

LEGISLATURE RESCINDS ADJOURNMENT VOTE

Fatty Arbuckle, arrested recently, was given a sobriety test and was found sober as a judge. What judge?

SCOUT FUND DRIVE NOW HALF OVER

All committees were at work today securing funds and pledges for the Boy Scout fund to keep the work going on in Ranger during the next year. Some of the committees have almost completed their work, one having secured more than their quota, while others have made but little headway.

A complete check of the amount of pledges was made and a list of all who had donated toward the fund by 10 o'clock this morning was made out and the amount given or pledged in each instance was recorded. The pledges totaled \$228 with \$255 in cash received.

One committee which did not get out at all on Monday started to work this morning and is striving to complete the rounds of their zone in an effort to fill their quota on time.

The list of pledges and cash (Continued on page two.)

Scoutmasters Training Class Meets Monday

The members of the Scoutmasters' training class met at the American Legion hall, Ranger, Monday night and took the second course in the six-course training period. One or two members of the class who were unable to be present and one new member was added.

The prospective scoutmasters entered into the spirit of the meeting like true boy scouts and got a lot of real pleasure out of the meeting as well as learning more about scouting and the work that is done by the organization.

One piece of unfinished business was carried over to the next meeting when a discussion arose as to whether the Boy Scouts was a charitable organization, some contending that it was and some saying that it was not. Guy Quill left it up to the members of the class to decide the question for themselves during the week and the question is to be thrashed out at the next meeting.

Junior College Freshmen Elect Officers for Year

At a meeting Monday afternoon the officers for the coming year were elected by the freshman class of Ranger Junior college. The representatives elected by the students were:

President, Ellis Power; vice president, Layne Turner; secretary, Lucille Grant; treasurer, Carlos Turner; press reporter, Ed Kliever.

The freshman class is larger by far than ever before. The students and their sponsor, Miss Parker, have high hopes for a successful and eventful year. Plans have been made for the organization of several clubs to add to the outlook for the coming year.

Railroad Crossing Is Being Rebuilt

The Texas and Pacific railroad is installing a new crossing at the foot of Main street where their tracks cross the Ranger thoroughfare. Four section crews are at work on the crossing and it is expected that the work will be completed in a day and a half.

The 20 men at work on the crossing were made happy yesterday afternoon when the paymaster's car came in from Baird and the paymaster handed each man a pay check.

A. N. Larson's Mother Dies In Wisconsin

Mrs. L. O. Larson, mother of A. N. Larson of Ranger, died at her home in Rhinelander, Wis., Monday afternoon at 4:25, following an operation for appendicitis. She is survived by her husband and six sons and three daughters.

Funeral services will be conducted at Rhinelander on Thursday afternoon.

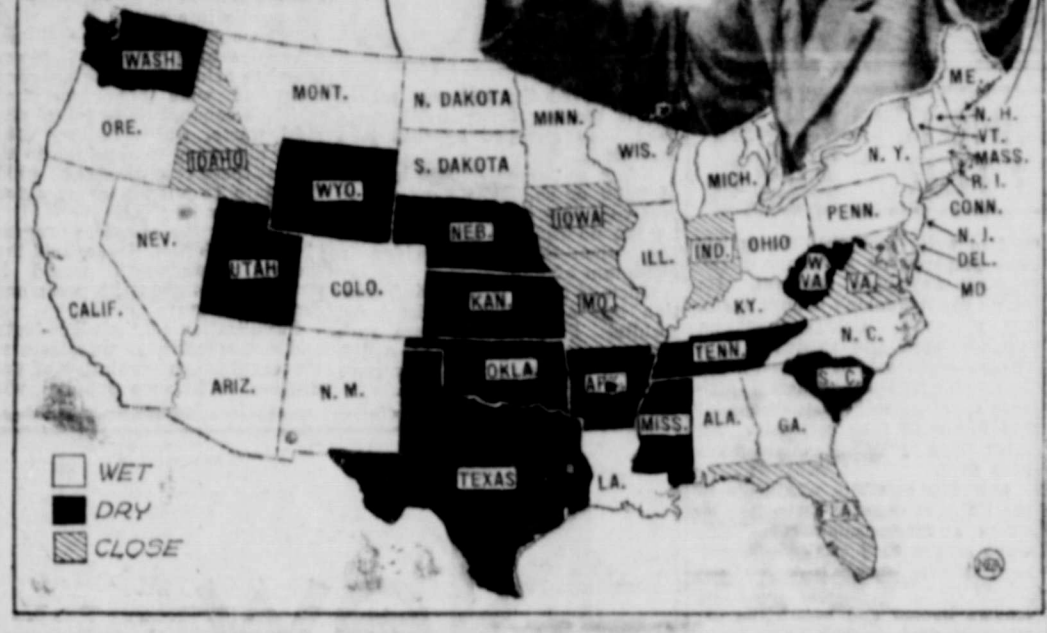
Mr. Larson will be unable to attend the services. Mr. and Mrs. Larson and children visited his parents three months ago.

