."

"Last night he came in with a pocketful of five-cent rocky fords wrapped in this cellophane stuff."

"That's different she said after she'd smelled the expensive aroma. Who gave them to you?"

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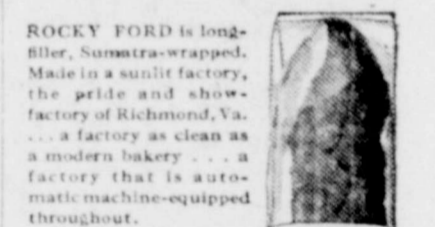
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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus



An American In Paris

By Adelaide Kerr

PARIS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—In a little gas office on the Rue Lafayette, under the shadow of the historic Basilique du Sacre Coeur, American women who never made a pie in their lives are learning how to cook.

Under the guidance of Francois Ranayolo, one of the leading chefs in France, they are delving into truffles, hollandaise and a dozen other mysteries of the French cuisine.

They are smearing butter and fruit juice over enameled finger nails and are working hard.

Francois, wearing a tall white cap and long white apron, presides before a little stove not two feet square, which offers a marked contrast to the ranges of American grandmothers which consumed sticks of wood every quarter of an hour.

What Dishes, Too!

And the things which come out of that stove! Poires bordelaises (pears dripped with golden sauce), selle d'agneau fleurists (roast lamb with such complicated fixings as even the chef finds difficult to remember), coquille Saint Jacques (scallops baked with cream sauce in the shell).

Francois' hands are in everything—kneading dough, mixing sauces, testing meats. American women, who were taught that a cook is one who mixes a pie-crust with a fork, are learning a new technique.

Everybody who isn't learning how to cook is learning how to play midget golf. The craze is sweeping Paris as it swept the United States last summer, and wherever one goes he sees the boys who carry canes striking right and left at any object in their paths.

Street Cries Pass On

Paris street cries and beggars are giving way to the trend of the times. The rat killer with his pyramidal hat, his long coat, his poison powders and his string of dead rodents is no more. The wine crier is not to be found.

The noise they used to make in vending their wares is giving way to the din of auto horns.

And even the beggars have silenced their plea for alms. Once they were known, not only for their tatters and filth, but for their strong lungs as well. Today they sit silently on the bridges that span the Seine.

An empty cap held before them is their only plea.

Radio No Longer Seasonal  
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Guion Writes of Caribbean Cruise

Editor's Note—The letter printed in full below is from John I. Gulon, Jr., on the S. S. Republic. Mr. Gulon, who is secretary to the captain of this great ocean steamer, is now on his second cruise since taking the position. He sailed from Philadelphia shortly before the holiday season on this Caribbean voyage and writes a stirring description of the places visited.

Accompanying the letter to his mother was a beautifully illustrated folder giving details of the cruise, the great steamer and its superb accommodations:

"At Sea, January 2, 1931.

"My dear Mother: I want to write you all that I can about this first cruise in the Caribbean, but it has all been so different that I find it just a bit difficult to describe; however, it has been of such a gay and infectious nature that it must be done.

"Just think! In three short days one finds oneself not only in a single foreign land, but in a strange group of intriguing and fascinating places. For instance, in Nassau, our first stop, is one of the most beautiful harbors I have yet seen, with water so clear that all manner of highly coloured fish and sea life can very easily be seen on the very bottom of the ocean, while the water

itself is of the palest green imaginable. Nassau is a coral island, and it is said that this particular formation gives the water its peculiar colouring.

"Jamaica, our next port, was entirely different. In the native Carib tongue it means, "The Land of Springs," and this is truly a most deserving appellation. There are woodlands, mountains, coffee plantations, and enormous fern growths, and all of this tropical luxuriance forms a picture of the most exquisite beauty, while Kingston, the main city, is so charming that everyone leaves there with a certain resolution to return again.

"Then came Panama and the canal. I confess that I was surprised here, for I expected nothing more than an unattractive, low country with only a giant waterway worth seeing. We not only passed through the great locks of the canal, but visited Balboa and Panama City on the Pacific side as well as Cristobal and Colon on the Atlantic side. I suppose you have read about the recent overthrow of the government in Balboa, which, by the way, occurred only a day or so after we left.

"Panama City is most interesting. In 1617 the original city was destroyed by Morgan and the present one was founded two years later. There is much here in the old world streets and plazas, the picturesque cathedrals and churches, and the quaint shops to interest the traveler; but best of all, the ancient sea wall

still remains as it was in the days of the Spaniards, at which time it is said that it was often used by them in scanning the horizon for sight of their returning booty laden ocean caravans.

