

We notice that pastors of Ranger churches are urging better church attendance during this New Year.

Believing that the church is a great comfort and an inspirational aid to all of us mortals in these times, we heartily endorse the efforts of the local clergymen in creating greater interest and participation in religious activities during 1953.

The oft-repeated slogan, "You need the church—and the church needs you," needs well to restate the situation briefly and to the point.

Along that trend of thought on this Sabbath Day, we'd like to pass along the word that very popular New York clergyman, Norman Vincent Peale, whose inspirational writings in the field of religion have been so widely accepted by men and women of all faiths.

"I want to pass on to you a great idea for the New Year which I got from a man I met outside a church door", writes the eminent Rev. Peale.

"We had just finished worshipping in a little country church when this man came up and said: 'What a place! Why, if people knew what they could find in there, they would flock to it by the thousands. I don't mean only this church, this little one, but all churches.'"

And then Peale goes on: "Bill knows. For it was only a few years ago when he had come into this same church, a broken man. President of a large company in which there had been an internal squabble, he found himself out on the street, at 52. His first reaction was fear; after all, he had two children in college and was getting on in years. The second was hatred for the men who had ousted him. And the third was a feeling that life was finished."

But in church, he became convinced that religion could help him and, because we were neighbors, he came to me and we conferred. The first thing I told him was, "You have to get all hate out of your heart; pray for those men instead of hating them because ill-will corrodes the soul and impedes the channel through which creative spiritual power flows."

"Then," I continued, "all fear must come out; fear prevents you from using the spiritual power inside you. And, most important you must put your future in God's hands and believe that He will give you this power and guide you."

He took my advice. Today, he has made a comeback, but that isn't the point. He has become one of the leading citizens of his community, and people go to him for advice because they find he can give them the touch that turns failure into success. He can do this because he gives them the simple, dynamic, creative philosophy of the Bible.

When we met at the church door he told me, "I've found a text. It's a wonderful text. I'm going to use it to guide me through this coming year. I found it in the Book of Revelation. 'Behold, I make all things new.' Say it to yourself and see how wonderful it sounds."

Look at your difficulties, your failures, the mistakes of the past, and then say to yourself, "Behold, I make all things new."

That's what the New Year means, doesn't it? It's a chance to start all over again, even from scratch if you have to. And the best way to start is with the guidance of God.

Start the New Year off right by resolving to go regularly to your place of worship.

We hope you enjoyed those words as much as did your reporter. And let's all try to do better during this new year.

Let's get a new start in the church of our choice.

Because we all know, deep down inside, that our church does need us—and that we need our church!



REPLACES DANIEL—John Ben Sheppard of Gladewater, Texas, right, is sworn in as Attorney General of the State of Texas by Judge J. E. Hickman of the Texas Supreme Court. Sheppard succeeds Senate-elect Price Daniel.

Ranger Couple, Son Aboard Queen Mary

A Ranger man and his wife and son are aboard the liner Queen Mary with Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill who is headed for the United States for an all-important visit with government leaders.

Cecil D. Alworth, employed by the Standard Oil Company and a well known Rangerite, and his wife and son, Charles, 9, are aboard the big trans-Atlantic passenger ship which is scheduled to dock at New York Monday.

The Alworths spent the Christmas season in London. Prior to the holidays they had been in Indonesia.

Mr. Alworth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Alworth, Straw Road, Ranger. The couple expect their son and his wife and family to arrive in the city in the near future for a periodic vacation visit. The trio were in Ranger last in April.

Tom Herring, 55, Is Buried Today

Tom Herring, 55, who died in a Veteran's Hospital in Dallas, early Friday morning, was buried in Eastland at 2 p.m. Saturday. Funeral services in charge of Austin Varner, minister of the Church of Christ, were conducted from the Hamner Funeral Chapel in Eastland. Interment in Eastland cemetery, with the American Legion in charge of grave-side services.

Out-of-town people who attended the funeral included Mrs. Nina Mae Fraizer, San Antonio; Frank Herring, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hensley of Farmersville; Mr. and Mrs. Brooks B. Herring and Lowell Herring, Lubbock; M. P. Jr., and Frank Steen, Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pollard, Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Herring, Electra.

His nephews served as pallbearers. Survivors include his father, Brooks Herring of Eastland, and M. P. Herring, a brother, of Abilene.

