



### WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

A scenic drive in the Davis Mountains near Fort Davis is under construction to extend approximately seventy-five miles.

Radio broadcasting station, XER, in Mexico just across the river from Del Rio, the strongest in power on the North American continent, was opened recently, the Del Rio chamber of commerce having charge of the initial programs.

One oil refining company is spending one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in improvements at McCamey.

Enrollment at Sul Ross Teachers' college, Alpine, equals that of 1930 for the same month.

Five hundred acres of cantaloupes will be planted in the Fort Stockton area next year as an experiment.

A trainload of calves was shipped from Marfa recently to Virginia points.

Hansford and Wheeler counties in the Texas Panhandle had highway contracts let aggregating over two hundred thousand dollars for new constructions.

The hide of a cattalo—cross between a buffalo and cattle—is a prized possession of the Panhandle Historical society, Canyon.

West Texas counties won the first three places in county exhibits at the State Fair of Texas this year. They were Eastland, Randall and Hartley, in the order named.

Amarillo's eleven thousand families own nearly four thousand radio receiving sets.

A riding academy is being established at Sul Ross Teachers' college, Alpine.

Road District Two, Coke county, recently voted bonds for \$175,000 for highway construction, 463 to 172.

A million dollars worth of mohair has been marketed in the San Angelo territory this year.

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The following pupils of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Merkel Public schools were on the honor roll for the first grade period. This honor roll was not printed earlier due to the absence of Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school, during the illness and death of her mother.

*Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.*  
Francis Tarlton, 94; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 93; Murray Toombs, 91; Harold Morgan, 92.

*Seventh Grade, Ralph Duke.*  
Juanita Huskey, 96; Ora Derrick, 93; Mabel Maddox, 93; Opal Buzbee, 90.

*Sixth Grade, Miss Welch.*  
Billie Dunning, 92; Junior Grimes, 91; Murphy Dye, 90.

*Sixth Grade, Miss Pinckley.*  
Morris Wozencraft, 93; Lurline Tarlton, 92.

*Fifth Grade, Miss Coffey.*  
Charles Andy Shouse, 93; Dick West, 92; Hollis Perry, 92; Jessie La Verne Simpson, 91; Charles Iddings, 90; W. J. Miller, 90.

*Fifth Grade, Miss Sloan.*  
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The report shows 30,274 bales ginned in the county prior to November 1. The total is more than three times that of the corresponding period last year, when the figure was 9,785.

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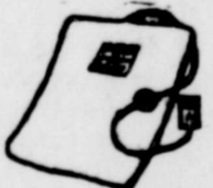
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# SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

**EIGHTH INSTALLMENT**  
SYNOPSIS.

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor, Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. With Johnson he goes to the Wells residence and they find confirmation of the medium's account. Mrs. Wells tells them her husband shot himself in a fit of depression.

At a second seance, Miss Jeremy adds details about a summer resort where Charles Ellingham was known to have been at the same time that Mrs. Wells was there. She also speaks of a pocketbook being lost which contained some important car tickets and letters. Mrs. Dane, alone of the women, seems thrilled by the investigation.

Johnson goes alone and investigates the deserted house. He is frightened by strange noises, as of an intruder in the house, but completes his investigation.

He leaves the house and in his excitement carries off the fire tongs, leaving them in his own hall rack where his wife discovers them the next morning and reproaches him for his nocturnal wanderings. He also forgets to bring away his overcoat, which is carried off by the mysterious stranger. Mrs. Dale learns of his peculiar actions and charges him with possessing an unsuspected sense of humor.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—**  
"I am not aware—" I began stiffly. "I have always believed that I furnished to the Neighborhood Club its only leaven of humor."

"Don't spoil it," she begged. "Don't. If you could know how I have enjoyed it. All afternoon I have been chuckling. The fire-tongs, Horace. The fire-tongs!"

Then I knew that my wife had been to Mrs. Dane and I drew a long breath. "I assure you," I said gravely, "that while doubtless I carried the wretched things home and—er—placed them where they were found, I have not the slightest recollection of it. And it is hardly amusing, is it?"  
"Amusing!" she cried. "It's delicious. It has made me a young woman again. Horace, if I could have seen your wife's face when she found them, I would give cheerfully almost anything I possess."

But underneath her mirth I knew there was something else. And, after all, she could convince my wife if she were convinced herself.

I told her of the visit Sperry and I had made the night Arthur Wells was shot, and of what we discovered; of the clerk at the pharmacy and his statement and last of all of my experience in the deserted house.

