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## Blood-Language Rule Leads to Absurdity

If you remember the geometry you studied in high school, you may recall a stunt which went under the high-sounding title of "reductio ad absurdum."

The idea was that if you had a theory to test, and suspected that there was something wrong with it, you selected the dizziest example you could think of and carried it to its logical conclusion. Then, when you had a thoroughly cockeyed situation on your hands, you proved that the theory itself was phony. You did this by reducing it to absurdity—"reductio ad absurdum."

For a long time now the theory that remote ties of ancestry and language should determine a people's government has been widely held. It led to such map-making at the Versailles conference, and more recently it gave Herr Hitler a fine excuse for pushing his drive to the east.

Now the Italians have picked it up, looking toward expansion in the direction of Tunisia and Corsica; and it begins to look as if the old high school process of reductio ad absurdum had set in.

It may be quite true that the bulk of the Tunisians and Corsicans are either of Italian ancestry or speak with a profound Italian accent. But if that means that those territories should immediately go under the Italian flag, then Uncle Sam himself is sitting on a lot of subject peoples who are under the wrong flag.

By that theory the Dutch ought to reclaim a good part of Pennsylvania, and Spain should take over large portions of Arizona and New Mexico. Sweden would get a large area in Minnesota and the Dakotas, and by right of discovery and settlement should be entitled to part of New Jersey. The French would have a respectable claim to New Orleans, and Italy could lay claim to a good bit of land along Long Island Sound. Poland could reclaim many city blocks in Chicago and Germany could assert title to much of St. Louis and Cincinnati. New York City would be split about 30 ways, considerable territory in the west would go back to the Indians, and Japan would get Hawaii.

All of this is pretty absurd, of course. Yet it follows quite logically, once you accept the premise that remote ties of blood and language are all-important. And if logical adherence to that theory leads to absurdity in this country, perhaps the same thing is true elsewhere.

There have been so many migrations and so much shifting and intermingling of peoples that the map can never be unscrambled and peace can never be attained on a blood-and-language basis. As long as that is the accepted shibboleth there will be wars and rumors of wars. The world's hope for peace depends on recognition of the fact that some saner and more practical means of determining who shall rule whom must be found.

## LEGENDARY MARKSMAN


**HORIZONTAL (Answer to Previous Puzzle)**

1 Expert archer pictured here  
10 Vegetables  
11 Hawaiian bird  
12 To obtain  
13 Oriental guitar  
16 Wand  
17 Revokes  
18 And  
20 Moves lace  
21 Tree  
22 To sink  
23 Insect  
25 Artist's frame  
30 Indians  
32 Ire  
34 To peel  
35 Capable of being cut  
37 Percolating  
39 Half an em.  
40 Wrath  
41 Chum  
42 South Africa  
43 Scythe handle  
45 Bruised spot.

**VERTICAL**

1 Grief  
2 Mass of cast metal  
3 Falsified  
4 Building site  
5 Within  
6 Valuable property  
7 To carry  
8 Learnings  
9 Behold  
14 Crazy  
15 Glass marbles  
16 He to food  
18 He salute his ruler  
17 Tatter  
18 Pronoun  
20 Trying for flavor  
22 Dry  
24 No good  
26 He had to shoot an on his son's head (pl.)  
27 Capuchin monkey  
28 Eagles  
29 Lawful  
31 X  
32 Arch abutment  
33 One that reposes  
36 God of war  
38 Lug  
43 Fern seeds  
44 Pile  
45 Long cut  
46 To classify  
47 Not many  
49 Kava  
51 Hawaiian  
52 Bone  
53 Postscript  
54 Musical note  
56 Before Christ

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## MARKETS

Closing selected New York stocks:

