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Old Home
Town

BANDIT TRAIL WARMS UP

Two Youths Hold Up Zephyr Bank

Two youths about 25 years old held up and robbed the First National bank of Zephyr of between \$1,500 and \$1,800 Saturday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock, and escaped in a Chrysler 70 touring car, which had been stolen at Brownwood at noon Saturday, according to word received here. The men escaped, going toward Comanche and officials of Brownwood think they will endeavor to reach Fort Worth.

Three officials of the bank, W. M. Skipping, president, W. L. Johnston, cashier, and D. A. Johnston, assistant cashier were the only ones in the bank at the time of the robbery. Mr. Skipping said that the business for the day was being closed when the two men both nicely dressed in gray suits, walked into the bank forced the three employees in the vault and scooped up all the money in sight and ran out of the front door. The robbers turned the combination on the vault before departing but local citizens managed to get the door open and release the employees of the bank.

The two men had been noticed in the business part of Zephyr and according to merchants acted very nervous while purchasing a supply of food and several packages of cigarettes. It is presumed that the robbers stole the car in Brownwood and came immediately to Zephyr as it was reported to Mr. Skipping that they had been in town for an hour before the robbery was committed.

Sheriff White was in Cisco at the time the car was stolen from Brownwood and left immediately for that place and was enroute when the robbery occurred. The robbers probably were aware of the fact that the sheriff and his deputies were in Cisco aiding the Cisco officers in the hunt for the bandits who held up the First National bank here Friday. Zephyr is a small town located 14 miles east of Brownwood.

E. H. Whitehead, assistant manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce was here Saturday.

Walter Ray, well known Ciscoan who has been seriously ill for some time, suffering from a nervous attack, is reported as considerably improved. His nervous trouble was traced to bad teeth, and since three were pulled he has again been able to be up and about the house. For a time he was unable to have full use of his limbs. Physicians said it would be several months before he would be back in normal condition.

Dr. W. H. Guy and family of Gorman were Cisco visitors this last week purely for the purpose of seeing the brilliant Christmas lighting of the Cisco business district they said. They were well pleased with the lighting effects. However, Mrs. Guy did not confine her activities to looking at the lights, but bought many of her Christmas presents here, thus giving a concrete example of the value of the lighting.

Many peace officers from surrounding counties were in Cisco Friday or Saturday or both to participate in the man hunt. Heading the list was Ranger Captain Tom Hickman, veteran of many a similar hunt. Others here were Sheriff White of Brown county; Sheriff Tom Hudson, Anson; Sheriff Sheriff Erick Whaley, Abilene; Sheriff Everett Hughes, Baird; Sheriff Arlen Blagg, Albany; Sheriff Self, Seymour; Chief of Police John Kelly and the entire Breckenridge police force; Officer McMillen of Cross Plains; Police Officer Dave Booth, Abilene; Sheriff G. B. Abernathy of Palo Pinto county; Sheriff John Hart and deputies of Eastland; and the sheriff of Coryell county.

During the excitement attendant upon Friday's battle with the bank bandits, Gid Roberts says he frustrated an attempt to steal a new Buick Master Six coupe in front of the Sivalis Motor company. He said he saw a man trying to get into the car, and that he ran out after him. The man ran down an alley and was gone before Roberts was able to procure a gun.

Through successive generations, between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

On this pivotal utterance the destiny of the world has swung. And to this day, as it is told over and over again, the sweet old story fans every heart into laudant flame.

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Awards of Valor To Be Given Three Children in Battle

A Christmaside gift in recognition of the courage and resourcefulness of three children who participated in the events of Friday's bank hold up is to be given by the citizens of Cisco who appreciate these virtues in young people. As a recognition of the cool-headedness of the three youngsters—Laverne Comer and Emma May Robinson of Cisco, who were taken by the bandits on their death-defying escape from Cisco and used as a shield against the bullets of pursuing citizens, and 14-year-old Woodrow Harris of Rising Star, whose quickness of mind and action in locking the Harris car as the bandits sought to commandeer it made it possible for the posse to catch up with the robbers and capture one of them and recover the \$12,200, the Cisco Daily News will receive contributions to a fund from which the gifts to the youngsters will be purchased. The gifts are not to be construed in any manner as charity, but only as a public recognition of the splendid service of these three brave Eastland county children who stood up under an ordeal most trying to one of any age. The Daily News appeals to all those who love children and admire courage and resourcefulness to send or bring contributions to the Daily News office at once so that the awards of valor can be immediately purchased and presented. A committee of three well known citizens will be named to purchase and present the gifts.

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The Dayspring From on High

By J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

Devotion is a natural instinct. It isn't peculiar to Christian civilization. Men will worship something. As the centuries have come and gone, the Christ of the Ages has become more and more the object of universal adoration.

Back in the dim and distant past wandering tribes looked forward to the Dayspring from on High. Around their campfires the prophetic hope of each passing generation was told to the newest born. Jacob, the tribal father of all the clans, makes this his last will and testament. Generations destined to wear crowns were springing from his loins. Judah was the lion's whelp. From his incestual line should come the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. The expiring head of a royal family breathed out these last words: "The scepter shall not pass from Judah, nor a lawgiver from

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by. Yet, in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee, tonight.

Phillips Brooks.

above the sphere of natural endeavor to put on a new life and to stretch forward in desire to a blessedness which, though not palpable, is eminently real.—Cardinal Gibbons.

come once more to that blessed season—the day in which we celebrate all that wonderful Child means to us. Forty centuries blazed the way for the coming of the Child. However shadowy history may have grown, it was one ceaseless tread toward the one divine event—the Cradle in Bethlehem. The Child came and took his place in history, and now all history takes its place in him.

THIS DAY IN HISTORICAL SLAVIN VS. SMITH

By DOC REID

DEC. 23rd, 1889

Thirty-eight years ago today, Frank Slavin, famous heavy-weight champion of Australia and Jen Smith, English title holder, clashed in a ring at Bruges, Belgium, for a \$2,000 side bet and the championship of Great Britain. The affair was fought under London prize ring rules.

Though the rounds numbered only 14 when the affair ended in a draw, the men fought desperately for more than two hours and stopped only when darkness forced them to discontinue. Smith was the last English champion under London prize ring rules.

PALC PINTO SHERIFF WAS WOUNDED HERE

While on the hunt for the bandits who Friday held up and robbed the First National bank here, Sheriff G. B. Abernathy of Palo Pinto county accidentally shot himself in the right hand and left leg late Friday. The fingers of the hand were badly mangled. He was in an automobile coming back to town from the scene of the hunt and accidentally discharged the gun as he opened the door. He is not believed dangerously wounded.

Wounded Cisco Bank Bandit Reveals Names of His Four Alleged Accomplices in Crime

While a posse combed the section southeast of Cisco in search of the other bandits, Davis, was being quizzed by city and county officers Friday evening. He gave officers his name and said he lived at 3104 Avenue S at Wichita Falls. He said he has three children, the youngest a girl, one year old, another a boy, 3 years old, and the third a girl 12 years old. He said he has lived in Wichita Falls 13 years and for six years worked at the Wichita Falls glass factory. He said his father lived at 2114 Filmore street, Wichita Falls, and a brother, J. S. Davis, at 3116 Avenue S, Wichita Falls.

He was questioned closely as to who his companions were, but at first he said he knew only one, giving the name of Henry Crockett of Ardmore, Okla. He said Crockett came with him from Wichita Falls late Thursday, and that they joined the other four at a point near South Bend, Stephens county, where they camped on the creek during the night. He said he did not know the

other four. The party came to Cisco during the morning, arriving at noon and went directly to the bank where the robbery occurred. Davis said four of the men entered the bank from a side door on the alley, while he and one of the bandits who was dressed as Santa Claus entered at the front. He said he drew his gun on bank officers and herded the children and others that had followed Santa Claus into the bank back toward the rear. "Santa Claus," he said, went into the vault and got the money, putting it into his sack which he had brought into the building. Davis said when the shooting began he stepped out the back door and fired one shot into the air to scare the spectators away, but that he was shot immediately. He was pulled into the car as it started toward Main street. He said he lapsed into unconsciousness when he was put in the car and did not know anything more until taken to the hospital. He did not know when he was thrown from the bandit car by his companions after they had made an unsuccessful attempt to commandeer another car eight blocks from the scene of the robbery.

Wichita Falls Officers and a Brother of Davis, who went to Eastland Friday night, expressed belief that the Henry Crockett referred to by Davis was in reality a man named Henry Nelms, a brother-in-law of Davis.

The wounded bandit declared he first met Crockett last winter in Seminole, Okla.; but that only three days ago Crockett came to him and asked him if he "wanted to make some money."

"I said I sure did, and he said he knew where we could make a stake. He then told me of his plan to rob the Cisco bank. All he told me of the other men was that they were good stayers."

"Why did you join in this plan?" the reporter asked Davis.

"I needed the money."

"What did you need it for?"

"I was in debt."

