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KIDNAPER OF MATTSON BOY BEING SOUGHT

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—The kidnaper of Charles Mattson, 10-year-old son of a prominent but not wealthy surgeon, left his fingerprints on a ransom note that demanded \$28,000 for the boy's return, police said today.

The ransom note instructed the parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Mattson, to contact the kidnaper through the classified columns of a Seattle newspaper.

The kidnaper, who broke into the Mattson home last night, was the object of a widespread manhunt. Police, federal agents and special deputies mobilized to hunt down the masked man.

Fear that the abductor might be a drug addict was expressed when it was recalled Dr. Mattson's medical kit was rifled a week ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men announced today the entire facilities of the bureau of investigation had been thrown into the hunt for the kidnaper of 10-year-old Charles Mattson, at Tacoma.

Backed by a record of having solved every kidnapping case in which his department has taken part in the past four years, Hoover declined to reveal if his agents had found any clues.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—A systematic search near the home of five year old Chester Harris, missing more than two months was ordered by police today.

Police chief Timothy Leahy said investigators feared the boy had been slain.

Two Ex-T. C. U. Stars Coaching In This County

With the announcement of appointment of Walter Roach as coach of Cisco high school, two former Texas Christian University stars will head football elevens in Eastland county.

Johnnie Kitchin, who coaches at Eastland, is also a former T. C. U. star, and mentioned for All-American honors, will succeed Dexter Shelley, former University of Texas star, who has been given a leave of absence to continue work on his master's degree. Shelley will leave at mid-term.

Roach, who is to receive his degree at T. C. U. in June, is to go between Fort Worth and Cisco during the spring training period of the Lobo candidates.

Former Eastland Man Is Promoted

ABILENE, Dec. 28.—Two members of the local district office of the railroad commission this week received notices of promotion and a raise in pay.

Luther Below, formerly of Eastland, was advanced from deputy supervisor of the 15-county district 7-B to the post of assistant examiner, and Vernon Thomas also received advancement.

Man Hurt by Fall Reported Better

Improvement was seen Monday in the condition of E. R. Buchanan, confined in an Eastland hospital after a fall in an elevator shaft last week.

Relatives stated X-ray pictures taken Saturday did not disclose further injuries. A cut on the head and a slight laceration on the face were the most serious injuries.

Outdoor Classes Tempt Appetites

MIAMI, Fla.—Students at Miami schools and colleges during the winter season find the rule of "no eating during classes" a difficult one to observe.

Outdoor classes in the sun are conducted under palms and citrus fruit trees, within arm's reach of tree-ripening oranges and grapefruit. Thus the strong temptation for students to grab an orange or grapefruit when teacher turns her head.

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Wheat Soars Higher On Chicago Board

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Named in Suit by Mrs. Ed Wynn



The friendship of gorgeous Frieda Mierse (above), ex-Follies girl and Miss America of 1927, and comedian Ed Wynn was thrust into the spotlight by the separation and alimony suit instituted in New York by Mrs. Hilda Keenan Wynn. Denying undue friendliness with Miss Mierse, Wynn countercharged that his wife had acted so outrageously he had parted from her 29 times.

Records of Oil, Gas Office Listed

Conservation records sent to the Oil and Gas Division headquarters of the Railroad Commission at Austin from the Eastland office for last week were listed as follows:

Application to Drill
Anzac Oil Corporation et al No. 18 M. T. Overall estate, J. H. Barclay survey, Coleman county, depth, 2,500 feet.

Application to Plug
W. M. Murray (formerly owned by the American Maricaba Oil company) No. 2 J. P. Bush, James Kinney survey, Brown county, total depth, 1,110 feet.

Well Record
The Hoffmann & Page company No. 1 H. Brashers et al, E. Finley survey, Eastland county, 2-715,000 cubic feet of gas and a small amount of oil at total depth of 3,325 feet.

Plugging Record
Anzac Oil Corporation No. c-3 J. P. Morris, plugged at total depth of 2,309 feet, Coleman county.

Duke Is Happier Over Prospects of Meeting His Fiance

ENZEFELDE, Austria, Dec. 28.—Edward, Duke of Windsor, was believed today to have completed his plans for meeting Mrs. Wallis Simpson, for whose love he gave up the British throne.

The duke entered the third week of exile more cheerful and less nervous and completion of his plans was believed partly responsible.

CANNES, France, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Wallis Simpson was believed today to have reconciled herself to separation from the Duke of Windsor until her divorce becomes final. It is reported friends have repeated cautions to her that separation is necessary.

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FORD GETS PATENT ON NEW AUTO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The United States Patent Office issued today to Henry Ford a patent on a revolutionary new kind of automobile which may bring a vast change in appearance and operation of Ford cars.

The latest Ford invention calls for a car with the engine almost directly over the rear wheels. Although they did not know how such a rear-motored automobile would look, other engineers said that the car could be stream-lined to the Nth degree.

DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 28.—The new automobile for which Henry Ford has been granted a patent, is an "experimental" machine, a spokesman for the motor company said today.

Rites For Pistol Victim Are Held

Florentine de los Santos, Eastland Mexican killed accidentally by a pistol wound in Breckenridge Christmas, was buried Sunday in Eastland cemetery following services at the First Baptist church. Santos was about 25 years old.

Santos died Saturday morning at 5 a. m. in the Breckenridge hospital from the effects of a pistol wound reported to have been received Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Breckenridge city and county officers said the shooting apparently was accidental. Santos was in a car with several other Mexicans when a pistol discharged, the bullet entering the side just above the hip and piercing the abdomen. The incident occurred in the Mexican residential section of Breckenridge.

Sheriff J. W. Morrow of Stephens county said that all who were questioned about the shot said it was accidental, according to a Breckenridge paper.

Officers said they were told that the pistol when fired was being examined by a Cisco Mexican.

Survivors include the victim's father, Ernest de los Santos, who lives north of Eastland.

Hammer Undertaking company had charge of funeral arrangements.

School Girl Gives Her Reasons for Home Ownership

OMAHA, Neb.—A 12-year-old girl of this city recently wrote a child's opinion of home ownership when she advanced the reasons why she would like her parents to own their home. Her statement follows:

"I would like my daddy to own our home, because then we would live in the same place a long time—always, maybe—and I wouldn't have to move away and leave my friends. I would always go to the same school where my friends go and where I know the teachers and the principal.

