

The milky way is only one-third the size we thought it was, says a Canadian astronomer. That's what we get for letting the cow jump over the moon so much.

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## President Delivers Annual Budget Message

### TWENTY TEAMS WILL DEBATE SATURDAY

More than 20 debating teams from high schools throughout this section have signified their intention of entering the invitation debate tournament to be held in the high school auditorium in Eastland Saturday afternoon at 10:30 a.m. clock, according to W. P. Palm, principal of Eastland High School.

Among the teams that have already accepted invitations are Abilene, Baird, Breckenridge, Graham, Fort Worth (North Side High); Brownwood, Cross Plains.

The question for debate will be: "Resolved that the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation."

Eastland schools will enter three teams in the tournament — two teams of boys and one of girls. The personnel of these teams has been announced as follows: Boys team—Edmond Herring, Hatten; boys second team—Stanford, Williams, Harris team—Doris Fields, Garfranc.

According to those in charge of tournament much interest is manifested in it and a good race is expected.

### Rotarians Hear Hunting Stories by Members

Calling hunters tales were at the meeting of the Rotary which was opened by Vice President Leslie Gray in the absence of President Francis V. Wilson and Ben E. Hamner as secretary. Vice President A. Hertig, also out of the city.

The song service was led by Andy Anderson, with Miss Clara June Kimble at the piano.

J. E. Lewis told of the many ducks he had slaughtered on Corpus Christi Bay, and Jim Horton, of his son Horace, who beat him to it on their recent trip in Mason county, in killing a fine deer.

Rev. Collins of the Church of Christ at Breckenridge, gave an interesting report of the renewed activities of the Breckenridge Rotary.

City meet comprising clubs in Cisco, Eastland and Breckenridge, was announced in Cisco, soon after.

Epkins was appointed next Monday's meeting 16 members present.

Members Added to School Honor Roll

### Two Wedding Are Required Before Couple Is United

CLEBURNE.—It took two rapid fire ceremonies to perform the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hogan C. Cain of Fort Worth when they came here to have the nuptials performed.

On the first occasion, Mrs. Cain was married through a typographical error to Dr. D. N. Matheson, who had given them the medical examination, prior to the marriage.

At least on the marriage certificate, she was married to Dr. Matheson. Unaware of the facts, she and her supposed husband went to the county clerk's office to have the marriage recorded.

Learning of the error they secured another license and again marched to the justice of peace.

### PROCEEDINGS IN COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals for the Eleventh Supreme Judicial District.

Affirmed: James Shaw, Banking Commissioner, vs. J. A. Warren, et al, Knox.

Reversed and Remanded: E. T. Bramlett et al vs. Roby State Bank, Fisher.

Motions Submitted: Wm. E. Fellows vs. James Shaw, Banking Commissioner, appellant's motion for rehearing.

L. J. Wardlaw vs. H. C. Pace, et al, appellant's motion for rehearing.

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J. McAllister Stevenson vs. G. Fisk, et al, appellant's motion for rehearing.

A. M. Ferguson vs. Joe Lee Ferguson, appellee's motion for rehearing.

J. McAllister Stevenson vs. G. Fisk, et al, appellant's motion to present oral argument on motion for rehearing.

Motions Granted: Earl Dewain Coleman vs. L. P. Boone, appellant's motion for writ of mandamus.

### 31 CASES SET FOR TRIAL IN THE 88TH COURT

Judge E. W. Patterson of the 88th district court Tuesday sounded the docket for the January term of that court and set 31 civil cases for trial during the term as follows:

Jan. 5—Union Central Life Insurance Co. vs. R. J. Gregg et al.

Jan. 8—Cisco Banking Co. vs. Higginbotham-McCord Co.; Cisco Banking Co. vs. L. B. Morrison, garnishee; Eastland County Lumber Co. vs. J. E. Bills et al.; Cisco Banking Co. vs. J. E. McCord Jr.; Cisco Banking Co. vs. Winnie McCord, garnishee; Cisco Banking Co. vs. L. Waterbury Jr.; W. H. Morris Lumber Co. vs. B. H. Lancaster; Cisco Banking Co. vs. H. C. Reiner, garnishee; Farm & Home Savings & Loan association.

Jan. 10—Lone Star Gas Co. vs. J. A. Kendall.

Jan. 11—Miley E. Williams vs. Citizens State Bank, Ranger, et al.; Waco Casing Crew vs. Advance Oil Co., et al.

Jan. 13—Barnice Lee vs. Earl S. Lee.

Jan. 15—Hugh Jennings et al. vs. Sovereign Camp W. O. W.; Oil Well Supply Co. vs. Joe Gabler et al.

Jan. 16—Elizabeth Cunningham et ux. vs. Chas. Genoway et al.; J. M. Cate vs. Orifice Gasoline Production Co. et al.

Jan. 22—Mrs. Effie L. Mayhew et al. vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb; King Royalty Co. et al. vs. Jno. M. Gholson; H. W. Paulette et ux. vs. W. M. Isenhower Jr., guardian.

Jan. 29—Eastland County Lumber Co. vs. Belva Oil Co.; Union Credit Corporation vs. Cisco Athletic Association et al.; Jack Tindall vs. Bessie Tindall Crawford; In re: Guardianship vs. Carrie E. Tipton; L. H. Flewellen vs. Howard K. Gholson.

Feb. 6—Mrs. Leona Thompson vs. Mrs. Florence McDunkin; R. J. Norman vs. Merchants Fast Motor Lines; Lewis Kenny Adeholt vs. Aetna Life Ins. Co.

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Feb. 19—Fort Worth National Bank vs. Mrs. Beulah E. Connelley et al.

Staff and Colony to Have Preaching Services on Sunday

Rev. Ephraim D. Conway will fill his appointment at the Staff Methodist Church, South, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Things That Count for Eternal Life."

### Cotton Acreage Reduction Contracts For Year 1934-1935 To Be Ready For Signatures By Farmers Soon

Cotton acreage reduction contracts for the years 1934-1935 will be ready for signing within the next few days according to a statement made public by J. C. Patterson, county agent. There will be local committees to assist producers in making out their contracts just as with the 1933 plow-up campaign. Letters will be sent producers announcing the plan and probably listing dates where meetings will be held to explain details of the new contracts.

This new reduction is necessary due to the fact that there is still an enormous surplus of cotton on hand and unless the proposed acreage cut is made we will again face a prospect of a four to five cent cotton. Had there been no plow-up in 1933 we would have had on hand approximately 29,000,000 bales of cotton. Cotton producers readily concede that this would have been the price range had no cotton been destroyed in 1933.

Secretary Wallace expresses abounding faith in the wisdom of cotton producers to see that the burden of acreage reduction is on their own shoulders and with them rests the responsibility for success or failure of the new reduction plan. If the growers want less acreage and consequent higher prices they will execute the new contracts. If they want four to five cent cotton this fall they will plant all the cotton they can and expect others to reduce.

New contracts call for a 40 per cent reduction under the five-year average for the farm which the contract covers. The average lint yield for the years in which cotton was grown must be 100 pounds lint per acre for contracts to be acceptable. Payments are to be 3 1/2 cents per pound for the average per acre lint yield on the "rented" acres. Contracted land is actually rented to the government. Also a parity payment of not less than \$2 per bale on average production of rented acres will be paid.

Landlords execute the contracts and are to be joined by tenants where the tenants are to receive a portion of the payments. Rental payments will be paid, half as soon as possible after the contract has been accepted and half in the fall with the parity payment made in December.

### Mrs. Fred W. Blatt Remembers Little Friends of Husband

Mrs. Fred W. Blatt, widow of the late Fred W. Blatt of Eastland, and who is now making her home in Fort Worth where she has a responsible position with an insurance company, came to Eastland during the holidays to visit friends, but principally to assist in arranging and giving a celebration and dinner for the needy children of Eastland in honor of her husband who, during his lifetime, was a great friend of children, especially underprivileged children in Eastland during the depression.

A Christmas party was given for these children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarke on South Seaman street and a bountiful dinner was served to the children by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarke and Mrs. Blatt.

Bill Gupton acted as Santa Claus on the above occasion and distributed toys to the children who went away happy.

### Eastland School District Is Sued In Federal Court

An equity suit has been brought in the federal court at Abilene against the Eastland free school incorporation by H. E. Blair, R. E. Crummer, A. I. Beach, W. J. Meredith, and James G. Martin, residents of Oklahoma and Kansas, to declare the legality of bonds held by them against the Eastland school district.

A stipulation that \$9,000 accruing from taxes be held until the court renders judgment has been agreed by the complainants and the respondents.

HUNTERS RETURN Austin Williamson, Jim Carter and Dr. C. H. Carter returned Saturday from a short hunting trip in South Texas. Williamson and Jim Carter brought in a buck. Dr. Carter says he only hunted for turkeys and didn't find any.

### 16 CASES IN 88TH COURT TO BE DISMISSED

The following civil cases appearing on the 88th district court docket are scheduled for dismissal during the present January term unless good cause is shown why they should be tried or be left on the docket:

J. R. Stubblefield vs. J. S. Burkhead.

T. E. Gilbert et al. vs. J. E. Ward et al.

M. N. Connally vs. Cul C. Mooreman.

Beulah Beasley et vir. vs. Herman F. Baker et al.

Cisco Hotel Co. vs. S. H. Moore et al.

Marvin Rountree vs. Glenn Moates.

Pickering Lumber Co. vs. W. E. Brashier et al.

Ella Kennedy vs. Farm & Home Savings association.

Mrs. J. W. Adams et al. vs. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Grover C. Jennings et al. vs. Frank Bush et al.

Parkersburg Rig & Reel Co. vs. W. A. Cunningham.

J. D. Shaw vs. Mrs. Lee Bivins.

Mrs. A. E. Whitson, a feme sole, vs. D. W. Boone.

Mrs. L. F. Bridges et vir. vs. U. O. Calvo Co. et al.

J. W. Mings et al. vs. J. B. Davenport, administrator.

### Over \$18,984.00 Expended by CWA Here During 1933

The Eastland relief station No. 3, which was opened in November, expended under CWA a total of \$18,984.02 for 1933, according to a report just submitted by the Eastland office.

The funds, the report shows, were expended as follows: Direct Relief—Month of November, \$218.31; month of December, \$392.86. Total, \$611.17.

Work Relief—Month of November, \$5,849.55; month of December, \$12,523.30. Total, \$18,372.85.