Davis said that he and Crockett left Wichita Falls late Thursday in his own car, a Buick coupe, and that he abandoned it between Breckenridge and Cisco and entered the car with the other bandits, a blue Buick sedan. This car, it was discovered from the license number, No. 951-811

Handbag Found Southwest Of Cisco; Hickman Will Aid in Nabbing Robbers

Scene of the man hunt in progress for the escaped bandits who Friday held up and robbed the First National bank of Cisco shifted Saturday night to the area southwest of Cisco. Footprints and a trail of blood left by the bandits as they wandered through the wooded section from the point where they abandoned their automobile about four miles southeast of Cisco shortly after noon Friday led a party of diligent possemen to a point about four miles south of Cisco on the Rising Star highway, where nightfall prevented further search. However, efforts were being made to get bloodhounds, brought here early Saturday, on the trail which appeared to be fairly fresh. While the trail of blood left little doubt but that the footprints were those of the bandits, this conclusion was clinched by the recovery of the leather handbag which the bandits had carried ever since they left their car. This handbag was found near the Leon river about two and one-half miles east of the Rising Star highway. It contained a quantity of first aid material, including disinfectants and gauze, and also a quantity of canned goods. Nearby in a plum thicket bloody cotton and other materials used in dressing a wound were found. The discovery was made after an all day search, led by W. H. Carlton of Eastland, M. M. Davidson and Charlie Mount. Carlton had been on the trail for 36 hours, and was forced to give up the task after tracking the men to the Rising Star highway. Others found the trail of the men west of the highway, leading to the belief that the men are now either in hiding near the highway awaiting an opportunity to hold up and commandeer an automobile in which to escape, or are headed for the densely wooded section southwest of Cisco toward Nimrod and Scranton. The tracks and blood appeared fresh, indicating the possemen were not far behind the bandits.

Meanwhile, preparations went forward to hold the funeral of Chief of Police G. E. Bedford who died Friday night of wounds received in the battle with the bandits. Funeral services are to be held at Green's Funeral home at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon with Rev. P. T. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist church in charge. Burial is to follow in Oakwood cemetery with the Masonic lodge in charge.

Reports from the hospital late Saturday night indicated all the patients taken there after the gun battle were resting nicely. George Carmichael, the most seriously injured, was still alive, although little hope has been held out for his life. Others in the hospital, included Marion Olson, Pete Rutherford, and Brady Boggs. The wounded bandit, who gave his name as Louis E. Davis of Wichita Falls, was transferred to Fort Worth during the night Friday, and reports Saturday late were that he was still alive but sinking fast.

Aside from the finding of the handbag, Saturday was without developments in the quest for the missing bandits. Two bloodhounds were brought here from Gatesville by the Coryell county sheriff, but after they spent the morning out picking up the trail, they were taken off the hunt and started to Gatesville. However, a report was out that three men suspected of being the bandits had been seen crossing the railroad there, and the dogs were out on their trail without result. Findings of the handbag resulted in a recall for the dogs to be used on the trail.

Ranger Captain Tom Hickman spent a few hours Saturday morning in Cisco. He conferred with Cashier Alex Spears and declared that from the descriptions of the men he believed he knew who some of them were. He promised to return Tuesday with pictures of criminals so Mr. Spears and George Boyd, who got a good look at the bandits, can look over and point out the bandits, if possible. Scores of men visited the area southeast of Cisco during the morning but lacked general organization, and as a result little was done in a concerted manner toward finding the criminals.

A posse of several hundred men was organized to spend the night surrounding the territory where the men were believed to be in hiding. Practically every pistol and other kind of firearm had been commandeered by the posse, and the only thing keeping more

money missed had been recovered. Chief of Police Bedford was shot while exchanging fire with bandits from a point at the corner of the alley on the north side of the bank and Main street. He was shot through both arms and the hip. He lived until 7:45 p. m., when he died, principally from shock. George Carmichael, a police officer, was shot through the head as he came down the alley toward the bank after Mrs. B. T. Blasengame, with her six year old daughter, ran out the back of the bank and to the police station a block away to give the alarm. He staggered into a space between the bank building and another behind it and fell to the ground. A. A. Hutton, hearing the shots, ran to Carmichael, seized his gun and ran into the alley where he fired shots he believed took effect.

R. L. Day, cafe man, walked up to the rear of the bandit car in the alley and attempted to fire into the car, but the shell snapped. He received a bullet in the scap.

During the search for the bandits late Friday, a bloody overcoat and some gloves were found in the general vicinity of the spot where the car was abandoned, leading to the belief that at least one of the bandits was wounded. The two girls taken by the bandits said when they left the car, one of the men appeared to be shot in the leg, while the other had a bloody chin. The Santa Claus suit was found near the car.

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TODAY'S PRAYER

Our Father, help us to be true today; help us to be faithful; help us to be kind. May Thy presence go with us and watch over us so that no evil may surprise us.

HUMOR FOR THE SENATE

A political friend of Will Rogers in California urges the humorist to run for the United States senate next year. This is meant, the friend insists, "in seriousness."

POETRY FOR HOTELS

The head of a well known chain of American hotels has placed a collection of poems, numbering 430 pages, in every guest room of every hotel he controls.

IRISH VISITORS

International visits are coming to be the style. Now it is President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State coming to America.

never done much to explain itself to its American friends. Possibly President Cosgrave will run across De Valera, the republican leader, while he is in the United States.

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Commandments and prayers, in imitation of biblical passages but intended for more specialized use, are rather a drug on the market. But here is a prayer better than most of them.

Finding of Handbag Latest Event In Search for Bandits; Wounded Robber Tells of Plotting Affair

Continued from Page One. men back from the search was lack of firearms. While the search for the missing handbags continued Saturday night throughout Saturday night, Ciscoans were checking up the details of the robbery, the most daring perpetrated in West Texas in many years.

Numerous questions arose. One was, as to who shot the bandit named Davis. P. W. Watts, oil well driller, said he ran with Gus Hutton through the narrow alley behind the bank building when the first shots were heard.

Others, checking over the situation, expressed the belief that Chief of Police G. E. Bedford shot Davis from his vantage point at the corner of Garner's department store and the alley separating it from the bank.

The flight of the bandits was dramatic in the extreme. After leaving 12-year-old Lavene Comer into the front seat between two of the bandits and 10-year-old Emma May Robinson into the back seat with the other two, the bandits sped away from the bank and down Main street.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Just a word of appreciation for the sacrifice which G. E. Bedford, our chief of police, made for his people. For "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

NEW YORK - Jews who are employed in the postoffice are to work Christmas in order that Christians may have the day off. This will be a favor in return for Christians working on the Jewish holidays.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking each friend who helped to lighten our sorrow in the loss of our boy, Gilford C. Jenkins. The beautiful flowers and telegrams were a source of comfort to us.

Especially would his mother thank Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carter and Mrs. James Bates who were untiring in their efforts to aid at this time. Also members of the Order of Eastern Star for flowers and words of comfort.

Mrs. C. McLeRoy, Mother, F. W. Burnside, Uncle.

Classified Ads

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and other food was left in the car. The Santa Claus suit was found nearby, also. The steering wheel and a mirror were removed from the car by officers who hoped to obtain finger prints for use in identifying the bandits.

Fifty dollars reward for the arrest, capture and conviction of the person or persons that have taken away or removed any property or article of any kind, from our residence on I Avenue and Third street or Dimp's Paint Shop, E Avenue and Third street.

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CISCO HOTEL TO BE MODERN IN EVERY WAY

Complete Description Of Plans For New Building Given; Guests To Find Everything For Comfort

Probably a matter that has interested the people of Cisco most for the past several years has been the acquisition of a modern hotel of such dimensions as would be in keeping with the progress of the city and accommodate the traffic that comes to Cisco. Now that these dreams are about to be realized, as the new hotel is seen to be a reality with the signing of the contract by the directors of the Cisco chamber of commerce and W. C. Witt and associates, something regarding the plans and dimensions of the hostelry will be of interest to everyone in Cisco. These plans have already been examined by many, but thousands of others have not visited the chamber of commerce where the drawings are on exhibition, and the Daily News will endeavor to give the building a printed description of the building and tell just how it will look when completed about the first of August, as that is the date set for its completion, or within six months after the construction work has started.

The site chosen is on the corner of D avenue and West Fourth street, and will include the buildings occupied by the chamber of commerce and the Elliott drug store, but these buildings will remain intact except the rear of the Elliott drug store will be used as part of the kitchen for the hotel, but no additional stories will be added to these buildings. Also the present fronts will be rebuilt to conform to the plans of the front of the hotel proper. Another business room on the ground floor just north of the Elliott drug store is included in the plans, which will be for rent.

The hotel will occupy a ground space of 46 by 128 feet, and will be seven stories and a roof garden. There will be 120 guests' rooms for rent, each with baths, toilets and closets. There will be five business rooms for rent on the ground floor, including the coffee shop next to the room adjoining the store room north of Elliott drug store, which will open into the foyer, which will be built between the coffee shop and the drug store on the corner of D avenue and Fourth street. All of these rental store rooms will front on D avenue. The foyer will be the D avenue entrance to the lobby, and like the lobby, will be floored with black and white terrazzo tile, and will have a width of 7 1/2 feet. The kitchen, grocery storage, loading room and lockers will be situated to the rear just off the lobby, where a spacious passage way for entrance to and from the kitchen will be possible without entering the lobby.