LIQUOR IN HOT WATER BOTTLES

MORILE, Ala.—Two hot water bottles swinging from the handle bars of a bicycle aroused the suspicion of detectives and they overhauled the peddler. The bottles contained liquor, and Wills Huff, negro, went to jail.

HOW AMERICAN LEGION VOTED FOR BEER BY DISCLOSE WET SENTIMENT OF THE WAR VETERANS FROM COAST TO COAST STATES AT DETROIT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Here is how the American Legion voted by states on a resolution calling on Congress to hold a nation-wide poll to repeal or modify the 18th (prohibition) amendment. The vote by delegates was 1098 to 394 in favor of repeal or modification. A legend explaining the shading of this map appears lower left. At the right is a typical Legionnaire enjoying his beer at Windsor, Ont., across the river from the national convention at Detroit.



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Association Takes Stand Against Resource Waste

Special Correspondent.
FORT WORTH—Opponents of conservation methods in the petroleum industry today found a staunch adversary in the Texas Oil & Gas Association, new organization formed through the cooperative efforts of five bodies representative of a large majority of the state's oil operators, royalty, lease and land owners.

The association, headquartered in Fort Worth, is representative of the membership of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association; the Texas Oil Emergency Committee; the East Texas Steering Committee; the San Antonio Independent Producers, and the East Texas Home and Land Owners association.

"This organization," declared Chas. F. Roesser, acting president, "has taken a definite and positive stand against the dissipation of Texas' natural resources, through wide open operation or otherwise. It proposes to promote measures which will lead to equitable and stabilizing operation methods for the benefit of not only the oil industry, but the state and its people."

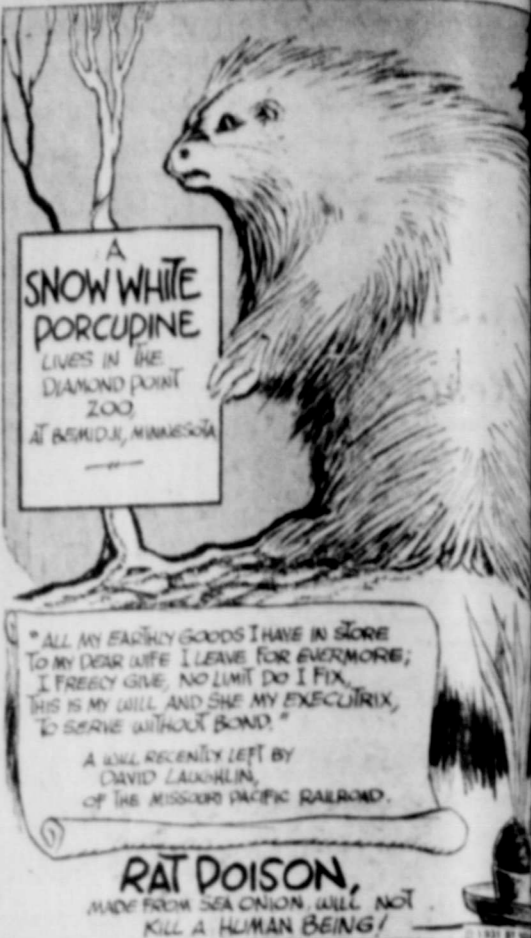
"The membership of the association is unequivocally opposed to those forces which desire the continuance of the industry on a basis which has resulted in its near-demoralization, deprived the state of revenue by taxation, injured the rights of royalty, lease, and land owners and been detrimental to the public interest."

"Through informative and any other desirable methods, it is proposed to bring about the abandonment of wide open operation, which is conducive to actual physical waste, and take any other steps necessary to conserve to the utmost these resources upon which the state to such a great extent depends for its wealth."

Outlining the complete program of the association, Roesser said that the six points which would be stressed throughout its permanent campaign were:

Stabilization of the oil industry and conservation of petroleum resources through regulation of production to balance supply with

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current demand and through ratable taking from all producers.

Fair treatment for all oil producers and royalty owners, large or small.

Fair, equitable and fearless enforcement of all conservation laws, industry for the benefit of taxable values, the common school fund and the University of Texas.