Total amount expended for direct relief and work relief for the year, \$18,984.02.

### TEN BILLION IS NEEDED BY NEXT JULY 1

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt reported to Congress today in his first annual budget message an overall deficit of \$7,393,068,211 for this fiscal year and the necessity of borrowing \$10,000,000,000 by July 1 to balance the treasury books.

These figures represent the bill for recovery to that date. They apply emergency expenditure at the rate upwards of \$1,000,000,000 every 30 days for the next six months.

The president's tax proposals do not increase income levies. He is understood to feel income taxes will not be increased at this session.

He recommended that the three cent postal rate for non-local mail be continued in effect and estimated that \$150,000,000 annually may be gained by amendments of administrative sections of the income tax law which J. P. Morgan and others found loopholes for tax evasions.

Utilizing only the lowest estimates of potential revenue and generally the higher estimates of potential expenditure, the president expects the ultimate facts to be more favorable than the financial situation as pictured today in his message.

His liquor income estimates at the \$2 a gallon rate now proposed, was for an increase of only \$50,000,000 above income at the existing \$1.10 rate. The message contains an indirect warning to the states to avoid loading liquor with burdensome gallonage taxes.

Congressional leaders have told him the liquor income would be far above his estimates. He told them, in return, that he wanted to appropriate an additional \$1,156,000,000 at this session of congress for immediate use to continue the civil works administration after Feb. 15; to aid home loan banks; and to refinance farm loans with the old federal land bank system.

The president asked the democratic leaders for a lump sum appropriation. Failing that he wanted authority to shift items from one avenue of expenditure to another.

He feels, for instance, relief needs in the next year may vary between \$300,000,000 and \$800,000,000 and does not want to be tied to a specific sum.

This budget takes no account of additional taxes which may be levied at this session. If Congress puts them on—and it must be remembered an election impedes—the proceeds will be so much velvet to use the language of high authority, either in the war department payment of nations reduced.

Lighting Contest Winners Announced

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE IS WORKED OUT

Following is the schedule of basketball games for Oil Belt class and Ranger Junior College teams:

Jan. 4—Cisco at Rising Star.

Jan. 5—Eastland at Breckenridge.

Jan. 9—South Bend at Eastland.

Jan. 10—Ranger at Cisco.

Jan. 11—Rising Star at Eastland.

Jan. 12—Eastland at Cisco; Colony vs. Scranton at Eastland high school gym.

Jan. 15—Gorman at Cisco.

Jan. 16—Gorman at Rising Star.

Jan. 19—Eastland at Eliasville; Hillsboro Junior College vs. Ranger Junior College at Eastland high school gym.

Jan. 23—Ranger at Eastland.

Jan. 24—Cisco at Gorman; Eastland at Rising Star.

Jan. 26—Eastland at Graham; Rising Star at Cisco.

Jan. 27—T. M. C. vs. Ranger Junior College at Eastland high school gym.

Jan. 29—Eastland at Gorman.

Jan. 30—Breckenridge at Eastland.

### Former Eastland Women Is Hurt In Car Accident

Mrs. J. S. Grisham of Tyler is in a serious condition from the effects of a car accident which occurred Dec. 18, as Mrs. Grisham and Mrs. Earl B. Mayfield, were being driven from Tyler to Dallas.

The car turned over twice. Mrs. Mayfield had a rib broken and Mrs. Grisham, suffered an injury to her head.

### RELIEF BONDS NOW READY FOR DELIVERY

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—The first of the state's relief bonds, authorized in a special election last August, may be delivered late today or tomorrow, members of the state bond sale commission said today.

Officials were rushing the process of registering the bonds. Bids received on the \$2,750,000 issue advertised for sale Dec. 21 will net \$1,148,000, according to Pat Daugherty, assistant attorney general in charge of the bond division.

The remainder of the issue must be re-advertised. Daugherty has been advised. The earliest possible date for opening new bids is Jan. 22. The date probably will be set sometime today by the bond sale commission.

### Mrs. Springers' Father Dies At Home In Baird

H. F. Foy, father of Mrs. Carl Springer of Eastland, died Wednesday at his home in Baird after a few days' illness from pneumonia. Funeral services and burial will be at Baird at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Both Mrs. Springer and Mr. Springer were in Baird at the time of Mr. Foy's death.

A delegation of Eastland women, members of the Thursday Afternoon Study club of which Mrs. Springer is a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

### J. H. Cole Closes His Dry Goods Store

J. H. Cole, who for the past five years has been engaged in the dry goods business in Eastland, has closed out his business here and for the present at least is leaving Eastland and this section.

He plans to go East, and spend sometime. What he will do after that he has not decided.

The unsold stock and fixtures from the Eastland store Mr. Cole is storing in a building he owns in Ranger.

"I need a rest and Mrs. Cole and I are going to take a few months off," Mr. Cole said.

The Civic League expresses thanks to the committees in charge of the contest, to those contributing the prizes and to the judges for their services.



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Obituaries, cards of thanks, notices of lodge meetings, etc., are charged for at regular advertising rates which will be furnished upon application.

## DEPOSITS IN BANKS UNDER A GUARANTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Deposits of 97 out of every 100 Americans with bank accounts were insured in full today against failures as the federal government put into operation its elaborate deposit guarantee program.

Walter J. Cummings, chairman of the federal deposit insurance corporation reported to President Roosevelt that 13,423 of the country's banks had been admitted under the plan, which provides insurance for all deposits of \$2,500 or less. These accounts make up more than 90 per cent of the \$42,000,000,000 now on deposit in American banks.

## Carpenter to Be In the Race For Governorship

FORT WORTH, Jan. 2.—L. H. Middleton, Fort Worth carpenter-contractor, today tossed his hat into the swelling ring of democratic candidates for the governorship of Texas in this fall's election.

Middleton, who has never before sought office, announced his candidacy on a platform opposed to sales tax in any form and in support of a graduated income tax. Middleton would abolish ad valorem taxation on all homesteads up to \$3,000. He advocated, also, the usage of part of the receipts from an income tax for payment of old age pensions.

## Direct Relief For December Totals \$392.86 in Eastland

According to the report of the Eastland Relief sub-station No. 3, a total of \$392.86 was spent by this station with 26 Eastland firms for direct relief during the month of December. By far the greater portion of this was spent for groceries.

## SINGERS TO MEET

The Eastland county singing convention meets on Jan. 13 and 14 at Ranger. Plans are being made to entertain a large crowd.

## SING AT DE LEON

The fifth Sunday singing at De Leon was well attended Sunday by Eastland county singers, according to Judge R. L. Rust, who, with R. L. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fisher and J. M. Smith and family, attended from Eastland.

The real thinking part of a man's brain weighs less than a quarter of an ounce, says a Washington scientist. This accounts for the vast number of useless ideas expressed nowadays.

In Ohio, drug stores will be permitted to sell hard liquors for a while until the state organizes its own stores. That's the closest the drug stores came to dispensing medicine in a long time.

Mrs. H. D. Holbrook and Mrs. Thornton Cooper and son had as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Holbrook of Lubbock, and Mrs. Charles Ellis and son, Charles Francis of Longview.

ON BRECK PROGRAM Terrell Coleman, president of the Eastland Baptist Training school, was on the program for the meeting of Baptist training schools for several zones at Breckbridge Sunday afternoon. His subject was, "The Standard of Excellence."

## Calls Racing Here Just a "Kid's Game"

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 3.—Riding horses on American tracks is "a kid's game," Everett Haynes, famous international jockey, said on a visit here to Epsom Downs.

Renowned for his riding of Epinar, the great French horse, Haynes is still active but does most of his riding on European courses. His 115 pounds is a bit heavy for American tracks.

Although the time on the European courses may be slower, Haynes insists that riding over the longer stretches, over fences and up and down hills requires more horsemanship.

"It's a man's game over there," he said, "not a kid's game, as it is here."

## Dallas to Improve Its Water System

DALLAS, Tex.—Improvements in the water system in Dallas to cost \$207,970 will begin here shortly, Supt. J. B. Winder said. The city recently received word that a federal grant of \$53,000 had been approved by the Public Works Administration at Washington to assist in the improvements.

Another application for a loan of \$600,000 and a grant of \$200,000 is pending with P. W. A. officials. It provides for additional new water mains throughout the city for fire protection.

## Aviators Warned of Flying Over Field

FORT WORTH, Tex.—The federal department of commerce has warned aviators of dangers of flying over the mammoth Texas Panhandle natural gas field where gas constantly is escaping into the air.

Under certain weather conditions, the gas forms a blanket over the plants of an altitude high enough to jeopardize any plane in that vicinity, the warning said. Danger of the plane's exhaust igniting the gas was pointed out.

## Labor Commission Head Is Dead

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—The state capitol flag was at half mast today because of the death of State Labor Commissioner Jack Flynn. He died of a heart attack last night at a hospital here.

Flynn, 58, formerly resided at Galveston and Houston. He was business agent for the Houston Trades council when appointed labor commissioner.

When boxing was legalized he was made boxing commissioner. His body was sent to Houston, where the funeral will be held.

The judge who decided a pair of twins at Yankton, S. D., were born of two fathers could have made himself more famous by ruling the twins came from two mothers.



Hail, Columbia! BACK in the gay 90s one of the awful forms of profanity prevailing was "Hail Columbia!" That old ejaculation just naturally came back to life when it was announced that Columbia University would be the team to oppose Stanford in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena New Year's Day.

Maybe this department of football observation is all wrong, but it goes on record just the same, and very definitely, with the assertion that the well-known Lion of Morningside Heights is about to be butchered to make a Stanford holiday. Instead of a football game on New Year's Day, Pasadena will see another necktie party. The victim just hasn't got a chance. Hail Columbia!

It's Not Lou's Fault LOU LITTLE is a good enough coach. That isn't the point. Give him Stanford material and he could produce just as good a team as Thornhill has at Stanford. But he hasn't got that kind of material. And he has no reserves.

Few men come out for football at Columbia, which renders me of a story. Two years ago, Gary Brill, fresh from South Bend, took a job as assistant coach at Morningside Heights. When practice was called, about 32 young men showed up. The rest, who

There's no likelihood of the sun exploding, says a Michigan scientist. You may go ahead with plans.

## A FRIEND IN NEED



## Roped Bear When Their Bullets Failed

KERRVILLE, Calif.—Earl Pascoe and George McComas, whether they rope 'em or shoot 'em, always bring back their bears.

