

# The Banner-Bulletin

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## R. Stone, 58, Business and Civic Leader, Ends Life

Some 58, member of directors and general manager of the Baker-Smith Grocery Company, died here last night after a long illness. He was born in 1873 in Durham, N. C. The charge against him was the murder of a woman named Edna in 1918. He was sentenced to life in prison but was pardoned in 1925. He had been in the city for some time and was in declining health.

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## CONNOR AND POWELL DUCKETED FOR TRIAL SAN ANGELO COURT

J. D. Connor, one time school teacher in this section, later sentenced to the penitentiary on extortion and robbery charges, and one of his companions, Clint Powell, who is serving a term in Huntsville penitentiary from San Angelo, probably will be returned to San Angelo next week, according to a story in The San Angelo Morning Times.

Two charges, automobile theft and robbery of a deputy sheriff with firearms, face each in connection with the jail delivery at San Angelo last May in which five prisoners escaped.

Connor's robbery case is the first set for trial on the docket of the third week of 51st district court which opens in San Angelo Monday. The cases against Connor and Powell necessitate the drawing of special venues, it is said.

In making the successful break for liberty from the Tom Green county jail last May, the two held guns on T. B. (Dude) Thompson, chief deputy sheriff, in his office and took his pistol from him, the state alleges in the robbery indictments.

The theft indictments against the two allege that they and three companions stole the automobile of T. B. (Dude) Thompson, as he stopped in front of the jail. The car was later recovered in Oklahoma.

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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND SHIPPING BOARD MEMBER DIES, HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Capt. J. Sumner Welch, 88, civil war veteran and chief timber inspector for the United States shipping board during the world war, died at his home here last night. He had lived here 29 years.

Captain Welch served in the union army during the civil war as bugler, sergeant, first sergeant and lieutenant in the tenth and sixth New York artillery. Later, he was agent of the quartermaster's department of the United States army.

During the 23 years in which he served in the army he had charge of various depots, including one at Pueblo, Colorado. Here he helped to subdue the Ute Indians in their last war.

General G. W. Gothals appointed Captain Welch during the world war to the position of timber inspector for the United States shipping board and emergency fleet corporation, with 64 assistant inspectors. They inspected timber at more than 100 saw mills west of the Mississippi river. Captain Welch's reports showed that more than 26,000,000 feet were inspected at the shippards per month.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine A. Welch; one son, Lute Welch of Havana, Cuba; one daughter, Mrs. V. A. Williams of Water-town, New York; two brothers, O. E. Welch and L. N. Welch, both of Water-town; two sisters, Mrs. Susannah of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Ida Snook of Chicago; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

## AMERICAN DELEGATION TO ARMAMENT PARLEY IS ALMOST COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The almost completed American delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference has not yet been told what to do on three important questions which will come up at the parley.

## HIGHWAYS AND OTHER MATTERS C. C. SUBJECTS

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce heard a comprehensive discussion of Brownwood road work by Leo Ehlinger, engineer, at the last meeting of this year, held at Southern Hotel Wednesday afternoon.

Plans for an agricultural exhibit in Brownwood and several other matters were also brought before the board for consideration.

A considerable part of the road discussion by Mr. Ehlinger dealt with matters covered a report obtained from him by The Bulletin, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mullin Line Located. Mr. Ehlinger stated that the location of the line from Brown county line to Mullin had been completed, with the exception of the exact location for a bridge on Pompey creek. The route enters Mullin three blocks north of the main street of the town he stated.

It was stated that A. F. Moursund, division engineer, met with the commissioners court of McCulloch county last Monday and with them was working out the matter of securing right of way from the Colorado river bridge to Mercury, or to a connection with the Mercury road. It was expected, it was stated, that the right of way would be secured by the time the bridge is completed.

A letter from the Del Rio chamber of commerce asking the board to endorse the building of a railroad from Ozona to Del Rio was laid on the table, the directors declining to take any further action on the request.

