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THE CISCO AMERICAN

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2 BANDITS STILL AT LARGE

Old Home Town

A letter to his Cisco office from Dr. E. L. Graham from his London address, where he is taking an advance course in surgery, says he is studying very hard to be better equipped to take care of his practice on his return home. The letter states that he was assisting one of the prominent surgeons of London in operations, and gaining much valuable surgical experience. The letter was written before Christmas, and spoke rather dismally regarding his prospects for a glorious Christmas, as he stated that he would eat Christmas dinner at his boarding house, and probably attend a movie show in the evening.

"What's the news?" was the query a newsman shot to P. W. Campbell this morning, as he sat in his office in the West Texas Utilities Co.'s building. "It will give you a Scotch answer," he replied, "by asking another: Have you gotten any late news of the bank bandits? That is all I have heard talked about since last Friday. However, you might say the outlook for 1928 appears to be bright, and if certain things develop we have in mind the West Texas Utilities Co. plans to make some worth while improvements to its Cisco plant in 1928. The plans are not yet to go into details of making these plans public, as a large part of this improvement program is contingent on other matters that have not yet materialized, but in due time these plans will be told, and you can rest assured that they will be worthy of Cisco," he concluded.

A Newsman listened in on an old gentleman yesterday as he expounded his views covering 76 years. The old timer did not know to whom he was talking, but he delivered himself in a way that made his remarks interesting. He was born in Texas, and had lived through the day when Texas was little more than a wilderness. Every town had its saloons and its gambling dens, and he stated that he was familiar with all sorts of people and all sorts of things in those early days. "Yet," he remarked, "I had to live to be an old man before I heard a gun fired at a human being. Those shots were fired right here in Cisco. He was reminded of the security of the early days, when men were supposed to be wild and woolly, he said, by the battle between officers and the bank bandits who raided the First National Bank last Friday. And so it goes.

Unless you have the experience of hunting for news and interviewing many people in quest of that sometimes elusive commodity, you have no idea how much time and attention the recent bank raid has become a part of the citizens of Cisco. Of course, it would be the same in any other city—but we've got to forget it. That affair, spectacular as it was and is yet, has lost in due time that you may think. People can't attend to business as they should, they cannot enjoy a social function as they are accustomed, nor can they concentrate on anything in the usual fashion. That's natural, and let's not push it out of our mind and clear the track for greater accomplishments during 1928; there's lots to be done for Cisco and Eastland county.

John Terry, Moran oil man, was shaking his hands with Cisco friends Wednesday while here from that city. He stated that everything was exceedingly quiet in Moran until the bank bandits invaded that territory, where they captured Car. W. Terry Sunday night. "Business picked up pretty briskly then, and we soon mustered plenty of high powered rifles with good nerved men behind them, but learned that there was no ammunition in town. A few days before your bank raid several of the boys left on a deer hunt and brought all the ammunition in town, and when needed for the rifles to be used in the man hunt there was none to be had. We had sixty army rifles at the American legion headquarters, and men to handle them, but when we took stock there was only nineteen rounds of ammunition in the whole town. I drove to Fort Worth to get ammunition, but on my return learned that the posses had chased the bandits out of Moran territory."

MOTHER OF CISCO MAN DEAD IN INDIANA.

News has just reached Cisco of the death of the mother of Mr. C. C. Clifton, assistant division superintendent of the production department of the Humble Oil & Refining company, at the Cisco division. Death of this lady occurred this morning at her home in Napoleonville, La., where Mr. and Mrs. Clifton were called some time ago by her serious illness. Both were at her bedside when she passed away.

CONDITION OF GEO. NICHOLS NOT IMPROVED

George Nichols, brother of Mrs. O. K. Daily and Frank Nichols of Cisco, who was injured in an oil field explosion in the Brown county field, was reported Wednesday as not doing as well as was expected. Frank Nichols said this morning, George Nichols was badly injured about ten days ago when a fuel oil barrel exploded at the well where he was at work, but the most serious injury was a fractured skull, and it is this wound that is causing most serious trouble. Frank said: "For the first few days the injured man rallied rapidly, and hopes were most sanguine for a speedy recovery, but he has not been doing so well this week. The accident occurred near Brownwood. The attending surgeon stated that Nichols would likely recover, but his wounds were most serious, and his consciousness would naturally be of slow progress."

Frank Nichols said the explosion of the fuel barrel occurred without warning, completely demolishing the barrel that only the head of the barrel was recovered intact. Fragments of the fuel oil container wounded George Nichols in several places, suffering a bad wound on his arm, lacerating portions of his body and fracturing his skull. An ugly wound was inflicted above his eye and it was this wound that is causing the most serious impediment to his recovery.

DALLAS PLANS FOR LARGEST SPRING TRADE

DALLAS, Dec. 25.—Wholesale merchants of Dallas are making plans for the largest spring buying season in recent years. The spring market season opens January 31. More than 3,500 buyers representing firms in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas and Louisiana are expected here to attend the style show which opens the buying season. Twenty-two Dallas wholesale and jobbing companies have arranged for the show. Dallas ranks 15th as a general jobbing market, the total wholesale business this year totalling \$880,000,000, which was the largest in the history of the city.

RAIN TUESDAY BIG HELP FOR WINTER GRAIN

M. H. McCannlies was in town from his home, about three miles southeast of Cisco this morning, and stated that the rain Tuesday helped the crops in that part of the county wonderfully. "It came just in time to save the growing grain," he said, "and a very good season was placed in the ground, though the precipitation was not sufficient, yet we are very thankful for that which we received. This rain will doubtless carry the grain over till the next rain, and keep everything growing. Farmers now will be able to plow and get their land in condition to plant spring crops."

THREE HELD BY OFFICERS ON SUSPICION

Three men were arrested at Carbon last night by men from the sheriff's department, and are being held in the Eastland county jail for investigation. These movements led officers to believe that they contemplated robbery of the bank at Carbon. That bank was the victim of a robbery some time ago. The names of the men could not be learned.

EL PASO, Dec. 29.—Although his grandfather died before he was born, H. C. Cashman, city policeman, has received \$7,000 as his share of his grandfather's estate. His grandfather died 38 years ago.

Hickman Confesses To Other Crimes

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—William Edward Hickman has confessed to another murder to police today. He participated with Wally Hunt, as his companion in a score of holdups throughout the country, and one on Christmas Eve last year in which Ivy Toms, druggist, was killed. One of the two is guilty, Hickman said. Hunt has been arrested and police are grilling him. Mrs. Toms has identified Hickman and Hunt as the robbers. Hunt, who is sixteen years of age, has confessed his part in the slaying of Ivy Toms with Hickman, police announced late today.

LITTLE RAIN REPORTED AT HARPERSVILLE

Rev. W. A. Clark, who lives out in the Harpersville community, was a Cisco visitor today. Mr. Clark is a minister, and says he works during the week days and preaches every Sunday. He is offering his ministerial services to communities having no regular minister, and is giving spiritual food to those most in need of a scriptural instruction. He gives his services without salary, and depends upon his labor for his livelihood.

When asked if there was any rain of consequence Tuesday in his community, Mr. Clark said: "Only a shower fell in the Harpersville community during Tuesday last. And a rain is badly needed in our part of the country, as the winter grain is suffering very badly. The dry freeze was very hard on the crop, much of it is dying. Unless there is a rain soon the loss is likely to be heavy. If the farmers of Harpersville community should lose their grain crop it will be a heavy blow to them, as many planted largely of winter grain this season. Last year the boll weevils destroyed their cotton crop, and many planted large acreage in grain, in an effort to diversify their crops. A rain at this time would be a distinct blessing to our people, particularly," he said.

CHILD CAUSES ARREST OF FATHER FOR MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A four-year old boy betrayed his father, Emilio Castiglio, 46, as the slayer of his mother today. It was papa who shot mama, the boy told neighbors. Taken into custody, Emilio, according to authorities confessed to them that he killed his wife, Mary, 33, in their home last night. He claims to have done it in self-defense. His wife, he said had attacked him with a stiletto after censuring him for drinking.

AGED CITIZEN RETURNS FROM PURDON VISIT

Doss L. Rogers has just returned from a three months stay with Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Gardner at Purdon, where Reverend Gardner is pastor of the Methodist church. Mrs. Gardner is a daughter of Mr. Rogers, and most of his time is spent with this family, but he says he will not return right away, as he prefers to remain in Cisco until spring opens.

Mr. Rogers said he came to Cisco forty-four years ago, and has seen Cisco grow from a frontier hamlet to its present splendid proportions as one of the most progressive West Texas cities. He was here during the cyclone that demolished many houses, in which several were killed, and he remained here during the severe drought that devastated practically all of West Texas. He is now rounding out a useful life, spending the day in evidence because of the bold bank robbery and subsequent man hunt, some fellow purloined a valuable automatic holster from Mr. Dabney's car, he says. Now the holster is of no use to anyone without the gun, and as Mr. Dabney still has that, he suggests that the holster be returned to him as soon as convenient by whoever may now have it in possession. It may have just been borrowed, but its absence if felt as keenly as if it were stolen.

THE WEATHER. Tonight fair, slightly warmer in the south; unsettled in the north; colder in the Panhandle. Friday, partly cloudy; colder except in the southwest.

Nazarene Convention In Session Here With Much Interest Shown; Full Attendance Expected Today

The Nazarene Young People's society of the east zone of the Hamlin district, convened with the Cisco Nazarene church with the initial session Tuesday evening by Rev. C. P. Clayton. The business session of the convention was taken up Wednesday morning with the devotional services conducted by Rev. A. C. Gustin. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. R. M. Hocker. At the conclusion of these formalities the session was opened for the transaction of business by the president, Rev. E. M. Hocker, who presided, with Rev. V. B. Atterberry, zone leader in charge of the formal program, which was as follows: 10:20 a. m. round table discussion. "The attitude that young people should sustain to the program of the church," led by Rev. N. E. Scott; 11 a. m. preaching; 2:30 p. m. devotional. Rev. Mrs. Rosa Ingle; 3 p. m. "The whys of N. Y. P. S. activities," Rev. C. Montandon; 3:40 p. m. paper, "Safe and sane methods of maintaining spirituality in the N. Y. P. S.," Rev. C. P. Clayton; 7:45 p. m. preaching. Very few of the delegates had

SPECIAL WILL HELP FARMERS, START JAN. 16

CARRYING a message of the latest and most successful farming practices with stress laid upon the benefits of diversification, the 1928 Texas Farm and Home Demonstration special to be operated early in the new year by the Santa Fe railway company and the A. & M. College of Texas cooperating will be much in the nature of an agricultural college on wheels, a college announcement here Wednesday said.

Outstanding specialists of the college will deliver at each of the stopping points lectures on various phases of agricultural activity. Supplementing these brief but comprehensive talks will be illustrative exhibits of poultry, crops and soils, farm club and home demonstration work, as well as livestock.

