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# CISCO DAILY NEWS

CISCO, TEXAS—1,614 feet above the sea; 5 lakes of water; 5 rail exits; 6 paved highway exits; 127 blocks of brick streets; good hotels; A-1 public schools and Randolph College; no mosquitoes; no malaria or typhoid.

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## NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR JOFFRE

### Padlocking of U. of T. Fraternity Houses is Proposed

#### GAMBLING IS CHARGED BY CAMPUS PAPER

#### Lack of Official Action to Check Vice Decried

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Padlocking of University of Texas fraternity houses or other places where students gamble was proposed by County Attorney Bryan Blacklock in a conference with Sheriff Coley White of Travis county this afternoon. Inquiry of university officials as to any knowledge of gambling places was proposed as a first step by Sheriff White.

The conference followed an editorial in the Daily Texan today in which it was charged that though gambling devices are being operated in the university neighborhood "nothing has been done" about it.

County Attorney Blacklock also proposed summoning the editor of the paper, published by university students, before the grand jury to furnish the officials the information upon which the charges of gaming are based.

Only one complaint of gambling in the university environs has been brought to the state rangers, and upon investigation it was found the place had been moved, rangers reported this afternoon.

"Fight Renewed" The Daily Texan editorial which appeared in the first issue since the Christmas holidays said under the heading "A Fight Renewed."

"Appropos of an editorial in a recent issue of the Daily Texan, deploring the fact that gambling devices are being operated in the university neighborhood, the Southern Methodist university campus has this to say among other things: 'If the laws are not enforced in the capital of the state where they are made, they can hardly be expected to be enforced elsewhere.' The point admits of no refutation. Yet nothing has been done about the condition; a few abortive attempts have been made, but beyond that, nothing. The Daily Texan finds itself with a crusade on its hands but with not the slightest vestige of authority with which to combat the evil."

"The situation remains a clear case of buck-passing in its present stage. The conditions have been revealed, the merchants have been appealed to as responsible business men who should have the best interests of the students at heart; no more can be done except to hope that definite official action be taken. Aside from the fact that Austin is setting a bad example for the rest of the state, as the Southern Methodist paper points out, it is also evident that a very unwholesome condition is existing in the university neighborhood and summary action would not be amiss."

#### Cattle Pens Are Built at Moran

MORAN, Jan. 3.—Moran now has splendid equipment for loading cattle. Recently the M. K. & T. built four large pens on the old Texas company spur, one mile north of Moran, which will accommodate about 12 cars of cattle. Four different grades of cattle could be kept apart and loaded easily.

This week the Katy is building concrete water troughs for each pen. The water will be procured from the city of Moran, and adequate water for any number of cattle will be accessible at any time.

Moran is proud of these pens, as they would be a credit to any shipping point.

#### RADIO

SUNDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES Copyright 1930 by United Press WEAF (NBC network) 6:30 p. m. CST.—"War."

WABC (CBS network) 7:45 p. m. CST.—The Gauchos.

WEAF (NBC network) 8:15 p. m. CST.—Water Kent Hour.

WJZ (NBC network) 9:00 p. m. CST.—Evensong.

WABC (CBS network) 11:00 p. m. CST.—Quiet Harmony.

#### MYSTERY OF MAN IN THE IRON MASK IS SOLVED

CANNES, French Riviera, Jan. 3.—The tiny island off the coast here on which the man in the iron mask was kept prisoner, the Ile Sainte-Marguerite, was classed today by government archaeological authorities as a historic site. Simultaneously comes an announcement that the 300 years mystery of the masked man has been solved.

In the sixteenth century, the island was strongly fortified. Under the great Cardinal Richelieu, it was built into a formidable little fortress, but the century following it was used mainly for housing certain political prisoners. Towards the end of the seventeenth century, the mysterious man in the iron mask was brought there. He arrived late one night, in a tiny rowboat, and lodged in one of the dungeons. His identity no one knew, but it was whispered that he was the twin brother of King Louis XIV. All during the time he remained on the island he wore this heavy mask, variously stated to have been made of iron and steel, but which is now established to have been velvet. As mysteriously as he arrived, he was taken away, to be lodged in the bastille in Paris where he died in 1703.

Search among the ruins of the fort on the island of St. Marguerite is now stated to have revealed scratches on one of the dungeon walls in the form of the name "Matioli." This fits in with earlier clues and seems to provide the solution to the enigma, sought during centuries.

According to voltaire, the mystery man was undoubtedly the brother of Louis XIV, but it is now conclusive that he was secretary of state of Charles IX, Matioli. Having betrayed the confidence of Louis XIV, Matioli was arrested by surprise on Louis' order. This was May 2, 1679. A mask was placed over his features in order to keep his identity secret from the public. Thus disguised, he was taken to the Ceatu of Pignerol. Thence he was transferred, March 19, 1684, to the Dungeon of St. Marguerite. He remained there two and a half years, being removed in September 1693 to the bastille. Thousands of tourists annually cross the short stretch of water from Cannes to visit the island prison of the man in the iron mask and it is because of fear of desecration of the place that the island has been officially closed among France's historic spots.

#### PROPERTY AT D AND SIXTH TRANSFERRED

#### Continental to Spend Large Sum on New Station

A deal involving the transfer of the property at D avenue and Sixth street, formerly occupied by the Chevrolet sales agency here from Mrs. M. E. Holcomb to the Continental company for an unannounced consideration was made public Saturday here.

#### Operator Not Given Time to Respond

Investigation by the officials of the telephone company following a statement in the Daily News attributed to George Brinkley, (colored) janitor at the Palace theatre, that he had been unable to arouse the telephone operator when endeavoring to report an attempt on the part of unknown persons to gain entrance to the theatre early Thursday morning revealed that the operators on duty were not given time to answer the call. P. Pettit, manager of the Cisco district said Saturday. The two operators on duty were working on tickets when the switchboard light flashed. One of them responded but before she could plug in the light went out. Mr. Pettit said there was no further summons.

#### CORNERSTONE INSTALLATION IS POSTPONED

Installation of the cornerstone in the archway at the Oakwood cemetery has been postponed. Strictly speaking no cornerstone will be laid but a large metal box containing copies of the Cisco Daily News and Cisco American and other informative articles will be cemented within one of the big pillars. This method was decided upon as a means of protecting the box and its contents from alkali.

#### WOMAN BANDIT.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 3.—The City Savings & Loan Company bank was robbed of \$450 today by a young gunwoman who demanded \$5,000 and disappeared when the manager tossed her a packet of bills.

#### EXTRA DIVIDEND

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—Directors of the National Bank of Commerce today announced an extra dividend of 3 per cent bringing the total annual dividends of the bank to 15 per cent for 1930.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES

MOUNT VERNON, Jan. 3.—Funeral services were planned here today for Guy P. Hill, 61, who died yesterday at the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Terry at which he was a pallbearer.

#### Akerson Leaves Hoover "Circle"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The inner Hoover circle has lost another familiar figure. George Akerson, secretary to the executive and one of the pioneer Hoover-for-president men, is leaving Washington to accept a \$30,000 a year position on the executive staff of the Paramount Public corporation in New York. He will organize a new public relations department for the motion picture concern.

#### MOODY VARIED RULE IN FAVOR OF RICHARDS

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Governor Dan Moody revealed today that he had varied his "no Christmas clemency" rule to gratify the appeal of the five year old daughter of Ben C. Richards, Jr. that her daddy spend Christmas with her. Richards was given a ten day furlough from the three year sentence he is serving on conviction of forging in connection with \$1,000 worth of checks, involved in an election wager over the Mayfield-Connelly election.

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEY FULMINATES.

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—William McGraw, district attorney, today charged the Texas board of pardons and paroles with "gross negligence" in the granting of a furlough to Ben C. Richards, convicted forger, who was at liberty here while McGraw was replying to a request for a recommendation on Richards' request for a parole.

#### MOODY TAKES ALL THE BLAME.

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Governor Dan Moody this afternoon took to himself any "negligence" in connection with the ten day furlough issued to Ben C. Richards, Jr. when shown the comment of District Attorney William McGraw of Dallas criticizing the state board of pardons. The board officers were closed this afternoon.

#### M. E. Missionary Institute Meeting

The Missionary Institute for the Cisco district of the Methodist church will meet next Wednesday at 10 a. m. at First Methodist church in Eastland.

#### DEDICATION

DALHART, Jan. 3.—Ceremonies formally dedicating the new \$100,000 building of the Standard Telephone company were held here today.

#### BANK MERGER

ITALY, Jan. 3.—Consolidation of the Farmers National bank and the First National bank here was effected today.

#### BOND ISSUE IN CALLAHAN IS DEFEATED

#### Opposition Smothers Proposal Under Big Majority

Callahan county voters went to the polls yesterday and decisively defeated a proposal to vote \$1,000,000 in bonds for the improvement of the county's system of roads. Returns from all the larger boxes were in only a few minutes after the polls closed at 7 o'clock and from the first it was clear that the proposal had been smothered under an overwhelming opposition.

Not enough boxes were unreported at the time to materially change the complexion of the vote.

The issue failed to carry a single box reported at the time. The nearest that it came to a majority was at Cross Plains where 145 votes were cast for the bonds and 145 against.

Other boxes reported as follows: Baird, 34 for, 90 against; Belle Plaine, 15 for and 24 against; Clyde, 85 for and 192 against; Admiral, 2 for and 45 against; Putnam, 13 for and 244 against; Oplin, 58 for and 73 against.

The proposal voted upon was for the issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds for the construction of a system of lateral roads, a highway from Baird to Cross Plains where it would intersect with highway No. 23 and for retiring outstanding bonds of road districts No. 1 and 4, organized for the construction of the Bankhead highway through the county.

About \$292,000 would have been required to retire the district bonds; \$350,000 would have been matched with a like sum from the state highway commission for the construction of the Baird-Cross Plains highway and the remainder of the money would have been divided equally among the four commissioner precincts for the building of lateral roads.

#### Will Head Texas Employment Group

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—R. M. Kelly Longview will head the Texas Employment committee named today by Governor Dan Moody to cooperate with similar state committees and President Hoover's State Labor Commissioner Chas. MacKelmy to be secretary of the committee. Other members are Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, Ernest Alexander of Fort Worth, L. J. Hart of San Antonio, R. C. Kuldell of Houston and John Darrouzet of Galveston.

#### FIRE DEPT. IS ORGANIZED FOR ENSUING YEAR

The Cisco Volunteer Fire department organized for 1931 at its regular monthly meeting held Friday evening at the city hall by nominating five men from whom the city commission will select a chief and an assistant chief and electing other officers, including foreman and assistant foremen of the three companies, a secretary-treasurer and a sponsor.

The city commission will name the chief and assistant chief at its next meeting, it is understood. Miss Clementine Wippen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wippen, was elected sponsor of the department.