"Havana climaxes the whole tour. I have recently been reading a biography of Columbus in which he writes in a letter, "Cuba is the loveliest land that human eyes have ever seen," and surely it is difficult to imagine a more lovely scene than the one before you as your ship steams past old Morro Castle on one side, and the Fort of La Punta, the Malecon (the waterfront parkway), and the end of the Prado de Marti, Havana's Fifth Avenue, on the other. Even before arrival the thought of Havana gives one a thrill, and the first view can never be forgotten. It is a city of promenades, long vistaed drives and entrancing public gardens. Even the private homes surpass expectations for they are massive stone structures with odd grated windows, each one of a different colour, and all this is still more interesting by night.

"I also visited Santiago, where barcardi, the Cuban national drink, has been manufactured since 1837 according to a secret process which is said to be known only to the president and vice-president, who are direct descendants of the founder. This light stimulant is described by its present maker, Facundo Barcardi, as "the rum that cured a king," and he displays a letter of appreciation from the king of Spain,

Alfonso XIII, telling of its benefits during a siege of la grippe. The bat, which forms the trade mark of the company, recalls the early days when bats which hung in a tree behind the plant came into the kitchen by night to feast on the molasses which was left over. The distillery today is very modern.

"There is much more that I should like to write but I shall save that until another time. Even so, there are to be four more of these cruises and I may know much more of interest later on. Remember me to everyone.

"Abidingly,

"JOHN I."

RUNNELS 4-H CLUB

The Runnels 4-H Club held its first meeting of the year Friday, January 9.

It was held for the purpose of electing new officers for the year. Those elected were: Cecil Nunn, president; Robert Fowler, vice president; J. E. Fowler, Jr., secretary.

Those joining the club were Cecil Nunn, Henry, J. E. Jr., and Robert Fowler, Eugene, Allen and Ed Maddox, George Beard and Ralph Smith.

Our club is not so strong this year on account of several members moving out of this community.

Business for this year was attended to.

The members all showed a keen interest, and we are all go-

ing to work hard for prizes given away at the Winters Live-at-Home fair.

We were very sorry Mr. Lehmborg could not be with us at this meeting.

We will meet again the second Friday in February.  
Club Reporter

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.

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Child Actors Dominate in Paramount Film Comedy

The kids get a break in films once again. This time three youngsters play the leads in one of the most famous stories ever translated to the screen—"Tom Sawyer," the immortal classic from the pen of Mark Twain.

Jackie Coogan, whose fame has increased since the days of "The Kid," is seen in the title role. His partner in boyhood deviltry, Huckleberry Finn, is played by Junior Durkin, the lad who amazed Broadway by his work in Janet Beecher's "Courage" on the stage.

Becky Thatcher, Tom's flaxen-curlis sweetheart, is portrayed by little Mitzi Green, the 9-year-old marvel who has become one of screenland's idols in little less than a year's time.

The minor child characters are delineated by a carefully chosen group of Hollywood's most clever kid actors.

"Tom Sawyer" will be shown in Ballinger at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

Electricity For Most Swiss

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Ninety-eight per cent of Switzerland's municipalities are branched onto an electric system and 90 per cent of the population has electric lighting.

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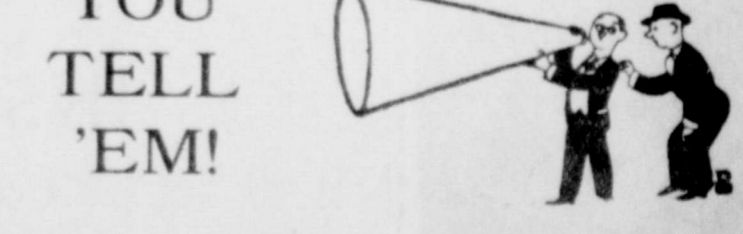
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## 1930 Rainfall is Best in Late Years