President T. O. Walton of the A. & M. College, Oscar E. Martin, new director, and H. E. Williamson, state agent of the extension service, expect to be aboard the special for a part of the tour which will include 117 stops and cover a period of 36 days.

DABNEY SAYS HIS HOLSTER IS MISSING

Who got Guy Dabney's pistol holster? Mr. Dabney wants it returned please. During the excitement of the past week, when shooting irons have been very much in evidence because of the bold bank robbery and subsequent man hunt, some fellow purloined a valuable automatic holster from Mr. Dabney's car, he says. Now the holster is of no use to anyone without the gun, and as Mr. Dabney still has that, he suggests that the holster be returned to him as soon as convenient by whoever may now have it in possession. It may have just been borrowed, but its absence if felt as keenly as if it were stolen.

MISS VIKING MAKING LONG RIDING TRIP

FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—Beginning the 74th day of her journey, Miss Vanciel Viking, pretty blonde equine rider who is riding horse back from New York to Los Angeles, rode out of this city Wednesday morning toward the New Mexico line. Her mount, "Broadway," was in good condition, and Miss Viking herself was feeling fit, she said. Upon completion of her 4,000 mile journey, Miss Viking will enter the movies. In addition to the movie contract, a \$25,000 wager with an English marquis is said to be responsible for the trip. A newspaper correspondent and a maid are accompanying Miss Viking. The latter, however, are making the trip in an automobile.

MELLON IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon made the statement today that he is not a candidate for the republican presidential nomination and knows nothing of the boom started for him.

LUTHERANS TO HOLD SERVICE OF PRAISE

The members of Grace Lutheran church will again observe the praise worthy custom of assembling with their friends at their house of worship on the last night of the old year (Saturday night) to lift up their hearts to God in solemn gratitude and praise for His gracious guidance and protection during the past year. On the occasion of the prayer will direct the thoughts of the congregation to the words of the 90th Psalm: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. The service will begin at 7:30, and a hearty welcome is extended to all sincere hearts who wish to spend one of the few remaining hours of the old year in reverent reflection on God's mercy, and in humble gratefulness for His manifold blessings. The New Year's service on Sunday morning will center around the sermon topic: "The Certainty of Our New Year's Hope."

HUMBLE HAS PLANS FOR 2 NEW STATIONS

"Work on the construction of the new filling stations to be erected by the Humble company, will likely be commenced soon after the first of the year," said Judge Hayden of the Humble company this morning. "However," Judge Hayden continued, "I am not speaking authoritatively, as this matter is handled out of the Houston office, through the sales department, of which C. C. Celliet of Breckenridge, is the district sales manager. My information is just that is reported among the officials of the company here, as the construction of these stations does not come within the jurisdiction of the Cisco offices. The plans, I understand, have already gone up for approval, and according to what I can gather these buildings will be of the latest design, and very attractive, having all the conveniences of the latest models of filling stations. I understand one will be erected on North D avenue near the T. & P. crossing, and one on A avenue at the turn in the Bankhead highway," he said.

HOUSTON BOY DEAD AFTER 115 HOURS. HOUSTON, Dec. 29.—Milton Rush, 16, died today after more than one hundred and fifteen hours of life sustained by artificial respiration as companions worked his arms.

ONE OF THESE IS HENRY HELMS; RATLIFF INSISTS HE DOES NOT KNOW NAME OF THE OTHER MAN

Marshall Ratliff, identified as the bandit who impersonated Santa Claus and other robbery of the First National bank at Cisco last Friday, and who was captured by officers near South Bend Tuesday, was brought through Cisco last night and taken to the Eastland county jail at Eastland. He had been in the Graham jail prior to that time. Mayor J. M. Williamson went to Eastland this morning to interview him in an effort to positively identify the fourth man, but Ratliff maintained that he did not know his name. Ratliff is unable to talk, and could answer only direct questions by nodding or shaking his head. Chester Duffield, alias Jack Fields, boxer, who is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fox, and who was in the Fox home Sunday morning when the men appeared there, gave an accurate description of the unidentified man, and that description precludes the possibility of the man being Jack Long, previously reported as being the fourth man. The last seen of the two uncaptured bandits was at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning when a farmer reported that he had seen the men in the barks about 12 miles southeast of Graham. The officers have that section so well guarded that it is practically impossible for the robbers to get through the lines. Mayor Williamson and other officers here are of the opinion that the men are surrounded, and that their capture is but a matter of a short time. It is known that the men are worn and hungry, and that they cannot hold out very long. Mrs. Sam Fox and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Chester Duffield, are in Cisco pending developments. They have given officers freely of what information they had regarding the men. Sam Fox of near Putnam, and Dr. J. B. Vick and the two women of Wichita Falls are still held in the Albany jail.

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POISON USED TO RID FARMS OF BIRD PEST

West Texas farmers are annoyed annually by bird pests that devastate the crops in many sections, and heretofore a means of eradicating these pests have been of a difficult solution. But many have found the birds an aid by destroying deprecatory insects, rather than a menace to crops. One farmer was reported to have scattered feed about his fields to attract English sparrows and other birds to destroy the insects. Still there are those who have sought to destroy the bird pests, such as crows, ravens and kindred bird life. This is well, as birds of this species are more prone to be vegetarians rather than carnivorous, and do not eat the insects that prey upon the plants if other food is obtainable. One authority on the subject recommends that grain be soaked in cyanide, strychnine or arsenic and scattered in the fields. Due to the scarcity of foods the birds will eat almost any kind of food that is placed in the fields. If grain is not available crows and ravens will devour meat scraps that can be poisoned and placed where these birds can obtain it. One West Texas farmer reports that more than 1,000 birds have been killed by poison in his community.

R. A. THOMPSON DUE TO RESIGN FEBRUARY 1ST

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—The resignation of R. A. Thompson, state highway engineer, may be delayed until February 1, it was indicated here this morning. It is generally believed he will be succeeded by Gib Gilchrist, of Dallas, who is now with the engineering department of that city.

BONEYS TO FT. WORTH. Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Boney left this afternoon for Fort Worth, where Mr. Boney is scheduled to make an address at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow night.

LINDBERGH IS TREATED LIKE A MONARCH

GUATEMALA, Dec. 29.—Every minute of today was filled with official receptions and meetings for Col. Charles Lindbergh, although Mr. Lindbergh found time to greet many of the common people. He was received like a monarch by President Chacon yesterday on his arrival here from Mexico City. The principal reception was held at the presidential house and was attended by the leading members of the government. Mr. Lindbergh has definitely decided to return to the United States by way of Havana, it was announced today.

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CARMICHAEL MUCH BETTER

Police Officer George Carmichael, who was shot through the head by a bank robber last Friday, and whose life has been despaired of, is reported much better today by his leading physician, Dr. H. G. Clark of Graham sanitarium. It is still recognized, however, that Mr. Carmichael is in a very grave condition. Mr. Carmichael was wounded at the same time, is recovering nicely. Dr. Clark said, Sheriff Gib Gilchrist, of Palo Pinto, who is suffering from a self-inflicted shot wound while a member of a bandit posse following the bank robbery is getting along as well as could be expected, but will probably be incapacitated for a long time. He lost two fingers from his right hand and received an ugly wound in his left leg.

IMPEACHMENT LIKELY FAIL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 29.—The possibility that the Oklahoma senate court will hold that the articles of impeachment drawn against Governor Johnston and two other state officials was improperly brought an invalid, adjourn and their home, was seen shortly before the senate was scheduled to convene. This indication followed the night sessions between the governor, his advisors and certain members of the senate. It was reported that certain of the members of the senate will be cited in contempt of the district court order restraining them from impeachment procedure, and the senate may counter by holding the governor, restraining courts and other administration agents in contempt of the impeachment court. Senator Andrews, in a lengthy debate, said the impeachment charges were brought by an illegal house of representatives, and moved to substitute the motion to suspend with a motion to consider the sufficiency and legality of the house charges.

TYLER POPULATION SHOWS HEAVY GAIN. TYLER, Dec. 29.—According to the new city directory Tyler now has a population of 19,273. This represents a gain of 7,190 people since 1920. The city has made rapid advancement in all lines in the past seven years.

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TODAY'S PRAYER

Holy Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of prayer. It is of Thine amazing goodness that we are permitted to pray, and of Thine infinite wisdom that our prayers are answered.

A DREADFUL MAGAZINE

Back in the years between 1820 and 1844 in this country there was published a magazine called "The Ladies' Companion." It contained "light reading" and was "designed more particularly for circulation among the women of America."

TABLOID OPERA

Tabloid grand opera is the latest thing in public school community center dramatics in a city that is becoming much interested in both music and drama.

work as a whole. Thus, it is hoped, the enjoyment of opera will increase in that community and the level of music understanding and culture be raised.

Human Interest Editorials

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

Some time ago our good friend Angelo Patri discussed in his forceful way the cause of a little boy who could take no interest in his studies or anything else because he said his mother did not like him.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

American and Roundup, December 12, 1913.

With this issue the Roundup closes its work of 1913. We have labored constantly for the advancement of Cisco and we have seen it come from what some people call a dead town to one of the liveliest, push, stir and business progress.

Weddings of some of the people we know are mentioned below: T. J. Smith and Mrs. F. C. Gray went to Eastland Thursday where they were married.

The Star Electric Co. is now owned by the American Public Service Corporation of New York City, the trade having finally been closed last week.

Drilling for oil near Cisco will start within a few weeks, it is thought. Oil men say that oil indications are good all around our city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Platt left

Monday night for their new home in Dallas. Mr. Platt has the management of a store in that city for the Higginbotham company.

Mrs. Robert Lawrence of Missouri is in the city visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Betts.

Of a Social Nature

Humble Bridge Club Entertained.

Mrs. George Simpson entertained the members and guests of the Humble Bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home in Humbletown.

Wednesday Evening Bridge Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hauran of Humbletown entertained Wednesday evening at their home with a bridge party.

Halsell Born

John Horn of Eastland, and Miss Grace Halsell of Cisco, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist church at Carbon.

Classified Ads

BUYING OR SELLING THEY GET RESULTS

For Sale

FOR SALE—General merchandise and grocery store; one-half cash; balance on terms or trade.

FOR SALE—A few choice poinsettias and pot plants.

For Rent—Houses

FOR RENT—Small furnished house, Cisco Hotel, East Sixth street.

FOR RENT—Well furnished five-room modern house; garage; available soon.

only immediate friends and relatives present, including the Misses Ora Brown and Melba Weather, and the Messrs Garland Franks and Preston Halsell and Douglas Franks.

The British army has a new one-man tank equipped with both caterpillar and rubber tired wheels.

A well trained German police dog will lead Senator Gehall of Minnesota, who is blind, in his walks about Washington this winter.

Apartments for Rent

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment; Call at 601 West Ninth street.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment; adjoining bath; garage.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment; with garage.