"We could fix up our house and yard the way we want it, build upboards in the kitchen, and screen the front porch to suit mother; and I could have a tree house and swing and maybe a fish pool. And we could plant flowers and bushes wherever we liked and be sure that we would get to see grow and bloom.

"If my daddy bought our home sometime we would have it all paid for, and then we would have more money to spend on things we want—like vacation trips or a bicycle—instead of putting so much into rent.

"And I would feel so important to be able to say: 'This is our home; we own it.'"

Instant Old Age Annuity Ratings

PRESENT AGE OF WORKER	AV. WEEKLY WAGE FROM NOW UNTIL AGE 65 (Not counting wages in excess of \$2000 in any one yr.)						
	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$40	\$50
20	\$12.00	\$14.67	\$20.75	\$25.61	\$30.50	\$40.67	\$50.83
25	20.83	28.40	47.17	52.91	57.24	65.91	74.58
30	27.67	35.24	42.83	50.21	51.49	61.57	69.16
35	25.50	32.00	38.50	45.00	50.75	57.25	63.75
40	23.33	29.17	34.17	39.58	45.00	52.92	58.33
45	21.17	25.50	29.83	34.17	38.50	47.17	52.92
50	19.00	22.23	25.50	28.75	31.99	38.49	45.00
55	16.83	19.00	21.17	23.33	25.50	29.83	34.17
60	13.00	15.75	16.83	17.92	19.00	21.15	23.33

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Complete Eighth-Year Trip



In an epic journey requiring more than eight years, over obstacles and through perils that tax the imagination, these three intrepid explorers linked the Americas by automobile for the first time in history. Seen in Dallas, Tex., proudly displaying the route they had charted through 15,000 miles of wilderness and jungle perils, are Commander Leonidas Borges de Oliveira, left, and Observer Francisco Lopez de la Cruz, right, with their mechanic, Mario Fava, standing. The Brazilians drove their three battered motor cars over the entire distance from Rio de Janeiro to Mexico City and on into Texas to chart the route as a major link in the Pan American Highway.

Living Costs Are Forging Ahead of Family Incomes

MINNEAPOLIS.—Living costs are again forging ahead of family income; the first week in December wholesale food prices had risen 8.7 per cent from the low point of last May; rents continued their advance on a wide front during the autumn months; clothing prices, after remaining practically stationary for a year, have begun to creep upward, while at the same time average monthly earnings have fallen slightly, according to a current study of family income and living costs by Northwestern National Life Insurance Company.

House and apartment rentals which have been rising with accelerated speed since the lows of 1933, met general increases in September and October, as anticipated. The same grade of living accommodations which the average family rented for \$24 monthly in 1933, cost \$30.38 at rental levels of October, 1936, compared with \$29.78 in the third quarter of 1936, and \$27.34 in October a year ago.

A month's supply of food for a family of four, which could be bought for \$30 at 1933 price levels, cost \$38.01 for the same items in the third quarter of 1936, and had risen something over a dollar by the first week in December, to cost approximately \$38.50 for December on the basis of preliminary estimates.

Payrolls, which rose much faster than living costs in the second quarter of 1936, dropped behind in the third quarter; the average family's monthly income showed a

Customs, Manners And Costumes Are Subject of Article

LUBBOCK.—Parallel between the customs, manners, and costumes of an age and its figurines is drawn in an illustrated article by Miss Martye Poindexter, Texas Technological College head professor of applied arts, appearing in the December issue of "Design," an art magazine.

Miss Poindexter discusses the small pieces of sculpture that have been found to represent the art and ideas of peoples through the past five centuries. Many of the primitive figurines, she says, are religious, but in Christian countries the pieces are merely decorative. She points out the classical types of figurines that were contemporary with classical European art in other fields.

Memory Lapse Cures Hoarder

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—Since William Felty, farmer, discovered his "gold" in the hills back of this town his entire personality has changed, even his most erratic habit of burying his wealth.

For years Felty worked for his neighbors, obtaining a few dollars which he would bury in a tin can. Before he left home again for the next job he would bury the cash in his home. The tin-can receptacle always went into a new hiding place. Occasionally, Felty visited the bank, changed small bills into large ones, and sometimes purchased bonds.

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Finally, after 10 years of hopeless periodic search, he made a concerted "rush" on the small Rald Hill farm with a brother and nephew. The nephew discovered the money outside the farm limits in 45 minutes of searching.

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Washington says the "gold" is worth at least \$6,047.

NINE DEAD ADDED TO DEATH TOLL

Texas, with 20 violent deaths already recorded during the Christmas holidays, added nine more to the list over the weekend.

James Haug, 24, and Miss Dorothy Holmes, 18, both of Marlin, drowned at Waco when the automobile in which they rode plunged into a creek. Clifton Eskridge of Marlin, the driver, escaped and rescued Miss Jane Singletary of Bryan.

Mrs. W. J. Brown, 86, widow of a Johnson county Baptist minister, was killed Sunday, and her two sons and niece were injured when their car overturned near Godley.

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Scott Lynch, 50, was killed today, and Mrs. Jean Duncan, 35, wounded seriously in a shooting that followed a quarrel in a rooming house. Doctors said Mrs. Duncan had a slight chance to survive.

Adamson Takes Oath of Office

The oath of county judge was administered Monday morning by County Clerk T. M. Collie to W. S. Adamson of Ranger.

Adamson, county judge-elect, was appointed by Governor James V. Allred to fill the unexpired term of Clyde L. Garrett, who has left for Washington where he will become congressman of this district.

Special probate and lunacy matters necessitated the appointment by Allred.

Adamson will take the regular oath of office in January.

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Hanging Solves Disappearance



The body of a man found hanged at a pleasure resort near Port Arthur, Texas, was tentatively identified as that of Larry Glass (above), nephew of a wealthy New York pants manufacturer, and offered a solution of the mystery of Glass' disappearance from a party at Corinth, Miss.

New Deal Planned For Agriculture

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The administration shuffled the cards today for another "New Deal" for agriculture. A four-point program is planned.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, with increased power, will be the "dealer." The program is: 1—soil conservation; 2—crop insurance; 3—production control, and 4—rural rehabilitation.

