

This Week

by ARTHUR BRISBANE

Science at Work
Nullifying the Presidency
Independence Too Soon?
Ireland's New Money

A pompous British coal mine owner who asked a famous scientist "What practical good is all your science?" was surprised to learn that he had wasted thousands of pounds boring for coal through certain strata below which coal does not exist.

Other mine owners, worried by gas explosions that destroyed innumerable miners, got from Sir Humphrey Davy the miner's lamp that ended the explosions.

Wherever you go science is at work, visible or invisible. John P. Bickel, of the McIntyre Porcupine mine in northern Ontario, tells what science does for gold miners that work far under ground during the hours of sunlight.

Leaving their work they take off their digging clothes and walk through a series of showers graduated in temperature, and get rid of the dust of the mine. Then they sit naked on a moving platform, with brilliant artificial sunlight shining on them, stimulating their blood through the power of actinic rays. Their ride of a few minutes through artificial sunshine lasts long enough to give them exactly as much of the rays as doctors want them to have, equivalent to six hours in natural sunlight.

They change to their surface clothes, refreshed by the showers of water and actinic ray baths.

That is an improvement on mining methods of old days, when women on their hands and knees, in low tunnels of British coal mines, dragged cars loaded with coal, attached to chains around their necks, running under their bodies.

The senate of the United States refused, 44 to 37, LaFollette and Blaine of Wisconsin voting with the Democrats, to confirm any further nominations by President Hoover.

The senate has a right to exercise its constitution power as it chooses. Whether it has the right to deprive the President of the United States, during several months, of power to exercise functions that belong to his office, is a question.

Confirmation by the senate is supposed to depend on the fitness of the appointee. It is in the nature of a conspiracy not to confirm under any circumstances, regardless of fitness, and that might possibly be made to interest the Supreme court.

In Newark, N. J., a grand jury indicts 113 for election frauds—the usual

things, including stealing ballots. The indictment says that both parties "countenanced gangsters" and their use in the elections.

Green, the British historian, planned a history of the United States, but stopped, believing that Americans had acquired the right of self-government before they were ready for it. He may have been right.

Ireland proposes to issue money of her own, an "Irish dollar" taking the place of British sterling, now used in Ireland.

Thirty million dollars in gold would be drawn from the Bank of England, and that, plus the land of Ireland, would form the new currency basis.

British financiers predict "inflation and disastrous chaos," as a matter of course.

Secretary Mills wisely warns congress that the dream about hundreds of millions from a beer tax will never be real. It is a fact, as Mr. Mills says, that within a country without beer saloons, distribution and drinking of beer will be limited, yielding not more than \$150,000,000 in taxes.

Dr. Arthur Kraus, teacher of philosophy in New York's city college, refusing food, says he will starve to death, "to protest against the apathy of intellectuals toward anti-Semitic excesses in Polish universities."

Mr. Kraus shows high moral courage, but might better look up the history of the Jewish priest, Mattathias, who fought against religious persecution more than two thousand years ago and established the famous family of Maccabees.

The Maccabees had the right idea. Leave starving to Mahatma Gandhi. There are better methods.

Chicago, where the dollar grows big.

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"Behold, I Bring Good Tidings"



SO SPAKE the angel of the Lord to the shepherds, guarding their flocks, one night more than nineteen hundred years ago. "Tidings" is an ancient word which means simply "news". Thus it was that the news of the coming of the Prince of Peace was made known that night so long ago and all down through the ages those tidings have been repeated at this time of the year which we call Christmas.

Since those far-off times, the function of bringing tidings or news has devolved principally upon an institution which we know as the newspaper. No such institution performs that function more faithfully than the Home Paper in a community such as ours, a community of homes and home-loving people. And in that community none is so humble but that his or her name is written in its columns not once but many times throughout the years.

For it is the Home Paper that welcomes you when you are born, watches you as you grow up and records your youthful triumphs. It tells the community that a new home has been founded when you marry, congratulates you and wishes you well as you and your helpmate start out on a life together. It shares your pride when you become a parent and aids you in molding the minds and characters of those near and dear to you. It rejoices when you rejoice, sympathizes with you in times of sorrow; it is quick to record your good deeds and your successes and slow to spread broadcast word of your shortcomings or failures. And in the sunset of your life, it is a companion and friend, keeping you informed of the doings of those to whose youthful hands you "pass on the torch" when your race is almost run.