FOR RENT—Two room apartment; furnished. Cisco Hotel, East Sixth street.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, with garage; very reasonable.

FOR RENT—Two or three room furnished apartment and garage.

FOR RENT—One room furnished apartment, cheap, at 1009 West Eleventh street.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment at 301 H avenue.

LOST

LOST—One brown glove, Phone 745J.

Try an American classified ad.

West Texas Coaches

"SERVING WEST TEXAS"

Coaches Leave Cisco

NORTH TO—Moran, Albany, 10:00 a. m., and 4:00 p. m.

EAST TO—Eastland, Ranger, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Fort Worth, 7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 4:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 10:15 p. m.

WEST TO—Rising Star, Cross Plains, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, 7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:35 p. m.

WEST TO—Putnam, Baird, Abilene, Sweetwater, Lubbock, 7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 11:45 p. m.

COURTESY SERVICE OPERATED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

For Further Information Call Phone 509

Professional Directory

The Rotary club meets every Thursday at Garner hall, at 12:15.

Lions club meets every Wednesday at Garner hall at 12:15.

Cisco Lodge No. 556, A. F. & A. M., meets fourth Thursday, 8 p. m.

Cisco Lodge No. 190, R. A. M., meets on first Thursday evening of each month at 7 p. m.

Cisco Commandery, K. T., meets every third Thursday of each month at Masonic hall.

Cisco Chapter No. 461, Order of Eastern Star, meets first and third Thursday nights of each month.

Cisco Lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 1379, meets every Monday at 8 p. m.

Cisco Lodge No. 196, Knights of Pythias, meets each Friday evening.

Wanted

WANTED—Key fitting, graphophone and gun repairing.

WANTED—A white girl to do house work. Phone 703J.

WANTED—Just completing commercial course in Cisco high school.

FOR RENT—Three rooms; cheap. See Daddy Evans.

FOR RENT—Six room residence, modern, best part of town; suitable for two apartments.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished rooms at 295 West Eleventh street.

FOR RENT—Well furnished downstairs rooms, 701 West Tenth street.

FOR RENT—Five rooms furnished at 506 West Seventh street.

FOR RENT—Bedroom, 304 West Sixth street.

Found

FOUND—Blue and tan woolen scarf. Owner can recover same by paying for this advertisement.

Special classes in business training begins January 2; enroll now; number limited. Phone Mr. Kelly, 122J.

Resolve to get it

one little minute that's long enough for a big rest

Let the good things of life make friends with you. Snap out of humdrum. Pause every once in a while and refresh yourself with a bottle of ice-cold Coca-Cola.

Over 7 million a day

IT HAD TO BE GOOD TO GET WHERE IT IS

Coca Cola Bottling Co.

BETTER and BETTER

With the year 1927 about to close we find our business still increasing! Let's make '28 the big one.

We Close Our Books the 28th of Each Month.



Tullio's BROS.

"Cisco's Big Dry Cleaning Plant"

ATWATER KENT RADIO

Reductions

We have received the following reductions on Atwater Kent Radios and Speakers:

- Model 35 Radio, was \$65,now \$49
Model 30 Radio, was \$80,now \$65
Model 33 Radio, was \$90,now \$75
Model 32 Radio, seven tube, was \$110, now \$90
Model E Speaker, was \$30,now \$24
Models H and G, were \$21,now \$15

Cisco Battery Co.



Top Coats

Be sure to see our selection of Top Coats before you buy. We have them in Tweeds, Knit-Tex and plain patterns.

\$24.50, \$26.50

\$28.50, \$30.00

Miller-Lauderdale

"—The Man's Store—"



WONDERFUL VALUES!

That's what they say about our beautiful Golden Arrow Brand Hose. In all the newest practical colors — Combining style, fit and service.

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"---the house of fits"

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LOMETA MAN LOST MONEY ON MISTLETOE

LOMETA, Dec. 29.—Bob Hines of Lometa declares the car of mistletoe recently shipped from Brownwood to the eastern Christmas markets is not the first to go from Texas by any means. Recently there appeared a story in the Bulletin of Brownwood stating that Sam H. Bass, Santa Fe agent of Brownwood, had shipped a car of the aid-to-kissing plant. In 1913 Mr. Hines shipped a car of mistletoe to Philadelphia and another car to the same place in 1915. The first shipment consisted of 137 crates and reached destination too late for the holidays, and the other car was composed of 142 crates and was wrecked before reaching its destination and was ruined. He paid 3 cents per pound for it and didn't receive a thin dime for either car. Mr. Hines is of the opinion that if the Brownwood shipment didn't bring more money than his did back in 1913 and 1915, the mistletoe industry would certainly die in its infancy.

TWO MEN HELD AFTER CAUGHT BREAKING LOCK

Surprised in the act Night Patrolmen, D. B. Heston and Gustafson arrested two young white men Monday night as they were breaking the lock on the gasoline pump at the Parrock filling station on the Breckenridge highway, and locked them in the city jail. Charges of burglary and petty theft were filed against them. They gave their names as S. E. Pierce and Dave Jones, with the world as their home, as their reciter. Their names have carried them over most of the country of West Texas.

The pair was traveling in a Ford coupe in which were bedding and two automobile castings. They are alleged to have made a full confession, telling the officers that they took the new casing from a Chevrolet car that was left parked on E avenue near Broadway. They will be sent to Eastland where they will be held in jail unless hailed to await the action of the grand jury. They were in the act of cutting the lock when the officers arrived on the scene and interrupted their operations. After being committed to the city jail and before being conveyed to Eastland, a member of the Cisco police force Wednesday questioned the two men, Pierce and Jones, who waived examination to the charge of burglarizing the Parrock filling station on Breckenridge highway. The officer stated that Jones refused to talk, but Pierce, only he stated his name was Pierce, was rather loquacious and gave an account of numerous petty thefts. His story as taken down by the officer was as follows:

"I am 29 years old. We traded for the Ford coupe with a storage man in Abilene. Traded a Ford touring car that we stole on the streets of Big Spring on December 18 or 19. We stole two castings at Del Rio. We stole a car at Abilene about December 21 and intended driving this car to McCamey but it burned before we reached there. Returning to Abilene about December 17 we stole gasoline, two different times within the next few days, and two spare tires while we were there, also five quilts, one blanket and two pillows from a clothes line, and a pistol from a grocery store.

Both of these young men were conveyed to Eastland Wednesday where they were committed to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury.

MYSTERY OF "GROWING" ROCKS EXPLAINED BY FREEZING

Numerous inquiries are received by the geological survey from various parts of the country, asking for explanation concerning the apparent tendency of rocks to "grow" and "shrink" and other fields, says "Popular Mechanics" Magazine. Farmers report that boulders appearing at the surface are removed, only to be replaced a few seasons later by others. That the survey realizes but the rocks, instead of growing in the usual sense of the word, are simply pushed out by the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground. Ice expands when freezing. If it forms under the rock, this tends to push it up and, when ice thaws, the boulder does not settle back to its original position and loose soil and other obstructions prop it up.

Texas ranks first among the states both as to total production of sorghum and as to the number of varieties grown. The most phenomenal crop development in Texas in the last 15 years has been in the introduction of grain sorghums.

A folding airplane designated as "fool proof" is to be manufactured at Peterboro, Ont., at a cost of about \$3,000.

WINTER GRAIN LOOKING WELL AFTER RAINS

"The rain Tuesday was the salvation of winter grain in Eastland county," said John Brown, a prosperous farmer, living southwest of Cisco Wednesday. "So far as I have been able to ascertain none of the winter grain was hurt very much by the long drouth, but was in a fair way to die, had not the rain fallen in time. I had planted no grain this fall, though I usually go in pretty strong for winter stuff, but decided to plant in the spring, and will begin sowing oats about the first of February. But some of my neighbors have planted winter grain, and they tell me that it was living before the rain. It was thought that the freeze would kill much of the grain that was up, and many farmers had pastured the crop down pretty well. All are now hopeful for a good crop since the rain Tuesday, which I learn has been pretty general."

SCRANTON

Mr. Haislip and family were dinner guests Christmas day of Mrs. Haislip's daughter in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Morgan and children of Big Spring are spending the holidays with relatives in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faires and children of Scranton are spending the holidays in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haislep of Stanton are in Scranton for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Castleberry are guests of Mrs. Castleberry's parents in Scranton. Will Dodson and family will leave Thursday for Abilene, where they will be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Addis Brown.

Misses Lewis and Grace Davison are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davison. Misses Delle and Lillian Jobe of Cisco were dinner guests of Misses Millie and Ruth Morgan Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sprawls gave a party Monday night. After the party the guests paid a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencie, newlyweds of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and children of Colorado are visiting relatives in Scranton. Hoyt Slaton of Cisco is visiting his parents in Scranton.

"MORE COTTON" BANQUET

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, New York newspaper, will be the principal speaker at the banquet to be given here January 6 for the winners in the 1927 More Cotton on Fewer Acres contest staged by the Dallas News. Price is one of the best known economists in the United States and returned this month from a study of business conditions in Europe. Among the other speakers at the banquet will be John Fields, vice president of the Federal Land bank at Wichita, Kansas, and former editor of the Oklahoma farmer, and Dr. T. O. Walton, president of Texas A. & M. college.

AIR MAIL INCREASES

HOUSTON, Dec. 29.—Unless air mail service is started out of Houston soon the first plane to leave will not be able to carry the country's increasing pile of air mail. More than 400 letters marked to be held for the first trip of the air mail from this city have been entrusted to the postoffice. Service between Houston and Dallas is expected to be launched by the Texas Air Transport late in January at the same time night air mail service is started between Dallas and Chicago.

A German priest is developing a device which by pressing a button will throw an aviator from a falling plane, after which the pressing of another button will inflate his suit and enable him to float to the earth like a balloon.

IT WILL SORE THE LAFFS OUT OF YOU! THE GORILLA

Texas Arch Fiend Awaits Death at Plainview; Courts Have Dallied With Killer of 13 More Than Year

PLAINVIEW, Tex., Dec. 29.—After waiting a year to have the date of his execution fixed, George J. Hassell, 39, confessed murderer of his wife, eight stepchildren and another woman and three babies, smilingly awaits Jan. 9 when he will be resented to death in district court at Farwell. His resenting will be a formality following his unsuccessful appeal to the higher courts. His execution date probably will be sometime in February. Presenting the appearance of a well fed, prosperous farmer, Hassell waits his fate with calm and good humor. He laughs and jokes with his fellow prisoners and enjoys his meals. "You know," he told an interviewer, "I'm lots luckier than you are. You never know what day you may get run over by a car or shot at or take some fatal disease." According to sheriff Sam Faith, Hassell is a model prisoner and seems to enjoy the environment of his jail. He has never expressed remorse or regret for his crimes and talks freely of them, the sheriff said.