The lobby, 55 by 26 1/2 feet, will also open on West Fourth street and the hotel office will be just back of the lobby, fronting towards the entrance. The grand stairway and the manager's private stairway will have their landings just back of the office. These stairways will lead to the upper floors, and to the left of the office will be two passenger elevators with which the hotel will be equipped.

To the right of the lobby and opening into it will be the tailor shop, bus office, check and bell boys' room, shine parlor and men's wash room. To the rear will be the boiler room, and to the rear of the hotel on the west a space will be reserved for bus terminals.

Taking the elevators just off the lobby the guests will be hoisted to the bed rooms on the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors, and to the roof garden on top of Cisco.

But one will hardly pass up the mezzanine floor, as this will be one of the most attractive and inviting departments of the hotel. On the mezzanine floor will be three large rooms overlooking D avenue, with southeast exposures, with large windows, and containing baths, toilets and closets, and can be converted into a suite for state occasions for distinguished guests. These chambers are 20 by 14 feet in dimensions. Also on the mezzanine floor will be large sample rooms with baths and toilet, the manager's office, house storage and linen rooms, the maids' lockers and the ladies toilet. Overlooking the lobby on the mezzanine floor will be the women's lounge, a reservation 14

by 22 feet, which will be apart from the men's lounge.

Leaving the mezzanine floor the elevator will put one off on the second floor, the first of the six floors on which are the guests' chambers. As these are all in duplicate a description of the rooms on one floor will serve to give one a correct description of those on the other floors of the building. All of the guests' rooms are equipped with baths, and are 13 by 11 feet. Each floor contains twenty sleeping rooms, all with outside exposures, containing two windows each, except the corner rooms, which will have three and four windows. On each floor there is a wide corridor separating the rooms on each side of the building.

Leaving the guests' rooms the elevators will take the guests to the roof garden—the play ground of the hotel—which will be equipped with kitchen, check and storage rooms, rest rooms, main banquet hall, smaller dining room and a solarium, or sun parlor. The main banquet hall will be 45 by 31 1/2 feet, and is separated from the smaller dining room by collapsible doors, as is the case of the partition between the smaller dining room and solarium. These three compartments can be converted into one large hall, capable of accommodating any gathering that might assemble in this delightful resort.

The solarium will be 17 by 16 1/2 feet, and may be closed from the rest of the roof garden when private entertainments or receptions may be held. This retreat will doubtless be in great demand by so-

ciety folk when receiving informal ly.

The roof garden will form a most delightful observation point, from which one may view the surrounding landscape for miles in every direction, or as far as the vision of the eye will carry.

Descending from the roof garden one will be landed on the ground floor, and emerging from the lobby and viewing the structure from the lobby hotel, diagonally across the intersection of Fourth street and D avenue, the eye will behold a beautiful seven story structure of light brick, and a continuous expanse of glass from the western terminus on Fourth street to the alley on D avenue, whose roof garden will be topped in red tile, a building that would be creditable to the larger cities of Texas, and certainly one that will be an ornament to Cisco, which will solve the hotel problem of this city for many years to come, and prove a monument to those who made its erection a possibility.

labor and feed purchased on the farm.

A supplement to the bulletin gives every department of government, and institution in the state, together with the name of each head of department and institution with salary paid, and total appropriations for the department in institution.

The general delivery window of the Cisco postoffice will be open this morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. All parcels that arrived last night will be delivered this morning by the city carriers, to accommodate those belated parcels. The rural carriers were delayed until 10 o'clock Saturday morning in order to get all parcels destined for

New Bulletin Gives State Farm Figures

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture, announced today issuance of the department's statistical bulletin on agriculture, horticulture and livestock.

The bulletin is for free distribution. It can be had by addressing the commissioner of agriculture, Austin, Texas.

It contains the acreage and production of principle crops, statistics of livestock, cotton factories and other industries, farm acreage and value, farm owners and tenants, resident and non-resident land owners and large holdings of individuals and corporations.

It contains a colored products map showing the areas producing the principal crops, forests and grazing sections, mortgage indebtedness of counties, cost of fertilizer.

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patrons on the rural routes delivered before Christmas, said Postmaster Tripitt. He stated that the postoffice will be open until noon Monday.

NERVO, Sardinia — Leonardo Petrazzini, exiled to this island by the fascist, thinks the best Christmas gift they could make him would be to leave him here. They have offered to free him for the holidays, but he likes it so well that it is not punishment.

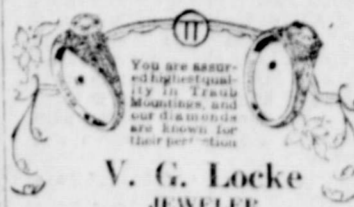
BILAXI, Miss.—There will be no brass band at the station when Bennett J. Doty comes marching home from the French foreign le-

gion. The local post of the American Legion disapproves a big celebration.

EXTERIOR DECORATION

Few people see the interior of a home, but hundreds pass judgment on the exterior. The cost of beautifying home grounds is small as compared with decorating the interior... probably not more than the price of a rug or a piece of furniture.

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BEWARE OF MARRIED MEN
BY **ARLINE DE HAAS**



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SYNOPSIS
Myra Martin, secretary to Leonard Gilbert, a prominent divorce lawyer in Los Angeles, is engaged to marry her employer. One morning her younger sister, Helene, whom she has cared for since their mother's death, calls at Myra's office, and at the same time Huntley Sheldon, whose escapades in the divorce courts are notorious, arrives to arrange about his wife's most recent attempt to obtain a separation from him. Myra is unwilling to have her sister meet Sheldon, but she is summoned into Gilbert's private office and is forced to leave the two alone.

CHAPTER II

In the inner office Myra was attempting to conceal her impatience to get back to her own desk, while Gilbert explained some workings of papers to be made out. It wasn't that she distrusted Helene, or felt that the girl could not be left alone with a man, but she knew only too well Sheldon and his kind. Furthermore, if he were really being divorced by his wife she didn't want her sister mixed up in any of the notoriety that was certain to attend such proceedings. Helene was young—and a man of the world could easily play upon her credulity and her sympathy if he were so inclined. And Myra had had plenty of experience with such people—more than she cared for.

She was not surprised, then, but she felt a little tremor of fear and unpleasant misgiving when she opened the door and saw Sheldon making an annotation in a little red book which he slowly put back in his vest pocket when he noticed Myra in the doorway. Undoubtedly Helene's telephone number, she thought. She'd have to give the

would announce Sheldon's departure. Gilbert and Sheldon were, however, busily discussing the latest move of the beautiful and temperamental Mrs. Sheldon. "I tell you, Gilbert, I really think she's going through with it this time," Sheldon was explaining, "and of course she'll come to you to handle the case. I just thought I'd let you know what was happening. Let's see, this'll be the fifth time she's started to divorce me, won't it?"

Gilbert laughed and turned to a card index on his desk, leading through the notations there. "No, this is only the fourth. I say, I ought to make you special rates, if this keeps up. What's it about this time?"

"O, the same old thing. Nita's heard about the party I threw for that little French actress, and she's raised a fuss ever since. I can't imagine who told her."

"Good Lord, Sheldon, I think everybody heard about that. Even a private room at a roadhouse won't protect you when your guests wander all over the place and tell the world what's happening."

"I suppose not," Sheldon sighed. "O, well, we might just as well get it over with. I like Nita—she's a good scout—but what a temper! I've never seen a woman who could throw as many tantrums over nothing as she can. I suppose it's the Spanish blood in her that causes it."

"Well, I've only got one thing to say to you, Sheldon," Gilbert advised. "Don't, whatever you do, spread your affairs before the world while this is going on. Of course, unless you don't care what comes out. Nita'll be ready to snatch at any straw, and you'll only get the other party into a hell of a mess because Nita will stop at nothing."



Helene looked up with an innocence that was more real than feigned.

child a talking to. There was no sense in putting one's head in a noose. So it was with frigid politeness that she spoke to Sheldon. "Mr. Gilbert will see you now," Mr. Sheldon. "Will you come in?"

"Thank you," Sheldon bowed low to Helene, and smiled—a smile of friendliness plus a little gleam of understanding, as though the two shared some secret. And Helene stared at the attention of such a famous personage—smiled back.

"Helene," Myra came over to the desk and put her arm about her sister's shoulders. "I don't want to seem preachy and prudish, but I'd be just a little careful of Huntley Sheldon, if I were you."

"Why, Myra?" Helene looked up with an innocence that was more real than feigned.

"Well, you see, dear, if he's getting a divorce there's certain to be a great deal of publicity about it," Myra explained. "And any girl seen with him is liable to be involved even if there is no reason for it whatever. People will guess and whisper. And the papers will do more than that. I just didn't want you to flirt with Mr. Sheldon or give him any opportunity to flirt with you."

"O, but Myra, I wasn't flirting with him!" Helene opened her big, blue eyes, and her arched lips puckered in a little pout. "Really, I wasn't. And anyhow, he's awfully nice."

Myra laughed. "Yes, I know. They all are. But if you had to see as many of them as I do, you'd begin to be just a little careful."

"Well, it really didn't hurt to talk to him, did it?" Helene smiled pleadingly.

