

THE O'DONNELL INDEX

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Happy NEW YEAR

AS COTTON COOPERATIVE CONGRESSION TO BE HELD HERE WEDNESDAY

Announcement comes Tuesday of the Texas Cotton Cooperative Association at Dallas. W. H. Clark, local representative, reports that the mid-season membership conference will be held at the City Hotel at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The meeting will be open to members and their friends, and is for the purpose of discussing the operations of the association up to this time and their relative to attacks made upon the Farm Board and cooperatives.

WILLIAMS RESIGNS POST AT TAHOKA

Secretary to Be Secured Plans Cannot Be Made In Near Future

Williams, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for several years, has resigned January 19, 1931, following the expiration of his term of office. He was elected to the post at which it was desired to have a secretary to take the place of Mr. Williams. Unless Mr. Williams agrees to stay in Tahoka a part of his time, it is expected that another person will be named as secretary. Williams has been aware of the directors to curtail his services for some time. He has a number of details in connection with his office of the financial situation.

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PAYNE

of Miss Viola Wyatt and Mr. Ira Payne of the city came as a total surprise to many friends of the couple.

by the bride's mother, and her two sisters, Nelson and Alvin Uhl, drove to Lovington, N. C., where they were married about noon. The wedding was held at the City Hotel.

the daughter of Mr. Wyatt of this place. Most of her life here, she has been a friend of the family who love her for her qualities.

an enterprising business known to O'Donnell from whom wish for himself long and happy wed-

it would pay every O'Donnell to plan an advertising campaign if you are interested in an argument unfolded you.

MERCHANTS REPORT BRISK HOLIDAY TRADE HERE

Practically every merchant in town reports a very gratifying holiday trade here last week, especially when crop and financial conditions were taken into consideration.

Gifts were of the practical nature this year, the merchants report. Wearing apparel, especially such as gloves, hose, lingerie, ties, shirts, lounging robes, seemed to strike the public fancy more than other items.

Toys for the children were not forgotten, however, and each little girl found her own rosy-cheeked doll on Christmas morning, while big brother found his wagon and ball.

And right here and now, abandoning all pretense of writing a strictly news story, may the Index express surprise and regret that it is reported there are citizens in this town who deemed it necessary to go out of town to do their Christmas shopping? We don't know them, so the matter is strictly impersonal. We are merely wondering where they got so much money that it couldn't be spent at home. As far as we are concerned, there are more things right here in our town stores than we have money to pay for. We have always found our local merchants eager to meet the demands of their customers, anxious to please, and that their stock is up-to-date and complete. Quoting Edson R. Waite of Shawnee, Okla., in part:

"Your merchants sell goods just as cheap as you can buy them elsewhere. They spend the profit in the town that supports you both. When you buy from a peddler or a catalogue or another town, you help build some other town and down your own."

With all that off the editorial chest it is indeed gratifying to know that such instances were exceedingly few and far between, and that for the most part, O'Donnell people spent their money in O'Donnell.

Shelves and counters look surprisingly bare this week as merchants prepare to take inventory before buying spring goods, showing that quantities of merchandise moved from the stores during the holiday shopping season.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The halls and class rooms are buzzing again this week, and the campus is as busy as a hive of bees, as students and teachers gathered Monday morning for the resumption of school activities.

Almost all the teachers made short trips during the holidays, visiting with relatives and friends, and students have enjoyed a plentiful measure of Christmas joy and parties.

Mid-term exams are scheduled for next week, this week being planned for review. According to a statement from principal, W. L. Burkhalter, some weeks ago, grades were much improved at the last report, and indications are that they will be still more improved this term.

EASTERN STAR PLANNING SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY

According to announcements from local members, the Deputy Grand Matron of the O. E. S. will visit the local chapter Monday evening, January 5, inspecting and grading. All members are urged to be present, so that all departments may make the very best showing possible.

SNYDER NEWSPAPERS CONSOLIDATE

According to news from Snyder, the Times-Signal and Snyder News have consolidated. The Times-Signal was owned and operated by George F. Smith and J. W. Roberts, former editor of the Index, and the News was owned and operated by Willard Jones and J. C. Smyth.

You can go a long way on will power and nerve but if that is all you have the end is coming.

Our own advice: Don't worry about what has failed to happen in 1930.

Happy New Year!
Buon Capo D'anno
BOAS FESTAS
1931
Bonne Année

This little American's New Year's day greeting will go ringing around the world. So that all may understand her cheery good wishes, she is voicing it in Russian, Portuguese, German, Hebrew, Italian, Chinese, Gaelic, and French—and of course, in Real Americanness.

FRAME RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

The frame residence on Doak St., owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carpenter was completely destroyed by fire about five o'clock Sunday morning.

The Volunteer Fire department answered the call of the siren in record-breaking time, but the fire had gained such headway before it was found and the alarm turned in that the boys were unable to do more than protect property around.

It is supposed that the fire originated from the chimney, as it appeared to have started in the attic. Mr. Carpenter had built a fire in the coal heater and had gone back to bed to wait for the house to warm. He dropped off to sleep, waking just in time to get his wife and baby daughter to safety before the roof fell.

The residence burned almost to ashes, and household goods also were a total loss. Mr. Carpenter's legal library was one of the greatest losses. Fortunately, the house, furnishings, and books were partially covered by insurance.

Six Years Ago

News items taken from files of The O'Donnell Index published here six years ago.

The State Department of Education had classified this school as a standard four year high school.

The growth of the town was reflected in post office receipts. In 1921 the total sale of stamps amounted to \$382.69; in 1924 sales had reached \$1,642.43.

O'Donnell gins had turned out 12,750 bales of cotton.

J. D. Fairley came home from Abilene where he was attending school to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Idell Harris and Harland Austin were married during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker were the proud parents of a nice nine-pound daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Shugart were rejoicing at the arrival of a fine boy.

HOME DEMONSTRATION YEAR BOOKS NOW ON THE PRESS

1921 Yearbooks for the Lynn County Home Demonstration Clubs are now being printed at the Index office. Miss Thelma Greenwade county home demonstration agent, ordered the usual supply of books before leaving for her Christmas vacation, and stated that it was possible more would have to be printed since the interest in the work was growing by leaps and bounds. Each year finds the work better supported by the citizens of the county, and the benefit of this organization to Lynn County is beyond measure.

The Yearbooks are a very essential part of the work, since it lists the place, time, and subject of each meeting and also the topics for discussion. Also, prize list for Home Demonstration workers is listed, and a record sheet for the members, and many other interesting and useful features.

WADDILL—HESTER

Of much interest to their many friends here is news of the marriage on Christmas eve morning of Miss Wilma Ruth Waddill of Plainview and Mr. Milton Hester of this place. The ceremony was read about eleven o'clock Wednesday morning at Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. Hester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waddill of Plainview, and is counted among the most charming and talented young ladies in that city.

Mr. Hester is well-known here, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hester. He has been associated with his father in their extensive farming interests, and the young couple plan to continue this work.

The Index joins with other friends in extending best wishes.

LYNN THEATRE OPENED LAST THURSDAY EVENING

After a period of almost a year, O'Donnell again has a motion picture theatre. The Lynn opened for business Thursday evening with a picture featuring Gary Cooper, and manager McNabb states that business has been splendid.

The theatre building has been thoroughly repaired and renovated since the fire which put out of business last spring, and is now very attractive and modern in appearance.

Due to the holiday vacations, the manager has been unable to book films very far in advance, but as soon as possible he expects to present the very best pictures to O'Donnell audiences.

Large crowds attended the evening show as well as the matinee last week.

SISTERS WED IN DOUBLE CEREMONY AT PARENTS' HOME CHRISTMAS MORNING

NEW FACES TO BE SEEN IN CAPITOL THIS WEEK

The capitol building of Lynn county has several new faces this week, and Tom the janitor and Tom the cat are busy making new acquaintances and letting the new officials in on all the rules and regulations of their domain.

Chief among the newcomers is sheriff B. L. Parker. The sheriff is no stranger to Tahoka, however, as he and his family have been making their home in the capitol city for several weeks.

A new office has an entirely new occupant as A. M. Cade comes into the tax-collector's office.

Waldo McLaurin is the third new face, Mr. McLaurin taking T. J. Yandell's place as commissioner for precinct No. 3.

O'Donnell and the Index welcome these new officials as they enter upon their term of office, and join in wishing them all good luck and a prosperous year.

FACTS ABOUT THE RAIL HEARING GIVEN

Facts about the T. P. N. hearing: Pages of testimony taken, 2,000. Exhibits offered, 190. Days, taking testimony, ten. Sessions, 20 days, four nights. Railroads participating, four. Towns participating, fourteen. Copies of record ordered, 10. Number of intervenors, 80.

One of the longest railroad hearings conducted in West Texas came to a close Thursday afternoon when the I. C. C. hearing on the application of the Texas and Pacific Northern to build 333 miles in the Panhandle-South Plains country was ordered closed by Haskell C. Davis, examiner.

Ten full days, with four night sessions, were held by the examiner to take the testimony in the case.

"The hearing did not set a record for I conducted one that lasted four weeks," Examiner Davis explained. "However, it was one on a purchase and not an application to construct."

According to the reporters handling the case, the Southwestern Reporter company of Oklahoma City, approximately 2,000 pages of testimony were taken. E. P. Huff of Hubb brothers, owners of the concern, was here at the start. Later E. W. Boyd, who assisted, handled the work alone.

Testimony was dictated into phonograph records and sent to Oklahoma City for copying. A mimeograph copy will be sent to those who ordered them.

Three copies were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission at a reported cost of 60 cents per page for the three. The Santa Fe, Fort Worth and Denver, and Texas and Pacific each ordered two copies with Olton ordering one and Major John A. Connally one. The rock Island only ordered a part of a copy.

Exhibits including about a score of maps, ranging from city maps to maps of the southwestern part of the United States, were introduced. One bound volume of rate information, prepared by the T. P. including 35 exhibits and contained about 90 pages.

There were about 80 intervenors one of the largest in the history of the I. C. C. The Railroad Commission of Texas was represented during the entire hearing as was the attorney general of Texas.

Fourteen towns in the territory, including Big Spring, Ackerly, Lamesa, Brownfield, Littlefield, Levelland, Olton, Plainview, Dimmitt, Hereford, Vega and Amarillo, were represented. Also Fort Worth and Dallas, and a number of chamber of commerce.

There were a large number of witnesses for both the intervenors for the applications as well as those against. Also there were a large number for the applicant. Witnesses came from El Paso on the west to Marshall Texas on the east; from Amarillo on the north to Big Spring on the south.

Exchange.

A better and larger advertising campaign for 1931—a good resolution.

The calm, reverent joy of Christmas morning made a fitting setting for the double ceremony at ten o'clock Thursday morning when Miss Wynema and Tommie Surrels, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Surrels, were married to D. M. Tate of Sherman and P. T. Taylor of Dallas, at the home of their parents.

Preceding the impressive ceremony Mrs. T. M. Garner sang "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. W. L. Ritzenthaler.

The vows were taken before an improvised altar of fragrant cedar boughs and sweet peas, which banked the mantel at the east end of the living room, with baskets of pink chrysanthemums at each side of the fireplace creating accenting color notes.

Preceded by Rev. L. S. Jenkins pastor of the First Baptist church of O'Donnell, Mr. Tate and his groomsmen, Mr. Willie Bryant of Lamesa, took their places at the right of the minister, Mr. Taylor and his groomsmen, Dr. Robert Johnson of Pampa awaiting the coming of the bridal party at his left.

The brides and their attendants entered to the strains of "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin. Miss Eugenia Tate of Sherman, sister of the groom, and Miss Wynema's attendant, entered first followed by Miss Nell Brown of Big Spring, Miss Tommie's attendant. Both bridesmaids wore modish creations in shades of brown, and carried bouquets of Mme. Durex rosebuds. These autumn tones were carried out in all costumes worn by the wedding party.

The brides entered with their father, who gave them in marriage. Their gowns were becoming models in beige crepe Elizabeth with harmonizing accessories. Each carried a gorgeous bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and baby's breath, tied with yellow tulle.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Ritzenthaler softly played "Roses of Picardy".

Miss Wynema and Mr. Tate took their vows first, using the ring ceremony. Miss Tommie and Mr. Taylor then pledged their troth with the double ring ceremony.