It was a year ago December 24 that the bodies of a mother and eight of her children were found in a cave-in cellar near Farwell. When apprehended, Hassell confessed to having quarreled with his wife and then killing her and the children. At the same time he admitted having murdered another wife and three of her children in California. He has had three wives and admits having lived with seven women from periods of three months to three years each. He has admitted that he has more to tell, local officers are inclined to believe that he can throw light on even other murders of women and children.

Hassell said his troubles began when he was eight years old. At that time he had an affair with a 15 year old girl, he said. Later he served a prison term. After leaving prison, he married a woman at Abilene and a son was born. He and his wife separated when he enlisted in the army but deserted and returned to west Texas. He then began a career, he said, that included love affairs with women in the 37 states in which he worked. Describing the California murder, Hassell said: "We were home one night. Both of us were happy and talking when suddenly I realized I had her by the throat and had choked her and the babies to death. I don't know why I did it."

"There must be some cell back in my head that makes me kill. I don't like a murderer and I don't feel like one. I am guilty of the crime and I'm going to pay the price, but why did I do it?"

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CLEBURNE IS MAKING MONEY FROM TURKEYS

CLEBURNE, Dec. 29.—Eighteen carloads of turkeys, representing more than \$100,000 into the pockets of Cleburne farmers, will have been shipped from here by the middle of next week according to local produce merchants.

PECAN TREES VALUABLE SA. SABA, Dec. 29.—Farmers who do not prune and carefully care for the pecan trees along the creek bottoms on their land are wasting an opportunity to develop a source of income, according to local pecan growers who have just harvested profitable returns from the 1927 crop. This county has become the leading pecan producer of Texas and many farmers make thousands of dollars annually on the high priced nuts. The tops of trees that did not bear well this year should be removed, according to local growers and all foreign trees in the vicinity of pecan trees should be cut down.

Try an American classified ad.

SEYMOUR GIRL NEAR DEATH FROM WOUNDS

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Death was a lap behind in a race with an airplane, train and steamship Wednesday when Bessie Howe, government school teacher, who was accidentally shot ten days ago in the village of Ninilchik, Alaska, was placed in a Seattle hospital where her chances for recovery were reported favorable.

When Miss Howe shot herself while cleaning a pistol Dec. 18, Waiter Kotoff rushed 20 miles from Ninilchik to a fox farm that had an amateur radio sending apparatus. Kotoff called enough telegraphy from his service as an operator in Russia many years ago to broadcast a call for medical aid.

The message was picked up at Anchorage, the nearest town with a resident physician, but all boats refused to brave a raging storm and rescue by land was impossible because Ninilchik was accessible only by an arduous and treacherous journey of several days by dog team.

So William H. Merrill, intrepid aviator, and Dr. A. D. Haverstock, government physician, took off in a plane in the face of the storm. Arriving at Ninilchik they found the teacher in such condition that only immediate hospital care could save her. Without hesitation the doctor and the aviator with the injured woman, took off again in the storm, this time at night.

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with only half of the ignition system working. They landed at Anchorage by the light of an automobile headlight. Meanwhile, Kotoff, to make certain that his message had been received, walked 100 miles to Seldovia, the nearest town with radio communication. He was overcome with joy when he found that his message had been received and that Miss Howe was alive and to be taken by train to Seward. At Seward she was put on the steamship Alameda, which arrived here today.

Miss Howe went to Ninilchik in September from Seymour, Texas.

A new camera of Swedish invention is said to be an aid to the early diagnosis of certain disease through the detection of symptoms disclosed by photographs of the eye.

Plans are being considered for illuminating a football field at Montgomery, Ala., so that games may be played at night next season.

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Body of Beloved Cisco Officer Laid to Rest Sunday; Hundreds Pay Tribute at Bedford's Grave

All Cisco buried its hero dead Sunday afternoon when hundreds of friends gathered here to pay their last tribute to the memory of G. E. Bedford, whose useful life was cut short by the bandits' bullets Friday while he was discharging his duty as guardian of the lives and property of Cisco, when bandits raided the First National bank here.

The religious services were held at the Green undertaking chapel, which was filled to its capacity, with every available space adjacent to the chapel, and the streets and sidewalks blocked with those eager to pay their tribute to their friend and officer. That Bit Bedford was held in the highest esteem by hundreds from near by communities, was attested by this being one of the most largely attended funerals ever held in Cisco. Eastland folks were prominent in numbers among the mourners, for the fallen chief was held in highest esteem by all the older citizens of the county seat, where he once resided, and Eastland people loved Bit Bedford second to that affection held for him by the people of Cisco.

Rev. F. T. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, South, conducted the services at the chapel, which was opened by a song from a quartet which was followed by the scripture reading, taken from the 14th chapter of the Gospel by St. John, embracing the thought, "Let not your heart be troubled." Preceding the scripture reading, Rev. B. C. Boney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, rendered the solo, "Christ Cannot Fail." At the conclusion of the minister's tribute a prayer was offered by Reverend Boney, which concluded the religious services, and the remains were taken in charge by the Masonic fraternity, under the auspices of Cisco Lodge No. 536, A. F. & A. M., with which deceased was affiliated. Formed in grand procession the Masons marched with the body to the grave where G. E. Bedford was given a Masonic burial according to the ritual of the order. Acting Worshipful Master Wm. Benzag, conducted Masonic services at the grave with all the solemnity and impressiveness of the fraternity. The pall bearers were selected from those of the Masonic fraternity and were Ralph Cabaniss, John Ridgeway, Joe Wilson, W. L. Fox, Ernest Woods and Crisler Paschall.

SHORT SEASON FOR HUNTERS IS NOW URGED

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—Caesar Kleburg of Kingsville, assistant manager of the famous million-acre King Ranch, and a sportsman and student of wild game conditions, thinks the next legislature should amend the game laws to reduce the bag limits and the hunting season.

He has just returned from a trip in the eastern states and declares that New York and Pennsylvania have more deer than Texas. He thinks they will be exterminated soon in this state unless stricter laws are passed. Deer, turkeys and ducks are being protected in the 75,000-acre Sauz Pasture, he said. A 15-day limit for deer shooting should be enacted in Texas, Kleburg thinks, pointing to the fact that Pennsylvania has only a 10-day season. He advocated opening the season about December 1, and permitting each hunter to kill only one buck and one doe.

CURTIS-MARTIN. Alfred Curtis and Miss Margaret Martin were united in marriage at Rising Star last Saturday evening. Rev. Neal Greer, pastor of the Baptist church at Rising Star, spoke the words that joined the hearts and hands of this happy pair. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Martin, living south of Cisco, where the groom is a well known young man of this city, and an employe of the Chestnut-Smith Oil company.



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FOUR SQUARE CLUBS TO BE FORMED SOON

CLUBBURNE, Dec. 28.—A campaign for organization of four square clubs has been launched in Johnson county, with J. C. Olsen, county agent; R. L. Doak, county superintendent; and Miss Mae Belle Smith, head demonstration agent, leaders in the movement. The purpose of the clubs is to bring members into closer touch with county agents, and health and agricultural authorities. Four square clubs have already been formed in 26 Texas counties.

EASTLAND CAR TURNS TURTLE FIVE INJURED

EASTLAND, Dec. 28.—R. W. Fairbairn, his wife and three children were injured in a car accident Saturday when their big Nash touring car turned turtle just a few miles east of Sweetwater. Minnie Faye, four year old baby, had her left arm broken between the wrist and the elbow; Mrs. Fairbairn's neck was bruised; Rawley, Jr., sustained an injury to one of his legs, and Francis Neil Fairbairn, 11, was injured in one of the legs. Mr. Fairbairn was injured in his back.

Mr. Fairbairn stated that they were enroute to Lorraine to spend the holidays with his father, J. W. Fairbairn and had just come off a detour on a highway three miles this side of Sweetwater and were going down a long, sloping clay hill at a speed of not more than twenty-five miles per hour, when the car suddenly began to swerve from first one side of the road to the other, until it went into the ditch and turned completely over. It was raining. Tourists who came along at the time helped the injured members of Mr. Fairbairn's family into the tourist's car and carried them to Sweetwater where they were given medical attention.

CHICAGO PAPER PLAYS UP BANK ROBBERY HERE

News travels fast. A correct short story of the dramatic bank robbery, which was staged in a most spectacular setting in Cisco last Friday, was published in a Chicago paper last Saturday morning, as was revealed in a clipping from the paper received by John Cameron, Tuesday, from one of his business correspondents in that city, who requested more information. Mr. Cameron sent him a copy of the Daily News of last Friday, which gave a detailed report of the raid.

In his letter to Mr. Cameron the Chicago correspondent states: "When the writer saw the enclosed clipping he wondered how large a town Cisco was. He finds it is a little city of 12,000 people. How near are you to Dallas? According to the clipping you must have had a warm time down there. Some day I am coming down to look you over."

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS. All auto owners will please bring a new headlight certificate, which is dated within thirty days of the time you register, when making application for 1928 auto plates. This will save the disappointment and extra trouble of standing in line at the window, only to find that you must secure this certificate before it is possible to get the plates.
A. M. HEARN, Tax Collector.

RANGER MAN HURT IN FALL FROM HAY LOFT

RANGER, Dec. 28.—The only accident recorded during the holidays in Ranger was that of O. Walker, who received a broken hip when he fell from his hay loft to the barn floor Monday afternoon, while feeding stock at his home on Houston street. Mr. Walker was getting hay out of the loft to feed some stock he keeps on his place when he stepped back and fell through one of the hay shoots, alighting on his hip. He was taken immediately to the City-County hospital.

RANGER STORE ROBBED; \$700 WORTH GOODS GONE

RANGER, Dec. 28.—Burglars Monday night prised the lock on the front door of Joseph Dry Goods store, Ranger, entered and carried off about \$700 worth of young men's clothing. The robbery was not discovered until the business was opened by A. Williams Tuesday morning. The lock on the door had been pushed by a thin instrument inserted between the door and the frame. The door was pulled to by the burglars upon leaving but the lock failed to catch and the door was slightly ajar when found by Mr. Williams. The burglars carried a hat box and a man's traveling bag to the outside of the store but these were left between the front door and the front show window.

University of Pennsylvania professors, after an extensive study of speech defects, report that one of the causes of stammering and other impediments is low oxygen consumption. In making their tests, they employ a breathing gauge which shows how much oxygen the subject uses during normal respiration.

Making roof paint and other by-products from pinyon wood is the interesting process a western man has patented and with which he has considerable success. His home-made outfit has already yielded a return of \$1,500, it is said.

A nine pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Austin Sunday night at their home 505 West Tenth street. Mr. Austin is an employe of the West Texas Utilities Co.

Officers Expect to Wipe Out Well Organized Band of Bank Robbers in Capture of 2 More

With the capture of the bandits who raided the First National bank of Cisco last Friday, which seems imminent, local officers believe that a dangerous band of looters will be broken up.