The maintenance of employment for labor and for the stabilization of business in general through better conditions in the oil industry.

The enactment of adequate conservation laws that will insure the accomplishment of all purposes.

It was pointed out that beneficial effects that might have upon the lines of business. Many bankers, and directly interested in the industry have approved the plan, which should be of value.

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Scout Fund Drive
 (Continued from page 1)

- payments made yesterday were as follows:
- C. A. Purser, \$1.
 - Morris Leveille, \$5.
 - T. J. Anderson, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - C. A. Smith, \$2.50.
 - West Texas Clinic, \$10.
 - Dr. G. E. Haslam, \$5.
 - Dr. T. L. Landerdale, \$5.
 - Dr. J. B. Miles, p. \$5.
 - Dr. P. M. Kuykendall, \$5.
 - Dr. Shirey, p. \$5.
 - Joe Martin, p. \$2.50.
 - B. S. Lemma, p. \$2.50.
 - Wm. N. McDonald Plumbing Co., \$5.
 - T. P. Service Station, p. \$5.
 - Ranger Steam Laundry, p. \$10.
 - Trescott's Store, p. \$2.50.
 - Golden, Florist, p. \$5, c. \$1.
 - Paramount Pharmacy, p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - Paramount Hotel, p. \$5, c. \$2.50.
 - The Globe, Inc., p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - C. E. May, \$5.
 - E. A. Ringold, \$5.
 - Mrs. Susan Hunt, \$2.
 - Davis Jewelry Co., \$5.
 - Hassen Dry Goods Co., p. \$12.50, c. \$2.50.
 - Prompt Printery, p. \$5.00.
 - Ranger Furniture Exchange, p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - E. H. Mills, \$2.50.
 - M. H. Mills, \$2.50.
 - Robinson's Auto Supply Co., \$5.
 - Oilbelt Motor Co., \$5.
 - Chas. J. Moore, p. \$5, c. \$1.
 - M. E. Newnam, \$5.
 - Speed's Bakery, \$10.
 - Fosney Cash Grocery, \$1.
 - J. L. Sumrall, \$2.50.
 - Judge J. N. McFatter, \$1.
 - J. M. Robinson, \$1.
 - E. L. Martin, \$5c.
 - Ranger Shoe Hospital, \$1.
 - Killingsworth-Cox & Co., p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - Tri-Me Sandwich Shop, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - Greer Bros. Repair Shop, p. \$1, c. \$1.
 - Lattie Davenport, \$1.50.
 - Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - Dr. A. K. Wier, \$1.
 - Deffebach's Garage, \$2.50.
 - Mrs. Alice True, \$1.
 - B. A. Tunnell, \$2.
 - Con Hartnett, \$5.
 - R. L. Balch, \$1.
 - Graham Mill & Elevator, p. \$10.
 - Tom Carpenter, p. \$2.50.
 - Mr. Johnson, p. \$5.
 - Leimley's Service Station, \$5.
 - Wei-Kum-Inn Eat Place, p. \$4, c. \$1.
 - Southern Ice & Utilities Co., \$10.
 - Superior Refining Co., \$10.
 - Jack Clements, \$3.
 - C. B. Pruet, p. \$5.
 - T. A. Tane, p. \$2.50.
 - Dr. E. R. Green, \$1.
 - J. H. Howlett, \$5.
 - Blue Bird Inn, \$1.
 - T. D. Martin's Feed Store, \$2.50.
 - Bill Fagle, p. \$2.50.
 - Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Woods, \$2.
 - Mr. Ford, agent, p. \$1.50.
 - Brasil Harmon, \$1.
 - Texas Drug Store, \$2.50.
 - Jake Ralston, \$1.
 - J. C. Penney Co., p. \$25, c. \$10.
 - Edwin George Jr., \$2.50.
 - Preston Burks, \$1.
 - Bill's Dry Cleaners, p. \$5.
 - Ranger Battery & Tire Co., \$5.
 - Chambers Service Station, \$1.
 - Post Office Confectionery, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - Post Office Grocery, p. \$2.
 - Gulf Service Station, Commerce street, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - West Texas Barbecue Stand, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - Rev. H. H. Stephens, p. \$5, c. \$2.50.
 - Miss Mabel Wood, p. \$2.50, c. \$1.
 - Ray Jameson, \$2.50.
 - Pearl Cox, \$2.
 - Simmons Service Station, p. \$3, c. \$1.
 - H. D. Reese, p. \$3.50, c. \$1.
 - William Denman, \$1.
 - R. J. Stevenson, \$1.
 - Thomas F. Hannegan, \$5.
 - E. L. Norris, \$1.
 - George T. Williams, p. \$1.
 - W. L. Cornelius, p. \$1.
 - Lone Star Gasoline Co. Garage, p. \$5, c. \$1.
 - R. F. Holloway, p. \$1.
 - Ben Whitehouse, p. \$5.
 - H. S. Von Roeder, p. \$5.
 - Mrs. Mae Healer, p. \$1.
 - Miss Gladys Pinson, \$1.
 - H. D. Smith, p. \$20.
 - W. H. Mayes Jr., \$2.50.
 - C. G. King, p. \$5.
 - Ranger Transfer & Storage Co., \$5, c. \$1.
 - Mission Garage, p. \$5, c. \$1.
 - O. K. Grocery & Market, p. \$5, c. \$2.50.
 - Sam Gamble, \$5.
 - V. V. Cooper Jr., \$2.50.
 - Roy Moore, \$5.
 - Hal Hunter, p. \$5.
 - O. E. Randolph, \$10.
 - H. P. Earnest, p. \$10, c. \$5.
 - F. S. Pearsall, p. \$5.
 - Citizens State Bank, \$20.
 - Hall Walker, \$10.
 - Harry Wheelon, \$10.
 - J. W. Kiddle, \$1.
 - Miscellaneous, \$3.