Canada-to-Gulf Letter. A letter from W. J. Milburn of Sayre, Okla., executive secretary of the Canada-to-Gulf association, was read and the board pledged its cooperation to the work toward the completion of that project. Securing the designation of the highway from Brownwood to Brady is one of the tasks immediately facing the organization. Milburn stated that work was under way on the approaches to the Red River bridge on the Canada-to-Gulf route and that it was hoped that the bridge might be completed in February. The bridge location is between Altus, Oklahoma, and Vernon, Texas.

Agricultural Exhibit. In line with suggestions made to him recently by O. P. Griffin, county agent, Secretary Burks, discussed with the board the questions of an agricultural exhibit in Brownwood next fall, the wings of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall to be used for the exhibit space, and the auditorium for entertainment programs in connection with the exhibit. The matter was referred to the agricultural committee.

## CONGRESSMEN RECALL DAYS OF LONG AGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Holiday reminiscing today turned the thoughts of at least nine congressmen back to the days when their fathers sat in the house of representatives.

There's a quaint old capital custom of allowing young children to go to the floor of the house and sit with their parents on momentous occasions, so they can tell about it afterwards.

And some thus acquire an ambition to follow in parental footsteps and be legislators themselves. There are other families with Ruth Bryan Owen sat with her father, Representative William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, and watched Speaker Crisp wield the gavel. Now her small daughter, Helen Rudd, 10, comes to sessions.

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, who sat as a child of 7 with his father, now brings to the floor his two sons, Martin, 10, and Robert, 4.

Representative Grant E. Mouser, Jr., of Marion, Ohio, has had at this session both his father, Grant E. Mouser, Sr., and his sons, Grant Sr., age 8, and Harold, age 6.

Returning Favors. "My father took me here when I was a boy. I'm taking him in now," said Mouser.

Representative John William Boehne, Jr., of Evansville, Indiana, took the oath of office standing between his father, John William Boehne, Sr., representative in 1909, and his son, Charles, age 11, and Charles, age 6.

It was representative Harry L. Englebright's younger brother who sat with his father, representative William F. Englebright, taking time off from play with the Roosevelt boys. The younger Englebright came to Brownwood twenty years to the day after his father, same California district—and both by special elections.

## MANY REFUNDS IN TAXES ARE MADE IN 1931

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Treasury reconsideration on taxes and the decision that it had been wrong in a good many instances put \$59,476,930 in refunds back into taxpayers' pocketbooks in the 1931 fiscal year ending June 30.

Secretary Mellon reported today to congress that the sum included all taxes illegally collected and returned but he did not list credits and abatement. The latter are deducted from taxes assessed but not yet paid. Refunds are actual cash payments.

The year before refunds totaled \$136,236,333, abatements \$176,399,377 and credits \$36,553,245.

Only two separate refunds were for more than \$1,000,000, in which class there were 12 a year earlier. The Illinois Central railroad got \$1,558,675; the Prairie Pipe Line Company of Independence, Kansas, \$1,754,491.

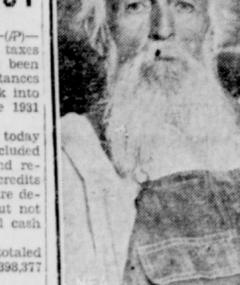
As usual, hundreds of names familiar to the country were on the list of the thousands who received refunds of more than \$500. John D. Rockefeller was there again with \$31,324; his son, John D. Jr., got \$1,204.

To Secretary Mellon himself there was a refund of \$55,922; to his brother, R. B. Mellon, \$14,725 and to Mrs. Jennie K. Mellon, \$2,594.

Three well known movie stars convinced the treasury they were entitled to returns—Douglas Fairbanks to the extent of \$12,291, and Helen Costello Sherman and Dolores Costello Barrymore, \$1,345 each.

