

C. C. REID FATAL WOUND IN FORT WORTH

Funeral services for Mrs. Oren C. Reid, 44, were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Riverside where her husband is pastor. Dr. A. E. Prince, pastor First Baptist Church here, assisted in conducting the services.

Mrs. Reid met a tragic death by drowning in the icy waters of a shallow pool at Glen Rose Tuesday despite the efforts of her husband to save her, as told in yesterday's Bulletin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reid were graduates of Howard Payne College, having finished while Mr. Reid was pastor at Bangs. Both were prominent in school activities and college work. Word of Mrs. Reid's death was received with much sorrow by the many friends here and at Bangs.

Screams for Husband's Aid

According to reports received here Mr. and Mrs. Reid were returning from an early morning walk. They were crossing the narrow top of a small dam with Mr. Reid walking in front, when Mrs. Reid lost her balance and fell into the water, screaming for her husband for help. Without hesitation he followed her into the water, grasping her clothing as he sought a footing on the slippery rock bottom.

His shouts brought Mrs. L. T. McBride, caretaker of the park, who in turn summoned a group of men who were working not far away. They pulled the couple out of the water and tried to revive Mrs. Reid, but to no avail. The body was taken to the home of Mrs. McBride where four doctors consulted the efforts to revive her. They expressed an opinion that death resulted from the fall, and that Rev. Mr. Reid also was put under the care of a physician, being treated for the double shock of his wife's death and his own plunge into the icy water.

Had Gone for Penknife

The morning of the tragedy Mr. and Mrs. Reid left their hotel to go to a place in a park where they were to have a picnic. Mr. Reid had a penknife, which Mrs. Reid had lost. They found the penknife and were returning to the hotel when the tragedy occurred.

They Traffic or Be Fined, His Warns

There is too much violation of the law and it must stop. So Chief of Police Bert Hise has announced for traffic violators that they will be fined, or if they violate the laws. The chief of police is turning to the side of the street without proper signals and turning to the right on red lights. Several citations have been issued. Several citations have been issued. Several citations have been issued.

Removal Protested

BATTLE, Dec. 27.—K. A. Hise, mechanical manufacturer, wrote to Mayor John P. Hise and made a strong complaint against the removal of the city's public street cars. Hise said that the cars were made of heavy iron and were being replaced by lighter cars. Hise said that the cars were made of heavy iron and were being replaced by lighter cars. Hise said that the cars were made of heavy iron and were being replaced by lighter cars.

TEXAS CROPS 1932 VALUED 244 MILLIONS

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—Principal Texas crops for 1932 have a farm value estimated at \$244,858,650 in a computation made by the agricultural department of the Dallas News, based upon production figures just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In publishing the estimate today, the News says, "without explanation the federal government this year did not issue its usual crop figures by commodities and states. The News used average farm prices for the growing season as reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Crop value figures must not be confused with farm net income."

"The Texas farm crop value compares with last season's (revised) figure of \$306,872,600. No official live stock and live stock products values are available at this writing."

"Gross income for all farm, ranch and orchard products in Texas for 1931," the News says, "was recently estimated by the government at some \$442,044,000; for 1930 at \$571,032,000; 1929, \$786,728,000."

"The year 1932 saw record low prices for cotton, wheat, corn and some other crops. Entire U. S. gross income from farm products including livestock for the year is placed by the government at only \$3,240,000,000 compared with \$6,955,000,000 in 1931 and \$1,389,000,000 in 1929, and \$1,935,000,000 in the banner year 1919."

"The entire cotton crop of the United States including seed this season only brought growers a total of \$397,000,000 compared with \$529,000,000 in 1931 and \$1,389,000,000 in 1929. In 1929 the Texas cotton crop alone had an approximate value of about \$600,000,000."

Boy at Mullin Is Accidentally Shot With .22 Target

Suffering from a punctured right lung received when a .22 target with which he was playing accidentally discharged, Maxwell Cooksey, 10-year-old son of T. D. Cooksey, Mullin, was brought to Central Texas Hospital Tuesday night. The accident happened at the home late Tuesday afternoon.

The bullet entered the right side of the chest, punctured the lungs and lodged in the right shoulder. Although the wound was pronounced serious at the hospital, the boy was reported resting fairly well.

Family Moves Back To Tent After One Night In New Home

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A family that shuns anything in the way of conveniences for living has been found in Gainesville by Mrs. J. D. Leeper, for many years a social service worker here.

Mrs. Leeper recently found a family consisting of a man and his wife and several small children living in a light canvas tent, with a mattress and several boxes of the only furnishings and no food on hand.

She rented a small house, obtained a bed and bed clothing, installed a gas stove and sent a plentiful supply of food for the family. The emancipated group moved in and the following day Mrs. Leeper returned to learn how the family was enjoying their new domicile.

Imagine her amazement when she discovered the family had disappeared, and later in the day found they had moved back into their tent. They weren't used to living in a house, was their only explanation.

Head of Oil Firm Loans Beaumont Christmas Money

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Two hundred city employees are sure there is a Santa Claus. His name, in their case, is M. F. Yount, president of the Yount-Lee Oil Company.

Three days before Christmas Yount offered city officials his personal check for \$22,000 so that employees could be given Christmas pay checks. The offer was accepted and the city workers, unpaid since October 31, were able to provide yuletide joys for their families. City funds had been depleted when tax collections lagged behind.

Only recently Yount loaned \$60,000 to the city to meet a payroll. The city now owes him \$82,000.

150-Year-Old Rolling Pin

OLATHE, Colo. — A rolling pin which has been in the same family for 150 years is still being used by Mrs. A. W. Beveridge. The rolling pin, made of hard wood and of a unique design, has been handed down from generation to generation.

MANY SEEKING GAME WARDEN APPOINTMENTS

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Want to be a game warden? Ask Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, who has been given an assignment to be governor of Texas beginning January 17, for a period of two years.

Nearly every county has a game warden or two. It seems to be a much sought-after job. Mrs. Ferguson is being swamped with applications for game warden places.