Officers say that they definitely know the four men who took part in the robbery here, they being L. E. Davis, who died from gun shot wounds a few hours after the raid; Marshall Ratliffe, now in jail at Graham and in a serious condition from wounds, and Henry Helms, who is still at large but known positively as one of the gang.

According to information given out by Cisco officers, Helms was once convicted of burglary at Wichita Falls and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. Dr. Rumph, cashier of the Carbon bank which was robbed some time ago, identified Davis as the man who held him up. The Carbon banker said Davis after he was wounded in the fight following the holdup here last week. Ratliffe is well known to officers here and in adjoining counties, having been convicted of robbery of the Valaria bank in Coleman county, and sent to the penitentiary for the crime. He was later pardoned by Governor Ferguson. Cashier Alex Spears, who faced the guns of the bandits in the First National bank here last week, has identified the fourth man as Jack Long, his identification being made by a picture of Long brought here from Dallas.

With the known records of the men officers believe that they may have been connected with other crimes of which they do not know, and that in the capture of the men a well organized and protected band of dangerous criminals may be wiped out.

ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE LET IN JANUARY

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—Bridge contracts will be let by the state highway commission on January 16 and 17. On January 16 bids will be opened for concrete bridges over Elm creek and Arenosa creek on state highway No. 3 in Kinney county. On January 17 bids will be opened on concrete girder highway work on state highway No. 1 in Mitchell county and on the proposed Chappell Hill bridge over the Brazos to connect Washington and Waller counties on highway No. 20. Other work on which bids will be opened January 16 includes: Grading and drainage, 12 miles highway 28. Cottle county; concrete paving, 13 miles, highway 12-A, east of Laredo; bituminous paving, 5 1/2 miles, highway 81. Gonzales county; rock asphalt paving 10 miles, highway 12-A, Jim Hogg county.

Other bridge work to be ordered January 17 includes: Peach creek and West Bernard creek crossings.

in Wharton county and small drainage structures on highway 12 in the same county. A concrete road contract for ten miles on highway 36 in Austin county will also be let January 17.

A PULMOTOR FOR TREES
Trees weakened by insufficient oxygen, due to obstructions or surplus water about the roots, are restored to vigorous growth by a special "pulmotor" treatment which is said to have been administered with good results, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It consists in

forcing air currents about the roots. This is done with the aid of a compressor operated at about 100 pounds pressure and a long hollow "gun" with a shutoff. The gun is forced into the ground to the depth of the roots as far from the tree as the ends of the branches. The air is then turned on and the action of the air being visible to the operator by the rise and fall of the earth. Try an American classified ad.

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HICKMAN SAYS HE KILLED MARIAN

BREAKS UNDER QUIZ; SAYS HE STRANGLERED HER

Makes Clean Breast Of Heinous Crime; Eliminates Cramer

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 27. — William E. Hickman confessed that he killed 12-year-old Marian Parker of Los Angeles the day after he kidnaped her single-handed. In a new confession, amazing for its unvarnished details of brutality, the 19-year-old youth said he strangled the child with a piano wire and cut the body into pieces in the bath tub of his Bellevue apartment in Los Angeles.

After the strangling, Hickman said he realized that he must have the body to produce to the girl's father, Perry N. Parker, Los Angeles banker, or he could not collect the ransom. So he devised the scheme of rigging her eyelids with wire to keep her alive to make it appear she was alive.

The confession completely eliminated the mythical accomplice, Andrew Cramer, for whom police have been searching since the

Los Angeles Jail Holds Girl Slayer

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27. — Terror-stricken and shown of his former air of bravado, William Edward Hickman was safely locked in jail here today. He was taken from the train at a little used freight station near here and rushed into the waiting automobile and sped to the city. Carloads of detectives, with sewed-off shot guns, formed the escort that guarded the slayer of little Marian Harper safe to his prison cell.

The closest secrecy surrounding the arrival of Hickman to Los Angeles following his confession to the murder of little Marian Parker, as mob violence was feared.

youth made his first confession after his capture near Pendleton, Oregon, where he sought to throw the blame on an accomplice. He had no aid. It was a single-handed piece of work, he said today.

The confession today removes from Hickman the last shield upon which he relied to save him from the gallows. When he enters the superior court in Los Angeles tomorrow he will go through the formality of entering a plea of murder and kidnaping based on his signed confessions to both.

The mask of mystery which Hickman sought to throw over the killing was torn away in the course of a grilling he underwent as the special car upon which he was being taken to Los Angeles was nearing San Francisco.

Behind locked and closely guarded doors of the compartment in which Hickman had been held since he left Pendleton Sunday morning, questioning by Los Angeles officers preceded, laying before the prisoner the gruesome details of evidence which had been gathered at the Bellevue apartment.

"Because I was afraid she would make a noise," was the reason for the act.

Upon his arrival here Hickman was taken in the club car of the Cascade Limited, where he faced a battery of cameras for several pictures.

WILL DEFEND HICKMAN
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Jerome K. Walsh boarded the train this morning for Los Angeles where he will assist in defending William E. Hickman, the confessed murderer of little Marian Parker. He carried a letter to her son from the mother of Hickman, in which she told him that she still had faith in him and was anxious to see him through his ordeal.

PIGGLY-WIGGLY ORCHARDS
Few fruit trees have been planted in many years, and the supply of home-grown peaches, plums, pears, berries, figs and other fruits is far below the demand.

People will go twenty miles to get fresh fruit. The grower does not have to take it to market. Back yards will produce enough fruit for town homes. Why not raise abundance of fruit at home? We have sure-bearing varieties for every section. Ask for free catalogue. **RAMSEY'S AUSTIN NURSERY**, Austin, Texas. 2212W

Hickman Resigned To Face Rope; Says Thought God Was With Him; Doctor Makes Chance of Escape

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28. — "I wanted to go to college very badly. I felt that God was with me in my efforts to get an education," declared William Edward Hickman while he continually discussed the killing of little Marian Parker in trying to make excuses in his mind for the commission of the crime. Hickman is showing signs of the strain and today his nervousness indicated a complete breakdown. He compares his case with that of Loeb and Leopold, saying "but was it any worse than what they did?" He is apparently resigned to the "rope."

Two possible chances of saving Hickman from the gallows appeared today. One was the insanity defense, and the other was the autopsy report of Dr. A. F. Wagner. Dr. Wagner unexpectedly announced that Marian Parker died of heart failure.

"BACKBONED" AUTO CHASSIS REDUCE BODY STRAINS

Instead of the usual built-in frame, the chassis of a foreign car recently introduced, has a central steel tube, about ten inches in diameter, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Inside it lie the transmission shaft and control cables for the brakes, while fittings are provided at either end for the necessary engine-mounting and back-axle units. Engineers declare that since this tube forms a "backbone" for the car the body is not subjected to bending and other strains. This permits lighter construction, with greater ease and safety, even at high speeds.

REV. BONEY TO SPEAK AT FORT WORTH MEET

Rev. B. C. Boney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Cisco, has received and accepted an invitation to speak at the Fort Worth district conference of young people Friday evening. Mr. Boney stated he would use as a thought in his address "Personal Work Among Young People." He will return home Saturday.

HOPELESS EFFORT TO SAVE BOY

HOUSTON, Dec. 28.—The condition of Milton Rush, sixteen years of age, of Wharton, Texas, suffering from paralysis of the lungs, is reported unchanged today. Boy companions are working continually pumping his arms up and down, forcing artificial respiration in an attempt to keep him alive. Attending physicians say their efforts are hopeless.

REFUSED KISS HICKMAN'S PAL FACES CHARGE

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—Clifford Thomas, 19-year-old jewelry clerk who claims to have been a classmate of William Edward Hickman, Dallas kidnaper-slayer, was charged late yesterday with assault to murder Miss Flora Wright near here Christmas night. Miss Wright is alleged to have been struck with a monkey wrench after refusing a kiss. Thomas is said to have signed a confession admitting that he frightened the girl into telling her uncle on her return that the couple had been attacked by a robber. The uncle grew suspicious, however, and put detectives on the case. Miss Wright's head was gashed by the wrench but her injury was not serious.

ANOTHER CHAIN STORE

Another of the chain stores will be added to Cisco's business houses with the conversion of the Main Street Grocery into a Clarence Saunders store. The house is now closed and workmen are installing the fixtures of this business house. Jack Keys will be the manager. Already Cisco has the M. System, Texas and Pacific Tea Co., a J. C. Penney Company and an Acorn store.

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Bootleggers Murder Ranger Man When He Refuses to Buy Liquor; Warrants Issued for Two Suspects

RANGER, Dec. 28.—Paul Pugh, 18, was killed by highway men on the road 14 miles east of Ranger Christmas night. Pugh was killed when the two men, whose identity is said to be known to the police, haled the car in which he and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Reeves were returning from a Christmas church festival in Thurber.

The men asked if the party didn't want to buy some liquor. When informed that they were not interested, one of the men struck Pugh on the head with a lug wrench, breaking two vertebrae at the base of the brain.

Johnnie Reeves and his wife, Bertha Reeves, who were occupants of the car when Pugh was killed, made bond Monday night in the sum of \$500 each to insure their appearance before the Palo Pinto grand jury which convenes within the next two weeks. They were ordered issued by the Palo Pinto county attorney, G. L. Creighton, solely for the purpose of having the couple as witnesses to the murder appear.

Two Palo Pinto deputies, C. W. Laird and George C. Hensley, came to Ranger Monday to confer with Chief of Police Ingram regarding the case. The two deputies did not get to talk with Mr. and Mrs. Reeves as they left on the 10:30 east bound passenger for Mountpelier, Ind., to accompany the body of Pugh.

Pugh is survived by his father, Clem Pugh of Mountpelier, one sister, Miss Inzie Pugh of Okmulgee, Okla., and a half-sister, Miss Ina Pugh of Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Bertha Reeves is an aunt of Pugh's and he has an uncle, F. T. Cristman of Cicyle, who also accompanied the body to Mountpelier.

Pugh was killed exactly one year after he came to Ranger, he hav-

ing come here on Christmas night a year ago to work for his aunt who, with her husband, is owner of Opal's cafe.

G. L. Creighton, county attorney of Palo Pinto, said that no charge of murder had been filed but that his department and the sheriff's department of that county were investigating the case in every detail. He said that warrants had been issued for two men who are strongly suspected to have committed the crime but he was not ready at this time to make known their names. Arrests in the case are expected soon as the men wanted were seen in Breckenridge Monday and it is thought that they were endeavoring to reach Oklahoma, where one of the suspected men once lived.

Johnnie Reeves in speaking of the murder stated that he and his party, consisting of Paul Pugh, Bertha Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood were returning from Thurber when two men haled them and asked them if they wanted to buy some whiskey. Upon being told that they didn't the two men became furious and cursed Harry Atwood. Atwood opened the door of his Dodge sedan and stepped out and was followed by Pugh, who came around the front of the car and leaned over to pick Atwood from the ground. When he did so one of the men hit him on the back of the neck, breaking it instantly and Pugh died before he reached Mingus. Reeves then received a blow over the left jaw and fell to the ground. The highwaymen snatched Mrs. Atwood's purse containing \$18 and fled, leaving their car a Ford roadster in the road. Pugh was taken to Mingus, pronounced dead and then taken to Ranger.