A few weeks ago, they made the headlines of newspapers by bringing in one of the largest brown bears ever seen in this district.

The other day, they brought in a smaller bear, but a bigger story. They went hunting bears with but three cartridges between them. Their first shot at a 250-pound brown bear missed. The two other shots merely annoyed the creature, which promptly attacked Pascoe as he sat his horse.

Pascoe, in wild west style, tossed his lariat around the bear's body, and then, maneuvering his horse, succeeded in tying up the bruin so McComas could kill it with a rock.

## PHONE BOOTH IS CASKET BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

The telephone booth at Andrew's Place, a downtown luncheon room is a very gloomy appearing casket. A glass window has been placed in the upper portion of the lid, which serves as the booth's door. Otherwise, the casket retains all its depressing features.

## DOGS SAVED WOMAN LITCHFIELD, Conn.

Cornered by an enraged buck while walking in the woods near here recently, Mrs. John C. Barnard was saved from injury when her two dogs worried the animal until she could escape.

## Sued for Million

Miss Cozette Wilkinson of Ranger was a week-end guest of Miss Syble Jo Roden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller of Albuquerque, N. M., were here Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fuller.

Miss Sue Eppler returned to Eastland Monday after spending the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Earl Pittman was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

Miss Callie Hornsby of DeLeon was here Sunday visiting friends.

Betty Jo Haile of Abilene spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Alton Grisham and Paul Ormsby visited friends in Dallas over the week-end.

Bert Coffin of Dallas was a guest in the Rosden home last week.

Miss Doris Rucker of Dublin was here Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMullen and children of Justin spent last week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Drake and children moved to Dublin last week. This family will be missed by their many friends here.

Gene Sims has returned from Conroe, where he has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Williams and son and Miss Mavis Douglas of Brownwood were here Monday visiting friends.

Miss Mauverine Eaker has returned to Brownwood to resume her work in Howard Payne college.

Miss Ruth Haynes has accepted a position as Comanche county health nurse.

Miss Betty Bennett returned to Fort Worth Monday, where she will re-enter T. W. C.

## Gorman

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However, the rains and cold weather has caused the men employed on the Magnolia pipe line project north of town as well as the CWA men to lose some time.

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Olden schools will open Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Olden and this vicinity received a little more than two inches of rain during Thursday night and Friday.

Little Joyce Ray Russell of Electra, Texas, the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Russell here, has been ill with measles.

A large group of young people enjoyed a party at the home of Katherine Stanton Friday night.

Canute, Kan., are here visiting their sister, Mrs. McAlister, who is quite ill.

Miss Dorothy Dean returned to Baylor university Tuesday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Miss Fannie Merle Boucher has returned from Tyler, where she spent the Christmas holidays.

Thurman Rucker has returned to Waco, where he is a student in Baylor university.

Perry Menzies is home from Menard, where he has been visiting his brother, S. C. Menzies.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Seal visited her mother, Mrs. J. E. Echol, of Fort Worth, last week.

Walter Capers of Littlefield is here visiting his mother, Mrs. W. O. Capers.

Mr. and Mrs. Erie Mason of Kingsville have been here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker Jr., accompanied their daughter, Miss Gerald, to Abilene Monday, where she is a junior in McMurry college.

Mrs. Sam Morgan of Lubbock and Mrs. Duke of Muleshoe were here Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith.

Mrs. Emmett Rice is ill in an Eastland hospital at this time.

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Olden and this vicinity received a little more than two inches of rain during Thursday night and Friday.

They were enroute to Baird, where Mr. Tate teaches, and had spent the Christmas holidays in Stephenville visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Russell of Duncan, Okla., returned this week to their homes after having had a delightful Christmas visit with relatives here, the G. L. Russell family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jarrett and sons, Johnnie and Jimmie, returned the first of the week from a visit with relatives in Valley Mills, where they spent Christmas.

The English custom of drinking tea has become more popular in the United States—only we call it liquor here.

## Outstanding News of 1933 In A Month-by-Month Survey

- 1—Japan refuses to sign non-aggression pact with Russia
- 2—Mrs. Belle Moskowitz, welfare-political leader, dies—Bolivians rout Paraguayans in six-hour battle.
- 3—Two killed, 12 wounded in Illinois mine clash.—Japanese tight-en hold on Shanhaiwan.—Jack Pickford, former film star, dies.
- 4—Mail robbers make \$150,000 haul in Minneapolis.—Thirty die when \$20,000,000 French ship burns.
- 5—Calvin Coolidge dies of heart attack at his home in Northampton, Mass.—100,000 Chinese flee Shanhaiwan.—Senate subcommittee reports favorably on prohibition repeal plan.
- 6—Thousands flee volcanic eruptions in Chile.
- 7—Albert H. Wiggin, long head of Chase National bank, retires.—Rebellion flares in Spain.—Stalin reaffirms Soviet policy.
- 8—Hoover asks power to widen arms embargo.—Japanese open drive on Jehol.
- 9—House votes to pay bounty to farmers.—Soviet expels opposition leaders from party.
- 10—Pope proclaims holy year, starting April 2.
- 11—Seven in French plane fly South Atlantic in 14 hours.—Babe Ruth refuses \$60,000 contract, a \$15,000 cut.
- 12—Philippine independence voted over Hoover's veto.—Japan makes defiant reply to league ultimatum for conciliation.
- 13—Scotti ends Metropolitan opera career in great triumph.
- 14—Japan mops up Jehol border.—Roosevelt pledges government operation of Muscle Shoals.
- 15—Mermoz reaches Buenos Aires from Paris, in 54 1/2 hour flight.
- 16—Technocracy group breaks up; Howard Scott ousted from Columbia.—"Lame duck" amendment fully ratified.
- 17—Washington opens doors to negotiations with debtor nations.
- 18—Al Capone denied freedom on habeas corpus writ.
- 19—England and League support Etimbon peace plea.—blames bankers as plants close and 100,000 become idle.
- 20—Massachusetts storm takes \$1,000,000 toll.—Cabinet re in Germany; Hindenburg seeks League peace terms.
- 21—Lindsay confer on British war debt.
- 22—Daladier seeks to form new French cabinet.
- 23—Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of German coalition cabinet.
- 24—League committee upholds Chinese boycott of Japanese goods.—John Galsworthy, British novelist, dies.

## FEBRUARY

- 1—Hitler wins Reichstag dissolution; election set for March 5.
- 2—Frederick G. Bonfils, Denver publisher, dies.—Sandino e Managua and confers on Nicaraguan peace terms.
- 3—Prices soar, then crash in wild gold speculation in London. Senate suspends Sergeant-at-Arms Barry for article in Al St New Outlook.
- 4—League rejects Japan's term on conciliating dispute in China.
- 5—Fire at Coney Island causes \$250,000 loss.—German pressed; Prussian regime displaced.
- 6—Cold wave grips nation; 60 reported dead.—League of Nations warns Japan not to invade Jehol province.—Mollison flies South Atlantic and lands at Natal, Brazil.
- 7—Hitler proclaims war on democracy at Nazi rally.—Gas at Neunkirchen, Saar, Germany kills 100, injures 1000.
- 8—Earthquake in China reported to have killed 70,000.
- 9—Hawaii frees four charged with attack on Mrs. Thalia Masson.
- 10—Japan drafts ultimatum for China to give up Jehol.
- 11—Assassin shoots five times at Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami; Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago shot twice.
- 12—Senate votes repeal, 63-23.
- 13—Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, dies.
- 14—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight pugilistic champion, dies.
- 15—Wyoming is first state to provide machinery for repeal.
- 16—House votes, 289-121, for repeal of prohibition.—Senate passes \$315,000,000 Wagner relief bill.—Zangara given ninety years in prison for Cermak shooting in Miami.
- 17—Hitlerites wreck Catholic meetings, injuring many.—Hymans report to League blames Japan for aggression in China.
- 18—Malcolm Campbell sets auto speed record of 272.108 miles an hour at Daytona, Fla.
- 19—Federal inquiry starts on National City bank and House impeaches Judge Loudenback of California.—Indian repeal is voted.—Japan leaves League assembly after census.
- 20—Chaoyang, Jehol's second largest city, falls to Japanese.
- 21—Washington approves League's action on Manchuria.—Coolidge bill passed, signed by Hoover.—Boston Red Sox American baseball club sold to Yawkey and Collins.
- 22—Roosevelt confirms appointments of Farley and cabinet.—Two Detroit banks taken over by Ford; end of Dayton, Ohio, banks declare three-day holiday.—Grand order of Russia dies in exile in France.
- 23—Bankruptcy relief bill passed by Senate.—Roosevelt asks farm relief, sends sweeping bill to Congress.—Severe quake rocks southern California; 140 dead, 500 injured.
- 24—House passes Roosevelt economy bill.—Senator Howell Nebraska dies of heart attack.
- 25—Hindenburg drops German republic flag for imperial banner.—Bolivia renews Chaco war, takes fort from Paraguay.
- 26—Stock exchanges of nation reopen.—House votes, 322-22, to see tornado kills 34; injured exceed 200.—British order shar test to Soviet in arrest of British subjects in Russia.
- 27—Seventy-five per cent of banks in nation re.—Roosevelt asks farm relief, sends sweeping bill to Congress.—Senate approves beer bill, after reducing alcohol content.
- 28—League council orders Peru to give up L. Luther named German ambassador to Washington.
- 29—Towns in three states flooded by Ohio River Kentucky.
- 30—New York Jewish leaders ask Washington to many on Nazi outrages.—Roosevelt signs \$500,000,000 sure; Senate adopts 3:2 beer report.—Zangara disavows assassination treaty.
- 31—Storms rage on Atlantic coast, taking heavy Mitchell, banker, arrested on income tax charges.
- 32—Farm relief bill passed by House.—Beer bill vetoed.
- 33—Reichstag votes four-year dictatorship for Ferdinand Peccora ordered to investigate Harriman N. Y.
- 34—Charles E. Mitchell indicted on charge of fraud.—Babe Ruth signs contract for \$52,000, his home.
- 35—Colonel Hatfield wins Louisiana Derby.
- 36—Mrs. Jimmy Walker receives final divorce.
- 37—Federal pay cut of 15 per cent April 1 on.
- 38—Hitler's order boycotts against Jews in business mobs terrorize center of Vienna, beating Jews, 80 in Polejimm; 15 killed.
- 39—House passes Roosevelt bill for forestry.
- 40—Senate votes \$500,000,000 direct relief.
- 41—Coughlin's Detroit home bombed.—Britain renews.
- 42—Roosevelt signs bill lifting limit on m.c. take 43 lives in southern states.