Wallace will ask Congress to back him with money totaling about \$1,000,000,000.

Course On How To Be Husband Offered In College

STEPHENVILLE.—A course to give boys hints about how to be good husbands and fathers and to teach them how to act in every social situation will be offered at John Tarleton College next semester by Mattie Walker and Ida Lou Neison of the home economics department.

Students will be trained through experience the gracious, easy way to make introductions, give and accept invitations, express regrets, play the host or the guest at parties, picnics, at dinners, dances, or whatever.

They will study nutrition in detail. They will learn the proper diet for underweight men, overweight men, athletes and average college men. They will learn how to choose clothes for all occasions, in good taste in relation to tailoring, materials and color.

Problems of family life, home investments, and the cost of owning and operating a home will be discussed. Texas' laws on marriage, divorce and family life will be studied. The problems of choosing a mate so that the best chance of success in married life is guaranteed, are taken up.

Tarleton boys who took the course last year say of it: "It's no silly course. It's interesting and it's instructive and it's practically imperative. Every boy ought to take it."

Ranger Stores to Close New Years

Mrs. Elva George, secretary of the Ranger Retail Merchants' Association, today called attention to the fact that the directors of the association had voted to have all stores closed all day Friday, Jan. 1.

The action was taken at a meeting in November, when the merchants voted to remain closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

"This will be the last holiday for the stores until July 4th," Mrs. George said today in calling attention to the decision of the merchants, "and it was partly for this reason that the action was taken to close for New Years Day."

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Ranger Times has Guest Tickets Tuesday for Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vaughn to see "CAN THIS BE DIXIE?" With JANE WITHERS At the ARCADIA Call at Times Office

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Remember: Pessimists
Aren't Always Right!

Not the least diverting of the odd stories of the day is
the one about the stout Moorish soldiers in the Spanish rebel
army who dined on a laboratory-full of germ-filled
guinea pigs and came out none the worse.

According to this yarn, the Moors about a month ago
seized a medical laboratory, among other things, when
the rebel troops stormed the University City section of Madrid.
In the laboratory were large numbers of guinea pigs
—along with rabbits, chickens, and other small deer—
which had been pumped full of all kinds of germs, from
those of cholera to those of leprosy.

To a Moorish soldier fresh from a battle, apparently
anything that has four legs and moves is a meal. So these
doughty fighting men rounded up the laboratory animals,
"built a little fire somewhere, and had themselves a banquet—
eating, all unwittingly, enough assorted and horrible
disease germs to decimate half of Spain.

Whether it was because they cooked the germs out of
all activity or because nothing can hurt a Moor is not quite
clear. But, at any rate, the little experiment seems to have
passed off without ill effect.

While doctors applied anti-toxins, waited with bated
breaths, and kept their fingers crossed, the hardy Moors
went on about their ordinary routine and missed not one
day of soldiering.

Now the effort to extract a suitable moral from a casual
news story of the day is the sort of thing that leads to much
ridiculous writing and causes many an editorial writer to
go home at night feeling that he has made a spectacle
of himself.

But it does seem as if this little parable of the Moors,
the guinea pigs, and the disease germ packs at least the
semblance of an object lesson, somewhere.

Look at it like this. If you knew a man who was going
to go into an institute of pathology and dine on germ-filled
animals, you would mark him down as a dead man and
send in a call for the nearest undertaker. According to all
the rules he ought to die—speedily and unpleasantly.

But these Moors ate and escaped unharmed. Life's
grim probabilities went haywire somewhere. The Moors
calmly drifted into the jaws of death and drifted out again,
unscathed.

And it is comforting to reflect that things often work
out that way. Our world today is riding for a terrible fall,
according to all the prophets.

It is certain to get into war, and when it does it is certain
to blow itself to bits failing that, depression and collapse
will bring misery and revolt for half the world.

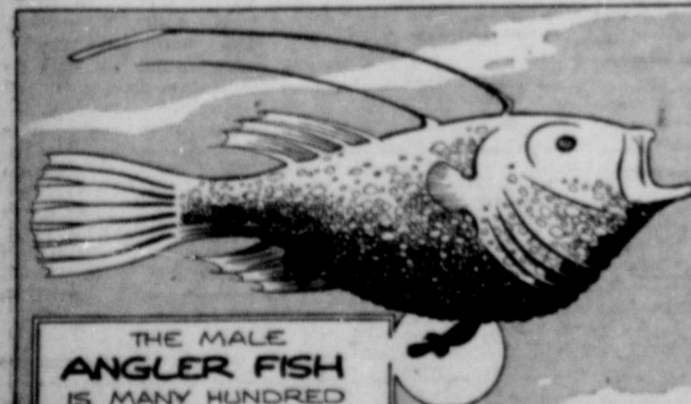
But the probabilities don't always work out. Life is forever
confounding the pessimists.

And we are at least entitled to hope that the dire things
which are about to happen to us won't, perhaps, happen
after all.

Jingo dictators anxious to get that next war worked up
will be glad when Mrs. Simpson and the House of Windsor
dispose of their newspaper rights.

An Atlantic City lighthouse is for sale, in case anyone
cares to go in for light housekeeping.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



THE MALE ANGLER FISH IS MANY HUNDRED TIMES SMALLER THAN HIS MATE! HE IS A PARASITE, AND SPENDS HIS LIFE PERMANENTLY JOINED TO HER BODY.

THE NUMBER 2520 IS DIVISIBLE BY 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 AND 9!

WINDOW GLASS IS BLOWN FIRST AS A CYLINDER... THEN SPLIT OPEN AND FLATTENED.

THERE seems to be no particular spot on the female angler fish where the parasite male must be attached. An outgrowth in front of the male's mouth unites with a soft skin projection from the skin of the female.

