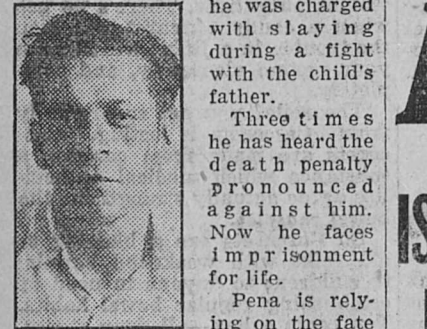


**THE WEATHER**  
WEST TEXAS — Fair, somewhat colder tonight, Tuesday fair and colder in east portion.

With six candidates running for mayor in Chicago, you can come to your own conclusions as to why they call it the "Windy City."

### TEXAS SLAYER CHEATS DEATH FIVE TIMES

Five times in five years Jose Pena, El Paso, Tex., baker, has heard his life demanded in payment for that of a 10-year-old boy



he was charged with slaying during a fight with the child's father. Three times he has heard the death penalty pronounced against him. Now he faces imprisonment for life. Pena is relying on the fact that has favored in previous court battles, to again save him. At his original trial, where he first faced the threat of death, the jury disagreed. Three other juries have found him guilty and assessed the death sentence. But appeals, on writs of error, saved him. His fifth trial, just concluded, resulted in Pena getting life imprisonment. He has appealed.

### Admits Killing Father; Pleads Self-Defense



Bond of \$1000 was fixed for Ida Louisa Gibby, 15 (above), when she was given a preliminary hearing at Southmayd, Texas, on charges of murdering her father. The girl admitted killing her father, J. M. Gibby, with a shotgun, saying that she did it to protect her mother and the other children, whom her father was threatening with a rifle and knife.

### Marriage Fails



The business venture of Florence Walton, formerly a famous dancer, has succeeded, but her marriage has failed. Hence, say reports from Paris, she has divorced Leon Lettrim, with whom she formerly made a great success on the European stage in a dancing act. The two quit the stage a couple of years ago and Miss Walton opened a modiste's shop in Paris. Now Lettrim is going to Hollywood to enter the movies.

### Man Fatally Hurt in Automobile Wreck

WICHITA FALLS, Feb. 16.—W. S. Blandin, of Fort Worth, was fatally injured late last night when his automobile crashed into a gasoline truck, two miles south of Joly.

WICHITA FALLS.—New \$750,000 postoffice will be erected on site at corner of Tenth and Lamar.

# MAIN ST. FIRE CAUSES BIG LOSS

## Romney Youth Is Seriously Wounded

### IS MISTAKEN FOR PROWLER BY FATHER

#### Wounded Young Man Is Taken To Gorman Hospital

CISCO, Feb. 16.—Rue McCoy, 22, was in a critical condition in a Gorman hospital today from a bullet wound received last night when his father mistook him for a house prowler at their home near Romney.

The father, C. B. McCoy, was questioned by officials but not held. He said he shot his son when a noise at the back door aroused him and he saw the figure of a man fumbling with the door latch. Young McCoy said he had got out of bed and was preparing to leave the house.

### PENSION ACT IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The House veterans affairs committee today voted to recommend the passage at this session of a pension bill to provide compensation for widows, children and dependent parents of deceased World War veterans. The bill does not provide pensions for childless widows.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The House committee passed the Elftoff bill designed to do away with alleged abuses growing out of the postal leasing system. The bill would allow values of properties to be fixed by a commission of three local men in the city where the transaction is to take place. It also provides for the purchase of postal properties instead of leasing them.

### New Rail Rates On Oil Products Given By I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A new basis of freight rates for the transportation by railroads of petroleum products in carloads between southwestern points and destinations in the southwest, midwest and northeast was prescribed by the interstate commerce commission.

### Gen. Edwards' Body Taken to Arlington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The body of Major General Clarence R. Edwards, war-time commander of the famed Ninetieth division, was taken to Arlington national cemetery this morning, there to rest beside other heroes of the nation.

General Edwards' body was brought to Washington at 7:50 a. m. from Boston, where he died Saturday after a lingering illness. The body was at once taken across the Potomac and placed in a vault.

### ELKS FORM PLANS FOR A RANGER GYMNASIUM

Plans to provide an athletic club in Ranger were discussed at a luncheon in the Gholson Coffee Shop at noon today.

The plans, as outlined by Howard R. Gholson, exalted ruler of the Ranger Elks' lodge, provide that if 30 new members can be obtained, the Elks will establish a gymnasium on the first floor of their building.

Handball courts, weights and other paraphernalia would be provided.

Six men have already signified they would join the club in furtherance of the plans to establish the gym. A committee consisting of William N. McDonald, chair-Blackmond and Boyce House.

### Two Pints Mean Life in Prison



Because he was caught with two pints of whisky in his pockets, Estel F. Butler (above), of Kansas City, Kan., faces a life term in prison. His conviction of violating the prohibition law makes him a fourth offender, and a life term is mandatory. Butler has served prison terms for killing a policeman, for transporting a stolen car and for grand larceny.

### 10 YEARS IS GIVEN A. L. BAKER

FORT WORTH, Feb. 16.—A. L. Baker, former vice president of the Texas National bank, must serve 10 years in prison for his part in the wrecking of the bank a year ago by more than a millions dollars loss. In addition to the term in prison, Baker was given 10 years suspended sentence.

