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## Would-be Suicide Once Sued Former Champion

(By Associated Press)  
DALLAS, Feb. 23.—The Dallas Times-Herald published a story today which identified the Mrs. Katherine King, who is suffering from the effects of a poison tablet here, as Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty, plaintiff in the recent \$200,000 damage suit against Gene Tunney, former heavyweight prize fight champion.

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR BRADY FAT STOCK SHOW

(By Associated Press)  
BRADY, Feb. 23.—Plans have been completed and an attractive list of premiums arranged for the second annual McCulloch County 4-H Club Fat Stock Show, at Brady, March 5 under the auspices of the Brady chamber of commerce.

## ANTIPODES LEARN HOW TO GIVE RACE "COLOR"

(By Associated Press)  
CANNBERRA, Feb. 23.—Whatever horse racing lacks in New Guinea is made up by the nags' "color." The ponies are dyed in all manner of bright colors and it is a startling sight to see a field of colored horses ridden by fuzzy-headed, coal-black kanakas in loin cloths.

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## C. of C. Directors To Meet Tuesday

Directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce have been called to a meeting at the city hall Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. A number of important matters are ready for consideration of the directors and a full attendance is urged by President C. R. Stone and Secretary J. D. Motley.

## Wants Dems to Eschew Dry Issue

(By Associated Press)  
DALLAS, Feb. 23.—Jed C. Adams, of Dallas, Democratic national committeeman for Texas, today said the party's national committee should eschew the prohibition question at its meeting in Washington March 5.

## Hoover Starts Inquiry Before Vetoing Loan Bill

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Preparatory to vetoing the veterans' loan bill, President Hoover today is having a nation-wide inquiry made to ascertain the number of veterans in distress.

## Crews School Closed By Scarlet Fever

The Crews public school is closed this week on account of scarlet fever. Trustees thought best to close the school after a child with a light case attended school several days and mingled with other pupils. Before this a number of cases had been reported in the community and in an effort to halt the epidemic sore throats and suspicious symptoms are being watched closely.

## Four Killed by Drunk Soldiers

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—Dispatches from Pachuca today said four persons were killed and one wounded in Ixiquilpan when twenty-five intoxicated soldiers "shot up" the town.

## Chief Red Wing Will File Appeal

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Feb. 23.—Attorneys for Chief Red Wing, Indian, assessed the death penalty at New Braunfels on charges of murdering a two-year-old girl, will file an appeal, it was learned here today.

## 4 Dead; 3 Injured in Blast of Refinery Still

(By Associated Press)  
PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Feb. 23.—Four men are dead and three injured as the result of a still explosion at midnight in the Gulf Refining Company's plant here.

## Says He Killed Two in Holdup

(By Associated Press)  
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—Declaring he had killed two men who were attempting to rob him, Dayton Thomas, 46, surrendered to the police today and was held as a murder suspect in default of \$7,500 bond.

## American Torero Rests Well Today

(By Associated Press)  
LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 23.—Sidney Franklin, American bull fighter, who was gored in the leg during a bull fight at Nuevo Laredo yesterday, rested easily in a hospital here today.

## Committee Drops Oil Embargo Bill

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The House ways and means committee today rejected all tariff embargo bills, including the proposed limitation on oil imports.

## Muscle Shoals Report Adopted

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Senate today adopted the Muscle Shoals conference report, and the measure will go to the president, the House already having accepted it.

## 3 Killed, 10 Hurt in Film Blast

(By Associated Press)  
BRASOV, Rumania, Feb. 23.—Three young girls were killed and ten other persons injured when a film exploded in a chemical laboratory at Tihul today.

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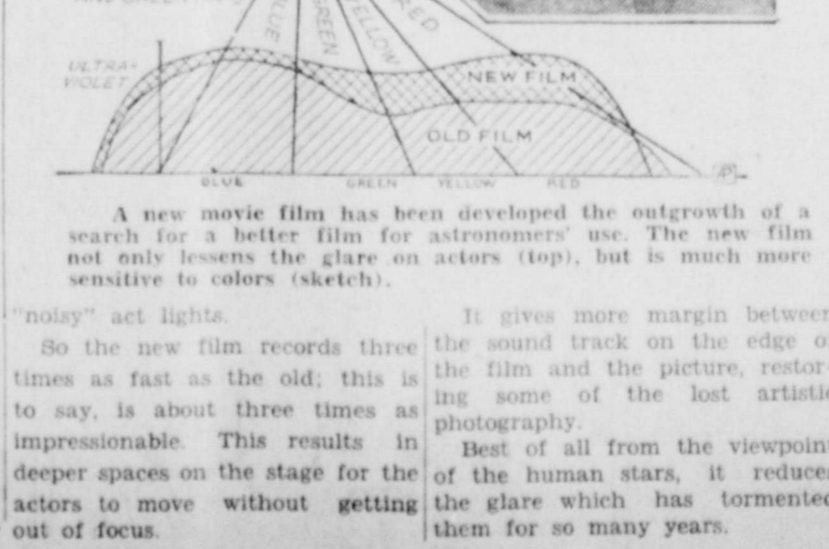
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This is the period of the year when diseases, especially those of children, are numerous. Scarlet fever, mumps, whooping cough, etc., are here in force. Parents who want to take precaution should watch the general condition of their children and not expose them unnecessarily. Most of the epidemics are in mild form and little trouble is experienced in curing them, but a severe case can develop even from the very mildest form.