THE MYSTERIOUS ORIENTAL



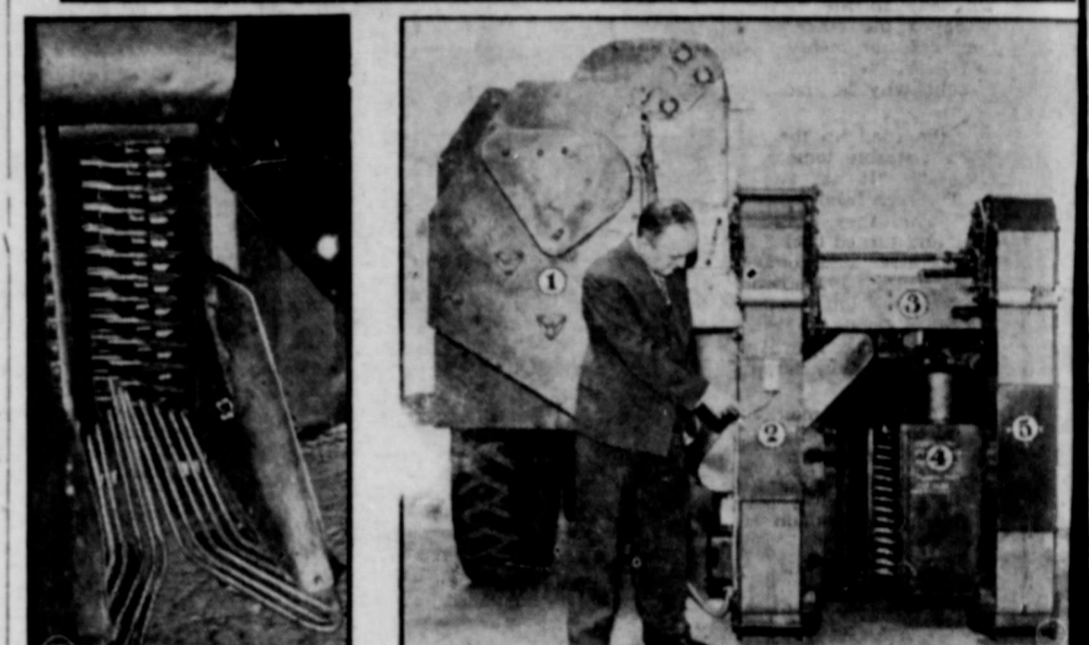
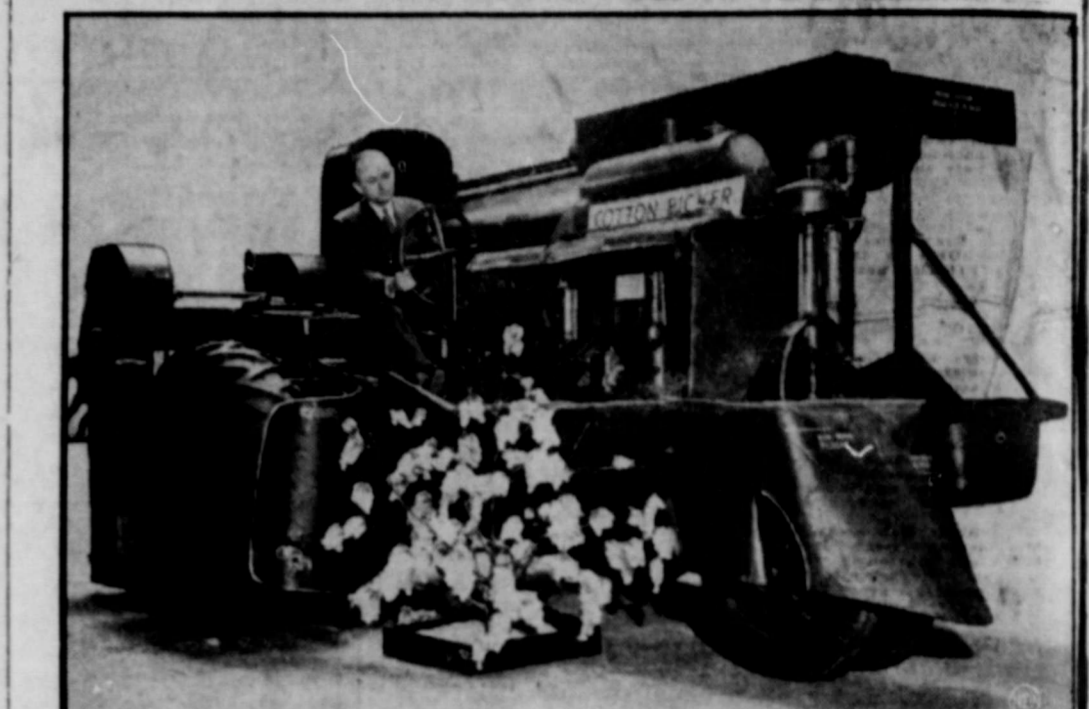
Western Rails Report Increase In Travel In 1936

CHICAGO — "Western Railroads will end the year 1936 with a 21% increase in passenger revenues over the comparable 12 months of 1935." This statement of substantial increase in rail patronage was issued yesterday by Hugh W. Siddall, Chairman of the Western Passenger Association. "It compares with an 8.96 percentage increase '35 over '34 and 2% advance in '34 over '33."

Sport Glances. By Grayson

PITTSBURGH—Another Hefeffinger roams the gridirons, and the Yales had better get a move on for the current edition plans to vacillate at Ohio State next fall. If I were a Yale man I know what I'd think of the scouting system if anybody named Hefeffinger were permitted to escape, let alone a cousin of the immortal Pudge, who enters college with a fair share of the ability of his illustrious relative who knocked the Harvards and the Princetons into the bleacher seats 40 years ago. Like old Pudge, Cliff Hefeffinger of Martins Ferry plays a great deal of guard. He was a star with one of the better Kiskimintas Springs school squads the past season. Dean Jim Marks rates this year's band of blockers and tacklers with the arrays of 1917, '22, and '31 as the best he ever coached at Kiski, which has a remarkable record for turning out boys who later become college captains. Hefeffinger isn't the only Kiski lad who has decided upon his college connection. Jack Meyers, an intelligent 190-pound quarterback of Elyria, O., and Phelan, center, are headed for Princeton. Phelan is one of three lads from the Marblehead, Mass. high team, 1935 scholastic champion of New England. The others, Jack Cudahy, end and captain, and Messenger, right half, are going to Stanford and Dartmouth, respectively. PAUL KROMER, Kiski's outstanding back, is to enroll at Michigan, where Harry Kipke can use him. Lee, left end, has an appointment to the Naval Academy. Fritz

NEW MECHANICAL COTTON PICKER HAS IT'S FIRSTSHOWING IN NORTH



First device of its kind shown north of the Mason and Dixon line, a new mechanical cotton picker, developed by International Harvester, is displayed in the top photo. Russell H. Miller of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry is at the controls. The potted cotton plant shows where it enters the machine to be stripped. At left, lower photo, is a closeup of the spindles which pick the cotton. They are heavy pins, with burrs on them. The plant is pushed past the pins, which strip the cotton and then is taken off the pins by a set of rotating disks. At right, lower photo, is a rear view of the device. Parts of the machine, as indicated by numbers, are: 1, cleaner; 2, elevator; 3, conveyor; 4, spindles to pick the cotton, the plants passing out at left; 5, elevator.