Baker's sentence was passed by Judge James C. Wilson after his attorney had pleaded for mercy on the part of the court.

### 20 OVERCOME BY FUMES IN FACTORY FIRE

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 16.—Twenty persons including eight girl employees were overcome when fire broke out in the Pickett company plant here today and fumes from burning celluloid and other materials filled the building.

An explosion preceded the fire and only the fact that the plant had three exits through which 75 other employees escaped averted loss of life, firemen declared. Five firemen were overcome and they and the girls were removed to hospitals. None of the victims were believed effected seriously.

### Progress for C. of C. Banquet To Be Reported

Members of the ticket selling committee for the annual banquet and the members of the chamber of commerce board of directors will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening, it is announced by Wayne C. Hickey, secretary. This is an important meeting and all are urged to be present.

### READER GIVES VIEWS AS TO GAS QUESTION

Ranger Times: The following paragraph is quoted in a letter from the Fort Worth Laboratories to the Texas-Louisiana Power company as of Feb. 10, 1931, as it appeared in the Ranger Times:

"The determined B. T. U. per cubic foot in natural gas is not affected by the presence or absence of air in the gas tested, that is if the gas tested shows a certain B. T. U. content, the presence or absence of air is immaterial."

The above statement does not seem to be in line with the real issue. Granting that from the customer's point of view that "the presence or absence of air is immaterial," then why doesn't the gas company put in, say 50 per cent air, and thereby realize a greater profit from its sales. As a customer of the gas company, who is willing to pay for all of the gas that he uses at a reasonable price, I do contend that I am not in the market for air at the rate of 60 cents per thousand or thereabouts.

In other words, the purported meaning of the letter which the gas company quotes and attempts to get over to the public, as it appears to me, is that the public should be satisfied with some air, more or less in the gas. Along with other data, why did not the gas company in their letter to the public, give all of the facts, instead of only part of them? Why didn't they tell the people that an actual test showed that the gas contained per cent of air, as stated in an article by Judge Pearson? Why did they wait for one of our city commissioners to give this information to the people?

It appears to me that either our charter should be changed to guarantee to the people certain definite B. T. U. content in the gas delivered to the people or that the city commission should make, or have made, periodical B. T. U. analyses in order to determine whether or not the gas company is living up to the spirit of the agreement as contained in the original franchise granted by the city of Ranger to the Sammies Oil company.

We live in Ranger quite a number of gas experts who might be called in for advice by our city commission, in order that our customers might have expert advice over and above that selected by the gas company.

As a point of suggestion, the city commission might know where it is proper to arrange for a competent gas man to go out to a gasoline plant west of Ranger, from which the Texas-Louisiana Power company is reported to getting some of its gas, and have him ascertain whether or not the gas contains gases, and other engine exhaust gases, and other impurities, and being pumped into the gas that is piped into Ranger. An average B. T. U. content, I am told by those who know, for the gas in the Ranger territory, ranges from 1200 to 1800 B. T. U. per cubic foot. Therefore, it appears to be entirely illogical that the Texas-Louisiana Power company should appear to be ignorant of the source of this air and other inert matter in the gas that we are trying to use in our homes. They must either know where it is coming from, and are in a position to eliminate it, or else admit that they are not masters of their business.—A CUSTOMER.

### MOTHER OF "HOP TOE" IS BEING HELD

DALLAS, Feb. 16.—Mrs. H. L. Butler, 55, gray-haired mother of "Hop-Toe" Butler, Fort Worth torch murder case defendant, was held here today in connection with the seizure of \$500 worth of morphine in the county jail last Saturday. Mrs. Butler was arrested late Saturday night.

Federal authorities this morning were preparing a complaint charging Mrs. Butler with conspiracy to violate the federal narcotic act and said that it would be filed with United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith today.

The narcotics were discovered by jailers in a package of groceries addressed to Raymond Kay, prisoner serving a life sentence. A free-for-all fight among desperate prisoners followed the seizure.

Herbert L. Butler, another son of the woman, is in the Dallas county jail under indictment charging robbery with firearms in connection with the holdup of two men in a rooming house where \$9 and a pistol were obtained.

### Oil Heiress Weds a Count



Miss Katherine Cornell, 17-year-old heiress to the \$3,000,000 fortune of the late Robert Oglesby, Tulsa, Okla., oil operator, has become the bride of Count Jan Drohojewski of Poland. The bride and groom, who met last year at the home of the count's mother in Rome, are shown here together. Count Drohojewski is a newspaper correspondent.

### GOV. PINCHOT CHARGES PROFITS ARE EXCESSIVE

By JOSEPH S. WASNEY, United Press Staff Correspondent. (Copyright 1931 by United Press)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 16.—Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania declared today that public utilities of the country were unfairly squeezing hundreds of millions of dollars annually from small consumers by exorbitant rates.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, Pinchot, who has been considered by some as a possible candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1932, outlined what he believed was wrong with the utilities and possible remedies.

"With some public utilities there is nothing wrong," Pinchot said. "Most of them, however, have seen the chance to make huge and unjustified profits out of the people of this country and they are taking full advantage of it."