Mrs. Ferguson will have little to do with the game, fish and oyster commission at the start of the new administration, because the forty-first legislature passed a law taking that department almost entirely from gubernatorial influence. The place of game, fish and oyster commissioner, therefore one filled by appointment of the governor, was abolished, and a commission of six members was set up to succeed it.

William Tucker, the commissioner at the time the change was made, was chosen by the commissioners to be executive secretary. The new law provided that the executive secretary should be always elected by the commissioners.

Only the terms of J. H. T. Bibb of Marshall, and Eugene Howe of Amarillo, expired during Mrs. Ferguson's tenure. Their commissions will terminate in 1933. Gus F. Schreiner of Kerrville and Caesar Kieberg of Kingsville have until 1937, and A. E. Wood of Austin and M. L. Buckner of Dallas were appointed to serve until 1935.

Of course, the legislature could change all that by amending the law in some manner, say abolish the board of commissioners and put the game and fish department back under the administration of a single commissioner, as formerly, to be appointed by the Governor.

ROCK SLIDES TOSS SIDE OF MOUNTAIN INTO VALLEY BELOW

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 28.—Tremendous rock slides which are tossing an entire mountain into the Animas valley south of here, continued today.

The thunderous rumble of the slides was heard for miles as thousands of tons of rock, dirt and trees plunged to the level floor of the valley, threatening to block the tracks of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad and the river which flows beside them.

The slides began more than a week ago and since that time have increased until now about 100 tons of debris are hurtling into the valley daily. The rocky glacier is within 1,000 feet of the tracks.

Persons near the mountain when the movement began reported they heard a deep subterranean explosion. Then a huge crack opened near the top of the peak which is a part of the La Plata range. The slides have increased to such an extent the entire face of the mountain has been carried into the valley.

Along one side of the new face of the peak a fissure has opened and a huge section of solid rock is balanced precariously, ready to tumble into the valley momentarily. The rocky section was estimated as weighing thousands of tons.

Thus far the slides have caused no damage to the country in which the peak is located, but they are feared. Prospectors and mining men, however, fear the slide may preface similar activity among other peaks in the La Plata range where many coal and gold mines are located.

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The late afternoon explanation for the slides. Some, however, believe coal mine workings at the base of the peak have so weakened the structure that it is toppling over because of lack of support.

Others were of the opinion a new fault had appeared in the nearby mountain.

Is Natural Phenomena

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—Geological experts were inclined today to view the landslide at Durango, Colo., as a natural phenomena, for that part of the country, save for the unusual magnitude of the slide.

H. W. C. Prommel, prominent Denver geologist and mining man, declared the structure in the vicinity of the Durango slide, is composed, consists largely of shale, coal and clay. Prommel declared.

In such a formation—known technically as the Laramie formation, water often seeps down cracks in the mountains, follows the line of some old fault, and the clay bed-ding becomes wet and slippery. Friction is overcome, and the entire mass above starts to move.

"A slide of the magnitude of the present Durango slide is extremely rare, however," he said.

W. S. Burbank, associate geologist of the government geological bureau here, and well acquainted in the Durango area, expressed a similar opinion.

The common garden mole has eyes, but they are very small and sunken almost beneath the skin.

"First Lady of the Air" Honored Anew



That little air jant which Amelia Earhart Putnam took from Newfoundland to Ireland continues to bring her fame. She was awarded the annual medal of the American Women's Association for the outstanding woman's achievement of the year. Above she is receiving the medal from Mrs. Lillian M. Gilbreth with Anne Morgan standing at her right.

Prominent Couple Are Wed Monday In Church Ceremony

Sharing honors with the month of June, December, especially the Christmas season, has proven to be a popular time for weddings. Outstanding among all the weddings of the month, however, is that of Miss Helba Allen Tebb to Forest M. Nevans that took place at ten o'clock Monday morning at the Presbyterian Church in Blanket. Miss Bettis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bettis of that place and a member of the church.

Chamberlain came to this section of Williamson county in 1879, bringing a small bunch of cattle and securing grassland on Wallace Creek. In 1886 the family moved to San Saba and the next year Chamberlain became a deputy sheriff under Sheriff S. B. Howard.

Lawlessness reigned and there were no railroads nor telephones to aid officers," he said. "Fences were being cut and cattle stolen. It was not unusual for a ranchman to work all day building a fence and find it cut to pieces next morning. One of my jobs was to stop this business."

Growing out of the cattle thefts were the terrible mob days in San Saba county, Chamberlain said. Cattle were stolen in great numbers. Regardless of charges no man was being convicted by juries in the middle eighties. The courts and officers were powerless. Then came a secret organization, composed of leading citizens.

But soon this got beyond control and innocent as well as guilty men were being ordered to leave on short notice. Often men were found shot or hanging from a tree. In 1896 state rangers were sent and the disturbances quelled.

Warning Against Leaving Property In Parked Autos

Persons who leave packages or bundles and other property such as coats and the like in their automobiles are running the risk of having the goods stolen, a warning issued by the police department today stated.

There are reports almost daily of petty stealing in the city and many of these reports are of property stolen from parked automobiles. The police department warns people not to leave their packages and coats in automobiles but to take them along when the car is left parked.

Christmas Packages Are Stolen From Earl Looney Home

A bold robber who wanted nothing but Christmas presents entered the home of Earl Looney, 906 Avenue B, Christmas Eve and took a number of wrapped packages which were lying on a bed. Members of the family and guests were in the front part of the house at the time of the robbery. The bed room from which the presents were taken is located near the rear of the house.

Several valuable coats and other things were in the room, but the thief took nothing but the presents. The robbery was reported to police.

EARL QUINN TO BE GIVEN NEW TRIAL, MURDER

NEWKIRK, Okla., Dec. 28.—An order providing for the return here for Earl Quinn from the state penitentiary at McAlester for a new trial on charges that he murdered two Oklahoma school teachers, had been signed by District Judge John Burger.

Quinn had been convicted and sentenced to death for murdering Jessie and Zelia Griffith, Blackwell, as they drove along the Tonkawa the night of December 28, 1930. They were returning to their school posts after spending part of the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Quinn was placed in the penitentiary death row immediately after sentence had been passed upon him.