Courtesy D. E. Pulley	47 1/4
430 Pine Street	36 1/4
Phone 629 - Ranger	81 1/4
Am T & T	1 1/2
A T & S F	1 1/2
Chrysler	8 1/4
Com & Sou	1 1/2
Cons Oil	8 1/4
Elec B & Sh	10 1/4
Gen Mot	48 1/4
Gulf Oil	39 1/4
Houston Oil	7 1/4
Humble O & R	68 1/4
Montg Ward	51 1/4
Packard	4 1/4
Pure Oil	10 1/4
Radio	7 1/4
Socony Vac	13 1/4
Studebaker	7 1/4
Tea Co	4 1/4
T P C & O	9 1/4
U S Steel	65 1/4

**Chicago Grain**

Range of the market, Chicago grain:

Prev.	Close
Dec .. 50 1/4	49 1/4
May .. 52 1/4	52 1/4
Jul .. 53 1/4	53 1/4

Wheat—

Dec .. 64 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4
May .. 67	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4
Jul .. 66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	65 1/4

Oats—

Dec .. 27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
May .. 28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4

### Gorman Boys Help At Public Schools

At the Gorman public schools, NYA youths are assisting in building two foot bridges, a vehicle bridge, grading, and draining the school campus, and landscaping the grounds.

## CLASSIFIED

### LODGE NOTICES

Called meeting Ranger Masonic lodge Tuesday night at 7:30. Work in the Entered Apprentice degree. All members urged to attend. Visitors will be welcome.

D. L. Jameson, Sec.  
C. H. Suits, W. M.

### LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN

LOST—Female Black Scottie. Answers to "Ginger." Dr. Ross Hodges.

LOST: Brown mare mule, 1100 pounds; liberal reward.—PINK STAFFORD, Ranger.

### SITUATIONS WANTED

WILL DO any kind of work that you will give me. Can do painting and paper hanging. Will appreciate this as my family needs some things for Christmas. Thanks. P. R. Scott on Eastland Hill.

### SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR SALE: Four 650.16 new Goodyear tires at a bargain. Roy McCleskey Service Station.

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R C A Victor, 7-tube Console ... \$5.00

Airline, 7-tube Battery, Console ... \$30.00

MONTGOMERY WARD  
Ranger

SCOTTIE PUPPIES: Subject AKC registration. Ideal for Christmas; reasonable prices. — 805 CHERRY, Phone 401, after 6 p.m.

MONEY TO LEND on autos.—C. E. MADDOCKS & CO.

BROWN'S TRANSFER & STORAGE CO., BONDED, 111 S. Marston St., Ranger.

13.—FOR SALE, Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE: Good young work stock. Fresh milk cow. H. C. WILKERSON.

I HAVE SIX mining claims in New Mexico, will take Five Thousand Dollars for a tenth interest. Address H. W. KING, Eastland, Texas, Box 422.

FOR SALE CHEAP: Brick veneer modern home, double garage, servants quarters. HUGH RUSSELL.

15.—HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 5-room modern home. Call 159-W.

FOR SALE—S. L. Golden home, 720 Young street, cheap. W. F. Creager.

19.—FOR SALE OR TRADE

WANT TO TRADE: Cultivator; plow-harrow for milk cow. W. A. Dunn, 432 Lackland Ave.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Piano, used cars, lumber and sheet iron building. Will trade for stock of all kinds. Pink Stafford Motors.

## Courthouse to Start Christmas Saturday at Noon

Reports from the courthouse show that county offices would be closed from Saturday noon, Dec. 24, until Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, for the observance of Christmas holidays.

## Eastland Stores Will Remain Open For Later Hours

Majority of Eastland merchants, it was reported this morning, plan to start staying open late at night tonight for the convenience of shoppers.

A definite time for the late shopping hour was not set although it was believed the time would be 8:30 or 9 p. m.

## INSURE IN SURE INSURANCE

C. E. MAY  
Insurance in All its Branches  
214 Main St. Ranger, Texas

## Rescue of Men Now Depends on Storms

By United Press  
JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 19.—Eighteen shipwrecked men, some of them ill and all weak with hunger, began their second week of fighting Arctic cold today with hope for their rescue still dependent on the weather.