"O, no, I don't suppose so," Myra turned back to her desk. "I just wanted to warn you, that's all."

"But, see, I'm old enough to be let loose without my leash, aren't I?" Helene giggled, but she glanced surreptitiously now and again towards Gilbert's office, listening for the sound of a closing door that

"Well, I'll be as careful as I can. But you know I'm not used to hiding my light under a bushel. I hate camouflage and trickery."

"You may—but there are other people who do not care to have their little secrets unaccommodated, and very often you do a great deal of harm to an innocent party. I'm just telling you, that's all."

"All right, Gilbert. I suppose you're right. I'll try to be careful. And if Nita comes in to see you, you handle the case as you think best. Of course I won't fight it. You'll have a clear field to play on." Sheldon looked at his watch. "Got to run along—I'm late for an appointment now. See you in court, old boy—if not before. And of course I'll settle all bills. Just send them round when you're ready."

The two men rose. Gilbert opened the door of the reception hall and sent Sheldon on his way.

At the sound of the closing door Helene gave a start, but subsided immediately into an unaccommodated calm. She looked cautiously at Myra to see whether her sister had noticed anything unusual. But Myra's head was bent over her papers and to all appearances she was engrossed in her work. She didn't see any reason whatsoever why she shouldn't talk to Huntley Sheldon, or even see him occasionally if she wanted to. After all, he really was attractive and he did have such an air about him. He probably danced very well—and all those things in the papers were mostly made up. He'd told her so himself.

So she waited a few moments, and then slipped leisurely off the desk and faced Myra. "Well, I guess I'll toddle along, Sis," she smiled. "And you'll ask Leonard about tonight?"

"Yes, I'll see," Myra raised her head from her papers, looking slightly distrustful. "Where are you going with Ralph?"

(To be continued)

TIMES EDITOR'S SON IS ILL IN FORT WORTH

RANGER, Dec. 24.—George R. Feeley, editor of the Ranger Times and Eastland Telegram was called to Fort Worth Wednesday night on account of the severe illness of his small son, who with his mother is visiting his grandparents there. The baby is suffering from an attack of laryngitis. The editor's chair is being occupied by Mrs. Rena D. Campbell today.

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We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

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GREETINGS

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NEW COW LAW AT EASTLAND IS REPEALED

EASTLAND, Dec. 24.—The controversy between the livestock owners and the Eastland city commission was called closed when the city commission complied with the request of the stock owners by repealing the recently passed stock ordinance and instituting a sanitation law in its stead.

The ordinance which caused so much dissension among many of the stock owners of Eastland was passed some weeks ago and dealt with keeping live stock within the city limits unless the lots were removed 200 feet from the nearest residence. The ordinance was to have gone into effect the first day of January.

When the announcement of the passage of the ordinance was made the stock owners of Eastland immediately circulated a petition requesting the repeal of the ordinance and indicated that they would employ counsel to fight the validity of the law. The petition was signed readily by the majority of persons to whom it was presented.

OIL DRILLING

The official records of Omar Burkett, deputy oil and gas supervisor for the Cisco district, show the following oil activities:

Algera Pet. Corp. No. 3 Jim Gibreath, S. A. & M. G. survey, Brown county, intention to shoot; G. H. Fry No. 7 George Stubblefield survey, Brown county, intention to deepen. Cleveland Farm—Massey Wells Inc., No. 1 Stewart, Joseph Haeglin survey, intention to shoot, Prairie Oil & Gas Co. Nos. 4 and 4-1 B. B. Bond, M. G. Anderson survey, and No. 6 R. L. Westerman, M. B. Mitchell survey, Brown county, statement after shooting. National Refining Co. No. 1 Moore and Betcher, S. P. Ry survey, plugging at 2116 feet. Archie Shaw, well records, No. 31 W. T. Burns, Asa Wickson survey, Coleman county, total depth 398 feet; No. 22, total depth 390 feet; No. 23, total depth 396 feet; No. 34, total depth 478 feet. J. L. Matlock No. 1 Matlock, Bisch survey, Brown county, intention to plug. J. V. Schrivener et al No. 2 Truchart, M. B. Lamar survey, Brown county, shot at 1150 feet. Shaw, Fox & Adams, Nos. 2 and 3 W. T. Burns, Wm. Mason survey, Coleman county, elevation 1160 feet, total depth No. 23, 465 feet. Cleveland Farm—Massey Wells, Inc., No. 1 Stewart, Joseph Haeglin survey, statement after shooting. Goldenrod Oil Co. No. 10 Whidden, Wm. Iron survey, Brown county, intention to plug; No. 1 Susie Taylor, Sara Ford and Wm. Viser survey, Brown county, statement after shooting. Young Bros. & Alexander No. 1 P. G. Hittchett, D. & D. A. survey, Callahan county, intention to drill. Peer Oil Corp. No. 1 Sealy heirs, G. H. & H. survey, Coleman county, intention to plug. Valley Oil Co. No. 1 H. H. Ramsey, D. & D.

A survey, Callahan county, plugged. Acres & Mee No. 3 R. D. Williams, T. & N. O. survey, Callahan county, intention to plug. Prairie Oil & Gas Co. No. 3 B. B. Bond, M. G. Anderson survey, Callahan county, intention to plug. Jameson, Pollard et al No. 1 Ben F. Dunn, Trevino survey, Coleman county, intention to drill to 2000 feet.

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ARMOUR-CALDWELL WEDDING FEATURE
BAIRD, Dec. 24.—Miss Mildred Caldwell, daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, formerly of Breckenridge, was married to Piny L. Armour of Baird Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in an impressive ceremony at the First Baptist church at Abilene. Hundreds of friends filled the church to witness the ceremony which was read by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the church. Following the wedding

ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents on Orange street.

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GREETINGS

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On multiplied ten of thousands of Christmas trees around the world tonight will twinkle a million Christmas candles whose light will shine less brightly perhaps than the millions of sparkling baby-eyes that reflect their mellow radiance

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And in great power plants all over this broad land . . . and other lands . . . quiet, steady-eyed men will carefully watch and tend the whirling wheels of great machines, keeping a Christmas vigil all their own that those sparkling Christmas lights may not flicker and die.

For the Christmas taper, like the tallow dip, has gone the way of Grandmother's spinning wheel, and Electricity, the Faithful, the Efficient, the Safe and the Sure, has entered in, to add new lustre to the Christmas fireside.

Christmas tapers were delicate, dainty and beautiful things, and sentiment clings round them with a fair, sweet fragrance of half-forgotten childhood days. But practical minds . . . if minds are ever practical at the Christmas season . . . turn back to more painful pictures that have left their lurid scars upon Time's canvas through years gone by . . . pictures of blasted, blackened homes ravaged by the Demon Fire, whose heart remains untouched by Christmas mercy . . . pictures of broken, cindered baby-bodies . . . infinitely precious baby-lives caught up and snuffed out in the red terror of a Christmas-tree holocaust.

What a Christmas benediction, those softly glowing little electric bulbs that cheerily wink on a million Christmas trees tonight

What a Christmas gift from the minds and hands and hearts of patient toilers in laboratory and power plant to the younger generation and to generations yet unborn

It is something for the quiet men who keep their Christmas watch in the power plants tonight to think about

West Texas Utilities Company

—To its Fifty Thousand friends and customers in One Hundred towns and cities of West Texas the men and women of the West Texas Utilities Company extend their sincerest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.

14-Year-Old Rising Star Boy Proves Hero In Delaying Bank Bandits in Flight From Cisco

Every tragedy must have its hero, and in the bank robbery staged in Cisco, the hero of the hour is young Woodrow Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris, of Rising Star, for it was the Harris car the bandits attempted to commandeer in their flight for safety, and it was the presence of mind of young Woodrow, 14 years of age, who was driving the car that prevented the bandits from making their get-away in the Harris car. Woodrow locked the car when the bandits showed a big gun under his nose and commanded him to get out.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, with their son Woodrow at the wheel, and accompanied by Mrs. S. E. Graves, 50 years old, the mother of Mrs. Harris, were stopped just beyond Fourteenth street by the bandits. Seeing one of the occupants of another car in Santa Claus garb, they thought it a Christmas party and stopped to see what was the matter.

"A man wearing a gray coat came up to our car and told me to get out," said Mrs. Harris. "Still thinking it was a Christmas party I did not become frightened, but men were on each side of the car and ordered us out, and one of the bandits assisted my mother in alighting. They then placed the wounded man in the car and attempted to start it, but as Woodrow had locked it they could not get it going. They left the car and returned to their abandoned machine and started off. During this time I began screaming and soon shots began firing. The man with the gray coat fired the first shot, which was returned by the posse in pursuit. The last I saw of them they were fleeing in their own machine, not having closed the door of the car."

Woodrow, the hero of this part of the episode, stated that the gun garbed as Santa was shot before they reached their car, as he saw him stagger and fall as the posse fired a volley at the bandits, but he was assisted off by a companion.

After he posed for his picture a reporter interviewed young Woodrow, who did not seem a bit excited, and stated he was not frightened until the guns were shoved under his nose. Mrs. Harris said

Woodrow was the least excited of the party. "I think it was my scream that hurried up the firing of the pursuing posse, and also that caused the hasty flight of the bandits who were unsuccessful in getting our car started," she said. "But all the time I was excitedly screaming Woodrow was trying to pacify me. He did not seem a bit excited."