Atwood, who was beaten severely

around the face and head, was brought to Ranger by Mrs. Atwood and is resting well at his home. The men later returned and got their roadster and left.

MILLIONS IN TAX REFUNDS BEING MADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — Tax refunds totaling nearly one hundred and four million dollars was made today by the treasury department for taxes illegally collected. A total of two hundred and forty thousand refunds have been made, among them was a refund of one hundred and seventy-two thousand four hundred and ninety dollars, and two thousand dollars and nine cents to the Sinclair and Gulf Oil companies.

DOCTOR USED POCKET KNIFE ON GIRL'S THROAT

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—Frances Williams, 5-year-old girl, was alive today because a physician used an ordinary pocket knife to cut a hole in the child's throat so she could breathe. Frances was suffering from diphtheria. The doctor was called. He had no instruments with him and realizing that to wait would be fatal, he asked for a pocket knife, sterilized it and inserted it in the child's throat.

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Bankers Association Reward To Stand; Desire to Stop Evil at Source Officer Says

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Texas bankers believe that the reward of \$5,000 for dead bank bandits is a success. The reward still stands, and will, until the nuisance is corrected, they say.

"Before we offered the reward," said W. M. Massie, president of the Texas State Bankers' association, "we were having an average of three robberies a week. The reward was posted 40 days ago and during that period there have been only three robberies. We want to correct the evil at the source. Such a reward might result in some innocent people being killed or injured, but the same danger exists when hold-up men are entering banks at the rate of three a week," he said.

The state courts are also dealing harshly with bandits as evidenced by the 14-year sentence given Rebecca Bradley Rogers, "slapper bandit" for her robbery of the Buda state bank. Mrs. Rogers pleaded insanity.

In one pre-Christmas robbery, that at Cisco Friday, bullets flew from the guns of officers as well as bandits resulting in the death of one officer and the serious wounding of one bandit. Another robbery and three customers in the bank were injured. With the possibility of a large reward, citizens, state and county officers have joined in the search for the men who escaped.

"Just because a couple of deputy sheriffs are charged with murder at Midland for killing two men they say they believed to be robbers, we will not withdraw our reward for dead bank robbers," Massie said.

"If it should be found that the officers were in the wrong, the Bankers' association must give financial aid in prosecuting them."

TRIPLITT GETS P. O. FOR 2ND TERM, 4 YEARS

Postmaster J. W. Triplitt has received his commission as postmaster for the Cisco office for the next four years. This is his second term as postmaster, and most of the patrons will agree that he has made an efficient officer, and has never been called upon the carpet for "pernicious partisan activity."

FIREMAN HURT IN BROWNWOOD FIRE TUESDAY

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 28.—Fire that originated in the Frisco Cafe early Tuesday morning destroyed the cafe and the Frisco Hotel, causing a total property loss of \$23,000. E. M. Boom, a Frisco brakeman, sustained burns about the face and numerous cuts about the hands in getting out of the burning hotel. He was taken to a Fort Worth hospital. J. W. Keith, proprietor of the hotel, will rebuild, it is stated.

Three Cisco Masons Buried In December

The Cisco Masonic lodges have lost three members by death during the holidays, said John F. Patterson, Cisco Masonic secretary this morning. These were G. E. Bedford, buried by the Cisco lodge Sunday, December 25, member of the Cisco blue lodge and Chapter; T. L. Terry of Moran, died December 21 and buried by the Moran Masonic lodge, member of Cisco Commandery; Cicero Ray, died December 23 at Walnut Springs, and the Cisco lodge requested the Walnut Springs lodge to give him a Masonic burial, member of Cisco Blue lodge and Chapter.

Surprise Marriage Of Cisco Couple

Taking their friends by surprise Lonnie Tullos and Miss Gladys McMillen were quietly married Saturday evening at the manse of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. B. C. Boney officiated at the ceremony at 9 o'clock, and the happy couple left immediately on a short bridal trip to Abilene, returning home Monday. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. L. A. Murray, 204 West Fourth street. Mr. Tullos is the junior member of the tailoring firm of Tullos Brothers, and is one of the city's popular young business men. The newly weds are at home at 1107 West Ninth street.

For many years, natives of Brazil have relied upon the fibres of a species of wild pineapple to supply them with twine for their fishing lines and nets, and now government scientists here have turned to the plant as a possible source of paper suitable for the printing of bonds and currency. Tests by the bureau of standards have shown that the product has a bursting strength about the same as that specified for the finest papers made from rags or rope.

ABILENE MAN AT LIBERTY ON BOND OF \$10,000

ABILENE, Dec. 28.—Lawrence L. Camp of San Diego, Calif., formerly assistant cashier of the Central State bank here, who was returned to Abilene Monday morning by Sheriff H. T. O'Bar, was released under bonds totaling \$10,000. He waived examining trial on three charges of embezzlement when arrested before P. B. Ford justice of the peace. Bond was set at \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 in the new cases filed. Bond was set at \$2,000 for his appearance in district court to answer an indictment, charging him with the embezzlement of \$1,206 of the Central State bank's funds while he was employed here. The indictment was returned by a Taylor county grand jury January 7, this year.

JURORS NAMED FOR DISTRICT COURT CASES

Jurors for the week of December 19 in the first district court are as follows:

F. F. Bennett, Eastland; T. J. Luffin, Carbon; Joe Ledman, Desdemona; George Long, Pioneer; G. A. Loveloy, Ranger; M. Leper, Ranger; Cecil Lapeck, Desdemona; A. J. Love, Gorman; Virgil Love, Ranger; B. F. Lovett, Eastland; F. H. Lowery, Gorman; W. W. Lowe, Eastland; B. F. Lloyd, Gorman; J. E. Lucas, Oden; Charles Luckett, Cisco; M. L. Luse, Cisco; H. G. Lyda, Gorman; C. H. Lyons, Rising Star; E. W. Mben, Ranger; C. E. Maddocks, Ranger; J. W. Carman, Rising Star; R. C. Maddox, Gorman; S. C. Mahoney, Desdemona; C. L. Mahon, Eastland; A. N. Mabon, Gorman; R. W. Manell, Cisco; Frank Mallard, Gorman; H. A. Maness, Carbon; H. N. Mangum, Carbon; J. D. Mann, Cisco; M. M. Manney, Ranger; H. L. Manning, Eastland; Walter Murray, Ranger; C. R. Maples, Romney; T. B. Marlow, Ranger; G. L. Morrow, Gorman; Sam Dunsker, Ranger; C. W. Marsh, Rising Star; F. K. Marshall, Pioneer; C. N. Marshman, Cisco; E. L. Martin, Ranger; J. A. Mashburn, Cisco; J. E. Mason, Eastland; James Massie, Ranger; G. L. Massengale, Eastland; E. F. Masters, Oden; J. E. Matthews, Ranger; W. B. May, Desdemona; J. T. Killingsworth, Ranger; J. L. Maxwell, Eastland.

For the week beginning January 6, jurors for the first district court are:

Harry Henry, Ranger; John Hayes, Oden; P. J. Coughlin, Ranger; C. E. Mayhew, Cisco; H. L. Maynard, Carbon; C. N. Mayes, Eastland; R. L. Meadows, Nisard; F. J. Maynard, Cisco; J. G. Medford, Oden; H. B. May, Eastland; J. A. Medley, Carbon; G. M. Glasen, Cisco; H. B. Meeks, Eastland; W. G. Meiss, Cisco; E. A. Mellon, Ranger; E. Mellon, Cisco; L. P. Monahan, Cisco; I. T. Meredith, Eastland; R. M. Merkel, Cisco; E. J. Merrill, Desdemona; D. D. Merritt, Rising Star; W. D. Messimer, Eastland; George Metz, Eastland; J. M. Bivard, Cisco; R. Mills, Desdemona; Fred Milford, Carbon; H. H. Miller, Cisco; O. C. Miller, Ranger; J. L. Thompson, Ranger; J. J. Mooney, Ranger; Jim Whalen, Ranger; M. C. Miller, Romney; H. Miller, Gorman; R. H. Miller, Cisco; W. T. Mitchell, Rising Star; Charles Milligan, Ranger; E. H. Mills, Ranger; E. P. Mills, Ranger; Clyde Mills, Cisco; J. P. Miller, Rising Star; C. A. Miller, Cisco; A. P. Mitchell, Ranger; H. E. Mix, Cisco; E. W. White, Ranger; G. P. Mitchell, Cisco; J. V. Harris, Eastland; V. B. Minyard, Desdemona; J. H. Moyer, Cisco.

Jurors for the week of January 13 in the first district court are:

Frank Cashberry, Eastland; S. R. Childs, Cisco; W. H. Christians, Eastland; J. T. Clement, Gorman; Tom Greer, Gorman; C. C. Clarke, Rising Star; C. E. Cochran, Nisard; W. G. Colburn, Oden; John Coal, Carbon; J. H. Collins, Carbon; James F. Cook, Rising Star; J. H. Moyer, Cisco; Herbert Stafford, Ranger; J. A. Mulder, Cisco; Ed Mann, Oden; R. L. Murphy, Eastland; B. R. Murray, Eastland; L. E. Merrell, Eastland; W. T. Mastin, Ranger; W. M. Myers, Ranger; Charles Myers, Cisco; J. H. Myrick, Cisco; R. A. McAllister, Carbon; F. M. McBe, Eastland; Don McBeth, Romney; R. L. McCall, Desdemona; James McCamey, Rising Star; A. M. Mitchell, Cisco; J. R. Mitchell, Ranger; J. C. Mitchell, Oden; H. L. Mook, Oden; J. J. Montes, Cisco; H. L. Mobley, Cisco; W. M. Fite, Ranger; H. C.

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CAMERA TAKES 400 PICTURES AT ONE FILLING

Standard motion picture film is used in a camera that takes 400 exposures on one filling, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is not for movies but for "stills" eight to the foot of film and portions of the reel that have been exposed can be removed at any time for development. The camera has an effective lens, weighs but 40 ounces, is securely housed in a bakelite case and will slip into the pocket. Each picture is an inch wide and an inch and a half long. They are sufficiently clear to stand considerable enlargement.

BRECKENRIDGE MAN DIES NEAR BIG SPRING

BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 28.—A message here early Tuesday afternoon stated that W. A. Rose, who resides at 401 West Walker street, had dropped dead at the Sun Co. Well about 22 miles from Big Spring. The cause could be ascertained today. Plans for the funeral could not be announced, though it was said that the body will probably be sent to Ohio for interment.