## Barrel Skiis Aid Mortocycle Rider

KARTHS CAMP, Mont.—At least George Johnson was successful. Johnson and his motorcycle were snowed in at Yellowstone National park. Johnson waited two days, hoping for a thaw. None came. The cyclist then broke up a barrel and stuck skiis out of it. The wheels of his motorcycle. Power was applied to the free rear wheel. With a farewell wave, Johnson slid out of the park.

## TRY A WANT AD



# REAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM URGED

## Flood Control, Public Development and Land Use Policies Given

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The nation definitely is in the process of recovery, President Roosevelt reported to congress today in a vital message on the state of the nation, which he read from the rostrum in the crowded chamber of the house.

His message was general in terms and was regarded by the president as an appeal for real, social and economic reform rather than for recovery in terms of older values.

The president addressed a joint assembly of house and senate after the two chambers convened for the first regular session of the 73rd congress.

Satisfaction of the task and the confident hope for the country's future marked his message. Permanent readjustment of many of the nation's social and economic arrangements was the objective placed before congress by the president. The division is sharp and clear, Mr. Roosevelt said, between those who would recover by a return to the old order and those to whom recovery means reform of old methods.

Of this later group Mr. Roosevelt is the head.

Tax evaders, within the letter of the law, and high officials of banks and corporations who have grown rich at the expense of stockholders or the public, drew his fire.

"We have been shocked," he said, "by many notorious examples of crimes done our citizens by individuals or groups living off their resources by use of methods unethical or criminal."

He expressed his abhorrence of notorious examples in high and from the clan of the organized banditry, lynching, lapping.

The objective is a better balanced national life, the president said.

The message was more than an address to congress or even to the people. With an aroused section of big industry moving inevitably to legal challenge of much recovery legislation, the president addressed himself today to the third branch of government, normally left to go its way alone without advice.

"To consolidate what we are doing," he said, "to make our economic and social structure capable of dealing with modern life is the joint task of the legislature, the judicial and the executive branches of the government."

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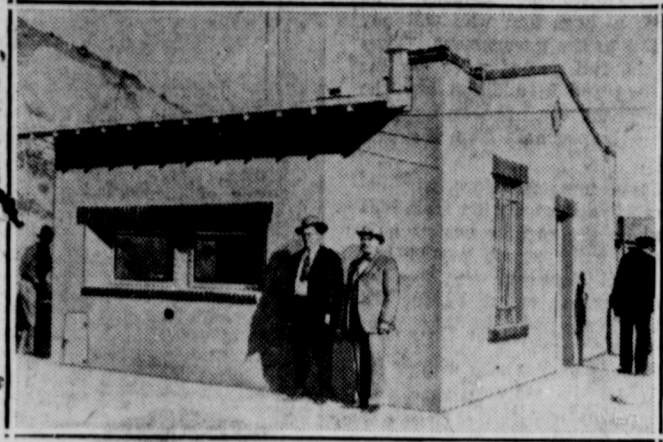
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## Slayer to Die in Gas Chamber



Death awaits the unwilling guest in the house of attractive exterior shown above, Colorado's new gas death chamber, displacing the gallows. At left is Walter Reppin, 18, slayer scheduled as first to die in the chamber, despite his plea to die by hanging. At right is the chair in which the doomed will be strapped. The executioner operates a lever from outside to mix chemicals in the earthen crock, generating the lethal gas.

1. Elimination of waste
2. Removal of poor lands from agriculture
3. Encouragement of local industries.

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## Lyric Next Thursday



Isabel Jewell and Otto Kruger in a scene from "The Women in his Life."

right to attempt to shut off the uncontrollable flow that was draining the oil from underneath its own wells. But, Abercrombie and Harrison reserved right to all oil from the crater as long as it flowed.

Hope of the Humble and other companies with holdings in the area is in a relief well being drilled 400 feet from the crater. A California driller is pushing a pipe diagonally toward the bottom of the mile-deep crater well. Once there, several methods will be used in an effort to stop the crater's flow.

## VISITED FRIEND IN JAIL ONCE TOO OFTEN

SOUTH BEND, Wash.—Clifford Bridges went to visit his friend, Tom Nelson, in county jail. While he was there deputy sheriffs learned he was "wanted" in another part of the state and gave him a permanent invitation to stay.

## Liquor Demand Is Smuggling Boon

EL PASO.—The demand for liquor since repeal is testing the ingenuity of customs inspectors at the Juarez-El Paso bridge.

Eighteen quarts of whisky were discovered in two inflated spare tires when Guadalupe Reyes, taxi driver, and his wife were arrested on tariff act violation charges.

Reyes said he split the inner tubes, inserted the whisky, and vulcanized the tubes so that they could hold air.

## COLLECTS MILK BOTTLE CAPS

BOSTON.—Frank P. Hill has an unusual hobby, one that dates back 30 years. Hill started to collect milk bottle caps in 1903 and his collection now totals 2,400 caps.

A phychiatrist warns us to destroy the idiots born among us before they overpower us. Why destroy them, when all we need do is not elect them?

A race horse at Charlestown, W. Va., was found to be dyed to deceive buyers. But at least the dye ran, when it was discovered, while the horse rarely did.

## FIRST TRIP IN 15 YEARS

STIRLING CITY, Calif.—Barney Tobias, 89, made his first trip out of this little mountain town in 15 years when he went to Oroville for treatment for a strained arm. He had not been out of Stirling City since 1918.

Prof. Irving Fisher didn't include himself in his list of authorities on money. It's easier to be an authority on authority on money than to be an authority on money.

Nearly half the farm homes in the United States are reported to be worth less than \$1000 each. Leaving the mortgages to cover the stables and pig pens.

Name of Japan's newly born royal heir means "wise and successful prince." Wise and successful, no doubt, for the parents he chose.

## PARTNER OF CLYDE BARROW IS CAPTURED

HOUSTON, Jan. 3.—A confessed partner of Clyde Barrow, notorious southwest outlaw in the \$4,650 robbery of the Farmers State Bank at Shiro, Texas, last February, was held here today.

He was arrested on suspicion Monday but his identity was not revealed until today when officers found his statements accurate. He told officers his name was Monroe Routon and said that he and a woman arrested with him, were ex-convicts. The woman is his wife, he said.

A detailed story of his association with the hunted Barrow was furnished after he had attempted to evade officers. He said he met Barrow and another man in Dallas and discussed "cutting the Farmers State Bank in Shiro with a torch." He agreed to do the cutting and Barrow was to supply the torch, his statement revealed.

Major General Smedley Butler has been made a member of the "Circus Saints and Sinners." His antics qualified him a long time ago.

HOUSTON, Tex.—Chiggers at last have been found at some good deed—biting mosquitoes! Dr. C. P. Coogle, malarialogist for the United States Public Health Department, discovered the red bugs on mosquitoes he had under observation as part of the government's anti-malaria campaign in Texas. Five or six were found on a single mosquito, he observed.

Scientists assembled in Boston tell us war is inevitable. But aren't scientists supposed to tell us what we don't know?

Sixty children got the run of the White House recently, but they found all precedents broken already.

With silver coming back into national prominence, Nevada may become known for more than its divorces.

YOLTH KILLED BUCK LUFKIN, Texas.—Ned Shotwell, 10, has won his place among East Texas deer hunters. He killed a big buck this season, which weighed 160 pounds dressed. Ned is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Shotwell of Lufkin.

New York stock exchange has formed a set of new rules, but none against losing your money there.

The new plan is for the government to corner all the gold there is in the country and then bring prosperity around.

Germans, by a new ruling, may visit any country except Austria. And that's the only decision of Germany's, probably, in which Austria might concur.

CASCADE, Mont.—Hereditary enemies sometimes patch their differences and get along together amiably. A big bull snake was found hibernating with five rattlesnakes near here recently. The bull snake is supposed to be a deadly enemy of the rattler.

Calves went up a little on the livestock market, but you still must look down at them on the street.

## Second Man Dies Of Crash Injuries

MIDLAND, Texas, Jan. 4.—Irvin Blacher, 35, of Midland, died today from effects of injuries sustained in an automobile truck crash near here Monday. He never regained consciousness. His death was the second from the crash, Eddie Weinstein, Fort Worth and Tulsa attorney, being instantly killed.

## TWO-MILE LIMIT ON SMOKING

PLYMOUTH, Mass.—Records of this most ancient of American towns shows that in Puritan days it was illegal to smoke of Sunday within two miles of a meeting house, or while going to or from meeting house services. The penalty was a 12 pence fine per pound killed.

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

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TEXAS KING FLOUR 48 lbs. \$1.45

LIBBY'S FRESH PINEAPPLE 3 flat cans 25c

PALMOLIVE SOAP bar 5c

ROYAL GEM CORN Fancy Country Gentleman 3 No. 2 cans 25c

GLEN VALLEY EARLY JUNE PEAS 2 No. 2 cans 21c

COMPOUND 8-lb. cart. 57c

PEANUT BUTTER, 2-lb. jar. 23c

JELLO, all flavors pkg. 5c

PUMPKIN 3 No. 2 cans 25c

CAMFBELL'S PORK & BEANS can 5c

SUGAR Pure Cane 10 lbs. 49c

PINTO BEANS 5 lbs. 25c

OATS Crys. Wedding Large Pkg. 19c

SOUP Van C. of Tomato Can 5c

SALT 3 24--oz. pkgs. 10c

SOAP Large P&G and OK 6 for 25c Regular P&G 10 for 25c

PIPKIN SPECIAL COFFEE 2 lbs. 35c

TOMATOES 3 No. 2 cans 25c

LOG CABIN MAPLE SYRUP large can 79c

LETTUCE 2 heads 9c

POTATOES 10 lbs. 19c

ORANGES, large size doz. 23c

APPLES, Winesap doz. 22c

QUALITY MEATS Sliced BACON lb. 19c

CHEESE lb. 17c

PORK CHOPS lb. 15c

PORK ROAST lb. 12c

BEEF ROAST, chuck lb. 10c

Ground Loaf MEAT 3 lbs. 25c

BEEF ROAST, fancy cuts lb. 12c

FANCY CREAMERY BUTTER

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FLOUR—Supreme 48 lbs. \$1.55	Imperial Pure Cane SUGAR 10 lbs. 52c
COMPOUND 2 lb. cart. 57c	CORN 3 No. 2 cans 27c
TOMATOES No. 2 cans 27c	YAMS lb. 3c
CONDENSED MILK small cans 25c	ONIONS Spanish Sweet lb. 4c
GRAPE FRUIT 3 for 10c	Clabber Girl BAKING POWDER 32-oz. size 23c
CONDENSED KETCHUP 1/2 oz. size 23c	Campbell's PORK & BEANS 3 cans 20c

MARKET SPECIALS	Fancy
Round, Loin, T-bone STEAK lb. 15c	BEEF ROAST lb. 10c
SAUSAGE Country Style lb. 10c	Sliced BACON lb. 19c
PORK CHOPS small and Lean lb. 15c	SALT BACON lb. 10c
COUNTRY BUTTER lb. 19c	
Cream CHEESE lb. 19c	

SEE US FOR FEED!

