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**WEATHER:**  
WEST TEXAS: Cloudy, probably  
rain extreme southeast portion,  
colder northwest portion tonight,  
Wednesday cloudy, colder.

Political color schemes will  
blazon when the Black Shirts  
start enrolling white collar work-  
ers.

## WOMAN DIES IN FLAMES IN A THEATRE

**SUDAN, Tex., Dec. 29.**—Mrs. G. W. Chesher, 58 wife of the owner of the Garden Theatre was suffocated early today when fire destroyed the theatre building and an adjoining drug store. Chesher, sleeping in the theatre was awakened by his wife's screams from an apartment above. Flames prevented him from reaching her.

## State Aid For Libraries Sought

**AUSTIN.**—A determined effort will be made in the coming session of the Legislature to secure state aid for libraries. The proposed plan calls for an annual appropriation of \$375,000. The money would be used to develop a state wide system of free libraries giving first-class service to urban and rural people alike.

The movement is the result of a nation-wide survey, made by the American Library Association, showing that Texas ranks thirty-ninth among states in respect to publish library facilities. The survey shows that 3,788,996 Texans, 65 per cent of the population are without free library service. Of this number, 3,190,250 are rural people. One hundred and forty-seven counties have no libraries within their boundaries.

"The deplorable condition of our library system is due to lack of funds and to the difficulty of serving a widely scattered population," Miss Edwin Sue Goree, field worker for the Texas Library and Historical Commission, said.

Miss Goree pointed out that the Texas State Library is too inadequately supported and staffed to provide leadership and practical and advisory assistance to county library workers.

Under the proposed plan, the State will be divided into library districts, probably ten in number, each with a centrally located book stock and staff of workers. Each regional librarian will work with county and municipal libraries already established, and will foster the establishment of additional libraries. Special emphasis will be laid on the literary needs of the rural population.

It is estimated that \$25,000 would be used in expanding the administrative department of the State Library. The rest of the appropriated money would be used to purchase books and provide for a small staff for each district library.

Among the organizations which have pledged their support to the movement for state aid for libraries are: The West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association; the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association; the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers; the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; Texas State Teachers Association; and the Texas Chapter, American Legion Auxiliary.

## RANCHER SHOPS BY AIR

**MT. WHITNEY, Calif.**—Gordon H. Campbell, ranchman on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Madre Mountains, has abandoned the automobile in favor of his private airplane for shopping trips to Los Angeles and other cities.



Ranger Times has Guest Tickets Wednesday for "Lefty" Hardin and Friend to see "A WOMAN REBELS" With Herbert Marshall At the ARCADIA Call at Times Office

## AFTER STALIN, MEZHLAUK?



When and if there should be a successor to Josef Stalin as dictator of Soviet Russia, the post generally is expected to fall to Valery I. Mezhlauk (above), vice chairman of the powerful Supreme Economic Council of the U. S. S. R.

## TROTSKY IS ON WAY TO OLD MEXICO

**LAREDO, Dec. 29.**—The Mexican government's offer of a refuge for Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian communist, was described today as "adding fuel to the conflagration bound to come" by General Nicolas Rodriguez, leader of the Mexican fascist order of gold shirts.

Rodriguez, enroute to his home in El Paso said Mexican troop movements along the border were not so much a demonstration against the gold shirts as "to show government strength in the face of demonstrations expected when Trotsky arrives."

**PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 29.**—Officials of the Texas Company said today that the Norwegian oil tanker Ruth, reported to be carrying Leon Trotsky into Mexico, is scheduled to arrive here Jan. 10. They said, however, they had no information concerning Trotsky and did not know if he was aboard.

## Ray T. Hoff Is Drilling Well In Union School Area

Ray T. Hoff of Eastland is drilling a well on the property of the Brashear heirs, south of the Union School in Eastland county, it was reported today. The well is now drilling at 600 feet, with intentions of going down to the Strawn Sand, which it is expected will be reached at between 1,450 and 1,500.

Drilling operations were shut down during the Christmas holidays, but has been resumed, it was reported today. It is expected that the drilling will be completed within a week or ten days.

## Man Sentenced Who Admits Five Vehicle Thefts

**J. V. Starr** pleaded guilty Tuesday in 88th district court to theft of five automobiles within a seven month period in 1935 and received two year sentences which were made concurrent.

The penitentiary terms were made effective with the punishment imposition.

The indictments charged Starr with the following automobile thefts: Floyd Killingsworth, April 3; A. C. Yeager, Feb. 1; L. R. Burnside, March 10; C. P. Simmons, Sept. 8 and L. A. Griffin, Sept. 9.