Many railroad men, compress operators and others interested in bus and truck regulation are gathering in Austin to be on hand when the legislation is presented. There have been a large number of bills introduced on this subject but few have been passed on by the committee to date. These are due for an early hearing in both the House and Senate.

Hit-and-run drivers are getting too numerous in this section of the country. Within the past two weeks a number of cases have been reported near here where drivers stepped on the gas and moved on following accidents. Motorists of this type will be hard hit when a driver's license law is passed by the legislature. The man who refuses to stop and offer aid when he has been party to an accident deserves nothing better than to be forever forbidden to drive an automobile on a public road. Anyone is liable to an accident but there is no excuse for the coward who runs away after the crash.

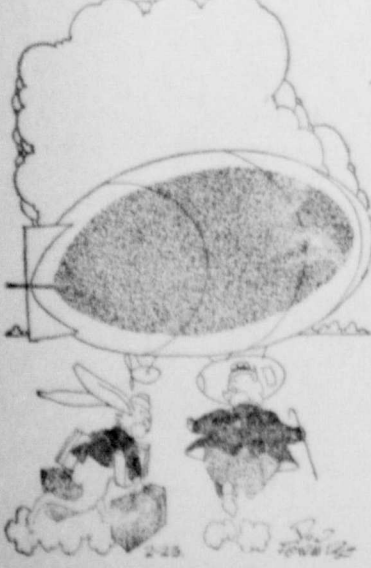
The last week of the fishing season is demanding the time and attention of lovers of that sport. The past few days of warm sunshine have made fishing unusually good and stories told of good luck has created the desire to spend some time on the banks of a river or lake. March 1 will see a closed season for two months and a close watch will be maintained by wardens to enforce the law. The enforcement of the game laws is doing much to halt depletion of streams and within a few years bass and crappie fishing will again make this section known far and wide, attracting many tourists here during the open season.

### GENERAL RAIN FALLS OVER THIS AREA

The rain gauge at Ballinger showed 75 for the shower Saturday night. West of Ballinger, the rain was heavier, ranging from one to one and one-half inches at various points. The rain fell hard, accompanied by a small amount of hail here and somewhat harder north of town. Another light shower fell Sunday night which retards farm work for another week at least with good weather prevailing.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Jones, of San Angelo, were guests here Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tindall.

## PUFFY



They bid farewell to Old Nippon, do Mr. Puff and Bun; A baby blimp's about to leave—they catch it on the run. "You're always late," says Puff to Bun, "I tell you to your face: It is no wonder that the Tortoise won that famous race."  
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## SUNDOWN STORIES



### THE BAND'S TUNES

As the Days and Months and Years marched in the Grand March that was part of the performance held in honor of John and Peggy, the band played tunes to suit the costumes of the ones who were marching. As those dressed in costumes of snow went marching by the band played "Jingle Bells" and all sorts of snowy, wintry music, while for those in summer costumes there were tunes about the trees and brooks.

For those in foggy suits the band played "spooky" tunes, and the flowery costumes were given tunes about flowers. Every tune just fitted, and now John and Peggy noticed something interesting.

From time to time a Day dashed away and another Day took its place. Peggy and John knew it was because that Day was supposed to be on duty.

Next the band played the Punctuality Tune, and the marchers all grouped themselves on the platform and sang these words:

"We're the Months and Years and Days, We always are on time, We really are, it is the truth, It's not just for the time."

"We're the Months and Years and Days, We never would be late, We wouldn't be because it would Put things in such a state."

"We're the Months and Years and Days, We go when we are due, If you were really one of us, You'd do the same thing too."

Peggy and John clapped hard at this, and the music for it was so jolly.

And now the program continued.

Married Woman Fears Gas—Eats Only Baby Food  
"For 3 years I ate only baby food, everything else formed gas. Now, thanks to Adierka, I eat anything and enjoy life."—Mrs. M. Gunn.

Just ONE spoonful Adierka relieves all GAS so you can eat and sleep better. Acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel removing poisons you never knew were there, and which caused your stomach trouble. No matter what you have tried for stomach and bowels, Adierka will surprise you! J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS ON INCREASE

AUSTIN, Feb. 23.—Fruit and vegetable shipments from Texas in January totaled 5,508 cars, the state and federal departments of agriculture have reported.