MARKETS

Table listing various market items and their prices, including stocks, bonds, and commodities.

Spotlight Again Hits Baby Marie



The comedy she portrayed as "Baby Marie" Osborne in movie films years ago was missing for Mrs. Marie Dempsey, top photo, as she told in Los Angeles court that her husband, a steel worker, stayed out late, showed up for breakfast with lipstick on his face, and claimed the lipstick was hers, when she "knew better." She won a divorce. Lower photo shows her as she appeared when she was the first baby star of the films.

LEGAL RECORD

Various legal notices and court records, including mentions of insurance companies and legal proceedings.

License Suspension Pending Trial In Traffic Cases Voted

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 28.—Only two of 50 persons polled by the Southwest Motor Club recently favored permitting drivers to retain their license pending trial for major traffic offenses. Forty-eight of the 50 voted in favor of suspending licenses of any driver charged with a major offense and returning it in case the defendant is proved innocent. The state driver's license law permits suspension on conviction of negligent homicide, failure to render aid after an accident, driving while intoxicated, and two convictions of aggravated assault by automobile. GRASSHOPPER HORDES DUE URBANA, Ill.—The middle West is due to undergo a heavy infestation of grasshoppers in 1937, according to a recent survey conducted by Illinois University's college of agriculture. Heavy deposits of eggs were found to be general throughout the Middle West. such news as the foregoing, we have found the newspapers a dependable and helpful vehicle to get our story over through the medium of paid-for advertising in the daily newspapers of the country.

RAILROADS LOOK TO 2036

ALBANY, N. Y.—The new lease signed by representatives of the New York Central Railroad System and the Ottawa & New York Railway Company will expire in 2036. The Public Service Commission has announced a proposal of a 99-year lease drafted by the railroads.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

CENTER, Dec. 28.—A holiday party had ended tragically today for Mrs. Dewey Bates 34, and her infant daughter, killed by a gasoline explosion which also burned four other persons seriously.

Advertisement for VICKS VapoRub and Resinol, featuring text like 'Children's Colds Yield quicker to double action of VICKS VAPORUB' and 'ITCHING Resinol'.

The HOLIDAY MYSTERY

BEGIN HERE TODAY

The gaiety of the Christmas party at "Thunder Mesa," the dearest hacienda in New Mexico, was tragically ending when PEARL JOHN DE FOREST, oldest of three brothers, is found dead with a knife in his throat.

Each of the de Forest brothers has the first name of "Pearl." PEARL JOHN is the youngest, PEARL PIERRE the next, and PEARL FE, about Thunder Mesa, I wanted an invitation out of him to come up.

"Ah!" The professor glanced at him sharply, and Ramon could not be sure whether he was pleased or not. "Then you're not just a dabbler—a collector of arrowheads."

"YES," answered Ramon. "I was glad to come here, though, of course, I didn't expect I'd be stepping into a murder mystery. But that obsidian knife caught my attention. I was interested when you said it probably had some religious significance. Have you found any signs of old Indian pueblos on this mesa?"

"Oh, yes," answered the professor, a cigar. "And there's plenty of water here, apparently."

"Yes. This house is built on the foundations of the main pueblo, and the hacienda well is the same one the Indians used. But I've been unable to make any first hand examination of the ground plan of the pueblo, for the house basement seems to have been constructed right over it, and the present owners are not at all interested in tearing up the floor of their cellar to further archaeological knowledge. That perhaps is not astonishing when you come to think about it."

"I suppose not," Ramon agreed, with a smile.

THE professor rose. "Have I answered any of the things you wanted to know? I'm sure I haven't told you a thing any of the family would not have been willing to tell you, if they didn't have so much else on their minds just now."

"That's just it," Ramon answered quickly. "You see, as a guest in the house, it would put

me in rather a bad light to go inquiring about things I'm not supposed to have any interest in. But ever since I came I've wondered about this place, and, in view of what's happened, I'm not sure the whole thing isn't knit together in some way. Tell you what, Professor—suppose we work together."

For a moment the professor seemed to be turning this over in his mind. Then he nodded. "I can't see that it would do any harm to anyone," he said. "Certainly the museum is only interested in the artifact, not in solving a murder mystery. We may owe it to ourselves and the other innocent people who are all housed here with a maniac, likely to go into action again any minute."

"You think, then, that it was some member of the household and not one of the outside guests?" Ramon asked.

"Not the slightest doubt about it." The professor's tone was positive. "No one could live here with the family, as I have, for any length of time and not be convinced that anyone of them had sufficient cause to drive him to murder if a little extra pressure were brought. It's the most interesting group of people I ever came in contact with. A group whose naturally strange dispositions are accentuated by isolation. If the young man could get away, he probably would be quite normal but, kept here with these eccentrics a few years more, I imagine he will be just like the others."

RAMON agreed, remarking that Pearl John seemed rather a decent sort of chap. Then he asked if the professor had seen the obsidian knife since the murder.