## GRANTS DIVORCE

Eighty-eighth District Court granted Monday a divorce to Mrs. Opal Niver from Walter Niver. Custody of a daughter was awarded the plaintiff. The court ordered the plaintiff recover from the defendant suit costs, including \$50 for an attorney's fee.

## EX-AGENT VISITS

C. Metz Heald, former Eastland county agriculture agent, was a visitor Monday in Eastland. Heald is now agent in Cherokee county with headquarters at Musk.

## KIDNAP CLUE PROVES TO BE OF NO VALUE

**TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.**—The search for Charles Mattson, 10 year old son of a prominent Tacoma physician, came to a standstill today when authorities found the only promising clue apparently had no connection with the crime.

Police here and at Portland, checking the story of a man who said he saw a boy sleeping in a car fitting the description of one reported stolen five hours before the abduction, said these two clues apparently were false.

Mrs. Anna Emanuelson of Tacoma had reported the automobile stolen here. Inquiry developed that the car was taken by some friends, wrecked and taken to a garage, where the woman found it.

Police at Portland were inclined to discredit the story told them by Dan Harrison, 87. The elderly man reported last night he was threatened with a pistol in the hands of the driver of a car stalled on a street.

All avenues for negotiations for the return of the boy were opened at the Mattson home. Police were withdrawn and the family waited word from the kidnaper through the want ad columns of a newspaper in Seattle, giving instructions about payment of a \$28,000 ransom.

## STRIKES STILL TIE UP AUTO PLANTS TODAY

Labor disputes threatened today to curtail production in General Motors plants. Other automobile concerns also were affected by strikes in "feeder" industries.

Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, said in Kansas City that additional strikes in the automobile industry are to "occur soon."

Members of the union were on strike at Fisher Body plants in Atlanta, Cleveland and Kansas City. The plants are part of the vast General Motors organizations. The official will attend a conference at Flint, Mich., Jan. 3 to approve plans on the drive for collective bargaining with General Motors.

At Cleveland union leaders predicted suspension of production by General Motors unless a "sit down" Fisher body strike is settled soon.

## New Year's Bathing Revue Is Planned

**MISSION, Texas.**—The Lower Rio Grande Valley will hold its first annual New Year's Day bathing revue at Crystal Waters swimming pool in Mission.

Winner of the revue will be given a free trip to Hollywood and a motion picture screen test at Universal Studios, Universal City, Calif.

## This Prince Lets State Roll On



Care of state shuttling between his two famous uncles—the Duke of Windsor and King George VI—could not erase the smiles from the face of Prince Edward of England, above, son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. This photo of the 14-month-old baby prince was made in the gardens of Belgrave Square, London, opposite his parents' home.

## Madrid Wreck; Bomb Rams Auto



A tangled pile of twisted metal, chassis and body parts crazily bent together, is all that's left of a car which only a short time before had been the pride and joy of a Madrid defender. The result of an ordinary traffic accident was its destruction—a rebel Spanish bomber scored a direct hit on it as it was parked at the curb.

## Road Builders to Meet Jan. 11-15th At New Orleans

**NEW ORLEANS.**—International representation will be greater and more far-reaching than ever before at the New Orleans convention of the American Road Builders' Association, meeting in that city January 11-15, according to Charles M. Uphan, engineer-director of that organization.

It is believed that President Roosevelt's recent good will tour will influence the sending of record-breaking delegations from the South American countries. The association has, accordingly, scheduled a special Pan-American convalescence session.

Undoubtedly the proximity of the Crescent City to the Tropics and the friendly relaxations that exist between that city and the leading cities of South and Central America have been deciding factors in the increased number of delegates from those countries.

"Unprecedented interest has been shown by South American highway officials and engineers during the past two weeks in the current road building program in the United States," said Mr. Uphan. "We are convinced that this is due in large part to the visit made by President Roosevelt to South America. We have received many inquiries regarding construction progress on the Pan-American Highway, which has been completed from Laredo to Mexico City, and which ultimately will provide direct motor vehicle travel between North, Central and South America."

A large percentage of the machinery used in the construction of this highway was of American make, and up to 1929, approximately 20 per cent of the road building equipment exported from this country was shipped to Latin-American countries. During the depression this figure dropped to 8 per cent but has advanced to 25 per cent in the past two years.

Ratification of a treaty between the United States and Panama will be the signal for completing a 16-mile link in the Trans-Isthmian Highway. This stretch will be projected through a mountainous sector which will increase the cost of excavation and filling. The president of Panama has asked for the ratification of this treaty which is pending before the Panamanian National Assembly.