## 'Ruined' Oil Well Bringing Wealth To Two Owners

By TED H. MALOY, United Press Staff Correspondent HOUSTON.—Jim Abercrombie and Dan Harrison, independent Houston oil operators, have become fabulously rich with the aid of a "ruined" oil well in the Conroe field near here.

Each day 6,500 barrels of oil bubble from a crater 240 feet across that swallowed the Alexander No. 1 well being drilled by Abercrombie-Harrison. Each day the two owners add approximately \$7,000 to their multiplying bank account.

In six months their revenue from the oil reached approximately \$1,200,000. That in addition to \$50,000 the Standard Oil company of Kansas gave them for admittedly ruining their well, and \$300,000 the Humble Oil and Refining company gave them for the privilege of attempting to kill the well.

Standard of Kansas made its settlement voluntarily for damage done last Jan. 15 to Abercrombie's and Harrison's well when negligence of drillers caused its own Madaley No. 1 to blow in out of control. Channeling of water sands 1,000 feet underground followed the Madaley blowout, and soon the earth began cracking and forming the crater about the nearby Alexander No. 1.

First the surface connections and the derrick disappeared into the abyss. Fences were erected to keep curious people from venturing too close.

Oil bubbled from the bottom of the pit for a while then stopped. The well was inactive until June 19 when the price of Conroe oil was hiked from 35 cents to 69 cents a barrel, first of a series of raises that has taken the crude past the \$1 mark.

An ominous rumble gave brief warning as the well, with almost human appreciation of the rising market, suddenly blew great quantities of oil up into the crater, over its sides and into a nearby creek.

Humble oil company, largest holder in the field, bought the

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## WEEK-END SPECIALS

LETTUCE Hard Head 5c	MED. SIZE APPLES doz. 10c
Medium Size ORANGES 2 doz. 35c	CRUSHED PINEAPPLE 3 No. 1 Cans 25c
White Swan Fresh PRUNES No. 2 1/2 cans 19c	PLEE-ZING APRICOTS No. 2 1/2 can 19c
White Swan PEACHES 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 35c	DELMONTE SPINACH 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 35c
GREEN BEANS 2 No. 2 cans 19c	ASPARAGUS No. 1 can 15c
WAPCO PORK & BEANS 6 Cans 35c	LIGHT MEAT TUNA FISH 2 cans 29c
SCOTCH OATS 55-oz. pkg. 15c	COCOANUT lb. 19c
Mother's COCOA 1-lb. 13c 2 lbs. 23c	Yukon's Best 12 lbs. . . . 55c 24 lbs. . . . 99c 48 lbs. . . \$1.89
PEANUT BUTTER qt. 25c	FLOUR
Decker's Kornkist Sliced BACON lb. 19c	Now 5c
FULL CREAM CHEESE lb. 19c	Choice Baby Beef CHUCK ROAST lb. 10c
SMOKED BACON lb. 14c	Choice Baby Beef STEAK lb. 15c
HENS lb. 14c	SELECT OYSTERS pt. 39c



# SOCIETY, CLUB and CHURCH NEWS

106 East Planmer St., Phone 601

## Book Club Has Interesting Meeting

The Book Club held an interesting session Tuesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Scott W. Key.

The high light of the program was the book review, very ably presented by Mrs. Loyd McEwen, in the discussion of "The Great Offensive," by Maurice Hindus.

The club has extended an invitation to Mrs. Wood of Waco, to present a book review sometime in the next future.

The next meeting was announced for January 16, at the home of Mrs. Milburn McCarty.

Mrs. Jack Lewis Jr., was welcomed as a new member of the club.

## Saturday Afternoon

The Thursday Afternoon club is meeting with the interest of the clubwomen of this and several other towns, in the coming presentation of Mrs. McGhee of Brownwood, in a review of Eugene O'Neill's latest work, "Ah Wilderness," on Saturday afternoon.

The community clubhouse will be opened at 2:30 p. m., for this engagement arranged for the benefit of the public library of Eastland.

The committee-hostesses for the sponsoring club are Mrs. E. M. Collie, Mrs. Hubert Jones and Mrs. W. A. Whitley, assisted by the president of the club, Mrs. F. M. Kenny.

## Jolly Dozen Club

Delightfully Entertained  
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Jobe were at home to the Jolly Dozen Club, Tuesday night, entertaining with three tables for "42" with appointments in lavender and green, in tallies and table covers.

High score favors were awarded Mrs. Clyde McBee and Mr. W. E. Coleman, in a handsome potted begonia, in decorated holder, and a carton of cigarettes.

A dainty supper plate was served of combination salad on lettuce sandwiches, and cake, with whipped cream topping, olives and coffee.

Those present: Messrs and Meses Mack O'Neal, M. B. Griffin, F. B. Roberson, Clyde McBee, W. E. Coleman, D. J. Jobe, and a guest, Mrs. W. A. Martin.

## Bridge Party

Honors Miss Stover  
A recent evening bridge tendered Miss Marzelle Stover by Miss Rachel Pentecost was arranged for three tables, with tallies in red and green motif.

A delightful evening was spent by the young people, who have been welcoming Miss Stover during her visit to her father.

The guest favor, a black linen kerchief with white monogram, was presented the honoree at close of informal bridge.

The high score favor in game, a novelty jewel box, filled with candy, the trophy won by the hostess, was graciously presented the honoree guest.

A dainty supper plate was served of congealed fruit salad on lettuce, potato flakes, sandwiches with Philadaphia cream cheese, olives and pickles, Russian tea and mints, to Meses Joe Wood, Frances Owen, Dorothy Day, Edith Wood, Shirley Ferrell, Ruth Rosenquest, Wanda Thomas, Barbara Ann Arnold Winifred Pentecost, Annie Laurie Rosenquest, Marzelle Stover, and Rachel Pentecost.

Both were graciously presented the honor guests, to whom the hostess presented an honor gift of a decorated porcelain flower bowl, and a novelty match holder, a shoe for "good luck," to Mr. Stubblefield.

Dainty refreshments were served of fruit parfait and small cakes to Messrs. and Meses. J. Frank Sparks, J. C. Patterson, W. W. Kelly, P. L. Crossley, L. Y. Morris, Ed P. Willman, E. E. Lawton, Joe C. Stephen, Earl Bender, M. H. Kelly, Frank Crowell, Guy Parker, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claud G. Stubblefield, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Jones.

The happy crowd of young folks started their itinerary by gathering at the home of Miss Frances Owen, at 7:30 p. m., for the first course of the dinner of fruit cocktail with whipped cream topping, and cherry dressing.

The salad was served at the home of Miss Ruth Rosenquest, the plate having celery stuffed with cheese, olives and condiments.

The dinner plate was served at the home of Mrs. Clyde A. Martin, with Bob Martin as host, two long tables, lighted with red candles in crystal sticks, had places for the gathering.

The menu of roast beef, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, candied apples and hot buttered rolls, was most deliciously served and enjoyed, by appetites whetted by the keen air of the travelogue.

A return to the home of Miss Rosenquest for the dessert of chocolate cake with whipped cream topping, centered with an apricot, concluded the merry journey.

The entire bunch of young folks submitted to the midnight matinee at the Lyric Theatre.

personnel: Meses Shirley Ferrell, Maifred Hale, Ruth Rosenquest, Joe Hood, Dorothy Day, and Rachel Pentecost.

Garrett, D. L. Childress, James Simmons, Robert Barrington, P. J. Arthur, James Pipkin, Elmer Brown, Walker Germany Bob Martin, Joe Simmons, Buddy Stanley and Eddie Fyflhual of Alpine, Lyman Shaw and Billy Stanley of Brownwood.

Mrs. Fickell, Mrs. McLaughlin  
Entertain Club and Other Guests  
Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin and Mrs. Fickell were hostesses to the Readers Luncheon club, Tuesday, and also complimented a number of out of town guests, here for the day, and the honor guest of the function, Mrs. Marion Dickens of Newport, Ark., here for several days visit.

The handsome home was beautifully decorated with golden-hued snazdragons and the green and gold color motif prevailed in all the pretty effects.

The round luncheon table seating ten, and four small tables, had combination tally and place cards, marking covers.

The tables were centered with snazdragons in crystal baskets, and the color motif was employed in the green covers, and gold place mats.

The menu of the luncheon was served in three courses. The luncheon plate following the cocktail, was composed of chicken a la king in pastry shells, corn patties, a congealed salad on lettuce, hot rolls, and last course of orange ice, whipped cream topping, French cakes and coffee.

Place favors were clever alarm clocks, contrived of confections.

Guests from Fort Worth were Meses. C. C. Cartwright, W. C. Logan, Frank Harley and L. P. Nef-necker; club members present, Meses. J. E. Hickman, James Horton, Art H. Johnson, Joseph M. Perkins, Wilbourne B. Collie, W. H. McDonald, Carl Springer, T. J. Haley, Horace Condry, Leslie Gray Wayne Jones, Grady Pipkin, and hostesses.

Local guests were Meses, Virgil T. Seaberry, W. E. Chaney, E. Roy Townsend, F. M. Kenny, W. S. Poe and T. M. Collie.

The club favor, a bouquet of snazdragons, was awarded Mrs. J. E. Hickman in the cut-for-all. High score favor in bridge, a powder and perfume set, went to Mrs. Poe; and Mrs. Dickens, honoree, was presented the consolation, double decked cards. The afternoon was most informal, those not engaged in bridge, being occupied with knitting and visiting.