"Instead of seven or eight per cent, some are making 100, 200, a thousand and in one case uncovered by the federal trade commission more than 3,000 per cent a year on money actually invested. That is outrageous and I propose to stop it if I can."

"A public utility is not an ordinary business. It is given special privileges by the public and in return it agrees to give good service at fair rates. But the men in charge of most public utilities have thrown their obligation overboard and by pyramiding, stock inflation, excessive charges and other devices are adding many hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the cost of living of the people. That is what I object to."

Pinchot explained that there was considerable difference between an ordinary business and a public utility in that ordinary business is regulated by competition. He pointed out that if a hardware merchant charges too much, his customers promptly go elsewhere and this fact keeps his prices reasonable and his service good.

"A public utility, by which I mean an electric, gas, water, trolley, or other company, is not regulated by competition. The people themselves, through charters given freely but sometimes worth millions of dollars, permit public service companies to be monopolies, each with the whole field to itself.

"Unless they are regulated by honest and effective public service commissions they run wild, as most of the public utilities of America have done, and grab every last cent the traffic will bear."

"According to the law, public utilities are kept in bounds, if they are kept in bounds at all, by public service commissions. Pinchot continued. "The power of the public utilities to take many hundreds of millions of dollars a year from the people in unjustified rates depends on their having public service commissions that are willing to let them do it. To control public service commissions they must control the power that appoints them, so that commissioners friendly to them will be appointed."

"In this way they get into politics and they are in politics all over America. The immense interest they have in an election of a man was well shown in the tremendous effort they put forth last fall to elect a governor in Pennsylvania satisfactory to them. Only the most universal interest in this question on the part of Pennsylvania voters prevented their success."

"Public utilities, like the Pennsylvania railroad, are in politics not only on a state-wide basis, but they are kept in city and national politics also. Their effort is to control not only the governor and the legislature, but officials important to them in many cities and counties. And this effort to control extends outside of state boundaries to the national congress at Washington."

### Banker Menaced With Death If \$10,000 Unpaid

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Feb. 16.—A blackmail plot to extort \$10,000 under threat of death from Joseph Allen Skinner, Holyoke silk manufacturer, was revealed today.

At the same time, authorities announced that after a two months' investigation, they had traced the authorship of two threatening letters to a "youth of high school age."

### Commission to Meet Here at 8 p. m. Tuesday

The city commission will meet for the regular weekly session on Tuesday night at the city hall.

It is expected that the commission will take up the consideration of the gas situation which has occasioned numerous complaints and resulted in a statement being issued by the gas company.

MANY JAPS ARE SUICIDES. TOKIO, Japan.—Over 150 Japanese committed suicide during January, 1931, according to police figures. Despondency because of hard times was blamed for a majority of the tragedies. Suicides in 1930 numbered 1,700.

### GAS BILLS IN OTHER TOWNS LIVE TOPICS

CISCO, Feb. 16.—The average gas bill in Cisco for last month was only 7.18 per cent less than for January a year ago, although the past month was one of the mildest Januaries ever known while January, 1930, was the coldest in 30 years.

A comparison of the gas bills of 75 representative consumers, selected by a committee named by Mayor J. M. Williamson showed that the bills last month were just a fraction under those for a year ago. In fact, 30 of the 75 had larger bills for last month than for January a year ago but 45 had smaller bills this year.

Mayor Williamson has announced that Cisco will participate in the gas conference to be held in Abilene. He declared that local investigations will not provide a remedy for the condition, beyond revealing certain facts which are necessary to a proper consideration of the question but that whatever action is taken must be more comprehensive in scope. He said that he is considering a definite recommendation to present at the Abilene meeting.

MINERAL WELLS, Feb. 16.—Investigation of the gas situation in Mineral Wells declined Mayor Brown. The mayor said:

While the investigation, to the present time, has not brought to light the reason for the increase, I am not satisfied and I am inclined to believe that something is or was wrong, and that many of the people are right when they claim that their gas bill should have been so high. The investigation will not be dropped. Further investigations will be made by the city in an attempt to arrive at some definite conclusion in the matter.

"In the future the city engineer will test the pressure and heat units at frequent intervals in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of this last situation. Equipment has been purchased to make the tests even easier to make. The expense of employing a chemical engineer as was the case this last few days.

"This same question is puzzling other cities throughout Texas, while in other communities there has been no increase. Some have even lowered their rates. Houston, Breckenridge, Ranger, Lubbock, Stamford—in fact practically all of West Texas, have the same complaints and are making similar investigations. Mineral Wells is keeping in touch with a number of these cities and asking for their assistance by giving information concerning their investigations.

"There are other things to be finished by the city before the gas question will be dropped and, speaking for myself and the other members of the commission, we shall continue in our efforts to figure out the trouble until every resource has been exhausted.

"A number of gas consumers are of the opinion that air is being mixed with the gas. There was no evidence to substantiate claim it can be done, that it would cause an explosion. We do not know.

"I am heartily in sympathy with the people in their protests against the increased charges during December-January. Records prove that the weather for the two months was ten degrees warmer as a whole taking from Dec. 1 to Jan. 31. And I promise the people the whole-hearted support of the City of Mineral Wells in a continued effort to find the trouble and to attempt to see that such an increase does not happen again if constant testing can prevent it. A further report will be given later."