The criminal court of appeals, however, reversed the Kay county court and ordered a new trial and a change of venue.

County attorney Bruce Potter, who successfully prosecuted Quinn, leaves office next month.

He announced he had refused the request of the victims' father, J. F. Griffith, to act as a special prosecutor at Quinn's next trial.

"If I helped convict Quinn again, Gov. W. H. Murray probably would grant him clemency just to spite me," Potter said.

Potter was referring to Murray's recent action in granting an executive pardon to Col. Zack Miller, prosecuted by Potter for failing to pay alimony to his divorced wife.

Peace Officer Of Early Days Tells Church Mobmen

SAN SABA, Texas, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A peace officer here for 42 years U. T. (Uncle Buck) Chamberlain recently recounted the part he played in bringing respect for law to this county when it was ruled by range mobmen of pioneer days.

The occasion was his 85th birthday which he observed at the home of his son, Frank Chamberlain, Richmond Springs.

Chamberlain came to this section of Williamson county in 1879, bringing a small bunch of cattle and securing grassland on Wallace Creek. In 1886 the family moved to San Saba and the next year Chamberlain became a deputy sheriff under Sheriff S. B. Howard.

PROHIBITION RALLY JAN. 8

A countywide prohibition rally will be held at the home of Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College at Abilene, as the principal speaker, is being planned by the dry forces here to be held at Howard Payne auditorium Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 2:30 o'clock. A number of local speakers, possibly including a doctor, a lawyer and others, will also appear on the program. Announcement of the plans was made by Rev. P. T. Stanford, pastor of Central Methodist Church, today.

Illinois Convict Returns to Serve Term; All For Girl

WALNUT, Ill., Dec. 28.—Howard Middleton, 33, completed 3,000 miles of hitch-hiking today and surrendered to authorities because, he said, he was in love with a Rochester, Wash., girl who promised to wait for him until he serves a prison sentence.

Middleton was sentenced on May 2, 1931, to serve a year at the state prison farm at Vandalla. He escaped, went to Los Angeles, Seattle, and finally to Rochester, Wash., where he was befriended by a couple whose daughter he fell in love with.

He asked the girl to marry him and confessed to her that he was an escaped convict. They told her parents, who advised him to return to Illinois and surrender. The girl said she would wait for him.

Middleton hitch-hiked a total of about 3,000 miles in returning home. His sentence is scheduled to expire next September.

San Angelo Co-Ops Get Turkey Funds

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Nearly 500 members of the Farmers' Co-operative Poultry Association have been mailed checks for their share of the Christmas market. The local co-op received \$35,000 and the Runco Poultry Association at Ballinger \$8,735 for their respective portions of the 14-1-2 carloads of turkeys marketed.

The price schedule to members was 8.6 cents a pound for No. 1 birds, 4.6 cents for No. 2, and 5.6 cents for old time. Nine cents for the No. 1 birds could have been realized if bad weather and congestion at the plant had not interfered, resulting in a 15 cent shrinkage of the birds. It was declared by W. I. Marshall, county agent.

All Set For a Massacre

"I told my wife I would shoot any man who had flirted with her at the seaside," "What did she say?" "She told me to bring a machine gun."

GIRL DENIES ACCUSATIONS OF HER LOVER

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—An attractive 27-year-old girl, Helen Kesler, denies the accusation of her suicided lover that she had been implicated in the murder of his wife.

Before Sidney J. Hawks, former meat salesman, took the poison that ended his life, he penned a 15-page suicide note, a sordid account of the murder of his wife for the love of the Kesler woman.

"Well, we planned to do away with my wife," the note read. "I bought poison which we put in capsules and put in the bottles where my wife kept her medicine and we took the other out so she would be sure to get it. H. . . wanted to shoot her, but I told her it was better some other way."

Hawks' wife, records showed, died July 26, 1931, following a long illness. There was no autopsy.

"Hawks was crazy," said Miss Kesler, a black-eyed brunette.

Hawks' note was a complete recitation of his illicit love affair with the girl.

"I stuck to you and let my own children go till I have turned every one against me," it read. "Even my own folks. Now I am alone, no one to go to, not even you. . . you ask me to be a good fellow and step out."

"I believe he wrote what he did about me for revenge when I wouldn't live with him any longer," Miss Kesler said.

"Don't grieve over what you have caused me to do but think of the recent woman's life you have taken and the three little orphans you have made. If you have a heart it will drive you crazy."

"You say you are smart but maybe you will get paid for it. With you and Mr. . . success and luck in your craps-shooting and hi-jacking, broken hearted.—Syd."

"He was crazy," Miss Kesler said again.

TEXAS DRYS PLAN STATE CONVENTION

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—The United Forces for prohibition are getting "up in the air" about their approaching state convention, to be held here January 2 and 3.

The executive committee has decided that for the remainder of the week flying squadrons of dry workers will visit towns and cities within a 100 mile radius of Dallas to herald the state meeting. Each place visited will be urged to send delegates here.

Conferences will feature the afternoon session of the convention January 2. The main program will get under way that night, with Bishop John M. Moore and Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, as principal speakers.

The second night's meeting will be turned over to the young people. Dallas W. C. T. U. organizations will meet Friday afternoon in connection with arrangements for the convention. Dr. C. C. Seelman, president of S. M. U. and head of the state united forces, will address the W. C. T. U. members.

Penalty, Interest Delinquent Taxes After December 31

People who owe back taxes to the state and county and to Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 have only a few days left in which to pay to receive benefit of the remission of penalty and interest. If delinquent taxes are paid on or before December 31 no interest and penalty will be charged.

This year's taxes must be paid on or before January 31 or they will become delinquent.

Period for buying 1932 automobile licenses closes at the county tax collector's office February 1.

Odd Divorce Charges Made

HANFORD, Cal. — Charges that her husband forced her to eat all her meals at his restaurant, when she much preferred to eat at home, were basis for a divorce action filed in superior court here by Mrs. Mary Stavros against Louis Stavros. She also charged that he was annoyed with her, he twisted her thumb until it went out of its socket.