She was very serious when I finished. Tea came, but we forgot to drink it. Her eyes flashed with excitement her faded face flushed. And with it all, as I look back, there was an air of suppressed excitement that seemed to have nothing to do with my narrative. I remembered it, however, when the denouement came the following week.

She was a remarkable woman. Even then she knew, or strongly suspected, the thing that the rest of us had missed, the x of the equation. But I think it only fair to record that she was in possession of facts which we did not have, and which she did not divulge until the end.

"You have been so ungenerous with me," she said finally, "that I am tempted not to tell you why I sent for you. Of course, I know I am only a helpless old woman, and you men are people of affairs. But now and then I have a flash of intelligence. I'm going to tell you, but you don't deserve it."

She went down into the black silk bag at her side which was as much a part of her attire as the false front she wore with such careless abandon and which, brown in color and indifferently sewed, was invariably parting from its mooring. She drew out a newspaper clipping.

"On going over Clara's notes," she said, "I came to the conclusion, last Tuesday, that the matter of the missing handbag and the letters was important. More important, probably, than the mere record shows. Do you recall the note of distress in Miss Jeremy's voice? It was almost a wail."

I had noticed it.  
"I have plenty of time to think," she added, not without pathos. "There is only one Monday night in the week, and—the days are long. It occurred to me to try to trace that bag."

"In what way?"  
"How does any one trace lost articles?" she demanded. "By advertising, of course. Last Wednesday I advertised for the bag."

I was too astonished to speak.  
"I reasoned like this: If there was no such bag, there was no harm done. As a matter of fact, if there was no such bag, the chances were that we were all wrong, anyhow. If there was such a bag, I wanted it. Here is the advertisement as I inserted it."

"Lost, a handbag containing private letters, car-tickets, etc. Liberal reward paid for its return. Please write to A 31, the Daily News."

I sat with it on my palm. It was so simple, so direct. And I, a lawyer and presumably reasonably acute, had not thought of it!

"You are wasted on us, Mrs. Dane," I acknowledged. "Well? I see something had come of it."

"Yes, but I'm not ready for it." She dived again into the bag, and brought up another clipping.

"On the day that I had that inserted," she said impressively, "this also appeared. They were in the same column." She read the second clipping aloud, slowly, that I might gain all its significance.

"Lost on the night of Monday, November the second, between State Avenue and Park Avenue, possibly on an Eastern Line street car, a black handbag containing keys, car-tickets, private letters, and a small sum of money. Reward and no questions asked if returned to Daily News office."

She passed the clipping to me and I compared the two. It looked strange, and I confess to a tingling feeling that coincidence, that element so much to be feared in any investigation, was not the solution here. But there was such a chance, and I spoke of it.

"Coincidence rubbish!" she retorted. "I am not through, my friend." She went down into the bag again, and I expected nothing less than the pocketbook, letters and all, to appear. But she dragged up, among a mis-

cellany of articles women like to carry, an envelope.

"Yesterday," she said, "I took a taxicab ride. You know my chair gets tiresome, occasionally. I stopped at the newspaper office, and found the bag had not been turned in, but that there was a letter for A 31." She held out the envelope to me.

"Read it," she observed. "It is a curious human document. You'll probably be no wiser for reading it, but it shows one thing: We are on the track of something."

I have the letter before me now. It is written on glazed paper, ruled with blue lines. The writing is of the flowing style we used to call Spencerian, and if it lacks character I am inclined to believe that its weakness is merely the result of infrequent use of a pen.

You know who this is from. I have the bag and the letters. In a safe place. If you would treat me like a human being, you could have them. I know where the walking-stick is, also. I will tell you this. I have no wish to do her any harm as she will have to pay up in the next world, even if she gets off in this. The way I reason is this: As long as I have the things, I've got the whiphand. I've got you, too, although you may think I haven't.

About the other matter I was innocent. I swear it again. I never did it. You are the only one in all the world. I would rather be dead than go on like this.

It is unsigned.  
I stared from the letter to Mrs. Dane. She was watching me, her face grave and rather sad.

"You and I, Horace," she said, "live our orderly lives. We eat, and sleep, and talk, and even labor. We think we are living. But for the last day or two I have been seeing visions—you and I and the rest of us, living on the surface, and underneath, carefully kept down so it will not make us uncomfortable, a world of passion and crime and violence and suffering. That letter is a tragedy."