This was an increase of 349 cars over January of 1930.

Out of the Winter Garden and the Rio Grande Valley 1,483 carloads of mixed vegetables, 1,437 cars of spinach, and 1,386 carloads of cabbage were shipped north. The most noticeable increase was in spinach shipments, greater than 1930 by nearly 500 carloads.

Only 478 car lots of grapefruit were shipped against 1,039 in January, 1930, and five carloads of oranges against 61 in January, 1930.

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San Angelo, Texas  
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13-2014-201W.

### PRIZES OFFERED BOYS

AMARILLO, Feb. 23.—Awards totaling \$800 are being offered contestants in the Panhandle Baby Beef Club Show, one of the features of the Amarillo Fat Stock Show, to be held March 2-5. One-fourth of the premium awards will be paid by the American Hereford Breeders' Association.

### LIFE IN RUSSIA IS HER RADIO TOPIC



MISS ROSS

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Braving hardships of Russia was just another globe-trotting experience to Betty Ross, novelist. Her next adventure is to be radio.

Miss Ross, petite and blonde, has traveled over most of the world. Recently she returned from a five months' tramp through the Soviet hinterland. She is preparing a series of three lectures, "Love and Life in Russia," which she will give over a WJZ network beginning March 15.

### SEA MORE IMPORTANT AS POPULATION GROWS

(By Associated Press)  
LA JOLLA, Calif., Feb. 23.—The sea becomes more important as population increases and the demand for food and other natural products becomes more exacting, says Prof. W. E. Allen of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

The assistance of experts in handling marine products, he adds, is going to be needed to "furnish the margin of safety in estimating marine productivity and the trend of good or bad influences on marine life."

## HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Jago Goldstein, Academy of Medicine

### SIGNS OF PROGRESS

The greatest enemy of mankind is ignorance. But a close second is that secrecy which covers with a blanket of silence many a theme of vital importance to mankind.

Such a blanket has been cast about social hygiene. For some reason, hard to fathom, the subject of social diseases has been tabooed and barred from free discussion.

One may only conjecture how much this silence has cost mankind in lives prematurely lost and in avoidable suffering.

Granting that the subject is unpleasant, still it embraces one of the major health problems of our social life. Silence will not solve it, nor will it dissolve and disappear of its own accord.

In this connection a constructive and progressive step has recently been taken by the Bellevue-Yorkville demonstration of the Milbank memorial fund of New York city.

This demonstration has undertaken with the endorsement of the clergy, the backing of the city department of health and the local cooperation of the local medical profession a three months' educational campaign to acquaint the public with the basic facts on the venereal diseases.

In simple, but unembarrassed language, that the layman may understand, the pertinent facts on social diseases have been published and distributed far and wide.

The subjects are being discussed with the same clear-eyed objectives as might be employed in dealing with tuberculosis, cancer or heart disease.

Without exaggeration, or undue moralization, the hazards of the

diseases are described and the need for prompt and adequate treatment emphasized. The danger of transmitting them to others, including one's own children, is stressed.

This method of attack on two of the most serious diseases to which mankind is subject gives promise of excellent results.

(Tomorrow—Mental Derangement)



### LEE GENTRY DIES AT SAN ANGELO MONDAY

Word was received here Monday morning from San Angelo announcing the death of Lee Gentry of that city. Relatives here left at once for San Angelo and will remain there until after funeral services are held. Mr. Gentry was apparently well Sunday and Ballinger relatives visited him during the afternoon. Monday morning at 9:15 he was about but suffered a heart attack which proved fatal. He was about 60 years of age at the time of his death.

Decedent formerly resided in this county, on the old Gentry ranch on Oak Creek. For many years he had made home at San Angelo, visiting friends and relatives here on numerous occasions.

No arrangements for the funeral had been concluded Monday morning pending word from a daughter who lives in California. J. E. Gentry, a brother, Mrs. Joe Huffman, a niece, and husband, of Ballinger left for San Angelo as soon as news of the death was received here.

Sensational Prices on Spectacles  
See reader ad in this paper. 23-11d-\*

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

## MOVIES

### Laugh Market Gets Bearish at the Palace

Buttons anchored to home-ports with anything less than the best grade of brass rivets or steel cable, have a delicate tenure of office at the Palace Theatre, where yesterday began the engagement of the Four Marx Brothers, doing in film, "Animal Crackers." They've made a talking and musical picture that takes up where "The Cocoanuts" left off, and ends with the last survivor being carried up the aisle by force, three strong ushers, and well—who is your favorite escort to the "booby-hatch"?