Pastors Should Know

PORT WORTH, Tex. — Younts, who were in the habit of visiting the farm as well as to preach the Rev. C. W. Yount, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, told a conference of pastors here that the Younts are both well and happy. He said he was sure they would be well.

FARM PROBLEM ADJUSTMENT IS MEETING'S AIM

Problems of Texas farmers need adjustment and the meeting of agricultural interests of the state has been called to be held at Dallas January 2 and 3 for the purpose of discussing the problems and needed adjustments, says H. G. Lucas, president of the Texas Cooperative Council and National Pecan Marketing Association. Mr. Lucas has returned home after discussing the meeting with other officials of the council in Dallas and says a complete program will be sent out soon.

The meeting will be a conference of representatives of livestock, cotton, wool, wheat, poultry, pecan and rice industries.

"The cooperative council realizes that the farmers and livestock men need their problems adjusted. Interest rates, mortgages and other similar questions will be discussed, most of which are to come up later in the year. These matters will be discussed at the meeting and the farmers and livestock men themselves will decide what they think their industries need," Lucas said today, and continued.

Law Makers to Attend

"A number of members of the state legislature will be present. Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson and her husband, James E. Ferguson, will be present the second day of the conference. Some 500 to 600 people are expected to attend.

"Most of the farmers in this state, as in almost every other state, have loans they made at a time when their products were selling at three and four times more than the same products bring now. The rate of interest is high. It is impossible for many of the farmers and livestock men to make the interest and pay their taxes. Many farms and ranches are being foreclosed.

"The council is worried about this situation and is seeking some adjustment whereby the rates of interest may be lowered and whereby taxes may be reduced so as to help relieve the situation.

"Some of the bills and measures to be introduced later before the legislature and congress will be discussed. Many legislative and economic questions are to come up, but no one or special law or measure is being sought.

Disappointment Expressed

"There has been a great deal of disappointment among farmers and livestock growers because of the policies of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in lending money to the producers. The interest rate is high and there are iron clad regulations and a lot of red tape governing the making of the loans. The farmers do not understand why it is easy for a big bank to secure a loan of millions of dollars and so hard for a small amount of money to be loaned to the actual producers. This will be one of the main discussions," Lucas concluded.

One of the features of the meeting will be Monday night when many of the people attending the conference will attend a Texas Dinner given by the Texas Club. All the food served will be that grown in Texas. Some of the dishes will be of Brownwood pecans.

No Danger in This County of Default In Road Bonds

"There is no danger of Brown county being unable to meet its obligations when due," Judge Courtney Gray stated today when asked if there was any danger of the county having to default on road bonds and interest payments due next year. Unconfirmed dispatches out of Austin are to the effect that the gasoline tax funds of the state may be insufficient to take care of highway bonded indebtedness as provided for by a bill passed at recent session of the Legislature. However, Judge Gray has had no official communication on this subject from Austin and states that he doubts the authenticity of reports that the state will be unable to assume the bonded highway debts as planned.

"Brown county made a road tax levy of 40 cents on the hundred dollar valuation and this will enable the county to help meet payments on highway bonds should the state have to default on any of the payments that have been assumed by Texas," Judge Gray added.

"The commissioners court here did not anticipate that the state would require all of the county's road bonds, hence made a levy sufficient to meet part of these payments," Judge Gray said.

According to news dispatches from other counties, it appears that bond payments in 1933 may have to go unpaid should the state be unable to meet the full amount of principal and interest payments on highway bonds voted by counties and later taken over by the state. This condition will not arise here, Judge Gray believes.

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Brown County Turkeys.

NO EXTRAVAGANT claims have ever been made for Brown county's turkey crop, and it is possible that some other Texas counties during the past season shipped more turkeys than were marketed here.

Although the market was lower than usual, the Brown county turkey crop brought approximately a quarter of a million dollars to the growers. This money was distributed among about fifteen hundred growers, representing almost all the farming families of the entire county.

White House Secretaries.

THE SELECTION of his cabinet is one of the major responsibilities of a President-Elect Roosevelt, because the success or failure of his administration will be largely a reflection of the character of the secretaries he installs as heads of the various departments of the government.

Mr. Roosevelt has already indicated that he will continue the plan employed by President Hoover, of using three or more White House secretarial aides. In Mr. Hoover's administration the plan has not been wholly successful, due to an apparent confusion of duties and responsibilities which often causes overlapping of work and an uncertainty as to procedure.

President Wilson had, in the person of Joseph P. Tumulty, a secretary who was really a shadow of the chief executive and who exerted a tremendous influence upon the whole administration. Mr. Roosevelt will have a need for several Tumultys if he meets all the requirements of his administration, not only to handle the routine work of his office but to represent him before the thousands who, for the first time in several years, will feel that they have a right to claim some of the President's time and attention.

Holidays Quiet, Policemen Report

quiet observance of the holidays is reported by the police. There were no disturbances reported.

Bangs

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son, Carl, of Austin, visited relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bailey and daughter, Miss Mabel, are spending the week in their home at Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Guyger visited Mrs. Guyger's father and sister at Proctor Christmas day.

D. T. Jackson of Brownwood, spent Christmas day with relatives here.

Miss Joyce Payne York is spending the Christmas holidays at her home at Tricketham.

Brindon Bond of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sallie Wilson, this week.

T. C. Reagan is able to be up after a severe attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bell, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Holder and niece, Mildred Dickerson, spent Christmas day with relatives at Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. Munsie Sikes and baby of Ducale, spent Christmas in the home of their father, E. B. Sikes, and family.

Ray Smith has returned from a visit to relatives in San Angelo.

Noble Rochester of Houston, is the guest of his brother, Wendell Rochester, and family.

Miss Mary Jones, allcorn, teacher in the school at Proctor, spent the Christmas holidays in her home here.

L. J. Collins and Willard Jones have returned from a week-end visit to Rising Star.

Miss Elvira Harris, a student in Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harris, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Yarbrough had as their guests Christmas day their children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Yarbrough, and children of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yarbrough and daughter, Mary Lou, and Ervin Yarbrough of Amberst; also Mr. and Mrs. Louis Medley, and Mrs. Bettie Henderson of Brookessmith.