Among the larger refunds were: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., \$97,926; New York Life Insurance Company, \$84,926; American Hawaiian Steamship Company, \$82,409; Estate of Payne Whitney, \$67,449; F. W. Woolworth Company, \$67,951; Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company \$500,576; estate of William K. Vanderbilt, \$363,998.

## Old Soldier Now Leads 'Model' Life



In real life he's John P. Dalton, retired elder merchant of Walpole, Mass., and one-time fighter under General Custer in the Indian wars, and painter of Biblical subjects depicting him as John the Baptist, Simeon, and even the thief of the foot of the Cross. Dalton has been a famous model for years.

## START WORK ON OVERPASS

Excavation work for the overpass on Highway No. 7 over the Frisco railroad has been started by the J. B. Clardy Construction Company of Fort Worth. The company has been moving machinery and equipment for several days and is ready now to start in earnest the construction of the \$29,190 overpass. The overpass approaches will be .857 of a mile long when completed.

The work order on paving work on Highway No. 7 from the Coleman county line to Brownwood is being held up temporarily until the county and state highway department can come to an agreement on finances. Owing to low bond market, the county does not want to sell bonds at present but wants to put them in escrow for the work. It is thought the state highway department will agree to this proposition and will soon issue the work order. The contract was let December 1 to H. K. McCollum of Ft. Worth for \$115,612.

## ARMY'S GOOD YEAR

LONDON—The year ending Sept. 30, 1931, was a good one for England's army, considering the number of enlistments. Total enlistments were over 34,000, as compared with just over 26,000 last year.

## IS AMERICA NOW

AKRON, O.—Dr. Karl Aronstein, designer of the U. S. S. Arkon, is now an American citizen. Dr. Aronstein took the oath of allegiance to the United States here at a banquet given him. A native born German Aronstein came to this country to design the huge dirigible and then decided to remain and become an American citizen. He is busy here now working on the design to the sister ship of the Arkon.

## OLD STUFF

AUTHOR: I left a package of jokes here for your approval. Do you happen to have read them?  
EDITOR: Yes, many times.—Allt for Alla, Stockholm.

## SON-IN-LAW OF SLAIN MAN IS UNDER ARREST

SAN SABA, Tex., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Will Edmondson was shot to death last night near the town of Locker, San Saba county. Two bullets penetrated his head.

His son-in-law, Aubrey Hopson, surrendered to Sheriff Graves immediately after the slaying. Hopson declined to make a statement. Sheriff Graves was conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the shooting.

Edmondson was acquitted at Georgetown in the spring of 1930 in a charge of murder in connection with the death of Fred Bollinger. It was his sixth trial on the charge. Hopson was a state witness.

Aubrey Hopson, about 25 or 30 years old, is a son of Jim Hopson, farm laborer, who lives in Brownwood. County officers here were notified of the killing and were asked to get word to the elder Hopson.

In Brownwood Wednesday Hopson and Edmondson had been in Brownwood Wednesday attending to business and had driven in the sale at Edmondson's ranch near Locker on their return trip when the killing occurred, according to telephone information received by The Bulletin from County Attorney Gray and Sheriff Graves of San Saba.

Edmondson was shot twice through the head with bullets from a .25 caliber pistol. Hopson had two knife cuts in his coat when arrested, officers state. After the shooting Hopson went to a telephone and called officers at San Saba, telling them to come after him.

No examining trial had been held this afternoon and Hopson was being held in jail without bond pending investigation of the case. County Attorney Gray said examining trial probably would be held Friday. Hopson did not make a statement.

Burial at Locker Today Edmondson's body was being prepared for burial at Locker and Sheriff Graves said he understood the funeral was to be held this afternoon. He is survived by his wife and several children. It is said, Hopson and his wife had been living on Edmondson's place and no cause of the misunderstanding was learned, officers said.

Edmondson's six murder trials had attracted attention throughout this section since 1925. He was accused of killing Fred Bollinger, but was acquitted in trial last spring at Georgetown, after the case had been tried five times before. Edmondson was tried twice at San Saba, twice at Llano and twice at Georgetown.