Final Rites Held For Eastland Woman's Mother

Funeral services for Mrs. S. A. Pitzer, 86, pioneer resident of Abilene and mother of Mrs. A. F. Bandy were held in Laughlin-North Memorial Chapel in Abilene at 2:30 Friday afternoon. She died at 7:50 a.m. Thursday at her home, 442 Grape Street.

Mrs. Pitzer was born at Kentucky Town, Tex., the former Mary Frances Price, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Price of Williamson County. Her husband died 22 years ago. He was a Taylor County rancher.

Other survivors include Mrs. M. C. Watson of Dallas, daughter; Harry W. Pitzer of Chickasha, Okla.; and Ernest T. Pitzer of Abilene, sons; a granddaughter, Mrs. Wilson E. Goss of Dallas; three grandsons, Robert S. Watson, Dallas; Sidney Pitzer, Abilene; and Lt. Ernest T. Pitzer, Jr., with the U. S. Army in Korea; and two great granddaughters.



Edwin Joseph Campbell

James Ryon, 14, Named Winner 4-H Club Work

James Ryon, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ryon, Desdemona, Eastland County, has been named as County Winner in the National 4-H Club Field Crops Contest according to a recent announcement from the County Agent's office.

James, member of the Desdemona 4-H Club has been active for the past five years. He will receive the gold field crops medal at the annual Eastland County 4-H Club Rally Day to be held early in April. It will mark the second time he has received this honor for being the county crops winner. Donor of the medal is the International Harvester Co. of Chicago.

James has been active in the different other 4-H Club contests. He has received in the past a dairy production medal as well as two medals for his work in farm and home safety.

In spite of a dry crop season his 15 acre cotton crop project, that was sprayed three times for insects produced three bales of cotton that was sold for \$513.00, a total of \$108.00 worth of cotton that was sold in the seed without being ginned and a total of \$110.00 of cotton seed for a total gross income of \$733.00. His expenses for the cotton project amounted to \$304.12.

James has also had during the year four head of cattle, eight head of sheep and lambs, four of which are being fed out of the spring livestock show and five hogs.

Woman Treated For Hip Injury

Mrs. John Thurman was taken to the All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth Friday for further treatment of a serious hip injury which she received in an accident New Year's day, it was learned Saturday morning.

Mrs. Thurman, who resides on the Terrell Ranch near Ranger, was taken to the West Texas Clinic in Ranger immediately after the accident where she received preliminary treatment prior to being removed to the Fort Worth hospital.

HEADS UP!
Here comes the New Rocket OSBORNE MOTOR COMPANY Eastland, Texas

Authorization Due Next Week—

Draft Age Lowering Ordered For Texas

Special Meet Of Ranger JC Group Monday

A special meeting of the members of the Ranger Junior Chamber of Commerce has been called for Monday night at the Gholson Hotel at 7:30 o'clock.

All Jaycees are urged to attend the session during which very important business is to be discussed, including arrangements for the forthcoming annual banquet to be staged later this month.

New officers and directors of the Ranger Junior Chamber are slated for formal installation at the banquet.

The 1953 officers named during an election early in December, are Earl Lebreton, president; James Townzen, vice president; Allen Rushing, secretary; and Charles Rose, treasurer.

Most Dry Areas To Remain Dry

People seem to be unable to make up their minds on the liquor question. During recent weeks five local option elections have been held with the following results:

On November 4, an election was held in Justice Precinct No. 3 in Midland county, on the question of legalizing beer. The vote was 49 for, and 27 against legalizing beer.

Lubbock county held a county wide local option election on Nov. 4, to determine whether or not to legalize the sale of beer. Result was 17,965 to 8,496 against the sale of beer.

In Orange county, in one Justice Precinct the vote was 716 to 595 for prohibiting the sale of beer.

In Hardin county on the question of prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages, the vote was reported to have been 182 to 44 against prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages.

In Nolan county in a county-wide election, the county voted 3,439 to 1,885 against the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

Nice Weather For Eastlanders During Weekend

It may be a little cool, but Eastland County is scheduled to enjoy fairly pleasant mild weather over the weekend.

A forecast of the U. S. Weather Bureau early Saturday predicted fair skies and no rain over the Saturday and Sunday period.

Saturday afternoon's highest mercury reading was slated between 55 and 60 degrees, and Sunday night's low was forecast for freezing. Weathermen said the temperature was certain to drop to a low of at least 30 degrees, possibly lower—down in the 20s—for in the Eastland County area during Sunday's pre-dawn hours.

The forecast calls for a fair Sabbath Day for the area with the afternoon high due to be recorded between 55 and 60 degrees.