The government of Panama intends to introduce another highway project at an early date. It is the 100-mile stretch between David and the Costa Rican border, forming a link in the Pan-American Highway.

Engineers are presently making location studies for the Pan-American Highway in several of the Central American republics, and contracts for several of the larger bridges on the route are about to be let.

Highway officials from Canada, England and numerous other countries, in addition to the Central and South American delegates will attend the New Orleans convention.

From England will come W. Rees Jeffreys of London, chairman of the Roads Improvement Association for England and Wales. He will attend the conference as honorary representative of the European division of the A.

## ROOSEVELT TO SEEK POWER OF EMBARGO

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.**—President Roosevelt may ask congress, next week, to rush through a bill granting his special authority to proclaim an embargo on shipments of arms and munitions to Spain, it was indicated today.

Administration officials were aroused by the action of Robert Case, Jersey City exporter, in obtaining licenses from the state department to ship \$2,777,000 worth of airplanes, motors and spare parts to Bilbao, Spain. Granting of such licenses is indirect violation of the government's neutrality policy, but the state department had no legal authority to refuse the export permit.

**LONDON, Dec. 29.**—Resentment was evident in British quarters today over the American licensing for export to the Spanish loyalists for nearly \$3,000,000 in airplanes and parts. The British view was the action threatened to undermine efforts at non-intervention.

## Texas Tech Cage Schedule Planned

**LUBBOCK, Tex., Dec. 29.**—Texas Tech Cagers, victorious over the Casden Oilers of Big Spring but losers to the University of Southern California, will enter an intercollegiate basketball tournament in Oklahoma City, beginning Dec. 30, before starting their regular conference schedule Jan. 11.

Texas Tech will open its bid for the Border conference championship in games Jan. 11 and 12 against Arizona State Teachers of Flagstaff, in Lubbock.

The remaining schedule: Feb. 1 and 2—Texas School of Mines at Lubbock. Feb. 5 and 6—New Mexico Aggies at Las Cruces, N. M. Feb. 8 and 9—Arizona State of Tempo at Tempo, Ariz. Feb. 10 and 11—Arizona State of Flagstaff at Flagstaff, Ariz. Feb. 12 and 13—New Mexico University at Albuquerque, N. M. Feb. 19 and 20—Arizona State of Tempo at Lubbock. Feb. 22 and 23—University of Arizona at Lubbock.

## Relatives Gather For Holiday Dinner

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Ramsower gathered at their home in honor of his 83-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth McMillian, who lives near Yellow Mountain.

Those who attended included Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Reagan and daughter, Thelma; Mr. and Mrs. Wario, Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reagan and daughters, Billie and Edith, Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reagan, Flatwoods; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Duncan and children, Gene and Glen, Yellow Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. Noble and children, A. G., Forest and Louise, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. A. Majors of Big Spring; J. B. Taylor, Romney.

Also attending the three-course Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Ramsower's children, Veda, Fay, Rex, Verdon and Fern.

The honoree, Mrs. McMillian, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Duncan at Yellow Mountain.

## Woman Is Killed In Auto Accident

**HOUSTON, Dec. 29.**—Victor Daugherty of Angleton, was in a hospital today suffering from shock and wounds received in an automobile accident last night in which his wife was killed. Daugherty said his car collided with another, skidded into a ditch and plunged through a barbed wire fence.

## TRANSFER CASE

Case of Associated Indemnity Corporation against Luther P. Kuykendall has been transferred by 95th district court at Dallas to 88th district court at Eastland. The Dallas court sustained the defendant's plea of privilege for the transfer.

R. B. A. O. on his way to New Orleans and the 34th annual gathering he will stop in Washington to confer with officials of the United States Bureau of Public Roads and of the association.

## Wood and Won by Cabled Ardor



Being 3000 miles away from the object of his affections couldn't stop George Kamen, in London, from wooing Lenore Prince (above), New York department store buyer whom he met when she was abroad. He devised the cable address, "Lenoreadore" dispatched a proposal daily and was accepted in a transatlantic phone finale. Courtship cost \$650.

## B. C. Johnson Is Made Manager of The Gholson Hotel

B. C. Johnson, for the past 10 years an employee of the Gholson Hotel and for the past year assistant manager, has been notified of his appointment to a full management of the hotel, to take effect immediately.

The Gholson Hotel is affiliated with the National Hotels, and has been under the management of H. L. Moley, Jr., of Cisco, who has been manager of the local hotel and Laguna hotel of Cisco. The change leaves Moley as manager of the Laguna, but gives Johnson full responsibility for operating the Gholson Hotel.