## Brother of Local Citizens Killed On Hunting Trip

THROCKMORTON, Tex., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Accidental discharge of a small-gauge shotgun, which he was using on a hunting expedition with his five-year grandson, proved fatal yesterday to C. L. Hughes, 54, tourist camp and filling station operator here. The gun was discharged as Hughes climbed through a wire fence, the full charge entering his temple and causing instant death. Only the boy was with him when the accident occurred, at a field on the outskirts of town.

## Fort Worth School Girl Finds Pot Of Gold In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28.—(AP)—An 18 year old Fort Worth, Texas, school girl, Florine McKinney, has found her pot of gold at the end of the trail of her decrepit automobile. A Hollywood studio has given her a contract calling for \$750 weekly salary, according to the records of superior court, where official approval of the contract was made because Miss McKinney is a minor.

"Everytime we hit a bump we dropped something, either a bolt or a nut," said the young actress, telling of her trip by automobile from Texas. "My teacher, Mrs. Eva Brown, who accompanied me, kept urging me on. 'Hollywood or bust,' she repeated, and that's what kept up my courage."

## CLOTHING STORE EMPLOYEE AT KILGORE IS ROBBED

KILGORE, Tex., Dec. 31.—(AP)—A clothing store employe a man who he was robbed of \$436 by a man who established this morning. He said the robber escaped in an automobile.

## Legion to Announce Winners In Contest For Membership

Announcement of the winning side in the American Legion membership contest here will be made at the regular meeting of the Isham A. Smith post Friday night. The post has been divided into two sides, Army and Navy, and for some time have been trying to see which side could get the most members. The losing side must furnish entertainment for the winners. Plans will also be made at the meeting for the entertainment.

## Federal Aid For Unemployed Issue Finds Proponents

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Mute during the opening days of the session, the question of direct federal aid for the unemployed has found a voice which promises to clamor in both houses after congress resumes.

Those legislators who feel there will be much suffering this winter unless the government contributes millions have had their convictions strengthened by testimony before a senate manufacturers sub-committee.

President Hoover does not like the idea. He feels their execution would constitute a "dole" and he has supporters in congress who agree such help would do more harm than good in the long run.

Relief workers, associated with the organization Mr. Hoover set up for relief, however, have told the senate committee that local charity lacks the money to meet the need.

## Mountain Farmer Is Held for Murder Demented Daughter

WAYNE, Va., Dec. 30.—(AP)—A mountain farmer was held in jail today in the alleged "mercy" murder of his mentally deficient daughter.

Smith Webb, who, his neighbors say, "has his best" to care for the unfortunate girl for 26 years, was arrested last night. He protested innocence, declaring that the girl might have swallowed poison.

Officers said he poisoned his daughter, Maude, and then dressed her in "Sunday best" to place her in a homemade coffin. A rough grave had been excavated before authorities started a check when they heard Webb had no death certificate.

The daughter died in convulsions December 14th. Webb had the body in the coffin at the grave when officers arrived to investigate.

The 50 year old widower claims the charge was brought against him by enemies because of furnishing information that resulted in liquor raids.

## New York Sheriff Is Under Fire For Large Bank Account

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—With one signal victory won in the imposition of a \$50,000 fine against Russell T. Sherwood, alleged financial partner of Mayor Walker, for refusing to appear before the Hofstadter investigating committee, Counsel Samuel Seabury today turned his attention to Sheriff Farley.

A letter containing the committee's specific charges against Sheriff Farley in connection with the latter's large bank accounts, and a transcript of testimony given at Farley's hearing, were ready to be presented today to Governor Roosevelt. Seabury is demanding Farley's removal from office, charging as "fines" the sheriff's explanation of his ability to draw at will from a tin box whenever he wanted to increase his bank balance.