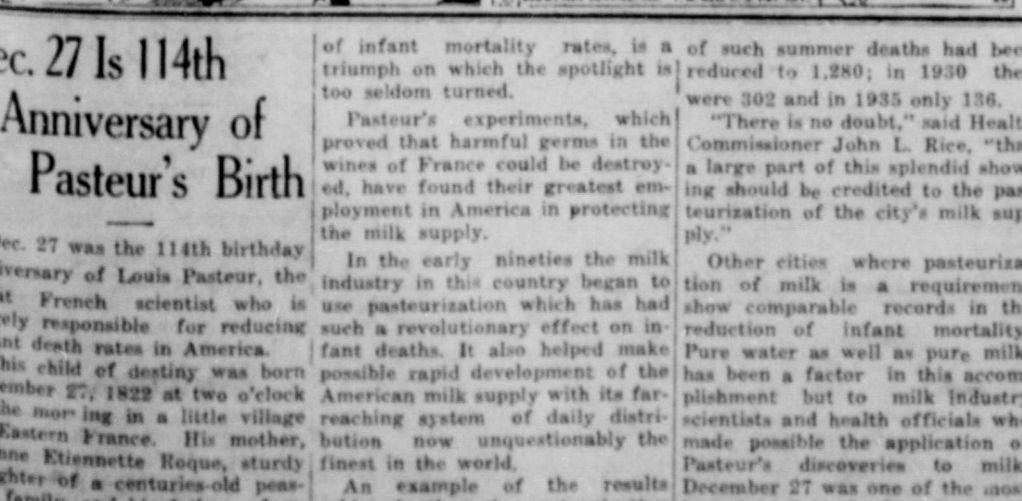
"No. But I suppose it has been returned to the safe where it was kept," the professor said. "I didn't want to mention such a painful subject to either of the brothers, but I have worried about the artifact myself. In the excitement it might so easily be mislaid or cast aside with a feeling of repugnance."

"Since you're so keen about the knife, Professor, let's hope it has been kept safely," answered the younger man, holding the door open for the archeologist.

Ramon watched the professor walk down the hall, then shut the door, and, lighting a pipe, sat down to think over what he had heard.

(To Be Continued)

MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse -- By Thompson and Coll



of infant mortality rates, is a triumph on which the spotlight is too seldom turned.

Pasteur's experiments, which proved that harmful germs in the wines of France could be destroyed, have found their greatest employment in America in protecting the milk supply.

In the early nineties the milk industry in this country began to use pasteurization which has had such a revolutionary effect on infant deaths. It also helped make possible rapid development of the American milk supply with its far-reaching system of daily distributing now unquestionably the finest in the world.

An example of the results achieved through pasteurization is found in the records of the Health Department of New York City.

In 1910, three years before pasteurization of milk became compulsory in New York 3,598 children under 5 years of age died of diarrheal disease during the three following summer months July, August and September. By 1920 the number

Coat of Arms

HORIZONTAL

1 What country's coat of arms is pictured here?

5 Mountains in this country.

10 Its capital.

14 Class of birds.

15 Slack.

16 Entrance.

17 Local position.

18 Walllet.

19 Opposite of east.

20 Heavy hammers.

22 To originate.

24 Form of "a."

26 Compass point.

27 Grain.

29 Fanatical in opinion.

33 Gristly tissues.

34 Circle part.

35 Abounds.

37 Half an cm.

39 Myself.

40 Time gone by.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1. UGENE PLONELL
2. SNARE ALE ARCAE
3. CITE APARA NESS
4. O MARTYRIZE ST
5. WILE W DO
6. ERITRIED O
7. SPECK AGE P
8. ERANT H PA
9. AI LORETTINE PS
10. LED TEASTING RIA
11. EVIL AS ENMIEN
12. REPORTER ACTORS

VERTICAL

1 Free theater ticket.

2 Bad.

3 Network.

4 Consumed.

5 Pertaining to Alps.

6 Highest intellect.

7 Drone bee.

8 Actual being.

9 Appears.

10 Grass plot.

11 Thought.

12 Haze.

13 To accompany.

14 Twisted.

15 To charge with gas.

16 Inspired by love of country.

17 English coin.

18 Twitching.

19 Era.

20 Honey gatherer.

21 Distinctive theory.

22 Middy nap.

23 Pertaining to nose.

24 Heavenly food.

25 Young salmon.

26 On the lee.

27 Pace.

28 Balm.

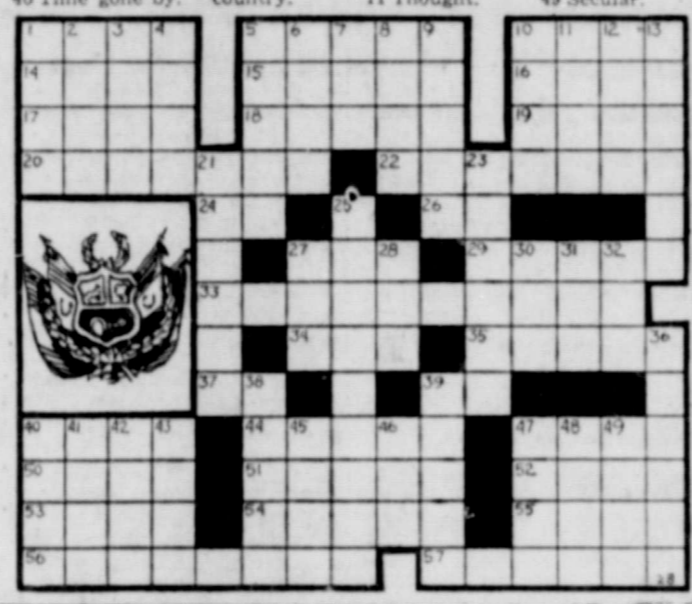
29 Sanskrit dialect.

30 To perish.

31 File.

32 Jar.

33 Secular.



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS--By Blosser



LET'S KNOW TEXAS AND TEXANS

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In this volume, answers will be given to inquiries as to Texas history and other matters pertaining to the State and its people. As evidence of good faith inquirer must give his name and address, but only his initials will be printed. Address location in Will H. Mayes, Austin, Texas.

Q. Who was James L. Truehart, and what position did he hold when Gen. Wall invaded San Antonio and took a number of citizens as Mexican prisoners? C. B. M.

Q. Where was the "Battle of Brushy Creek"? J. H.

A. It was a fierce fight in 1889 between settlers and Indians about five miles south of Taylor, following Indian raids to the Colorado River section, the settlers being victorious, but suffering heavy losses.