A reception for friends and relatives followed the wedding. Guests were ushered into the dining room where the bride's cake formed the centerpiece for the lace-covered table. The cake, white and glistening, topped by a miniature bride and groom and artistically decorated, was baked by Mrs. Surrels at the special request of her daughters. Four white tapers shed a soft glow over the scene as the brides cut the cake. Bowls of pink rosebuds were used as decorations in the dining room.

Mrs. Ritzenthaler presided at the coffee urn, and Meses. Garner and Earles assisted in serving.

The bridal couples slipped away during the reception, leaving for trips of unannounced destination. Mr. and Mrs. Tate will be at home in Clarksville, where he is principal of the public school. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be at home in Waco where she is physical instructor at Baylor University, from which institution Mr. Taylor will receive his degree in June.

Both young ladies are admired here for their many charming qualities. Miss Wynema was head of the history department here two years ago, and has since held that position at Hillboro. Her resignation was regretfully accepted there shortly before her marriage.

Miss Tommie received her degree from Baylor University two years ago, and has since been a faculty member. She is cordially admired and loved by teachers and students alike.

Out-of-town guests present for the occasion were: Mrs. John Clem of Dallas, grandmother of the brides, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clem, Mrs. R. E. L. Sherrard and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Virginia, all of Dallas, Dr. J. R. Singleton and Miss Ola Belle Singleton of Tahoka, Mrs. Robert Johnson of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Malone and son, James, of Stanton.

Other guests

O'Donnell, Texas

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act of March 3, 1879.

A friend in need is one who always
has a match.

Lawyer's proverb: Where there is
a will there is a way to break it.

Honesty is the best policy, but
some appear to think the best comes
too high.

As usual, that political hatchet was
buried with the handle sticking out
full length.

Jurors swear to decide in favor of
the side producing the most convinc-
ing liars.

Don't try to put anything over on
the telephone girl. She will finally
get your number.

We read that few gunmen drink.
The accuracy of their aim seems to
confirm that statement.

It's harder to love your neighbor
as yourself when his loudspeaker
keeps you awake far into the night.

Judging by the husbands some of
them pick out, it seems that the la-
dies are not so hard to please after
all.

GOING TOWARD DISASTER

"We are nearing the end of one of
the worst years in the history of
the railroads of the United States,"
says a spokesman for the lines.
"The railroads are still the backbone
of our entire system of transporta-
tion, and, as an emergency, they are
moving straight towards disaster."

This might seem exaggerated to
one whose knowledge of the indus-
try is limited to visual evidences of
their wealth, their great land-
holdings, equipment, and payrolls.
But the rail executives support it
with statistics. The last few years—and,
in particular, 1930—have pro-
duced a sad record of depleted earn-
ings, rising taxes, falling freight and
passenger business and a decline in
railroad employment. Where, in for-
mer years, they earned four or five or
six per cent on their investment they
now earn one, two or three per cent.
They manage to get that only by the
most stringent economy and the
highest standards of efficiency in
their history. They have spent a
gigantic sum of money in improv-
ing service, in eliminating car
charges, in promoting safety—and yet
they are at a point where even their
credit is imperiled. A profitless in-
dustry cannot progress and serve the
public.

The damage done to railroad
workers and stockholders should not
be overlooked but even that is sec-
ondary to the damage done the na-
tion's transportation system. No
other agency, whether or not subsid-
ized by the government, can perform
the service of the railroads. Rail-
road retrenchment must, inevitably
result in industrial and agricultural
retrenchment.

Nothing can do more to create
depression than a tottering railroad
industry.
NOTE—The above article is a
clipping taken from The Manufacturer
and Industrial News Bureau.
The article was not clipped and
used as news value, but, only to
show the publicity that these con-
cerns are getting out, in seeking the
sympathy of the public.—This arti-
cle is stated that the roads have
been forced to highest standards of
efficiency in their history—perhaps
if these "most stringent economy
and highest standards of efficiency in
their history" had been practiced
in earlier years they would not
be faced with competition of the
service giving competitors.—Also
"now earn one or two or three per
cent on investment", we dare say
that there are other institutions in
this big country that have suffered
the same decrease this year, yet, they
are not seeking the country's sym-
pathy—and the farmers,—undoubtedly
there are many who have lost just
that much in the last year, and many
that much for the last three years.

Our belief is: when the railroads
will give the service and continue
practicing "stringent economy" and
the "highest standards of efficiency in
history"; then they will find
solutions to their own problems, with-
out calling on the public for their
sympathy and will transform from a
"tottering railroad industry" to a
big, strong, powerful and service-
giving institution that demands the
sympathy of the public.

Another Volume Completed



LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION
WORLD COURT POSTPONED
DRY DECISION INTERETING
THE SOVIET PROGRAM
REAL ECONOMIC WAR
CONTROLLING MOTOR
TRANSPORTATION
AIR AGE APPROACHES

The importance of prompt action
upon the emergency relief program
seems to have been appreciated by
Congress. Leaders of both parties
insisted upon action before the holi-
days and while differences between
the two houses arose they were not
serious enough to tie up legislation
entirely.

The decision of the Senate com-
mittee not to bring up the World
Court at the present session removes
one of the threats of an extra ses-
sion. If the question had been al-
lowed to get to the floor intermin-
able debate would be certain. Whether
an extra session is probable is un-
certain even at this time. While
generally sentiment is against such a
session the cause of such a furor is
hard to understand except in the
theory that big business is without its
usual upbalm.

The recent decision of Judge Clark,
of New Jersey, holding that the 18th
amendment was improperly adopted
causes quite a lot of discussion but
frankly we can't see where it amounts
to much. While the question has
never been passed by the Supreme
Court leading legal authorities be-
lieve that the amendment will be up-
held when the case is heard.

The difficulty of understanding the
Soviet program is largely due to
inability to get accurate facts. The
five-year program, of which so much
has been said, seems to aim at domi-
nating the world market and to do
this the entire Russian society is or-
ganized to work in an almost army
regime; living on iron rations, work-
ing as directed and permitting the
government to dispose of the export-
able commodities. Russia needs ma-
chinery and has to sell goods abroad
in order to purchase. Competent
observers consider the trading tactics
of the Soviet as a threat to the ex-
isting economic order, largely be-
cause of forced labor, cheap because
of a lack of food, clothing, housing
and other necessities.

The United States has refused to
accord diplomatic recognition to the
Soviet but numerous American con-
cerns are selling machinery that the
Bolsheviks require and otherwise
extending aid and comfort for a con-
sideration. The non-recognition pol-
icy may be wise, but if it is justified
on the grounds that an economic war
is now in progress there seems to be
no reason why our industries should
trade with the enemy. If half of
what is stated about Russia is true
the government should stop American
business from assisting the Bolshe-
vics in any manner, even if it means
the loss of profits. However, there are
two sides to every question, even this
one.

The argument is that it should ex-
tend to motor buses and trucks.

Farmers over the nation are con-
vinced, whether correctly or not, that
trading in futures on the markets
adversely affects prices of farm pro-
ducts. For example, in 1929 806,
000,000 bushels of wheat were grown
in this country and transactions in
wheat futures amounted to 20,000,
000,000 bushels. The agricultural
contention is that the selling over
and over again increases the cost of
marketing the commodity and re-
duces the net return to the producer.
It will take a wiser man than the
writer to say that the farmers are
wrong. Anyway, Dr. J. W. T. Du
vel, of the Grain Futures Adminis-
tration, says there should be legis-
lation to fix a limit to the amount of
speculative trading an individual may
do.

Just to give you an idea that the
air age is not so far away we call
attention to the 175,000 passengers
and 7,700,000 pounds of mail carried
during the year. There are 7,000
licensed planes, 12,500 miles of light-
ed airways, 285 lighted intermediate
landing fields and any other number
of statistics to be found in the review
of civil aeronautics by the Depart-
ment of Commerce.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Festivals in celebration of the be-
ginning of a new year have been
traced back as far as 3000 B. C., to
ancient Babylon. They may have
been held long before that. Through-
out the ages various people have ob-
served various days as New Year's
Day.

In view of the many calendars
which have been employed to mark
the passing of time, much confusion
has resulted. Different peoples have
counted the years from some real or
imaginary event, and the length of
the year itself has varied according
to the calendar used.

The Mohammedan year, for ex-
ample, is governed by the moon. In-
stead of the sun, and consists of 12
lunar months, or only 354 days.
The Hebrew calendar also consists
of 354 days ordinarily, but an extra
month is inserted once in 19 years,
making 384 days in those embro-
lismic years, as they are called.

The ancient Egyptian year had 12
months of 30 days each, but five sup-
plementary days were added at the
end, making 365 days. Similar pec-
uliarities marked the year of vari-
ous other peoples. At one time or
another every day in the year has
been considered New Year's day ac-
cording to some calendar or other.

Our present calendar is a modifica-
tion of that established by Julius
Caesar in the year 46 B. C. August-
us made some rearrangement of the
number of days in the various
months, so that August, named for
him, might have as many days as
July, named for Julius, for original-
ly the month had only 30 days. The
calendar we now use was established
by Pope Gregory in 1582.

So, when we observe New Year's
Day we may understand that it does
not mean anything in particular, ex-
cept that it is the first day of a year
arbitrarily established as a con-
venient means of reckoning the
flight of time.

A closet shower for the bride-to-be
is a good idea. Everyone brings
something to make the closet more
convenient. Shoe trees or racks,
hat stands, shoe bags, laundry bas-
kets, clothing boxes, nested boxes,
stocking boxes, dress bags, and a clo-
set brush are among the possible items
to choose from. One girl received a
hammer and some boxes of tacks
and small brass hooks among other
things.

A New Year's
Resolution
By
Wm. S.
Gaston

IT WAS new Year's night in
the suburbs of a small town.
The shadowy forms of two
men were sinking into the
deeper darkness, under a
clump of trees. They waited
for some time with growing
impatience. Presently a low,
shrill whistle sounded. One
of the men answered. The form of an-
other man cautiously approached the
two. "How does the land lay, Bill?"
asked one of the men of the newcomer.
"Nothing doing," replied Bill. "I can't
help it, boys, but it is all of so far as
I am concerned." There was an
awkward pause, then Bill continued:
"I know that you will think that I am
yellow. You can shoot me if you want
to, but I am out of it. You can go
ahead with the job and there will
never be a squeal from me. When my
mother died I promised her I would
be a man. She has been in my mind
all day. I am going straight. That is
my New Year's resolution."

A volley of oaths rolled from the
tongues of the two men. Their plans
had been upset. Bill had seen their
companion for ten days and had en-
dured



"I Want Work," He Said. "I Must
Have Work."

gaged to be their accomplices in a bank
robbery about to be pulled off. The
two men—hardened criminals—knew
that a large shipment of money had
been received at the local bank and
New Year's night would be the good
time to blow the vault. The two men
were experts in the profession. Bill
had drifted in with them after he had
tramped for a few weeks, begging for
something to eat from house to house.
Discouraged, he had decided to "throw
in" with them and he was to have
driven the car in which they proposed
to get away after the job was finished.
"It's no yellow," he continued. "I am
going to get out of here and go
straight. There will never be a word
from me about either of you nor this
job." With this Bill turned and start-
led out into the night. They called to
him to stop, but Bill did not stop. A
shot rang out and a bullet whistled
uncomfortably close to Bill's head. He
ran and was soon lost in the dark-
ness.

The next morning Bill crawled out
of an old shed and washed his face in
ice water. He started to hunt for
work. He was determined to find
work and get out of the town. He
knocked at the door of the first place
he entered and asked the good looking
young woman who came to the door
for work. "I want work," he said. "I
must have work." He made the state-
ment with such evident sincerity that
the young woman scrutinized him care-
fully. "All right," she said. "You can
shovel a road through that snowdrift
back of the coal house so the coal
man can put in a load of coal this
afternoon."

Bill went to work. He worked with
a vision of the young woman and his
new resolution in mind. In an hour
the road was shoveled out. He was con-
scious that a pair of brown eyes had
been watching him out of the kitchen
window. The work was hardly fin-
ished before a small man came from
the back porch. Dinner was ready. In
the kitchen was a small table with plates
laid for two. Bill sat down and tried
hard to eat. It was a strange very hun-
gry. Slowly the young woman worked
out of him part of the story of his
life. There was no hint of the job he
had come to town to pull off. He must
have wanted and he was going to work
in that town.