## RUBIO APPROVES NEW CLERGY RESTRICTION LAW, EFFECTIVE TODAY

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—President Ortiz Rubio has approved the clergy restriction law passed last week by the senate and which will be effective today on publication in the Diario Oficial.

The law permits the Catholic church 25 priests in Mexico City. It was passed last week by the senate and chamber of deputies.

A presidential regulatory decree accompanying it, and providing a means of keeping more than 200 churches open under lay jurisdiction, will be published immediately thereafter, Secretary of Interior Manuel C. Telez announced.

Application of the present law rests in the hands of Secretary Telez, who was extremely active in negotiations leading up to the religious settlement of 1929. He was then ambassador to Washington.

## YOUNG RANCHMAN NEAR FOWLERLTON IS KILLED

FOWLERLTON, Tex., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Murray Martin, young ranchman, was killed accidentally on the Martin ranch near here yesterday afternoon. Details were not learned.

## SILVER HAired WOMAN NAMED MOST VALUABLE CITIZEN OF TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Very modestly does silver-haired Mrs. Frederick C. Thompson take the honor of designation as the city's "most useful citizen" for 1931.

"Nothing has ever made me feel so humble," she said after her fellow citizens had thus rewarded her ten years of tireless work among the city's poor and needy persons. She is assistant superintendent of the Tacoma community house.

The woman, whose days are a routine of boys and girls' work, English lessons, women of foreign birth, religious, health, play and home economics guidance, and whose nights are occasionally broken into with hurry-up calls for help in ushering new lives into the world, gives much of the credit to her husband.

"My work is the work I love," she explains, "and all I have really done is to assist Mr. Thompson, who is superintendent, in relieving and helping the people who come to us."

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We need good roads to take us there. What'er the destination.  
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# Zephyr

Miss Lute Beth Morris left Saturday for Douglasville to spend the holiday with her parents.

Mrs. Chester Massingill and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham were shopping in Brownwood Monday.

An announcement was made last week of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinney at the Central Texas hospital in Brownwood.

Lowell VanZandt, who is attending A. & M. College, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his father, J. L. VanZandt.

Mrs. Arthur Driskill and daughter Mammie Dell left Saturday morning for Lovington, New Mexico, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Driskill during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Geneva Karr left Friday to spend the holidays with her mother in Brownwood.

Lellias VanZandt and Aurelia Petty who are attending John Tarleton College arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Leslie Griffin left Sunday morning for Austin, to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Kate Fields is spending the holidays with her parents at Bangs.

Mrs. D. F. Petty and son, John, were Brownwood shoppers Tuesday.

The Epworth League will present the following program Sunday, December 27. On How Far Dare We Practice the Brotherhood of Man. Leader—Marvin Lee Ford. After all, there is but one humanity—George Moore, Song Service, prayer—Bro. Smoot. Scripture Matt. 20, 20-28 with leaders comment and talk. What is Brotherhood?—Novice Shelton. Causes of race prejudice—Lee VanZandt. The Fear Scepter—Howard Henson. Expedience vs. Sensibleness—Mrs. Delbert Stewart. Why is Brotherhood Costly?—Tyrene Hallmark. Reflections—Janie Belvin. Special music—Benediction.

Mrs. W. B. NeSmith and Inez have been on the sick list, but are better now.

Alec Edwards left Sunday morning for Troy to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Misses Avis and Inez Petsik are spending the holidays with their parents at Brooksmith.