J. E. Stuart was elected secretary and treasurer. Ed Aycock was elected foreman of hose company No. 1 and Clarence Tune was elected his assistant. G. P. Rainbolt was elected foreman of hose company No. 2 and R. L. Garrett was named his assistant. R. L. Wilson was elected foreman of the hook and ladder company and O. C. Lomax assistant. These elections were held by each of the companies individually.

#### ALFARO ACCEPTS SUMMONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Panama minister here since 1922, has accepted a summons to return to his homeland and assume the presidency, from which Harmodio Arosemena was ejected yesterday by a coup d'etat.

Dr. Alfaro cabled the Panama supreme court, from which the call to high office came, that he would leave for Panama "as soon as possible. Legation officials said no definite time had been set for his departure from Washington.

#### BUYS BUILDING

WACO, Jan. 3.—A. R. Roberts has purchased the five story Provident building here for \$250,000.

#### Vocational Boys Terrace Farms

Four members of the Cisco Vocational classes, under direction of E. H. Varnell, ran lines for 5,500 yards of terraces on two farms in the vicinity of Cisco Wednesday. The boys are Aubrey and Avery Holt, Aimee Lee Richardson and Welbourn Garrett.

#### WILLIAMS IS NO-BILLED BY GRAND JURY

BEAUMONT, Jan. 3.—Robert L. Williams, 18 year old Texas university sophomore was no-billed by a Jefferson county grand jury here shortly before noon today, in the death of Elizabeth Johnson, his 15 year old sweetheart in Port Arthur.

Williams had been bound over to the grand jury under \$10,000 bond on a charge of murder in connection with the death of the girl last Saturday.

She was found shot to death in his car. The student claimed her death suicidal.

#### STUDENT NOT AT HIS HOME

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—R. L. Williams University of Texas sophomore, was not at his home here today to receive the news from Beaumont that he had been no-billed in connection with the investigation of the death of Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Port Arthur, his 16 year old fiancee.

The Rev. S. W. Williams, Methodist presiding elder for this district and father of the student, said: "I felt sure he would be cleared. In the papers give this as much prominence as they did the charge."

"My son is not here and will have no comment to make," the minister said.

#### ALFARO CALLED TO PRESIDENCY OF PANAMA

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 3.—A provisional government controlled Panama today as it awaited the arrival of Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Panamanian minister in Washington, to assume the presidency of the nation.

The supreme court accepted the resignation of President Don Florencio Harmodio Arosemena and his cabinet, and named Dr. Harmodio Arias, 44-year old attorney and president of the Panama Bar association, as "secretary of the government and justice in charge of the government." Dr. Arias, as acting president, announced the formation of the following provisional cabinet:

Foreign Affairs—Francisco Arias Parades. Finance—Enrique Jimenez. Justice—J. J. Valerino. Agriculture of Public Works—Ramon E. Mora. Education—J. M. Quiros.

Victor F. Goytia was named secretary of the presidency. The recall of Dr. Alfaro was based on the contention that he is legally still first vice president of Panama and thus succeeds to the office vacated by Arosemena. He held the office prior to Arosemena's selection in 1923, which was rejected yesterday by a coup d'etat.

The public will be permitted to file past the bier between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 9 a. m. Soldiers, some of whom helped Joffre hurl the German invaders back from the walls of Paris, will escort the body to the Arc de Triomphe. Then the chains across the archway will be removed and which Joffre and Foch rode at the head of the triumphant allied parade in 1919. The body will be carried on an artillery caisson.

The cortege will stop for one minute in front of the tomb of France's unknown soldier after which it will move down the avenue Des Champs Elysee and along Rue Divoli past the town hall to Notre Dame cathedral.

#### PASSING OF MARNE HERO IS MOURNED

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United States Ambassador Walter E. Edge, who returned to Paris from the United States yesterday, was one of the first callers at the hospital after Joffre's death. His condolences to Madame Joffre constituted his first official act since his return.

Other visitors included Marshal Henri Pétain, Gen. Gouraud, Minister of War Louis Barthou, and President Gaston Doumergue. The president embraced Madame Joffre affectionately.

Premier Steeg expressed the nation's condolences to the widow, and the gratitude of France for his years of service.

Government officials decided at a meeting this noon to hold a national funeral for Joffre, corresponding in many respects to the final honors tendered the late Marshal Foch.

The body will lie in state Monday and Tuesday in the St. Louis chapel instead of under the Arc de Triomphe as in the case of Foch at the request of the widow who wished to spare soldiers and the public the discomforts of being exposed bareheaded to possible rain.

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#### WEATHER

By United Press West Texas: Partly cloudy Sunday. Somewhat colder in western portion Sunday.

East Texas: Mostly cloudy Sunday.



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DAILY BIBLE READING

A MORNING PRAYER—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10. PRAYER—O Lord, take away the bad and increase the good within me.

CHICAGO BUSINESS LEADERS VERY HOPEFUL

Three Chicago business leaders, outstanding at that, contributed their mites to a story under the caption of "Better 1931 Business Conditions." Samuel Insull said: "Our good times will not come as a gift of government, but as an effort of the people."

Uncle Sam hasn't been making gifts to the people. Pres. Hoover hasn't been making gifts. The congress hasn't been making gifts. American taxpayers are responsible for all the relief dollars appropriated by government authority.

George M. Reynolds, noted banker, said: "The transformation from business dread to hope and faith in the New Year has been wonderful." George M. Reynolds is one of the king bankers of America. Theodore R. Gerlach, president of the Illinois Manufacturers association, said: "Business is on its toes, at the starting line, it is ready to spring forward in the prosperity race of 1931." Well, all the people, rich or poor, high or humble, are ready for springboard action.

HARVEY FIRESTONE IN ROLE OF PROPHET

Harvey Firestone, the tire manufacturer and multi-millionaire, is spending the holiday season with his family in Florida. Harvey is an optimist. His viewpoint is the nation is returning to a normal condition "after a period of too much pessimism induced by business depression. More over he says the people appreciate the value of the dollar more now than they did in the days of extreme optimism, and except for unemployment he pointed out that America is in the best condition now of any nation in the world.

NORRIS WOULD ABOLISH ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska would abolish the electoral college in order that a president might be elected by direct vote of the people. Why not? Senators are elected by direct vote of the people; representatives are elected by direct vote; governors are elected by direct vote; judges and state lawmakers are elected by direct vote. Why not the president of the United States?

MEXICAN TARIFF LAWS.

If the tariff is good for one nation it is good for another. If it is good for the subjects of Uncle Sam it is good for the subjects of Uncle Rubio. American lawmakers made a sky high tariff for the protection of Americans. They closed the ports of entry for the protection of Americans. That is they shut out the goods and the workers of foreign lands and then let it be known they were ready to sell all the surplus stuff of the shop and the farm to foreigners under foreign skies.

Now Mexico has placed heavy tariff on grapefruit, oranges, bananas, apples and eggs. Duties placed on eggs amount to approximately five cents a pound. This is the Mexican alibi or argument: "To prevent buying of products in the United States that can easily be produced in Mexico." Thousands of Mexican nationals deserted the United States for Mexico this year. Why worry?

INCOMES OF AMERICAN MILLIONAIRES.

In the peak year of the Wall street speculative craze Wall street playing brought incomes of a million dollars or more to 511 persons. Of the 511 million dollar increase class 74 were women and 29 single women. Eighteen of the latter had incomes between one million dollars and \$1,500,000, three ranged between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000; two between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000; two between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000; two between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 and two had incomes of \$5,000,000 and over.

New York had 243 of the 511; Illinois 57, Pennsylvania 41, Massachusetts 24, Michigan 25, Ohio 23, Little Delaware 9, Texas 2, New York has the Rockefellers, father and son, Michigan has Henry Ford. One is the wizard of oil and the other the wizard of motordom.

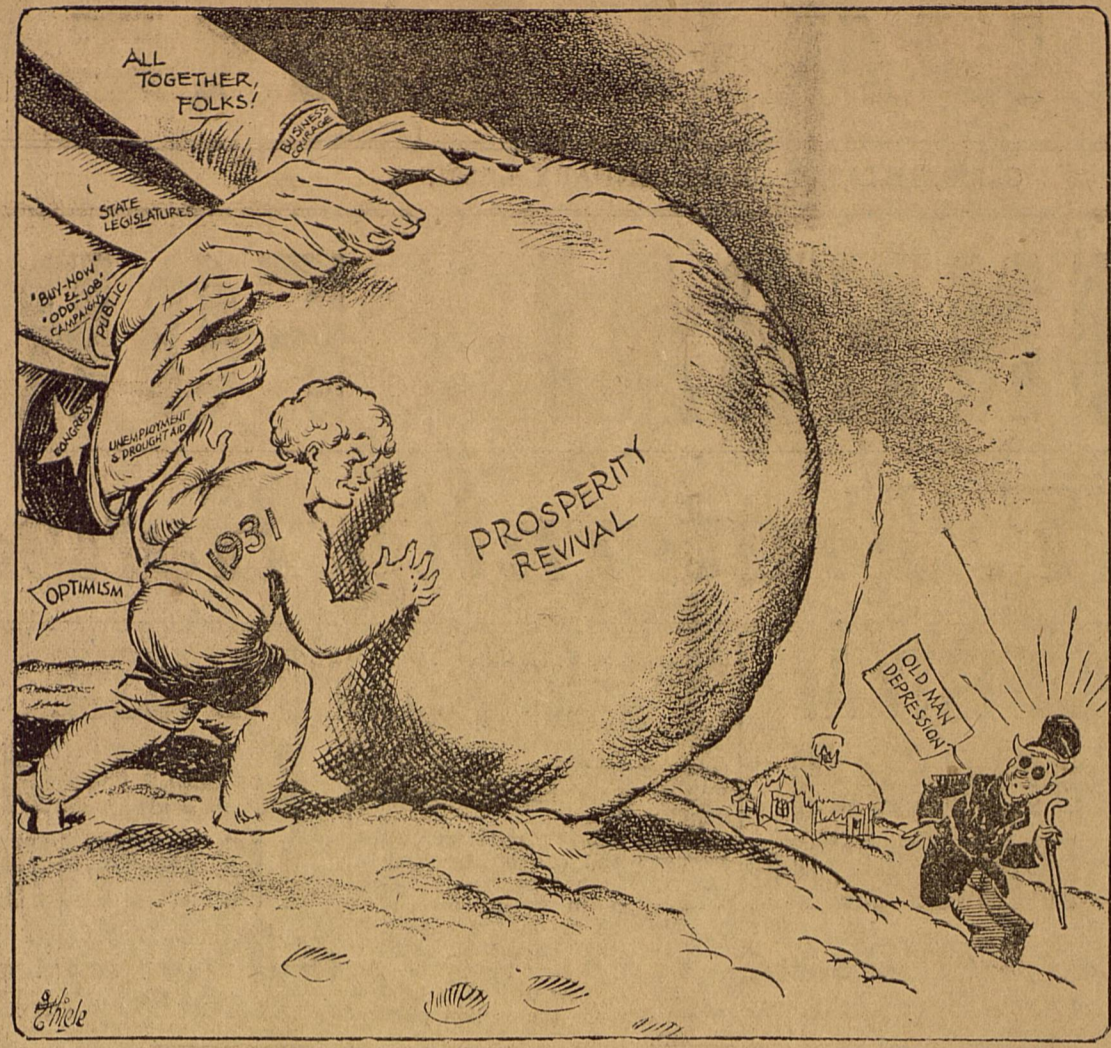
TEXANS AS INCOME TAX PAYERS.