The story is something about a stately and socially proper hostess, with a house-party on her hands at a palatial country estate. A big game hunter, just back from an African expedition, his secretary and two vagabond musicians engaged to attend to the musical appetite of the guests, is the business assigned Groucho, Zeppo, Harpo and Chico Marx, respectively.

They arrive simultaneously and with their usual hurricane momentum at a time when the festive gathering is being diverted by a butler weighing just a fraction less than half a ton, a feud between the hostess and a rival matron over the authenticity of a fine painting, and more pretty girls in lingerie and bathing suits than most revues boast. You understand what we mean by

pretty, when we say Lillian Roth heads the feminine talent.

This is the premise, or the premises, upon which the riot is fashioned—and the developments dwarf superlatives that Webster intended for even the most hilarious narratives.

The making of the stage version into photoplay dynamite was entrusted to the direction of Victor Heerman, contributing in no small way to the general happy results.

In addition to the Marxes, and Miss Roth, the cast presents Margaret Dumont, Louis Sorin, Hal Thompson, Margaret Irving, Kathryn Reece, Richard Greig, Edward Metcalf and The Music Masters.

"Animal Crackers" closes at the Palace tomorrow night.

James Kalatez, cafe owner of San Angelo spent Sunday here visiting Tommie Miller.

### Swiftest, Easiest Way to End Bilious Spell

When you neglect those first symptoms of constipation—bad breath, coated tongue, listlessness, the whole system soon suffers. Appetite lags. Digestion slows up. You become headachy, dizzy, bilious. It's easy to correct sluggish bowel action! Take a candy Cascaret tonight. See how quickly—and pleasantly—the bowels are activated. All the souring waste is gently propelled from the system. Regular and complete bowel action is restored. Cascarets are made from pure cascara, a substance which doctors agree actually strengthens bowel muscles. All drug stores have Cascarets. 10c.

## Easy Starting

Is the car hard to start?  
Many things can keep the car from starting easily.  
If your car is hard to start bring it to us—adjustments and repairs quickly made—the cost is low.

### CAMERON'S GARAGE

Super Service  
You Must Be Pleased

### PARK YOUR CAR UNDER A SHED

at Greenwood's Filling Station, it saves and protects the paint, is a safety measure against theft. Our price is reasonable, for parking privileges. We sell the best GAS and OILS and will treat you right.

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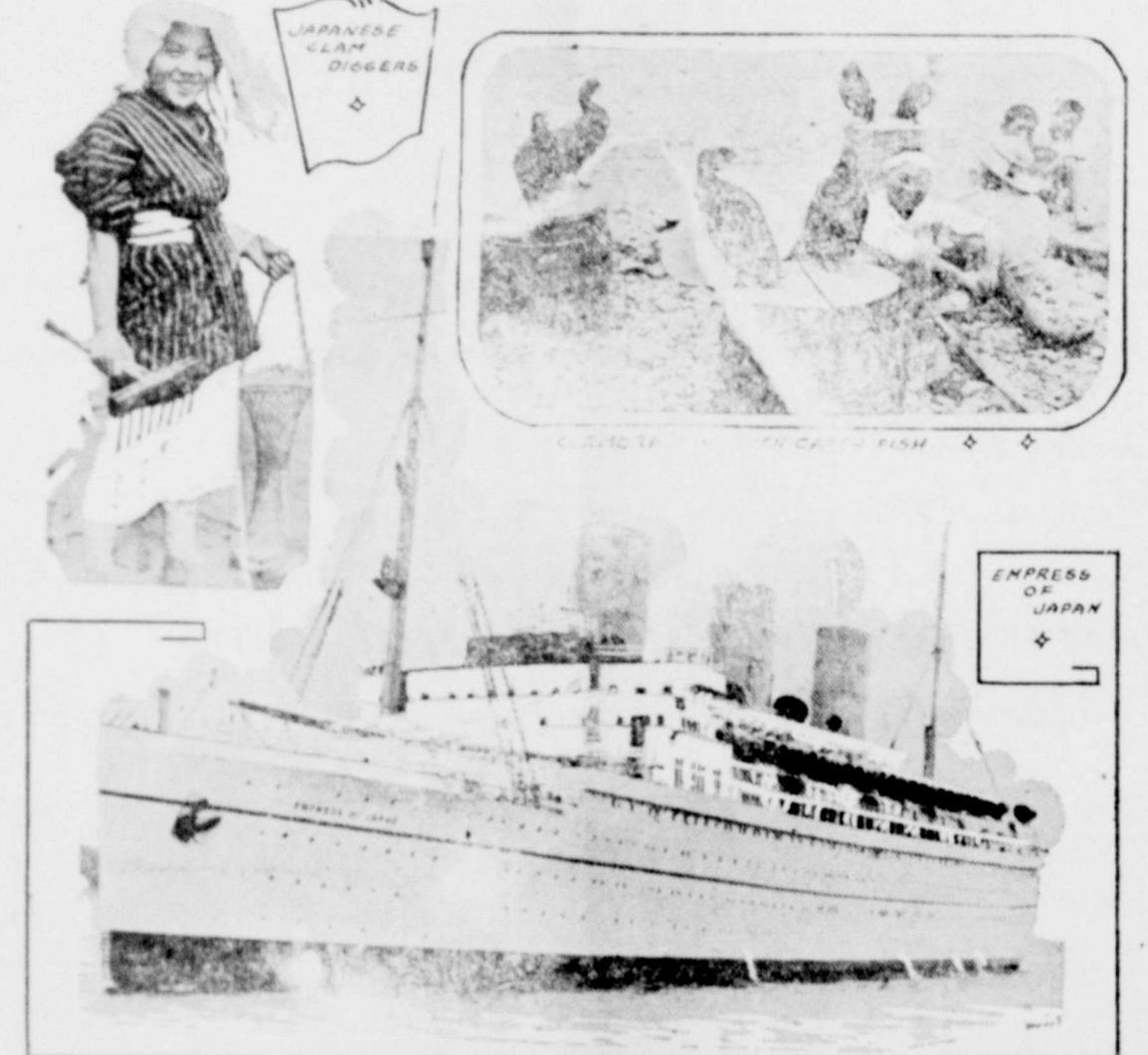
WE WISH TO SEE OUR FRIENDS SUCCESSFUL and prosperous. Feel at liberty to call upon us at any time if we can be of service to you.