In recent years the acreage planted to corn in Texas has been exceeded by only three other crops—cotton, grain sorghum and wheat.

On the second team berths were won by Tackle Jimmie Wheeler, Guard Wayne Hargrave, Center John Poved Rusk and Quarterback Gerald Bagwell.

Winning honorable mention were Herbert Williams and Tommy Hinds, ends; and J. L. Barnes and Lee Hill, tackles.

Three boys—and Chico Mendoza of Ranger and fullback Herman Kaufman and tackle J. Ray McCullough, both of Stephenville—were unanimous, compiling 20 out of 20 possible points.

CARRIERS WANTED
Wanted at once boys with bicycles for Ranger Daily Times routes.
Any boy interested in securing one of the routes should contact Mrs. Joe Dennis at the Times office any time.

'Break' Is Due Soon In Campbell Slaying

EDWIN JOSEPH CAMPBELL FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD IN RANGER SATURDAY MORNING

Tests Show Victim Dead Before Blaze

By GROVER LEE

High requiem mass rites were solemnized Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Ranger for Edwin Joseph Campbell, 24-year-old Dallas resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Campbell of Ranger.

The Rev. Father August Merkle, pastor of the church, officiated during the funeral services and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Ranger, Killingsworth Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preceding the Saturday final rites, a eulogy was said for Mr. Campbell at the chapel of the Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Campbell, a former Ranger resident, met a violent death in Dallas Wednesday night. Dallas police found his body in a flaming car in a residential area about 9:30 p.m. Exact details regarding his death remained unknown Saturday morning.

Fallbearers at the funeral were Robert C. Tucker of Dallas, C. L. Sherman of Beaumont, Jerome Ready of Pecos, Jimmie Wallace of Levelland, Bill Hinkson of Straw, Don Conway of Fort Worth, and Marvin McGee and Bill Bourdeau, both of Ranger.

Honorary pallbearers were Herman Nelson, long-time close friend of the deceased, of Tampa, Tex., and members of the local Service Battery unit of the National Guard.

Mr. Campbell was born at Fortney, Tex., on Feb. 19, 1928. He moved to Ranger with his parents at an early age and attended the Ranger Public Schools, graduating from Ranger High School in 1945. He attended Arlington State College, Arlington, and later entered Texas Technological College, Lubbock, where he completed his collegiate studies and received a degree in business administration in 1950.

For the past three and a half years, Mr. Campbell had been employed by the Pacific Finance Co. and made his home at 1131 Walters Drive, Dallas, at the time of his death. He and his wife and their infant son, 19 months of age, had moved to Dallas in November, 1952, after having resided in Beaumont.

Mr. Campbell was married to the former Miss Helen Ruth Whaley of Cisco, daughter of T. W. Whaley of that city, at Sour Lake, Texas, on July 29, 1949. One son, Steven Alan, was born to the couple.

Mr. Campbell, a member of the Catholic Church, also was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

A former member of the Ranger unit of the Ranger Service Battery of the 648th Field Artillery Battalion of the Texas National Guard, Mr. Campbell had enlisted in the unit on June 23, 1948. He later transferred to the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion at Lubbock on Dec. 18 of the same year.

In addition to his wife and son of Dallas, other survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Campbell of Ranger; two brothers, Morris A. Campbell and Charlie D. Campbell, both of Ranger; one sister, Mrs. Earl Jolly of Grand Island, Neb.; and a grandmother, Mrs. Flavie Bunch of Ranger.

Local Women Are Invited To Breck Meeting

Next Monday night, January 5, at 7:30 p.m., the Breck & Derrick Club of Breckenridge will meet at the Woman's Forum and hear a special paper from a Chemical Process Company employee on "Acidizing Techniques." The program will be in keeping with the usual theme of such meetings. At the last meeting, Guy Ewing, Jr., exhibited a film depicting progress of drilling an oil well.

There are 34 members of the Breckenridge club, dedicated to the study of the industry and familiarizing themselves with the terminology of the industry.

Membership is always open in the club to women actively engaged in any branch of the petroleum industry and allied organizations that directly supply and serve the oil industry. Women in Ranger and Eastland who are interested and wish to become members are cordially invited to attend the January 5th meeting. The Woman's Forum is located at 1804 West Walker Street, Breckenridge.

Wheels O' Justice Grind Again; New Officials On Job

Several new faces were seen at the court house today, including a few new officials. Everybody was on time and working just as though nothing had happened.