Au Revoir  
To Friends  
A charming little evening party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Claud G. Stubblefield, just prior to their departure for Carbon, when Mrs. Ernest H. Jones was house hostess and Meses. M. H. Kelly, Frank Crowell, and Guy Parker, co-hostesses, entertaining with an auction "42" arranged about several tables appointed in tallies in the chosen color motif, red and green.

Poinsettias, and mistletoe, were artistically employed in decorations throughout the home. The dining table was laid in lace over red, and centered in poinsettias in a red vase.

Mrs. B. Y. Morris was awarded the side score favor in game, an elegantly handair lamp, and Joe C. Wood, the high score favor, a porcelain tray, with green elephant banding.

Both were graciously presented the honor guests, to whom the hostess presented an honor gift of a decorated porcelain flower bowl, and a novelty match holder, a shoe for "good luck," to Mr. Stubblefield.

Dainty refreshments were served of fruit parfait and small cakes to Messrs. and Meses. J. Frank Sparks, J. C. Patterson, W. W. Kelly, P. L. Crossley, L. Y. Morris, Ed P. Willman, E. E. Lawton, Joe C. Stephen, Earl Bender, M. H. Kelly, Frank Crowell, Guy Parker, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claud G. Stubblefield, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Jones.

Prayer for blessings for the new year was offered by J. A. Ross, Miss Winifred Pentecost, the secretary, reported seventy-five members present, and balance of program consisted of the reports of the zone meeting of last week, given by Miss Irene Williams, and the Association in Breckenridge this Sunday, by Miss Aline Williams.

The prayer song of the B. Y. P. U. closed the service.

Honors Sons  
Fifteenth Birthday  
Mrs. Grady Pipkin entertained a little group of the young friends of her son Raymond, at their home on Monday evening, honoring the lad's fifteenth birthday.

Informal bridge and dancy radio music filled the merry hour, and table tennis, was a pleasant occupation for those at leisure.

The entire home was beautifully decorated and thrown open to the young people, who at the close of the evening were served dainty refreshments of toasted chestnuts

whipped cream topping. Personnel, Meses Betty Perkins, Lewal Chance, Mary Frances Hunter, Carolyn Cox, Joan Johnson, Mary Frances Street, Edith Rosenquest, Bennie Kate Wood, and Miss Mary Helen Childs of Ranger; Parker Brown, Horace Horton, Roger Arnold, Clyde Chaney, Albert Martin, Alex Clarke Jr., Bob Sikes, R. L. Perkins, Jr., and Raymond Pipkin.

Pythian Sisters Temple  
Monday night the Pythian Sisters planned for their installation of officers, which will take place next Monday night, with Mrs. J. A. Ross, deputy grand chief as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. R. L. Slaughter, acting grand master, and Mrs. N. T. Johnson, acting grand senior.

All members are requested to be present. Nine new officers will be installed at this meeting.

Mrs. Blanche Nicols was appointed contact member between the temple and the press.

There was a good attendance Monday night, and much interest evidenced in the new work of the organization.

W. M. S. Baptist Church  
Meets New Year's Day  
The first meeting in the new year of the Women's Missionary society of the Baptist church was given to reports made by standing chairman, and a brief business session opened by their president, Mrs. Frank Lovett, with assembly singing of hymn, "Just When I Need Him Most."

Mrs. Breazeale was pianist for the service.

Rev. O. B. Darby brought the devotional in the theme, "The New Years Talent," a helpful talk that closed with prayer.

Minutes were presented by the temporary secretary, Mrs. A. J. Campbell, and followed by the treasurer's report of all bills paid and \$12.69 on hand, and \$53 in the Lottie Moon offering for foreign mission work.

In the personal service department, Mrs. Marvin Hood tendered her resignation as chairman, accepted with regret.

The chair appointed Mrs. W. A. Stiles to fill out the unexpired term.

Mrs. Carl Springer, chairman of missions, made a fine report on local work.

An invitation was presented from the associational president of W. M. U., Mrs. G. W. Thomas of Ranger, to all the young people of the Eastland church, to attend the associational meeting in First Baptist church at Cisco, on Jan. 7, at 2:30 p. m., when Mrs. Lockett, a returned missionary from Africa, and Mrs. Leich, state secretary W. M. U., will be programmed.

The session closed with prayer by Mrs. A. J. Campbell.

Present, Meses. Frank Lovett, James Drake, Ida Harris, Carl Springer, J. C. Campbell, W. A. Stiles, J. B. Overton, H. R. Breazeale, Jess Seibert, W. J. Herdington, A. J. Campbell, Miss Sallie Morris, and Rev. O. B. Darby.

Church of Christ  
Bible Class  
The Bible class of the Church of Christ held their session in the church classrooms, New Years day, opened with singing led by Mrs. E. D. Hurley, in "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," followed with prayer brought by Mrs. Ernest Wood.

Mrs. Loretta Herring presented a fine lesson on Prayer, in the elements of acceptable prayer, i. e., Desire, Reverence, Prayer in Christ's Name; Sincerity, Spirit of Obedience, "without sin in the heart." Faith, Submission, a Forging Spirit, Humility, Unselfishness, and Confessing Sin.

The lesson was a fine spiritual statement with resolutions for the new year, each determined to do more for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. J. E. Boggs gave her dismissal prayer.

The class will meet in the church next Monday afternoon and each member is asked to bring cookies to be packed and sent to Boles orphan home.

Those present, Meses. O. M. Hunt, Gerol Crossley, E. N. Coppen, H. E. Everett, J. W. Broyles, R. B. Reagan, E. D. Hurley, John Young, H. E. Lawrence, Guy Sherwill, Loretta Herring, and B. E. Roberson.

Booster  
Bible Class  
The Booster Bible class heard a wonderful lesson from Judge W. P. Leslie on, "Paul, the World's Citizen," at their regular meeting, in Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. W. Kelly presided over the session, which opened with the hymn, "Near the Cross," prayed by Judge Leslie, and a song by Dorothy Lou Johnson, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam."

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price; Meses. M. H. Kelly, Carl Johnson, Edward Everett Galand, P. A. E. Herring, Wayne Jones, L. Y. Morris; Miss Jessie Lee Ligon; Messrs. Ed F. Willman, T. J. Haley and Judge W. P. Leslie.

LEAVES THE COUNTY  
Judge J. D. Barker, for the past 15 years a practicing attorney at Cisco, is moving with his family to Sweetwater where he will open a law office. Judge Barker was prominent member of the Eastland county bar, and was a candidate in the last Democratic primary election for the office of U. S. senator.

# Lyric Saturday Night



Alice Brady and Mary Carlisle in "Should Ladies Behave" (Ibsen Jewell and Otto Kruger in a scene from "The Women in his Life.")

# Actual Business Improvement Is Seen In Statewide Survey

AUSTIN, Texas. — Business has become more and more heartening with the advance of the month, Dr. F. A. Buechel, economist and assistant director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research pointed out in his monthly survey of business conditions.

"The growing optimism is based less upon prospects of monetary inflation than upon evidences of actual improvement in trade and industry, and on indications that still greater business momentum will be attained after the turn of the year," he said.

"Monetary and other uncertainties which have clouded the business situation during recent months either are being clarified or are receding into the background. Viewed from almost any angle, the outlook for the early months of 1934 is one of considerable promise. Expansion in many industries probably will lack the speculative stimulus which gave rise to the sharp April-July advance this year, but gains appear likely to be better distributed throughout the industrial structure."

"Retail trade is making a favorable showing and there are indications that a slowly rising general price level is in immediate prospect. Several leading industries are scheduled to advance operations slightly before the year-end. Evidence of industrial expansion on a broad front probably will be forthcoming shortly after the beginning of the new year with the building, railroad, automobile, and steel industries contributing in a large measure to the upturn."

"The entire \$3,300,000,000 provided by Congress now has been allocated by the Public Works Administration and legislation for substitution additional appropriations will probably be urged in January. It may be expected therefore that men will be put to work in growing numbers as a result of this part of the recovery program. Allocation of Federal funds to banks in connection with bank deposit insurance on January 1 may reach \$500,000,000 this month, thus paving the way for the adoption of more lenient bank lending policies next spring. All in all, therefore, while there are still many cross-currents in the administration's efforts to force industrial recovery the prospective net results appear to be positive and of growing force."

"Although definite progress is being made and more is in prospect along many sections of the industrial front, agriculture continues to be the 'big bad wolf' in the recovery program. Not only is the efficacy of the specific methods which are now being employed being questioned as a means of bringing immediate relief to agriculture, but the nationalistic philosophy which appears to dominate current policies with reference to agriculture is arousing increased public attention and criticism."

"That there was wide divergence in point of view within the Agriculture Adjustment Administration organization itself concerning these problems is evidenced by public statements following the resignation of Mr. Peek from the Department of Agriculture and his transfer to the State department. Moreover, Mr. Peek's speech before the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago indicates clearly that the divergence in point of view between him and his colleagues involved in much broader fields even than that of a national versus an international philosophy for agriculture. Rather it had to do with the proper relationship of government to our basic economic institutions—private property rights and sacredness of contract."

"There is grave concern," Mr. Peek said, "over the expressions of a few ultra-liberals about the government taking over private business. If you want my opinion—personally, not officially, mind you—I would say that this apprehension is unwarranted. Unless it hushes, the government has more hay down now than it will get up before it rains. The foundation of the whole American economic structure upon the first has been a respect for Michigan property rights and the second a constitutional guarantee for a national legitimation for a national legitimation for a national legitimation."

Wallace Warns of Unfair Deductions On Sale of Hogs  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Wallace stated today that in several sections of the country local hog buyers, small processors and others purchasing live hogs for commercial slaughter are reported to be deducting the whole or a part of the amount of the processing tax from the regular market price quoted to the seller of the hogs.

In reply to questions from correspondents who report the practice, Secretary Wallace said: "Country buyers and others, who, in setting with the farmer, make a deduction for the processing tax on the bill of sale are penalizing the farmer and are tending to frustrate the declared policy of the Agriculture Adjustment Act. There is absolutely no excuse for such a practice and farmers should refuse to sell to any buyer who makes or proposes to make any such deductions."

"The open market price for live hogs is customarily established by the majority of persons who slaughter hogs and who will pay the tax to the government. They pay the full quoted price for the live hog and in addition pay the government the processing tax out of the proceeds from hog products."

"Processors, therefore, who deliberately deduct the tax from bids based on the regular market quotations really escape paying any tax at all. The sum they pay the government is offset by the deduction they make in the price they pay the sellers."