Feel at liberty, also, to ask our advice on any financial matters that may concern or perplex you.

### THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK

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### Japan's Fishermen Use Cormorants—Birds With Rings Round Their Necks So They Can't Swallow the Fish



Fishermen in various lands use all sorts of methods in their trade, but probably the most original and interesting is that of the fresh-water fishermen of Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun. These enterprising people employ cormorants—queer, long-necked black birds capable of diving to great depths—and they see that their feathered helpers are constantly hungry so that they will show proper zeal in seeking their prey. To prevent the birds from swallowing the fish, their necks are bound by rings, so that only the smallest specimens can pass through their artificially narrowed throats. By this means nothing larger than a healthy sardine ever goes down the bird's throat. The fishermen go out in light boats, each manned by a team of two men. One handles the boat while the other looks after the diving birds. A cormorant tender handles up to a dozen birds by strings attached to the birds' necks, precisely as a marionette artist works his puppets. Cormorant fishing is usually done at night, but as the fish dislike moonlight, dark nights are chosen and the fishermen work by torchlight. The exact date of the origin of this style of fishing is unknown, but it is believed to have existed a thousand years ago.

Japan is becoming more and more popular with winter travelers, and fine new steamers are constantly being built to accommodate them. One of the latest additions to the trans-Pacific fleet is the new 26,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, the largest and fastest vessel on the Pacific, which makes the run from Vancouver, via Honolulu to Yokohama, in 14 days, thence proceeding to Kobe, Nagasaki and other Oriental ports. The Empress of Japan holds the blue ribbon of the Pacific, recently wrested from her running-mate, the Empress of Canada, for the fastest sailing time from Yokohama to Vancouver.

### DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

HELLO DOROTHY! HOW IS YOUR FATHER?

HE'S FINE THANKS, BUT WHO ARE YOU?

NOW DO YOU KNOW ME?

MISTER MALLEHEAD! HOW YOU'VE CHANGED! WHY LAST YEAR YOU WERE A DANDY DUDE

YES, BUT TIMES ARE DIFFERENT! I'M MARRIED NOW!

OH I SEE!

NOW YOU'RE SUB DUED!!

CHAS. McMANUS



Baseball's Babbling Brook

---By Pap



HE WENT DIRECTLY TO THE PHILLIES FROM THE CAMPUS OF WEST VIRGINIA IN 1912.

EPPA Rixey

-OF THE CINCINNATI REDS

YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE ME MR. RIXEY

YOU KNOW I'VE JUST SIGNED UP FOR MY TWENTIETH YEAR OF MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHING



THE NEW BALL MAY PROVE A BIG HELP TO EPPA AND THE OTHER OLD TIMERS.

In New York Theaters

By Mark Barron

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(A)—Katharine Cornell has abandoned the sinning ladies of her previous dramas for the gentle, lovely figure of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. She becomes the poetess, beloved of Robert Browning, in Rudolf Besier's tense drama of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

This play, which also marks Miss Cornell's managerial debut, has been for some time one of the hits in London. Its English premiere was greeted with angry protests from descendants of the poetess' family because the play exposes her father as a heartless, overbearing tyrant with an unnatural love for his daughter.