"Another matter that delayed the bandits was the trouble in getting me together from the car. On account of her age it was necessary to assist her out. It required only a brief period for the rest of us to leave the car when we understood that they meant business, backed by the big six shooters thrust in our faces."

Woodrow said that it was Santa Claus who carried off a sack of money that the bandits brought to the Harris car.

RANGER GAS RATE BOOST BEING SOUGHT

RANGER, Dec. 24.—As a result of its efforts to supply its Ranger customers with gas to burn, the Texas-Louisiana Power company wants a 25 per cent raise in rates from patrons.

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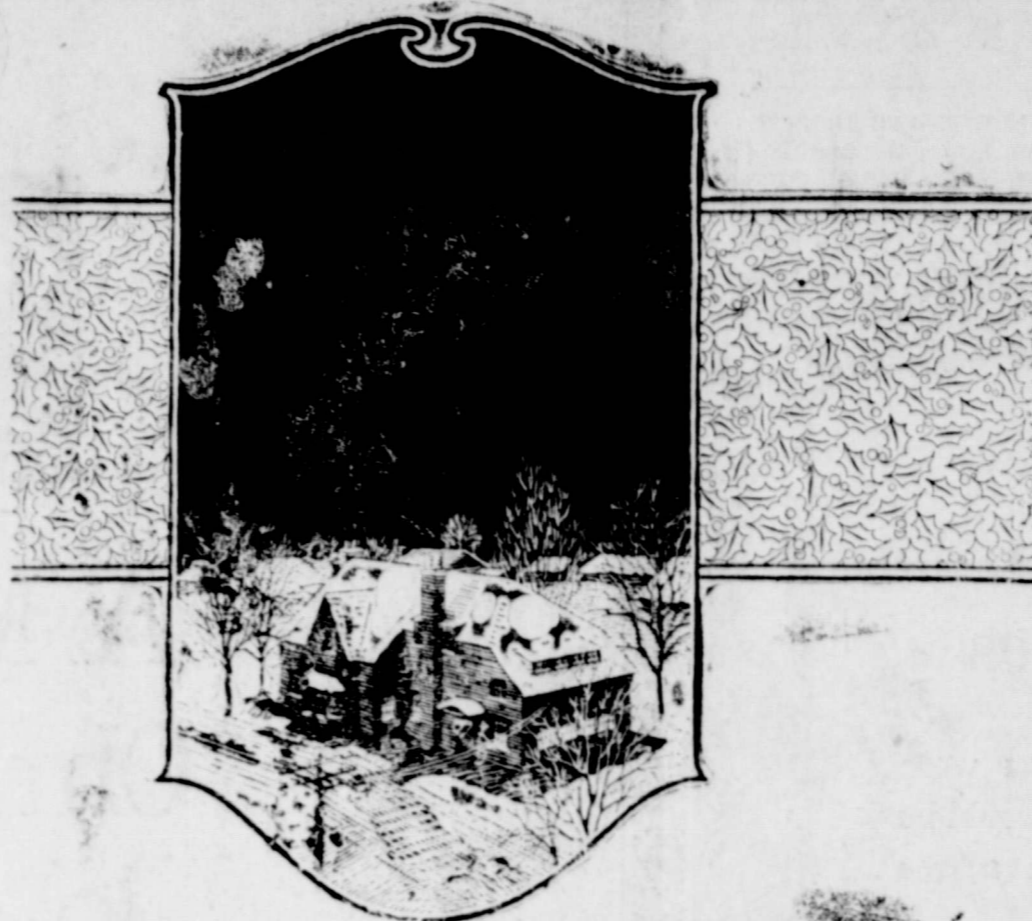
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to the city commission of Ranger by the company asking that the present rate of 60 cents per thousand cubic feet be boosted to 75 cents for the next six months. The commission has deferred

action on the matter but has asked that the gas company furnish them with data relative to its loadings, expense of operation, etc., before taking any action on the matter.

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CISCO MOURNS BIT BEDFORD

Citizenship in General Has Only Words of Love and Commendation For Good Man and Gallant Officer

The passing of G. E. Bedford, whose tragic death occurred Friday, December 23, while in the discharge of his duty and defending the property against robbers who had raided the First National bank, has cast a pall over all of Cisco, ending the hearts of those who knew this brave, big-hearted peace officer and citizen. His friends were numbered by his acquaintances, and his intimates loved him as a brother and esteemed him as a friend.

The funeral services will be held at the Green undertaking chapel, conducted by Rev. P. T. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist church, this afternoon at 2:30, followed by burial at Oakwood cemetery, where the services at the grave will be conducted in accordance with the Masonic ritual, under the auspices of Cisco Lodge No. 554, A. F. & A. M., with which deceased was affiliated.

G. E. (Bit) Bedford was born in Etowah county, Alabama, August 7, 1868, and with his parents, came to Eastland county in 1876, and located at Lem Switch, where he grew to manhood. He was married September 20, 1894, at Carbon, to Miss Lela McClesky, who was born in Jackson county, Alabama, and to this union four children were born, all of whom, with his widow, survive him. The children are Goodner Bedford of Brownwood, Mrs. J. B. (Lona) Stamey of Fort Worth, Mrs. Louis E. (Ludile) Starr, and Marcell Bedford of Cisco. The brothers and sisters surviving are William C. Bedford of Desdemona, Joe Bedford of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson of El Paso, Mrs. Jim Holman of San Antonio, Mrs. Mollie Walker of Alabama, Mrs. R. L. Peck of Palestine, and Mrs. S. E. Steele of Eastland.

Mr. Bedford was known as one of the most efficient and fearless officers of West Texas, and has spent much of his life protecting the people and property of Eastland county as an officer.

For several years he was construction foreman on the Texas & Pacific railroad. He was elected sheriff of Eastland county in 1900 and served six years. Later he served four years as deputy sheriff, and was a deputy sheriff at Inspiration, Arizona, in 1918, and chief of police at Desdemona in 1919. He moved his family to Cisco in 1920, and soon after was appointed chief of police of this city. He filled that office for about three years before he severed his connection with the police department of this city, being out of office about eighteen months. But an officer of such efficiency was destined to be drafted into service again, so about three years ago Mayor Williamson, who recognized his true worth as an officer, induced him to again head the police department, which position he held most efficiently up to the hour of his death Friday when he was shot down while in the discharge of his duty.

Bit Bedford was known all over West Texas as one of the most fearless peace officers of the state, and at the same time was recognized as unusual because of his kindness of heart and humanitarian instincts. None of the baser sentiments found lodgment in his heart, which can be testified to even by those unfortunates whom he found it necessary to restrain. Because a man was unfortunate did not mean that he was a criminal at heart with Bit Bedford, and all prisoners were treated in a kind and humane manner.

His coolness in action was one of the characteristics that meant much in his efficiency as an officer. This was demonstrated in the gun fight with the bank bandits Friday, as he never faltered while under the grueling fire of the bandits when his body was riddled with lead, the shock from which caused his death about 9 o'clock Friday night at Graham sanitarium, where he had been taken for surgical treatment after being shot down.

While all of Cisco is in mourning today because of the tragic passing of this kindly gentleman, perhaps the grief is most severe, with the exception of his immediate family, to the members of the police force and the city hall attaches. These were more intimately associated with him, and loved him as a father and brother. He was truly a big brother to his subordinates on the police force.

By the citizens of Cisco he was held in the highest esteem and

affection. Every person looked upon Bit Bedford as his personal friend and protector, for he was most alert in the discharge of every duty, and this is testified to by his long and splendid record as a peace officer. All felt that the lives and property of Cisco was safe while Chief Bedford was on duty, and perhaps no man was so universally loved and esteemed by such a large portion of our people. Cisco has suffered a distinct loss in his death, both as an officer, as a citizen and as a friend. His family has lost the love and protection of a noble and affectionate father and husband. The police department has lost a chief whose place will be hard to fill, and West Texas has lost an officer than whom none enjoyed a more enviable reputation.

Mr. Bedford was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a Mason, being affiliated with the Cisco lodge by demit.

Mayor Williamson, with whom the late G. E. Bedford was perhaps more intimately associated than with any other man in Cisco, gave the following tribute to his deceased friend:

"I have known Bit Bedford ever since I came to Cisco, as he was here when I came. I knew him when he was a foreman of a construction force on the Texas & Pacific, and I knew him when he was sheriff of Eastland county. I knew him as a private citizen, neighbor, husband, father and official. I was most intimately associated with him since he has been connected with the Cisco police department, when I was able to learn his true worth. I regarded him as one of the most efficient officers in Texas. I trusted him in all matters and always felt assured that any business entrusted to him would be taken care of in the most efficient manner. No harder blow to the Cisco police department could have been dealt than his taking off. His place will be difficult

to fill. He was upright, honorable, courteous and courageously fearless in the discharge of duty. Not only Cisco, but Eastland county and all of West Texas has lost a most efficient officer."