Letters of Interest From Our Readers

Mr. Hoover, with incredible obstinacy and short-sightedness, refuses to call congress together to provide relief of any sort. Instead he offers us a message of misleading statements. He sees the unemployed army decreasing in large numbers. He sees a silver cloud in the yon distance, he sees millions of more homes, churches and schools, a blessed land where everything is wholesome and pure and cellophane-wrapped... and not a thought in a car load.

A certain ship went out to sea, but it never came back to port. That ship was forced to go at full speed through an ocean infested by icebergs. Greenland ice proved stronger than Glasgow steel. And 10 minutes after the collision, those on the bridge knew that the end had come.

There has been another collision. The fanciful illusions of mass-production and the brutal necessities of our daily needs have clashed. The whole planet is still quivering from the shock. Suppose therefore that we face certain unpleasant facts and draw certain conclusions. If during those terrible hours of night when the vessel was slowly sinking, everyone had been warned of the immediate danger, hundreds of other lives would have been saved. If, instead of reassuring the passengers with pleasant words, "Everything is quite all right... just a little mishap to the engine... better go back to bed... breakfast as usual tomorrow at 8..." these poor victims had been told, quietly and intelligently but firmly, "This is a serious business. Get your warmest clothes. Get out of the deck and be prepared." a good many more would now be among the living.

They were drowned, most of them, like rats in a trap. They were drowned with the best of intentions. But the result was the same.

The proceeds from this cotton crop is owed on debts. It all goes into liquidation and merely piles in on top of the rest of that useless money and no one even the men to whom it goes, gets any good whatsoever out of it. Why not declare a moratorium for the farmers. Let them keep that money and spend it. They need, and are in the market for everything from shoes to horse collars. Yes, among the most of them, there is hunger and suffering.

One farmer writes me: "The cotton farmer dare not look very far into the future. If he does a miasmic fog arises from the economic swamps to blur his vision and blot out from his face that optimistic grin that usually adorns his personality. Why is it the poor must always bear the brunt of economic depression brought about by the blind blundering of an impotent leadership? Why must little children cry for food in the midst of plenty, because yellow gold, a useless metal stops the natural laws of supply and demand? Why does he permit such men as run and control and hold in their grasp the answer to the prayer of tired women and starving children, why does he permit those men to set an artificial hindrance to his laws resulting in suffering and sacrifice too much for many to bear? Because they are selfish, I suppose. But it can't be done always."

Are we to do nothing for this man? Modern society owes the obligation to prevent starvation or want of any of its fellow men and women who try to maintain themselves but cannot.

The cotton farmer certainly cannot pay his debts with six-cent cotton.

Would it not be better to declare a moratorium for a year or even two, letting the farmer pay interest for this time. It would mean millions of dollars of cash spending in Texas alone. Increased buying is essential if all is to be well on board. There is every reason for hasty action.

Write your wishes to your legislators, that the maternal porridge may be served at eight.

Sincerely,
 J. M.

Lone Star Buys Cisco Gas System

By United Press.
DALLAS, Sept. 29.—Officials of the Lone Star Gas company today announced that negotiations were "practically completed" for the purchase by the Community Natural Gas company, a Lone Star subsidiary, of the gas system of the West Texas Utility company at Cisco and Abilene.