Tabulations by the commissioner of internal revenue for 1929 show that 112,273 men and women of Texas paid income taxes totaling \$14,401,968. The preceding year, 1928, a greater number, 114,534, paid only \$12,909,842. Taxable income of Texas in 1928 totaled \$580,239,493, approximately \$20,000,000 over the preceding period. Of this amount \$14,083,866 in income was not levied against because specific exemptions amounted to more than the net earnings.

Of course 1928 was a prosperous year, as it marked the entrance of many Texas residents into the high income classes while in the lower bracket the numbers dwindled. The year 1928 brought incomes of \$1,000,000 or more to 511 Americans, or 221 more than in 1927. In 1928 there were 146 Texaas paying income taxes on earnings of \$100,000 or more as compared with 131 in 1927. Their total income in that year was approximately \$37,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 over the previous year.

Dallas county nosed out its closet rival, Harris county, in the race for the greatest individual returns in 1929. Bexar county stood third and Tarrant county fourth. Many Texans, individuals and corporations, received income tax refunds amounting in the aggregate to a large sum. Of course the interesting story will be the return for the year 1930, the second year that marked the disappearance of the economic myth known as Coolidge Prosperity, which he passed on to Herbert Hoover with the reminder that "Hard times come no more."

THE BIG PUSH!



OTHER OPINIONS

THE OLD ORDER CHANGES

When the Census bureau announced recently that more than 50 per cent of the nation's inhabitants are now classed as "city folks" it merely helped us to recognize a steady change that has been going on for a good many years.

A predominantly rural nation for most of its existence, the United States in late years has taken to moving off the farm and into the cities at a great rate. In the old days the typical American was a man from the open country a man familiar with growing things and wide fields and the small feel of the warm earth. A few years hence he will be a city man, to whom all of those things are strange; a man used to artificiality and clatter and pretense and hustle, whose notion of a fine and homelike sight is a glimpse of the tops of skyscrapers outlined against the morning sky, instead of a vista of rolling farm-lands slanting up from a willow-lined stream.

And when the change is complete, the America that we are used to will be gone, and a different kind of nation will be in existence. Very likely it will be quite as good a place to live in, but it will be different, and some of us will probably feel rather out of place in it.

Of course, there is this consoling factor; the census bureau is exaggerating a little bit. In its list of city dwellers it includes all people who live in towns that have as many as 2500 inhabitants; and some day you might just try telling a New Yorker or a Chicagoan that a man from a town of that size isn't a hick, and see what he says to you.

However, the trend is there; and the important thing right now is to try to figure out what it is all going to mean. There will be less isolation in it, for one thing. Every man will have more neighbors. There will be more people who know what the big theatrical hit of the year is, and fewer who know what the song of a meadow lark sounds like; more people who can remain unembarrassed in the presence of a lordly headwater and fewer who can tell how to treat a hen that wants to "set" when there is no call for any more young chicks; more people who can drive skillfully in city traffic, and fewer who know what it is like to lounge at ease on an odorous load of newly-mown hay. And whether these will total up to a net gain or a net loss is something that we can only guess at now.

At any rate, there is no sense in walling about it. The change is going on, whether we like it or not. All we can do is to make up our minds to get used to it. The reign of rural America is over. Eventually we shall be predominantly a nation of city folks. —San Angelo Times.

Murder At Bridge

BEGIN HERE TODAY Juanita Selim is murdered at bridge; four days later Dexter Sprague, her lover, is also murdered when he disappears mysteriously from an impromptu bridge party at the Tracey Miles home. Special Investigator Dundee, working on the theory that Nita and Sprague were partners in blackmail, and that Nita had come down to Hamilton after recognizing someone in a group picture, finds that the six original suspects in Nita's death had opportunity to kill Sprague also.

All six could have hidden the gun, after the murder, in a secret hiding place in the guests' closet in Nita's house. Nita's will and the fact that she had Sprague contrive a bell near her bed to summon Lydia, her maid and heir, show she feared death. The police theory is that Nita and Sprague were killed by a New York gunman.

Sprague, fearing he is being followed, attempts to escape through the window of the trophy room, where he is found, and is shot through the stomach by the assassin crouching outside. Dundee points out the fact that all fingerprints were wiped off the hiding place, showing the murderer had been there. Strawn has asked everyone present at the bridge party to come to the Miles house for questioning, but Clive and Polly are missing.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXXVIII "I'd give a good deal to know which of those two suggested that it would be a good idea to get married the first thing this morning." Dundee mused aloud, as he put down the second 'extra' which The Hamilton Morning News had had occasion to issue that Thursday.

It was two o'clock, and Dundee sat across the desk from Captain Strawn, in his former chief's office in police headquarters. The first extra had screamed in its biggest head type: SECOND BRIDGE DUMMY MURDER! and had carried in detail, Captain Strawn's comforting theory that Dexter Sprague's erstwhile friends

crime—the trophy room itself and the forked driveway with its tall yew hedges. A dotted line illustrated Strawn's theory of Sprague's plan to elude the murderer who had followed him to the Miles home. Because of the curved sweep of the driveway toward the main entrance of the house, the tall hedge was less than two feet from the window with the partly opened screen.

"Captain Strawn's theory," read the text below the large drawing, "is that Sprague had good cause to fear that he was being followed on his way to the Miles home; that he telephoned for a taxi to wait for him at the foot of the hill, and that he planned to leave the Miles house by way of the trophy room window, so that his lurking pursuer might have no knowledge of his departure. The drawing shows that his proposed flight would have been protected by hedges until he reached the wooded slope of the hill, provided his Nemesis was lurking in the opposite hedge across the driveway, where he could observe every departure from the Miles home."

"You're sure got a single-track mind, boy," Strawn chuckled. "So you think those two got married because the law says a husband or a wife can't be made to testify against the other?"

"Possibly," Dundee grinned, unruffled. "But there is another possibility—which is why I should like to know who suggested this sudden wedding. I mean that we can't overlook the possibility that these two murders made either the bride or the groom feel perfectly safe in going on with the marriage. Polly Beale and Clive Hammond had been engaged for more than a year, you know, with no apparent reason for a long engagement. . . . As for my having a single-track mind, Captain, what about you? I have six possible suspects, all of whose names I know, and you have only one—whose name you do not know, and whose motive you can only guess at, while I have a perfectly good motive that might fit anyone of my six—blackmail!"

"Is that so?" Strawn growled. "I'm not forgetting that Nita Selim banked \$10,000 cash after she got to Hamilton. My real theory now that Sprague has been killed is that Nita and Sprague had cooked up some sort of racket between them, and that when Nita got the chance to come to Hamilton with Mrs. Dunlap, she jumped at it, and she and Sprague sprung their racket, whatever it was, either just before or just after Nita left New York. Probably it was Nita's tip-off and Sprague did the actual dirty work himself, which explains that telegram that Nita sent him April 24, just three days after she got to Hamilton. Let's see again just what it says, and Strawn reached for a copy of the night letter which Dundee himself had unearthed the day before. "See! 'Everything Jake so far, but would feel safer you here.'"

"Yes, I remember the wording quite well," Dundee interrupted. "But you did not take it so seriously when I showed it to you yesterday. If you had—"

"All right! Be quiet!" Strawn snapped, flushing darkly. "If I had assigned a man to 'tail' Sprague, as you suggested, he wouldn't have been murdered."

"He probably would have been murdered just the same," Dundee comforted the older man, "but we might have been lucky enough to have an eyewitness."

"Oh, you and your theory!" Strawn growled. "But let me go on. . . . Nita meant she would feel safer about Sprague if he was here in Hamilton, too. But the guy they double-crossed in New York got on their trail. It took him weeks to do it, and Sprague followed Nita's advice. He got here on Sunday, April 27, and on Monday the 28th Nita banked the first \$5000! Don't you see it, boy? Sprague brought with him the dough they'd got for their stunt, and thought it was safer for Nita to bank it in her name, since it wasn't the name she was known by in New York anyway. We've checked up on Sprague pretty thoroughly. He didn't have a bank book, either on his body or in his room, and every bank in

town denies he had an account with them." "If that theory is correct, it makes Nita Selim a pretty low character," Dundee mused aloud. "Not only did she kick him out as a lover, but she double-crossed him as her partner in crime, by willing the whole wad to Lydia Carr. Sprague must have received quite a shock when he heard Nita's will read at the inquest."

"Yeah," Strawn agreed. "It looks like Mrs. Dunlap picked a sweet specimen to make a friend out of. . . . Well, that's my theory, and I think it explains everything. Their victim in New York simply hired a gunman, or came down here himself, who he got on their tracks. Of course it was a good stunt to make it look like a local crime—figured he'd fool me just as he fooled you! So the murderer simply trailed Nita around, and saw the whole bunch of society people shooting at a target at Judge Marshall's place, with a gun equipped with a Maxim silencer. Too good an opportunity to be missed, so he hides his chance to swipe the gun and silencer. To make sure it will look like a local crime, he pops off Nita when that same bunch is at her house, but it takes a few days longer before he has the same opportunity to get Sprague. But it came last night and he took advantage of it."

"A very plausible theory, and one which, in general, the whole city of Hamilton has been familiar with since the night Nita was murdered," Dundee remarked significantly. "What do you mean?" Strawn demanded. "It's waterproof, ain't it? Doc Price says the bullet—and a .32 caliber one at that—entered Sprague's body just below the breastbone and traveled an upward course till it struck the extreme right side of the heart. The bullet entered exactly where it would have to, if the murderer was crouching under that window while Sprague was raising the screen. And we have Carraway's report that it was Sprague's fingerprints on those nickel-plated things you have to press together to make the screen roll up or down. Furthermore, I haven't a doubt in the world that the ballistics expert in Chicago will report that the bullet was fired from the same gun that killed Nita Selim."