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### HIGHWAY COMMISSION MAY BECOME ELECTIVE

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—House members revolted against committee action in this morning's session of the Texas legislature and ordered the printing of four bills that had been reported unfavorably by committee. In only one vote was an adverse committee sustained.

Among those ordered printed was the proposal to make the state highway commission elective.

This proposal had been reported adversely by a committee by a vote of 12 to 7 after a hearing in which it was argued that in an election of highway commission-

### FLAMES ARE FOUGHT FOR SEVEN HOURS

#### S. & H. Store and the Seely Drug Store Worst Damaged.

The most destructive fire that Ranger has witnessed in months raged for hours early Sunday morning in the Queen building fronting on Main street.

The places of business that felt the fury of the flames were: S. & H. store, Seely Drug Store, Sanitary Barber shop, Smoke caused damage in the Shoppe Moderne and the spread of the flames caused the removal of records and furniture from the Ranger Building & Loan office.

No estimate as to the loss was obtainable but will run well into the thousands of dollars.

Damage to the building was thought to be at least \$2,000.

The stock of the S. & H. store sustained the heaviest damage while much of the stock of the Seely Drug store was damaged.

The building is owned by Nolan Queen of Weatherford.

At 12:20 o'clock Sunday morning, the alarm was turned in and Chief Murphy and his fire-fighters were kept busy combating the flames until 7:10 a. m. It was one of the most stubborn fires in the history of Ranger.

A watchman hearing a crash of glass thought someone was trying to break into the S. & H. store but saw that flames had burst the glass in a rear door and was sweeping upward.

The fire made its way into the ceiling of the building and crept on through the ceiling of the locations occupied by the drug store and the barber shop. In order to reach the flames, the firemen had to tear away sections of the ceiling.

### BURGLARIES TAKE PLACE IN RANGER

Almost an epidemic of petty burglaries broke out in Ranger Sunday night.

Three robberies were reported to the police.

The Humble filling station at the corner of East Main and Oak streets was entered by breaking a window and eight one-half gallon cans of motor oil were taken.

Two offices were entered in the office building at the corner of Main and Rusk street. The office of L. H. Flewelling and the office of Conway Bros., were visited by the burglars. Only a small amount of stamps and money was obtained.

### OLD RING RECOVERED. MARSFIELD, Ore.—A wedding ring lost in the waters of Coos bay near Empire 40 years ago by the mother of Mrs. Johansen of Marshfield, was recently found by E. A. McNair, boom tender.

### YOU NEVER CAN TELL!



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Turn to the comic page today. The fun already has started—if "fun" is the right word.



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A WOMAN WITH A MIND OF HER OWN.

There are women who have the courage of conviction. Tennessee's evolution law found no favor with Miss Frances Andrews, scientist during her life, and at death she provided her nephew's children should be educated beyond its influence. The will of the 90-year-old botanist who died last month has been probated and one provision gives her nephew, Andrew B. Andrews of Dayton, Tenn., \$2000 to educate his children "in order that their minds may not be dwarfed by the antiquated educational laws of Tennessee."

Dayton was the scene of the famous Scopes evolution trial. It was there that the late William Jennings Bryan thundered against the gospel of evolution and was subjected to the most merciless cross-examination of his life by the most thorough and sarcastic lawyer of his age and an independent thinker, Clarence Darrow. From that trial the golden-tongued orator and prince of peace went to his grave. It is impossible to slay truth. Time destroys errors: For ages and ages the Bible has been the most widely-read and the most thoroughly studied of all the literature of the ages. It remains the best seller of all time and it is found in more households, Christian and non-Christian, than all the books of all the creeds known to mankind. It does not need statutes to sustain it. It does not need man-made laws to keep it from crumbling. All the evolution laws ever enacted have only tended to increase the sale of works of scientists and books and essays and sermons dealing with the gospel of evolution. Proscribe a book and it is read. If its teachings are false it perishes of its own weight. In other words the human mind cannot be placed in steel bands or straight-jackets.

An inquirer for truth is going to read and judge for himself. This has been the story of the centuries and throughout the ages the Bible has never been displaced from the libraries and the households of the hundreds of millions of mankind who speak all tongues and who represent all nationalities. It still remains imperishable literature regardless of the histories of all creeds and the tenets of all organizations founded upon the doctrine of spiritual life here and hereafter and the value of spiritual life not only here but beyond the grave.

TEXANS SHOULD KNOW THEIR TEXAS.

Now the Public Service Information Bureaus are telling of prosperity in east Texas. For instance: Longview and Gregg counties seem to be in for a big play in oil, following bringing in of the discovery well on the F. K. Lathrop place with an estimated production of 30,000 barrels a day. The Bateman well, near Kilgore, is estimated at 23,000 barrels and spending of a million dollars for pipeline and refinery construction is one of the early major results in sight. With new oil and gas discoveries and the hope for early development of the iron ore deposits known to exist in a number of counties in that section east Texas promises a lot of new prosperity within the next few months.

For instance—again: Fort Worth is preparing for the 1931 wheat crop by starting construction on two new elevators, one of 1,000,000 bushels, and the other of 750,000 bushel capacity, with a second 1,000,000 bushel unit problem. There is a very large acreage planted to wheat in the Panhandle and Plains sections of Texas. Wheat is harvested early in Texas; it is marketed early. It may place a lot of new money in the pockets of West Texans in the early summer months of the year. There is another big building project on.