So day after day and week after week throughout the year the Home Paper brings you the news of your community. What better messenger, then, than the Home Paper to say to you "Behold, I bring you good tidings" at Christmas time? For its tidings are the same as those of the herald angels on the hills of Galilee—"Peace on earth, good will to men", and to every person in this community the Home Paper brings this message of community peace, community good will, community prosperity and an increased community hope for the coming year.

THE PUBLISHERS

New Oil Test For Sterling

J. T. Davis reports that he recently consummated a deal with Fullick & Johnson to drill an oil test on his land between the Durham wells and the North Concho river.

This test will likely be about a half mile north of the Durham wells on section 7, Block 12, S. P. Ry. Co. and about one mile Southwest of the town limits of Sterling City. As we understand it, the contract provides that drilling will begin within the next sixty days.

This is practically proven ground. The Durham wells were small producers, and are noted as "edge" wells. A test made north of town several years ago by the California Company, proved to be a dry hole. The five test holes drilled on the South, all had showings of oil, but it is thought that they were too far south to be in the supposed pool. Now coming nearer the river, it is predicted that more oil will be encountered. At any rate, there is much interest shown in the outcome of the present proposed test.

Messrs. Fullick and Johnson are practical drillers and are said to know the game as it is played on the ground. They expect to do most of their own work. Here is hoping the boys will succeed.

Paul S. Odward who drilled the discovery Durham wells spent a lot of money and several years of time in this field never lost faith in the possibilities of the field. He firmly believed that the ground of this new proposed test promised good values.

Sterling-Colorado Road Designated

At a recent meeting of the Highway Commission, the Sterling City—Colorado road was designated as a State highway.

This does not mean that it will be immediately paved, but the act of the Commission puts this road in line for paving.

Sterling County now has four designated highways with one of them completed 33 miles through the county. The Butterfield Trail Highway from Abilene via Robert Lee, Sterling City to Garden City has been designated, and that part running through Sterling County is practically ready for paving. Coke County is waiting for Jim Ferguson to have the legislature pass a law to increase the membership of the Highway Commission from three to five members. Glasscock County is waiting for something to turn up.

In the meantime, Mitchell and Sterling will go ahead and put the road through from Colorado to Ster-

ling while Coke and Glasscock Counties are making up their minds.

There are some people in the latter two counties who are worrying and fretting because the Highway Commission doesn't build roads in their territory. The Commission would gladly do this if these counties would co-operate with them. Did you ever notice that the Commission helps those counties that help themselves. That is the reason Sterling and Mitchell Counties have received so many favors. They get out and help the Commission grant these favors. Sitting down on a cocklebur and howling made people think that Joe Pokeasy's old hound was too lazy to get up.

Delinquent School Tax

At the stated monthly session of the Board of Trustees of this Independent School District, on December 5, 1932, the following order was passed:

That all interest and penalties accrued and as now fixed by law on all taxes of Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, Texas, delinquent up to and including August 31, 1932, shall be, and the same are hereby released, provided said taxes are paid by January 31, 1933.

Records in the courthouse show the following amounts of school taxes are delinquent:

W. L. Emery Died Tuesday

W. L. Emery died at his home in Weslaco, Texas, last Tuesday morning, December 20, at 8 o'clock, and was buried at Weslaco the following day.

Mr. Emery had been in bad health for several years, and had been confined to his bed for more than a month prior to his death. His son, Hinton Emery of this city, was called to his bedside four weeks ago and has since remained there.

Deceased was born in Tarrant County, Texas, June 26, 1875. He is survived by his widow, four sons and three daughters as follows: Joe, Hinton and Eugene Emery of Sterling City, O. D. Emery of Weslaco, Mrs. Bessie Emery Wade Ray, and Misses Mary Frances and Nannie May Emery of Weslaco.

W. L. Emery was once a citizen of Sterling. He left here in 1924 and settled in Weslaco where he resided until the day of his death. He was a good citizen and was esteemed by all who knew him. To his bereaved family, the News Record extends sincere sympathy in this hour of their sorrow for the loss of a faithful and a loving father.

Lions Will Be Santa Claus

At its weekly luncheon last Wednesday, the Lions arranged to play Santa Claus to the needy people of Sterling City.