"Neither have I," Dundee agreed. "But what I meant was that you had obligingly furnished the murderer who fits my theory with a theory he—or she—would not have upset for the world! . . . Listen!" and he bent forward very earnestly: "I'm willing to grant that Sprague was shot from the outside, through the window, when Sprague raised the screen. But there our theories part company. I believe that the murderer was a guest in the Selim home last night, that he or she had made an appointment to meet Sprague there, on the promise of paying the hush money he had demanded. Naturally he or she—and I'll say 'he' from now on, for the sake of convenience—had no intention of being seen entering that room. The

bridge game was suggested by Judge Marshall at noon. There was plenty of time for the rendezvous to be made with Sprague. As I see it, the murderer told Sprague to excuse himself from the game when he became dummy, and to go to the trophy room and wait there until the murderer had a chance to slip away and appear beneath the window. Sprague had been promised that, when he raised the screen at a whispered request, a roll of bills would be handed to him, but—he received a bullet instead."

"And which one of your six suspects have you picked on?" Strawn asked sarcastically. "That's just the trouble. There are still six," Dundee acknowledged with a wry grin. "After Sprague's disappearance, every one of the six was absent from the porch at one time or another. . . . No, by George! There are SEVEN suspects now! I was about to forget Peter Dunlap, who admits he was alone on a fishing trip when Nita was murdered and who left the porch last night to go to the library, as soon as Sprague arrived! . . . As for the original six: Polly Beale took a walk about the

grounds; Flora Miles went upstairs to hunt for Karen Marshall, and was gone more than 10 minutes; Drake went to the dining room to get the refreshments, and no one can say exactly how long he was gone; Judge Marshall went up to get his wife, and had time to make a trip on the side; Janet Hammond walked over from her home, and passed that very window, arriving after Sprague had disappeared; and, finally, Clive Hammond arrived alone in his car, which he parked within a few feet of that window. This morning he gets married."

"A telegram, sir!" interrupted a plainclothesman, who had entered without knocking. "Strawn snatched at it, read it, then exulted: 'Read this, boy! I guess THIS settles the business!'" (To Be Continued)

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### Mrs. J. R. Burnett to Head Twentieth Century Club

Mrs. J. R. Burnett was elected president of the Twentieth Century club Friday afternoon at the first meeting of 1931. Mrs. Wm. Reagan, second vice president, Mrs. Phillip Pettit, corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. T. Anderson, recording secretary, Mrs. T. J. Dean, treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Crawford, parliamentarian, Mrs. R. Q. Lee, Mrs. Burnett, principal, and Mrs. J. B. Gate, alternate, were selected as delegates to the State Federation, and Mrs. W. K. Esgen, principal, and Mrs. R. Q. Lee, alternate, delegates to the District Federation.

Club members were guests of Mrs. C. H. Fee, 402 West Fifth street, at a delightful informal luncheon at 1 o'clock which preceded the business meeting.

A delicious menu was served buffet-style from the dining table and the guests were seated at eight small tables.

During the business meeting "Texas Literature" to include folk lore, poetry, history and fiction, was announced as the course of study selected for this year.

Mrs. C. H. Fee reported that the Twentieth Century club won first prize for the sale of the greatest number of tickets during the Elks Charly Drive and this amount with the \$3 won in the Stunt Night program and \$1 to be contributed by each member, will be donated to the City Federation clubhouse fund.

After the election of officers, the club adjourned to meet again January 16.

### Mrs. Pittman Hostess to Sewing Circle

Mrs. M. H. Pittman was hostess to the Happy Thimble Sewing Circle Wednesday.

After an enjoyable afternoon, refreshments of olives, Neopolitan desert, pimento cheese sandwiches, and coffee, arranged to carry out a color scheme of red and green, were served.

Members present were: Mesdames Ray Haley, Rudolph Schaefer, C. E. Hickman, J. C. McGreggor, Clarence Parish, Dewey Moore, L. Wylie, H. A. Crosby, and the hostess, M. H. Pittman.

### Buffet Supper For League

Misses Faye and Lucille Clark were hostesses to the members of the council of the Epworth League of the Methodist church Friday evening. After a short business meeting when plans for the coming month were discussed a buffet supper was served to ten members.

### Mrs. Paschall, Sr. Hostess to Club

The First Industrial Arts club met Thursday with Mrs. M. D. Paschall Sr. as hostess.

The proposition of the Universal Producing company of sponsoring a play was discussed.

One purpose of the club being to promote health and sanitation, the president appointed the following committee to inspect the local dairies; Mesdames J. D. Barker, A. J. Olson, Joe Wilson, H. A. Bible, B. E. Morehart and W. W. Wallace.

The good cheer committee reported the following Christmas donations 27 garments, 17 toys and 35 groceries. Mrs. H. G. Bailey reported 850 magazines sent to the prisons.

A salad course was served to 12 members.

### Dance Honors Houston Visitors

Mrs. Lena Hight and daughter, Miss Freda, of Houston were honored Friday evening at a dance given at the Cisco Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace.

Autumn leaves and mistletoe had been attractively arranged to transform the clubhouse into a colorful setting of rich orange, reds and green for the multi-colored and lovely gowns of the guests.

A buffet-supper was served from the dining room where the table lighted by fall red tapers was appointed in colors and decorations suggestive of the Yuletide season.

Guests numbering about sixty, included Mrs. Hight and Miss Freda Hight of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson of Pawhuska, Okla., Mrs. Harrison McAdams of Bellingham, Wash., and Miss Minnie Robinson of Shawnee, Okla.

### Thirteen Attend Circle 6 Meeting

Circle 6 of the Baptist W. M. S. met Tuesday with Mrs. E. C. Duncan, the meeting being opened with the song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Mrs. W. F. Walker led the devotional, followed by a prayer by Mrs. J. E. Burnam. In the absence of the teacher, Mrs. James, Mrs. Burnam taught the lesson from the Mission book.

During the social hour, pie and coffee were served to thirteen members. Mrs. S. S. Benefield will entertain the circle at its next meeting.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON The Birth of John the Baptist

Text: Luke 1:8-17, 80

And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course.

According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the altar of incense.

And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

And many of the children of Israel shall be turned to the Lord their God.

And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for January 4. The Birth of John the Baptist. Luke 1:8-17, 80.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D. Editor of the Congregationalist.

The first six months' studies of this year are from incidents and topics from the Gospel and Saint Luke. That brief document is probably the world's most wonderful book. If all of literature were to perish, the preservation of Luke's simple biography of Jesus of Nazareth would be the one thing most worth preserving.

Luke in his story of Jesus begins at the beginning, unless we should think of the beginning of life of Jesus as father back in the preparation of the times of the law and the prophets. Luke, as a matter of fact, does link the new dispensation with the old, and his setting of the background of the birth and ministry of Jesus is in contrast with the simple directness with which Mark, for instance, begins his narrative, introducing us within a few sentences to the actual ministry of Jesus.

Luke's account, also is a little fuller and more comprehensive than the story of Jesus as given by Matthew, though the early chapters of Matthew's presentation of the Sermon on the Mount for concreteness and fullness is not surpassed by any other record.

It is fitting that our lessons should begin with John the Baptist. Not only was he the forerunner of Jesus, preparing the way, but he was a great and remarkable figure, linking the old with the new—a man of such tremendous force of character that Jesus himself bore witness to him as the greatest of those born of women.

It is doubtful whether the world at all correctly apprehends the figure of John the Baptist. He stands in the pages of the New Testament more like an Old Testament prophet than like a New Testament saint. There is something about his simplicity of living, his rough garments, and his asceticism that savors more of maturity than of youth. Artists seldom have portrayed him as a young man; yet John the Baptist was a young man, put to a cruel death at a very early age—an earlier age even than that of the Master at the time of his crucifixion.

The movement that John the Baptist was inaugurating was in many respects a youth movement. He was a youthful enthusiast introducing another youthful enthusiast, who was to die for the sins of the world.

Gave Honor to Christ The strength and power of this remarkable forerunner of Jesus are indicated not only in his self-mastery, but in the quality of his spiritual life and judgment. For a strong man to recognize the superior quality of another is in itself notable.

One of the noblest sayings of John the Baptist concerning Jesus was that in which he specifically said that he himself was only a forerunner, preparing the way, that Jesus must increase while he himself should decrease.

Is there not in that a great lesson for lesser men in ordinary life? With how many men their own importance looms more largely than the cause that they serve. How difficult it is for men to suppress their own interests in the glory of the thing that they are doing and even where their service is entirely unselfish in the matter of external reward, how sensitive



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men are apt to be over the recognition of what they have done! Yet the greatness of John the Baptist at least as we see him in history, is the greatness of a reflected glory. It is his association with Jesus that has given him distinction—a distinction far greater than any that would have been his had he failed to recognize his true character as one preparing the way.

Well Fitted for Task It may be said that thus far we have based our comment upon something that is really not in the lesson, because all we have in the lesson is the record of the actual birth and early life of John, with the background of preparation for his own life in the noble character of his father and mother and in the whole environment into which he came.

It is the later character and career of John, however, that call for this presentation of the backgrounds of his life and that give these things significance, though one should not forget the part that John's environment and early training played in fitting him for his life task. The lesson has as its theme, therefore, not only the career and character of a great man, but the importance of good training and a good environment in developing sound character and useful living.

COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS EASTLAND, Jan. 3. — The following proceedings were had in the court of civil appeals for the eleventh supreme judicial district:

Hartford Fire Insurance company vs. J. L. Clements, Dawson. Westex Theatres, Inc. vs. Posey W. Williams, Knox. Referred and Affirmed.

Paul B. Sorenson vs. City National bank, Garnishee, Nolan. Reversed and Rendered: J. T. Damon, et al vs. G. D. Rankin, et al. Comanche. Cases Submitted:

Wichita Falls & Southern Railroad Co. vs. J. H. Burton, et ux, Stephens. Hinckley-Tandy Leather Co., et al vs. W. W. Hazelwood, Stephens. J. F. Hutson vs. Mary Garrett Bassett, et vir, Eastland.

J. T. Purdy, et ux vs. J. O. Grove, Eastland. Motions Submitted: S. A. Hopkins, et al vs. The Bridgeport Machine company, appellants' motion for rehearing.

S. L. Bell, et ux vs. Hannah Parsons, et vir, appellees' motion for rehearing. S. L. Bell, et ux vs. Hannah Parsons, et vir, appellants' motion for additional finding of fact.

S. L. Bell, et ux vs. Hannah Parsons, et vir, appellants' motion for rehearing. Billie H. Moore vs. Ross Ferrier, et al, appellants' motion to file transcript & statement of facts out of time.

The Glinners' Mutual Underwriters association of Texas vs. J. M. Pickard, appellant's motion for rehearing. Motions Overruled: Continental Savings & Building association vs. Manse Wood, et al, appellees' motion for rehearing.

Commercial Standard Insurance Co. vs. Harold Lee, appellee's motion to dismiss appeal. Commercial Standard Insurance Co. vs. G. C. Bessent, appellee's motion to dismiss appeal.

Briggs Owen vs. City of Eastland, defendant in error's motion to dismiss. Cases to be Submitted a.n. 9, 1931: Mrs. Esta Stephens vs. Sovereign Camp of Woodmen of the World, Eastland.