Tidewater interurban is to expend \$6,000,000 on a line from Houston to Port Arthur. Right of way is said to have been secured and grading started and a promise of completion before the end of 1931. Interurban building does not appear to be dead in the lower country.

CURB ON TONGUES DEMANDED.

Representative Fort, republican of New Jersey, has called for a new rule to curb the tongues of national solons. He would padlock the lips of congressmen who use constitutional immunity to protect them from prosecution for speeches they make. He denounced national lawmakers of this type as assassins of character. He declared he was opposed to immunity for slanderous attacks. He asserted such a change was more needed in the senate than in the house. Under the present rules he said, "I can call a man a thief on the floor of the house and that statement will get wide circulation through the congressional records and the press but he has no chance even to ask me why I said it."

Why a padlock on the tongue of a national lawmaker? If he is guilty of gross slander or infamous libel on a brother member his seat should be declared vacant by his brother members who believe in fair play and who never strike a blow "below the belt."

MARKET REPORTS

Table with market reports for various stocks and commodities including Am Pwr & Light, Am Tel & Tel, Anaconda, etc.

SIX ARE SAVED FROM SNOWSTORM AFTER TWO DAYS

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 16. Imprisoned by 10-foot snowdrifts since Saturday, five men and a woman were rescued today from a tiny schoolhouse between Chateau Gay and Ellenberg where they had taken refuge. The rescue was effected by highway crews who battled through the drifts as the word was brought in this morning of the snowbound party.

ON SAME BENCH 60 YEARS

BOSTON.—If you had violated the law in Dorchester in 1870 you would have been arraigned before District Judge Joseph R. Churchill. If you violate the law today you will face the same judge. He recently completed his 60th year on the Dorchester district bench.

135 POUNDS GUARDS 250 SEATTLE.—An amusing sight for Kirkland residents was the spectacle of Louis Kessler, 135-pound deputy sheriff, standing guard over Sydney Sanders, lone inhabitant of Kirkland's stockade, who weighs more than 250 pounds and stands 6 feet, 8 inches.

Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting!



'HAMLET' TO BE GIVEN IN THIS CITY TONIGHT

Tonight at Ranger high school auditorium, William Thornton and the Shakespeare Guild of America repertory company will present their production of "Hamlet," greatest of all tragedies, under the auspices of the Ranger high school. This is the most elaborate of all the Shakespeare Guild productions and the one which has attracted packed houses wherever the company has appeared in Texas.

For more than three centuries, "Hamlet" has been the vehicle of the great tragedians of the stage and in the enactment of the title role of the Prince of Denmark, a galaxy of celebrities have climbed to the pinnacle of histrionic fame. Following in the footsteps of many illustrious predecessors comes William Thornton to essay this famous stage role and it is said that his exposition of the royal youth who upset a kingdom to avenge the murder of his royal father is furnishing one of the most talked of theatrical achievements of the year.

The Shakespeare Guild of America has surrounded its chief celebrity with an exceptional cast of experienced exponents of Shakespearean drama including the noted actress, Mary Marland, whose Gertrude, Queen of the Danes, is a remarkable portrayal of a role which has tested the capabilities of many an actress. Alfred Aldridge, the veteran character actor, is seen in the role of Polonius, the dispenser of wisdom and subtle humor and again in the famous graveyard scene, as the first gravedigger. Mr. Aldridge brings his character acting to its full power and furnishes in collaboration with Malcolm Jelks much of the comedy of the play.

Sherwood Walgamott, as the ponderous King of Denmark whose rank perfidy culminates in his murder at the hand of "Hamlet" will appear next season in Shakespearean repertoire in Germany along with Ann Crosby, whose performance as the Player Queen is a notable contribution to the success



William Thornton, as "Hamlet" in the title role of the greatest of all tragedies, which will be presented in the high school auditorium tonight by the repertory company of the Shakespeare Guild of America.

this production has enjoyed. Ruth Neely as Ophelia, the mad heroine, and Alfred Jenkin, the Australian actor, as Horatio, are veterans of the stage and the Laeres of Myron Beggs has received much critical commendation.

The entire production of "Hamlet" was created by Mr. Thornton and the lighting effects were evolved by Robert Shaw, chief technician of the company. The costuming is said to be a faithful

representation of the dress of the ninth century and the properties brought from England and Germany by Warren Page, property master of the Shakespeare Guild, are said to be the most complete assortment ever carried by a

Chicago Jeweler Seriously Wounded

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Philip A. Barnett, president of an exclusive South Michigan avenue jewelry firm, shot himself shortly before noon today in the vault of the Congress Trust & Savings bank, a short distance from his shop. He was in a critical condition from a wound in the right temple, it was said at a hospital.

SOCIAL CLUB TO HOLD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

The Ladies Society club of the Lone Star Gas company will meet on Feb. 18 at the home of Mrs. Roy Moore with Mrs. J. E. Craig joint hostess. The last meeting was held in the clubroom with Mrs. Joe Coffman and Mrs. Van Trees hostesses. After an enjoyable afternoon, refreshments were served.

Shakespearean company.

The Guild players arrived last night from Abilene and the motor entourage in charge of Chandler Kerr, transportation manager, will leave early tomorrow for Waco. The company will be presented in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, Denton and San Antonio before leaving Texas for eastern engagements.