Lion R. L. Lowe donated a lot of toys for the children of the town who are not likely to receive a toy from their parents. Some of these toys need slight repairs, and the Boy Scouts are to meet at the Lion's luncheon room and repair them. A committee of high school girls was appointed by President H. B. Lane to arrange the toys in packages suitably marked for delivery to the donees. The Boy Scouts will deliver them.

A committee was appointed to purchase a box of groceries for each needy family in town and to see that they are delivered to the ones for whom they are intended.

It was the sentiment of the Club that every soul in Sterling City should have cause to feel, that although misfortune is bearing heavily upon them, that the Spirit of the Good Samaritan still lives in the hearts of all the people.

If any needy child or other person in this town is not remembered, it will be because the Club cannot find out who they are. The Club wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a happy New year.

Born on to 16th. to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Randle, a boy.

Before August 31, 1930,	\$644.03
1930 taxes on August 31, 1931,	1,699.63
1931 taxes on August 31, 1932,	973.82
Total	\$3,317.48

The Board of Trustees cut this year's school maintenance tax to 65 cents. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has given notice that the State school appropriation will not probably exceed \$12 per capita, instead of the \$16 promised, which cuts down our State appropriation \$1,376. Hence, you see your schools need this tax money.

By order of the Board of School Trustees.
Malcom Black, Secretary.

Sterling City News-Record

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Editor and Owner

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CHRISTMAS, 1932

Christmas, 1932 is here. Whatever the past has brought us, we have much cause to rejoice that this Christmas has found us with peace, plenty and good will to all.

Only the lack of money has caused us concern. The crops have been bountiful, and the store houses are bursting with their abundance of food. The shelves are laden with raiment, while there is shelter for all. The poor is, and always will be with us. They are the Christian's burden. They must be remembered. In remembering them, let it be done in a way that their hearts will shout, "Merry Christmas!"

Let us find our sweetest comforts in bringing joy to every human creature that is in contact with our environments. In this way, we shall be made to rejoice and realize the sweetness of the Christmas season and feel the import of, "Behold I bring you tidings of great joy: peace on earth and good will toward men."

The people of this town and country have been good to the News Record and its little force. It is for this that we are constrained to greet the world and all that is in it a hearty Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

HIGH HAT

Postmaster General Brown at Washington, D. C. Recently purchased a new hat. It was a high hat. When he went out for a ride in the automobile which the government furnished him, he found that the top was too low for his new high hat, so he traded the car in on a new one that would fit his hat.

Of course it never occurred to General Brown to trade his new hat in on one that would fit the car. Now if the General would have had to pay his own cash for that new car, this thing might have occurred to him, but as the government paid for it, it made a difference.

When John Garner, Vice President elect, was chosen Speaker of the House, he was entitled by law and custom to have a government car furnished him for his own use, but John wouldn't accept it. John preferred his own car, or to walk as occasion required. Lots of difference between Postmaster General Brown and plain every day John Garner.

The only consolation that might be squeezed from General Brown's new high hat, is that somebody got to sell a hat. Maybe the workman who made the hat got the job of making another high hat. When the General traded in his car for one with a top to fit his new hat, it gave somebody a chance to buy a good used car at a bargain. Then when the new car was bought, it gave the dealer his profit and the workers a chance to build another car, as well as someone a chance to sell some material out of which to make the car.

Perhaps, somebody got a job of repairing and cleaning the used car. Then when the new car and the used car got into action, it took twice as much lube and gas to run

them. Somebody got a profit out of the sale of these. So its not so bad as you might think—even tho General Brown bought a new car to fit his new hat at the government's expense.

The long cold spell which prevailed for over nine days was broken by warm sunshine last Saturday. During the nine days, only a few hours prevailed with the temperature above the freezing point. The coldest observed by us was 12 degrees above zero. There was only a small amount of moisture, tho, in some places a heavy snow covered the ground. No damage was reported to stock.

A pecan shelling and packing plant recently opened at Corsicana by D. G. Stearns and Walter Earl is giving employment to twelve men and sixty women and turning out over 250 pounds of pecan meats daily. The plant is affording a market for all the Navarro County pecans available and adjoining counties are being called on to augment the supply.

EDITOR STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

Dear Uncle Bill:
I noticed a write-up of Proposed Mail Service, Sterling City to Big Spring.

I went to Postmasters at Big Spring, Sterling City, San Angelo, asked them if I might suggest and aid them in getting daily mail between Big Spring and Sterling City also box delivery to ranches from Sterling City to 2 Way station six times per week.