Runnels county experienced a drouth last year and in the same year had one of the largest annual rainfalls in the history of the county. The rain did not fall during the season to help growing crops but came, for the most part, late in the year, giving an excellent season for the start of 1931.  
The total rainfall for 1930 amounted to 32.11 inches and only been greater than this four times in the past 33 years. At the beginning of the year the season was none too good and early rains amounted to very little. May and June produced some rain, however, hot weather set in and lasted without any beneficial rains until October when floods were experienced all over this section of West Texas.  
The report for the year by months is as follows:  
January 0.00  
February 0.00  
March 0.80  
April 1.25  
May 6.90  
June 3.70  
July, trace  
August 0.67  
September 0.80  
October 15.65  
November 0.40  
December 1.94  
Total for year 32.11  
In 1914 this county received more than 30 inches of rain, mostly in the fall of the year, and the following year the cotton production amounted to 43,483 bales. Again in 1919 the rainfall was 35 inches and in 1920 the county ginnings of cotton were 57,878. The last time for a big annual rainfall was in 1923 when the gauge at Ballinger registered more than 36 inches and the following year cotton ginnings in this county 71,291 bales, was in 1925 and came with 20 inches of rain in 1924 and the same amount in 1925 with the rainfall for each year being well distributed over the months, especially through June, August and September with a small amount in July.  
The maximum salary of a prohibition agent is \$2,900, while the minimum is \$2,300.

## Rotarians Urge Attendance Wed.

Officers of the Ballinger Rotary club are urging all members to be present at the regular luncheon Wednesday at the Central Hotel and bring guests. An excellent program has been arranged for this week by Warren Lynn which will include an instrumental solo by Fred Wellhausen and other entertaining numbers.  
The club is showing new life with the start of the new year and expect to move forward and do the best year's work since the organization of the body. Lack of attendance has held the club back to some extent but a careful canvass of the club reveals all members pledging to do better this year and a few who have been slack about attendance have been dropped from the roster.  
The club has for some time been one of the lowest in the 41st district in the matter of attendance but are striving in 1931 to reverse the situation and place the club at the head of the column which will require practically 100 per cent attendance.  
Members are dropped from the roll who miss four times straight, or whose percentage of attendance is under 60 covering a six-month period.

**MANY HERE FOR FUNERAL OF MRS. R. L. MADDOX**  
A number of people from out of town were here Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. L. Maddox. From Ranger a large group of friends of Robert Lee Maddox were here. He is a teacher in the high school there and his friends came to be with him in his hour of sorrow. This group included N. O. White and daughter, Miss Margaret; Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Mrs. Hamilton, Randal Blackmond, J. W. McKinney, Dealma Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kleimer and sons, Edward and Donald; Arwell Higgs, Cecil Langston, Derry Lindsey, Mildred Climmer, Mrs. L. E. Gray, Sylvan Gray, Joe Busch and Elizabeth Davenport.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nash and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore, of San Antonio, were also present.  
Price Maddox, of Colorado, could not attend on account of illness in his family, and Frank Maddox, of Lubbock, could not

## reach Ballinger on account of bad roads.

**Bank Stockholders**  
(Continued from page 1)  
The meeting was in session from 10 Tuesday morning until noon and all business was transacted and completed.  
**Ballinger State Bank**  
Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank met in regular session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and elected the directors for the bank for the coming year. The only new director for the board is Dr. W. B. Halley who takes the place made vacant by Nath Allen, deceased. Dr. Halley has been a large stockholder in the bank since its organization practically and is well suited to take over the duties as a director. The entire board elected Tuesday morning is composed of the following: C. P. Shepherd, W. B. Halley, E. A. Saunders, E. F. Batts, J. E. Brewer, W. B. Dankworth and Wm. Halfman.  
The meeting of directors to elect officers was postponed until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. J. E. Brewer could not remain for the directors' meeting on account of the death of a relative in Brownwood but will return here in time to be present Wednesday morning.

## B. W. PILCHER HAS READ THE LEDGER 44 YEARS

B. W. Pilcher, constable of precinct No. 1, visited The Ledger office and paid his subscription to the paper for his 45th year. He is one of the remaining subscribers of this newspaper who have taken it regularly since Ballinger was organized in 1886.  
The paper dates back a few years further to the Runnels County Leader published at Old Runnels. Mr. Pilcher took the weekly publication for a number of years but when the daily was founded transferred his subscription to that and has read it continuously since that time.  
A large portion of this time Mr. Pilcher has been a peace officer here and the pioneer citizen is still engaged in his favorite vocation.


## RUNNELS STUDENTS ARE ACTIVE IN H. P. C. CLASS

The freshman class is well represented by Runnels county students for the winter term. Wallace Chastain of Ballinger was elected president of the class at a meeting held at the close of the first term; Robert Lusk, vice president; and Miss Edna Hornberg, Winters, treasurer. All three officers are from Runnels county and reflect credit to this county in having three popular students in one class. All three are graduates from high schools in this county last year and are making their courses at the Brownwood school.

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<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>233,103.79</b>
	\$699,435.23

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	63,337.22
Circulation	25,000.00
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