## SETS UP COURT

XENIA, O.—There is a "bicycle court," to try cases of juvenile traffic violators on wheels, in Yellow Springs, a village near here.

## SPEED your CHRISTMAS PACKAGES by nation-wide RAILWAY EXPRESS

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200 S. COMMERCE ST. PHONE 44

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**SCHOOLEY'S BAKERY**

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**CAMELS Season's Greetings PRINCE ALBERT**

Check the smokers on your Christmas list—delight them with these gaily-wrapped, inexpensive gifts—Camels and Prince Albert

CAMELS—What could be a nicer gift for those who smoke cigarettes than Camels, by far the most popular cigarette in America? Remember...Camels are made of finer, MORE EXPENSIVE tobaccos. There's a world of Christmas cheer in receiving a fine gift of mild, rich-tasting Camel cigarettes—and in giving them too!

PRINCE ALBERT—If you want to please a man who smokes a pipe, give him the tobacco that is extra mild and extra tasty—Prince Albert! Watch his happy smile as he lights up this pipe, rich tobacco that smokes so cool and mellow because it's specially cut and "no-bite" treated. Make this a real Christmas for the pipe-smokers you know—give Prince Albert, the National Joy Smoke.

(left) The handsome Christmas-wrapped Camel carton—10 packs of 20's—200 cigarettes. Your dealer is featuring it now.

(above) A pound package rich-tasting, "no-bite" in this eye-filling package of Prince Albert. Be sure to see this generous one-pound on display at your nearest dealer.

(right) Also featured in a timely holiday dress—four boxes of Camels in "flat fifties." Looks like (and it) a lot of "gift" for what you pay!

**A PERFECT WAY TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**IN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPERS**



SERIAL STORY

SKI'S THE LIMIT

BY ADELAIDE HUMPHRIES

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Yesterday Sally is shocked by the seriousness of Dan's injury. In response, she asks his forgiveness, kisses him goodby, and is forever, she wonders...

CHAPTER VIII

THE white world of the winter carnival had turned into a fresh new one with a gauzy scarf of tender green covering the hillside, birds flying north to begin searching for bits of string and straw to build their nests, crocuses heroically thrusting up bright brave golden heads.

Corey Porter, home for spring vacation, lost no time in heading his long low sports roadster toward the suburb, near Boston, where Sally Blair lived. Corey was a very important young man these days, in a few months he would graduate, head man of his class. He would be taken into his father's firm, start a new life. But Corey's handsome young face did not wear the important, satisfied look it should have. His nice mouth was a bit grim; his blue eyes wore a perplexed expression.

He was going to have a showdown with Sally, or else. Never, in all his experience—and he had had a few, as he prided himself—had any girl treated him as had Sally. Not one word from her since the houseparty, unless you wanted to count the stiff little bread-and-butter note required from formal courtesy, which Corey did not. Never in all his life had Corey been given the "go-by" by any member of the opposite sex. It was an entirely new experience. Had Sally known it—and maybe she did since she was an experienced young lady, too—it had proved the best possible means of bringing Corey to heel.

For if he had imagined himself taken with Sally before—that last moonlight night of the houseparty, for instance—now Corey knew he was sunk.