But if she had any suspicion then as to the writer, and I think she had not, she said nothing, and soon after I started for home.

In one way, Mrs. Johnson's refusal to speak to me that evening had a certain value, for it enabled me to leave the house without explanation and thus to discover that, if an overcoat had been left in place of my own, it had been taken away. It also gave me an opportunity to return the fire-tongs, a proceeding which I had considered would assist in a return of the entente cordiale at home, but which most unjustly appeared to have exactly the opposite effect.

It has been my experience that the most innocent action may, under certain circumstances, assume an appearance of extreme guilt.

By Saturday the condition of affairs between my wife and myself remained in statu quo, and I had decided on a bold step. This was to call a special meeting of the Neighborhood Club, without Miss Jeremy, and put before them the situation as it stood at that time, with a view to formulating a future course of action, and also of publicly vindicating myself before my wife.

In deference to Herbert Robinson's recent attack of influenza, we met at the Robinson house. Sperry himself wheeled Mrs. Dane over, and made a speech.

"We have called this meeting," he

said, "to determine whether the Neighborhood Club, as a body wishes to go on with an investigation, or to stop where we are."

He paused, but, as no one spoke, he went on again. "It is really not as simple as that," he said. "To stop now, in view of the evidence we intend to place before the Club, is to leave in all our minds certain suspicions that may be entirely unjust. On the other hand, to go on is very possible to place us all in a position where to keep silent is to be an accessory after crime."

He then proceeded, in orderly fashion, to review the entire situation up to then.

Mrs. Dane then read and explained the two clippings and the letter, and the situation, so far as it had developed, was before the Club.

Were we to go on, or to stop?  
We broke into animated discussion. The letter to A 31 was the rock on which all our theories foundered, that and the message the governess had sent to Charlie Ellingham not to come to the Wells house that night. By no stretch of rather excited imaginations could we imagine Ellingham writing such a letter. Who had written the letter, then, and for whom was it meant?

As to the telephone message, it seemed to preclude the possibility of Ellingham's having gone to the house that night. But the fact remained that a man, as yet unidentified, was undoubtedly concerned in the case, had written the letter, and had probably been in the Wells house the night I went there alone.

In the end, we decided to hold one more seance, and then, unless the further developments were such that we must go on, to let the affair drop.

That my wife had felt a certain bitterness toward Miss Jeremy, a jealousy of her powers, even of her youth, had not dawned on me. But when on Sunday, in her new humility, she suggested that we call on the medium that afternoon, I realized that, in her own way, she was making a sort of atonement.

Miss Jeremy was out riding with Sperry, but arrived shortly after we

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got there. Sperry was glad to see us. It was not hard to see how things were with him. He helped the girl out of her wraps with a manner that was almost proprietary, and drew a chair for her close to the small fire which hardly affected the chill of the room.

Sperry looked at the girl and smiled.  
"Shall I tell them?" he said.  
"I want very much to have them know."

He stood up, and with that unconscious drama which actuates a man at a crisis in his affairs, he put a hand on her shoulder. "This young lady is going to marry me," he said. "We are very happy today."

My wife, to my surprise, kissed the girl.

Tea was brought in by Hawkins! I knew him immediately, but he did not at once see me. He was evidently accustomed to seeing Sperry there, and he did not recognize my wife. But when he had put down the tray and turned to pick up Sperry's overcoat to carry it into the hall, he saw me.

The man actually started. I cannot say that he changed color. He was always a pale, anemic-looking individual. But it was a perceptible instant before he stooped and gathered up the coat.

(To Be Continued.)

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.  
 Assistant Editor—Lela Patterson. Assistant Sports Editor—Ross Ferrier.  
 Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephas Wozencraft.

## THE SENIORS.

The Seniors are looking forward to two things: the Thanksgiving holidays and the arrival of their rings.  
 During the Physical Education period Monday the girls of the Senior class organized two baseball teams with Nell Durham and Lona Bryan as captains. Watch for the results of the games that we play.