Johnson, in his 10 years with the local hotel, has filled almost every capacity, and his promotion to the position of manager is in recognition of his long and capable service.

## Chiang Kai-Shek Is Confirmed As Leader of Chinese

**NANKING, China, Dec. 29.**—General Chiang Kai-Shek was confirmed today in his position as head of the government when the central executive committee refused his plea to be relieved of all offices.

It was decided, also, to leave to the military affairs commission, of which the generalissimo is the chairman, the punishment of "Young Marshal Chang" who held him captive for two weeks, in an effort to force war against Japan.

## Airline Crash to Be Investigated

**LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.**—Investigation into the cause of the United Airlines accident in which 12 persons were killed started today by the department of commerce. Company executives planned a separate inquiry.

## Negro to Help His Wife and Triplets

**MEXIA, Dec. 29.**—Henry Robinson, negro farmer, today decided he'd "better stay and see what I can do to help them out" after his wife presented him with triplet babies last night.

Robinson's first reaction to the news was to exclaim, "Guess I ought to run off." The babies were a boy, weighing 6 3/4 pounds and two girls of six and five pounds. Robinson is 55 and his wife 36.

## FREIGHTER IS RELEASED BY SPANISH

**BERLIN, Dec. 29.**—The German steamer Palos, seized by Spanish loyalists off Bilbao, has been released on demand of the German cruiser Koenigsberg, it was announced, officially today.

The announcement said a Spanish citizen on the steamer had not been released and part of the cargo was still held so the incident is not settled.

Loyalists asserted the ship left without a cargo of arms which the ship contained when seized. The German government denied the ship carried any war materials.

**MADRID Dec. 29.**—About 200 British subjects in Madrid were warned today to pack one suitcase each and get out of Spain.

Emphasizing the "increasing gravity" of the situation in Madrid embassy officials gave them until noon today to decide, whether to leave with an official evacuation party Thursday.

## POPE STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

**VATICAN CITY, Dec. 29.**—The Pope, who is now admittedly gravely ill, is suffering excruciating pains, semi-official sources revealed today.

While there was no intimation his doctor feels he is in danger of death soon, Vatican circles are depressed and worried. A trustworthy source said the Pope had resigned himself to invalidism.

The pope's insomnia and constant pain are among the chief sources of worry. One official said several varicose veins in the Pope's leg had burst, but the pain was not relieved.

## West Texas Gets Weather Stations

**FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.**—Texas, especially West Texas, will be better supplied with weather information after Jan. 15, when seven new stations are established. Paul Cook, federal observer here announced today.

The new locations will be at Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Alpine, Brady, Big Spring, Laredo and Navasota.

The new stations will report at six hour intervals and will aid in protecting farmers from damage by winter blizzards.

## Arrest Two at Waco After Car Missed In Cisco

Sheriff Virge Foster was advised Tuesday of the arrest at Waco of two men in connection with the disappearance of an automobile at Cisco Monday night.

After receiving the information from Cisco police, who were advised by the McLennan county sheriff department, Sheriff Foster filed charges in Eastland justice court against Jack Gaugar and One Whiteley.

The sheriff was advised the men, one from Caddo and other of Breckenridge, would be brought to Eastland by the McLennan officers. The suspects were arrested early Tuesday at Waco. The car involved in the case was a Ford sedan.

## New Year Edition To Be Out Friday

No issue of this paper will be printed on Thursday, Dec. 31, but a New Year edition will be printed and distributed early Friday morning to all the subscribers and to a large number of people living over the entire trade territory.



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Stock Market Never Did Lure 'Everybody'

The little fellow is getting back into the stock market, according to observers in Wall Street.

In the 48 hours following the presidential election, nearly 7,000,000 shares were turned over. A big market seems to be in the making, and it is taken as axiomatic that big markets are made by little people.

And so, of course, if this sort of thing is going to start, we shall start remembering what happened in 1929. If the curve of speculation goes on up, we shall presently be hearing, as of old, that "everybody" is in the market.

There will be stories about scrubwomen, bellhops, ditch-diggers, and other workers loading up with stocks on margin, and Wall Street leaders presently will be telling us that the ordinary folk of the land to a man are infected with the speculative craze.

Before this business gets going, if it does get going, it might be a good thing for us to take a few of these "everybody" stories apart and throw away the surplus pieces.