But as common, the Bills are on top the load of hay calling "Look what we are doing, hauling big loads of hay," but if you look under the hay you will see the Jims carrying the load.

Now Uncle Bill if this don't make friends with your waste basket give it a job on one column of your good paper. Then Uncle Bill give honor for mail service to the postmasters and the News Record.

Jim F. going to run Texas give Jim M. job delivering mail to Sterling City, folks and box service to ranches between Sterling City and 3 Way Station then all will be happy.

Yours,
Jim Mauldin—

Big Spring News.

"Jim F." means jimferhuson, and jimferguson means bad luck to Texas. "Jim M." means Jim Mauldin, the faithful old scout who sees that the folks get safe passage from San Angelo to Big Spring and back in his good bus.

We hope the postmasters of B. S., S. C., and S. A. will keep right on with the powers that be until they get that mail route established. We need it mighty bad, and Jim Mauldin would be the very man to carry the mail. Mail would be perfectly safe in his hands, and he would be in on time if he had to pack it on his shoulders. That is Jim Mauldin! Let us have the mail route, and in the meantime to the devil with jimferguson.

It will cost you a dollar from now until the first day of January 1933 to send the News Record for a year as a Christmas gift to a friend living at a distance. You couldn't spend a dollar that would be more appreciated.

Modernization of the Wichita Falls Window glass Company, plant, which will bring into use in Texas the latest methods of glass making, has required the labor of from 40 to 60 workers for the past several weeks. The output of the plant will be considerably increased by the new machinery, which obviates the necessity of rolling the glass into tubular form and then cutting and produces the glass in an 80-inch wide ribbon straight from the furnace to the cutting room. The plant is the only one of its kind in Texas.

"The poor, ye have always with you." Don't forget the poor in your day of plenty. Wealth is never blest unless it is used in a way to benefit the poor. Giving money to a poor man is not always the best for him. Give him a job that he may eat bread by the sweat of his face. Eating bread by the sweat of the face was the decree that was given to Adam, and that decree has never been changed. Labor sweetens our bread, and we can never enjoy it so well as when we work for it. Give them jobs if you can.



"Merry Christmas . . ."

At this season of the year—when all West Texas is radiating the old pioneer Christmas spirit of "Good Will Toward Men"—it is this company's privilege to extend to its many friends and customers the sincere Christmas Greetings of its hundreds of loyal employes.



Throughout 1932, as in previous years, progressive cities, towns and communities in this "Land of Opportunity" have been served efficiently with dependable and inexpensive transmission line electric service from the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities Co.



Hundreds of farms, ranches and small communities also are served over the modern high tension transmission line system which, more than 2,500 miles in length, interlaces this vast empire.



To this progressive citizenry—with which the West Texas Utilities Company has at all times worked hand in hand for the greater development of West Texas—this company extends cordial Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

Local Items

Miss Vera Everitt is spending the holidays with relatives at Palestine Texas.

Don't forget that Dr. Kellogg cures flu, pneumonia, colds, etc. quickly and easily.

Rev. Guy Davis, of San Angelo, was among the visitors here last Tuesday.

E. F. McEntire remembered us a few days ago with a contribution to our sox fund.

"Pack Up Your Troubles", with Laurel and Hardy, at Sterling Theatre December 30-31.

O. F. Jones, manager of the Spade ranch was a business visitor to our town last Wednesday.

For Rent - Small house with all modern conveniences, \$15. per mo. See F. M. Williams, State Hotel. 3t

Have you bid on the friendship quilt in Bailey's window? It will be sold to the highest bidder Dec. 20th.

Dr. Kellogg is the one to come to for quick and easy cure of most all diseases. Come and let him show you.

V. E. Cottingham, of the oil division of the railroad commission, was a business visitor to our town last Saturday.

Quite a number of flu has developed in Sterling City within the last week. So far, the disease has been in a mild form.

Sealed bids are solicited for the Baptist Missionary Society friendship quilt displayed in Bailey's window.

Stop and see the quilt in Bailey's window? It will be sold to the highest bidder by the Baptist Missionary Society Dec. 20th.

Mrs. Ben Findt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lena Findt, and nephew, Sammie Morgan is spending the holidays with relatives at Roosevelt, Texas.

J. R. Whitmire was a contributor to our sox fund a few days ago by setting his subscription for another year. Mr. Whitmire recently returned from Hamlin where he visited relatives.