Bill did work. He got a job through
the influence of the young woman. He
made good. He bought better clothes.
He had a good appearance. A real
estate firm wanted him in a position as
salesman. He made a good land sales-
man and soon his commissions began
to pile up. He saved money. In two
years he was a member of the firm
more and more than that. He sat at the
head of the table in the next little cottage
where he found his first work. The
cottage had been enlarged.
In twelve years from the day
Bill started to put his new resolu-
tion through, he was elected president of
the bank that he came to town to
help rob.

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DID YOU EVER STOP
TO THINK?
Edison R. Waite
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Colonel W. E. Easterwood of Dal-
las, Texas says:

"This week I read an article in one
of our leading daily papers which
states that the editor of the Daily
Commercial of Pine Bluff, Arkansas,
would bar all news items of a de-
pressing nature. Think what a
change would come over this country
if every newspaper in the United
States would do this.
"To read the average daily news-
paper you would think they actually
are trying to prolong the depressed
spirit of the public by the many items
of depression that ordinarily would
never get into print.
"I would hesitate to go right ahead now
if they were not over-cautious, as
caused by the newspaper articles.
"When the buying power is re-
leased the factories will not be able
to fill their orders, and in the mean-
time there will be those of fore-
sight and common sense who will get
ready for the inevitable upturn and
who will carve business history for
themselves and associates by get-
ting their shelves in order, or steam-
ing up, ready to go, to furnish the
millions the water conveniences and
comforts of life, because the Ameri-
can people have never been, and
never shall be content to continue
the present state of unnecessary and
unnatural fear and over-caution."
If you are so pessimistic as not
to agree with these statements, please
file this where you can read it again
one year from this date."

SOUSA ON TOUR AT
John Phillip Sousa fame
master and "March King" has
happ has done more to popular-
ize instrumental music in America
any other man, living or dead,
wields his baton with master
at the age of 76.
Mr. Sousa came into
prominence as leader of the
States Marine Band from
1892, during which time he
composed the first of the
military marches which are
and played through out the
Since leaving the Marine
duct his own organization,
cess has been remarkable.

One striking characteristic
Sousa's career has been
encouragement of American
and composers. It is said
he first took charge of his
Band there were only two
born musicians in the
and when he formed his
twelve years later only 11
were native Americans. On
rat tour most of his instu-
is foreign-born, while
half of his players are
American colleges and
it is said.

During the World War
was commissioned the cabin
commander in the Naval Res-
and trained hundreds of
at the Great Lakes Naval
where he had for a time
est regular organized band
Sousa's Band has played
concerts in Europe and in
the world, being recog-
where with highest acclaim.

FOOLISH WASTE OF LIFE

We talk with pride to the fact
that nearly 26,000,000 motor cars
are in use in the United States, and it
is something which the country may
be proud. But the further fact that
these cars now kill people at the
rate of 33,000 a year and injur-
ing 800,000 more, is almost a na-
tional disgrace.

The amazing thing is that most
automobile accidents might be pre-
vented by taking ordinary precau-
tions. Obviously there are only two
principal causes of accidents—care-
less driving and defective car
equipment. Even the most careful driver
is helpless when his car fails to func-
tion in an emergency.
It seems almost impossible to drill
common sense into a reckless driver's
head, but it would be perfectly easy
to avoid most mechanical break-
downs by frequent inspections. Worn
or improperly adjusted brakes are
responsible for more accidents than
any other single cause, although in-
spection by experts at a responsible
service station costs nothing. When
adjustments or re-tuning are found
necessary it may be done quickly and
inexpensively.

To encourage greater carefulness
in this respect one leading manufac-
turer of brake linings is offering a
\$100 accident insurance policy free
to every motorist who has his brakes
re-lined with the company's product
and agrees to have his brakes in-
spected periodically. Incidentally, it
is said that many thousands of auto-
mobile owners have already avail-
ed themselves of the offer mentioned.
Pennsylvania and several other
states are getting excellent results

Use the classifieds.

Our Wish You
May all your Castles in the Air become
realities during 1931. The New Year
bring prosperity and business to us all.
This is our wish, our hope and our belief.

LYNN COUNT MOTOR CO.

Lucerne-in-Quebec, Lure of the Great Out Doors



The hundred years ago the Lord of the old Papineau Seigneurie, at Montebello celebrated Christmas in the good old-fashioned way, surrounded by his family and dependents through a series of festivities lasting several days. The Yule-log crackled in the fireplace, the merry voices of the men and maidens rang through the halls of the manor house, carols, old and new, were sung, and the guests and dependents through a series of festivities lasting several days. The Yule-log crackled in the fireplace, the merry voices of the men and maidens rang through the halls of the manor house, carols, old and new, were sung, and the guests and dependents through a series of festivities lasting several days. The Yule-log crackled in the fireplace, the merry voices of the men and maidens rang through the halls of the manor house, carols, old and new, were sung, and the guests and dependents through a series of festivities lasting several days.

MONDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Monday Sunday School Lesson for January 4, 1931

LUKE TEXT:—"Thou shalt see the face of the Lord to ready his ways."—Luke

Lesson Text: Luke 1:8-17, 80.

Lessons for 1931 are the last present six-year circle. Beginning with 1932 a new five-year will commence during the year in which the Bible will be taken from Genesis to Revelation.

Our lessons are divided in courses. The first six months is the study of "Jesus the Saviour," taken from the life of Luke, while the later half of the year will trace the beginning and spread of the Christian religion as recounted in Acts.

The opening lesson for 1931 concerns the life of John the Baptist, announced the approaching of John to his father, Zachary, priest, as he attending to the duties of his office. A lesson similar to this one was that of the fifth, John the Baptist, who links between the Jewish and Christian religions and it was very fitting for Luke to begin his study of this remarkable life.

John, especially in view of the lesson on John the Baptist, we will devote most of our year here to Luke. Our lessons entire year will be based on the New Testament, which constitute more than the contribution than that of any other author. Luke was prominent figure in the early church and was referred to by Paul as "the beloved physician," and as the "beloved physician."

In the last letter we have from the pen of Paul, he had before his execution at the feet Timothy that Luke remained with him.

Paul's definite facts about Luke's life, although many have speculated upon it, were generally accepted that he was a physician, possibly educated in Antioch, and was living at Antioch when he first adherents of the new faith to that city from Jerusalem. It is probable that Luke had been there, before Paul's

quarters, 88,000 acres of beautiful countryside will be thrown open to visitors to the unique hotel. Bob-sleighing on one of the longest runs on the continent; ski-jumping; ski-joring; ski-jumping; skating; snowshoeing and dog-sled drives will be offered to the devotees of winter sports, while the most complete comforts and appointments of up-to-date hotel-keeping; good food and bright entertainment will await the guests at close of day. Among the special features arranged for the Christmas festivities are the rendering of carols by the Children of His Majesty's Savoy

Chapel Choir (London, Eng.); old-time songs by Charles Goulet's troupe of French-Canadian artists and the interpretation of Tudor dances by experts from the Margaret Eaton School of Dancing. Thus, once again, the old walls of the historic mansion bear the strains which roused them to Christmas celebration a century ago, and before that. Lucerne-in-Quebec is ideally situated, on the northern bank of the Ottawa River, about half way between the Canadian Capital and Montreal, and only an overnight run from the great cities of the Eastern United States.

The general story is that Luke joined Paul's party at Troas on the apostle's second missionary journey, some think he was the man of Macedonia to appeal to Paul. Shortly thereafter Paul left Luke at Philippi, and the whereabouts of the doctor are uncertain for possibly six or seven years, when he rejoins Paul to remain with him until the latter's death. Tradition says that Luke finally settled in Bithynia, the region just south of the Black Sea, and died there at the age of seventy-four.

When the April census was taken some effort was made to ascertain how many people were out of work. Preliminary figures from this date indicate 567,549 persons idle, which is 1.3 per cent. These were divided into the following groups:

Persons having jobs, but on lay-off without pay, including those voluntarily idle or sick, numbered 168,870; persons out of a job and unable to work, 49,543; persons having jobs but idle on account of sickness or disability, 87,087; persons out of a job and not looking for work, 20,163; persons having jobs but voluntarily idle, without pay, 30,558; persons having jobs and drawing pay though not at work because of vacations and other causes, 32,292

One group in the enumeration above is interesting and a second group is almost as entertaining to contemplate. There were 26,100 people out of a job and not looking for work—who can fail to envy their unconcern and their frank claim that the world owes them a living? Another group, consisting of 30,558 persons, had jobs but were voluntarily resting without pay—these are

entitled to just about as much sympathy as the 26,103 who were calmly accepting unemployment without any effort to work.

MAKING 1931 A SAFETY YEAR

During 1931 a determined campaign to outlaw the reckless and incompetent motorist from the public highways will be made in many states. Authorities are urging legislatures to adopt stringent licensing laws for drivers.

In a majority of our states, any one, irrespective of his competence or physical fitness, can obtain a driving license. Only thirteen states and the District of Columbia require examination of applicants. These states report favorable progress in automobile accident prevention during a period when the casualty list, in non-licensing states, has steadily risen.

The Saturday Evening Post editorially recommends that automobile liability insurance rates, instead of being the same for all motorists, as at present, be raised for drivers with accident records and lower for safe drivers. Casualty insurance companies are already doing this to some extent. This has a tendency to encourage carefulness and more equitably distributes the premium burden. It is estimated that ninety per cent of motorists are careful and responsible but they pay the bills for damage done by the ten per cent who are reckless, irresponsible or incompetent.

We have a long way to go before we settle all the factors of the accident problem. Prevention, cure, indemnity for the injured—such requires careful study. The growing public and official interest in the problem is an encouraging sign.

WHEN CRIME WAS HAZARDOUS

The Deater News of Salt Lake City takes a strong stand against anti-revolver laws—a favorite nostrum of our crime reformers. When a revolver was part of the equipment of the pony express rider and the cowboy, says the News, "when the shotgun was carried on the driver's seat of the stage coach, and when the man at the wheel of the stage served goods over a counter that covered sudden death under a trigger, police protection was desired, but not absolutely necessary. [Robbery—was hazardous in the extreme. Men were not held up slugged for a little small change...]

In other words, the anti-gun laws—obeyed by society, disregarded by the underworld—are the criminal's ally.

They make it possible for him to carry on his "work" with a maximum of success and a minimum of danger. They prevent, by penalty of the law the good citizens from protecting his home, his business, his family and himself.

We live in an age when whole cities are terrorized by bombs and machine guns, when it is said a person can be hired to commit a murder for as little as seven dollars, when, presently, the police and the courts are impotent. And—to cure all this—we suggest that the law-abiding citizen be prohibited from owning a revolver or pistol.

Try this for the children's lunch. Toast slices of bread on one side. Butter the untoasted side. Cover to the edge with a thick layer of ground beef. Season with salt and pepper. Dot with butter or other clean, sweet fat. Boil under a flame for 5 or 10 minutes, so that the outside is browned and the under side of the meat rare. Serve at once with a garnish of parsley.



ARCIA WESTOVER dropped the "Help Wanted—Female," in her lap with a sigh. She just didn't eat, and that was all. And then, among the "Personals," she saw the ad.

"Palmit wanted for New Year's party. Good pay. Apply 2295 Sunrise Drive."

Marcia read it through twice. "Gee," she thought, "I bet there'll be cats, too!" So she made up for her first job as a fortune teller.

In a gay corner sat the pseudo spy girl. "I see a feather in your cap," she gravely told a jealous matron. "Some one is very jealous of you."

"Yes, every word," replied the other, and gliding away to a young man who had been standing nearby. He looked at her accusingly. "You've said the same thing to everybody."

"All said it was true," she reminded. "Well, yes. But you're not going to see a feather in my cap, are you?"

She laughed. "I'll try to be more original." With a trembling finger she traced the lines in his hand. "Things are not what they seem," she began.

"I wondered," he answered, gazing into her dark eyes. "I see romance coming to meet you. A girl with brown hair and brown eyes—"

"With a tiny, dainty hand," he asked, "very sweet and very clever?"

Marcia blushed under his gaze. "Perhaps. I cannot tell. But it is love at first sight."

"Yes—go on, I am interested." "I see you very happy." "Tell me who she is."