J. H. Lanning vs. R. E. Yearbrough, Erath. National Loan & Investment Co.,

fronting the Catholic who marries a non-believer and the agnostic or the Protestant who enters wedlock with a Catholic, mixed marriages justify the furor of discussion which has centered about it since its publication anonymously by Harper & Brothers. The questions raised are faced squarely and uncompromisingly, and yet, strangely enough, the reader, when he has finished the book, has not reached a solution of the problem, even through the eyes of the author. He lays the book aside with a feeling of incompleteness, with a thousand queries in his mind, and with a resentment that the author should propound such questions and then give no answer save pious resignation to the dictates of the Catholic church.

Quite daring in its conception and execution, the book is stimulating and thought-provoking. It not only presents the intricacies of marital relations as they are affected by the church, but it probes into politics as well, pointing out ruthlessly the political aspects of religion in general and Catholicism in particular.

As far as the anonymous author is concerned, one feels that the descriptions are painted with a woman's touch and that the situations are handled with a woman's delicacy and finesse. One feels, too, that the unnamed writer, while writing sympathetically and understandingly of the beautiful faith in the mysteries of the Catholic church, yet has the scorn of a non-believer for an unreasoning submission of one's personal life to churchly rules. And it is as a non-Catholic that he, or she, concludes the book.

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### LEAD-FOOTED LOBO QUINTET DROPS GAME

A lead-footed group of Cisco Lobos inaugurated their 1931 season with the loss of a practice game last night to the Baird high school quintet. The score was 24 to 18.

Van Horn, captain and center, was out of the game with a bruised heel and Jeter and Chambliss other members of the squad, are out of the city for the holidays.

Baird sprang away to a long lead in the opening half, leading the Lobos 20 to 8 at the end of this period. When the local five did come to its senses and play something like basket ball should be played, the visitors were so far out in front that they needed not to have scored another point to have won the game. As it was they made four more points while the Ciscoans were accumulating 10.

McIntosh, of Baird, was high point man with 10. Cisco starting lineup was: Karkalits and Clemon Ray, forwards; Furrus, center; Yeager and Preston, guards; Joe Little took Karkalits' place in the second half.

The Lobos and the Lobo Queens play a double header with the Elvasville teams here Tuesday evening at 7:30. This will be the first oil belt conference game for the Lobos.

### ALL-STARS DOWN MAYTOWN FIVE

The Cisco All-Stars basketball five defeated the Maytown all-star aggregation at the local court Friday night 39 to 31. Chapman was high point man for the local team, accounting for 12 points. Cook, of the Maytown group took high scoring honors for both teams with 14 points.

The Cisco lineup was: Jack Phippen and Ezzell, forwards; Wilson, center; Van Horn and W. B. Chapman, guards. Bucey substituted for Wilson at center in the second half and played a good game.

### FINGER PRINTS DO NOT TALLY WITH QUINN'S

NEWKIRK, Ok., Jan. 3.—Finger prints found on the abandoned auto of Jessie and Zexia Griffith, slain in a brutal attack near Tonkawa, do not tally with finger prints of Earl Quinn, a suspect in the case. County Attorney Bruce Potter said today.

The specimens were sent from the Missouri penitentiary where Quinn served two terms.

Potter said this fact did not weaken his case against Quinn as the prints photographed possibly were those of a garage mechanic. Potter said he had several other bits of evidence that make the arrest of Quinn mandatory.

The hunt for Quinn continued fruitlessly today throughout the south and middle west. Two Kay county deputies went to Toia, Kansas, today on a tip that Quinn had appeared at a barber shop there inquiring about relatives.

Mrs. Jeanne Quinn, 24, who turned against her husband and gave information as to his whereabouts, was released from jail after brief detention as a material witness yesterday.

A young Muskogee woman positively identified a picture of Quinn as that of a man who attacked her Thanksgiving day at the same place the Griffith sisters were slain. She submitted a license number as the one on the auto of her assailant. Officers said it as the same as the number on the Quinn auto.

### JAILER SLAIN AS PRISONER MAKES ESCAPE

GALVESTON, Jan. 3.—Joe Meyer, 56, jailer, was dead here today and all county peace officers were seeking Tommie Reis, 23, prisoner who escaped in a well-executed plot last night.

Meyer, a jailer here for eight years, died in a hospital about two hours after being shot in the stomach by a confederate of Reis. A sling from a pistol penetrated Meyer's abdomen.

Reis, in jail waiting an appeal of a 35-year sentence, was called to the telephone by a long distance message. As Meyer led Reis into the jail office, a man appeared in the door and asked to see the jailer. He was admitted to the jail and after gaining entrance pulled a pistol from his overcoat pocket and fired once.

Claude Pond, ex-policeman, a trusty awaiting trial, grappled with the gunman and received a slight flesh wound in one hand.

On the way to the hospital, Meyer told ambulance attendants that the man who shot him wore gold-rimmed nose glasses and that he did not know him.

The dead jailer formerly was a police sergeant and detective. He was reappointed to his post only yesterday.

Daily News and American and Roundup want ads are a good investment—Phone 80.

### Ask New Sanity Trial for Thompson

Setting out three reasons for a new trial counsel for Clyde Thompson, found sane by a jury in a sanity trial in the 88th district court at Eastland Friday, filed a motion late Saturday afternoon asking that the verdict of the jury be set aside and a new trial be granted. The motion was filed too late for a hearing during the November term of the court and both sides agreed that the matter go over to the next term. Judge Been named January 9 as the date for a hearing on the motion.

The grounds urged for a new trial were:

- (1) That the court erred in requiring the counsel for the defendant to exercise his peremptory challenges prior to the time the state exercised its challenges.
- (2) That the court erred in permitting the introduction of a letter purporting to have been received from Clyde Thompson.
- (3) That the court should grant a new trial because the evidence in the case conclusively discloses that Thompson is of unsound mind.

### 1930 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS \$2,333,307,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Income tax receipts in the calendar year 1930 aggregated \$2,333,307,000, a decrease of about \$70,000,000 as compared with tax receipts in the calendar year 1929, it was revealed today by final treasury figures for the year.

For the first six months of the current fiscal year, income tax receipts have aggregated \$1,073,091,212, a decrease of about \$78,000,000 from receipts for the same period a year ago. On taxes due December 15, the treasury collected \$496,821,000, a decrease of about \$20,000,000 as compared with December receipts in 1929.

The statement revealed that the treasury ended 1930 with a surplus in its general funds of \$53,124,895, compared with a surplus of \$91,644,655 at the close of 1929.

The actual reduction of the public debt during 1930 was \$274,834,000, leaving the government owing a total of \$16,026,087,087.

From this figure the treasury deducted the amount in the general fund which gave an apparent reduction of \$408,000,000 in the public debt in 1930. Money in the general fund is expended, however, for other purposes than debt retirement.

Total ordinary receipts for the current fiscal year which begins last July 1 aggregated \$1,854,207,812 up to December 31, the statement showed. This was less than a year ago when receipts for the first six months of the fiscal year totaled more than \$2,000,000,000.

Ordinary expenditures for the first half of this fiscal year which will end next June 30, totaled \$1,706,788,916 which was more than was spent a year ago when expenditures were \$1,601,089,458.

Expenditures to reduce the public debt have been sharply curtailed this fiscal year to date, however, and totaled only \$94,294,000 as compared with \$384,805,403 in the first six months of the preceding fiscal year. The law requires that the treasury purchase for the public debt sinking fund an amount of government securities totaling \$392,000,000 in this fiscal year, and the treasury plans to do this in March.

As a result of the curtailed public debt retirement payments, total expenditures this fiscal year so far are only \$1,801,082,916, compared with \$1,963,894,861 a year ago.

### LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH, Jan. 3.—Hogs—Receipts 150; market, truck hogs steady; no rail hogs offered; truck top \$8.10, medium to choice 170 to 250 lb. truck hogs \$7.75 to \$8.10; practically no packing sows or pigs offered. Good and choice: Light 140 to 160 lb. \$7.15 to \$8.10, medium weight 200 to 220 lb. \$8.00 to \$8.10, medium weight 220 to 250 lb. \$7.95 to \$8.10, heavy weight 250 to 290 lb. \$7.60 to \$8.10, heavy weight 290 to 350 lb. \$7.40 to \$8.00, packing sows 275 to 500 lb. medium and good \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Cattle—Receipts 150, market today's trade nominal; market for week; slaughter steers 25 to 40c lower; other classes cattle generally steady; slaughter calves about 25c higher; week's tops: Fed steers \$9.15, few slaughter yearlings \$8.50, fat cows \$5.35; practical top heavy fat calves \$7.40; few stock steer calves up to \$8.35; bulk of prices: Slaughter steers \$5.50 to \$7.50, butcher heifers around \$6.00 down, butcher cows \$3.25 to \$3.75, low cutters \$2.15 to \$2.50, sausage bulls \$3.50 to \$4.50, heavy slaughter calves \$6.00 to \$7.25, cull sorts mostly \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Sheep—Receipts none, market today's trade nominal. For week: All classes steady to strong; bulk medium to choice fat lambs \$6.50 to \$7.00; fat yearlings mostly \$5.50; fat wethers \$4.00 to \$5.00; latter price paid for 2-year-old fat wethers; feeder lambs \$4.50 to \$5.25, fleshy feeder lambs \$5.50 to \$6.00.

CHICAGO PRODUCE. CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Eggs weak, receipts 6,543 cases; extra firsts 26 1/2c, firsts 24 1/2c; ordinaries 20 to 22c, seconds 12 to 15c.

Poultry weaker, receipts 2 cars; fowls 18 1/2c, springers 20c; leghorns 14c; ducks 20c; geese 14c; turkeys 22 to 25c; roosters 14c.

Cheese, Twins 16 to 16 1/2c; Young Americas 17c.

Potatoes, on track 18c; arrivals 89, shipments 76c; market weaker; Wisconsin sacked round whites \$1.50 to \$1.65; Minnesota round whites \$1.40 to \$1.45; Idaho sacked russets \$1.80 to \$1.90; Colorado McClures branded \$1.80 to \$1.95.

### Joffre Funeral—

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dral, where a requiem mass will be celebrated.

Minister of War Louis Barthou will deliver the only funeral oration in the name of the government and the Academy of France. All diplomats will be invited to march in the funeral procession as representatives of over a billion people in all parts of the world.

The stone staircases of Notre Dame, within and without the historic edifice, will be draped in black cloth covered with silver stars.

Premier Steeg and Barthou and other marshals of France will hold the pall ropes on the solemn march to the cathedral.

By United Press

In 1924 when the city of Paris was menaced by a grey-clad invading army, Joseph Jacques Cesare Joffre was called upon for the second time to face a German attack from the east.

As an 18-year-old student at the Ecole Polytechnique in 1870, he had fought against the armies of Bismark in the Franco-Prussian war. The second conflict early in the world war found his command backed almost to the walls of Paris. Thirty miles outside the capital Joffre ended his retreat and started an offensive which halted the onrushing foe and with General Gallien's troops, drove back Von Kluck's army.