Mrs. Bob McCartney was called to Brady last week on account of the illness of her mother.

Jack Pulliam and Firman Early came in last week from Austin and spent the Christmas holidays in their homes here.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church Christmas eve night was attended by a large crowd. A very beautiful Christmas program was rendered before Santa appeared, who was a little late reaching his destination as is usually the custom with the poor old fellow, who has so many duties to attend to, that he can't reach all on time. After the gifts had all been distributed to those who were remembered by some, many happy hearts left knowing that in spite of all the cry of hard times, some one thought of some one in need, and also realizing that the greatest gift the Savior gave to mankind was the gift of the Savior who came into the world a baby born in a manger, grew to manhood, died the death of the cross, was buried and arose again, that all who will accept his true love and mercy shall be saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mayberry spent the holidays with relatives at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Yarbrough spent Monday in Brownwood visiting in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yarbrough.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Reagar were dinner guests Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reagar near Mt. Zion, at the Reagar home place.

C. T. Roberson spent Christmas day with his wife and daughter at Hamilton.

J. C. Head of Dallas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Head, and other relatives and friends.

W. L. Head and family of Zephyr, were here this week looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bissett and children Garland and Lavern, spent Monday with relatives in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bain, is spending some time in Valera where Mr. Bain is relief agent for the Santa Fe Railway Co.

Mrs. J. O. Wiley of Tyler, arrived Christmas eve night to spend Christmas in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Vardeman.

Miss Margaret Halsell of Fort Worth was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Early during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans and baby of Shield, spent Christmas day in the home of their mother, Mrs. J. G. Vardeman.

Miss Elizabeth Early leaves Thursday for Chicago, after spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Early.

Misses Lorine and Christine Owens of Clear Creek, were guests of Josephine Spain Tuesday, and to attend the Sunday school class party given by their teacher, Mrs. Frank Sullivan in her home Tuesday night. Many games were played, after which refreshments of popcorn and cookies were served.

Mrs. Patsy Pulliam and Mrs. Roy Matthews and Miss Ted Medley went to El Paso Monday to attend the wedding of Miss Melba Bettis to Forrest Evans of Brownwood.

Misses Lela Dale Gibson, Ted Medley, Mesdames Roy Matthews and Patsy Pulliam were Brownwood visitors Tuesday afternoon.

WANTED—Farm to rent, on 1-3 and 1-4, must be 75 to 100 acres in cultivation. Have implements. References, Mrs. Cora Cathey, Rt. 2, May. W53p

OUT OUR WAY



Indian Creek

The best of wishes are for these young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyler of Alpine, Mrs. Viola Carson of Gorman, Mrs. Jewel White and son of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Starkey of Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. George Owens and children of Quitaque were here to be at the Owens and Taliaferro wedding.

Mr. Dee Hardy and Mr. A. Spaulding of Colorado, Texas, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardy and other friends here.

McDaniel

There have been several cases of flu in our community the past week.

Miss Jessie Marie Sanderson, who is teaching school in Coleman county, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haynes of Brownwood spent Christmas day in the home of Mrs. H. E. Haynes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted White and Turner Ray of Ozona are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of T. F. Ray and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Willett, and family at Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stapp and family at Holder.

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Miss Velma Waldrip is slightly improved after a severe attack of neuritis.

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PATROLMEN ON TRACK OF RING OF CAR THIEVES

For several weeks highway patrolmen stationed here have been working to uncover a ring of automobile thieves operating in this district and in many instances in various parts of the state. To date four automobiles—all new Chevrolts—have been recovered and turned over to the insurance companies. No arrests yet have been made.

The cars generally are recovered from some person who has purchased the car without knowing that it is a stolen machine. One of the cars was recovered in Brownwood when the patrolmen stopped a man who was going on a deer hunt and only passing through here. He did not know the car was a stolen machine, but turned the car over to the patrolmen, got into another car with some friends and proceeded on his hunt.

One of the automobiles was taken between Lometa and Goldthwaite, another at Goldthwaite, one at San Saba and the other in Brownwood. The thieves, it is said, steal only new automobiles that have not been driven far. They register them in various counties as new automobiles. They are also clever in blotting out or erasing numbers on the car in various places.

Highway Patrolmen Logan Badgett and Bill Sipeck, who are working on the case, are conducting investigations in an effort to locate more of the stolen cars.

BROWN COUNTY COTTON ABOVE 11,000 BALES

There had been 11,297 bales of cotton ginned in Brown county from the crop of 1932 prior to December 13 according to a report of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The ginning at the same date last year was 9,251. The total 1931 crop was 9,315 bales. The December 14 report shows 2,982 bales more than the total 1931 crop.

THOMPSON ASKED TO TAKE CHARGE EAST TEXAS OIL PRODUCTION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Request that Col. E. O. Thompson of the Texas Railroad Commission take personal charge of production enforcement in the East Texas oil field was made here today in a resolution adopted by a steering committee representing the East Texas Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

Gap Creek

We are again having some pretty weather after a severe cold and rainy spell.

Small grain is looking good. Every one has enjoyed the Christmas holidays. Several from here attended the Christmas tree at Rock Church.

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UNOFFICIAL FLIGHT RECORD MADE BY BROWNWOOD PILOT

An unofficial altitude record of 12,200 feet for OX 5 powered aircraft was set Christmas Day by Bill Garrett, local pilot for Chas. Day.

MORTUARY

MRS. EMMA LEON MORGAN Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Leon Morgan, 29, wife of J. L. Morgan, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from White & London Funeral Home with Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor Melwood Avenue Baptist Church, officiating.

MISS ZORA MOORE Funeral services for Miss Zora Moore, 18, were held Wednesday afternoon at Pleasant Valley cemetery with Rev. Dean Elkins, Brownwood, pastor of the Holder Baptist church officiating.

GREET-O-GRAMS A Happy New Year Good fortune for all of our friends and relations is our sincerest wish.

GREET-O-GRAMS for 1933 The Merchants of Brownwood GREET YOU! Illustration of a child in a pilot's cap holding a GREET-O-GRAM.