"I'm afraid—" "Please." He held her fingers. "She's just a jobless orphan, broke and hungry."

"Well, let's eat." "Me?" "Of course. You know and I know that you're the girl. The minute I saw you I knew that nothing else mattered." He drew her behind the potted palms. "Tell our fortune, do."

She smiled up at him. "The New Year looks very bright," she said. (© 1930, Western Newspaper Union.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

C. B. CARPENTER ATTORNEY-AT-LAW OFFICE IN COURT HOUSE TABOKA, TEXAS

KNOW TEXAS

Texas is producing in 1930 one-fourth of the pecan crop of the United States. In 1929 it produced almost one-half the total yield.

Texas' fall crops, exclusive of cotton, are valued at \$167,770,500 by V. H. Shoffelwayer, agricultural editor of the Dallas News. Texas' crops, including cotton and livestock are estimated at \$710,000,000 for 1930, in spite of lower prices.

Texas spent \$45,331,997 on building and maintaining highways during the fiscal year ending August 1, 1930. Texas counties and road districts contributed \$10,515,575 of the total and the Federal government \$6,006,577.

INTERESTING NOTES

In the United States 13,700,000 families are using gas for cooking, 7,700,000 use coal or wood, 6,500,000 oil, 875,000 electricity and 35,000 use portable gas systems.

More than 4,000 cars have been "impounded" by the City of Dallas since it began taking cars violating parking ordinances to the city "pound."

Sore Bleeding Gums

Only one bottle of Loto's Pyorrhea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied, druggists will return your money.

Calling By Number Takes Less Time

If you know the numbers on your out-of-town calls you can save many of them about as quickly as local calls. It is worth while keeping a list of numbers you frequently use. If you do not know them, "Information" will get them for you.

If there are a lot of them, write to our business office and ask us to make out the list for you. If you want someone in a hurry, the telephone number is as important as the street address. Knowing the number will help you to speed your long distance calls.

O'DONNELL TELEPHONE CO.

CITY TRANSFER CO.

O'Donnell, Texas Drayage and Heavy Hauling BERT FRITZ, Owner Phone 105

DR. FERRELL FARRINGTON Dentist O'Donnell, Texas Offices in First National Bank Building

GIBSON AND MAY O'DONNELL AND LUBBOCK TRUCK LINE General Hauling Phone 21 or Phone 48 O'Donnell, Texas

THEY FILL THE EGG BASKET!



POULTRYMEN who feed RED CHAIN Egg Mash and Hen Scratch to their flocks every day—the year 'round—never worry about empty egg baskets. These two SUPERIOR Feeds make a perfectly balanced ration... they contain everything necessary for health and condition—as well as for the largest egg production at the lowest feed cost. If you want to fill your egg basket... and your bank account... feed RED CHAIN.

Prepare now for 1931

Well here is 1931—a New Year—symbol of the fresh pristine vigor that will again set industry teeming and bustling—Old Father Time points the way.

There have been other periods of depression followed by strong rallies, and history repeats itself. This bank pledges itself to support sound business—ALWAYS.

The First National Bank

J. L. SHOEMAKER, Cashier

(1) It is universal in its viewpoint, emphasizing the sympathy of Jesus for the poor and out cast, and prominently demonstrating the interest of Jesus in Gentiles.

(2) It is the only gospel which records all of the seven great events in the life of Jesus, his birth, temptations, transfiguration, death, resurrection, and ascension.

(3) It has about ten chapters, dealing mainly with the Persian history of Jesus, the details of which are not furnished by any other.

(4) It alone gives us a number of parables, including the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Dives and Lazarus, the Pharisee and the Publican, and others.

(5) It alone gives us five great hymns of the church, namely, Ave Maria, Magnificat, Benedictus, Gloria in Excelsis, and Nunc Dimittis.

(6) It alone tells us about the prayers of Jesus at his baptism, after the cleansing of a leper, before calling the twelve, at the transfiguration, and on the cross for his enemies.

(7) It alone gives us an insight into the infancy and youth of Jesus, including the presentation in the temple, the adoration of the shepherds and his visit to Jerusalem at the age of twelve.

(8) It alone tells us of the conversion of Zacharias, the temple of the trial before Herod, the penitent thief, the appearance of Jesus on the

In SOCIETY

MRS J. W. CAMPBELL, Reporter

DINNER FOR BRIDAL PARTY WEDNESDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sorrels were hosts last Wednesday evening at a five-course dinner for members of their daughters' wedding party.

Rosebuds, sweet peas, and chrysanthemums were used as centerpieces for the two tables.

Those present were the brides-elect, Miss Wynema and Tommie Sorrels, their attendants, Misses Eugenia Tate of Sherman and Nell Brown of Big Spring, Messrs. D. M. Tate and P. T. Taylor and Mr. Willie Bryant of Lamesa, Messrs. and Mmes. T. M. Garner and W. H. Ritzenthaler.

FORTY-TWO PLAYED AT PARTY FRIDAY EVENING

Miss Mary Joe Gates entertained a number of her friends Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gates.

Other games were enjoyed, also a radio concert.

At the close of the evening, delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FIFTH MONDAY SOCIAL

A crowd of more than fifty ladies attended the fifth Monday social at the Methodist church Monday afternoon.

The church was decorated with cedar boughs and poinsettias, carrying out the holiday theme.

After an interesting program, officers for the Federation were elected. They are: President, Mrs. E. L. Sorrels; vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Vermillion; secretary, Mrs. G. L. Sutton; assistant-secretary, Mrs. Mrs. Gary Shook; reporter, Mrs. W. H. Ritzenthaler.

Refreshments of pie topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served.

FAMILY REUNION CELEBRATES MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Celebrating the seventieth birthday of their mother, the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sanderson were all at home Sunday for a family reunion and dinner.

A wonderful dinner, with all the things "mother makes," was heartily enjoyed by all present.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanderson and sons, Raymond Jr., and Henry, of Wink, Mrs. S. Goode and children, Modestine and Jeff, of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sanderson and family and Mrs. Sanderson, of Loop, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox and son, Perry, of Carlsbad, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henderson of O'Donnell.

PARTY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS TUESDAY EVENING

(reported too late for last week) Honoring college students home for the Christmas holidays, the Epworth League of the Methodist church was host at an informal party last Tuesday evening at the home of Misses Mable, Era, and Eva Harris.

Representatives were present from Tech, Canyon, T. W. C. C. C., and B. C. C. C.

As guests entered, they were given date books and told to fill each date listed with an engagement. Divisions for the different "dates" ranged from prayer-meeting, during which a ghost story was told, through games and a concert.

At the close of a most enjoyable evening, hot tea and wafers were served to Misses Louise Edwards, Eva Dell Harris, Beatrice Gates, Mabel Draper, Edith Walker, Era Harris, Mary Joe Gates, Mmes Dell Goalsby, Beatrice Gardenhire Hassen, Messrs and Mmes. Joe Schouler and Bill Jones; Messrs. Joe Chandler, Vernon Kirkland, John Gillard, of Canyon, Ott Harris, Oil D. Harris, Hugh Sparkman of Boone, Col. Truett Hobdy, Andrew Simmons, and O. L. Harris.

MRS. ROY WILKES ENTERTAINS FOR SISTER FRIDAY

Honoring her sister, Miss Hallie Lindsay of Lamesa, Mrs. Roy Wilkes was hostess last Friday evening to a number of the younger set when she entertained with an "old-fashioned" party.

Games of the past decade were played, carrying out the idea "when I was a girl and used to go to parties" set by the hostess.

At the close of a most enjoyable evening, delicious refreshments were served to Misses Kathryn Vanzey, Eula Belle and Louise Miles, Lois Nelson, Wynona Huff, and the honoree, Miss Hallie Lindsay; Messrs. Chesler Hubbard of Pampa, Randall

Gibson, Mutt Betenbough of Andrews, Claude Tate, Cecil Tredway, Edward Clayton, Hobart, Homer Lee and Andrew Jordan.

Mrs. G. W. Lindsay of Lamesa, Roy Miles and Cecil Hubbard assisted the hostess in entertaining and serving.

DAVIS HOME SCENE OF FAMILY DINNER THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis were hosts at a dinner at their lovely home Thursday, entertaining members of their family.

Turkey and all the good things that go with it were heartily enjoyed by all present.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Davis and Miss Nell Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davis and family, all of O'Donnell and R. C. Davis and family of Olney.

ATTENTION IS ATTRACTED TO W. T. C. C. WORK

Editorial in Country Gentleman Reviews Campaign To Correct Geographies Studied in Texas

Just one evidence that the effort to obtain correction of the geographies studied in the public schools of Texas and other states of the nation is a commendable and important undertaking, and that the information is attracting nation-wide and serious attention is supplied by an editorial in the Country Gentleman for January, 1931.

The writer in The Country Gentleman which is recognized as an outstanding farm publication with an enormous circulation, agrees with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, originator of the project, that the geographies need correcting, and that the information given through them to the youth of the country should be accurate and correct.

In taking note of the textbook project and pointing out in the editorial mention of the matter the fact that West Texas, during the past decade has been the scene of "an almost epic farming development," the magazine has rendered a service of vast importance.

The complete text of the statement from The Country Gentleman, which appeared under the heading, "Our Surprising Textbooks," follows: "West Texas is roaring and doing it with characteristic Texas vigor. Someone, it seems, thumbing through a geography textbook used in the Texas schools, discovered that the youngsters of that state are still taught that the West Texas and Panhandle regions are a high, dry, wind-blown, semiarid waste, with little agricultural activity except cattle ranching.

"Despite the fact that the vast empire which lies between the 100th meridian and the New Mexico border—a region twice as large as the state of Missouri—has been the scene of an almost epic farming development during the past decade, our geographies dismiss West Texas as a semidesert area.

"Neither do the fabulously rich oil and gas fields which dot the Panhandle and West Texas receive any attention in the discussion of America's petroleum industry. These are other errors and omissions equally funny. And West Texas folks are pained—angry. They demand a thorough-going revision of school geographies.

"The West Texas case is startling but not unique. A great many of our geographic textbooks contain a surprising amount of information particularly in the treatment of agricultural topics. Too many of our school geographies are leaning comfortably upon the assumption that American agriculture has been virtually static for the past quarter of a century.

"If the textbook authorities would give less attention to bizarre subjects such as the growing of ostrich feathers, and devote more space to the movements, such as that which has occurred in the Texas plains during the past ten years, our school boys and girls would acquire a far more accurate conception of the world and its people.

"There is no misinformation more difficult to uproot than that acquired in one's youth."

Over 65 per cent of the cost of electric service in distribution, 10 per cent or less is in generation, and the remainder is in "overhead," administration, taxes (10 per cent), interest and dividends.

Judging by the husbands some of them pick out, it seems that the ladies are not so hard to please after all.

LIGHTS OF NEW YORK

This may be old, but it was told to me as an unpublished story. There is a man in New York who liked to have people around him, so he used to keep open house on Sunday afternoons. It got so that a good many persons came regularly to eat, drink, smoke and talk. The man, while not rich, was pretty well off, and, on some times, helped some of his visitors financially over tough spots in the road. He felt that they were his friends. Many of them didn't need any help. Sunday afternoons were gay affairs.

Then came the crash and the man was wiped out. The next Sunday he had a little speech to make, he was embarrassed, but the truth was that he had been caught out on a limb in the falling stock market and was flat broke. He hoped to get back on his feet, but he was broke now, and he said, "But I still have this apartment," he said, "and I hate to see these pleasant Sunday afternoons discontinued. I wish I could meet here, but—and it isn't easy for me to have money enough to just even to provide things to eat, drink and smoke. I thought, if you each would put in two or three dollars, we could buy some stuff and still continue these pleasant times."

The guests assented with enthusiasm; but the next Sunday none of them showed. They haven't been back since.

A writer got what he thought was a fine chance to show a new industry with some dramatic effect in a town near New York. He induced several well-known producers to attend the try out. One big scene showed a mother discovering a man in her house who had been visiting her lover to her daughter. The mother was supposed to enter in sports clothes, but the woman who played the part had heard that there would be notable in the audience and, at the last moment, decided that she would be more effective in a negligee. When the time for her entrance arrived, she was making the change.