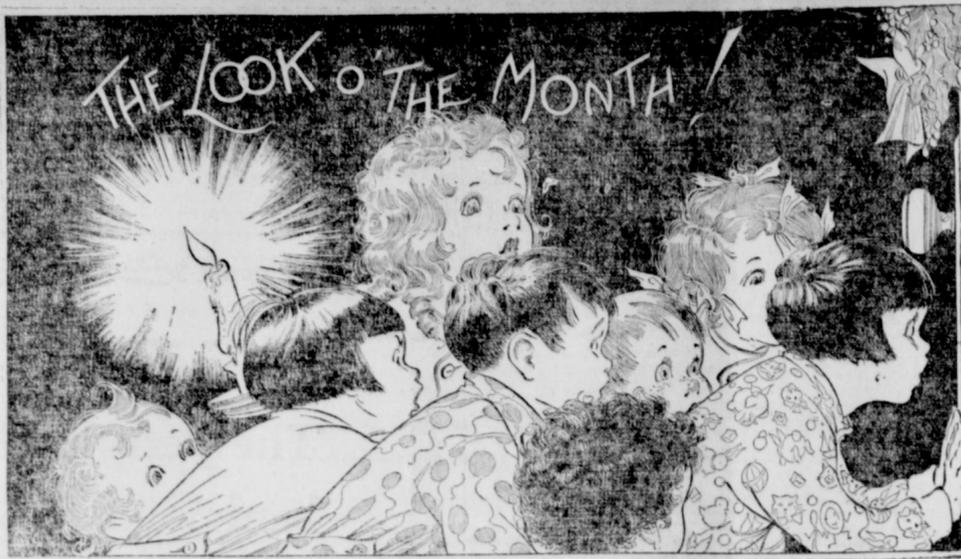
Rev. and Mrs. Paul McCasland of Brooksmith came over Sunday for his regular appointment at the Baptist church, but had car trouble and arrived too late to fill it.

Misses Lula Cunningham and Aurelia Petty spent Monday night in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Jr.

Mrs. Edna Glass returned Sunday after spending several weeks at the bedside of her father, Mr. L. L. White, who passed away at Temple, last Friday night.

Her many friends extend their deepest sympathy.

Mrs. R. A. Scott and daughter, Bernice and Mary Belle Timmins were Brownwood visitors.



Miss Lona Lee Bingham of Wicket came in Sunday to spend the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Braddock.

Mr. Bob Forsythe is critically ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Clay Duke has been with him a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hallford who have been in Lubbock the last few days returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brannon of Cleo visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Glass Tuesday.

Messrs. and Mmes. Byron Anderson, Curtis Reynolds of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clayton Sunday.

J. L. VanZandt, Mae, and Lellias were in Brownwood Tuesday.

With Nona Cobb as leader of the B. Y. P. U. a program on "Progress in the Far" will be given December 27. Others taking part are: Benjamin at Jerusalem—Dorothy Nell Baker. From Jerusalem—Geneva McKinney. The Spread of the Gospel by Centuries—Mrs. Ida Cobb. India—Lula China—Mrs. McKinney. Japan—Eustace Renfro. Back to Jerusalem.

Messrs. and Mmes. R. L. and L. L. Thomas were Brownwood visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Levi Clayton of Los Angeles, California, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clayton, visited friends in Rochelle Monday.

Messrs. M. L. and Marion Smith made a business trip to Goldthwaite Saturday.

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Talma Hintner Clabe Reagan; also visited with them while Sunday.

The basket ball teams, both girls and boys, were terribly disappointed last Saturday as they had been invited by the Millburn team to come over and spend the day in playing in some tournament games. Perry Boyd was taking them over in the bus and got as far as Brownwood and it began to rain.

J. W. Vernon returned home on Monday night after a few days visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Joe Boyd and wife of Brownwood spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Ehridge.

Mrs. George Griggs and children, and Will Griggs spent Monday in Brownwood.

Word has been received here by relatives announcing the arrival of a little daughter, Bobbie Jean, born Monday morning, the 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Earp of Colorado, Texas.

Miss Estelle Page, who is attending school at Daniel Baker, spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunt. Other visitors in the same home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Salyer and little son, Jack, of Brownwood.

**Holder**

We have been having some more bad weather and a little snow but it didn't last, as it melted almost as soon as it fell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones received the news of a great grand daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alman December 15, of Brownwood.