NOW he meant business, as he would show Sally by the way he turned into the long driveway that led to her home, swept up under the big port cochere, ground on the brakes. It seemed to him much too long before the heavy door finally was unlatched, swung gently open. Then, when he saw that it was Sally who had opened it to him, impatience was well rewarded. He had forgotten she was so lovely, that her dark eyes were so soft and shining, her mouth so temptingly sweet. He had forgotten that any girl could make him feel as he did now, just looking at Sally again. "Why, Corey!" She held out a hand, her face breaking into a smile. She drew him on inside, making him welcome. "How nice to see you again! When did you

get home? Come in and make yourself at home. It's good to see you." "You'd never guess it!" Corey returned. His grin was rueful, but his spirits soared. Sally must be glad to see him, after all! "What have you been doing with yourself that you never had time to drop a fellow a line? What did I do to deserve such treatment?" "I did write—once," Sally reminded. She led the way on into the big living room that was so cheerful with its open fire, gay chintzes and profusion of flowers. Sally was proud of the fact that she had made it to home-like now that she had taken over the task of running her father's house. "I have been busy," she admitted. "I'm sorry if you feel I've neglected you, Corey."

"Rumor has it," Corey said, flinging his long length down into a deep chair, "that you didn't go back to school, my sweet. How come? Did the grind get you down? I suppose you've been busy flirting and dancing and playing havoc generally from dawn until dawn with all the masculine population within reach."

THERE was something about Sally that he had not noticed before. He could not put his finger on it, call it by name. She was prettier than ever, if possible, her dark curls drawn back with a narrow pink ribbon, her dainty frock matching the slight flush in her cheeks. Yet he felt that, somehow, she had changed.

Sally laughed, shook her head. No, she had not been busy in that way. But Corey would not understand, or believe her if she denied it. She told him she had not gone back to finish out the term because she had decided to stay home with her father. "I never realized," Sally said, "how Daddy missed me, how all alone he was. I decided to stay here with him; this is a big house you know for one person." Sally's mother had died when she was a child. "Daddy never complained. But I know now how glad he is to have me with him." She knew now, too, how much she had missed the companionship she had never before taken time to share with the father who had given her so much.

"I don't expect you find much time to be with him now?" Corey laughed at this idea. He knew how full the life was of a popular girl like Sally, one party after another, a date for every waking moment, a round of places every night, a few hours' sleep squeezed in each morning. Pretty hectic, but fearfully exciting and gay.

No time to spare beside the home-fire, or to waste in solitude or thought. Never a dull moment. "I hope," Corey added, "that you're going to have some time for me, Sally, my pet. We'll do all the hot-spots, paint the town crimson, if you say the word. This will be my last play-time for a spell. After graduation I'm going to settle down for keeps. You won't know me, I'm going to be such a different guy! I've got my mind all set on a certain goal. And you know when I set out to do something I won't give up until I make the grade."

HE put a subtle implication behind his light words. For the goal Corey had set his mind on winning was Sally herself. "By the way," he added, not giving her a chance to say whether she was going to have time for him, or not, "have you forgotten that you owe me payment on that case we made? Check, Sally, my sweet? About Dan Reynolds, I mean? That was one man you failed to lance and get to eat out of your pretty hand?" Corey was so preoccupied in lighting a cigaret that he did not notice the swift flash of pain in Sally's bright eyes, or the color ebb from her cheeks. "That's one reason for this visit. I came to collect."

"How is Dan?" Sally asked. This was the reason she had welcomed Corey so heartily, had been glad to see him.

She had reports, of course, from Doctor Barnes through her father's lawyer, who had handled the doctor's bills and hospital expenses. But she wanted to hear from someone who knew Dan, who had seen him just recently, talked with him.

"He's coming along," Corey glanced up at Sally now. There had been something in her voice. That new note of quietness, of stability that somehow seemed to her that he had sensed. "As well as can be expected. He hobbled about on crutches, after more than a month lying flat. He's walking now again."

"Walking?" Sally's eyes shone, her breath came with a little rush of relief and joyousness. "Oh, Corey, I'm so glad. I was afraid he might never walk—the same, I mean—as he had. Maybe, before long, he will be able to ski again." "I hardly think so," Corey would not have answered quite so bluntly, had he known what a blow it would be to Sally. "He'll hardly take up skiing in a hurry. He's walking, Sally. But he probably will always walk with a bad limp."