Q. List three of the reasons

"OUTOUR WAY" -- By Williams



ALLEY OUP -- By Hamlin



BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

WASHINGTON — Twelve and a half years ago, the Pan American conference, the administration secretly hopes, will have a tendency to discourage economic and political penetration in South America by Germany, Italy, and Japan.

This consideration was one of those which moved Roosevelt to go to Buenos Aires and to throw the United States so wholeheartedly into the conference. It's one reason why American diplomats are delighted over the atmosphere of rampant good will in which the new Pan American peace treaties have been signed.

There you find the significance of Roosevelt's hardly veiled criticism of Nazi or Fascist governments in his tribute to democracy.

For some time the State Department has been concerned over a loss to American trade caused by the German practice of paying for imports from South America in marks which can be used only for purchase of German goods.

Unofficially, this is sometimes referred to as "blackjack stuff," since the other country must accept the arrangement under penalty of having the German market closed to her exports.

Only a totalitarian state can operate that way or meet such competition.

Then a second woman announced to the first that she didn't leave the party she would throw her out bodily. The lady with the hate on Roosevelt left.

Many times after that the second woman received notes and small souvenirs of presidential trips, mailed by Gus.

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Town's Reservoir Lacks Water Supply

By United Press

HERNDON, Pa.—This town has a new reservoir, built by WPA, but can't find water to fill it. A few springs have been piped to the reservoir, providing a rather skimpy supply for the borough.

Officials fear, however, that the next drought will leave the district without water.

Several men have been employed to hunt for springs and to sink wells in search of a larger supply.

Dec. 27 Is 114th Anniversary of Pasteur's Birth

Dec. 27 was the 114th birthday anniversary of Louis Pasteur, the great French scientist who is largely responsible for reducing infant death rates in America.

This child of destiny was born December 27, 1822 at two o'clock in the morning in a little village of Eastern France. His mother, Jeanne Etienne Roche, sturdy daughter of a centuries-old peasant family, and his father, Jean Joseph Pasteur, a sergeant-major of Napoleon's armies and holder of the Legion of Honor were residents of the Rue des Toqueurs in Dole a village near Arbois.

The young Louis Pasteur's rise to world fame from humble beginnings as a chemist is a matter of history. By the application summer months July, August and September to the reduction September. By 1920 the number

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Kimbrough-Warden Marriage Announced

Announced here during the Christmas season was the Aug. 17 marriage at Mount Pleasant of Miss Juanita Kimbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kimbrough, to Onis Warden, son of Mrs. E. E. Warden.

The Rev. Moore, Presbyterian minister, performed the ceremony at his home, for the couple, who were accompanied by Rankin Britt of Ranger, a classmate of the bridegroom at A. & M. school. Mrs. Warden was attired in a navy blue dress which was matched with white accessories.

The bride is a senior at Ranger High School. During the recent football season she was a leader in the pep squad.

The bridegroom, who was graduated from Ranger High School in 1934, is a sophomore at A. & M. He has been prominent in football competition at Ranger and College Station. He was captain of the team at Ranger in 1933. Warden is also a member of the Oil Belt Club at College Station.

Both are spending the holiday season here.

Jewel Christine White Honors Friends with Saturday Night Party

Jewel Christine White, honored a group of friends with a party, given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. White, Joseph apartments, Saturday night, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The entertaining suite was gaily decorated in the Yuletide motif, and games were played, with the feature diversion the playing of "bingo." Prizes were given each guest present at the close of the game and a dainty refreshment plate was served guests: Ven White, Bob Smith, Walter Outer-bun, Cleo Anna Moore, Katherine Murray, Mary Jane and Bill Hicks, Glenda Fae Morris, Hazel Randolph, Meta Ann Scott, Florence Herold and hostess, Jewel Christine White.

Family Reunion

Christmas proved a merry occasion when a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ricker, of Ranger, and entertained in a very pleasant manner, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yardley, of Westbrook; Mr. and Mrs. David Orr of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Minnie Ricker, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Rick-

er, of Kansas City, and Hayden Ricker, of Ranger.

Altho the present condition of Mrs. B. F. Ricker, is reported to be much improved, she will enter a hospital at Cisco this week.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry, announce the arrival of a son who made his appearance at the City-County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 27. He weighs 8 1/2 pounds and has been named, Robert Wayne.

An eight and one-half pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cramer, at the above hospital Sunday, 27th, and mother and son are reported to be resting nicely. The Cramers make their home at Strawn.

Other reports from the hospital, name, Mrs. M. E. McCallum, a medical patient who has been at the hospital several days.

Mrs. Roger Wilhelm, was able to be released from the hospital today after surgery for removal of appendix.

Dave Stagner, underwent surgery Saturday and is resting well. Mrs. Roy Hansen, is making satisfactory recovery from an operation of several days ago.

Comings and Goings

Philip Kribbs, Jessie Melvin, and Bill Beach, are home after a visit to Wink, Texas, where they were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crawley, formerly of Ranger. From Wink they motored to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Miss Faye Pittman left Sunday afternoon for Fort Worth, after a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Charles Surbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, and Mrs. W. L. Mason, have returned to their homes at Guthrie, while Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Mason, are now at home, Madill, Oklahoma, after visits with Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier and family, Pine Street. Doyle Lanier, of Fort Worth, was also a visitor in the Lanier home, visiting his young daughter, Mary Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ward and children have returned home after spending the holidays in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Hawaii Fighting Movement to Make Divorces Easier

By WENDEL BURCH
United Press Staff Correspondent
HONOLULU

Lush Hawaii, honeymoon goal of thousands, probably never will become a land of "easy divorce," and efforts may be made in the future to tighten the present divorce laws.

Scorning the glittering possibilities of divorce seekers' trade, territorial officials today predicted Hawaii legislature would see no effort to renew the "liberal" divorce drive made in the last session. A bill to reduce the residence requirement of divorce seekers died in committee two years ago. Leaders expect the bill to be held aside only now.

"We want no Mexican or Reno divorce mills here," is the unanimous opinion of political and community leaders.

Judge F. M. Brooks of the Honolulu court of domestic relations commented that he did not believe the existing laws requiring two years' legal residence in the territory of any divorce seeker would be altered.

This requirement is applied in its strictest sense, Army and navy personnel, both officers and enlisted men, rarely are able to persuade local courts to accept jurisdiction of divorce suits, no matter what length of time they may have been in the islands, since it is questionable whether they may be classed as bona fide residents.