NEGRO WON'T RESIGN AS A DALLAS JUROR

By United Press.

DALLAS, Feb. 16.—Race feeling was high at the courthouse here today when James Arbuckle, negro huckster, was selected a juror by mistake and refused to let authorities excuse him. Arbuckle also refused to heed remonstrances of his fellow jurors and as no legal means of removing him was discovered immediately, he was allowed to remain. Arbuckle was summoned along with 300 others in the jury panel for the week. He passed unnoticed in the throng and was sworn.

Escaped Texas Convict Found Hunting a Job

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Frank Mueck, escaped Texas convict, was arrested today at the offices of the emergency employment commission. Mueck admitted he had es-

caped from the Huntsville penitentiary Jan. 25 after serving eight years of a 20-year sentence for murder.

THREE GUNS DIDN'T HELP SEATTLE—John Gamble, town marshal of Bothell, always kept three guns within easy reach at his gasoline service station, but he was unable to get any of them when a bandit hit him over the head and robbed him of \$60.

Don't Go to Extremes To End Constipation

When bad breath, or a coated tongue, biliousness or headaches warn of constipation, don't take violent purgatives. There's no use when a candy Cascarets will stop the trouble in a jiffy; will cleanse your system pleasantly, and completely.

The relief you get so promptly from Cascarets is lasting. Cascarets are made from cascara, a substance which medical authorities agree actually strengthens the bowel muscles.

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Health Officer, Poultney, Vermont

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Included in the service was the following verse from the Bible (Isaiah 26:9): "With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early; for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."  
The following citation from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, was also included in the lesson-sermon: "It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony. Truth will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and pains of sense for the joys of Soul" (page 390).

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By Blosser



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# For GINGER'S SAKE

**BEGIN HERE TODAY**  
Ginger Ella Tolliver, daughter of a minister and stepdaughter of the wealthy and indulgent former Phil Van Doorn, organized a Junior Country Club in the town of Red Thrush, Iowa, just to keep the younger set from becoming too dull. Accordingly, she purchased an old farm house and remodeled it.

Bard Holloway, a young artist, who was hobnobbing around the country, stopped in Red Thrush. Attracted by Ginger, he agreed to stay and paint portraits and decorate the new club house. He gave the name "Joie de Vire" to the club, and he suggested sending to Chicago for Nicolo Calleno, who could cook and sing and strum a guitar.

But Nicolo could not come. In his place there arrived three of his countrymen. Angelo was a musician; Pietro could cook, and Benito could sing. Ginger took them on.

Bard began to realize he was in love with Ginger. He suggested leaving. But Phil, knowing Ginger, persuaded him to remain longer as the Tollivers' guest. But for Ginger's good she wrote to Speed Roney, a former friend of Ginger's, and invited him to visit them. She felt he would give Bard some competition. Ginger thereupon invited Patty Sears to take care of the club. But a party would come, pleading loyalty to Eddy Jackson. Whereupon Ginger went to Eddy about it. Getting word that Speed was bringing his sister, she persuaded both Eddy and Patty to come.

And Eddy decided to ball things up by making life miserable for Ginger. Meanwhile Benito had made a trip to Chicago and returned with a plan to kidnap Ginger.

Speed and his sister arrive. Her name is COTTON, and she is not at all like the girl Ginger expected to see. Ginger was little fearful that Cotton would prove very attractive to Bard. Eddy arranges for Bard and Cotton to be together. Patty he paired off with Speed, and Eddy stuck with Ginger. Speed, under a wrong impression, tells Bard that Ginger and Eddy are in love. Bard makes plans to leave.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY**  
CHAPTER XXIX  
Bard got up quickly and tossed canvas and paints carelessly into the car. Jenky called to him to wait and have a word with her, but he shook his head.

Bento roared down from his attic window to come up and see the eggs in the loves' nest, but there was no heart in Bard for the marital wooing of doves. He flung himself into the car and bumped noisily off down the lane.

As he wheezed up to Doorndee, his eyes eagerly swept the group on the veranda—sought confirmation of his hopes in Ginger's eyes—denial of Speed's report.

Cotton and Patty were sitting cross-legged on cushions on the floor, with Speed lying full length between them, his head in Cotton's lap, her hands touching his hair. Ginger was with Eddy in the porch swing, and Eddy was reading jokes aloud.

Ginger's bright head was resting on her arm on the bark of the swing, and though she looked up at sound of the Trap she did not smile. Whether she came meant nothing to her. The others ran joyously down to ride out to the garage on the flapping running-boards, but she remained quietly in the porch swing with Eddy.

From that moment, Bard devoted himself to the surprised and unconcerned Cotton with a great show of infatuation. His sudden perfidy had no apparent effect on Ginger, who was too low already to be further cast down. And curiously enough, although in the pressure of his attentions Cotton had now no further opportunity to force her own upon Eddy Jackson, Speed was still not satisfied and his sullenness increased by the hour.

Poor Patty, a prey to his politeness, lapsed into sorry speechlessness, while Cotton, under Ginger's gentle forbearance, watched and snubbed by Speed, publicly courted by Bard and teased by Eddy, developed a giggling hysteria which she could not control.