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Nell Durham with long hair and fussing over perfumes and lipstick?  
 H. C. Toombs coming to history class with a prepared lesson?  
 Ola Smith not "dressed up?"  
 Paul Collins in love?  
 Jack Stanford being anything but an optimist?  
 Waldeline Huskey not studying?  
 Seniors girls being serious about "physical ed?"  
 The Juniors not making noise?  
 Helen Yeats being fastidious?  
 Rogene without Caribel and Annie Lee?  
 Gerald Derrick not playing baseball at noon?  
 B. P. not being Dramatic Club president?  
 The M. H. S. chorus mixed quartette not singing "Goin' Home?"  
 Margaret Miller being able to sing?  
 Zada with blond, straight hair?  
 H. C. Toombs being smart?  
 Ross Ferrier keeping quiet during one whole period?  
 Mr. Burgess giving an easy test in civics?  
 "Sis" Boaz weighing two hundred pounds?  
 Having American history class one day without Gerald Derrick making a wise-crack?  
 "Neta" Bell making ninety in civics?  
 Gordon Murray beating Cade in a foot race?  
 Mr. Irvin being handsome?

## HAPPENINGS IN M. H. S.

Gerald Derrick likes to have his name in the paper.  
 Ida translates Spanish by talking to B. P.  
 M. E. got a letter from Spain.  
 The depression is over—Nelle has some new clothes.  
 School turned out Nov. 11, because that was David's birthday.  
 Sis gets tickled when she makes forty-seven on history exams.  
 It won't be long now until the football banquet.  
 Merkel Badgers play Blackwell Friday, Nov. 20.  
 The Seniors will be getting their rings in about two weeks.  
 Toombs, H. C., went up in the airplane Sunday.  
 Everyone had a good time at the Dramatic club party last Friday.  
 Margaret C. says Gerald is a big bully.  
 "Sis" and "Red" can't learn any history because they talk all the period.  
 "Baby" Mashburn tried to whip David, and David told "Baby" to be careful or he would hurt himself.  
 The Pep Squad paraded in town before the game last Friday.  
 Coach Irvin isn't going to come to the Dramatic club parties any more if he has to make speeches.  
 A quartette from Dallas entertained in chapel last Friday.  
 Thelma and M. E. like to hear people sing tenor.  
 B. P. likes to read magazines in history class.  
 As Margaret dusted the dust off her desk after the sandstorm, she wrote love letters in the sand.  
 Julia, I have heard, is generally known as "Tuffy."  
 Paul Collins thinks he is a very

brilliant character. "But he don't know his American history."

## SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE—

About Marshall Stalls' flirting with the girls.  
 About so many people's "getting up in the air."  
 About teachers' giving such hard tests.  
 About people's singing opera numbers in chapel.  
 About Jim Patterson's being so timid.  
 About football boys' staying out so late at night.  
 About Nell Durham's studying so hard.  
 About the great financial depression.

## JOKES.

Miss Martin: "Why are you late?"  
 Jimmy Junior: "Class started before I got here."  
 Mr. Riddle: "All right everyone pay attention to the discussion."  
 "Sis" Boaz: "I'm so tickled I can't."  
 Ross Ferrier: "You should learn to control your emotions."  
 Mr. Irvin: "Good morning, Marie. How are you?"  
 Marie: "Not so good, Mr. Irvin. I guess I have the clothing fever."  
 Mr. Irvin: "Clothing fever? What do you mean?"  
 Marie: "Well, my tongue has a coat on it, and my breath comes in short pants."  
 Gerald: "Do you like simple things?"  
 Margaret: "Are you proposing?"

H. C. Toombs (to Sunday School teacher): "Yes, teacher, I've repented."  
 Teacher: "That's good; and who is responsible for your repenting?"  
 H. C.: "Gerald is."  
 Teacher: "How is that?"  
 H. C.: "Well, you see, he loaned me the dollar."  
 Teacher: "But what does that have to do with it?"  
 H. C.: "Well, I never would have gone up in that airplane if he hadn't loaned me that dollar."

## FOOTBALL NEWS.

Merkel Badgers will meet the Blackwell team on the local field Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. We are still backing the Badgers, winning or losing. The last two games we have had at home look as if our home town is still backing the Badgers with us, because we have had a good showing at the games.  
 We only have one more game after this one with Blackwell. It is with Rotan at Rotan. The game is to be played on Thanksgiving Day. We are expecting a good crowd for our last two games; so please do not disappoint us. Come and bring your family. Buy your tickets while they are hot.  
 Our game Friday was a good one, although our Badgers were defeated a few points. Everyone of the boys did his part. The game was a little rough, but the Badgers stayed with 'em until the last whistle.



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## SOPHOMORE NEWS.

When report cards are made out—  
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## DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS.

The second meeting of the Dramatic club was held Friday, Nov. 13. The studio was decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. The program that was given was: A talk on "Famous Actresses," Mildred Richardson; reading "Sis" Boaz; piano solo, Margaret Miller; and a song by six girls, Thelma Leach, M. E. Grimes, Ida Derstine, Ola Smith, Marie Stanford and Duncan Briggs. A few games were played.