GREET-O-GRAMS Greetings For 1933 Good health and good fortune attend you this coming year.

Again Father Time gives us a new and blank calendar. We wish that yours may be filled with an unbroken succession of Happy Days. And may this year be a fore-runner to many years of success. MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.

GREET-O-GRAMS To a Year of Complete Contentment Illustration of a child with a GREET-O-GRAM.

GREET-O-GRAMS Winn Bros. Sandwich Shop That 1933 may be bright with the fulfillment of all your hopes and ambitions is our cordial wish.

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GREET-O-GRAMS Brown County Life Insurance Association 302 First Natl. Bank Bldg.

GREET-O-GRAMS Mead's Bakery DEMAND JUMBO BREAD At All Grocers

GREET-O-GRAMS ROLSTON'S SHOE SHOP 107 E. Broadway

GREET-O-GRAMS Embury Produce Co. Poultry—Eggs Fats—Pecans

GREET-O-GRAMS JACK HALLMARK May the days to come be filled with joy and inspiration, never hum - drum, never dreary. A Happy New Year!

GREET-O-GRAMS J. A. Snider Barber Shop 110 E. LEE ST. We Will Appreciate Your Patronage During 1933

GREET-O-GRAMS THE LODEN'S Auto Spring and Dumper Service

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AUTHORITY FOR NEW PRESIDENT TO ACT SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Blanket authority to permit President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt to carry out his program without the necessity of calling the 73rd congress into a special session shortly after his inauguration.

Sales Tax Plan Dead—Roosevelt's opposition to the proposed manufacturers' sales tax has definitely killed that issue as far as the present congress is concerned.

Budget Needs Vague—ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Vague and conflicting reports as to the amount of money necessary to balance the federal budget are retarding President-elect Roosevelt's program on this vital subject, it was learned today.

After the conference, however, Roosevelt plans to devote several weeks to a complete study of the budget, including all its functions.

Breckenridge Woman Is Banned Fatally As Lantern Explodes—BRECKENRIDGE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Henrietta Sartin, 67, died today of burns received when a lantern she was carrying exploded.

Fourth Victim of Domestic Tragedy Succumbs at Miami—MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Sarah Ann Parnell, who died here today, was the fourth victim of a domestic tragedy in which bullets wiped out members of three families related by marriage.

Texas Oil and Gas Conservation Group Will Meet on Jan. 9—FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—More than 5,000 members of the Texas Oil and Gas Conservation Association have been asked to attend the first annual membership meeting here January 9th.

CARRYING BODIES FROM MINE THAT KILLED 54



Christmas was a day of horror and despair in Moweaqua, Ill., as nearly all the people of the little mining town stood about the shaft entrance beneath which 54 men were entombed.

FARISH URGES ENFORCING OF OIL PROPRATION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—W. S. Farish, president of the Humble Oil Company, made a plea to the Texas Railroad Commission in a hearing of oil operators today to strictly enforce its production allowances for the various oil fields of the state.

Special attack was made on Conroe, newest of the large Texas fields. Formal notice was given by State Senator Thomas Pollard that protest will be made of the proposed taking from that field. Pollard was one of the authors of the new oil law under which the commission may consider "market demand" in fixing the allowable oil production.

Nominations were made by fields. Lawyers for East Texas asked the proposed purchasers if the commission reduced the acreage in the fields if they would still nominate the same total, taking more from East Texas. W. S. Farish, head of Humble Oil & Refining Company, said he could not answer that.

When Farish answered in the negative, Commission Chairman C. W. Twell declared no proposed acreage would be permitted without testimony. Estes said he would take the stand.

On opening the hearing the commission issued a statement declaring court interference with commission orders without hearings would be disastrous. Such court orders restrained the former order.

An inventor has perfected a method of removing printing ink from paper.

DR. PRINCE OFFICIATES AT FUNERAL OF MRS. REID IN FORT WORTH

Funeral services for Mrs. Oren C. Reid were held at Riverside Baptist church at Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon with Dr. A. E. Prince, pastor Brownwood First Baptist church, officiating. He was assisted by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth. Rev. Phillip McQuay of Snyder, who was a student in Howard Payne College here at the same time Rev. and Mrs. Reid were students, and Dr. W. R. White, Fort Worth. Burial was made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Some 2,000 people attended the services, there being more people who had to stand on the outside of the building than were able to get in the church auditorium. About forty Baptist ministers from all parts of the state were present. The services began at 3 o'clock and were not completed until 6 o'clock, more than an hour being required for the people who were standing on the outside to file through the church to view the corpse. The Order of Eastern Star had charge of the services at the grave.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reid graduated from Howard Payne College here in 1923, Mr. Reid being at the time pastor of the Baptist church at Bangs. He has been pastor of the church at Fort Worth for the last three years, except for a short time when he was pastor at Colorado.

Appropriation for Flood Relief Work In Rio Grande Asked

SAN BENITO, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The groundwork for congressional action looking to appropriating \$4,200,000 for flood control in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has been accomplished, in the opinion of Frank S. Robertson and W. E. Anderson, who have returned from Washington, D. C., where they helped present this matter to government officials.

Lack of Prairie Dogs Is Holding Up Research Work

LUBBOCK, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Lack of live prairie dogs with which to continue the work is holding up a series of poison and antidote experiments by the U. S. biological survey here. Don Spencer, investigator for the southwest district out of Denver, stated.

When picked from the tree the coffee berry looks like a red cherry, each berry containing two beans.

FRENCH LOAN TO AUSTRIANS IS ASSAILED

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Deputy Louis Marin, who led the opposition to the December war debt payment to the United States, opened a fight in the Chamber of Deputies today against the authorization of a loan to Austria.

Marin asked, "How can we lend money to Austria after our gesture towards the United States, our ally who fought by our side in the World War?"

Crisis Is Due Today—PARIS, Dec. 29.—With Premier Joseph Paul-Boncour's new government again facing a parliamentary crisis over financial difficulties, "France has been informed that the United States will not consider entering into debt negotiations of any nature until the December war debt annuity is paid.