(To Be Continued)

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



IN THE BAG

Duncan Coffee Co. Gives Big Bonuses To All Employees

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 19.—The Duncan Coffee company, with roasting plants at Houston and Corpus Christi, today announced that it was paying its more than 350 employees a cash bonus equal to 10% of the annual pay received. Employees who work on a commission and bonus basis have already received their share of the annual bonus from month to month.

This is the twentieth annual bonus provided by the company in its 20 years in business, which makes it one of a very few firms in the United States that has such a record. The company also boasts of employing more men and women than practically any coffee roasting plant in the United States, most of which plants have been very thoroughly mechanized in recent years. They also show a very small labor turnover in proportion to the size of their payroll.

Said Mr. H. M. Duncan, president of the company, "We are proud of the loyalty of our workers, many of whom have been with us continuously for years, and some of whom have been on our payroll since we started business in 1918."

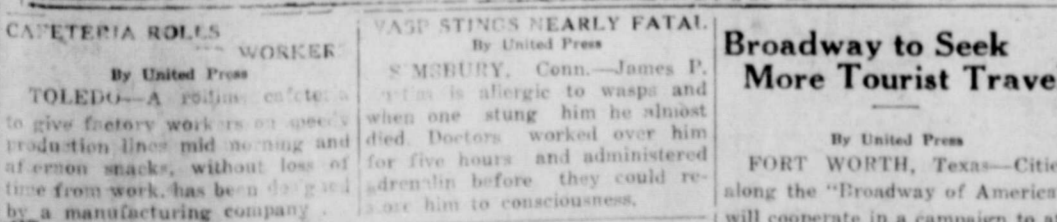
By United Press AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15.—Dry weather is threatening a bad winter on Texas' cattle and sheep ranges, the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported here today. "November was an abnormally dry," the report said. The condition of all ranges as reported Dec. 1, was about the same as the year before, but moisture conditions were less favorable. The report said cattle still are in good feed and sheep, also, but that range feed was limited.

It is untrue that Ringling Brothers are considering trading Gargantua for Goering.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS By Blosser



MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse -- By Thompson and Coll



Broadway to Seek More Tourist Travel

By United Press FORT WORTH, Texas—Cities along the "Broadway of America" will cooperate in a campaign to attract more tourists to the route, Charles G. Cotten of Fort Worth announced. Cotten said that highway clubs in the cities linked by the southern route coast-to-coast would join the program for recouping lost tourist traffic. The highway stretches from New York to San Diego. Cotten blamed competition of other routes for loss of traffic on the "Broadway of America." Shortening, improving and advertising of competing roads has drawn away many tourists who otherwise would have driven over this route, he said.



Name: 4-H achievement champions at the Chicago congress of 4-H clubs were Lloyd Hawkins of Foss, Okla., and Katherine Sire of Belt, Mont. Both are 18.

ALLEY OOP By Hamlin



By HARRY GRAYSON

WHILE Pittsburgh breaks promises in its farcical attempt to be pure and powerful at the same time, it is served notice that the pressure remains on at football centers with which Dr. John G. Bowman, the chancellor, wishes to impress sufficiently to establish athletic relationship.

Ten of 25 freshmen involved in the current Pitt controversy, misunderstanding or whatever it is, have been approached by unofficial representatives of high-ranking institutions with which Dr. Bowman is flirting. They have been informed that they would be welcome in new fields of learning if their troubles press on them so sorely that they feel a change of locale would be beneficial. The yearlings insist upon dealing with Pittsburgh as a unit. That is fair enough. The university dealt with them separately, and now appears to have changed its mind. It strikes me that the university should be more concerned about an athletic director whose office made the athletes promises which it apparently cannot keep than the boys. The athletes' seven-point list of alleged promises was made them by Walter Good, assistant to Jimmy Hagan, the athletic director, some time after Dr. Bowman decided to "push de-emphasisization to the limit."