KATHERINE CORNELL

The whirlwind romantic wooing of Elizabeth by Robert also is pictured, but this courtship is only a motivating incident in the Besier drama.

Tyrannical Father

The author is relentless in his attack upon Barrett pere, implying that his objection to the marriage of Elizabeth and Robert was not because he thought it was an unwise union. It was because he was a soiled, old man with repulsive ideas which were finally sent Elizabeth fleeing in horror to the arms of her adoring Robert.

Elizabeth Barrett was virtually a prisoner in her sitting room at 50 Wimpole Street during those dark days of 1845. Infirmities chained her to her bed, and her father was a jealous guard, forbidding even sunlight to enter her room.

Only the poems of Robert Browning brought her a few moments of forgetfulness, and finally, he came himself to vow his love. And when he saw the tyranny of her father, he began the campaign which was eventually to lead them away to their paradise in Aretso and Sorrento.

and Florence.

**Facetious Browning**  
Magnificent is an overworked word, but it is the only one that adequately describes the feeling, sympathetic performance of Miss Cornell as Elizabeth Barrett. Brian Aherne, an excellent actor from the London stage, makes his Broadway debut as Robert Browning. He interprets the poet as an enthusiastic, confident and sometimes facetious young man. Whether or not it is Browning, it is a splendid performance as is the one given by Charles Waldron as the Barrett father.

**Wanted—**  
I want everyone to plant at least a few trees and shrubs. Now is the time and the best spring in many to get your plants to live. I have all kinds of fruit trees and a full line of evergreens and flowering shrubs; now ready to plant. Call me at night or see me at my nursery from 5 to 7 o'clock p. m.

Yours truly,  
MIKE C. BOYD  
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**Eyesight Specialist Coming Again**  
Dr. Fred R. Baker, San Angelo's well known optical specialist, will be at the Central Hotel Wednesday, only, Feb. 25. The doctor is well known to most Runnels county citizens, having been at San Angelo 25 years and also having visited this city many times. He is registered in this county and was vice-president of Texas Optometry Board, also president of Texas Optical Association.

He is offering a big bargain in eyesight service, with glasses at "hard time prices," at a third to half less than former cost. Here is a sample reading glasses, regular \$10.00, this trip \$5.00; one piece invisible double vision lenses \$10.00, or with \$5.00 frame \$12.50. Other glasses in proportion and examination thrown in. How's that? Reference of leading Ballinger people upon request.

**Campfire Girls Hold Work Meet**  
The We-Stri-We had a meeting at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Victor Miller, Friday afternoon after school. This meeting was the work meeting for the month. Some worked on their head bands and the others sewed.

There were eight present and six wore their uniforms.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, visited relatives and friends here over the week-end.

Washington Theme Of Chapel Program

The chapel hour at the Ballinger high school Monday morning was given over to a program observing the birthday anniversary of George Washington, first president of the United States. The school was assembled in the auditorium for the program, one of the best held this year. Announcements were made at all the churches Sunday regarding this program and a general invitation extended.

The service was opened with an invocation by Rev. J. E. Kerr, after which the general assembly sang America. Miss Katherine Todd rendered a beautiful and appropriate violin solo which was encored. Miss Lillian McMillan gave a patriotic reading in keeping with the memory of the great man whose anniversary is observed all over the nation and by Americans everywhere.

Judge Alfred Crager, the principal speaker, brought a fine address on Washington. In his prelude Judge Crager stated that it was not his purpose to proffer a eulogy but merely to give facts about the "father of his country." The speaker said Washington was a fighter for principles and a man of purpose.

Following the address the audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and Rev. T. E. Bowman

offered the benediction. A large number of citizens were in attendance at this program which was the only celebration of the date in Ballinger except that of the banks and local post-office which remained closed for the day.

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Wheat Acreage Continues High For Southwest

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—There is little if any evidence on the early spring farm horizon that the Southwest will reduce its wheat acreage materially in 1931.

In the face of urgent advice from the federal farm board to cut wheat acreage and thus reduce the grain surplus, present indications are that the Southwest will grow practically as much grain this year as last.

Furthermore, while the Texas legislature considers cotton acreage control by statute, in cooperation with other Southern states, estimates reveal a probable cut of only 8 per cent in this major crop.

The 1930 drought has had little effect in the great Southwestern wheat belt save a slight delay in fall planting.

Kansas alone sowed 12,229,000 acres, 1 per cent less than a year ago as contrasted with Alexander Legge's plea for a reduction of 10 per cent at least. This is well above the average for 1924-1928 of 11,786,000 acres.

Almost perfect weather has resulted in a crop condition reported at 90 per cent, only 2 per cent below last year.