Was "everybody" in the market, back in 1929? Were "all of us" turning our attention to the profits that might be made by speculation? Was a majority of ordinary Americans, or anything remotely resembling a majority, putting its money on the line in the brokers' offices?

You need not reflect very long to be convinced that the answer to each of those questions is an emphatic "No." The 10,000,000 farmers assuredly were not represented in the stock market by more than a microscopic fraction of their number. The 30,000,000 wage earners who manned the country's basic industries—the men below the white-collar class—were hardly in the market to any great extent.

There were a few exceptions, of course, but in the main the people who speculated in the 1929 boom were drawn almost entirely from the white-collar class. And that class, in 1929, numbered approximately 7,900,000 people.

How many of them actually did speculate? One guess may be as good as another; possibly a million, possibly two—hardly any more, surely.

That is how "everybody" was in the stock market in 1929. It is a point worth remembering.

For it is a reminder that the overwhelming majority of Americans never bought a share of stock in their lives, and never will. They have neither the time nor, in most cases, the money to spare.

They are too busy doing the nation's work—harvesting its food, running its trains, mining its minerals, making the million and one articles that keep its factories and its markets busy.

Tell these people that the little fellow is getting back into the stock market and they would undoubtedly reply that, if he is, he is doing them no part of a favor.

There is no point in assuming that the speculative flurries infect the whole country when they don't.

A Denver zoo superintendent is trying to save his sea lion, which, pining away because of the recent death of his mate, is down to a scant ton or so.

OFF ON ANOTHER BIG GAME HUNT



DESDEMONA

Postmaster Walter May drove to Ranger on business Saturday. He also visited his brother, C. E. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Julian, formerly of Desdemona but now of Roby, were here Friday visiting his brother, Joe Quinn and family and other relatives. The Quinns lived here for many years and left two years ago on account of his health as he suffered from asthma. Their many friends were delighted to see them again. They left Saturday for Tyler to visit their daughter, Mrs. Edna Weir.

Charlie Emde left on Tuesday of last week for his home at Kilgore after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Emde. It had been quite a while since he had visited here and his many friends were delighted to see him again.

Mrs. Dave Parks and daughter, Miss Dorothy Parks accompanied by Misses Boyd and Ruth Crenshaw, drove over to Gorman Monday afternoon to have charge of the sale of popcorn at the picture show for the benefit of the "21" study club. Mrs. C. W. Maltby and Mrs. Charles Lee drove over and had charge of the sales Monday night.

Miss Virginia Bruce left Saturday for Port Arthur to visit her sister, Mrs. R. D. Hendrickson and family, including the new member of the family, an infant son, born a few days ago to Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson.

Style McEntire came in Thursday night from Odessa where he has worked for several months and will remain until after the holidays with his wife and little son, James Edward, at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. E. Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Richards drove to Fort Worth Saturday to visit their daughter, Billie, who has been in a hospital for children there, for six weeks. She is improving but the doctors think she had better stay a while longer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heeter came down from Cisco and spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Snodgrass.

Rev. and Mrs. O. D. McDonald visited relatives at Olden Monday morning.

Mrs. E. E. Sester (nee Connie Mae Nabers) of Houston, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nabers. Just a few days ago she and her husband had the misfortune of having their home robbed in broad daylight. They had gone downtown and had locked all doors before going but came home and found the house had been robbed and several hundred dollars worth of jewelry had been stolen. One of the articles taken was a very valuable pearl necklace that had been an heirloom in Mr. Sester's family for several generations. At the time she left to come here, Mrs. Sester said they had found no clues.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Sparks left last Monday evening for Brownwood where they will visit relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brazg and little son, Charles, left Tuesday morning for Santa Anna where they will visit her parents during the holidays.

Miss Lois Henry and Mrs. Fowler have recently been given places as librarians for our grammar school and high school. These jobs were made possible through the federal aid to rural schools.