THERE'll be high-pressure methods, proselyting demands for coaches' scraps, and in some instances a letting down of scholastic bars, as long as football is played. Illinois has always maintained a sane attitude toward athletics. This is largely due to the influence of the late George Huff, the university's athletic director for many years, in fact, until his death, and the man who hired Bob Zuppke when the latter was football coach at Oak Park High School of Chicago. Illinois came to be known as the school where a coach, providing he had ability, had a lifetime job. His tenure was as safe as that of a professor. Harry Gill, who retired some few years ago, was track coach when the university was in swaddling clothes. The predecessor of the present baseball coach led in harness. Zuppke's line coach, Justus Lindgren, was at the university before Zup went there. Ed Manley, the swimming coach, is a veteran of more than 25 years. An Illinois coach has been as safe as was Amos Alonzo Stagg, who when he was appointed many years ago as head man at Chicago, was given a professorship and a life appointment. He was not released until after the retirement age made his stepping down automatic. As long as Huff was alive, Zuppke was free from interference. Now it would appear that times have changed, although it is obvious that had his forced resignation been made to stick it would have been the most unpopular move in the university's history. The present athletic director, Wendell Wilson, a former football player under Zuppke, obtained his appointment largely through the influence of Zup. Now it would appear that Wilson, if not an actual anti-Zuppke man, at least lent his aid toward the movement to force the veteran coach to step down. Even Illinois grew tired of taking it.

JOHN T. FLYNN

BY JOHN T. FLYNN NEA Service Staff Correspondent THE favorite term for Hitler in this country now is "madman." It is of profound interest to watch how this "madman" moves with inflexible logic toward his goals. More than two years ago several volumes appeared in Europe (notably Ernst Henri's "Hitler Over Europe") in which Hitler's future plans were outlined. These outlines were based partly on Hitler's book but also upon innumerable statements made by him since he came to power. At the time I wrote an outline of the predictions of these books. Since that time almost every prophecy made has been fulfilled in an abundant measure and now we see Hitler preparing to fulfill the others. The core of the Hitler policy according to these analysts, was the capture of the oil fields of Rumania and the grain fields of the Ukraine. They said Hitler made it clear that he would move toward the east and that he would begin by the absorption of Austria. They even described in some detail the means he would use. And he did precisely that. They said his next step would be Czechoslovakia. They pointed out that he would make the Sudeten question the excuse for internal agitation in Czechoslovakia. They concluded that he would go into Czechoslovakia in order to get the great industrial resources of Bohemia and would use the "suppression" of the German minorities as an excuse. And they insisted he would act with swiftness before England and France were ready to offer active resistance. They felt that Hitler would take all of Czechoslovakia. But they underestimated the ease with which he rode and which enabled him to content himself with the Sudeten areas and complete domination of the most important sovereign ownership. This done, the way was open to the Ukraine through either Poland or Rumania. And it is the Ukraine toward which he is driving. When Hitler promised Chamberlain that he would accept no more territory in Europe, many supposed that this would end his drive. They did not remember the predictions referred to. These were that Hitler would attempt propaganda penetration of both Rumania and the Ukraine, setting up minority bogies, producing confusion and agitation and even violence in the Ukraine and Rumania. He would gamble on arousing a nationalist spirit in the Ukraine and setting the people there off against the Ukrainians. Germany could then support the struggle of the Ukrainians to be "free." Now this very week comes news from Berlin that Nazi party circles are discussing in detail the project of an independent Ukrainian state. It is to include Ukraine and Ruthenia, organized as a puppet state. The plan, we are informed, proposes ceaseless agitation to make the Germans conscious of the Ukrainian issue and to set off the revolutionary energy against it. It is supposed to be the "Ukraine." Thus Hitler moves with remorseless logic toward his goal. (Copyright, 1938, NEA Service, Inc.)