Yet on the surface there was laughter and light talk among them, there was music for their dancing feet, there were gay games and boisterous triumphs.

"Aren't they having fun?" said Father Tolliver factuously. "I like a houseful of boys and girls. It's like the old life in the parsonage. What a good time they are having!"

"You think so?" asked Phil drearly. "Seems to me I never saw a stupider crowd in my life. Everything's in a perfect mess, and no body knows how it got there, nor how to get it out."

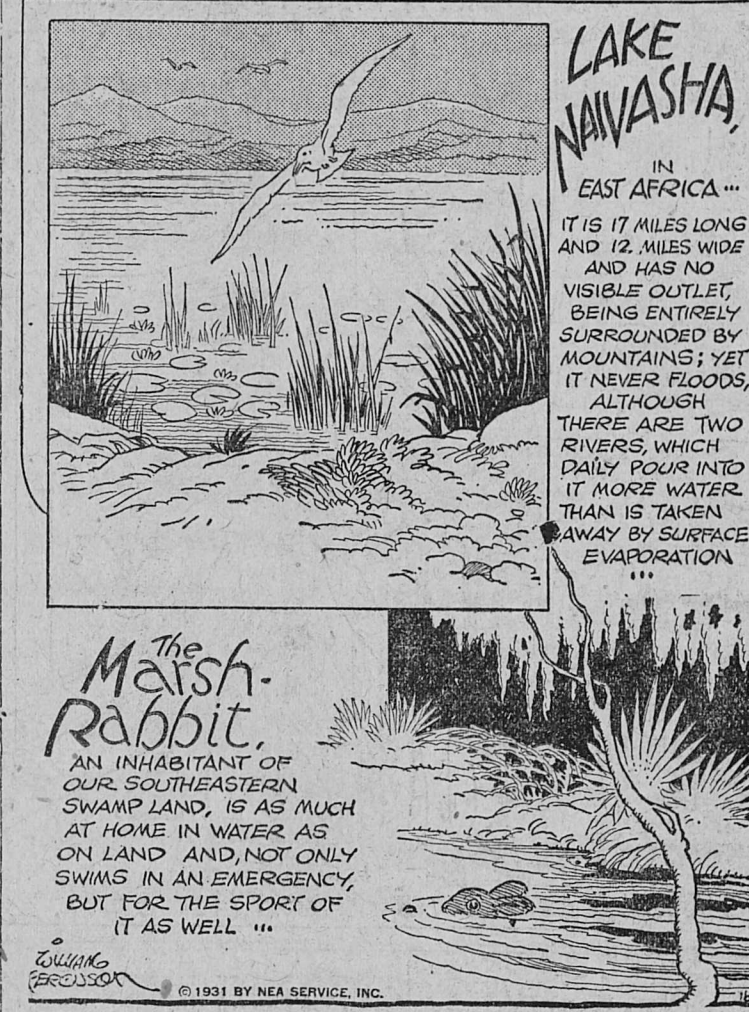
By Friday, she felt that she could not endure the strain another moment. The mock merriment had become funeral, and she told Ginger frankly that if she didn't get them all out of the house for a while and give her a chance to untie her knotted nerves, she was likely to go after some one with the butcher-knife.

"All right," assented Ginger gently. "We'll go to Mill Rush right after breakfast and make it a day. We'll have some people out to dance tonight and won't come home till midnight. We can't be any more miserable there than we are here, and you do need a rest."

Eddy cheerfully herded them into the cars—Cotton, as usual, in the Rattletrap with Bard, his own car continuing in its state of complete demolition—and they started out.

Immediately Bard was alone with Cotton he left off his show of devotion and lapsed into a moody silence, while she for her part seemed glad of a chance to relax and think quietly. For sev-

## MOTHER NATURE'S CURIO SHOP



**The Marsh-Rabbit.**  
AN INHABITANT OF OUR SOUTHEASTERN SWAMP LAND, IS AS MUCH AT HOME IN WATER AS ON LAND AND NOT ONLY SWIMS IN AN EMERGENCY, BUT FOR THE SPORT OF IT AS WELL...

eral miles they drove in silence. "Excuse me for being so stupid," she said at last. "I do not mean to be rude but I feel very badly. Speed is just furious at me."

"Why?" he asked, not with any real interest in her troubles but because something seemed to be expected of him.

"I don't know. I am doing exactly what he told me to, and heaven knows I am not enjoying it. But he won't speak to me."

Bard smiled at her. "You're a nice kid," he said. "Don't worry your head about it. After all, he's only your brother."

"But I can't bear him—for anybody—to be so angry with me. I wish I hadn't seen."

"So do I—I mean, I wish I hadn't."

They were wretchedly silent for a while. "Tell you what," he said, pulling himself out of his depression and really wishing to cheer her up. "when we get out there, why don't you take him off by himself and make him tell you what's on his mind. He's probably got a peeve about some little thing and is just taking it out on you. Probably mad because Ginger is—so wrapped up in Eddy—or something. I think he would like to get a break there himself, but Eddy is such a hair-shirt nobody can get a word in edgewise."

"Speed doesn't want Ginger," said Cotton. "Whatever it is, it isn't that. You needn't think he's jealous of Eddy just because you are."

"Listen," said Bard dully. "I'm too low to argue. Have it out with Speed or not, just as you like. I don't care a tinker's dam, one way or the other."