A one act play, "The Flattering Word," by Lord Bryan, was presented. Lona Bryan, R. D. Ely, Imogene Middleton, Elmer Adcock and Lucille Campbell portrayed the characters. The hosts and hostesses were Thelma Leach, Ruth Calloway, Lona Bryan, Ola Smith, Elmer Adcock, Albert Cade, R. D. Ely and Monta Moore. Several guests and many members were present.

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When a new \$250,000 hospital was opened recently at Sutton, England, it was announced that the institution had the unique distinction of being entirely free from debt.

## White Church News

Our school opened Monday morning with a fine attendance and our same teachers for the year, Misses Mary Dean Baucum and Irene Chaney of Abilene. We are looking forward to a good school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Sunday.

Mrs. B. D. Pressly and little daughter, Jean, and Mrs. O. W. Reed and daughter, Miss Alice, attended to business in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son, Leon, of Blair have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Toombs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere.

Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Perry.

Henry Patterson and Miss Burnes of Cisco visited in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Latimer of Nubia attended services here Sunday.

Elbia, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier, is doing nicely after an operation at an Abilene hospital last week.

Clyde Latimer of Nubia made a fine talk last Sunday after Sunday School.

D. D. Coats is to lead prayer meeting Sunday night.

## BARGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

## Million Dollar Fund To Reopen Bank at El Paso is Oversubscribed

El Paso, Nov. 19.—The drive for the million-dollar fund required for the reopening of the First National bank of this city has resulted in the fund's being oversubscribed by \$19,000, according to an announcement made Tuesday by A. R. Poe, former mayor and chairman of the citizens' committee.

The success of the drive has restored confidence in business as no other event in El Paso has done, according to city officials and business leaders.

The institution, which closed its doors Sept. 4, will reopen for business about the first of the year, according to present plans.

Under the plan for the reopening, depositors with more than \$500 on the books will agree to having 30 per cent of their deposits set aside to clear up certain liabilities of the bank, the money to be refunded to the depositors later. Deposits of less than \$500 will be available to the depositors immediately after the bank opens. The remaining 70 per cent of the large deposits will be available over an 18-month period.

There are 10,500 deposits of less than \$500 and their release will make available \$950,000.

The new bank will have a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of like amount. There are 976 subscribers to the new bank, including individuals, civic clubs and other organizations.

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**Anderson Trial**

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The state rested at 4:15, except for the matter of the record, and character witnesses, many of them pioneer Taylor county residents, were called in this order: H. M. Rainbolt, Merkel; T. C. Weir, Abilene; R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church; L. R. Thompson, Abilene, county auditor and former cashier of a competitive Merkel bank; D. O. Huddleston, W. H. Frazier, Merkel; F. Blackburn, Mulberry canyon; W. R. Keeble, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Abilene.

After the matter of the record was gone into, the defense introduced W. A. Minter, J. W. Wagstaff, Thomas O. Massey, Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Charles Russell as character witnesses.

Jurors are B. R. Blankenship, George McCann, L. H. Hollowell, H. O. Muston, J. D. Judson, Ray Leverett, Bert Frazier, J. C. Casey, C. J. Mills, J. B. Lovett, J. L. Lowe and W. D. Hopkins.

Anderson is represented by the firm of Scarborough, Ely and King. W. J. Cunningham of 104th district, is assisting Mr. Black, in whose district the case arose. It was transferred to 104th court when called here late in October. The defendant was ill at that time.

Testimony was to be resumed at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Upon his return to the stand, Diltz identified a ledger sheet of the Thursday club showing a deposit entry of \$160 on July 11, 1931, and a deposit slip for that amount to the regular account of the Thursday club on the same date. He said the deposit slip was in Anderson's handwriting.

Questions by Scarborough: "The effect of this transaction then was to transfer from the special account to the regular account this \$160."

A. It was transferred, it seems.

Q. That is all it amounts to?

A. Yes.

By Black: Does that record show the \$160 in the balance?

A. No, sir. It does not show that

the balance was increased any.

Q. In other words, before that was made, the balance was \$1.18?

A. Yes.

Q. That club didn't have any more after that \$160 was entered on the ledger than it did before?

A. No, sir.

Q. How long did R. O. Anderson work after July 11?

A. Until September 23, 1911.

Q. That deposit slip is made out in his handwriting?

A. Yes.

Q. That could have been made any time between July 11 and September?

A. Yes, it could have, but it was with that day's work.

By Scarborough: The fact that this balance was not carried forward means that the bookkeeper that posted it, did not carry it over, doesn't it?