It was the first battle of the Marne.

The decisive victory brought Joffre the title of Marshal of France, bestowed for the first time since the Franco-Prussian war. And his world war leadership brought him another title which meant much to the little soldier whose white mustache and cheery face made him a familiar figure in Europe and America. "Papa" Joffre.

Born in 1852

Joffre was born at River Saltes (Pyrenees-Orientales) on January 12, 1852. Deciding on a military career, he received an appointment to the Ecole Polytechnique, "the West Joint of France." When the Franco-German war broke out, he won a temporary appointment as a sub-lieutenant in the artillery corps engaged in the defense of Paris.

After the war, he returned to complete his course at the Polytechnique and matriculated as a lieutenant in the engineers. Four years later he became a captain and for three years, following was engaged in construction of defense works for Paris.

In 1879 he returned to regimental duty and six years later played a prominent part in an expedition to Formosa. For his services there he was made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor on September 7, 1885. A long tour of colonial service then claimed him before he returned to France.

By nature and through experience, there was real leadership in the kindly little soldier, whose blouse always was too loose, whose trousers bagged and whose mustachios bristled fiercely on his reddish, always cheery face.

Shown Leadership

He demonstrated that leadership in the retreat of the French army before the German advance in the early days of the world war. While for want of energetic command, the victorious German offense was weakening, the French retreat in Joffre's strong hands assumed an almost coherency.

When it seemed that Paris was destined once again to hear the tramp of German boots through its streets, General Gallien began the counter stroke when "Papa" Joffre as he was affectionately called by his troops, issued a command for his soldiers to turn about and fight.

By September 10, 1914, four days after the embattled French army, aided by the English under General Wilson, started to fight back, the German army was driven back across the Marne.

Earlier disasters of the war were dimmed in gratitude for the Marne victory, and Joffre became commander-in-chief of all the French forces.

Then in 1915, the marshal settled down to two different kinds of warfare—one in the trenches and the other against criticism.

Preferred Trenches

Of the two, Pape Joffre preferred the trenches. He resented criticism of his Verdun offensive; of his trench warfare, a method for which critics said France was not prepared.

Then, when the German army hurried itself against the Verdun line, found it weak and nearly swept it away, "Papa" Joffre was compelled to give way to the late Marshal Poch in November 1916.

But to make his retirement the more palatable, he was appointed "technical adviser to the government," a more or less euphonious title.

When the United States entered the war, Joffre headed a French military mission to tell the Americans how much France needed help. On his tour of the country his twinkling eyes, his walrus-like mustache and his sprightly demeanor made many admirers.

Joffre was chosen to be one of the French academy's 40 immortals in 1918 and he was given the medaille militaire, which exceeded in honor the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, bestowed upon him in 1914.

Health Bad

After the war, Joffre was never in good health. He was taken ill in June 1925 with throat trouble and there was some apprehension for his life after fever set in. But he got over the attack in a few days.

During the last few years of his life, Joffre was embittered because of a controversy started by so-called military experts on the question of who won the battle of

the Marne—Joffre or General Gallien.

For ten years after the war he had remained silent concerning the battle and some took this silence as a tacit admission of the charges brought by certain individuals that he tried to evade the decisive battle of the early war and had favored retirement of the French forces to the south, abandoning Paris to the enemy.

Finally, unable longer to endure the criticism, the aged marshal announced he had answered the "damnable charges" in his "memoirs," which he had written for publication after his death.

He said he quoted from old army orders to prove that all of his moves in the series of retreats were strategic.

In recent years, Papa Joffre had been forced, because of a leg injury, to remain indoors a great deal. He spent much of his time playing bridge and checkers.

Athens Mayor Dies in Auto Crash

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—John A. Spencer, mayor of Athens and prominent cotton buyer in east Texas, was almost instantly killed early today when his automobile left the highway and crashed into a tree. His neck was broken.

W. C. Richards of Athens discovered the wreckage. He summoned aid and brought the mayor to Athens, but he was dead when they arrived here. The accident occurred about four miles north of here.

Spencer was driving alone in a small car. He had left Athens only about 10 minutes before the accident. It had not been determined this afternoon the cause of the accident.

Spencer was serving his third term as mayor. He is survived by his wife one son and one daughter.

TAX BLANKS

DALLAS, Jan. 3.—Some 80,000 persons in north Texas today received government income tax blank from George C. Hopkins, Dallas collector of internal revenue. They must be filed by March 15.

Daily News and American and Roundup want ads are a good investment—Phone 80 or 81.

FARMER KILLED

YOAKUM, Jan. 3.—Funeral services were held here today for John Krauskopf, 73, farmer killed Thursday night when struck by an automobile on the Yoakum-Hallettsville highway.

Daily News and American and Roundup want ads are a good investment—Phone 80 or 81.

### GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

The Garden Club of Cisco, at its first meeting in 1931 Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the city hall installed new officers, elected last fall, and announced several standing committees and one special committee.

Mrs. B. S. Huey was installed as president; Mrs. F. E. Harrell, vice-president, and Mrs. D. E. Waters, secretary.

The following committees were named:

Programs—Mrs. C. R. West, Mrs. J. J. Butts and Mrs. Eugene Bell.

Membership—Mrs. W. L. Holmes, Mrs. G. W. Troxell and Mrs. O. W. Shepherd.

Entertainment—Mrs. William Reagan, Mrs. W. W. Wallace and Mrs. T. T. Roberts.

Civic—Mrs. Alex Spears, Mrs. J. T. Anderson and Mrs. J. D. Barker.

Plant Exchange—Mrs. C. H. Fee, Mrs. E. L. Miley and Mrs. W. K. Eschen.

Publicity—Mrs. C. W. Trammell, Mrs. Jake Almond and Mrs. G. P. Fee.

Parks—Mrs. E. P. Crawford, Mrs. P. P. Shepard and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Aspecial committee to endeavor to secure lower water rates for lawns was named to consist of Mrs. R. Q. Letts, Mrs. M. D. Paschall and Mrs. J. E. Spencer.

The purpose of the garden club is to beautify Cisco through beautification of the home surroundings and the club is anxious that every man and woman in Cisco affiliate with it. Particular interest at this time will be placed upon the disposition of tin cans and similar trash.

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Bondholders' Proposition Basis From Which to Work to City Debt Solution

The proposition to settle the financial difficulties of the city of Cisco through a deal involving the transfer of the city's utilities and the refunding of such a portion of the city's indebtedness as it could be determined the city could readily pay, was not altogether what the city desired but it formed, in its opinion, a hopeful basis from which to work out a solution.

From that standpoint alone it was regarded as an important step in the direction of bringing about an adjustment which would not only preserve the city's credit but would place its indebtedness on a parity with its ability to pay.

The proposition of Sutherland, Barry and company, of New Orleans, was submitted orally at the conference between the committee and the city commission.

Instead of \$3,000,000 as offered in the written proposition, \$3,500,000 in either cash or bonds and warrants of the city of Cisco, was offered as consideration for the transfer of the city's utilities at the conference here and in some other respects the revised, oral proposition differed from the written proposition received some months before.

which the company offered to take in exchange for bonds and coupons upon a basis of 75 for 100, it has been explained would be secured by paying certificates and delinquent taxes and would not affect either present or future rates or collections.

Under the terms of the proposition as it now stands \$800,000 in round numbers, would be all that the city would have to take care through ad valorem taxes.

It was the belief of those conducting the negotiations for the city that the city's indebtedness could have been satisfactorily refunded on a proposition from the representatives of the bondholders directly to the city erected on the same basis as the agreement between the sub-committee and Sutherland, Barry and company which contemplated liquidation of the city's bonded indebtedness on a basis of 75 for 100, or \$300 for each \$1,000.

Sunday Services at The Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner 16th and F avenue. Sunday school 10 a. m. German service, with Holy communion 9:30 a. m. English service 11 a. m. English evening service 7:30 p. m. Topic for morning service: "The Flight of the Christ Child to Egypt." Topic for evening service: "What Does the Account of the Magi Teach Us Concerning Mission Work Among the Heathen?" Arthur Rathjen, pastor.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Corner Broadway and H avenue. H. D. Tucker, pastor. G. P. Mitcham, director religious education. Mrs. W. B. Statham, choir director. Mrs. B. A. Butler, pianist. Sunday, January 4th, 1931. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. The pastor will preach at 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subjects, morning, "Disposing of Life's Burdens." (Communion Message) Evening, "Things to Leave out of 1931." Epworth League meets at 6:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sixth street at H avenue. Quarterly Communion Observance will be at 11 this morning, and all Christians are invited to partake of this memorial of our Lord's sacrificial death; the message preceding this sacrament is entitled, "Through Death to Fruition." Dr. Grover C. Morris will be at the pipe organ, and the chorus choir will sing as its morning anthem, "Praise Ye Jehovah," by Gounod. The minister will bring "The Marred Vessel," a message of infinite love and mercy at the 7:30 period this evening. Sunday school at 9:45 this morning, and Young People's League at 6:30 this evening joins the church at large in extending to you an invitation to attend their meetings. If you are a stranger in the city, why not be one of us for today? Come and worship with us. Bruce C. Boney, minister.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 10 o'clock. The subject of the pastor the Rev. E. S. James, will be "Looking Ahead." B. Y. P. U. services at the regular hours. Evening service at 7:30, with the pastor preaching upon the subject "Our Refuge."

CHURCH OF GOD Corner of F avenue and Eleventh street. Services every Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45, preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Junior meeting at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Dodd in charge, young people's meeting at 6 o'clock, song service with special songs at 7:15, and preaching by the pastor at 7:30. Bible readings on Tuesday and Fridays at 7:15. Come and bring your Bibles and study the only safe guide from this world of sin and sorrow to a better world. A warm welcome that make you feel at home awaits all who come to this church. Rev. J. W. Dodd, pastor.