Judge Turner Collier's first job was to hear a divorce suit, in which the divorce was granted. He took office in the middle of a term, but terms are continuous, and he will serve no time getting into action. The next term of court will convene Feb. 9.

The first official act of the sheriff's department was to bring a boy over from Cisco, who is charged with being AWOL.

Justice J. B. Boggs assessed a couple of fighting fines for his first official act of the year, while a speeder came in for attention immediately following.

The weatherman brought us a very depressing sandstorm from the South Plains. It was a hum-dinger, and will be remembered until the next one arrives.

Johnson Smith, new county clerk, said his first official act, was going after the mail.

HEADS UP!
Here comes the New Rocket OSBORNE MOTOR COMPANY Eastland, Texas

Seven RHS Gridders Win All-District Honors

Three Bulldogs Land Berths On First Team

A fourth, halfback Charles Massee of Ranger, lacked only one first team vote of being unanimous.

Opposite Mendoza at end is Jim Webb, 175-pound senior high jumper from Cisco.

McCullough's running mate at tackle is Harold Price of Comanche, a 185-pound sophomore.

The guard spots went to Porter Grimes of Stephenville and Bobby Justice, Ranger. Grimes is a 165-pounder and Justice, a junior, tips the scales at 160.

Stephenville's sterling pivotman 170-pound Jeral Jackson, is the No. 1 center.

Headlocking with 16 points each for the two remaining backfield spots was Comanche's Weldon Hicks, Stephenville's Clut Robertson, and Cisco's Irvin Brunkenhoefer. Brunkenhoefer is on the all-district first team for the fourth straight year.

In his first three years, Brunkenhoefer made the mythical eleven at end but with the departure of Cisco's touchdown twins, Doug Johnson and Robert Jackson, he moved into the depleted Lobo backfield.

Stephenville, which represented 10-AA in the state playoffs after tying Comanche and Ranger for the title, placed eight men on the 25-man first and second team selections. Ranger had seven, Comanche six, and Cisco two.

THE 1952 COACHES' 10-AA ALL DISTRICT TEAMS

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM		
Player	School	Pos.	Player	School
Chico Mendoza	Ranger	E	Bob Herrin	St'ville
Jim Webb	Cisco	E	B. Goforth	Comanche
J. R. McCullough	St'ville	T	Jimmy Wheeler	Ranger
Harold Price	Comanche	T	T. Robertson	St'ville
Porter Grimes	St'ville	G	Jim Terrell	St'ville
Bobby Justice	Ranger	G	W. Hargrave	Ranger
Jeral Jackson	St'ville	C	John Rush	Ranger
H. Kaufman	St'ville	B	W. Turner	Comanche
Chas. Massee	Ranger	B	Gerald Bagwell	Ranger
Weldon Hicks	Comanche	B	Calvin Lee	Comanche
Clut Robertson	St'ville	B	Lloyd Biggs	Comanche
I. Brunkenhoefer	Cisco	B		

HONORABLE MENTION
Ends: Jim Mobley, Stephenville; Herbert Williams, Ranger; Dalton Hicks, Comanche; Tommy Hines, Ranger.

Tackles: J. L. Barnes, Ranger; Lee Hill, Ranger.
Guards: Kenneth McNutt, Comanche; Jim Reynolds, Cisco; Marvin Lee, Comanche; Weldon Bowden, Comanche.
Center: Donald Robertson, Comanche.
Back: Mackey Montgomery, Stephenville.

Royal Neighbors Officers To Have Practice

Mrs. E. F. Arterburn, team captain of the Royal Neighbors of America, Carnation Camp No. 9059, has asked that all new officers to be initiated on January 19, be present at the hall Monday night at 7:30 p.m., for practice on the initiation services.

All new officers are urged to be present; at this very important meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn were in Ft. Worth Friday on business.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means to thank the people who were so kind and sympathetic to us during the death of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We also thank each of you for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Woods and family.

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NEWS FROM OLDEN

Dinner guests Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sellers were Mrs. Annie Wilkerson and R. J. Wilkerson, of Mertzon, grandma Hambrick, and Mrs. Ruth Chancellor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and Carolyn of Kermit, spent several days here during the Christmas holidays, with Mr. and Mrs. Eff Allen. They left Friday for Stephenville for a visit with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Rauch and children of Odessa arrived here Christmas evening for a visit with her mother and Freddie.