In the rumble seat of the other car, Patty and Speed sat in complete and frigid silence. When a swerve of the car swung him against her, he drew himself up with a cold "Pardon me," to which the downcast girl could only nod a troubled head.

But in the front seat Eddy Jackson at Ginger's side kept up a breezy account of his plans for the day.

"It was a great idea, getting us out here alone," he said, "where we can commune with our inner souls and those we love best and what-have-you. Let's make a great old day of it. We probably won't see much of Cotton and Bard—I think I heard them planning to lose themselves in the woods. But we four'll jazz together and make it a day to remember."

Ginger turned sad blue eyes on him and said nothing.

Cotton had more than her share of determination and once she had fully made up her mind to a course of action it would require more than the mere maneuvering of Eddy Jackson to deter her. The instant Bard shook open the door of the Rattletrap, she was out of her seat and running back to the Dido, and before Ginger had even turned the key in the lock, she had Speed's hand in hers.

"Speed," she said firmly, paying not the slightest heed to Ben and Jenky waving gay greetings from the porch, nor to Benito booming a welcome from beside a bird-house in the wood; no heed to Pietro gazing up from the open door of the cellar where he spent a great deal of time looking after what he called his fruit sirups and ciders, nor to little Angelo capering clumsily about them under foot. "Speed, you come with me. I have something to say to you."

Speed withdrew his hand. "His manner was politely cold. 'I'm

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Miss Faye Hock was the Sunday guest of Miss Billie Harris of Eastland.

D. W. Ingram of Dallas spent the week-end in Ranger, guest at the Gholson hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell and daughter, Cecelia Shelline, were Dublin visitors yesterday.

Miss Ella Joe Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baker, is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Doyle have returned to their home in McCamey, following a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moake of Weatherford spent the week-end in Ranger, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Glazner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Holloway of Brownwood were week-end guests of Mr. Holloway's parents, Prof. and Mrs. R. F. Holloway.

Hal Avent left yesterday for Dallas, where he will remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avent had as house guests over the week-end, their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Thomas and her husband, of Brownwood.

Miss Helen Estep of San Saba is visiting in Ranger as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pettitt.

Mrs. Herbert J. Stafford and children have returned home following a visit in Dallas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Palmer and family.

Mrs. Stafford was accompanied home by Mr. Stafford, who has been a business visitor in Longview, Tyler and other East Texas cities.

The following Ranger guests will attend the Paderewski concert which will be held at Simmons university in Abilene tonight: Mrs. W. R. Clardy, Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, Evelyn Long, Dorothy Outlaw, James McGlothlin, Arthur Vaughn, Mary Helen Childs, Clara June Kimble of Eastland, and Olga Mitchell.

Miss Lillian Ervin is ill at her home this week suffering from an attack of flu.

The aged. Thus, a single man who supports in his home an aged mother and two sisters 14 and 16 years of age is entitled to a total exemption and credit of \$4,700.

The \$400 credit, however, does not apply to husband or wife, though one may be totally dependent upon the other.

It should be remembered that every single person, whether or not the head of a family, is required to file an income-tax return if his or her net income for 1930 was \$1,500 or more.

The fact that the exemption may obviate the net income does not obviate this requirement.

Not infrequently returns are received from two or more members of a family, each claiming the exemption of \$3,500 as the "head." The exemption can be granted only to one person and it can not be divided.

For income-tax purposes, there can be only one "head of a family."

A head of a family, as defined by income-tax regulations, is a "person who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more persons who are closely connected with him (or her) by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption, and whose right to exercise family control and provide for these dependent individuals is based upon some moral or legal obligation."

Such person is granted the same personal exemption of \$3,500 allowed a married person. Also, he may claim a credit of \$400 for each dependent, if the dependent is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

The term "mentally or physically defective" includes not only cripples and those mentally defective, but persons in ill health, or

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Having been officially apologized to by the United States government for the remarks of General Smedley Butler, Premier Mussolini of Italy is quite himself again...

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By FRANCES PAGET. Copyright, 1931, by Style Sources. PALM BEACH, Feb. 16—Those who gathered at the Florida embassy on Saturday evening to dine under the new gay blue and yellow awnings...

Mr. Orsun Munn's young daughter, Mrs. George Glazebrook, on her wedding trip here, wore a sheer gold metal frock trimmed with brown fur and with a jacket of brown velvet.

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KOKOMO NEWS

Special to the Times. KOKOMO, Feb. 14—The farmers of this community met at the school house Tuesday night for the purpose of discussing the market at Eastland. Joe Driskell and J. C. Patterson were the speakers.

Miss Ruth Ramey was also present for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Club. The ladies will meet again Monday afternoon at the school house for further discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bender of Hamlin visited relatives in this community the first of the week.

The school teachers C. G. Morton and Miss Mackie Broselow visited their parents in DeLeon over the week-end.

J. D. McNeely is unable to attend school this week on the account of illness.

Wardene Wharton is on the sick list. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shuggart was buried at the Simpson cemetery last Friday afternoon. The Rev. Willie Skraggs of DeLeon conducted the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett of the Pampa visited Mrs. Garrett's brother in Jordan the first of the week.

You have to step carefully, says the office sage, to make your foot-prints on the sands of time.

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