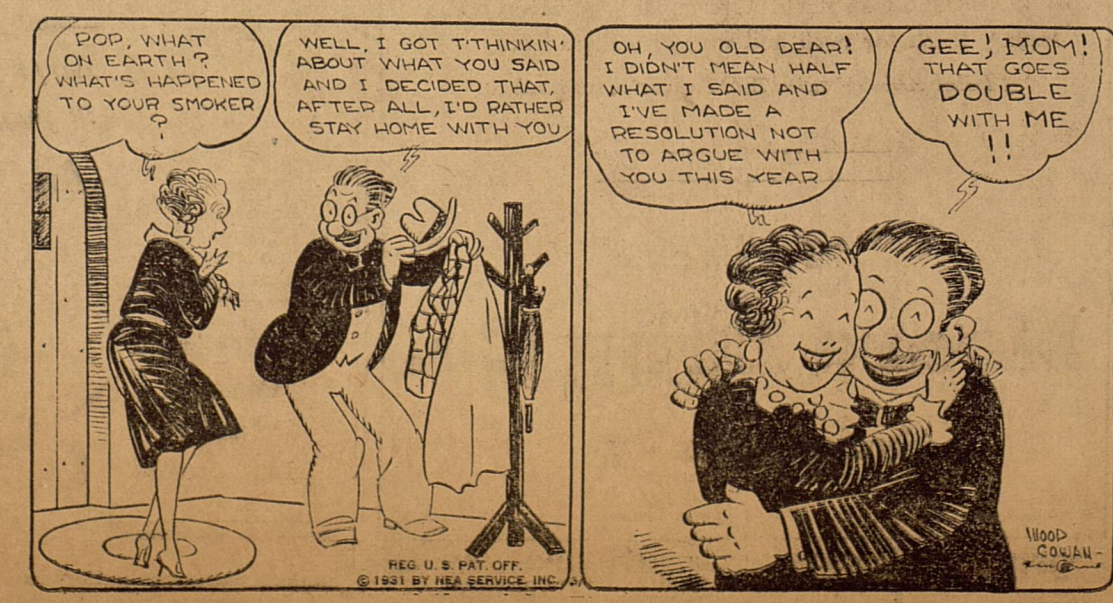
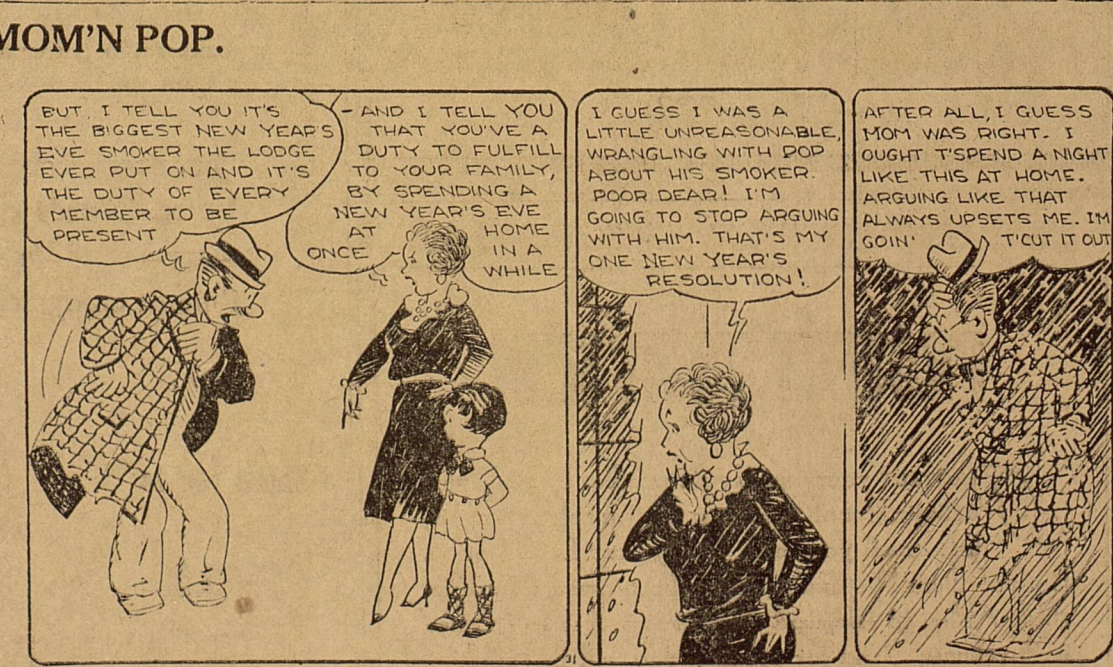
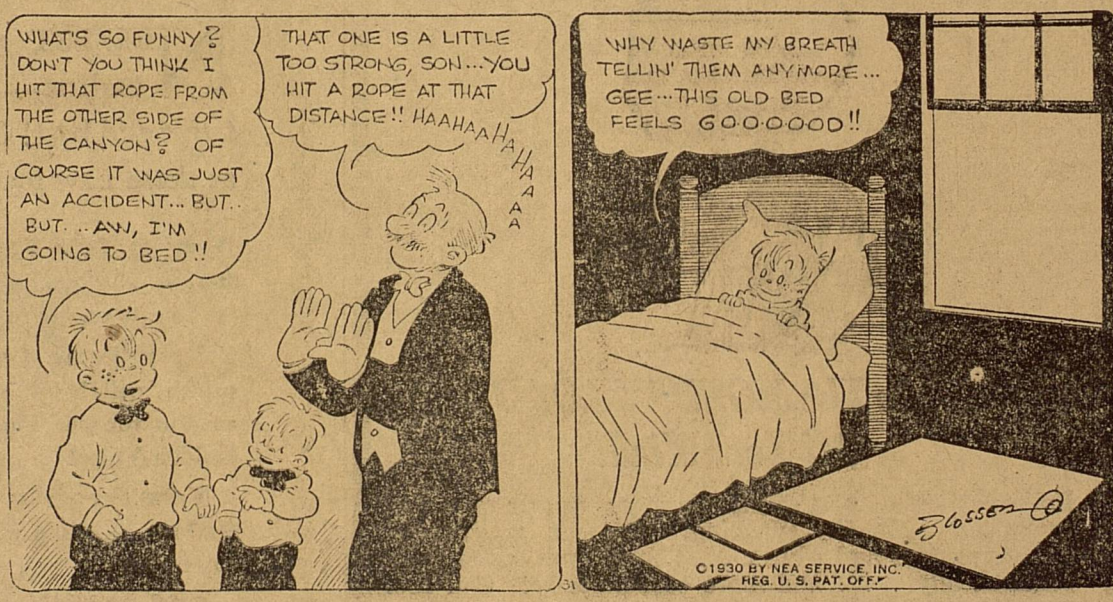
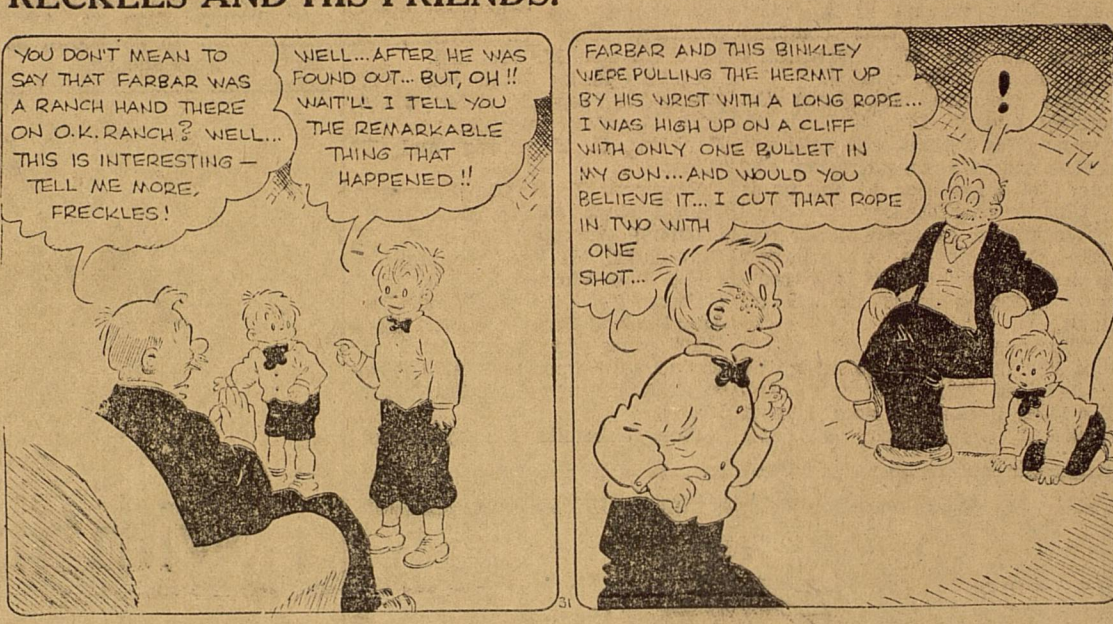
G. P. Mitcham, Jr., Undergoes Operation G. P. Mitcham, Jr., 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mitcham, of this city, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Graham sanitarium Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. He was reported to be recovering satisfactorily Saturday afternoon.

News want ads bring results CHICHESTERS PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichesters Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold. Quickest relief, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Be sure of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTERS' PILLS DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 40 years known as the most reliable. Buy No. 1 SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

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Marine Outposts Are Strengthened MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 3.—U. S. marine outposts in Nicaragua were strengthened today against possible bandit attacks.

SCHOOL TO GET FLAG COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 3.—The University of Missouri School of Journalism is to receive the national flag of Venezuela as a gift from journalistic organizations there, according to an announcement.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AMARILLO, Jan. 3.—It's a happy new year for stockholders of two local oil companies who today were receiving \$125,000 in dividends.

Train Schedule RAILROAD TIME TABLE Texas and Pacific Change in schedule Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., effective 12:01 a. m., Sunday, March 16.

Real Estate Wanted SHREWED buyers use the classified columns because they are low in price but high powered in results.

Automobile Loans Advance money and refinance your loan M. D. PASCHALL & SONS 703 Main Street.

SUCCEEDS CONNELLEE AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—S. C. Rowe of Fort Worth has been appointed a regent of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton announced Governor Dan Moody.

SUIT POSTPONED STINNETT, Jan. 3.—Hearing on the "million-dollar" suit of Lillian Prince against H. Carl Prince, wealthy Pampa driller, for division of property on the alleged basis of common law marriage has been postponed until January 28 because of the illness of Prince.

Business Directory Real Estate CONNIE DAVIS Real Estate RENTS, LOANS AND INSURANCE 700 1/2 D., Gray Building.

Insurance J. M. WILLIAMSON & CO. General Insurance City Hall Bldg. Tel. 111

Announcements The Rotary club meets every Thursday at Laguna Hotel Private Dining Room at 12:15. Visiting Rotarians always welcome President, LEON MANER; secretary, J. E. SPENCER.

RENTALS Apartments for Rent FOR RENT - Two rooms and garage. Very reasonable. 305 West Fifth.

BOARD-ROOMS Board and Rooms FOR RENT - Rooms; would give ladies two meals. 300 West Eighth street.

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WANTED Wanted to Rent IF you don't find what you want in this column, why not try an ad of your own. Somebody, somewhere wants what you have or has what you want.

REAL ESTATE Farms and Lands for Sale TELL them what you have... be specific! The West Texans are interested readers. You may find a buyer for that ranch... or that herd of cattle... or for that C Melody saxophone that the neighbors like so well. Try it!

Houses for Sale FOR RENT - To couple, very nice little home, well furnished. Very low rate to desirable party. Apply C. M. Nichols, 612 West 4th.