The plants will be purchased as of Oct. 1, though all papers cannot be signed for two weeks. The Lone Star at present sells gas in wholesale in Abilene and Cisco.

The Abilene system has 7,000 meters and Cisco 700.

Bandits in Battle With N. Y. Police

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Two bandits, surprised in a holdup of a loan association officers' meeting in the Bronx, barricaded themselves against police and fought a pistol battle through the door panel that left three victims wounded.

One of the bandits suffered a broken hip trying to get away and was captured. The other escaped. A policeman was grazed by a bullet. The bandits had collected \$5,000 in cash and jewelry and \$15,000 in checks when police arrived.

PLAINVIEW—Site selected for \$152,000 postoffice.

Tractor Plow Will Fight Forest Fires

By United Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY.—Tractors, specially equipped with a plow for making fire lines, will be used to fight forest fires in Oklahoma.

The tractor and plow will be capable of making two miles of fire line in an hour. Previously it had taken 10 men about a day to do the same amount of work.

The tractor used in a regular stock model. The plow is an adaptation of a middle-buster type, mounted on the front of the tractor and provided with a lifting and lowering apparatus. The outfit can be operated by one man.



BY RODNEY DUTCHER
 NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON.—The Department of Commerce is charged with compiling and publishing the cold, hard figures and charts which show exactly how business is getting along.

Perhaps that is why there have lately been some seeming evidences of unrest, not to say frayed nerves, in the ranks of the department. Quite a few of the boys and girls there have been speaking or acting out of turn, which is always dangerous for a federal employe.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont and young George Pass share the distinction of having made public pronouncements without being punished for it. George J. Eder and Dr. Ray Ovid Hall lost their jobs and a couple of other valued employes lost a substantial amount of pay.

George Pass is 25 years old, a \$1400-a-year minor clerk in the commercial intelligence division. George had a great year for a foreign assignment. But he saw a great host on the waiting list ahead of him. He realized that to jump over so many heads would be a master stroke. Someone told him—or perhaps it was his own idea—that he could write articles which would call his talents to the attention of his superiors. Without consulting any superiors or any experts on the subject he waded into the rather delicate subject of Russian trade and credits.

GEORGE PASS advised American manufacturers to insist on cash when they dealt with Russia. His article appeared, signed "By G. L. Pass, Commercial Intelligence Division, Department of Commerce," in two columns on the first page of the United States Daily, which specializes on delivering news and information from the government straight to business men.

George's solemn warning to the financiers and industrialists of America caused considerable commotion and the department began to get a lot of telegrams and letters about it. Those interested in Russian trade defied Lamont to show a single instance where Russia had defaulted on obligations to manufacturers in this country. Lamont

had to write back that the article was prepared by a "minor clerk" without anybody's approval. He didn't say it wouldn't happen again, but it won't. George spent an anxious week and then was told the incident would be ignored if not forgotten. The departmental attitude appeared to be that it was all too funny to take seriously. An older man probably would have been fired.

Lamont's own slip was made in the midst of summer heat when he wrote a congressman that some wage cuts were justified, meaning such as might be necessary to keep plants open. Democrats and labor leaders hooted and before the excitement died down no one could figure out whether President Hoover and Secretary of Labor Doak were trying to repudiate Lamont without seeming to or only trying to seem to repudiate him without repudiating him.

EDER was head of the Latin-American division and Hall was one of the department's outstanding financial experts.

Eder was fired after writing an exhaustive study of British and American export trade for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He had charged that British statesmen, diplomats and business leaders in the Argentine were promoting anti-American propaganda which was bound to have a bad effect on international relations.

Hall was fired after he had charged a superior officer with suppression of figures and data in his report on international trade payments for 1930. He alleged that the year's imports had been over-valued by the department to the extent of \$175,000,000.

All these things have happened in the last month or two. So did the scandal that arose when an eminently respected tariff expert of the department was alleged to have lusted a lady employe in the nose.

The casus belli was temperamental rather than economic. The tariff expert said he had only brushed the lady with his elbow, but she is very tall and he is very small, so he was not exasperated. There were other mitigating circumstances, however. The tariff expert was only fined a month's pay and the lady only a half month's pay.

Divorce Fee Joke Proves Boomerang

By United Press.
RENO, Nev.—When Speaker Doug Tandy introduced a measure in the 1931 session of the Nevada state legislature, purely in jest, fixing a maximum of \$35 as attorney's fees in uncontested divorce actions, he started something that has not yet stopped.

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