Wanda Yielding spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Eastland, with her aunt, Mrs. Gordon Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gibbs have moved to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yielding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fox and family of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McKelvin and son of Cisco, Mrs. Nettie Fox, and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Nabours and daughter enjoyed their annual family Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Woods in Eastland. A delicious buffet dinner was served afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Musgrove of San Angelo, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McGuire.

Corp. and Mrs. Ed Colburn of Wichita Falls, will return home the 3rd of January, after spending several days here and in Eastland with relatives.

Mrs. Ada Ray and Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ray and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ray and family of Kermit and Mrs. J. A. Bates of Ranger, were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Nettie Fox last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown of Austin, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown.

Mrs. Minnie Nartan spent Christmas in Vincent, with her son, Wilburn and family.

G. D. Coltharp of Dallas, visited his brother and family, Paul Coltharp and family, here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and children of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Bill Baughan of Eastland, spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams.

Better Cough Relief

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At Your Ranger Theatres



Top—Cornel Wilde and Phyllis Thaxter share the romantic roles in "Operation Secret," Warner Bros. adventure drama which shows Sunday and Monday at the Tower Bottom—The story of two people whose private lives were dramatically affected by the husband's unprecedented war responsibility is brought to the Ranger Drive-in Sunday thru Tuesday. Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker star in "Above and Beyond."

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Elders left for their home in Oklahoma Sunday morning, after spending Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Moffett.

John Hamilton of Fort Worth, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hamilton.

Mrs. Martin Smith recently underwent surgery in the Eastland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith and children, left Saturday for their

son in Ranger, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrell and children spent the holidays with her people in Shaurock.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hood were L. Warner and Miss June Hood of Ranger, Grandma Deaton, R. F. Hood, Martin Turpen, and Mr. and Mrs. Beckie Jones of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Olsene Hogan and children of Odessa, Tommy Ferguson and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ferguson of Cisco, spent Christmas here with their mother, Mrs. Nettie Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes of Dallas and Mrs. Ferguson of Cleburne, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Poe of Pampa, Mrs. Ray Justice and Dock Justice of Eastland, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lawrence during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Musgrove, visited relatives in Dallas, last Thursday.

NEWS FROM STAFF

By Mrs. M. O. Hazard

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Miller and daughters of Snyder, visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williamson and children from Kopperel, visited with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White Tuesday night.

The Maurice Hazard family of Eastland, were guests Christmas Day of Mrs. Hazard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pope had a Christmas Dinner with their aunt, Mrs. Mollie Webb and family in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crosby and Judy Beth, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Crosby and Mrs. Bessie Bennett, Judy Beth was entered in Eastland Memorial Hospital Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker of Gorman, were guests Thursday of Mrs. Parker's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were in Eastland Saturday, where they visited with their son, Maurice Hazard and family and Mrs. Pearl Bourland.

Walter Duncan was quite ill the past week with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson, accompanied by their son E. G. Henderson and wife, spent Friday and Saturday visiting with the Merrell Miller family in Snyder.

The A. E. Fox Family attended Trades Day in Eastland Saturday.

Earl Little, who is stationed in New Jersey, was home for the holidays to visit his wife and infant daughter, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White

spent Christmas Day in Eastland, with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Mark Williamson.

There will be preaching here the first Sunday in January, by the pastor, Rev. Clifford Hamilton. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coop were Eastland visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard had as Christmas dinner guests, their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Foville and Earl from Deedemona.

Ben Wallace from Abilene, spent this week in the home of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald of Eastland, were guests Sunday evening of Mr. Hazard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard.

Mrs. Irl Slaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blythe of Abilene, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Slaughter's sister, Mrs. Floyd Crawley.

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree and program here at the church on Christmas Eve night. People were here from Eastland, Olden, Snyder, Slaton, Kokomo and Brownwood.

The Cecil Alford family visited in Eastland Tuesday.



TOMBOY ED BARCELO

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FOR a moment, Marilyn had the upper hand and George Kendall felt that all was lost. As the truck lurched forward she tried to get a half-nelson but George somersaulted quickly and the next instant he had her in his arms. He held her tightly with her arms at her sides. She struggled and kicked, but she was helpless.

"All right, wildcat, just calm down."

"I don't care if I spend it and my unnatural life as well in prison," George yelled back at her. "But you're going to listen to what I have to say and there's nothing you can do about it."

"I suppose you kidnaped me just to have a nice little chat?"

"Quiet, please. When I'm done talking, you can have your say. Then you can get your cops and your father and Chief Big Bear and the militia if you want. You can lynch me and hang me up to dry, but first you're going to listen."