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FOR SALE - House four rooms, two porches, bath, good location, near pavement, on west side. If interested in buying a good little home write Box-X care of Cisco Daily News.

Lufkin—Oil test spudded in on property of Abney estate, just outside city limits.

Hebbronville—Mrs. T. B. Oden, manager of City hotel, has leased a high cafe, next door to E Herrera store.

W. P. LEE, M. D. General Medicine Emphasizing Obstetrics and Diseases of Women.

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# TWO SUICIDES OCCUR FEW HOURS APART

GRANDVIEW, Jan. 3.—Johnson county residents today were puzzled by two suicides within a few hours last night here. They were the first Grandview suicides in more than four years.

A son found D. C. Elms Sr., 50, manager of the Wood Lumber company, shot to death in the company office at 5:30 p. m.

Two hours later, Constable Hefley Hunt found J. W. Martin, 53, farmer, shot to death in the woods near here.

Both men had been shot in the temple with pistols. Weapons lay beside each body. Justice H. R. Head returned verdicts of gun-shot wounds, self inflicted with suicidal intent, in both inquests.

"My insurance policies are at the bank," read an undressed and unshined note left by Martin. "Rent you a little home in town and save your money. I have prayed and hope I am saved."

Martin is survived by his wife, a son Lloyd of Waco, and a daughter, Alberta, of Grandview.

Elms is survived by his wife, a daughter, Ruth of Dallas, and two sons, Roy a teacher at Goose creek, and Roger, a teacher at Seymour.

Justice Head said that Martin and Elms knew each other but that they were not intimate and that there was no connection in the deaths. Funeral services for both men were pending with the Rooten Undertaking company today.

**NO SERVICES**  
There will be no services at the Episcopal church today.

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### CALENDAR

**Monday**  
Delphian club will meet at 9:30 Monday morning at the clubhouse.

Music Study club will meet at 3:30 this afternoon at the clubhouse.

**Tuesday**  
Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet at the church at 3 o'clock with the program on foreign missions will be in charge of Mrs. Lon Siddals.

Missionary Society of the First Christian church will meet at 3 o'clock with Mrs. J. E. Elkins, 405 West Tenth street.

All circles of the First Baptist church will meet at the church at 3 o'clock in a business meeting.

Methodist Missionary Society will meet at 3 o'clock in a business meeting when new officers will be installed. Yearly reports from all the circles will be heard at this time.

Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic hall.

### Wednesday

Wednesday Bridge club will be entertained at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Chas. Brown, West Seventh street.

Marigold club will meet at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. Spencer, West Broadway.

Humble Bridge club will be entertained at 3 o'clock by Mrs. J. R. Almond.

### Thursday

Pivot club will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Brown at 2 o'clock.

Mothers' club will meet at 10 o'clock with Mrs. M. L. McGannon, cottage 19, Humboldt.

### Friday

The Merry Wives "42" club will meet at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. B. Kelly, West Fifth street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Blankenbecker will return today from a trip to Arizona and California.

Mrs. I. Martin Keiter of Camden, N. J., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong and Mr. Armstrong.

Frank Holmesley has returned to Norman, Okla., where he is attending the university after spending the Christmas holidays in Cisco.

Allan Boon has returned to the University of Texas at Austin after a visit with relatives in Cisco.

Frank Langston has returned to Baylor University at Waco after spending Christmas with relatives here.

Mrs. J. A. Bearman and Mrs. W. B. Chapman left today to accompany Misses Agnes Bearman and Eunice Cooles to Austin where they are students at the university. Mrs. Bearman and Mrs. Chapman will go on to San Antonio before returning home.

Miss Ida Mae Collins is leaving today to resume her studies at Our Lady of the Lake academy in San Antonio.

Carl Moulden will return to College Station today after spending the holidays in Cisco.

Mrs. B. E. Morehart and daughters, Mary Jane and Martha June, have returned from Fort Worth where they spent the holidays with Mr. Morehart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kilborn of Dallas are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kilborn.

Joe Lea Moore is spending the week end in San Antonio.

Mrs. Lena Hight and daughter, Miss Freda, have returned to their home in Houston.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Jones and son,

Thomas, have returned to their home in Amarillo after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brandon have returned from a visit with relatives in Canton.

Mrs. Hubbard Yarbo and daughter, Georgia Ann, of Aspermont are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shepard this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell of Abilene are spending this weekend in Cisco.

Mrs. J. L. Shepherd has returned from a visit with relatives in Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Keough of LeFors are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hogan in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winston of Whitney are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Winston.

Frank Kittrel of Phoenix, Arizona, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Kilborn and Mrs. Joe Kilborn are the guests of friends in Eastland yesterday.

Mrs. T. B. Hardin of Abilene is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Draganias this week.

Mrs. Frank Reed has returned from a visit in Fort Worth and Krum.

Miss Lucy Kittrel is visiting her sister in Winters this week.

Mrs. Leonard Simon and daughters, Mary Ann and Julia Lee who have been visiting friends and relatives in Cisco have returned to their home in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winston have returned from a visit with relatives in Breckenridge.

Mrs. C. M. Nichols has returned from a visit in Big Spring.

Misses Mamie and Letha Estes are visiting in Fort Worth this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McClelland are spending today in Breckenridge.

Miss Marjorie Murphy of Eastland is a guest in the Kunkel home in Cisco this week.

Mrs. Tom James is visiting her mother, Mrs. Roy Miller, in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy and children have returned to their home in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hodges have returned to their home in Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woods have returned from a visit in Houston, Galveston and Navasota.

Mrs. J. E. T. Peters spent Saturday in Eastland with friends.

Phil Berry is spending the week end in Rising Star with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tyler.

Miss Vivian Black of Fort Worth is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Frank Reed.

L. W. Feemster and Robert Feemster of Moran were transacting business in Cisco Saturday.

E. B. Ward of Lubbock was a business visitor in Cisco Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. McGinnis and Mrs. Dudley Lee of Odessa are the guests of friends in Cisco.

R. E. Doyle of Dallas was transacting business in Cisco Saturday.

George Winston left Saturday for Sweetwater.

Miss Sarah Lee has returned to Denton where she is an instructor in Texas State College for Women.

Mrs. W. E. Spencer and brother, Dan Smith, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Dan Smith, have returned to their home in Lubbock. Mr. Spencer remained for a visit with his mother, in DeLeon.

Mrs. Harold Pardee and son, Dorn Holland, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, are the guests of friends in Cisco.

### Pilot Unhurt in Forced Landing

FT. WORTH, Jan. 3.—Unhurt after his American airways mail plane crashed a fence and nosed over in a forced landing, Harold J. "Stormy" Mangham, pilot, left Meacham field twenty minutes later in another plane, bound for Brownsville.

Mangham's plane crashed the fence south of the Baptist seminary here at 9:45 a. m. today, after his motor cut out on him when flying at about 800 feet.

Andy Burke, in a mail plane bound for Houston, saw the trouble, landed nearby and brought Mangham and the mail back to the field.

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# Prairie Refuses to Participate in Relief Plan Proposed by Conference

TULSA Ok., Jan. 3.—The Tulsa oil conference seeking relief for the stripper wells of Oklahoma and Kansas, hurriedly convened today to consider sharp refusal of the Prairie Oil & Gas company to participate in the relief plan.

W. S. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board of Prairie, sent a lengthy communication to Chairman R. M. Young of the relief committee in which Fitzpatrick flatly declined to accept the proposal calling for the Prairie company to buy half of the distress oil.

E. B. Reeser, president of the American Petroleum institute, who called the meeting at the suggestion of Secretary of Interior Lyman Walburn, intimated that another relief plan would be proposed.

### FORMALLY REJECTS PROPOSAL

INDEPENDENCE, Kans., Jan. 3.—The Prairie Oil & Gas company today formally rejected the proposal advanced at the oil conference in Tulsa for relief of stripper wells in Kansas and Oklahoma.

W. S. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board of directors of the Prairie Oil & Gas company, announced his firm was unable to accept the proposal which was for Prairie to market half the output of the stripper wells and seven other midcontinent purchasers to market the other half.

"We regret that the committee working in Tulsa was unable to reach solution for relief of distressed northern Oklahoma and eastern Kansas producers to which we could subscribe," Fitzpatrick said in a statement issued at the Prairie offices here.

"Economic conditions as the basis for argument as to what this company or that company should do are often artificially and unnecessarily created. "The situation throughout the country and in the oil fields in particular is serious and calls for cool, deliberate consideration and unselfish cooperation so far as it can be accomplished.

"We regard as hasty under existing circumstances any agitation to boycott products of any company doing business in the oil fields.

"We depreciate the disposition that has been shown to bring the Rockefeller into the controversy. The elder Rockefeller does not own stock in the Prairie, but the

younger Rockefeller is a substantial stockholder."

Fitzpatrick had informed representatives of the Kansas producers' committee yesterday that his company would reject the proposal of the Tulsa conference.

He said other concerns had cut into the market of the Prairie company and now were looking to it to buy oil it could not dispose of as a part of the program to aid the stripper well producers.

### "Ten Evening Tour" of Bible Planned

The Reverend Bruce C. Boney, who has visited chapels, cathedrals, and art galleries throughout the Christian world, and in connection with this, studied the masterpieces portraying outstanding events in Biblical history, will present ten inspirational lectures of one hour each under the theme, "A Ten Evening Tour Through the Bible," beginning January 28 and running through February 8. There will be between 16 and 25 beautifully hand-colored stereoscopic replicas of world famous paintings shown illustratively with each lecture, and Mr. Boney will take his audience through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation during the ten hours. Tickets to meet the expense of the pictures were put in the hands of Boy Scouts of troop No. 1 Friday evening and the date has been set after mid-winter examination.

### NEW CHARTERS

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Chartered:—Union Mortgage Co., San Angelo; capital stock \$54,000; accumulation and lending money without banking or discount privileges; incorporators, Dan G. Wilson, N. Ketchum and M. Freeman. Home Milk Producers, Inc., Beaumont, capital stock \$5,000; milk business; incorporators, Ben Renkema C. T. Helsing and Ed Rake.

Beaumont Land Co., Beaumont, capital stock \$25,000, real estate business; incorporators, W. H. Burgess, M. M. Van Wormer and Addie Van Wormer. Consumers Oil Association, Inc., Amarillo and Pampa; capital stock \$10,000; deal in mineral and soil products; incorporators, A. J. Glover, R. E. Gatlin and F. H. Chandler.

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Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
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Undivided Profits	3,000.00
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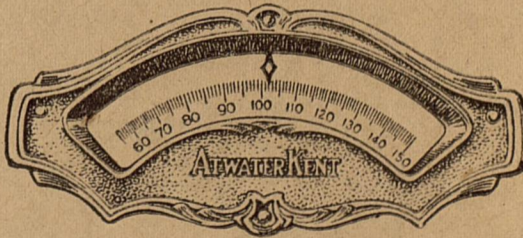
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