In the cotton country a new cooperative will function for the first time in 1931—the Texas Certified Cottonseed Breeders' Association. Under state supervision members of the group have supplied high grade seed to Southern farmers for several years, but

duce have declined, he points out, so have prices of commodities the farmer must buy, while based on present land values, farm production costs are their lowest levels since the war.

Scanning NEW BOOKS

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(A)—Books about this time of year have reviewers backed against the wall, trying to slash their way through.

Dozens of volumes are released weekly and by a neat change of metaphor this involves shuffling to separate the aces and discard the deuces.

This column therefore will be a brief check list of some of the kings, queens, jacks and tens in the publishers' decks. As follows:

Fiction

"Wide Open Town"—Myron Brinig writes an excellent novel about the jealous passion of a young Irish miner for a daughter of joy in the sulphurous air of Butte, Montana.

"This Our Exile"—A family of trifling young people see life through a fog of gin and epigrams in a first novel of youth by David Burnham.

"Grand Hotel"—The melodramatic novel of 36 hours in a Berlin luxury hotel which the author, Vicki Baum, adapted for her stage hit.

"A Night in Kurdistan"—Jean Richard Bloch, who wrote "— & Co." does a terrific phantasy of Arabian Nights adventure, cruelty and love.

"Best Short Stories of the War"—Sixty-six tales of all sorts out of the war, brought together in an anthology of 826 pages by editors who should know what's the best.

"Big Money"—Lord Biskerton, "the Biscuit," is as funny as any other P. G. Wodehouse character, which is saying the most.

Non-Fiction

"The Passionate Pilgrim"—Many will think this life of Mrs. Annie Besant, theosophist, by Gertrude Marvin Williams, the best of recent biographies.

"Lincoln, the Politician"—What its title says, by Don C. Seitz, who believes in politicians. Without the aspersions of Edgar Lee Masters.

"Coronado's Children"—Lore of lost mines and buried treasure in the Southwest, by J. Frank Dobie, University of Texas professor and authority on the subject.

"Four Cents an Acre"—The history of a Yankee bargain by which we bought Louisiana from Napoleon, well done from the archives by a Frenchman, Georges Oudard.

"Behind the Green Lights"—Memoirs of Capt. Cornelius W. Willemse, a Dutch runaway boy, from Bowery pouncer to a New York cop, with the appellation of "gang buster."—George J. Lemmer and Jack Kolod helped in the

writing.

"The Underworld of Paris"—Real horrors, as seen by Alfred Morain, chief of the Paris police.

"Dumas, Father and Son"—Another account, and a lively one, of the Chip and the Old Block.

BAIRD LANDING FIELD IS BEING ENLARGED

(By Associated Press)

BAIRD, Texas, Feb. 23.—The intermediate landing field here has been enlarged by the addition of 27 acres of land which is now being conditioned under the supervision of G. T. Buckner, department of commerce engineer. If weather condition permit the work on this field will be completed by the last of the month with the exception of the installation of border lights. The border lights will be in operation by April.

This additional area gives Baird one of the best intermediate landing fields on the El Paso-Fort Worth Airway. The field is well drained and suitable for landing in practically all kinds of weather.

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The area of the field now is 107 acres. The site was obtained by the chamber of commerce.

An air-marker, the word Baird in twenty foot letters, has been painted on a building to guide passing aviators.

District Judge E. J. Miller came in Monday morning to open the third week of district court here.

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only recently were recognized by the farm board.

J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture, is sponsor for the proposed acreage control law. If enacted, it would become effective when four other cotton states adopted similar measures.

Larger rye plantings are reported from some sections of the Southwest, but most of the land removed from wheat and other crop acreages is being permitted to lie fallow.

"With the country's elevators and cold storage plants gorged with surplus wheat, meat, butter, eggs and poultry," says William Hirth, head of the Missouri Farmers' Association, "the farm horizon of 1931 looks anything but promising at this time."

Dean F. B. Mumford of the college of agriculture at the University of Missouri sees no increase in come for American farmers as a group, but believes agriculture in the Midwest and Southwest should do better this year because of unlikelihood of another dry spell.

Although prices of farm pro-

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**OSLO LEGATION ATTACHE DEFIES RECALL BY SOVIETS**  
(By Associated Press)  
OSLO, Feb. 23.—I. M. Rossatkevitch, a civil engineer and chemist, attached to the Soviet legation in Oslo, defied orders recalling him to Moscow.  
"A life without law, without morals, without religion, a life of starvation, filled with lies and hopeless despair," was his description of Russia today.  
"We were seven members of a refrigeration committee, just before I left Russia," he said. "The other six have been executed within the five months I have been in Norway."  
He has left Oslo, however, and is believed to be in Germany.