The pair on the stage sprang apart at the proper cue; but no mother appeared. They made love more and more to each other. The situation grew strained. Finally, the girl improvised. "I thought I heard mother," she said. "I'd better go see where she is," and she walked off stage. The man, left alone, opened books, lit cigarettes and stalled for some moments, but there was no sign of mother or daughter, so he said: "I must see what has become of them," and he walked off, leaving the stage empty.

By this time the visiting producers were in hysterics and the curtain fell on another play gone wrong.

A man never really is fat until he commences to catch his safety razor in the folds of his double chin.

There is a handsome doorman in front of a Fifth avenue apartment who looks like a German drill sergeant. He spends all day marching up and down, calling taxis and opening automobile doors. The other night an inhabitant of the apartment house discovered what the doorman did with his evenings. He saw him standing stiffly in front of an armory; probably waiting for some one to come out and put a uniform on him, so he would feel free to call a taxi.

(By 1929, Bell Syndicate.)

War Refugees Problem, Nations League Finds

Geneva.—Eleven years after the great war League of Nations officials estimate that they will require another ten years to settle the refugee problem.

The latest statistics show 1,125,000 refugees still scattered over Europe. The great bulk of this total, some 850,000, is constituted by Russians who are scattered over 27 countries.

The Armenians are next with over 154,000 and the Assyrian and Assyro-Chaldean refugees number some 20,000. Among the total number of refugees there are more than 100,000 children, of whom nearly 80,000 are under fourteen.

Flies Glider Upside Down for First Time

Los Angeles.—Lyman Voelgel succeeded in doing in a glider what it takes a skilled pilot to do in a motor plane. He flew upside down—the first time, so far as he knows, that a motorless craft has been flown in that position. At Grand Central air terminal Voelgel twice flipped his glider over on its back and flew approximately 100 feet each time.

To the Old and New Year

By Laura F. Armitage, in Kansas Farmer.

O Year that is going, take with you some evil that dwells in my heart; Let selfishness doubt,

With the old year go out— With Joy I would see them depart.

O year that is coming, bring with you Some virtue of which I have need; More patience to bear,

And more love that is true love indeed. O year that is going, take with you Impatience and willfulness—pride;

The shirt worn off and the weak— O year that is coming, bring with you More charity unto the weak— A deep, growing peace,

Of these things I surely have need.

"WILDCAT" BUSES A MENACE

George "Jimmie" Smith, editor of the Times-Signal of Snyder, Texas recently took a ride on a motor bus which, according to him, was a mechanical wreck to start with and a complete wreck after the end of the trip, due to broken front axle, going in ditch, etc. Passengers who had paid a three-dollar cash fare were left to shift for themselves.

In an editorial on buses, "Jimmie" says: "One of these days there is a reckoning coming with motor bus operation and we are sorry the railroad commission could not have a more absolute inefficiency of one bus trip."

"To a fellow who believes in riding either the bus or passenger trains, to an unprejudiced mind, with the railroads paying their full share of the cost of the road system of the state and, in addition, paying upkeep of their own right-of-way, there is a lot of reckoning coming for the motor bus operators.

"If the motor bus accepts cash fare and, instead of making mechanical wrecks out on the highway without any fast provisions being made to complete their part of the bargain, then the quicker a show-down is made the quicker will the public see what it is entitled to receive, honest to goodness service."

Wildcat unregulated bus lines are a menace to the public. Financially those in interstate business are seeking legislation that will put them under state or Interstate Commerce Commission regulation the same as applies to railroads. The sooner this is done the better for all concerned.

COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COACHES OF WEST TEXAS TO MEET AT LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK, TEXAS, Dec. 29.—Plans are being made for a conference at the Texas Technological College, Jan. 10, of all West Texas coaches and officials of boys and girls basketball in colleges and high schools. Coaches of rural schools as well as city schools are invited.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with Coach P. W. Cawthorn and others of the college in sending out invitations and in other ways to make the conference here a success.

A general session of the coaches will be held, after which the conference will split into two groups. The coaches of boys' basketball will meet in one group with Coach Cawthorn in charge. The coaches of girls' basketball will meet with Miss Johnnie Gilkerson and Miss Zella Riegel, in charge of the Physical Education Department for Women.

Coach Cawthorn is president of the Texas Approved Basketball Officials Association. He has recently returned from a state conference at Dallas. The West Texas meeting will afford coaches in this section to get the latest rulings on basketball in the event they were unable to attend the Dallas meeting. This meeting will likewise afford the coaches an opportunity to make schedules if their schedules are not complete at that time.

Misses Johnnie Gilkerson attending of the Texas Athletic Conference of College Women at Belton, Nov. 20, 21, and 22. She will be in position to pass to directors of girls' athletics many valuable suggestions that were made at this conference. Volleyball, tennis, and other sports as well as basketball will be discussed in this group session.

The meeting will be held at the Tech Gym.

Americans may be money mad, as foreigners aver, but they are not misers. What they make they spend, this explains prosperity and depression, too, if you get what we mean.

Read the ads—it pays.

PLAINVIEW GOSSIP

(too late for last week)

With school closed for the week and a beautiful snow, the tanks frozen so that some of the small youngsters can enjoy falls on the ice the people of this community are surely feeling the Christmas spirit in the air.

The youngsters enjoyed their first visit from Santa Friday afternoon, when the Christmas box was opened at the school house and the children found that no one had been forgotten.

Along with the beautiful spirit of Christmas, many hearts have been made sad by the news of the death of Mr. Teague. He has long been a resident of our community and we shall miss him from our midst. We wish to express our heart-felt sympathy to his grief-stricken family.

Another sad message coming over the telephone, was the death of Mrs. Eliza Fretress of Athens, Texas. May we also offer our sympathy to her son and daughter of our community, Mrs. Bill Walker and B. H. Fentress.

As usual at this season of the year quite a bit of neighborhood visiting is going on, and we hope everyone will enjoy the holidays to the fullest extent.

Pat Walker is home on her vacation from Morton, Texas where she is teaching this term. Miss Maude Walker is home on her vacation from Morton, Texas where she is teaching this term.

Pat Walker is also here for the holidays. Mrs. Minnie Berry is expected home from Petersburg. Her family and friends will be glad to welcome her back again. It sure is fine to have so many back for the turkey dinners.

Miss Pat Walker was the guest of Eva Harris of O'Donnell Tuesday night. We are counting on a Merry!

Merry Christmas for each member of our little community and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

"The Cat" Editor's Note—Dear "Cat"—we are very sorry that we were forced to omit your items last week, but we greatly appreciate your writing on a letter from your fine little community each week. We appreciate this letter and are sure that the readers of the Index in that community would be glad to have you write them items each week. May we look for your letter each week?

THREE LAKES

Mrs. and Mrs. Jake Ellis of Lamesa spent Christmas with Mrs. Ellis' parents, G. W. Hickerson and wife.

We had a real nice program at the school house Christmas eve night. It was enjoyed by all present. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson and family spent Sunday with Tom Dulin near Wilson.

J. C. Sparks and family at a party at T. M. Ellis Jr.'s Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Edwards visited J. Wright Edwards and family in O'Donnell Sunday.

J. C. Sparks and family at Christmas dinner with relatives in O'Donnell. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellis of Thokwa were visitors in the G. W. Hickerson home last week-end.

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Local News

and Mrs. Perry Howard had their guests Christmas Day here, Mrs. H. D. Hayes, and sister, Cora Hayes, and brother, W. M. of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. and Mrs. C. B. Hayes and of O'Donnell.

Wilkes made a business trip back Tuesday.

and Mrs. M. B. Hood spent the days in Post.

and Mrs. Bill Britt of Greeley, spent part of the holidays here relatives. Mrs. Britt was before marriage, Miss Itasca Roberts.

W. G. Lindsay and daughter, and son, Woodrow, of Lakeland Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkes.

Gary came in a few days ago to renew the subscription which was his brother, J. C. Gary of the Mr. Gary believes that a good country and he wants little missionary work.

and Mrs. J. M. Christopher of Friday from Lubbock and where they spent the holidays.

Mesick returned Friday from Texas, where he spent Christmas with friends and relatives.

Palmer and Haskell McElroy Lubbock visitors Sunday.

Bibb Singleton has returned back where she has been mother since their accident the holidays.

and Mrs. R. C. Davis and family Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

and Mrs. B. L. Davis, Miss Nell and Mrs. C. L. Davis spent in Lubbock.

Hubbard, who has been the his brother, Cecil Hubbard, spent several days, returned me in Pampa Saturday.

and Mrs. L. S. Todd and family Wednesday from a two with with her father, H. A. Mercedes. On their return visited Corpus Christi and the interesting places. Mr. and at the office one day last ordered the Index for an.

Thanks, Mr. Todd.

Curry of Snyder spent with his daughter, Mrs. Marshall. He returned to Lubbock and Crosby, he visited relatives.

Edwards of Arlington Texas with his parents, Mr. Tom Edwards.

Mrs. T. A. McElroy were in business Tuesday.

Elizabeth Gray of Dallas guest of Mr. and Mrs. on during the holidays.

Mrs. Bill Miller and family were week-end guests Miller's father, J. W. Chandler.

Mrs. John Hardberger of are guests this week of relatives.

Smith of Tahoka was Wednesday of her sister Robinson.

LEAGUE INSTITUTE TO MEET HERE SOON

League Institute will be as follows: Modern Crusading, Monday starts at 5:30 Monday, January 12 and continue January 16. Credits the institute may be Christian, Culture, etc.

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Bro. C. A. Duncan, of Mrs. C. A. Teaching on Money, by Brown. F. Sue Gates. "Adventures in Sermon." Don Edwards. "Principles and Technical Dramatics," by Mrs. Rubie D. Sud

This Week

by ARTHUR BRISBANE
15,000,000 Years Ago
Reading and Thought
We Should Dance
No Russian Home Cooking

In northern Alberta engineers of the Canadian government have discovered the oldest preserved trees in the world. Their branches are waving over strange animals, including uncounted, half-developed men, fifteen million years ago, when our continent was connected with Asia.

That makes our giant redwood trees, "2,000 years old when Christ was born," seem very young.

Hermetically sealed in bitumen sands, safe from the destroying air, the wood was perfectly preserved, with some of its leaves, and the insects that were attacking both, when they were buried together.

Doctor Bailey of Harvard proves that one of the trees is a Japanese variety.

Those old trees, growing on a huge plateau that included North America and Japan 15,000,000 years ago, make our few days and little troubles seem less important.

According to Bacon, "reading maketh a full man." British statistics prove that hard times create more reading. Books of all kinds, including worth-while books on science, biology, astronomy, technology, etc., have increased in number of publications and in total sales.

When life is easy the average man does little thinking. In trouble, he thinks hard, and for thinking he wants printed information on which sound thought is based.

Twenty billion dollars in gold might help the world considerably. Twenty million earnest thoughts would help it more than any gold. One single accomplishment, based on thought, the production of clean power, paid all the debts that 2,000,000,000 people on the nations and gave industry such impetus as never had dreamed of.

Mary Wigman, young woman with earnest face, and a plan, arrives to tell us what America needs. Her prescription may surprise you.

We need to dance. We are "repressed" and you know enough about Freud to understand what that means. We need to dance, hop, jump, learn to relax, and "stop being puritanical." If Miss Wigman would go to some of our dances and dances she might be surprised.

A report that Russia's government intends to take over all food supplies and "end home cooking," feeding and cooking for the people in central kitchens, is modified by a later statement that the plan carries out that plan right away, but that is the "principle and plan."

It would be rather difficult to feed by government officials the 200,000 villages that make up the bulk of Russia's population.

Such a suggestion horrifies us in the United States, almost as much as the suggestion that children be taken from parents and brought up by the state.

But there was a time when the suggestion of public schools, supported by the property owners, horrified this country. And the suggestion that Americans would live in apartment houses also horrified us.

We were told then that no self-respecting American would ever give up his individual home.

Talking by radio to 200,000 employees, 257,000 stockholders, and 20,000 dealers of General Motors, President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., predicts a boom in prosperity to follow this slump. Without fixing future dates, Mr. Sloan agrees with other economists, who know the history of past depressions, that "out of it all is sure to come a better order of things and, eventually, greater heights of prosperity than any we have yet enjoyed."

General Hines, veterans' administrator, has prepared figures to interest veterans of the big war. Some of them will live 55 years longer. Mortality statistics show that the last will go probably in the year 1985. Six of their widows will last until 2008, which will be 128 years from now.