A. I don't know what that means. I don't know who carried it over, or anything about that. It did not increase it.

Q. The customary way to do is to carry the balance on out here, isn't it? (Scarborough indicated the right hand column of the ledger.)

A. Yes.

Q. And if it isn't carried out there, it is just an oversight on the part of the keeper of the records—that doesn't keep a man from having the \$160 to his credit?

A. No, sir.

Q. It just was not posted?

A. It was posted. It just was not carried forward.

By Black: I believe you testified that in the usual course of business, a deposit slip is filed and the bookkeeper makes the entry on the machine and carries the balance on—has it in the balance?

A. Yes.

Q. Can any man in the employ of the bank, you, R. O. Anderson or anyone else pull out one of these slips and run on there "July 11, 1931, \$160?"

A. Yes, it could be done.

Q. It could be done in September, couldn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. State whether or not you found

any of those ledger sheets pulled and filed away in Mr. Anderson's desk that belonged to the bank. (Request of defense counsel that the question apply only to the account in question sustained.)

A. I didn't find any regarding this account.

By Scarborough: Mr. Diltz, some fellow could not go and put this deposit slip in there after the daily balance, could he?

A. Well, it is hardly probable without it had been changed and switched in the files. That's the only way it could be done.

Q. R. O. Anderson hadn't had access to this thing since they canned him, September 23?

A. No, sir.

Scarborough in later questioning asked: If you had gone back to your ledger sheet and the Thursday club had drawn a check for this balance of \$1.18 plus the \$160, you would have paid their check for \$161.18?

A. Yes, I would have run up this credit and seen it wasn't brought forward.

Q. The whole thing about this whole record is that the bookkeeper in making this record failed to carry forward the deposit of \$160 in his balance?

A. It isn't in there.

Q. In other words, R. O. Anderson didn't get a dollar of that money?

A. That's the record.

Q. Every dollar of that money went to the Thursday club's regular account?

A. Yes.

By Cunningham: Was the entry made during regular banking business?

A. I don't know.

Q. You don't know when it was made, do you?

A. Sure not.

Q. You know that according to the banking business, if it is correctly conducted that the amount would have been carried forward and the balance would have been \$161.18, don't you?

A. Yes.

Q. State whether or not you can say if there have been any changes made here with reference to entries and erasures.

A. Yes, there have been some erasures made.

Q. That deposit slip could have been made any time, couldn't it?

A. It is possible.

Q. The fact that it is dated July 11, 1931, and for \$160—you are simply going by what you see there—you don't know when it was made?

A. Sure not.

Q. Is there any other instance on this record here where a mistake of that kind appears?

A. No, sir.

By Scarborough: If this deposit slip had been made on July 11, as this credit indicates here, it would have been an obligation of the bank and you would have paid it, wouldn't you?

A. I would have had to, if they had produced a duplicate of that.

Q. Basing your statement on these records and this being all that you have, your testimony is that R. O. Anderson didn't get this money, but it went from the Thursday club's special account to its regular account?

A. That is the record.

By Cunningham: Are your bank books correctly kept?

A. They are run twice a month and they were correctly kept at that time. I saw that they were.

By Black: You state your books

are audited and balanced twice a month?

A. Yes.

Q. When they were audited they showed \$1.18?

A. I didn't run them because they were in balance.

Q. If this special account shows no balance and the fund shows a balance of \$1.18 then the only way your books and cash would balance would have been for some one to have extracted that \$160 from the cash fund?

A. That book is not balanced against the cash. It is balanced by the control sheet. If that deposit slip had gone in and the balance not gone forward, the balance would be \$160 short of the control sheet.

Q. It wouldn't balance with your books?

A. No, sir.

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3. Use a wall thermometer and keep an even temperature of about 70 degrees. If the room becomes overheated, don't open the doors and windows . . . turn the gas down.
4. In extremely cold weather, keep the windows and doors closed. Proper ventilation can be obtained by lowering a window slightly from the top.

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9. Don't let hot water run to wash or rinse the dishes . . . draw the needed amount in a dish pan and then turn the water off.
10. Don't let hot water run over the bottle to warm baby's milk . . . draw water in a stew pan to cover bottle and put over small burner. This is a quicker and more economical method.

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