One of the most delightful Christmas parties was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. O. Brazg, who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Charles Lee, the occasion being the social meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Besides the members several others were present. The living room and dining room were darkened and Christmas candles in holders of holly shed a soft light over the decorations which included a miniature manger with the Mother and Babe, the cattle near by and the Wise Men with their gifts. On the dining table was a very pretty Christmas tree with attractive decorations of many colored lights and on which were small stockings filled with candy. In each stocking was a number corresponding to numbers on the packages of gifts exchanged by the guests. Besides the gifts exchanged, Mrs. Lee, president of the society, gave each officer a "Golden Rule" book mark—a folded foot rule with Bible verses on one side. The program was as follows: song, "Silent Night," prayer by Mrs. O. D. McDonald; scripture reading, Matthew 2nd chapter, 1 to 13 verses by Mrs. W. C. Bedford; Christmas customs in other lands by Mmes. J. E. Heeter, Betty Vestal John Mendenhall, Mattie Henry, S. E. Snodgrass and Miss Mollie O'Rear. A poem, "The Best Gift," written by Grace Nell Crowell, was read by Mrs. Preston Sparks. The hostess served a beautiful and appetizing refreshment plate of marshmallow fluff dotted with red and green mints, white cake, orange conserve, nuts and coffee. On each plate as a favor was a tiny Christmas tree decorated just like the real ones and each one different from the others.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week the members of the "21" Study club gathered at the Baptist parsonage (now the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Parks) and were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Clarence Ragland. The program was one of the travel course and was on Greece. Roll-call responses were names of Greek sculptors and their works. The leader of the program was Mrs. Mattie Henry and her talk was on the Ruins of Ancient Athens. Mrs. J. E. Heeter then discussed Greek paintings and Mrs. John Mendenhall read an interesting article on Types of Architecture.

The last number was Questions on Greece, asked by the leader with impromptu answers by members. The house had been beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery and a very pretty tree under which each one placed a gift and afterwards drew numbers by which the gifts were exchanged. The hostesses served delicious cherry pie topped with whipped cream, coffee and with a candy Santa Claus as plate favors. Those present were: Mmes. Charles Lee, W. H. Davis, S. E. Snodgrass, J. E. Heeter, John Mendenhall, Mattie Henry, C. W. Maltby, L. E. Robinson, David Parks, Clarence Ragland, W. C. Bedford and two guests, Mrs. Roy Hightower and Miss Ruth Crenshaw.

MARKETS

Table with columns: Closing, Selected, New York. Lists various commodities and their prices.

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Sport Glances. . . . .By Grayson

NEW YORK—There are quicker knockouts on record than Joe Louis' 26-second disposal of Eddie Simms in Cleveland the other night, but the Brown Bomber really is establishing new records in this respect.

Most of Louis' opponents are knocked out before they march front and center. They die in the dressing room, and are assisted to the platform with a lily in their hand.

Louis will flatten anybody who can't take a terrific belting and who doesn't hurt the Dark Angel right under the gun. Max Schmeling struck early and stood up under withering fire as he cut the Alabama-born dandy down. Nature usually evens things up by making the exceptional hitter vulnerable to his own medicine. When he richly endows a fighting man with both punch and durability, we have a Jeffries or a Dempsey. Schmeling clearly demonstrated that Louis' chin wasn't too well cemented and that his head wasn't stuffed with sawdust.

LOUIS intends to keep busy while waiting for a September shot at the Braddock-Schmeling survivor of June 3. This means that he'll continue to mop up mediocre heavyweights like Jorge Brescia and Simms.

To protect these brave souls and insure against a fatality, it would be well for the Louis entourage to carry one of the better referees—Arthur Donovan of New York, George Blake of Los Angeles, or Slim McClelland of Detroit—along as a safety measure.

It was just as well that Donovan was in the Cleveland ring when Simms struggled to his feet with the eyes of a deceased tuna. A more intelligent chap than Louis would have appealed to the referee as the Slovenian stood there, out on his pins, his hands half way up, and in position to be tagged.

But Louis is no mental giant, and moves only one way when he lashes himself into battle. Smoky Joe is a cruel young man when the order is to commence firing. He stepped in to blot out what little life remained in Simms. It easily might have been a case for the coroner instead of the referee had not the experienced and level-headed Donovan intervened.

THE Cleveland crowd of more than 10,000 and gate of close to \$50,000 was a remarkable tribute to Louis. A telephone booth would have accommodated those who would have turned out for the remainder of the card, and the Detroit Dynamiter was meeting a battered substitute for the ever popular homegrown Johnny Risko.

The answer is that the public wishes to see, however briefly, the young Negro who brought it relief after years of pulling, tugging and stalling.

Louis is to run over from Detroit to Buffalo to watch Jim Braddock in a four-rounder with his sparring partner, Jack McCarthy Dec. 28. Detroit and Chicago engagements are being arranged for the colored clouter after the holidays. He is tentatively matched with Smaxie Maxie Rosenbloom, formerly the light-heavyweight leader in Los Angeles the week of Washington's birthday and just prior to the running of the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap of Feb. 27.

Advertisement for Texas Pacific Railway. Text: 'There still are some ladies who'll put in a day Crowding to counters and turning away... IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, DEC. 27'.