J. T. Conger, who has been with his sister, Mrs. Annie Laurie Barnett in San Diego, California, for the past several months, returned home last Tuesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Conger.

The Sterling City Schools suspended last Saturday for the Christmas holidays. The faculty will ring the bells for "books" on Monday morning, January 2, 1933. Hope the faculty, the boys and girls will have a good time during the holidays.

Young married man wants job on ranch—will consider anything.

See H. B. Treadaway at Rufus Foster's ranch or write D. Story, Miles Texas in care of W. A. Tucker. 4t pd

One of the nicest and best Christmas gifts that you could send a friend or relative living at a distance, would be to send him the News-Record for a year. If you are already a subscriber, you can have this valuable gift for one dollar a year. Otherwise, it would be \$1.25.

Born: On Dec 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cope, a boy.

Chappell Murrell, who has been attending a law school in Lebanon, Tennessee, is home for the Christmas holidays.

The News-Record will not issue next week an account of the holidays but will be on time Friday, Jan. 6, 1933.

Mrs. Zelma Rawls, of Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williams and little son, Harley Jr., of Golden, Colorado, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ballou, parents of Mesdames Rowls and Williams, and other relatives.

Born: On December 22, at Coman, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roach and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kellis a GRAND SON, and to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kellis a son named Billy Sam. Grandparents, mother and son doing nicely and father is coming along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

The cellar for the new oil test well is being dug about a quarter of a mile south west of the bridge across the North Concho on the Big Lake road in J. T. Davis' pasture. Bet a years subscription to the News-Record against a dollar and two bits that they get oil there. Who will take the bet?

J. R. Barton was in from his Reagan County ranch last Tuesday and contributed to our sox fund. Joe, like the other big hearted West Texas ranchmen is always making somebody happy. That is the reason that they are happy themselves, and tho, the depression has borne heavily upon them, they keep a stiff upper lip, look the world squarely in the face and keep right on sowing the seeds of kindness.

To all persons suffering from the following diseases such as stomach, bowel, liver, kidney, lung, and heart diseases, all skin diseases, old sores, sore or weak eyes, we cure flu, colds, and pneumonia very quickly and easily. We don't hurt you in treating the above named diseases, our treatments are painless and harmless. So bring your diseased bodies to Dr. Kellogg and let him show you how quickly he can and will cure you. Dr. Kellogg will give you this great scientific treatment for only fifty cents cash per treatment beginning Saturday, Dec. 17, 1932. Don't be afraid, come and let us show you that we can and will do what we say. Consultation and Examination free. Phone 177. Respectively Dr. S. Kellogg, Sterling City, Texas.

Church of Christ

Ted Norton will not preach here Sunday, Dec. 25. Bible Study will be had as usual at 10 o'clock and the Lord's Supper will follow it. It is urged that everyone be on time at 10 o'clock for service will dismiss at 11 a. m. Just because it is Christmas day, do not let that interfere with worship to God in this public way.

The ladies will study the gospel according to John chapters 2 and 3 on next Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Ted Norton

Driving sheep from the west thru my pasture will be permitted, but sheep being driven from the east is strictly forbidden. I have spent a lot of time and labor in the last 11 years in ridding my pasture of grass and cockle burrs, and no sheep will be allowed to pass thru from infested ranges on the east. M. J. Askey tf.

Out of The Valley of Depression

Next week we will begin our Annual Inventory. We can count Cash faster than goods, which makes it hard on goods we have left, but easy on you.

Air Tight Heaters \$1.25 to \$2.75.
 \$10 Heater for \$7
 16.50 Heater, wood-coal \$12
 13.50 " " \$9
 20.00 Cole's Hot Blast \$12

8.00 Laundry Stove for 5.50
 85.00 5-burner Florence Cooking Stove \$60
 57.50 4-burner Florence 37.50
 135.00 Bed Room suite 100.00

Many Other Bargains in Proportion

All Christmas Goods left at About Your Own Price

Lowe Hardware Company

STERLING THEATRE

"Trying to do the impossible— Please Everybody

Friday and Saturday December 23-24

Tallulah Bankhead Gary Cooper

in "Devil And The Deep"

Our Christmas program— and dandy comedy, Taxi Boys in "Hot Spot"

Monday and Tuesday December 26-27

Edward Lowe Victor McLeaglen

in "Guilty as Hell" A Thriller that's bound to please you.