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

Advertisement for 'ONE MANGROVE TREE' and 'MUSTARD GAS' with illustrations and text. Text includes: 'ONE MANGROVE TREE, THROUGH ITS SYSTEM OF AERIAL ROOTS, CAN GROW INTO AN ENTIRE FOREST!' and 'MUSTARD GAS WAS DISCOVERED 60 YEARS BEFORE THE WORLD WAR.' Also includes a calendar snippet: '15 DECEMBER TWENTY-SECOND ALWAYS THE SHORTEST DAY?' and 'ANSWER: Dec. 22 is the shortest day of the year except during leap years, when Dec. 21 is shorter.'

A WANT AD IN THIS PAPER WILL BRING QUICK RESULTS!

# Society

**Buddy Britton Weds**  
Miss Viola Bell of Strawn  
Mr. H. B. Britton announces the marriage of his son, Buddy, to Miss Viola Bell of Strawn. They were married at Weatherford Monday night, Dec. 5, at 9 o'clock, at the minister's residence. The young couple will make

their home at the Joseph Apartments. He is employed at Al Tunc's Service Station.

**Martha Dorcas Class of Methodist Church to Have Christmas Party**

The Martha Dorcas Class of the First Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas party in the

home of Mrs. F. S. Pearsall, at 1121 Pershing street Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Members are urged to attend with a Christmas gift.

**Miss Rita Mooney Is Spending Christmas Holidays With Her Parents**

Miss Rita Mooney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mooney, a student at Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents. Miss Mooney has been very active in the pre-Christmas activities at Mercyhurst and was chairman of the Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Freshmen at Mercyhurst.

Christmas holidays with their parents.

The Ranger students are Garlan Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Montgomery, and Miss Anita McHarg, daughter of Mr. Tess McHarg.

**Cooper P.-T. A. to Have Open House Tuesday Night**

Cooper P.-T. A. will have its annual open house meeting Tuesday night, December 20, at 7:30, in the school auditorium. The following program will be given:

Songs, 5th grade: Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Joy to the World.  
Play, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades, Farewell to Toyland.

Harmonica quartet, 4th grade.

Song, Christmas Lullaby, 4th grade.

Reading, Natilene Watson, Xylophone, Elsie Hummel.

Play, 5th and 7th grades, The Christmas Fairy, from Dickens' Christmas Carol.

Pantomime, Jesus Lover of My Soul.

Songs, 6th grade, Bless This House, Thanks Be to God, Star of the East.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brown of Ranger have as their guests dur-

ing the holidays Mrs. H. E. Brown and Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett of Austin, mother and sister of Mr. Calvin Brown.

**Billie Bob Boon** was removed from the West Texas hospital to his home, 1118 16th street, today. His condition is improved, but it will take considerable time for him to overcome his recent illness.

**Mr. and Mrs. James King** and baby and Mrs. Sig Faircloth visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mosley, parents of Mrs. King and Mrs. Faircloth, in Abilene, Sunday.

**Sig Faircloth** and Frank Marion are business visitors in Lometa, Texas, today.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mathews** and daughters, Jane and Ann, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan, in Dallas.

**J. A. Johnson**, student of John Tarleton college, came home Saturday to visit through the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Billy Joe Turner**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner, Breckenridge highway and Buster Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Higdon, Austin street, students at Texas Technological college in Lubbock, came home Friday to visit their parents, during the holidays.

Jack Palmer and Jack Morrison students of A. & M. college arrived Friday night to spend the holidays at their homes in Ranger.

**Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hason** and children of Moran, Texas, spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph.

**Joe Campbell** was a car guest of Philip Kribbs, who went to College Station Saturday and brought back several Ranger boys. He has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kribbs and with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simon. He will spend the holidays with his parents in Midland.

**W. F. Creager**, cashier of the Commercial State bank, spent Sunday in Gorman with his father, W. T. Creager, who is seriously ill. He came home last night and returned to Gorman, again today.

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