"County buyers who deduct the tax from the price offered farmers and who then resell the live hogs to another person or processor, simply are taking advantage of the farmer to realize a larger profit than is represented by the usual differential between the local shipping point and the main terminal market. This is because country buyers who do not slaughter hogs are not required to pay the processing tax."

"Names of hog purchasers following this practice, together with full particulars on individual cases should be forwarded immediately to Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the corn-hog section, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C. The administration will use all powers under existing law to prevent fraudulent practices in connection with the collection of processing taxes."

A farmer is not required to pay the processing tax on hogs sold to country buyers, local processors and others for commercial slaughter. The commercial processor of the hogs, however, must pay the tax, regardless of where and in what manner the hogs were acquired. (This means that hogs purchased direct are subject to the tax when they are slaughtered.)

The farmer is not required to pay the tax if he: (1) slaughters hogs of his own raising for consumption by his own family, employees or household; (2) sells live hogs to another person for consumption by that person, and if the producer butchers the hogs for the purchaser; (3) has hogs of his own raising slaughtered by a local butcher or commercial processing plant, all of the parts of which are for consumption by his own family, employees or household; (4) slaughters hogs not of his own raising for consumption by his family, but not by his employees or household; (5) has hogs not of his own raising slaughtered for him by a local butcher or processing establishment for consumption by his own family; or (6) sells live hogs to serum plants.

A farmer is required to pay the processing tax on hogs, however, if he (1) sells live hogs to another person, any part of the products of which are for sale, or are sold, by that person, and if the producer butchers the hogs for his own raising and sells the products to other persons; (3) slaughters hogs not of his own raising for sale to others, in whole or in part; (4) trades live hogs for merchandise or services; (5) trades products from home-slaughtered hogs; or (6) slaughters hogs of his own raising for sale in whole or in part at roadside stands.

Weekly Sunday School Lesson BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS  
The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 7. By WM. E. GILROY, D. D. Editor of The Congregationalist  
The thought of the whole world during the recent Christmas season was turned toward the story of our lesson—the story of the most wonderful birth.

We always should remember that the division of our Bible into

chapters and verses is the work of a later age and was not in the original manuscript. There is, therefore, no break between chapter one and chapter two, but the story in our lesson of the coming of the Wise Men to visit Jesus is an incident in the whole record of his birth and infancy.

Who were the Wise Men, and where did they come from? There has been a great deal of speculation about that, but the question cannot be answered with any certainty.

It was an age in which much importance was attached to the stars, and in which the precursors of later seers and scientists, who observed the stars, were men with a deep response to the wonder and mystery of the universe in which they lived.

These Wise Men may have come long distances, for even in an era when transportation and travel were slow and tedious, man's instinct for adventure and gain had established far distant routes of trade.

There is a tradition, without any clear proof, that the Wise Men came from the Far East, possibly from India. The incident as it stands to emphasize the universality of the Christ who was born, even as his teaching and the salvation that he brought have applied to all men without distinction and to peoples of every land and clime.

There is something suggestive in the journey of these Wise Men to see a new-born babe, and in their reverential attitude. Their coming and their worship were a manifestation of faith; but even beneath this faith was a deep and splendid humility.

It means much when we can see in a new-born babe a possible saint or prophet or king of the future. Considering all the men of greatness and goodness who have risen from poor and humble surroundings, we well might assume an attitude of reverence and humility toward every child.

There can be no great home life, no soundness of national life, and no hope for the world where there is no the supreme value placed upon the child. The story of our lesson represents a high plane of human life and interest.

As in so many passages and incidents of Scripture, we have, also, the strong contrast between the

# Girl Kills Father by Ouija's Order



A ouija board directed her to kill her father, Mattie Turley, 15, right, confessed to San Diego police, "so her mother could marry a cowboy." The girl faces a murder charge. The mother, Mrs. Dorothea Turley, left, once a Venus de Milo contest winner, was arrested as an accessory. The child told police that she fatally wounded her father, 46, a naval reserve gunner's mate, by firing shotgun slugs into his back.

attitude of the Wise Men and that of erdo. How typical of human life even in our own day is that contrast!

On the one hand we see today as we have seen in past ages, the love and goodness that reverence the child, the forces of education and nurture that work to beautify and ennoble child life; while on the other hand there are the Herod-like forces of destruction, the forces that for the sake of gain will keep children in the slums and hovels un nourished and for the most part uncared for.

A lesson concerning the child Christ means little to us unless we can see it in terms of this contrast and unless it moves us to put our emphasis and interest upon the things that make for the well-being and proper development of the child.

The Christ who was born in Bethlehem later was to take the children in his arms and bless them. It is only as we live in the same spirit and practice that we truly rejoice in his birth.

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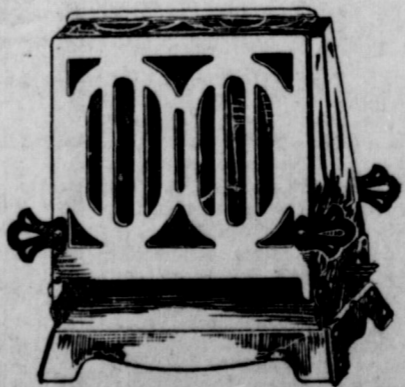
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# THURBER

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Laurine McKinnon entertained with two tables of bridge at her home. After an enjoyable afternoon, delicious cake and hot chocolate was served to the following: Misses Dorothy White, Isabelle Gentry, Modane Livingston, Joy Oyster, Wynna Dorris, Evelyn Livingston, Mary Pleasant Oyster, and Laurine McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Randle and son, James Bates, of Fort Worth, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bates Cox.

R. A. Livingston of Idalou is visiting his son, Marks Livingston and family.

Miss Viola Singleton of Unity visiting friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Hutt Brock and daughter

have returned to Fort Worth after visiting friends and relatives during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Forrest have as guest in their home this week, their daughter, Mrs. Burch of Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stidham visited in Ranger Sunday.

Miss Cleo Faye Ivy of Fort Worth spent the week-end with friends and relatives here and in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Christian and daughter, Alyce, of Breckenridge, visited her aunt, Mrs. F. E. Whitworth, Tuesday.

Miss Bernice Patton has returned to her home in Fort Worth after spending several days with Miss Bernice Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosley and family of West Texas spent several days with his mother, Mrs. Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Studdard and son George Jr., of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with friends.

Mrs. Jake Dupree and son, Burton Lynn, of Pioneer, and Mrs. Luie Burnett and children of Coleman, visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bowers of Fort Worth were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Marris and Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Leedy and daughter, Virginia, of Texon, have returned home after a week's visit with friends and relatives here and at Mingus.

Eugene Fenner of Eastland visited here Tuesday.

Elroy Miller has returned to his home in Fort Worth after several days visit with Douglas Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Willett of Fort Worth were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Hale.

Miss Louise Morgan, who is in nurse's training in Fort Worth, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan and family.

Miss Maurine Hobbs visited in Ranger Monday.

## ME AND MY DOG



The first thing Dorothea Wieck wanted when she landed in America was a dog! And here's the one the Continental selected—a thorough-bred Sealyham terrier—a grand pup who now tags around after America's newest star. Miss Wieck makes her first appearance in Paramount's "Cradle Song," now at the Lyric Theatre.

## Letters From Our Readers

Cross Plains, Texas, Dec. 31, 1933.  
Eastland Chronicle, Eastland, Texas.  
Gentlemen:

There seems to be a great deal of talk and rumor over the state favoring a special called session of the legislature. It is in this connection that this letter comes to you.

I, as a member of the 43rd legislature, desire to say that I am fully opposed to any called session at this time, because of the following reasons: First, we have had one called session already which cost the tax payers of Texas something like \$150,000 and was of no importance save to issue relief bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000.

Secondly, I am opposed to another called session because the big interests of this state are trying to foster what is known as a "sales tax" upon the burdened backs of the poor people of Texas. I, for one, am opposed to it because there is not anyone in this state working for this legislation except those who are connected with big interests. It appears to me that they are trying to shift the taxation load from themselves to the shoulders of the laboring man in blue denims and overalls. Also I do not believe that the "sales tax" could be properly enforced without making tax collectors out of every small merchant, who already has every duty for which he has time.

Thirdly, I am opposed to another called session because if in two sessions of the legislature (43rd) could not enact laws as desired by the governor, I do not believe that they would do it in another session.

Being a supporter of economy and honesty in government I do not desire to draw \$10 a day for a special session when there are hungry men and women to be fed. Therefore, please count me as one state representative vitally opposed to another called session.

Very truly yours,  
CECIL A. LOTIEF,  
State Representative, 107th Floral District, Cross Plains, Texas.

## Cross Roads

## 'Bombshell' A Peep Thru Film Star's Keyhole

Jean Harlow and Lee Tracy, together for the first time as co-stars, are said to have provided the biggest truckload of laughs to roll out of Hollywood in the hilarious picture, "Bombshell," which heads the program starting Monday at the Lyric Theatre.

The production is described as a pictorial record of Hollywood laughing at itself, a story woven through months and rumors that the film capital

spend last week with her sister, Mrs. Henry Dunlap.

## Fashion Store Announces Fall Clearance Sale

Announcing their first clearance sale of the season, The Fashion, Eastland's newest ladies store, is bringing to the women of Eastland and surrounding community an opportunity to buy all fall and winter merchandise at great savings. Mrs. Dave Wolf states that new spring merchandise is arriving and that further purchases will be made in the near future, thereby effecting the necessity of making room to take care of the merchandise upon arrival. The Fashion is very emphatic in their statement that their personal guarantee accompanies every purchase made at this popular store.

A visit to the Fashion will give an insight on the unusual values that are being offered and it is economy to buy at a time when prices are the lowest.

and presented in a composite of humor and laugh-provoking situations. For the amusement of the movie-going public. It is based on a play by Caroline Francke and Mack Crane, adapted to the screen by Jules Furthman and John Lee Mahin.

Miss Harlow, in what she admits to be the most unusual role of her career, is seen as a glamorous screen star whose life is made miserable by the antics of her press agent, Frank Morgan; her liquor-loving father, Franchot Tone; her director, Pat O'Brien; her secretary, Una Merkel; her brother, Ted Healy—and a score or more of other well-known personalities who constitute what is practically an all-star cast.