These last widows, as young women, will marry very old pensioned veterans, and continue drawing their pensions for many years.

SEER PREDICTS '31 YEAR OF TRIALS

War and Other Calamities Seen by Soothsayer.

Paris—Mme. Delmas-Fraya, famous soothsayer and confidante of several great political figures, predicts that 1931 will see the end of Fascism in Italy and a violent revolution in Germany, accompanied by economic and material catastrophes in every part of the globe.

"I see," she says, "the violent death of Europe as we know it, followed during 1931, Spain will be tossed by a complete transformation of the political regime. Germany will be torn by revolutions causing economic and financial ruin of the country."

"Argentina and Brazil have not yet completed their political revolutions and there will be several violent changes, without great bloodshed, during 1931. Spain also will be tossed upon the stormy sea of political convulsions."

Madame Fraya prophesies that war is fast approaching in Europe but that 1931 will be passed under the constant panic of war without actual fighting. During this time France will continue to consolidate its position through the efforts of a "young man" whose political star has not yet arisen.

"I am afraid," she laments, "that the coming year has many unhappy events in store for the world. The United States will be even harder hit during the economic depression, but will emerge victorious from the struggle. The women of America will play a large part in the re-establishment of financial and economic order."

Russia will be tested by violent tempests and earthquakes while similar catastrophes throughout the world will take thousands of lives."

Planes to Dust Poison on Jersey Mosquitoes

New Brunswick, N. J.—New Jersey's mosquito fighters have become air-minded, and attacks from airplanes on the state's best-known insect pest only await the development of the proper dust larvicide.

Research directed toward the making of such a larvicide has already been undertaken here at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, and preliminary tests made last summer were encouraging.

If further tests give good results, practical applications of the larvicide will be made from airplanes next summer.

By using airplanes loaded with a poisonous dust, mosquito fighters can extend their warfare to many now inaccessible mosquito-breeding areas. Dr. Joseph M. Glasburg, biochemist in entomology at the experiment station, believes, therefore, he explains, it has been impossible to prevent mosquito breeding in swamps and many other flooded areas that were too large to drain or fill, or where it was impossible to navigate with boats equipped for spraying oil.

Takes Children With Her to Prison Colony

Lisbon—Albina Coelho, known as the "Peloa" of Vila, was among the last group of criminals sent to the Portuguese colony of Loanda. She was accompanied voluntarily by her six children.

The "Peloa" has to serve a sentence of 22 years for the murder of the civil magistrate Paredes, whom she killed with a razor.

Albina Coelho once lived a life of ease, managing the affairs of her household. Now she has aged considerably as a result of her crime and imprisonment. When the time for her removal to Africa approached, the children—whose ages range from fifteen to twenty-five—decided that they did not want to stand the separation.

Their decision created a sympathetic reaction in many circles and even the archbishop of Evora gave Albina a letter of commendation to the archbishop of Loanda.

Chaplains to Be Put on U. S. Army Transports

Washington.—A plan to station chaplains on army transports as well as at posts and camps has been approved by the War Department. It was revealed recently in the annual report of Col. Julian E. Yates, chief of army chaplains.

Two chaplains already have been assigned to duty on army transports plying between New York and San Francisco. Inasmuch as five ships are used on this route "the system is not perfect," the report said, but more chaplains cannot be assigned to sea service until their authorized strength is increased.

Yates' report said there were now 120 chaplains assigned to the regular army, 206 to the National Guard and 1,120 to the Reserve corps. All are commissioned rank.

Couple at Dinner When Bird Flies In

Chehalis, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Donahue had a dinner visitor, but it didn't stay to become the principal dish.

A China pheasant flew into the dining room through a closed window, looked around and flew out another.

Both windows were broken, but the pheasant was not hurt.

MOSQUITO AND TREDWAY NEWS

Everyone of both communities report a wonderful time during the Christmas holidays.

C. A. Bearden and family had relatives visiting them from Colorado on Thursday.

Miss Nonnie Crump gave a Christmas dinner Wednesday. Those present were: Misses Loys and Minnie Bearden, Olene and Annie Lou Stephens and Mrs. Foster Barrett.

Mrs. Minnie Human and Billie Brooks went to Lubbock Tuesday.

Louis Gray of the "Flying W" ranch spent Christmas with his parents in this community.

Those that took dinner at the home of George L. Stephens, were: Mrs. Human, Billie Banks, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stephens of Gail, Geo. L. Stephens Jr. of Gail, and H. W. Stephens of Big Spring and Nonnie Crump.

J. D. Fairley of O'Donnell, Lefty Stephens and Given Crump went to Big Spring Thursday.

Dudley Hart went to Lubbock Monday to visit his brother who is attending Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt of Tahoka were the guests of B. B. Street and family Wednesday evening.

Bernice Morris had friends visiting from Brownfield Thursday.

A large crowd attended the party at Beattie Tuesday night.

Jessie Rahorn of Honey Grove spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac.

Jessie Fuller spent the holidays with Larone Fletcher.

A large crowd attended the party at Bearden's Friday evening.

Public expenditures in the United States absorb 14 per cent of our national income, and our per capita taxes now amount to \$77.39, according to Silas H. Truwin. In 1913 per capita taxes were \$22.66.

Wife, Gas, Scare Man In Dead Of Night

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A NEW YEAR AGAIN

The Birth of New Hopes For 1931

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SINGLETON HARDWARE

Nickel Charity Has Flourished 50 Years

New Orleans.—One of the oldest and most unique charities in the country has been flourishing in New Orleans for 50 years. It is one of "Step up and get your nickel lady," every Saturday at 9 a. m. in front of Simon Gumble & Co., cotton firm on Gravier street.

A crowd of 100 or more old women, black and white, gathers before the office of the company, knowing that at 9 a. m. a young woman secretary will come out of the door with a bag of nickels and give one to each of the gatherers.

This philanthropy, begun 50 years ago by Simon Gumble, founder of the firm, is carried on today, after three generations, by his grandsons, Lester and Joseph Gumble. Since the charity was first started approximately \$10,000 in nickels has been distributed.

The same facts are seen here year in and year out. Some resent the presence of newcomers. "It ain't like it used to be," said one old lady. "These new ones that come in push and grab some."

"Yes, sah," said an old negro woman, who has been getting her Saturday nickel for years. "De nickel she heaps out. I buy my 'beccy wid it. Gave bless de man dat gibs dat nickel, sah."

The custom will be carried out as long as the firm exists, the Gumbles say.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

A FINE BREAKFAST

It was ever and ever so much fun to have a swim in the Gulf of Mexico, while the Gulf himself talked to David.

All the time that he was splashing and swimming around, the Gulf told him stories and told him how he always stayed in the same place, and how much he liked it.

David told the Gulf of the trip he had been taking, and the Gulf took an interest in the other places and people David had met, which showed he was not at all conceited for such a fine body of water.

"Oh, what adventures he was having! How glad he was he had been allowed to have this trip and meet all these creatures.

So David had a splendid bath, and when he was dressed again the Gulf of Mexico had a wonderful breakfast for him.

"My oranges," the Gulf said, "come from Florida. I plucked them with the North East corner of my arm—I can just move a bit of my arm and do wonderful things like that!

"Particularly in honor of a guest!" David grinned.

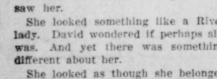
"The coffee I got from the West Indies, some superior islands down at the South East corner of my arm, and sugar from the sugar cane at the North of me.

"I'd give you a taste of tobacco, but I don't believe in chewing tobacco is done in the best circles, and though I do not belong to a best circle, I want to show I know what is what."

David thoroughly enjoyed his breakfast, and all the time while he ate, the Gulf of Mexico talked to him.

"I have correspondents," he said, "meaning," he explained, "those with whom I communicate. Now, I suppose your mother and your father and their friends would say that they had letters from people with whom they communicated."

"But I communicate with the Atlantic and the Pacific, and the Florida Strait on the East; the Caribbean Sea on the South East by way of the



A Swim in the Gulf of Mexico.

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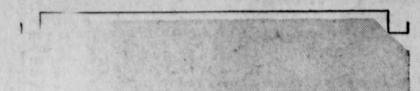
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In Black Hills Are On Old Home Ground



BUFFALO IN CUSTER STATE PARK

Buffaloes have come back to the Black Hills around which they traveled in great herds before gold was found in French Creek nearly sixty years ago. One hundred and seventy of these animals, almost forgotten in their old habitat are protected in the State Game Park beginning in the foot of where the buffalo range in multitude for protection from prairie

route for nearly forty years the train has carried health and pleasure seekers. In the picture town with the warm healing waters, through the narrow open gate of the buffalo. Custer State Park which has brought the buffalo home to safety, both from storms and careless hunters covers 138,000 acres and is the largest of all the state parks. It begins in the foothills and extends into the very heart of the mountains, encompassing the magnificent Needles road, and Harney Park, the highest point between the Rockies and the Atlantic ocean.

EX-WIFE AIDS MAN ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

Knoxville, Tenn.—Five years ago Eugene D. Blanchard, prominent young business man of Knoxville, won as his bride the beautiful Iva Dearing, whose starry-eyed loveliness had fascinated many other men.

Friday Blanchard was at liberty under \$20,000 bail, following his conviction of the murder of Harry A. Gervin, wealthy Knoxville contractor, with whom the lovely Mrs. Blanchard admitted she carried on a love affair for four years.

Blanchard was found guilty by a jury of Knoxville citizens after a sensational murder trial. His wife, Iva, who was with him, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Woman Not in Court. The woman for whom Blanchard said he shot, Iva Dearing, was not in court when the trial ended, nor did she appear while her former husband's attorneys battled to save him from the electric chair.

Friends said she is in Knoxville and was awaiting the outcome of the trial before going away "to begin life over again," but Blanchard did not see her.

He had been in jail since the slaying, four months ago, and immediately after his \$20,000 bond had been posted by relatives he left for Chattanooga, Tenn., with a young man, C. Blanchard, with whom he lived while a boy.

Plays Leading Role. But the beautiful woman for whom Blanchard shot down the rich contractor played a leading role in the courtroom drama. Affidavit, confessing to intimacy with the former husband's victim, was introduced by the defense.

It corroborated Blanchard's contention that he belonged to a class of affection suit against Gervin—a case which never reached court because of the slaying.

Radio to Replace Cable System in Alaska in '31 Seattle.—Powerful army radio stations are being constructed at Seattle and at Anchorage, Alaska, to supplant the cable system in providing communication between America's frontier territory and the rest of the world.

Links with Alaska commerce since the territory's earlier, more colorful days of gold mining, railroad building and developing of fish canneries, the cable system has grown steadily from 1904 until, during the last fiscal year, it handled 1,598,000 messages.

Paris Scene of Battle For Wealthy Tourists

The Place de l'Opera, the hub of Paris, has been turned into a battlefield which Germany and Italy are fighting France for tourists.

Germany recently advanced her front-line trenches when she secured a valuable office, over which it has been impossible to locate museum square and opened a glittering "Come to Germany" tourist office.

Comfortable lounging chairs, with newspapers in many languages in easy reach, make it a restful haven for the tired tourist.

Right across the street an Italian navigation company has established a propaganda office, over which it has been impossible to locate museum square and opened a glittering "Come to Germany" tourist office.

Both the German and Italian tourist offices offer cheap excursion rates.

Swiss Plan Air Aid for Lost Alpine Tourists

Berlin.—Airplane rescue work is to be developed and systematically organized by the Swiss government for the prevention of Alpine fatalities.

Many lives have been lost because it has been impossible to locate missing climbers. Cases have occurred where persons only slightly injured by falls into ravines starved to death.

Practise rescue flights carried out have been very successful. The planes locate a lost person, drop first aid equipment and provisions, and sketch the area and drop the sketch to the rescue expedition proceeding on foot.

HOARD MILLIONS IN U. S. CURRENCY

Misers Have Tucked Away More Than \$400,000,000. Washington.—Millions in old size currency, which was replaced more than a year ago by the new small size paper money will never be presented for redemption, treasury officials have estimated.

Various methods of determining the amount which will never come back place the aggregate gain to the government at from \$100,000,000 to as much as \$700,000,000. In addition to amount destroyed and lost, the treasury believes at least \$600,000,000 has been hoarded.