**Iowa Farm Income Tumbles**  
AMES, Iowa, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Iowa's 10 principal farm commodities—hogs, cattle, sheep, corn, oats, wheat, barley, dairy products and eggs and poultry—showed a drop of \$100,000,000 in 1930 income, in comparison with 1929.

Bill Griffin, of Coleman, spent the week-end here visiting friends and looking after insurance business.

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# Society

**Spring Luncheon Is Compliment For Club**  
Violets were massed in three bouquets to form the floral decoration for the luncheon table on last Thursday when Mrs. Victor Miller entertained in her home on Sixth street to compliment members of her luncheon club.

Colonial ladies adorned cards denoting places for twelve at the table and later were used for recording of bridge scores. Nut cups and other luncheon and game appointments stressed the George Washington birthday theme. A delectable three-course menu of boneless chicken so decorated with creamed potatoes to simulate a white hen in a nest of lettuce, Spanish rice, congealed salad in lemon baskets was served to Mrs. Ralph Erwin, D. Reed, Malcolm McGregor, Geo. Pearce, Joe Simmons, J. N. Osborne, R. L. Harwell, Bruce Creasy, Geo. Holman, Estes Lynn, Frank Pearce and Miss Louise Orgain.

**Mrs. Grier Is Club Hostess**  
The attractive apartment of Mrs. Lawrence Grier in Wilke Terrace was decorated with a profusion of violets on last Thursday afternoon when club members and a few friends were her guests.

The patriotic motif was given emphasis in tallies, score pads and was reflected in the plate of cherry pie with whipped cream and coffee passed at the tea hour. Hachets were individual favors. In the games high and low score awards among club members were received by Mrs. G. A. Swann and Mrs. Bill Green. Miss Edna Mae Lowry received high guest favor.

Others present were Mrs. Winfield Wood, W. P. Denman, J. J. Beck, J. A. Schnable, F. T. Wright, R. L. Grippie, A. I. Burden, J. D. Motley and R. A. Smith.

**Middletons and Rudds Are Hosts**  
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rudd extended a lovely hospitality to a group of friends on last Thursday evening in the home of the former on Eighth street.  
Red, white and blue were given emphasis in a colorful theme in which signs and symbols of George Washington's birthday anniversary were used.  
Red carnations and begonias were used to decorate rooms while four-course tables were centered with small begonias of unusual beauty. Each course of the dinner stressed the chosen motif. The dessert course of ice cream was a white silhouette of the first president on a background of red with a tiny silk American flag as favors. Red, white and blue mints in cups and place cards recognized the chosen theme.

In the bridge aftermath high score awards went to Mrs. Floyd Carr and Lloyd Herring. Mrs. Robert Bruce and Leonard Stallings were consoled for losses.  
Included were Drs. and Mrs. Chas. Bailey, Chas. Cheatham, Messrs. and Mrs. W. B. Woody.

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The Lions Club committee in charge of the bridge and 42 tournament to be held here Thursday evening at the city hall, met Monday morning to complete final arrangements for the big social occasion. A broadside invitation is extended to everyone and those desiring to reserve tables can do so by notifying R. W. Earnshaw, chairman of the committee. Couples will not progress but will pivot after each game of four hands in bridge and after each game of 42.

High scores in bridge will be declared the winner of the tournament, and the one winning the largest number of games in 42. Prizes were being secured Monday and these prizes will be displayed in some downtown show-window to help get a large crowd to the first tournament. Games will begin at 7:45 and after a number have been played refreshments of doughnuts and coffee will be served.

All money received from the admission of fifty cents from players will be given to the city park fund. The party will be staged without any expense and no overhead will be deducted from the gross receipts. Forty tables will be arranged for play and others can be added in case the crowd is more than the number provided for. If this tournament is successful it is planned to stage others, the money to be used in purchasing playground material for the new park.

Miss Elizabeth Parker spent the week-end with relatives at Abilene, returning to her school work here Monday morning.  
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# Schools

**Juniors Entertain Seniors**

The junior class of the Ballinger high school entertained the seniors last Friday night with a forty-two party at the country club.  
The two classes met at Wayne Byler's home on Eighth street and went from there to the country club where everyone enjoyed themselves very much. We believe this was the best attended party that any of the classes have given this year.

The clubhouse was beautifully decorated with pink, orchid and green crepe paper and large bowls of violets to carry out the class colors.

A plate with a glass of green lemonade and white cake led in orchid and green was served. Each boy and girl was also presented with a small bunch of violets which are the junior class flowers.  
Before leaving, the president of the senior class, Price Middleton, made a short talk in behalf of all the seniors to express their appreciation for the entertainment. A speech was then made by the junior president, Eleanor Gates, telling the seniors that they were loved and appreciated by every junior.

W. B. Woody, local manager of the Texas Compress Company, left Sunday with W. R. Lence, of Abilene, for Austin, where they will look after business for a few days.  
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