DRILL REPORT OIL ACTIVITY CISCO FIELDS

Omar Burkett, deputy oil and gas supervisor of the Cisco district, reports the following developments in the Cisco field:

Nancy McChesney No. 1 P. N. Story, Samuel Sprague survey, Coleman county, intention to drill to 1600 feet. Amarada Petroleum corporation No. 6 Mary L. Long, W. G. Anderson survey, Callahan county, plugged at 1400 feet. Dallas Petroleum Co. No. 4 J. H. Babington, W. L. Rose survey, Coleman county, intention to shoot. Peer Oil corporation of Texas No. A-1 Sealy, G. H. & H. survey, Coleman county, plugged at 2504 feet. Southern Petroleum Exploration corporation No. 5 J. F. Dyer, T. & P. survey, Shackelford county, intention to plug. Cleveland Farm-Well, Inc. No. 1 Stewart, Joseph Hoeglin survey, Brown county, intention to plug at 1678 feet. Amarada Petroleum corporation No. 7 J. H. Fry, intention to shoot with five quarts of nitro.

Many Sections Report Rains

Reports from various sections of Texas, particularly the western part of the state, say that drought of long standing has been broken by light rains. No drenching down-pour occurred at any point but it has been sufficient to greatly relieve the conditions.

The heaviest rain reported was at Ballinger where an inch had been registered up to noon yesterday. San Angelo reported 3 of an inch, and Abilene received 28 of an inch.

COTTON GOODS STEADY DEMAND IS MODERATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The week opened with a moderate demand for cotton goods and prices holding steady. New prices on leading lines of cotton blankets will be named at the end of this week. Raw silk was higher with fair demand reported. Burlaps were quiet, holidays being observed in Calcutta markets. There was fair demand for dress fabrics for spring cutting.

FERGUSON PAROLE KILLED BY MOODY

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—Gov. Moody has revoked the parole granted Semmie Lewis, Fort Worth negro, by former Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. E. C. Johns, Fort Worth, to whom the negro was paroled, stated that he was "completely beyond his control," and asked for the revocation of the parole.

HOTEL PORTER SHOT 3 TIMES; DIES IN HOUR

Another tragedy was enacted in Cisco Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock when Ernest Newbill, negro porter at the Daniels hotel was shot and so seriously wounded that he died an hour later at a local hospital where he was conveyed for surgical treatment. After the shooting Mac Kimbrough, who lives about three miles east of Cisco on the Bankhead highway, drove to Sheriff's with his brother-in-law, Cleve Mosely, and surrendered to Sheriff John Hart and both were placed in jail.

Justice J. H. McDonald viewed the remains at Green's chapel and rendered a verdict that Newbill came to his death from pistol wounds fired by Kimbrough.

Newbill was shot three times. Justice McDonald stated, once through the breast, another shot through the cheek and one through the head. Cleve Mosely, who was the only witness at the shooting, was wounded in the hip. Louis Pilgrimage, clerk at the hotel, stated that the shooting occurred just back of the lobby, near the rear entrance to the hotel, but he did not witness the tragedy. He stated that he heard scuffling back near the rear of the hotel and left the office to quell the disturbance when the first shot was fired, and then he sought safety back of the office. The wounded negro was taken to the hospital in Green's ambulance, but died soon after reaching there, and was conveyed back to the morgue where the body was prepared for burial.

Kimbrough is married and has one child. Mosely is unmarried.

Dallas Has Gunman Street Like Chicago

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Clark street, Chicago, reports the following where gunmen run riot, has a worthy example in the two block portion of Poydras street between Commerce and Elm streets, Dallas, which this week added another to its major list of crimes.

No less than four large crimes have occurred at or near the intersection in the last eight months, the latest being the holdup of the Fidelity Finance company for \$2,000 last Friday morning. The next event was the shooting of a man. He died on the spot. About 16 months ago a man was shot and killed a few feet from Elm on Poydras street.

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Ferguson To Launch Anti-Moody Ticket

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—J. R. Ball, candidate for state treasurer last election, may give W. Gregory Hatcher, state treasurer, another race next July, he admitted while here for the Christmas holidays. Ball was backed by Jim Ferguson in the last campaign.

HUNDREDS OF KINDS OF CHEESE MADE IN FRANCE

France produces as many as 365 different kinds of cheese, but the chief of them is Roquefort. This variety is protected by the government and made under specific conditions, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Forty per cent of the 15,000,000 pounds prepared annually is exported. While much of the milk comes from Corsica, the enormous quantity of cheese is ripened in natural caves above the town of Roquefort. America takes most of the export and best quality.

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TYLER GIRL MAKES GOOD AT STATE UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, Dec. 27.—Miss Mildred Stanley of Tyler holds a record of three years, at the University of Texas with no grades less than "A." In addition to carrying her college work with this high record she found time to be a stenographer in the state legislature.

TEACHERS IN PEAK SCHOOL PRAISED FOR THEIR WORK

EASTLAND, Dec. 27.—County Superintendent Beular Speer, who visited the Peak school the past week, praised most highly the work of Misses Byfield and Crouch, mentioning especially the home economics and manual training in the school.

ALASKAN SEALS ON INCREASE LATEST CENSUS REPORT

Seals on the Pribilof Islands, off Alaska, increased 47,889, or 6.25 per cent last year over the preceding year, according to a careful government census, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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BANDITS ROB CISCO BANK; 2 MEN DEAD FROM SHOTS

Four Men Make Off With Much Cash, Later Recovered; Police Chief Bedford Killed In Battle

Since last Friday afternoon, Cisco and all this section of the state has been thoroughly engaged in a man hunt for four bandits who entered the First National bank of Cisco and made off with \$12,200, making their getaway through a shower of bullets from officers and citizens. In the battle with the robbers nine persons were struck by bullets, resulting in two deaths. The dead and wounded are: Chief of Police G. E. Bedford, shot through both arms and one hip. He died later. George Carmichael, police officer, shot through head and side. Louis E. Davis, bank robber, shot twice through right side. He died in Dallas. Marion Olson, 22, Harvard student home for Christmas, shot through body on right side. Pete Rutherford, 28, laborer, shot through hip. Brady Briggs, 23, shot through leg, with both bones broken. Oscar Clend, manager wholesale grocery, shot in heel. Alex Spears, cashier First National bank, slightly wounded in chest. R. L. Day, slight wound in head.

The four bandits, one of them dressed as Santa Claus, entered the bank and with drawn revolvers herded customers to the rear of the lobby and forced the bank officers and employees to deliver the cash. The best connected story of the actual holdup is given by Marion Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Olson of this city, who was talking with Cashier Alex Spears when the robbers entered. Olson's account is as follows:

"I had just come to the bank to make a deposit and Alex Spears, the cashier called me in for a chat. While we were talking, a man dressed as Santa Claus and followed by four or five little girls came into the bank. Mr. Spears called 'Hello Santa Claus' to the visitor and received a salutation in reply. At about that time, however, another man appeared beside Mr. Spears' desk and told us to 'Stick 'em up.' At first I thought it was a joke and was slow to obey, but Mr. Spears threw up his hands and I followed suit. This man had two guns. At about the same time, Santa Claus then drew a gun and began herding the customers toward the back of the building. Two others appeared from the back, having entered through the back side door. They rifled the vault. The bandits then herded me into the rear of the lobby and I was in the alley. Meanwhile the shooting began and I was struck. The bandits had put me in the car, but I told them I was shot and was going to leave for the hospital. He held two guns on me and told me to sit there, but I told him I was going any way, and left. There were two or three bandits in the car when I was there and one or more other bandits were still herding people out of the bank toward the car. I escaped by running back of the bank through a narrow passageway between the buildings."

Mrs. B. T. Blasensame was one of those in the bank at the time, she saving entered with her little daughter, who had followed the bandit disguised as Santa Claus in-

to the lobby. Although the men held their guns on her, Mrs. Blasensame ran through the back door of the lobby and to the police station about a block away and gave the alarm.

Officers were soon on the ground and the shooting began, with the result that Police Chief G. E. Bedford was shot down, and George Carmichael also being wounded early in the engagement. Mr. Bedford died Friday night from his wounds. His body was buried in Oakwood cemetery Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. Mr. Carmichael is yet in the Graham sanitarium, reported to be slowly improving.

Other officers and citizens joined in the battle with the bandits and pursued them closely as they left the city down South Main street. As the men left they carried as a shield from the posse's bullets two small Cisco girls, Laverne Comer, 12, and Emma May Robinson, 10. While yet within the city limits the men attempted to commandeer another automobile, as the car in which they were riding was disabled by having a flat tire. This

car, an Oldsmobile, driven by Woodrow Harris of Rising Star, could not be used by the bandits as young Harris locked it as he got out. The men transferred their loot to the Oldsmobile, but being unable to start it, they hurriedly re-entered their abandoned car and left the city, leaving the money in the Oldsmobile, which was later recovered by the bank. Mr. Spears announced that all the money taken by the robbers had been recovered. In their hurry to escape the bandits threw one of their number who was badly wounded from their car and left him in the street. This man proved to be Louis E. Davis, who was at once removed to the hospital, and later taken to Dallas, where he died that night. Davis was buried in Wichita Falls Sunday afternoon.

The hastily gathered posse of officers and citizens followed the fleeing bandit car to a point four miles southeast of Cisco, where the robbers abandoned it and took to flight through the fields and brush of that section. Night soon made following of the trail impossible but guards were placed on all highways and a close watch kept for the men. Bloodhounds were procured, but they failed to take up the trail.

Saturday morning searchers found a leather handbag near Leon river about two and a half miles east of Rising Star highway. Bloody footprints had led the men to the place where the bag was found, the contents of which definitely determined that the trail was that of the robbers. The bag contained a quantity of first aid materials, including gauze, cotton

etc., and canned goods. In a nearby thicket bloody cotton was found, also other evidences that a wound had been dressed. The day's search had been led by W. H. Carlton of Eastland, M. M. Davidson and Charlie Mount. From his office in the city hall, Mayor Williamson of Cisco was directing the hunt by assigning men to the various highways and points where it was thought the robbers might be.

At about 2 o'clock Saturday morning the men appeared at the home of Sam Fox, near Putnam, and asked for food and that the wounds of two of the men be dressed. Mr. and Mrs. Fox complied with their request, fearing that they would be shot if they refused. The men left after about half an hour. Mr. Fox stated, and their trail was not picked up again until early Sunday morning.

At about one o'clock Sunday morning the men appeared at the home of R. C. Wylie, 8 miles north of Putnam. The men told Wylie

that they were a hunting party and that one of the men was wounded. They wanted to secure a car to go to Albany, where they told him they lived. Mr. Wylie told the men that his car was out, his son and another young man having gone to some kind of a Christmas festival, but that he expected them to return at any time.