"Hanging's not a bad idea," she said. "But I'll listen."

"You always wanted a hayride, and here it is."

"So you burned up Max's hay? That's arson."

"So it is. You're still going to listen."

Marilyn continued her silence, staring at him. She rubbed her arms where George had held them tightly.

"Do you want me to help you off the truck?" George asked.

Tom Faber, the truck driver, was coming out of the cab.

Suddenly Marilyn's fist swung out, caught the crouching George Kendall on the jaw. It probably was not a hard punch, but it caught George just right, making him lose his balance. George went backward.

"Okay. Sure. Sure I was work-

ing for your dad," he began. "I'm a private eye. It's my business to work for clients. I was going to tell you all about it. After we got engaged . . . that cow business, you know. But the joke was on me. I thought I could use plan No. 2—I'd make love to you, make you fall in love with me to break up your romance with Max. That was the idea. After that I'd dump you and collect my fee."

"Of all the low—"

"Shut up," George snapped. "I don't care if you believe this or not, or what you think of me. But the truth is that it didn't work out the way it was supposed to. Everybody has a laugh on George Kendall. Funny, isn't it? I was going to lure you away from Chief Big Bear—Max Arno—but instead I fell myself."

"I don't believe it."

George shouted to the truck driver. "Hey, Tom! Stop the truck."

THEY were on a country road, maybe five minutes out of Seneca Springs. The road was clear behind them. Pursuers, if any, had either lost the trail or were far behind. It was unlikely anyone would find them now, for they were on a back road. Tom Faber, the driver, knew the roads well.

The truck rumbled to a stop. George released Marilyn.

"That's all of the story," George told Marilyn. "You can get out now and go back to Max Arno."

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"Of all the low—"

"Shut up," George snapped. "I don't care if you believe this or not, or what you think of me. But the truth is that it didn't work out the way it was supposed to. Everybody has a laugh on George Kendall. Funny, isn't it? I was going to lure you away from Chief Big Bear—Max Arno—but instead I fell myself."

"I don't believe it."

George shouted to the truck driver. "Hey, Tom! Stop the truck."

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By V. T. Hamlin

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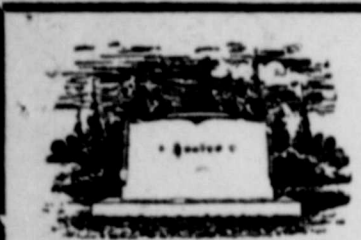
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F. M. Booker to First National Bank, Albany, assignment of oil payment.

Federal Land Bank of Houston to William T. Freeman, release of deed of trust.
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J. L. Erwin v. Ida Leona Erwin, divorce.
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Orders and Judgments
The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:
John Christopher v. Ted Hale, judgment.
G. N. Mahaney v. W. G. Baker, order.
Clifford C. Goforth v. Verna Goforth, judgment.



TOMBOY BY ED BARCELO

XXIV
GEORGE KENDALL managed to get to his feet. "Mr. Sutworth," George said, "there has been a change in plans. I thought I was in love with your daughter, but she's completely crazy. Besides, she's got a left hook like a champion."

Albert P. Sutworth turned his gaze from George to the roadside. There, sitting at the edge of the ditch were two figures, side by side. One was the truck driver, Tom Faber, holding his head in his hands. The other was Marilyn Sutworth, stroking his rusty colored hair with her fingers.

"What happened?" George asked. "Poor man," Marilyn was saying. "What happened?" George asked Verna, who was standing now beside him.

"I patted him on the head with a tire iron," said Verna Denton. "I didn't like to have him punch my boss in the jaw."

"Remind me to raise your pay," George said to his secretary. "Our agency is solvent, since Mr. Sutworth has paid his fee."

"There's still a matter of kidnapping, arson and possibly a few other things like peeping Toms and the like," said Verna.

"After we settle with Max Arno for that burned load of hay, I think we'll be in the clear," George said.

Mr. Sutworth cleared his throat. "Now, young man," he said, "I've another job for you." He nodded toward Marilyn and Faber. "I can tell that I'm going to have trouble with my daughter over that young man. I know the signs."

"You want to hire me again?" George was incredulous. "I like you. You're no quitter. In fact, if you do have to marry my daughter, I'll give you my blessing. If anyone can put her in line, you can. Now break up this budding romance with the red-headed young man and I'll pay your fee, expenses and a bonus."

"No, thanks, Mr. Sutworth. I'm going to be a quitter now that I'm ahead."

"But, my boy! You're fond of Marilyn. Your actions showed it."