Also— Zasu Pitts and Thelma Todd in "The Soilers"

Friday and Saturday December 30-31

Stan Laurel Oliver Hardy

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ROBERT BROWN

The new elevator milling plant of the flour and corn meal capacity by the Universal Milling Co. at Fort Worth was put into operation in November after five months of construction. The additions increased the flour and corn meal capacity to 2,100 barrels and the bulk grain storage to 600,000 bushels. The increased capacity caused additional employment of twenty workmen.

EAGLES' EYES

THE STAFF

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The following program was given by the students of Sterling City for the benefit of the athletic fund. It is the aim of teachers and students to make athletics self-supporting in our school.

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| Piano Solo | Louise Atkinson |
| Reading | Orella Hodges |
| Reading | Cecile Irene Reed |
| Piano Duet | Reed—Ferguson |
| Reading | Ale'a Bierschwale |
| Solo | Ferguson |
| Reading | Lola Marie Walraven |
| Play | "The Mystery Man" |
| Piano Solo | Norma Ratliff |
| Piano Duet | Pearce—Ferguson |
| Play | "Elmer" |

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE FIRST GRADE

- The Lord's Prayer
- Rhythm Band - "Bunny Eggs"
Yodel - Gene Carr
Rhythm Band "Jingle Bells"
Solo Juliana
- Nativity Scene
 - Luke 2:8 14 - Arlene Abernathy
 - Away in a Manger - song
 - Arrival of Wise Men
 - Arrival of Shepards
 - Silent Night
- Merry Christmas - Gwendolyn Lane and Juliana Bierschwale.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Gene Carr's father brought us a Christmas tree.
We made gold, orange, blue, red, and green wheels for the tree.
We put a silver star on the top of the tree.
We put icicles on the branches.
Grady Randle has a new baby brother.
Rose Allie King will be back in school after Christmas.
Teddy Helwig is in school again.
The first grade will play the story of Christ's Birth in chapel Saturday afternoon.

PERSONALS

The faculty extends "Seasons Greetings" to the community.
Some of the teachers plan to spend the holidays out of town.
Miss Louise Knight will visit her mother in Denton.
Miss Ruth Garrett will be with relatives in Italy and Mertens.
Mrs. O. D. Worthy plans to spend a few days with her parents in Coleman.
Miss Fay Gannaway will visit relatives in Winters.
Miss Edna Lord will visit her parents in Cheapside.
Miss Ruth Hudepeth will visit her mother in Dallas.
Miss Allien English will visit her parents in Blackwell.
Miss Cox will be in Sweetwater visiting her parents.
Miss Ferguson will visit her parents in Leonard.
Mr. Bierschwale and family will visit relatives in Junction.
Mr. Aiken has been missing school the last few days because of flu.

Fruit Cake, 25 and 40c per pound at the City Bakery.

THIS WEEK

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ger as prices grow smaller, offers for breakfast two eggs, toast, coffee, fried potatoes, even jam on the toast, all for 12 cents.

In California you see the old-fashioned sign, "Board and Lodging \$30 a Month."

That may seem impossible to pampered 1932, but S. S. Carvalho, the well-known editor and publisher, knows that it is possible.

He and this writer, as a young reporter for Charles A. Dana, lived at Simmons' restaurant in Murray street, just across Broadway from the Sun office, each paying \$5 a week for a good room and "all he could eat" in the excellent restaurant.

Crime in the gutter borrows poison gas from the crime of war. Bandits raiding a New York bank threw a tear gas bomb as they left, making it impossible for the bank clerks to pursue them.

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DARNED FOOL

A darned fool last week tried to hold up the House of Representatives for time enough to make a speech. They took his gun away from him and gave him quarters in the hoos-gow where he was free to address his remarks to the inmates of that institution.

Another still bigger darned fool from Massachusetts, in order to get his name in the papers, offered a resolution in the House of Congress last week to impeach President Hoover. There were eight who voted for the resolution. We are grieved to say that two out of the eight of the darned fools were from Texas. We never voted for Hoover or did anything to elect him, but right here is where we draw the line and say that Hoover did the best he knew how, but he didn't know how. He couldn't help his lack of efficiency. He did all that a steer could do. When a steer does his best, only a darned fool will jump on him and beat him because he couldn't do any more.