Dr. John H. Brice, city health officer, eulogized the dead chief of police by saying: "In the passing of G. E. Bedford I have lost one of my best friends. We have been closely associated for a number of years, especially while I have been city health officer, and I learned to know him for his real worth. He was big hearted and loyal to his friends, and he died loyal to the people he served as the best officer Cisco ever had. My grief at the account of his passing is greater than I can express in words."

Joe Burkett (long distance telephone message from San Antonio)—"Have just learned of Cisco's bank tragedy and my heart goes out to the families of Bit Bedford and George Carmichael. I have known Bit Bedford all my life and always found him to be a true friend, a courageous officer and an honest man. It will be hard to fill his place in the community."

Wm. Keegan—I have known Bit Bedford for 25 years. During all these years I have regarded him as my friend, which he has demonstrated on different occasions. In these years of our friendship he would always meet me with a smile and a cheerful word. He was big hearted, generous and loyal to his friends. He loved his home and his family, and has given to the world noble characters in his children. He was a good officer, and I don't believe he knew the meaning of the word fear. He died in defense of law and order, the bravest act of heroism an officer can perform."

E. H. Whitehead, assistant manager West Texas Chamber of Commerce—I had the most severe shock when I learned of Bit Bedford's passing. He was my personal friend, from whom I entertained most affectionate regard. Mr. Bedford was a member of the West Texas chamber of commerce, and maintained a blanket membership in the entire police force, Cisco being the only town in West Texas having that status. On behalf of the West Texas chamber of commerce I ordered a floral offering for his casket."

B. S. Huey—Bit Bedford was a man for whom I entertained the highest regard as an officer, loyal

and a man universally loved. I have known him for a number of years, and he always had a pleasant smile and words of friendly greeting. He was a real man. Cisco has certainly lost an efficient officer and a good citizen. Guy Dabney—The death of Bit Bedford was a severe blow to Cisco and greatly deplored by me, as I deemed him one of West Texas' best officers and citizens. His life was exemplified in his death—faithfulness to duty under all conditions. Verily, a valuable officer and citizen is gone.

R. Q. Lee—I regarded Bit Bedford very highly, even before my removal to Eastland county. His place will be very hard to fill, as he was an official of the highest qualifications. I believe, next to his family, he will be missed most by Mayor J. M. Williamson.

W. T. Hittson—I have known Bit Bedford ever since he was a boy. Knew his parents and the entire family, as they were among the earlier settlers of the county. As a boy he was industrious, upright and clean. Knew him as sheriff, and he made a very creditable record. He was one of our best citizens.

J. B. Cate—I am glad to pay a small tribute to the memory of this good man. I have known Bit Bedford for 25 years intimately, and his life has been broad, clean and upright, and fearless in the discharge of his duty. A true friend and a good citizen and officer is taken from us.

W. A. (Bud) Gibson—Have known Bit Bedford intimately for 16 years as one of the best officers; and I don't believe he knew the meaning of the word fear. He died in defense of law and order, the bravest act of heroism an officer can perform."

Charles Hartman—I want to add my tribute to the life and character of this good man. Have known Bit Bedford ever since I can remember, and held him in the highest esteem even when I was a boy. As I grew to manhood I knew him as one of Cisco's best citizens and officers."

Joe Wilson—Bit Bedford was my boyhood chum and friend. We grew up together, and have been intimate with him for the past 50 years. We played together as little fellows, and our intimacy was never

interrupted. I never knew a cleaner or more upright boy and man, and the hardest blow I ever had was inflicted by the bandit bullets Friday.

Rufus F. Weddington—I have known Bit Bedford ever since he was a boy. Even as a boy he was clean and since his maturity he has always been every inch a man. I never had a better friend and he could have called upon me for anything and I would have responded gladly. Was well acquainted with the entire Bedford family and all were good people.

P. W. Campbell—One of the most fearless officers of Texas is gone with the passing of Bit Bedford. This has been demonstrated time after time. He was ready and willing to respond to every call of duty. His fearlessness in the face of danger was doubtless the cause of his death.

ED HICKMAN COLLAPSES DURING QUIZ

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—For the first time since his arrest, William Edward Hickman collapsed completely in his cell in the city jail tonight while being questioned by six detectives who came from Los Angeles to take him back to California where his life will be jeopardized in a trial for murder of 12-year-old Marian Parker.

CHAPMAN GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE CARMICHAEL

Another amazing hero is Big Dan Lobo Coach W. B. Chapman. When George Carmichael was brought to Graham sanitarium Friday in a very weakened condition because of loss of blood, Coach Chapman was in the hospital. An urgent necessity for a blood transfusion to save the life of Carmichael became apparent, and Chapman gave some of his blood to save the officer's life.

Just like we'd meet you on the street, or any other place, we want to say

HOWDY FOLKS!

Hope this will be a happy, prosperous New Year for you and all your folks.

You just don't know how we appreciate your business and your loyalty. But during 1928 we'll do our best to show you.

COME TO SEE US!

KLEIMAN'S

IN HAPPY ACCORD

with the Yuletide spirit we are hoping that your heart will be warmed by many cheerful greetings from friends, that your home will be lighted with the smiles of loved ones and made musical by happy laughter and merry shouts.

May 1928 be the year in which you will accomplish your most cherished dreams and ambitions.

Accept our thanks for 1927 patronage and grant us, if you please, the pleasure of serving you in 1928.

HERRON-OWEN SLIPPER SHOP

Your Friendly Patronage

and kindly forbearance in our short comings, combined with your demonstrated Good Will, have made for us a very pleasant year, and a joyful Christmas. So there is more than just a wish and a pleasant expression when we say to you all, "we hope that this will be the Happiest Christmas, and 1928 the most prosperous year that you have ever known."

Leon Maner's

CITY DRUG CO.

Daniels Hotel Bldg. Cisco, Texas

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

For comfort's sake any kind of clothes would do, Be they floursack, horsehide, many, or few. But since Adam and Eve left the garden for sin 'Til man no longer thinks himself well dressed Unless his suit be cleaned and neatly pressed.

POWELL'S CLEANING PLANT

Oldest in Cisco. Phone 282

While the Christmas Fires Are Burning

WE'LL BE THINKING OF YOU!

Thinking of the pleasant relations we have had with our patrons during the past year and of the loyalty of friends who have not only patronized this business but who have spoken kind words in our behalf. We thank you a thousand times and assure you that through the year ahead we will be found doing all within our power to please you and serve you even better.

May joy, like that you knew in happy childhood be yours during Christmas and may the New Year unfold before your vision paths you'll find pleasure and profit in traveling.

EVER READY TRANSFER & STORAGE CO.

501 Main Street.

Phone No. 700

Cisco Churches

CATHOLIC

Twelfth street and F avenue. Mass at 8 a. m., with sermon. This being Christmas it will be general communion Sunday for the entire parish. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass. —REV. M. COLLINS.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Merry Christmas to all. We will be happy to greet you at the First Christian church today. The Bible school will meet at 9:45. The Juniors and Intermediates will have their tree in the departmental room. Preaching at 10:45 by the minister, subject, "The Spirit of Christmas." Special music in keeping with the day. At 11:30 the Bible school will give its White Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Edward Lee. This promises to be a very inspiring program. The hour has been placed early that all the children may attend. With the best wishes for all. We are yours truly, THOS. LENOX, Minister.

FIRST METHODIST

Only Christ can give permanent comfort. Let the people of Cisco turn to the churches of the town today, and there find comfort and abiding peace in the gospel of Christ. Let us make this day a day of consecration. 9:45 Sunday school. Let every pupil, officer and teacher be present this morning. 10:45 morning service. The service will close at 11:30 sharp. The pastor will bring a brief Christmas message. 3 p. m., Junior Epworth society. Misses Eileen Wilson and Bertha Helen Tripplin, superintendents. 6:20 p. m., Senior League. 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. O. Shugart will preach. We invite all visitors and strangers to all the services today.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Sunday school and Christmas services at 11 o'clock. Sermon topic, "God's Gift to the World." Text Hebrew 1:1-13. Choir will render "Joy to the World" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." —H. F. PEIRMAN, Pastor.

CHURCH OF GOD

The services at the Church of God, F avenue and Eleventh street, will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:45. C. D. Phillips, superintendent. At 11 o'clock the pastor will deliver a Christmas message the subject being "The Unspeaking Gift." Young people's meeting at

6:30. Evening services at 7:30. The evening text will be "I Am Come That They Might Have Life."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Corner Sixth and H. Bruce C. Honey, minister. Whose birthday is this? Yes, it is Jesus' birthday, and how are we going to honor Him today? We may make it His birthday in our lives, or our own selfish acquisition by the manner in which we observe it. Sunday school was His suggestion, and the church is His peculiar institution, and will be observing us today. Will we be disappointing to Him? Sunday school is at 9:45, and we are glad that our returned student members from all over the country will be with us today. Morning worship is at 11 o'clock with a Christmas sermon. At 7:30 this evening, we shall see presented Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man." In colored stereoscopic pictures, and hear the minister tell the wonderful story of sacrifice and love that goes with this group. We have also for this period the screen music for the Christmas songs that will be used. Let us truly spend this day enjoying the beauty of the old story. Each one will find a welcome.

IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND HELPFULNESS

In the midst of this happy season when all the world is thinking in terms of loving kindness, we send you our Greetings—Merry Christmas—Happy New Year.