This information was interpreted by government officials as meaning a virtual suspension of Franco-American diplomatic activity until after Franklin D. Roosevelt is inaugurated as president of the United States in March.

Paul-Boncour informed his cabinet yesterday that he will risk his overthrow today by raising a question of confidence if the Senate attempts to reduce the proposed 5,000,000,000 franc bond issue, needed for current governmental expenses.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A proposal that a permanent board of governors be set up to consider any and all agricultural problems affecting the south was made today by Governor Conner of Mississippi at the South-wide conference being held here.

HOUSE HOLDS MONOPOLY ON WORK TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The House of Representatives today again held a monopoly on congressional activity, buying itself with agriculture department appropriations and with Philippine independence.

The final debate on the agricultural money bill afforded the Republicans an opportunity to assail Democratic conduct of affairs. Representative Schafer of Wisconsin charged that there is no Democratic program.

Army Is Helping Unemployed Eighth Corps Area, Stated

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The United States army is helping relieve distress among the unemployed throughout the Eighth Corps Area by lending bedding and selling surplus and salvage clothing to charitable institutions for nominal sums, a report compiled at corps area headquarters here reveals.

At request of Governor Ross Sterling, 1,000 cots and 2,000 blankets have been loaned to charitable organizations in San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso and other places, and are now being used in supplying sleeping quarters for the needy. Eighth Corps Area stations have loaned 3,000 cots and 6,000 blankets since the unemployment situation began.

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FLU EPIDEMIC UPSETS AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A severe influenza epidemic not only upset the schools in the capital city, but it played havoc with routine incident to carrying on the state government in the capitol.

Officials and subordinates were knocked out on all sides. The old germ was not a respecter of persons. The governor's office probably was as hard hit as any, Miss Jesse Ziegler, one of the secretaries, went to a hospital to have a case of appendicitis cured. Mrs. Ethel Roberdeau, another secretary, was stricken with influenza. Those two did most of the governor's stenographic work, and if that portion of the routine in the executive office does not go on uninterruptedly there would be no digging out from under.

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WIDOW NAMED DEFENDANT IN \$65,000 SUIT

EDINBURG, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Lena S. Baker, widow of the late A. Y. Baker, known as the "millionaire sheriff" of Hidalgo county, is named defendant in a suit on file here.

The action is brought by the Edinburg consolidated independent school district in the 92nd district court. It is the third suit of a series seeking recovery of part of an alleged recovery of \$946,000 in the funds of the school district.

Purpose of the suit is to collect \$65,000, or title to the Baker home in the Country Club estates near Edinburg.

The suit alleges the money, deposited in 1927 in the old Edinburg State Bank & Trust Company, was used in construction of the Baker home and in improvement of the block on which it is located. The bank was the depository for school district funds at the time of the alleged misapplication.

The federal government has already taken an abstract of judgment on the Baker property, claiming it in connection in an effort to collect from the Baker estate approximately \$110,000 in income taxes on the late sheriff's income prior to 1929.

The residence has long been a show place in the Lower Valley. It was constructed in 1927. Some of its furnishings were imported from Europe.

Two other suits seeking to collect approximately \$333,000 from the old Edinburg bank and from R. O. Huff, administrator of the Baker estate, were decided in favor of the defendants. Attorneys for the school district in filing application for a new trial declared information on which the suit was based was obtained in recent audits, that it eliminated exemption from suit under the statute of limitations.

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"It is a well known fact that under present system of state school support, approximately 400,000 children out of a scholastic enumeration of more than one and one-half million received none of the beneficent returns from the annual investment of about \$30,000,000 of state school funds," Rogers stated.

Weakness in the present system was attributed by Rogers to disregard of the basic element of service, an apportionment of \$16 being allotted by the state to the state's graded scholastic, regardless of the "quality of the school's service to the child; too often in the absence of any service."

Rogers expressed the belief that the per capita apportionment had failed to accomplish the wholesome purpose for which it was intended—the guarantee of equality in educational opportunities. "On the contrary," he stated, "it has produced inequalities by the allotment of disproportionate amounts of state funds. The per capita apportionment gives no consideration to the relative needs of the respective school units as indicated by their financial ability to support schools."

The benefits of the tax dollar expended by the school system are received by only 70 out of each 100 children for whom, ostensibly, it was raised and appropriated, Rogers stated.

The report recommended that the basic law providing for the apportionment be amended so as to provide for distribution of the state school funds on the basis of enrollment and average daily attendance, that is, on the basis of services actually rendered by the schools.

"The state should no longer subsidize absence from school," Rogers said. "Its resources should not be used to the extent of millions of dollars annually, to reward non-performance of duty."

Early examples of venerated furniture can be traced back to ancient Egypt, when it was made for kinds.

Jobless Are Given Tickets for Food Instead of Money

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 29.—The old approach—"Can you spare the price of a cuppa coffee, mister?"—has been replaced here for—"How about a ticket, mister?"

It was the idea of the Salvation Army. Many businessmen were reluctant to give money to jobless men who approached them for fear the money would not go to buy necessary food and shelter for deserving ones.

So the Salvation Army issued tickets, redeemable in food at the Army kitchen. These were sold to the businessmen so those in need would be cared for.

Coupon books containing ten tickets were sold for \$1.

A dormitory has been opened for transients by the Salvation Army. There is room for 100 men in the room equipped with cots loaned by the United States army post at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

SILVER FOX IS SHOT

SHERWOOD, Ore., Dec. 29.—Jerome O. Bodger enriched the family coffers and killed a thief recently when he stepped from his doorway and shot a full grown silver fox as the animal was carrying off a tantum bag.

GOV. STERLING LIKELY EQUAL CLEMENCY

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Sterling is expected to appear likely to equal the clemency record of former Miriam A. Ferguson before she expires.

Up to December 22nd, Governor Sterling had issued 2,106 acts of clemency. Included therein were 2,085 general paroles and only 21 pardons.

In her first administration, Mrs. Ferguson granted 2,343 acts of clemency. Her list varied from Sterling's, however, in that only 215 of her proclamations were general paroles whereas 1,328 were full pardons and 800 conditional pardons.