The men, unknown to Wylie as the bank robbers, waited for nearly an hour, when Carl Wylie, 22, and his companion drove up. The men then threw off any attempt to continue their role of hunters and forced young Wylie to drive them away. The father, sensing that his son was being kidnaped, rushed into the house, secured a shotgun and fired at the fleeing automobile. It developed later that his son was wounded in the arm.

All day Monday the three men, with Carl Wylie, remained hidden in a pasture eight miles north of Cisco, watching for an opportunity to make their get away. At

every attempt, according to Wylie, they found the roads guarded, making their escape impossible.

Monday morning the Wylie boy was brought to Cisco by the three bandits, reaching here at about 5 o'clock. Wylie was given back his overcoat, which had been used to protect one of the men from the cold, and left on the street with his car. The men decided that they had rather attempt escape in a car not so well known as that driven by Wylie, so they stole a Ford car here and left. Wylie immediately gave the alarm, and the search was begun anew by a posse of officers and citizens.

Tuesday morning, one of the robbers, a man wounded during the exchange of shots with officers at the time of the robbery, was again shot and captured near South Bend in Young county. He was identified as Marshall Ratliffe, well known in Cisco. Ratliffe is a son of Mrs. Rilla Carter, formerly in the restaurant business here. At

last reports from the wounded bandit, who is held in jail, he was in a very precarious condition from the effects of his wounds. It is thought that he cannot recover. Ratliffe was convicted for the robbery of the Valera bank in Coleman county, and sent to the penitentiary, to be pardoned later by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

At the time of the capture of Ratliffe the other two men escaped, although they were followed closely by the officers. They were trailed through the South Bend section, their tracks crossing the Brazos in three places. Reports from the posse were very meager Wednesday, but it is thought that the men cannot make their escape on account of the closely watched highways and the further fact that

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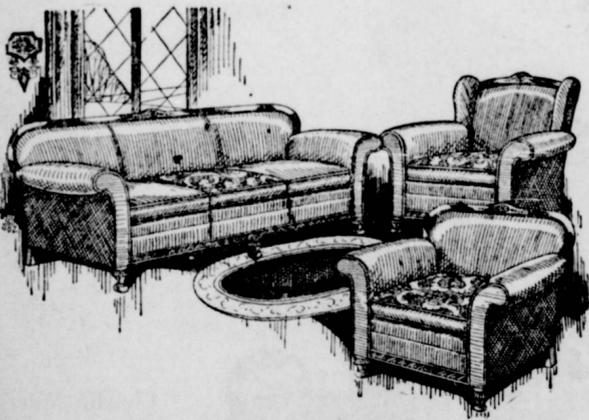
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Godfrey have returned from a several days' visit in Swenson with Mr. Godfrey's parents.

Miss Velma Ramsey of Baylor at Belton, was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Scott Tuesday.

Aline Walker is visiting in Grandbury during the holidays.

Mrs. E. B. Clappitt is visiting relatives in Ballinger this week.

Buster Mobley has returned to Texas Tech. after spending Christmas in Cisco with his parents.

L. D. Parks and H. O. Westerville have returned from a business trip to Stephenville.

Mrs. Imogene Gilmore of Oklahoma, is visiting in Cisco and Eastland this week.

Mrs. C. M. Potts and daughter, Miss Opel, have returned to their home in Breckenridge, after a short visit in Cisco.

Miss Leo Nora Smith has returned to her home in Eastland after spending several days in Cisco with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Wilson.

Mrs. Gus Kellogg received a message from H. V. Nigro, Wednesday stating that his mother was in the hospital in Waco, and very little hope was entertained for her recovery.

Miss Evelyn Rutherford of Rising Star was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Scott the first of the week.

Miss Birdy Borden of New Orleans, is visiting friends in Cisco.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Bradford have returned to their home in Seymour, after several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elkins have returned from a visit in Dallas with Mr. Elkins' parents.

Mrs. W. F. Keathley and two sons of Olney are the guests of Mrs. G. W. Keathley, Mrs. J. T. Bryant, Vincent Keathley.

BANDITS ROB CISCO BANK

TWO MEN DEAD FROM SHOTS

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It is known that at least one of them is badly wounded.

It is definitely known that one of the men is Henry Helms, known in many sections of West Texas as being a desperate character. He was convicted in Wichita Falls on a charge of burglary and sent to the penitentiary, where he served his term. The other man has been identified as Jack Long by Cashier Spears of the First National bank, who was shown a picture of Long brought here from Dallas. Jack Long, a Carolinian by birth, has a long criminal history and is one of the newest bandits in the west.

TWO MEN TWO WOMEN HELD IN ALBANY JAIL.

Dr. J. B. Vick and two women, said to be from Wichita Falls, and Sam Fox of the Hart school house community near Putnam, are in jail at Albany, charged with harboring criminals, according to local officers.

Mrs. Sam Fox appeared in Cisco Saturday morning and told officers that Davis, one of the robbers who was mortally wounded in the bank robbery shooting, had spent the night prior to the robbery in the Fox home. Davis was Mrs. Fox's brother.

Mrs. Fox was Tuesday night questioned in the office of Mayor Williamson, but absolved herself and family from the suspicion of harboring and aiding the criminal. She stated that next day the men secured in her home was through fright, saying that she feared for her life if she refused to comply with their requests.

One of the women jailed with Dr. Vick is said to be a nurse. They will be held awaiting further developments, officers say.

a student at Cameron college, Lawton, Oklahoma, is also the guest of Mrs. Keathley and Mrs. Bryant.

Mesdames E. Q. Lee, J. J. Butts, William Reagan, J. T. Berry and Miss Mary Jane Butts attended the musical tea given by Mrs. Jay McDaniels, Sol McDaniels and Miss Maybelle McDaniels at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foxworth have returned from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lowrance and children have returned after spending a most delightful Christmas with relatives in Korea, Texas.

The following were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson during Christmas: Mrs. C. E. Rountree of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Wilson of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson and son of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith and daughters of Wichita Falls.

Ward has been received from T. M. Prettyman, who is spending his Christmas with his parents in South Carolina, that he is having a most delightful vacation.

J. L. Kelly of Breckenridge was a Cisco visitor the first of the week returning from Corsicana, after having spent Christmas with relatives there.

Wilson Wheatley is spending this week in Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Estes have returned to their home in Stanton after spending several days in Cisco with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Estes.

H. N. Pardee is transacting business in Houston this week.

Mrs. C. C. Moore and small son returned Wednesday after an extended stay in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMurray have returned from Oklahoma after spending Christmas with Mr. McMurray's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Davis of Roswell, New Mexico, passed through Cisco Wednesday. Mr. Davis greeted many of his friends, he having formerly worked in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and two children have returned to their home in Dallas after spending several days in Cisco with Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan.

The following were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Reagan, Miss Margaret McClure of Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Bray of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue of Wellsville are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McClelland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Henderson and daughter, Patsy Ruth, of Houston are spending the holidays in Cisco with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Padgett.

Eugene Oyler, one of Moran's leading business men, was a Cisco visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kingsberry of Safford, Arizona, were court guests at the Mosley hotel Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Riemer and children have returned from Maricopa Falls, where they spent Christmas with Mr. Riemer's father.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Vaughan are visiting relatives in Fayette, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bailey and daughter have returned from a holiday visit in San Angelo.

Miss Zennie McDonald of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting in the city, is spending a few days in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hart have

returned from a visit in Chandler, Arizona, where they visited with Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moseley. They reported a wonderful trip and say they like Arizona fine, but they prefer Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ford have returned from a visit with Mrs. Ford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Williams, at Lubeca.

W. H. Magness of Dallas has returned to his home after a short visit in the city with friends.

Mrs. Modelle Dalton and son, Dyer, have returned to their home in Rising Star after a brief visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Homer McDonald.

Mrs. H. C. Porter and daughter, Jean, are visiting relatives in Brownwood.

Mrs. Frank Britton will return Sunday, after spending the past week in Brady with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Danford and Miss Eunice Danford of San Angelo are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morris and baby have returned to their homes in Granbury after a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cliett and family.

Miss Pauline Snyder of Odessa spent Monday in Cisco with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Davidson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrett of Brownwood are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mount.

Arthur Cunningham is spending today in Fort Worth.

The worst hour of the day for automobile accidents is said to be between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

A new mechanical manure device operated by electricity is said to be seven times as rapid as human manure.

Mystery Film Is At Palace

Patrons of the Palace theatre are being asked by the management not to divulge the mystery of "The Gorilla," the picturization of the celebrated Ralph Spence mystery-comedy to those who are planning to see it this Saturday night at the theater.

By this means it is hoped to give movie-goers the fullest enjoyment possible from the picture. It is also announced that during the last five minutes of the picture during which the mystery is disclosed, all newly arrived patrons will be asked to refrain from watching the screen. From the time the filming of the picture was first started in Hollywood, the utmost caution was used to keep the identity of "The Gorilla" a complete secret. Edward Small, the producer; Alfred Santell, the director; and the writers were the only ones who really knew how the picture would end. In order to make it all the more difficult, the ending was changed from that of the stage play, so those who saw the original stage offering can join the rest in trying to solve the plot.

WIPING WASTE FACTORY.

DALLAS, Dec. 29. — Wiping waste, used by mechanics by the bale, is composed of thousands of threads collected in all parts of the world. The Dallas Waste Mills factory here is the only manufacturer of this product in the south. Refuse thread and waste cloth from textile mills is shipped here in large bales and ground through cutting machines. The bales come from Japan, China, France, Germany and other foreign countries as well as from the textile mills in the United States.

ELLIS COUNTY CHAMPION. WAXAHACHIE, Dec. 29. — Ellis county again leads the world as the champion cotton producing county. The final ginning report showed that 131,829 bales were ginned in Ellis county this year as compared to 113,076 bales ginned in 1926.

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AIR MAIL TO CUBA OPENS JANUARY 2ND

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. — Plans for daily air service between the United States and Cuba, to be initiated on January 2, were announced today at the formal dedication of the Cuban-American Air Line.

T. Duncan Just, president of the company, told the guests at a dedication luncheon at the Columbia Yacht club that the initial service would consist of two trips daily between Miami and Havana, weather permitting with a flying schedule of two hours and 50 minutes, and tri-weekly service between Palm Beach and Havana. Flying boats, closely following the coast line in their course, will be used. Subsequent service, he said, would include regular schedules between New York, Palm Beach and Miami and later, transportation by air between Chicago and the Florida west coast, via the Mississippi and the Gulf route.

MILITARY WEDDING.

DALLAS, Dec. 29. — Claiming that he was forced to marry a girl just three days after he met her, Tom Brewer has filed suit here for annulment of his marriage to Camilla King of Louisiana. He alleged that her relatives kidnaped him and at the point of guns forced him to be married.

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PANHANDLER JAILED.

There is little doing in the local police department on account of every available officer having his attention and time taken up with chasing the bank robbers, but one white man was arrested as a vag by the officers Wednesday night and given lodgings at the expense of the city. He was found panhandling in a residential part of the city.

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