Advertisement for 'THIS CURIOUS WORLD' movie. Text: 'FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, THE NORTHERN SURFACE OF THE RINGS OF SATURN HAS BEEN VISIBLE, BUT FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS, WE WILL SEE THE SOUTHERN SURFACE.' Includes a map of Alaska and Saturn.







ARCADIA TUESDAY IS ANOTHER

BIG NITE

ON THE SCREEN

'CAN THIS BE DIXIE?' WITH Jane Withers



ON TEXAS FARMS

COMANCHE—Billy Ed Seay, a Comanche county 4-H club boy, fed a beef until he reached the weight of 1050 pounds...

is shown in a summary of the year's records kept by five Blanco county poultry demonstrators. The flocks covered by these records included 1200 hens which averaged 168 eggs each...

JOHNSON CITY—A profit above feed cost of \$1.77 per hen

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New Year's Eve Dance to Be Staged at Ranger Country Club

Included among social happenings slated for New Year's Eve, is the dance to be held at the Ranger Country club, with music to be furnished by Arthur Shelton and his seven-piece orchestra. Orchestra personnel is composed of Ranger musicians, and will feature as soloist, Tommy Thompson, who has gained much favor for his musical ability.

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hassen Ill

Nancy, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hassen, was reported to be resting better today, following an illness which has been quite serious.

Merry Games Fill Hour Celebrating Birthday

Merry games bringing entertainment to a group of youngsters gathered at the home of Mrs. L. L. Herring, celebrated the seventh birthday of her son, Charles Wayne.

A color scheme of red and green was prettily emphasized in room decorations.

A delicious refreshment plate carried individual favors for guests: Betty Jones, Iphylis Clemmer, Buford Clemmer, Helen Jean Dodd, Ben Earl Patterson, Bobbie Lou Wallace, Bobbie Dodd, Peggy Robertson, Zada Francis Stacks, Lonelle Herring, honor guest, Charles Wayne, and Mrs. John Stacks, of San Antonio.

Party Brings Together College Group Home for Holidays

In honor of those home from college for visits with friends and relatives, Miss Rena Mason, with her host, Forrest Lyons, entertained with a delightful party at the home of Miss Mason's sister, Mrs. O. G. Lanier, Pine Street, Monday evening.

House decorations featured Christmas foliage, highlighted with the prettily trimmed tree, outstanding in background of harmonizing colors.

Games made delightful the get-together, and in late evening cookies and apples were served.

Guests were: Misses, Dorothy O'Donnell, C. I. A., Dedicis Merritt, Thelma Thompson, N. T. S. T. C. Mary Helen Childre, T. C. U. Veda Mae Belknap, Jessie White, Oleta Pounds, Ada Graves, Eloise Morton, Naele Canifax, A. C. C. Maurice Crooms, Strawn, Gladys Larson and Jack Waggoner, Charles Williams, T. C. Weaver, Charles Forrest, Eastland; Jasper Woods, A. & M.; C. D. McBride, John Miller, A. G. Parrash, Eastland, Albert Milburn, Arie Sharp, Rayford Dooley and Scott Neal.

Comings and Goings

William Williams, is home after a visit to Freer, Texas, where he visited friends during the holiday.

Guests during the week-end passed paying visits to the home

of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Herring were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wheeler, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Van Weisenheimer, Givings, Texas; Miss Fern and Wayne Weisenheimer, Stephenville and Mrs. J. H. Herring, mother of Mr. Herring, also of the latter city, who will extend her visit throughout the winter.

Mrs. Viola Williams, accompanied by her sister, Miss Norma Rose, has returned to Wichita Falls, after spending the Christmas holiday with their mother, Caddo highway.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stedham and son, Phillip, who have been entertained with a series of delightful parties since their arrival here for the holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. R. A. Steel, and husband, Pine street, were scheduled to leave for their Prescott, Ariz. home early today.

Mrs. Bob Wenzell, returned to her home at Seminole, Oklahoma, today, after a visit with her father, S. J. Dean, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean, at their home, Sue street.

Ira B. Lee, teacher of mathematics in Sunset high school, Dallas, and Miss Ruby Lee, teacher of Science in Loraine high school, Loraine, are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. W. Lee, of Olden, who is just home from a visit to Sweetwater, where she visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee, who are the parents of a seven pound son.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges, have returned to Ranger after a visit to Midland, where their time was spent with the P. J. O'Donnell family, who were injured in an automobile accident, December 20. Mrs. O'Donnell and daughter, Patsy, have been released from the hospital and are doing nicely, but Mr. O'Donnell, continues to be very ill. His condition is such that attending physicians have been unable to set his legs which were broken. His chest injury is not so alarming, but much anxiety is felt regarding his general condition. Since a patient at the hospital he has been visited by a number of Ranger people whom the family knew while making this their home. Peggy O'Donnell, a student at Texas University, had stopped off in Ranger the night of the accident for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Hodges, and was to have been joined by her parents, the day following.