Authorities point out a general parole generally has the same effect as a pardon except it leaves the government with a "string" on the released prisoner.

Mrs. Ferguson became nationally famous during her administration for her acts of clemency, winning both high praise and severe criticism. She frequently was depicted as the "mother who sympathized deeply with the prisoners."

During the 24 months of her tenure in office, she averaged 98 acts of clemency a month. Governor Sterling's average thus far has been 91. At that rate, in the less than a month left of his term, the Governor's total acts of clemency would fall just short of the 2,000 mark, or in the neighborhood of 150 less than Mrs. Ferguson.

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Industrial Growth In Rio Grande Area Is Being Forecast

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Projected port developments in the Valley will result in remarkable industrial growth in this section in the opinion of Col. Charles B. Douglas, special representative of the Inland Waterways Corporation, who recently made a tour of the Valley.

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Col. Douglas said experiments are now being made by the Federal Barge Lines on refrigeration of perishable goods, vegetables and fruits from the Valley.

Salt Refinery May Be Located in Texas Section

TYLER, Dec. 29.—It is not oil that has attracted a California concern to Texas. Geologists here have written a letter from the west coast offering information about Texas salt domes. The one contemplated location of a refinery here.

The approximately 100,000 acre salt dome in Smith and 10 adjacent ones in Tyler, Tex., are near Tyler. The geologists estimate the salt dome is 10,000 feet deep.

TWO DIE IN WRECK

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 29.—Two persons were killed and including James McElroy, United States champion junior amateur speed skater, were injured in an automobile collision near here last night.

This Woman Lost 45 Pounds of Fat

"Dear Sirs: For 3 months I've been using your salts and am very much pleased with results. I've lost 45 lbs., 6 inches in hips and bust measure. I've taken 3 bottles of Kruschen—your health comes first—get it at Renfro's Drug Store, Peerless Drug Co., or any drug store in America. If not joyful satisfied after the first bottle, money back."

GIN NOTICE

GIN NOTICE Of McDonald and Moore

We will gin Saturday, Dec. 31, Saturday, Jan. 7. Final closing day will be Saturday, Jan. 14, 1933.

BURKS TO QUIT C. C. WORK AT END 6TH YEAR

Hilton Burks, secretary of Brownwood Chamber of Commerce for almost 6 years, gave notice to the board of directors at the weekly luncheon today noon he would not be an applicant for the position again.

Finances of the Chamber were discussed by the directors and Mr. Burks and it was decided special issue will be made between now and March 1 to collect all subscriptions due to the Chamber.

Directors urged that all people who subscribed when the finance issue was put on last March 28th at so that the Chamber can meet obligations.

Mr. Burks is considering moving to the station and the Chamber to invite him to come to Brownwood.

Mr. McLean was elected commander of the recently formed post No. 104 of the Legion Club rooms Monday afternoon.

Officers elected were: Wm. McLean, commander; J. W. McSpadden, second vice commander; C. W. Langley, first vice commander; L. V. McArthur, secretary; T. B. Miller, treasurer; L. O. Porter, chaplain; C. W. Carter, Jr., W. Howard, bass; chapter active committee.

The charter members of the club were present for the meeting, all a number of members who have joined since the charter was issued.

Officers hunt for man who escaped from road gang.

Sheriff Jack Hallmark and his deputies have been engaged in a hunt since early Wednesday morning for a man who had escaped from the Brown county road gang.

Trustees discussed the proposed state meeting of representatives of school districts to discuss financial conditions of the public schools.

Superintendent Woodward reported the running of the school system is running smoothly since the reopening Monday.

A repair job on the Junior High school building was completed during the holidays.

A Death Date



Mrs. Wilma Ruth Judd smiled as she returned to jail after 'telling all about the truck numbers' of two women to a grand jury in Phoenix.

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MILIONS GAIN FARM PRODUCTS PUT UP IN '32

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The spectacular and almost universal turn of farm families to producing most of their living at home stands out above all other phases of the agricultural picture in Texas for 1932.

It is estimated that 100,000,000 bushels of wheat were raised, or an average of 2 1/2 bushels for every man, woman and child living in Texas.

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Mr. Denman will remember his first arrest, made on the day he was sworn in as deputy sheriff under Sheriff W. F. Pearce who succeeded Nat Perry in the office.

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Denman Retiring Out Remarkable Career of Three-Times Sheriff

BY CLARK COURSEY

A service of fourteen years as sheriff of Brown county, divided into three different periods, will end the last day of this month when Sheriff M. H. (Moe) Denman retires from his office.

Mr. Denman has seen a great change in methods of law enforcing bodies, these methods progressing with the times. He rode a horse after his men in the old days.

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1932 FIRE LOSS NEAR SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR

Estimated Brownwood fire loss in 1932 is between \$70,000 and \$75,000, as compared with \$69,000 in 1931, according to a report released today by Fire Chief Hanson Pettit and Fire Marshal Luther Guthrie.

The 1930 loss was \$157,931.25 and the 1929 loss was \$168,450.40. Five alarms in 1932 totaled 101, three of which were out of the city limits.

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Plots Dry Fight To Balk Repeal

Throwing legal wrenches into the machinery for repeal of the anti-Saloon League's prohibition amendment is the job of Edward B. Dunfee, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League.

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MRS. COOLIDGE FINDS HUSBAND DEAD AT NOON

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Calvin Coolidge, former president of the United States, was found dead at his home by his wife Thursday noon. Death was said to have been due to heart disease.

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Dr. H. B. Allen Succeeds Denman On School Board

Brownwood school board Monday night accepted the resignation of Tom E. Denman as a member of the board and named Dr. Homer B. Allen to fill out Mr. Denman's unexpired term.

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3 FEET RAIN HERE IN 1932

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COURT ACCEPTS OFFICIAL BONDS

Brown County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday morning with all members of the court present and with Judge Courtney Gray presiding.

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LUCAS OPENS FARM SESSION

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Highway Body To Assume \$501,195 Of County's Bonds

The State Highway Department has agreed to assume the payment of \$501,195 of Brown county road bonds, according to a report made to the Brown County Commissioners Court Monday morning by E. C. October, county auditor.

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