Directed by Victor Fleming, "Bombshell" tells the story of the rise to fame of Lola Burns, characterized by Miss Harlow, her numerous love affairs, her family woes, her troubles with her producers, her attempts to adopt a baby, her eventual flight from the glare of publicity and finally—her conquest of true love.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judkins and daughters, Mary, Pearl and Beth, recently returned from a visit in Corpus Christi, Brownsville, San Benito, and Matamoros, Mexico.

Mrs. Marion Dickens of Newport, Arkansas, is the house guest of Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin.

Mrs. C. Hillen Simmons of Arlington and little Miss Daphne

Ann Hudworth of New Orleans visited Mrs. W. A. Martin during the holidays.

James Pipkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pipkin, has returned to school at John Tarleton, Stephenville, after spending the holidays with home folks here.

Mrs. E. Hinrichs is visiting her sisters, Mrs. E. E. Payne, Jr., and Mrs. W. C. Keeble, in Houston.

Miss Pat Mayberry of Fort Worth was the week-end guest of Miss Josephine Martin.

James Simmons of Fort Worth and Jay Farver of Breckenridge were holiday guests of Howard, Allan, Scott Jr., and Billy Key.

Dick Crutcher and wife and children were recent guests of Mrs. Crutcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Crutcher reside at Peaumont.

Bill Davenport, wife and children of Spur, recently visited Mr. Davenport's brother, R. L. Davenport and family here.

Mrs. C. C. Cartwright, W. C. Logan, Frank Hurley and L. P. Nefnecker of Fort Worth, were the guests Tuesday of Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin.

Miss Elizabeth Day, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hal Dean Allen upon their return to Waco Monday, following a visit of several days with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Rosenquest. Miss Day will be their guest for several days.

Miss Bernice Johnson left Tuesday morning for the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

T. M. Johnson was in Dallas, Tuesday, on business.

## Value of Texas Farm Homes Is Placed At \$500

AUSTIN, Tex.—The U. S. Bureau of Census still juggling with figures secured in the census of 1930, has just announced that the median value of dwellings on the 301,660 tenant farms in Texas is less than \$500.

Of the 495,489 farms in Texas, 193,829 are operated by owners, including managers. The median value of the dwellings on farms operated by owners is only \$879.

For the nation as a whole, about 44 per cent of the dwellings on farms operated by owners are valued at less than \$1,000 and only about four per cent were reported as worth \$5,000 or over. The median value of all owners' dwellings in the United States is only \$1,135. The median value of all tenant dwellings for the nation as in Texas, was less than \$500.

The Bureau of the Census attributes the low median value in the southern states to the larger number of "cropper tenants."

## School Hill News

Walter Morton has returned home. He has been spending the holidays with his mother in Arkansas.

Miss Electra Yardley spent part of the week with Mrs. Laura Morton while her husband was visiting his mother.

Tom Christian of Rising Star has moved to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Conn went to their home on the Plains Sunday. They have been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Langley, since in the early fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hallmark and family have moved to their new home in this community on the John Key place.

The children that go to School Hill school started back Monday, but the ones who ride the bus to Desdemona did not start until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seiph Brock have moved on the Craser place. He will take charge of the Desdemona school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franks will return to their home at Dimmitt this week.

Miss Mary ... and Paul ...

# LYRIC EASTLAND

### SATURDAY MATINEE

1:30 to 6:00 P. M.

## TOM TALK

### "WAR ON THE RANGE"

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in her first American picture

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WORLD By William Ferguson

INGALE'S



Desdemona

Mrs. J. H. Barnes of Burk...

Miss Nora Roberts visited her...

Mrs. Maltby of Kilgore has been...

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krapf...

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welder and...

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children and all their grand-children, 18 in all.

Charlie Lindley, who has been working at Coahoma, near Big Spring, the past two months, came home for Christmas and when he went back he took his family and furniture with him, as he had traded his home here for a home there. He was a member of the board of trustees for Desdemona school and he and his family will be missed from our town, where they have lived for several years.

The annual New Year's family party of the "21" Study club was held at the clubhouse Monday night. Hostesses for the party were Mrs. A. B. Henslee, Mrs. Ralph Ludwick and Mrs. C. M. Bratton, of the social committee, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Barron and Mrs. A. C. Robert of the house committee. Several others assisted these committees in serving the 7 o'clock dinner. After the dinner Mrs. W. H. Davis, as fine arts chairman, had charge of a splendid program of music, piano and vocal, and readings. Those giving readings were little Cleve Jean Bratton, Beatrice Anderson and Mrs. C. W. Maltby; piano solo, Miss Penelope Robert; group singing, led by Mrs. C. M. Bratton, with Mrs. Aaron Henslee as accompanist. After the program, some played "42," some bridge, and others engaged in conversation. Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. Roy Ashburn, Plummer Ashburn, W. E. Barron, W. C. Bedford, W. H. Davis, Aaron Henslee, A. A. Anderson, A. B. Henslee, A. C. Moore, Ralph Ludwick, John Mendenhall, A. C. Robert; Mrs. C. W. Maltby and son, Jay; Mrs. Fred Welder and son, John; Mrs. J. H. Rushing and son, Weldon; Mrs. Mattie Henry and son, Walker; Misses Penelope Robert, Nora Robert, Madeline Robert, Beatrice Anderson, Geraldine Moore, Evelyn Moore, Pauline Moore, Kathleen Hensley, and Master Curtis Robert.

Kokomo

Special Correspondent

KOKOMO, Jan. 4.—Everyone was glad to see the nice rain that fell here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tidy Eaves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Faves and family, Grandmother Eaves, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Larry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hendricks.

Mrs. Charlie Goodwin and David were visiting her sister, Mrs. Finos Johnson, last week.

Preston and L. D. Reynolds of Breckenridge have been visiting relatives of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Johnson of the Triumph Community are moving into our community. A hearty welcome is extended.

Misses Ova Lee and Ressie V. McDorald are visiting their uncle, John Neely and family of Ranger.

Albert Hendricks was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hendricks, Sunday.

Gene Parker had the misfortune of getting his foot badly cut while at play last week.

Cleo Everton spent Sunday night with his brother, Cyrus, of Eastland.

Misses Jennie Hendricks and Adeline Hendley visited Mr. and Mrs. June K. Hendricks last week.

Mrs. Joe Graham is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Rodgers and family.

Miss Alene Rodgers spent Sunday night with her sister Mrs. Jess Hagar.

The school children are in school again after having off a week for the holidays.

Miss Eunice Timmons has returned to her home after a visit with relatives in Coryell county.

A large crowd enjoyed a singing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hagar Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hendley of Lamesa will make their home in this community. The children are now enrolled in the Flatwood school.

Miss Alta Everton has returned home after several weeks absence. Several of this family are being employed.

OUT OUR WAY



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON.



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

FARMER GETS HIGHER PLACE IN NEW DEAL

CHICAGO, Illinois. — History will record 1933 as the most amazing and perhaps the most momentous year that the American farmer and the agricultural trades have experienced.

As the year draws to an end we find drastic changes, affecting every branch of agriculture, actually in operation. All have been inaugurated with the single view to regaining lost purchasing power of the farmer's products and thereby assisting the entire national recovery.

The new administration has kept this aim continually before it, and remedies applied have included bonus payments and other benefits to livestock raisers and the growers of our principal staple crops. It is too early to anticipate the ultimate result. Personally, I am optimistic of the future for the farmer. It cannot be denied that he has the backing of the financial power of the United States government. Never again can he justly complain of federal neglect. He finds himself the keystone of concentrated efforts for national rehabilitation.

The new deal at Washington has seen to it that the cotton planter of the south receives loans of 10 cents a pound; corn growers who agree to reduce their acreage 20 per cent will receive 30 cents a bushel in cash on not to exceed 30 per cent of their average production the past five years; also, they are being loaned 45 cents a bushel on corn, at the farm; money inducements are being made to the wheat farmer; the hog breeder to reduce production; the government has bought suckling pigs and sows by the millions; it has purchased and stored butter and has bought wheat for relief use. Each move has been made for the purpose of raising the price levels of commodities at their source.

An encouraging item of the

farm situation that might easily be overlooked is that despite a substantial break in the price of grains from their highs of the year, the American wheat grower, for example, is receiving almost 100 per cent more than a year ago for his product. This is a benefit independent of aid from the federal treasury.

Corn, oats, rye and barley farmers have participated correspondingly in the better price levels, as recorded on the grain exchanges. It is safe to assert that all lines of business and industry have received needed stimulation from the improved farm purchasing power.

The exchanges gave a good account of themselves under trying conditions in 1933. The economic necessity of their free operation was obvious when they were forced to close for the first time in their history during the national banking holiday which greeted the incoming administration.

Receipts at Chicago of corn, rye and barley to Dec. 1 this year recorded a substantial advance over the similar period of a year previous, lending body to the belief that farmers participated in the higher range of prices despite a smaller crop yield.

On Dec. 1, Chicago receipts were 8,256,000 barrels flour; 12,973,000 bushels wheat; 88,928,000 bushels corn; 20,406,000 bushels oats; 6,633,000 bushels rye, and 8,244,000 bushels barley, the aggregate being approximately 25,000,000 bushels of grain in excess of the first 11 months of 1932.

Shipments from Chicago for the same period were 4,990,000 barrels flour; 15,493,000 bushels wheat; 49,347,000 bushels corn; 16,916,000 bushels oats; 1,584,000 bushels rye, and 1,350,000 bushels of barley.

Miss Cornelia Campbell, who attends school at Ranger, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Campbell.

TEXAS TURKEYS STARVING. KERRVILLE, Texas. — Thousands of wild turkeys are starving to death in this area. Long drought has so reduced the food supply that sheep and goats have eaten most of the grass and other feed

that would have helped the turkeys. Many turkeys are in such starved condition that hunters will not kill them.

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FARM AND PASTURE for rent. See T. M. Johnson, 405 S. Connellee St., Eastland, Texas.

The Economy Store For Shoes Carl Johnson, Mgr.

Advertisement for NYAL SALTS featuring a bottle and a portrait of a man.

FOR SALE EXCLUSIVELY BY Corner Drug Store N.W. Cor. Square Eastland

Lyric Monday and Tuesday



State Teachers college at Denton, spent Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron White.

Eddie Bob Miller entertained in his home Monday night with a party. About 35 were present. Many games were played throughout the evening. Everyone reported a nice time.

Miss Ruby Milburn of Ranger visited in our city Monday night.

Miss Irene ... home ... holiday

Large advertisement for 'Speeds Super-Service Station' with 'Happy New Year 1934' banner and 'Equip with Fire' slogan.