Wind Being Used To Build Up Soil In Great Plains

DALHART, Texas.—Winds on the Great Plains, for many years used to raise sub-surface water in windmills and recently harnessed to generate electricity, are being used to rebuild that which they destroyed—the farmlands.

Sand dunes, some as high as a house, have spotted many unkept fields and ruined them for ordinary cultivation. Government experts, brought in to combat erosion, have discovered that the prevailing westerly winds can be used to tear down the dunes which they have built by piling sand around some fixed object—a tumbledown, clump of tall grass or fence post.

"The windward slopes are generally long and gently rising while the leeward slopes are crescent-shaped," said Dr. Charles C. Whitfield of the federal soil conservation service. "There is evidence that the crescent shape of the leeward side is responsible for the increase in the dune size. When the wind approaches the top of the dune it drops its load of sand due to the eddies of wind current that move at right angles against the prevailing wind."

By eliminating the crescent, where adverse wind currents are generated, workers found they could halt the increase in the size of a dune. They dragged heavy poles across the dunes with horses tearing down the "trap" formed by the pile of sand. The heavily-packed dunes were plowed with discs. The dunes have been lowered as much as 15 feet in five months through the use of these methods.

Eighteen months ago, one typical area ruined by the sand near Dalhart, had 50 dunes measuring from two to 18 feet high. Within one year they had been cultivated until only 12 remained, all of a small size. After a sandy field is rehabilitated, vegetation must be planted to prevent dunes from re-accumulating. In some cases native weeds were encouraged to grow; in others, the owners planted drought-resisting crops. Most widespread of all methods used in the Texas Panhandle is that of listing (surface plowing) the land with the furrows at right angles to the prevailing winds. Such operations also are believed to retard the speed of winds across the treeless plains.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LION



City's "Loan Shark" Law Is Defended

FORT WORTH.—Supporters of the Fort Worth "loan shark" ordinance, one of the first in existence, have rallied to its defense in 48th district court here.

Twenty-two personal loan agencies filed suit Dec. 16 to prevent enforcement of the ordinance, pending the outcome of a hearing on their injunction request Jan. 8. The operators alleged that the regulation constituted a burden, is "class legislation," and is unfair to legitimate loan agencies.

City attorneys immediately summoned witnesses who allegedly were victimized by "loan sharks" charging high interest rates and lathering employers by trying to collect from them during business hours. Fort Worth employers were largely responsible for passing the ordinance.

Oklahomans at a Texas Oil Hearing

AUSTIN.—Oklahoma oil officials got a full display of what an oil proration hearing is in Texas, when they attended the Texas commission's December hearing.

Maps, charts and graphs were on all sides. New ones were unrolled and tacked up temporarily as various fields were discussed. The Oklahoma men heard oil men cross examine each other and they heard experts questioned by other experts. All this, oil men say, is different from the usual Oklahoma hearing, where the oil men have a discussion beforehand and designate a representative to make the presentation for all of them.

Here's the Smile of a Good Loser



A smile worthy of the election victor rather than the loser spread across Alf Landon's face as he arrived at the White House for a noteworthy visit with his successful rival, President Roosevelt. Waving his hat in the old campaign gesture, the Kansas governor greeted a throng before he went to the executive offices to swap fishing stories with the president.

DEMOCRACY TO BE TAUGHT COLLINGWOOD, Ont.—The ideals of democracy will be taught in Collingwood schools at special classes to be held once weekly, the board of education has ruled.

AT ARCADIA TODAY



Burial of Horse Creates a Furore

CLEBURNE, Tex.—This city's chuckle-filled "case of the dead horse" was over with the city itself assuming responsibility for proper interment of an ancient horse that died in the streets.

Hearings before Mayor W. H. Goldsmith to establish who owned the horse—and had to pay \$3 burial expense—proved useless. Witnesses were evasive and each of the animal's last three owners denied possession. Old Dobbin changed hands rapidly during his fading hours.

Once he was traded for a set of second-hand harness. Sinking rapidly, the horse was successively sold for 25 cents and then given away. When he breathed his last on a downtown street, none of the owners were present. The city disposed of the body.

EDISON'S HOME TOWN PROUD

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