But the champion darned fools are those who hamstrung Governor Sterling and turned loose the big oil wells in East Texas last week to glut the market and bring prices of oil down to ruin. These fellows will themselves go down in the crash. The bonehead who cut the limb on which he was sitting, between him and the tree, was an ancestor of these darned fools.

"Yankee Doodle took a saw,
"With patriotic 'votion,
"To trim the tree of liberty,
"According to his notion.
"Yankee Doodle on a limb,
"Like another noodle,
"He cut between the tree and him.
"And down came Yankee Doodle."

When the road plans of Sterling are crystalized, it will be the hub of roads that radiate like the spokes of a wheel. We already have a fine paved road running through the county, from the Northwest from Big Spring to San Angelo on southeast and to the Gulf. Then we have a northeast and southwest outlet from Abilene to Garden City on southwest to the Rio Grande. We have the road from Colorado to Sterling City with graded road connection on south toward Barnhart and on south. When these designated highways are completed, this town will go on the map.

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THE TAX MENACE A GROWING CRISIS

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NO danger, economic or social, more seriously menaces our life, happiness and prosperity than the rising tide of taxes which threaten to engulf us. This is not simply a problem of the depression. It has been developing for many years, growing more serious all the time. The depression merely brought it to a climax. Unless drastic steps are taken to reverse this trend the problem will not end with the depression. It will continue to weigh down and retard progress for an indefinite period.



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In city, county, state and nation the orgy of spending has run on. It is estimated that in the United States the total cost of all government is nearly five times what it was before the World War. Many localities have been brought to the verge of bankruptcy by their expenditures, while many have saddled their citizens with a debt burden that will darken their lives and hamper their progress for years to come.

The total cost of Federal, state and local government in the United States is estimated at forty-six million dollars a day. Based on national income in 1930, this represents about one-fifth the total income of our people, or about \$110 for every individual in the nation. Total taxes in 1931 are estimated to have taken more than 22 per cent of the national income. It is occasion for serious thought on the part of everyone when one day's income out of every four or five must be contributed to the maintenance of government machinery.

Reductions Possible

United States Government expenditures were reduced one hundred and forty million dollars during the first quarter of the current fiscal year. The recent action of bankers in calling a halt to unnecessary expenditures of New York City as prerequisite to loans will reduce the cost of government in the country's metropolis, which is second in its expenditures to only the Federal Government. No state in the Union, in fact, no other government on this hemisphere, spends half as much as this one city. These savings in Federal and municipal costs are only the beginning of a movement needed throughout the country, if we are to be led out of depression into prosperity.

Unless the people can be made to realize that money for governmental expenditure can come only from their own pockets as taxpayers, casting depressing effects on both individual effort and general business, there is an imminent threat that we may be forced to meet economic difficulties similar to those that have so seriously handicapped other countries. The question is not primarily one of merely paring government salaries or shaving budgets, but rather of curtailing government activities for which we cannot afford to pay.

The idea that money for these mounting extravagances can be raised by following the slogan "Soak the Rich" is utterly fallacious, for such a policy will simply exterminate "the rich" and eliminate sources of revenue. It is also important to realize that corporate business in this country is in no position to withstand the effects of indefinite advances in tax rates. Current earning reports reveal that fact beyond shadow of doubt. The tax base must be broadened, and it therefore seems likely that Congress will be called upon to reconsider the sales tax, at least as a temporary measure to help meet a critical condition in the nation's finance.

Deposit 'Guarantee' Fails of Purpose

LOS ANGELES.—While the idea of the guarantee of bank deposits by some legally enforced plan seems to appeal to many people who give it casual thought, the fact is that it has not only failed in every instance in the eight states where the experiment was tried, but actually produced unsound banking and increased the number of failures, it was declared by the recent convention of the American Bankers Association held here.

"Guaranty of bank deposits carries an idea that naturally appeals to people in general on casual consideration," the declaration said. "However, in principle it is unsound and in practice it is unworkable. It has been tried in eight States and it has not only failed in every case, but it has resulted in increasing the number of bank fail-

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ures. Taxing properly managed banks to make up losses of failed banks is not only unfair and unreasonable, but it weakens the whole banking structure. Again, guaranty of deposits places the incompetent and reckless banker on an equal footing with the able and conservative banker, which encourages bad banking at the expense of sound banking. We are therefore opposed to the passage of any law carrying a guaranty of bank deposits and believe that it is against the interest of the people of the United States to develop any such system."

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