Although new small sized currency began circulating 15 months ago, a total of \$300,200,000 in old size money is still outstanding. If only one per cent of this fails to return, the treasury will save \$3,002,000.

Texas Loses Big Suit Over Free Oil Lands

Austin, Texas.—Texas cannot take back the land it gave to participants in the revolution that established it as a republic free from Mexico, the State Supreme court has ruled in the state's biggest lawsuit.

When the Texans established independence by defeating General Santa Ana at San Jacinto, grants of land were given to many of the participants in the revolution.

With the development of the Harris county oil field, the land came to be valued by inches instead of miles.

New surveys developed an apparent discrepancy between surveys of the early grants. The state claimed that occupants of grants had taken over 600 acres in the grants.

The state sued for the 600 acres and asked also an accounting and judgment for oil already taken from the land. Some of the pleadings estimated this at \$50,000,000 worth.

The state got judgment for 247 acres and \$1,263,000. The judgment was reversed in an intermediate court. Now the Supreme court has refused to let it go any farther.

London's Population Shows Slight Decrease

London.—A startling decline in population, the lowest birth rate on record and an increasing number of marriages, are revealed in the annual report of Dr. F. N. Kay Menzies, medical officer for health and London county council school medical officer.

The population of London was 4,524,000 in 1921 and was given as 4,450,000, a drop of 94,000, in the middle of 1928. Marriages numbered approximately 42,301 in London in 1929, 19.1 per thousand of the population as compared with 18.9 in 1928.

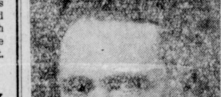
There were 70,899 births in 1929 as compared with 72,352 in the preceding year. Authorities said the number of births were fewer by 887 than in 1918, when the influence of the World war was at its height.

Celebrities' Autographs Auctioned Off Cheaply

Paris.—The first public auction sale of manuscripts and autographs organized in the government auction house, here, answered the old question of what is in a name. The sale established that if your name is Raymond Poincare an autograph letter with your signature has a market value of \$3.

Kings are no higher, for a Louis Philippe signature is priced in the autograph market at 75 cents. Some of the other prices were: Queen Marie Theresia, \$2; Victor Hugo, \$25; Leon Gambetta, great French republican, \$5; Alexander Dumas, \$8; King Charles X of France, \$1, and Christian VIII of Denmark, \$4.

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THE AMAZING AGE

If "law" did what it is supposed to do, the United States would be the most moral and "crimeless" country in the world. No other nation has ever had such a volume of legislation.

Yet the newspapers sag with accounts of the doings of celebrated gangsters and "racketeers." Law enforcement officers search frantically for ways to press charges against them, but to no avail. An answer to the signal for swift activity on the part of lawyers to show that supposed law-breaking is "within" the law.

The irony of such a situation is inescapable. We have thousands upon thousands of criminal laws and here is talk of asking the federal government to take a hand in subduing the criminal element in one of our gang-ridden cities! As a "crime remedy" it is often proposed to make it a crime for a perfectly honest citizen to own a revolver or pistol—while it is a rare week in which gangsters fail to "bump" someone off with machine guns.

And still we talk of passing more laws. Why not reverse the process and enforce some existing laws? We do live in an amazing age!

SOME GOOD ADVICE

"I am convinced," said W. S. Johnson, Treasurer of West Virginia, "that at least forty cents of every tax dollar collected in the United States is wasted." This is a startling statement, and may be somewhat exaggerated, but it should open the eyes of good citizens to the need of more efficiency and honest in government.

The same official estimates that one person of every ten is being employed by some agency of our government. He thinks that government could be operated with fewer employees, and he is possibly correct. The difficulty lies in knowing where the useless employees are.

The average wage-earner, Treasurer Johnson estimates, contributes one day's work of each week for taxes. Of course, the average wage-earner receives a wonderful benefit from the government in the way of education, health and life protection, and through the many other activities which modern government has assumed.

The same speaker enumerates three present dangers to American government, namely, the corrupt use

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of money in elections, the laxity in law enforcement, and the spread of communistic doctrine to replace fundamental American principles. It will be noticed that the correction of these calls for co-operation and thought from every American citizen.

JUDICIAL FLARE-UP

The decision of a federal district judge in New Jersey that the Prohibition Amendment was unconstitutional has caused considerable reading matter in the columns of the newspapers but will have little effect otherwise. Actual enforcement proceeds as before and the appeal from Judge Clark's decree is certain to result in a reversal of his opinion.

Too many amendments to the Federal Constitution have been ratified by the legislatures of various states and never before has the validity of any one of these seriously affected by any such contention as that constitutional conventions were necessary in each state to pass amendments to the Federal Constitution. If this position were finally upheld by the Supreme Court it would mean the elimination of several other important constitutional amendments from our organic law.

Instead of placing slices of lemon on a platter with fish, to garnish it pass them on separate plate, so they will not become greasy. It is better to cut the lemon lengthwise into eight or eight sections, than to slice it when one expects to squeeze the lemon juice over the fish. Finely chopped parsley may be sprinkled on the fish as a garnish and flavor.

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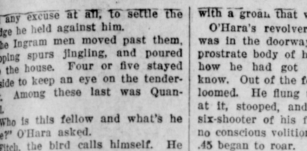
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HAYMES & BEACH

The HIGH TOP TENDERFOOT

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any excuse at all, to settle the edge he held against him.

The Ingram men moved past them, popping spurs jingling, and passed the house. Four or five started to keep an eye on the tenderfoot. Among these last was Quantrell.

"Who is this fellow and what's he doing here?" O'Hara asked.

"The bird calls himself. He said Two-Ace Burke from ambush, when you know all about it," Quantrell answered.

"We don't. Where did it happen? Being badly hurt?"

"I'll never be deader," the lad laughed coolly. "We buried him in a hill this mornin'."

"Buried from the house. 'Not dead' has been there, the Texas kid announced. "He had breakfast in that room. Fitch never was worth a lick of breakfast here."

"What's the eye of foolin' with these prisms? Sanderson cut in savagely. "You know where Fitch is at. They'll be or we'll bump 'em off right here."

"You know," Quantrell said to a black-faced cowboy named Buck Grodzki. "He was a brother of the man who was the Texas kid."

"That's all right," spoke up a big rangy fellow whose right cheek bulged from a wound of tobacco. "Been livin' up at the place. Betcha the Old Man's the very ranch."

O'Hara looked around on them, his competent men, hard-visaged, eyes that had ridden hard and long for vengeance. He realized that he could not go on with them. He turned to Quantrell, for instance. He had a friendly with Smith-Beresford, had protected them both. But he knew that now he would not lift his hand to either Sanderson or the others moved to strike.

Quantrell spoke. "I'm going up to a bunch of timber an' comb it. Before you fellows come along with me. We'll take care of these men when we get back."

Three men followed Quantrell to the door. The four mounted and rode into the grove.

"Hark to me, eye of his partner the two edged back toward the house. Very soon the riders would be a discovery, one which might lead to a disastrous reaction in preparing for the future."

"We're nothing against any of you," O'Hara explained. "We have started a peaceable ranching. If we can't get to be friendly with our neighbors, we'll have to get out of this range, plenty of grass."

From the timber above a shot rang out, followed by a puff of smoke.

"That's him, they've got him!" the boy cried, and he started up hill on foot.

Three men followed him. The others held to watch the partners. Among them who remained was Shep Sanderson.

Quantrell flung a glance toward the ground and saw that the others were drawing closer to the house. He heard voices in parley. The case was closed.

"About come down to them. He's up."

He emerged from the timber. The group of men in the center of the group, the prisoner, walked with limp. Evidently he had been wounded.

Sanderson chose that moment, before the companions could reach to object for his revenge. He stepped from the house. O'Hara felt the cold of the bullet. It had struck his right leg, but he did not know it. Later that he was not severely hurt.

That followed came so rapidly that it was no orderly sequence to it in any way. He could hear the four men come among them. A rifle flame flashed his shoulder. Hispanion staggered, leaned against the door jamb, and cried, "I'm hit!"

He moved through lanes of fire. Fitch stepped up in the smoke and vaulted over the door. He was striking with his knife. He pressed against yielding flesh and cut the trigger. The man gave way

filled the top of it to the frame in such a way as to cover the glass entirely.

He hurried to his place in the doorway, fired two shots, and withdrew again to give his friend water in a dipper. "How're you feeling?" he asked.

"His friend grinned feebly. "Pain damaged. Can't get up blood. From time to time he coughed up blood."

Garrett went back to his post. There was nothing he could do for his companion and he could not leave the doorway for long at a time. He heard the sound of shots from the other side of the lead against the logs. The enemy had him completely surrounded now.

He waited for the next billow of smoke in front, fired at it, and put down the rifle. Unfastening the belt around his waist, he looked for the stomach wound. There was nothing there but a bruise where the metal buckle had been driven against his flesh. Undoubtedly the clasp had deflected the bullet and saved his life.

Hour after hour the siege dragged on. Smith-Beresford became delirious. He tried to get up and chest, gave him water to drink, and left a wet cloth on his forehead.

The young lawyer knew that his own fever was mounting. The wound in his shoulder pained a good deal. It felt as though that the bullet had smashed a bone.

Grinly he recognized the fact that the attackers were paying him a compliment by their civility. They might have killed him. The siege ended the affair in two minutes. Evidently they counted the cost as too great to pay. The men he had wounded were a sufficient object lesson to them.

"What were they up to now?" A wagon was being pushed from the back of the barn and headed toward the house. Four or five men were behind it. They were using it as a cover for their approach. Snipers from right and left were being pushed out. He went his concentrating on the wagon.

The wheels of the wagon slewed to the right. A man crept forward to straighten them. Garrett drew a bead on him and fired. The man stumbled over his own foot and plunged to the ground. His body twitched and lay still. The others deserted the wagon and fled for the shelter of the barn.

The shot had been a lucky one for Garrett. It was the only one that hit the prisoner Fitch. One of the log rafters of the barn projected from the roof. The unfortunate man was led nearer this, a rope around his neck. The other end was thrown over the fence. Before Garrett's eyes they hanged the cowboy.

It was a thing horrible to see. This boy they were hanging was no criminal. He was a man who had been in him the stiff hardihood that frontier life begets. The rope already around his throat, he borrowed tobacco, rolled a cigarette, and smoked it. His horse was brought. "I'm in the saddle. He's help to lead the animal away he sprang into the air to make the fall of his body more violent."

Garrett turned away, sick at heart. He had to look again, to see what the enemy was about. They were gathered in a group discussing something heatedly. Plainly they disagreed. But he knew that the matter of his affairs had come to a crisis. He heard a voice raised in sudden anger. A man detached himself from the group. "By cripes! I'll smoke the pilgrim that I play a long hand. What you birds need is sand in yore craves."

The speaker was Bob Quantrell. He walked to a horse and flung himself into a saddle. He reined the animal around and swung to face the call. The bronco went into the air sunshining, came down, bucked up all hump-backed, and landed with legs as stiff as stakes. The rider had not set found the stirrups. He lost his balance and was pitched out. This happened. Instantly he was on his feet again, running to catch the bridle.

Before he was in the saddle a second time an interruption occurred. "Two ciders, a man and a woman, walked across the open toward the stable. The man was Dave Ingram, the woman Barbara Steelman.

Ingram dragged his pony to a halt and leaned to get a drink. "What's all this?" he demanded. "Deever moved forward. "These pilgrims have done killed Brad Sowers and they want to make the grade." "Who started it?" demanded Ingram. The Texas kid answered him. The young fellow held a blood-stained handkerchief. "I play a long hand. What you birds need is sand in yore craves."

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Barbara wanted to hear no more. One of her friends was dead and the other wounded. She clasped her hands with them, not here. She touched her pony with the spur and the animal jumped to a canter. Straight toward the house she rode.

The last Ingram understood her intention. Her horse had covered one-third of the distance before he could make a move.

"Ladies' choice," murmured Quantrell innocently. "Right hands to your partners an' grab right an' left. Everybody waltz. I'll be doggone if I don't begin to like the Hashknife outfit better than the Diamond Tail. No yellow in their stock, looks like."

Ingram looked at the young desperado coldly.

"Perhaps you'd like to join them," he said.