LEFFLER'S STUDIO

Quality Photography

LEAVE OUR TEAM ALONE SAYS GORMAN

(Gorman Progress)

Last fall we published an article appealing for fair play on the part of some of the class "A" teams of this section. Again we appeal for that fair play which some of their own towns, so heartily endorsed at that time.

Last fall our article was printed in most of the papers in the class "A" and was heartily endorsed. However one of those very towns which so heartily endorsed that article was down here the next week trying to induce the Captain of the Gorman team to come there and go to school. If that was really the spirit of the town then their newspaper was out of harmony with it.

We go out and get boys to come to the Gorman school. Yes, we do that but we go to the rural schools around Gorman and try to get them to come in and finish their education and not to come here to play football. If they play we are better off and the boys are too, but if we don't we do not feel hard toward them. That is really a legitimate way to build up the school but when

a town starts out to steal a football player from another town and uses inducements that embrace a monetary consideration they are tampering with something that in time will ruin football over this entire section.

Evidently it is the belief of some folks in Eastland that a football line that can stop "Bull" Johnson ought to be a good one and they are wanting it in Eastland mightily bad from the effort that has been made lately to move that line to that city and use them next year. If they want football players they ought to do what we have done, and develop them. They ought not to

be down here tampering with the boys that belong to Gorman. Football is a game for amateurs and it will never thrive on anything that savors of professionalism. We love the game. We appreciate the efforts the boys make to win on the field but when a group of fans make an earnest effort to ruin a team to build their own with offers that smack almost of a salaried proposition then it is time to call a halt. Those boys whom other towns are after belong to Gorman and we don't appreciate the efforts that are being made to get them away from here.



Leading the value parade!

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New American Edition OF STUDEBAKER'S ERSKINE SIX

More room - more power - lower price!

You are cordially invited to attend a special preview in our show-rooms January 2nd, 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.

B. & H. Motor Co., Inc.



Season's Greetings

At Christmas time, as the broad pathway of the New Year opens wide before us all, our thoughts go out to each of our patrons to wish them well in all their endeavors.

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—Your good will.

And so, not in the sense of custom only, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations during the past year, we extend to all our best wishes for an Old Fashioned Merry Christmas and a New Year, happiness and prosperity.



Cisco's Big Department Store

A TIME FOR SENTIMENT

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We do not conduct our business for sentimental reasons nor solicit patronage on any other than the soundest business principles. We believe that in commercial transactions customers prefer honest values, courtesy and promptness, and like to trade where their business is appreciated. Therefore do we model our policy along these lines.

But these things rather add to our enjoyment of the beautiful sentiment which permeates the Christmas holidays, for this is a time for sentiment, the tenderest the human heart knows.

ALL JOY TO YOU AND YOURS AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Elliott Drug Store Corner Drug Store

"Two Good Stores to Serve You"

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White Christmas Program and Cantata To Feature Services At First Baptist Church Today

A White Christmas program is to be held at the First Baptist church this Sunday evening featuring the pageant "The Spirit of Christmas" and the Cantata "King All Glorious." Following are the two programs:

- Hymn and prayer, "Joy to the World," chorus and congregation.
- Scripture reading, "The Christmas Story," Elwin Skiles.
- "Hark the Herald Angels," chorus.
- Reading, Miss Letha Maul Eager, with "Silent Night," by the choir.
- "The Spirit of Christmas," pageant.
- "Take My Life and Let It Be," chorus.
- "The Supreme Gift," by the pastor.
- Presentation of Gifts of Substance, by departments.
 - Cradle Roll, Selected.
 - Beginners, Margaret Laverne Key.
 - Primary, Bessie Ray Cones.
 - Junior, Lurline Poe and Mary Elizabeth Lee; Song by the department.
 - Intermediate, selected.
 - Young People, selected.
 - Adult, selected.
 - General Offering.
 - Cantata "King All Glorious," First Baptist choir.
 - Benediction, W. F. Walker.
- "KING ALL GLORIOUS"

Mrs. G. M. Stephenson, Director; Mrs. S. E. Hittson, pianist.

 - Sing, O Heavens, Chorus, the choir.
 - Behold, the Morning Cometh, soprano solo, Miss Marie Glenn.
 - Unto Us a Child is Born, chorus, the choir.
 - Calm On the Listening Ear, tenor solo, Mr. Carrothers.
 - And in the Country of Judea, bass solo, Mr. Patterson.
 - Star of Bethlehem, duet, Mesdames Lee and Barnette.
 - Behold, There came Wise Men, men's chorus.
 - Our Manger Bed, alto solo, Mrs. Patterson.
 - List to the Message, chorus, the choir.
 - All Who Believe, duet, Messrs. Hittson and Miller.
 - All Hail the King of Glory,

chorus, the choir.
 12. A Wondrous Song, trio and chorus, Mesdames Lee, Kennedy, and Barnette.
 13. Joy to the World, finale.
 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to ward men."—Luke 2:14.

Santa Claus Visits Blease Motor Co.

Santa Claus came to see the employees and former employees of the Blease Motor company one night this week at a special pro-



STALLED IN A STORM

This is a condition that will never come to you if you have our service. Our peppy gasoline—oil that lubricates—alcohol in your radiator—These things will keep you on your happy way.

Try Our Service

CARROLL AUTO SUPPLIES

Wilbur Orders Sub Raised Now

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 24.—An effort to raise the subma-

rine S-4 with its crew of 40 men will be made as soon as possible. Secretary of the Navy Wilbur announced today, after an inspection of the scene of the fatal collision. Secretary Wilbur said the operations will begin as soon as weather permits.

J.C. PENNEY Co.
 A NATION-WIDE INSTITUTION
 "where savings are greatest"
 CISCO, TEXAS

Because!

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the kindnesses shown us, for patronage given us, for words of encouragement and good will on every hand—we avail ourselves of the opportunity Christmas brings of extending our very best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a New Year of prosperity and happiness.

You Can't Fool Mr. Weather Man

Let the fashion magazines chat of Spring hats and airy crepe dinner gowns as much as they will. You and I know that you can't hoodwink Mr. Weather Man into believing that dog-days are just around the corner.

Some of the coldest of our winter days are right ahead, and if your work is carried on out-of-doors you must be especially careful to see that you are dressed warmly. Jack Frost is a rather rough playfellow, but a sturdy mackinaw or a horsehide vest will do wonders in outwitting his pranks.

If you don't work out-of-doors, then you must play there to keep healthy. Look over our stock of warm clothes. There will be plenty of days to wear them yet.

J.C. Penney Co.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Pleasure is Ours

To send you the season's heartiest greetings:
 To thank you most sincerely for your valued patronage during the past year;
 To wish for you and yours a glorious and successful New Year in every part of your life;
 And to SERVE you in the future with a definite, fixed policy of "He Profit's Most Who Serves Best."

Cisco Furniture Company
 "Your Home Should Come First"

MERRY CHRISTMAS—HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the Curtain Comes Down

UPON THE ACTS OF THE CLOSING YEAR

we take much pleasure in thanking our friends for whatever share they have given us of their business and for anything else they may have done toward making our year the success it has been.

We make it our purpose to deal fairly, courteously and promptly with all who patronize us in any way, and solicit future business upon this meritorious basis.

And now we wish for everyone a merry, merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Let Us Serve You in 1928 Thanks for Favors of 1927

C. O. PASS CHEVROLET CO.

STANTON BANK KILLING ENDS IN ARRESTS

MIDLAND, Dec. 24.—Charges of murder were filed against C. C. Blaze, Glasscock county deputy sheriff, and Lee Smith of Wink in connection with the slaying of Hilario Nunez and Norberto Diaz at Stanton today. Victor Ramos, wounded in the shooting, testified at a preliminary hearing that he and the other Mexicans had been "planted" in front of the bank.

A standing reward of \$5,000 for each robber killed in the act of robbing a bank has been offered by the Texas Bankers' association. After an examining trial held here by District Attorney Roy Biggs and Justice of the Peace J. H. Watson, Blaze was taken to the Midland jail by Chief of Police Jerry Lang and Deputy Sheriff D. E. Covington of Midland, and Smith was taken to Big Spring by Sheriff Frank Howard, of Howard county and Deputy Andrew Merrick.

Ramos was taken to Odessa by

Sheriff Saddle and S. Layne, Big Spring deputy. He was suffering from four flesh wounds on the hip, hand, arm and above the eye. He also had a bruise on top of the head, he said, was from a pistol butt in the hands of one of his assailants.

Ramos said he and the two Mexicans killed in front of the bank had come to Stanton with their two assailants in a truck. The party stopped on the highway near the church which burned about the time of the shooting and the five men walked to town. Ramos said he and the other Mexicans were told to wait close to the bank. Three minutes later the two men came back and without a word opened fire.

Ramos said he and Hilario Nunez, one of the slain Mexicans, were from Odessa and that Norberto Diaz, the other man killed was from Pyote, and that they had been promised work grubbing land by the two men.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—"No reward will be paid on a thing like that," William Massie, president of the Texas Bankers' association, declared tonight when informed of statements of the wounded Mexican that he and the two killed had been "planted" at the bank by men said to have done the shooting.