Detailed proof of residence is required of all who seek such jurisdiction, and intent to maintain

gully was producing only needle grass although it had been out of cultivation for a number of years. This land was contour ridged on fifteen foot centers to hold the runoff water out of the sloped and sodded gully and to conserve water for grass production. These ridges were sodded with Bermuda grass in order to get a desirable pasture grass established and to protect the ridges.

Two Burned to Death Before Would-Be Rescuers



With would-be rescuers held at bay by flames, two hapless motorists were imprisoned in this blazing coupe when this dramatic photo was taken by an autoist passing the scene of the tragic collision on the highway near Memphis, Tenn. Through the rear window may be seen the head of the driver, Joseph M. Russell, life insurance company executive, who was burned to death with his companion, Mrs. Bruce O'Hare, divorced mother of a two-year-old daughter.

residence must be clearly demonstrated.

Our divorce laws, however, are fairly liberal," said Judge Brooks, who has granted 350 divorces in the current year to Dec. 1, three separations and six annulments.

Charges under which divorces may be granted included adultery; imprisonment of one party for seven years or more; insanity for three years; leprosy; habitual intemperance; extreme cruelty not supported by facts or more; and cruelty in living "personal indignities" but not physical mistreatment. No default decrees are granted.

Judge Brooks staunchly upholds the territorial laws. Commenting on the assertion of a Los Angeles firm in one recent Honolulu case that a decree granted in the territory of Hawaii was valueless in the mainland United States. He said:

"A divorce granted in Hawaii is as good as one granted in any other section of the nation. It holds good in every state in the union

Bricks of Coal Put In Cartons

COLLINSVILLE, Ill.—In a converted brick kiln in the heart of the Illinois soft coal mining area, a local firm has begun the manufacture of smokeless, paper-wrapped coal bricks.

There may be some question of validity in Mexican decrees, but none in those granted in Hawaii."

With the influence of Hawaii's missionary families still strong, Judge Brooks and many other leaders unanimously predict that Hawaii will continue to be a land for marriage—but not of divorce.

size of ordinary clay bricks. They are wrapped in wax paper, packed in cardboard containers, and can be sold across a counter with the same ease as foodstuffs. Due to their composition and the covering, the bricks are dustless.

They burn steadily, without any smoke and with a clear bright flame, consuming all the carbon and sulphurous gases that ordinarily escape. This efficiency of combustion is said to produce more heat and reduce the amount of fuel used.

At present only the powdered coal left when the larger lumps are crushed to stoker size is being used. Formerly this waste either was burned at the mine or dumped on the coal market for what it would bring.

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Pope Pius Passes Really Good Night

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Four Share Star Roles In Feature At the Arcadia

With so prepossessing an array of talent at its disposal as that offered by the brilliant stellar foursome of Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy, directed by Jack Conway who filmed the triumphant "Tale of Two Cities," it was a foregone conclusion that "Libeled Lady," the new screen attraction at the Arcadia Theatre, would be a picture above ordinary standards.

It is all of that and more. Played to the hilt by its celebrated personnel in roles which couldn't have been more becoming if they had been made-to-order, directed with dash, spirit and intelligence, and unfolding a plot which keeps its audience constantly interested and amused, "Libeled Lady" comes from the rich coffers of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a fitting successor to such of its recent hits as "San Francisco" and "The Gorgeous Hussy."

As its title indicates the story of "Libeled Lady" concerns a girl who crashes the headlines and sues for damage—five million dollars worth, to be exact. It is this role which Miss Loy plays and it is one of the best she has ever attempted. Miss Harlow is equally well cast as the sophisticated and racy sweetheart of the libeled newspaper's managing editor, Spencer Tracy, while Powell has a humor-packed characterization as the suave star reporter hired to block the libel suit.

Powell's idea is to squelch the suit by making Miss Loy fall in love with him. The scheme is carried beyond his own plotting when he in turn finds himself smitten with the bewitching Miss Loy. An earlier "marriage of convenience" to Miss Harlow complicates things quite a bit but all is ironed out beautifully in the fadeout with both heroines winning the men of their hearts. Summed up, "Libeled Lady" is one of the most brilliantly cast and divertingly written screen stories of the year. It's a definite hit!

LAVA COLLECTION ENLARGED
HONOLULU.—Boy Scouts have sent to the Boy Scout Council camp in New York a piece of lava from the crater or Haleakala to take its place alongside pieces of lava and stones from other states and territories of the United States.

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LOST—White Spitz female dog. Name Woots. Liberal reward. Report Ranger Times.

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Making Pastures Out of Gullies Is Being Explained

FORT WORTH — One of the best demonstrations to date, in the Green Creek Watershed Project at Dublin, Texas, on plowing in and sodding gullies is now being done on the E. W. and J. M. Higginbotham farm about three miles north of Dublin on new highway number 10.

This method of eliminating unsightly gullies and converting them into profitable grazing land is very simple and easy to do and required only two men, a team, and a turning plow.

This particular pasture is cut in the center by a large gully about eight feet deep and full of seeps. This gully was very crooked, had vertical banks and numerous feeder gullies coming into it from both sides, thereby making about one-fourth of this pasture unfit for any use.

The first attack was on the small feeder gullies, which were from two to four feet deep. Two furrows were first plowed in right against the bank of the gully. This was accomplished by hooking

a chain about two feet long into the end of the plow beam, which allows the team to walk safely away from the gully bank at the same time the plow can be held so as to throw these two furrows into the gully. After a round or two in this manner, the double tree may be hooked directly into the beam, as the team now has a footing next to the gully. After the first two or three rounds the process from then on is simply to continue plowing in until the banks are on a comparatively flat slope. The length of this slope should be about three times the depth of the gully.

After all the feeders were plowed in, work was started on the main gully in the same manner as described above. The feeders all being plowed in, no trouble was encountered in crossing them while working on this main gully.

After the gully was completely plowed in it was sodded with chunks of Bermuda grass sod on about eighteen inch centers. The grass should be covered about one inch deep at this time of year for protection against freezing and by next summer should have these former unsightly series of gullies well covered and possible of being utilized for grazing instead of waste land.

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