Unexpectedly Quantrell's answer jumped back at him, a sharp acceptance of the challenge. "You're d-d-d-whistlin' I would. No complaints against you, Ingram, but I don't like the company I'm keepin'."

He moved away toward his horse, rifle in hand. The boy's back teeth showed in a snarl as he drew up his lip. The cold light blue eyes passed in little stalling glances from one to another. He got up an instant's warning to begin flinging bullets.

No man moved to prevent him from going. They could shoot him down. That was certain. But not without loss. He was a good shot. He was as deadly as a coiled rattlesnake. "Don't push on the reins, Ingram," Quantrell said quietly. "Think it over awell."

"No, sir. When I'm through I'm through. You've got any objections?" Again his eyes darted from one to another, trying to read and forestall the intentions of these ruffians with whom he was parting company.

If there were any objections none was expressed by anybody except Ingram.

"You're liable to rue this, Quantrell," his man roared. "I'm in."

"Not none," the boy replied curtly. "He had reached his horse. Warily he edged behind it, not for one moment lifting his eyes from the group he had. His hand felt for the bridle, his foot for the stirrup. He swung to the saddle, backed it, his legs behind the stable, whirled it in its tracks, and dashed for the pines, looking back.

Garrett O'Hara watched with amazement as Barbara swung her cow pony and put it at a canter toward the cabin. She slipped from the saddle and fell. He saw that she had dragged aside the mattress to make way for her.

Once inside, she looked at him, eyes dilating with fear.

"In the shoulder. I'll be all right. Afraid Lynch is badly hurt. They hit him in the chest."

She looked at the bed where the doctors were busily toiling. "I'm in the cabin. Watch out they don't rush the house. I don't think Mr. Ingram will let them, but I'm not sure."

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FOR SALE—Nice hegiari bundles three and four cents each. Dewey Thomas, 12 miles west of town 12-2p

Advertising during 1931 will help.

SISTERS WED

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Mmes. G. L. Sutton, C. H. Mansell, W. E. Gue, John Earles, W. H. Ritsenthaler, Harvey Line, Naymon Everett, T. M. Garner and daughter, Kitty May; Mmes. W. L. Rodgers, C. H. Westmoreland, W. L. Palmer; Misses Thelma and Irma D. Palmer and Beverly Wells.

Musician Quits Job to Become Expert Aviator

East St. Louis, Ill.—Two years ago George Gruen supplied tunes from his seat in an orchestra pit, where he played a flute. Today he sits in the cockpit of an airplane and listens to music of the wind as he pilots his airplane.

Gruen tired of a musician's life and entered a flying school here. Within two years he had become a licensed aviator and is now chief flying instructor at the school.

Gruen says his greatest thrill was his first solo flight.

"I took off," he said, "and quickly found myself 300 feet in the air. I looked back and realized my instructor was not with me."

"I was up there in the air all by myself, but the realization of that fact gave me a thrill I will never forget."

He says he was "lucky" and made a perfect landing.

Stuffed Canary Sings Despite Its 75 Years

Pine Bluff, Ark.—A stuffed canary bird that sings, believed to be the only one in existence, has been found in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Patrick.

According to Patrick the bird died nearly 75 years ago. A New York man, a hanger-on about saloons, took the bird and four others, constructing bird music boxes. The one here is thought to be the only one of the five still in operation.

The bird is housed in a large gilded cage. When the bird is wound it sings like a live canary.

T-BAR NEWS

There was an attendance of 57 at Sunday school Sunday. Hope to see more out next Sunday.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program. A number from other communities visited with us. Mr. M. A. Dorman of Midway one of our T-Bar citizens acted as Santa Claus. The exercises of the evening were enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whipp and relatives are spending the week in Mexico, also visit the Carlsbad Caverns before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Leverett are spending Christmas and New Years with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Leverett of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Decker of Godly Texas are the proud parents of a ten pound boy, mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Decker was one of our T-Bar girls known as Vivian Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook of the Wells community spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crews.

Miss Oletta Franks spent Christmas with her relatives of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Conley.

Grandpa and grandma and Roy Ledbetter ate Christmas dinner with their children and Bro. Mrs. and Mrs. R. G. Ledbetter.

Ernie Was Fast Worker, but Speed Didn't Count

Ernie was one of a group of friends on their way back from the Cape after a day in the water when a tire on one of the cars, went flat. After desperate tooting, the leading car was halted and the party in that machine, returning to volunteer aid, found that Ernie had made good progress in pulling of the damaged shoe.

With a deftness that surprised the party in view of the heat, Ernie soon had the ground covered with shoes, rim tools, nuts and what not. In a surprising time everything was fixed. "Just let her down off that jack," he ordered one of the more immaculate in the party who was itching with an apparent urge to help. The jack was removed and the tire flattened in the road.

"What a swell job you did!" the gang echoed as Ernie looked around in disgust.

It was quickly found that Ernie had pulled off the punctured shoe and then put it back on again at the same time the spare, all pumped up and rearing to go was still lying within his reach.—Brookton Enterprise.

Good Old Feather Bed Not Entirely Obsolete

Although feather beds are seldom seen in the cities, numbers of them are still in use in rural New England, particularly among elderly persons, says a writer in the New York Times Magazine. In earlier days the feathers of wild geese were considered best for stuffing the ticking, with duck feathers next. Both geese and ducks were numerous, and farmers and their sons found gunning profitable. There was a ready market not only for the feathers but for the bodies.

John Winter, in his account of expenditures at Richwood Island, (Maine), in 1639, mentions paying a shilling each for geese, four pence for ducks and two pence for teal. In 1810 a Maine gunner paid for a farm from the proceeds of the few he shot, the greater part being derived from the sale of brant feathers. The aristocracy demanded brant feathers for their feather beds; probably not because they were better than goose feathers, but because they were more rare.

Saved by Salt

One of the secret activities developed toward the end of the war was the creation of mine fields. One of the most important fields, 22 miles long by 35 wide, was laid down by Capt. D. Pratt Mannix and his associates, and is described by him in a special article for St. Nicholas Magazine. The mine laying ships consisted of a deck railway to drop them overboard. One mine (weighing 300 pounds), was dropped and anchored every eight seconds. The only thing that prevented (usually) an explosion from rough handling was a small cap of compressed salt which dissolved after half an hour's soaking in the ocean, and left the mine ready for work. Salt meant more to these heroes than to King Lear of bygone days.

Early American Libraries

In 1731 a subscription library was opened by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia. Many early subscription libraries have become the foundations of public libraries. The public library as we know it today was scarcely known before 1850 and has developed for the most part since the formation of the American library association in 1878. The earliest tax-supported library is supposed to have been the town library of Salisbury, Conn., established in 1803. The oldest existing library is said to be the one at Petersburg, N. H., established in 1833.—Kansas City Star.

Dandy French Musketeers

A musketeer is a soldier armed with a musket, an infantryman of earlier times, but the word is specifically applied to a company of gentlemen who were a mounted guard in the service of the kings of France from 1661 down to the time of the revolution. They were clad in scarlet, hence their quarters were called the "Maison Rouge." In peace they followed the king on his hunting expeditions to protect him. In war they fought either on foot or on horseback. They were dandy soldiers, who went to war with curled hair, white gloves, and perfumed like milliners.—Montreal Family Herald.

The Easiest Way

A young girl was talking to the other day of what she desired to do with her life. While nobody appeared to know of any special aptitude she had for anything, she discussed the possibility of becoming an artist or writer.

It was evident that these things suggested effort, for after a while she said languidly: "I don't know. Perhaps I shall just marry."

Nautical Difficulties

Sharon's mother bought her a toy sailboat and told her to put some water in the bathtub and sail. Fifteen minutes later Sharon came out on the front porch with the toy boat in her hand.

"Why aren't you sailing your boat?" asked her mother.

"Oh, the tub ran over and the boat kept falling out," replied Sharon calmly, "and I got tired of getting it back in."

EAST SIDE NEWS

We are hoping that the New Year will be more prosperous than the old one during 1930.

Miss Ozell Wheeler returned to Hobock Sunday to take up her studies.

Miss Beatrice Wheeler returned to Abilene last Friday to take up her work there.

Miss Pauline Wheeler is on the sick list but is some better at this writing.

M. C. Sweatt and family, Bob Harred and family, Estie Brewer and family, Emmitt Brewer and family, Jack Thory and family, Wallace Bains and family, and Opal Ray, Jack Brewer, Mr. Simmons, Emmitt Brewer, and Dave Ferguson and family all visited at the H. L. Brewer's home Christmas day.

Estie Brewer and family, Ernest Brewer and family, Wallace Bains and family, P. P. Brewer and Mr. Pringle visited at the H. L. Brewer's home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw motored to Roby Christmas day.


The writer and wife can say that they were sure did have a fine Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brewer sent us a fine one and also Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ratliff sent us a quart of theirs. We surely do thank you all for Mrs. Yarbrough is sick, such bad health that she is unable to cook and I am not up from cooking cakes and pies.

The Post people have let the contract to Mr. Jim Parker of the Berry Flat community to build a five-room house on their farm, 6 miles east of O'Donnell. The place is better known as the Beach farm.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Parker and Lester Parker and family spent the Christmas week in New Mexico.

MIDWAY NOTES

Many in the neighborhood are moving to other places. Best wishes or a prosperous New Year to all. A large crowd attended the party



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Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coor.
Mr. Otto Shepard and Miss Gladys Henry were married Wednesday at Longtown, N. M.

Miss Ruby Stokes of Abilene was married last Tuesday. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes of Midway. We failed to learn her husband's name.

J. L. and John Harred spent Christmas with Willie Harred and family near Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford and granda Stafford of Hobbs, N. M. visited Bill Coor and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Parks, sister of Mrs. Bill Coor, was operated on Wednesday and is doing nicely. Mrs. Geo. Boyer is staying with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Thorp of Andrews spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Sweatt, and family.

Robert Harred and family, Opal Ray, and the writer's family took dinner in the home of H. L. Brewer of East Side.

Claud Hill and family took dinner with W. H. Ray and family Thursday. A large crowd attended the party Saturday night in home of Robert Harred.

Carl Johnson is home on a visit he is in the Navy.
G. W. Alexander is able to be up and around again.

Bill Williams, Inez Wisner and Thomas Williams were in our community Sunday.

Wilton Coor of Eola, Texas has been a guest of Inez Saunders during the holidays.

Mrs. John Wolf has been on the sick list this week.
David Brewer of East Side spent two or three days visiting in the Midway community this week.

Doc Boyer of Suddy, Cecil Sweatt Jr., and Whit Coor took dinner in the Ray home Sunday.

This is my last news from Midway as we are moving near Brownfield. Best wishes to the editor and readers.—Mrs. M. C. Sweatt.

Editor's Note.—Since Mrs. Sweatt is leaving the Midway community we are losing a mighty good correspondent. We appreciate all that she has done for us in that community and wish for her and the family all good things and a prosperous 1931. Also—we are asking for a correspondent from that fine community, if there is anyone who wishes to send in a news letter from that locality we

will be glad to hear from you. If you do not care to do it yourself perhaps you could make a suggestion of a good correspondent, if so, we will appreciate hearing from you.

TO GET LAUGHS NOT EPIC'S AIM

Even Logical Humor Bared From Likely To Distract From Stirring Story

Raoul Walsh is one director who takes no latitude in order to get a laugh in his picture productions. Yet he could have directed a scene in his epochal Fox Movietone, "The Big Trail," which would have been both laughable and authentic. That it might be misunderstood was his reason for abandoning the idea.

"The Big Trail," a re-enactment of pioneer days of a century ago depicts a wagon train of settlers starting Westward, sticking to it despite terrific obstacles and finishing in their valley of dreams.

It is a historical fact that the pioneers wore their everyday clothes in the covered wagons, such Sunday go-to-meeting clothes as they may have possessed when they started. It is further historical fact, and a logical one, that before they came to the end of the trail, what had once been clothes in many instances wound up as rags.

They then had to resort to their trunks for habiliments to cover them and it is true that it was not uncommon to find many of them arrayed in silk hats, swallow tail coats and fancy vests of the period. With the women folk it might have been a party dress topped with a frayed sunbonnet with dancing shoes replacing brogans.

But such a scene fearing that it might detract from the humaneness and the drama that had gone before. "The Big Trail," which opens its 3 day engagement Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 4, 5, and 6 at the Palace Theatre at Lamesa, is

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