"Trouble is, Mr. Sutworth, she's fond of everybody. In the past two days she's been infatuated with Chief Big Bear, me and now it looks like she's going for young Mr. Faber. Just think of the fees that you'll have to pay to keep her away from boy friends, unless you let her marry that young man!"

GEORGE and Verna took the midnight train back to New York. George had a small adhesive patch over the abrasions on his jaw, but otherwise he was unmarried and he had a fat bonus in his pocket.

While Mr. Sutworth had not exactly given his blessing to his daughter's latest romance, he had seemed kindly disposed toward Faber when last George had seen them together.

"What made you do it, Verna?" George asked his secretary, who sat beside him on the train.

"Do what?"

"Sock Faber with a tire iron, of course. I wasn't in danger. That punch knocked me out and Faber probably didn't intend to do me any more harm."

"I said I didn't like to have him punch you."

"That isn't the reason, and you know it."

Verna took a deep breath. "Let's study the problem of being a hero. It isn't always the fellow who kills the dragon, you know. Sometimes there's sympathy for the dragon."

"I don't get it."

"Well, it's this way. You kidnapped Marilyn—Miss Sutworth—and she didn't think it was so romantic. She demonstrated that she liked to be the big muscle when she dumped you into the vegetables and fruits."

George nodded and Verna continued. "Well, after she knocked you out of the truck, she probably had a little feeling of contriteness—maybe she was sorry. Then along came Faber with his fists and knocked you down. That was the finishing touch. You'd been kayoed and it was her fault. She should have broken down then and confessed her love when you were up. So I had to do something. I socked Faber so that she'd have a choice as to which man to weep over. I figured it was a better than a 50-50 chance against you because Faber's better looking."

"What did you want to do that for?"

"You really didn't want to marry her, did you?"

"For awhile it seemed like a good idea. You've got to admit the girl's attractive and I'm—well, I'm just a young fellow, quite human."

Verna shook her head. "For heaven's sake! Doesn't a man ever look beyond the girl's outside? First a saxophone player, then maybe some others, then a wrestler, next you—a private detective—now a truck driver. That girl falls in love with whatever happens to be near and wearing pants."

GEORGE gawped for a moment. Then the corners of his mouth turned slowly upward. He began laughing. "I guess she was serious about being a farmer's wife," he said. "That's what she'll be if she sticks to Faber."

"She won't and she's no more farmer's wife than you're a farmer, George Kendall. You're a private detective. You never give up."

"Thanks," George grinned. "Funny, but I sort of hoped that the reason you socked that truck driver was because—well—because you sort of liked me a little."

"I do."

"Huh?"

"Sure. I'm crazy about you. But you're unpredictable, crazy, hair-brained, harum-scarum, and you fall in love with whatever happens to be near and wearing skirts."

"Verna."

"Yes."

"You're near!" The next moment she was in his arms.

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Among those present for the enjoyable occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller and Larry and Royce, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sides, Mrs. Troyce Bonne, Joel, James and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dempsey and Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bradford and Jane Ann, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bryant and Myrl Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams and Clinton of Gustine,

Board Stewards First Methodist Meeting Monday

The Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church will meet Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock, according to A. E. Crawley, chairman of the board.

"Since this is our first meeting of the new year, we are expecting a splendid attendance," Mr. Crawley said.

Financial statement, business items, etc., will be on the agenda, it was said. Every member of the board should be present.

PERSONALS

The Rev. and Mrs. Garland Lavender and daughter, Nancy, were in Fort Worth Friday evening to attend a wedding in Weatherford St. Methodist Church.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purl Hunt and Mrs. Myrtle Huffman Friday were their nephews, Clint Taylor, a civil engineer at Conover in Fort Worth, and his wife, their niece, Mrs. Fern Mayer of Los Angeles, Calif.; their cousin, Mrs. Ed Blackburn of Breckenridge and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thoms who have just returned from Japan and are enroute to Camp Atterbury, Ind. Mrs. Mayer is the former Fern Taylor of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robinson spent New Year's Day in Brownwood visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bass. Mrs. Bass is the former Miss Huberta Mitchell of Ranger.

Miss Ann Robinson is in Dallas visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eugene Kribbs and family.

Dorcas Class Meets In W. W. Mitchell Home

Members of the Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church met Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the home of Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, for the January monthly business and social meeting. Mrs. Lee Mitchell led the invocation followed by the business meeting, during which committee reports were heard and the program for the New Year was discussed.