"If that is true the men ought to be hanged," he declared.

"It is an unfortunate occurrence. We can't conduct a thing of that kind—killing innocent people. Apparently there is no evidence that the Mexicans planned to rob the bank."

"We want to protect both property and lives by the 'dead bank' reward," he said, referring to the \$5,000 standing reward of the association for dead bank bandits.

PALACE

—NOW SHOWING—



A picture that swings the heart 'twixt tears and cheers.

DO NOT MISS THE NEW YEARS EVE MIDNITE SHOW

—AT THE— PALACE

Starts at 10 o'clock and ends next year

"You Will Never Forget the Picture"

IDEAL

—NOW SHOWING—

TOM MIX

—IN— "Tumbling River"

TO OUR MANY PATRONS— "It's the same old wish. But ever so sincere; A very Merry Christmas. And a Happy New Year."

OF A PERSONAL NATURE

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J. H. Martin of Rising Star will spend Sunday in Cisco with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scott left Saturday for Cross Plains, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Scott's parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Davis.

Miss Golden Foster left Saturday for Dallas to be the guest of her mother during the holidays.

H. D. Locke is visiting relatives in Dallas during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bigby of Eastland will visit relatives in Cisco Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Howard of Rising Star was a Cisco visitor Friday.

Jack Moss of A. & M. college is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moss.

Mr. and Mrs. Sillman Evans and son of Fort Worth are guests of Mrs. L. H. McCrea.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clifton of Odessa will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moyer Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. Anderson and children are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hilbreth of Big Spring.

A. Angus will hold a manger service at the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This service is for children and all of the congregation.

Miss Sarah Emma Barber of San Angelo arrived Friday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

R. W. and Paul Daniel are spending Christmas at home.

Mrs. S. Lambert of Amarillo is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. V. Heuser, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ray Holland left Saturday for Moran where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Monte Wates.

Mrs. J. H. Erwin has returned from a ten days' visit to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell of Port Arthur are spending the Christmas holidays in Cisco with relatives.

Miss Freda Mae Abbott of Breckenridge was in Cisco yesterday.

having been called here on account of the serious illness of her uncle, George Carmichael.

M. L. McGannon spent Friday in Breckenridge on business.

Miss Louise Smith left yesterday for De Leon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Simmons returned Thursday from Dallas for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simmons.

The bridge party which was to have been given in Breckenridge Monday by Miss Freda Mae Abbott, has been indefinitely postponed.

Dr. C. H. Carter of Eastland was a business visitor in the city Friday.

Lon Huddleston, of the State University, passed through Cisco yesterday en route to Abilene for a holiday visit with his parents.

Judge J. D. Barker has returned from a business trip to Austin. He was accompanied home by his son, Conway Barker, who is a student at State University.

Carl Mount returned yesterday from the State University for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mount. While en route home he visited friends in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitham and baby of Brownwood are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mitham. Mrs. Mitham will be remembered to Ciscoans as Miss Maxine Wren, having formerly taught in the Cisco schools.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Griffin and daughter, Miss Angelina, of Stamford, are expected today for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harrison and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murray will have as their dinner guests today Mr. and Mrs. Bob Murray of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney of Ranger, Mrs. Sam Gery and Miss Sallie McGowan of Comanche.

Mrs. W. White of Breckenridge is the guest of her mother this week.

Mrs. Lillian Clute, of Dundee, Michigan, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Shertzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Petty left Saturday for Abilene where they

will be guests of Mrs. Petty's parents during Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gude left Saturday for San Angelo where they will spend Christmas with their two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brogdon of Roubney will be guests of Mrs. Elizabeth McCracken Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Damon and family of Strawn, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shertzer Christmas day.

R. F. Davis returned to his home in Dallas Friday, after a visit with Mrs. C. C. Jones and Everett Davis.

C. A. McDonald left Saturday for Cross Plains where he will spend Christmas.

Ben F. Young of Waco has returned to Cisco where he will be located now.

Waymond Westerfeldt, a student at State university, is visiting his parents during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe McLeRoy left Friday night for McCombs where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Bird Carville of Groesbeck is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Armstrong.

Miss Nadine Jones of Fort Worth will spend Christmas in Cisco with friends.

Buster Mobley, a student at Texas Tech, is spending this week in Cisco with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bradford of Abilene will be guests of Mr. Bradford's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmesly Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Bradford of Seymour are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmesly and children during Christmas week.

Mrs. M. W. White, a student at McCombs College, Abilene, will spend Christmas week in Cisco with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ames have returned from a visit in Fort Worth.

Mrs. A. M. Carville of Comanche is the guest of her daughter.

ELKS PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO 125 HERE

There is a Santa Claus. At least 125 children of Cisco will agree to that this morning. The Cisco Elks' club through its Good-fellows' fund raised by its social and community welfare committee, played Santa Claus to that many youngsters and a large number of adults here Saturday. Toys, candy, fruits, and staple groceries were delivered to less fortunate Ciscoans Saturday to make sure that a pleasant Christmas will be spent by those.

H. I. Stock, member of the committee, was elated over the success of the affair. Saturday night, and said that as a result of this year's success, the event will become annual. He said he wanted to thank all Ciscoans who aided the fund, either by contributions of cash or merchandise or by reduced rates on merchandise, in response to the committee's appeal. "If anybody has been missed this Christmas it was not our fault," he said. "It was just our inability to get their names, and not a desire to overlook anybody."

- Following were contributions to the fund:
- Cisco Rotary club \$50.00
 - Anonymous 5.00
 - P. W. Campbell 1.00
 - J. E. Spence 1.00
 - J. C. McAfee 1.00
 - E. E. Genf 1.00
 - W. W. Johnston 1.00
 - Cisco Daily News 5.00
 - Anonymous 5.00
 - W. L. Stephen 1.00
 - Dick Lauderdale 1.00
 - First National bank 5.00
 - Guy Dabney 1.00
 - J. E. T. Peters 1.00
 - John H. Garner 10.00
 - West Texas Utilities 15.00
 - W. F. Krough 2.00
 - Homer Slick 1.00
 - Vance Littleton 1.00
 - "H" 5.00
 - Leach Stores 5.00
 - J. A. Bearman 5.00
 - Felix Appleton 1.00
 - Presbyterian Sunday School 10.00
 - J. B. Hunter 1.00
 - George Tucker 5.00
 - Anonymous 1.00
 - Lloyd Grissom 5.00
 - J. B. McCormick 5.00

WOMAN FLYER MAY BE LOST

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., Dec. 24.—Apprehension increased tonight that some unknown or possible fatal mishap had overtaken the amphibian plane, "The Dawn" in which Mrs. Frances Grayson and three men companions set out yesterday to conquer the Atlantic ocean. When 6 p. m. passed without news of the plane, the time had exceeded by three hours that which the 500 gallons of fuel would hold the plane aloft. No word of the plane had been received here since the plane left at 5:07 o'clock Friday afternoon, when the plane was reported seen over Cape Cod.

When All the World Resounds with the Spirit of LOVE

It's the time when you and I forget ourselves and think of the other fellow — the time when firesides glow throughout the world in the spirit of Love, Sacrifice and Appreciation.

We would have all our friends and patrons everywhere to know that we wish them a Christmas filled and running over with the good things of life, including good health, abounding happiness and abiding prosperity.

Tullio's

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DEAR FRIENDS

We can never begin to express our appreciation for the kindness and loyalty shown us during the tragic happenings of Friday. The money was recovered in tact and if it had not been, it was covered by insurance of several times the amount taken. That is one of the least features however. The death and the wounding of our brave police officials, is the great tragedy to which we bow in sorrow.

First National Bank

Cisco, Texas

ter, Mrs. E. R. Armstrong of Humboldt.

Bianche Cunningham and Ida Mae McFarlane, of Tulsa, Okla., who attended Randolph college last year, are spending the holidays in Cisco, and Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunn are spending Christmas in Ranger with Mrs. Gunn's mother, Mrs. Joe R. Conson.

Mrs. I. J. Lamb and children, Clyde and Effie Mae Gunn, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Lamb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, in Stephens county.

PAWNEE, Okla. — Roan Horse is to have buffalo steak for Christmas. Roan Horse, an Osage Indian, wealthy because of oil, drove up to Pawnee Bill's place in his expensive car and plunked down 250 bucks for a buffalo which he will butcher himself.

Jesus Says :---

"Come Unto Me" and "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

May we not turn to the Christmas Christ for Comfort and Peace today. Let the people attend church and dedicate anew their lives to HIS SERVICE.

9:45—SUNDAY SCHOOL — Come with us today if you are not attending Sunday School.

10:45 A. M.—The Pastor will speak. Service will close at 11:30 sharp.

7:30 Sermon, Rev. C. O. Shugart

Welcome Visitors and Strangers

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Friendly Church

A Program of Beauty

Like a thing of beauty is "a joy forever." Don't miss

The 41-picture stereopticon sermon lecture Sunday evening. The pictures are colored and tell a wonderful story of love and advice. 7:30 p. m.

Sixth at H.

B. C. BONEY, B. D., Minister.

THE OTHER WISE MAN

Come Once; You'll Repeat

First Presbyterian Church