Mrs. George Robinson reviewed "As the Woman of Destiny, Abbie Gail."

Those attending were: Meses, Lee Mitchell, George Robinson, J. P. Hyas, J. M. Robinson, Hugh Dawley, J. B. Shirley, Ethel Adams and W. W. Mitchell.

Junior Arterburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn, left Friday to return to his naval base at Great Lakes, Illinois.

SOCIETY

Better Attendance At Church During '53 Is Urged By Pastor

"There is no time like the present to do something about your New Year's resolutions." Your pastor hopes that among your resolutions for this year that one of them will be "better attendance" at the services of worship. "If you haven't included this one for the New Year, please do so, then begin today to do something about it," states the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rev. Garland Lavender.

Today, the very first Sunday of the year, is the best opportunity for each one of us to fulfill one of the vows we assumed when we became a member of the church—namely: "I will be loyal to the church—support it with my presence. . . . One of the saddest commentaries in a person's life is to be a member of an institution or organization and seldom—if ever—attend its ordinances. Many people who call themselves Methodists should take church attendance more seriously. You can help yourself and us by regular attendance at public worship.

"We are expecting our Sunday School attendance to get back above the 200 mark today," states the general superintendent. There is a class for each age group with capable teachers and workers in the S. S. organization. The devotional period for the adult division is still a profitable and popular part of the S. S. program. We meet at 9:45 for the beginning of our church school activities, and invite every member of the church to start the New Year off right—

by attending Sunday services of the church of your choice.

The preaching service will begin at 10:50 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing the anthem, "Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child," by Gillette. The pastor will preach the sermon, using for his subject: "The power of a Look." The Lord's Supper will conclude the service of worship.

The evening service will be held at 7 o'clock, with the pastor using for his subject: "The Waiting Guest." The singing of your favorite hymns, special music, etc., will make the service more meaningful to you.

"If you are not attending church somewhere else, then we cordially invite you to worship with your friends at the First Methodist Church on this first Sunday of the New Year and throughout the year", is the general invitation from the pastor.

Big Attendance Is Expected At First Baptist

The Sunday School and Training Union Departments of the First Baptist Church expect their attendance to be back to normal this Lord's Day. Wilson Guest and Walter Arterburn heading these two departments, anticipate a full service of worship. Sunday school and Training Union will begin at their regular hours.

The pastor will speak at the morning hour on the theme, "Ownership," and at the evening service, "Our Good Intentions." The evening services are well attended and a great song service and Christian fellowship is enjoyed. Many visitors attend both services. The Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning. This is one of the two ordinances of the New Testament Church, the other being the ordinance of baptism.

Many members of the church need to attend and hear this message on "Ownership," that will pertain to the supper, that they may see the difference between the Lord and his covenant and the physical transaction of eating with individuals. The pastor states that no one will in any way be embarrassed by this message. A welcome is always extended to visitors and to those who do not have a church home in this community.

Mrs. H. G. Bureh has returned to her home in Ranger following a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Heikman in Paris. The two sisters were joined by their five brothers: Ben Lauderdale of Weatherford; George Lauderdale of San Antonio; Pink Lauderdale of Colorado; Jim Lauderdale of Arizona; Dick Lauderdale of Hobbs, N.M. This was the first time in twenty-four years that the Lauderdale family had been together.

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Jesus' Baptism Sermon Subject This Morning At First Christian

Something different in the way of church worship services will be observed today at the Ranger First Christian church. In that Tuesday, Jan. 6, is celebrated in the religious world as Epiphany, Rev. A. Lynn Robbins, pastor of the local church, will preach on the theme: "Why Was Jesus Baptized?" at the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship and Communion Service. The service of Epiphany is not usually included in the church year by Christian churches; but, because of the importance of the event historically, the church's minister feels that it should be placed in this year's schedule. As is the custom of Christian churches, the worship service will center around the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Baptist Men's Group Meet Here Monday

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will meet Monday evening at 6:30 for their regular meeting of supper and program, according to Dr. Marshall Jolly, local president.

The men's group will furnish the special music. These men are becoming quite popular in the various organizations of the church for their splendid music. The speaker for the evening is C. M. Johnston, graduate of Harlingen, Texas, and now is a student in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. Johnston is a life long friend of Dr. Jolly. Mr. Homer Coody assures the men of a good program.

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Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages. Regular worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mid-week services are at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Other services will be announced as soon as the facilities of the new location can be cleared and made ready for use.

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Child Study Club To Meet

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