Mr. John Tabor and Mr. Odus Malone were shopping in Brownwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ward have moved to the old Best place.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harms have moved to May.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis White are moving to De Leon. We will surely miss these folks, who are moving out of our community.

Mr. Louis White will occupy the place Mr. Louis White lived on, known as C. C. Boyd place. And Mr. Joe Wilkerson of Center Point will move to the place on which Oley Boyd lived, known as the Witt Thomas place.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. Sina Smith were sorry to hear that she is ill with pneumonia, but we hope she will soon be on the road to recovery. They used to live in this community and are well known here.

Mr. Elmer McCamey and Mr. Moss Altum of De Leon were in this community Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Malone and Miss Odessa White spent Friday night with Mrs. Bertha Tabor.

Friday will be Christmas, the day we expect old Santa Claus at our house. We wish each and every one a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr. F. M. Jones spent Monday with Mr. C. C. Boyd.

Miss Ethel Jones spent Monday with Miss Lydia and Ocie Tabor.

**Bangs**

J. M. Griffith, of Austin, was an over-night guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Strange, Thursday night, while enroute to San Angelo to accompany his daughter, Miss Thelma, to their home to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Griffith is a teacher in San Angelo school.

Miss Pantilla Johnson, left Friday for home in Canton to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mable Bailey has gone to her home at Stamford for the holidays.

Clarence Bissett of John Tarleton has returned to his home here for the Christmas holidays.

Jack Pulliam came in this week from State University at Austin to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rucker left Friday for Pilot Point for a visit to relatives.

J. D. Williams has gone to his home at Granbury to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Muriel Matthews returned Sunday from week-end visit to Miss Jackie Means at Salt Branch.

Last Monday at the school auditorium the following program was rendered: O, Little Town of Bethlehem by fourth grade; Christmas tree exercises, and song by second grade; readings by Della Mae Morgan, Juanita Rochester, Robert Jojins and Samuel Rucker, Arwood Walker, Oscar Barnes. Several numbers were given by Mr. Walker's public speaking class. Those participating were Muriel Matthews, King, Nichols Sawyer, Ben Sullivan, E. J. Ashcraft, Jr. and Irene Seaburgh. Concluding this Miss LaVerne Walker gave a chalk talk, Silent Night.

Miss Hattie "Ted" Medley, has gone to Mercury to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her brother.

The people of Bangs were made sad Friday on learning of the death of Bernard Hintner, better known here as "Ben". Mr. and Mrs. Hintner were formerly residents of Bangs and made many friends who are grieved to learn of his going. The wife and son have the sympathy of their friends here.

The Womens Missionary Society of the Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. L. N. Yarbrough Monday afternoon and rendered a very beautiful Christmas program, Topic, The Star Again in the East. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Rucker. Song, Silent Night was sung as the opening hymn. Each one having a part rendered it well. Mrs. Leonard always brings wonderful messages. Mrs. Seal also gave her part as no one

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but she can do. The Christmas stories told were happenings in Japan and each time a program is rendered those present feel that it is the best one yet, and all of the members feel that such a blessing is gained by trying to teach others how to know Jesus. A refreshment plate of hot chocolate and cake was passed. Mrs. Yarbrough was assisted by Mrs. O. M. Leonard and Mrs. Patsy Pulliam. The society will meet next Monday in the home of Mrs. A. Seal, in a business meeting.

Mrs. J. P. Gaines returned from Llano last week, where she attended the funeral of her father, Mr. Maxwell.

Miss Ina Read is here from Dallas to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Read and other relatives.

Mrs. C. N. Nunn and son, Chester of Perter, Oklahoma, came in Monday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth Campbell has gone to her home in Fort Worth to spend Christmas.

Wednesday, December the 16th, twenty-one ladies met in the home of Mrs. Lon Tweedle, and quilted three quilts that had been given by friends as a token of their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Audry McIntyre, who had their home and contents destroyed by fire a month ago.

Brindon Bond and Seth Jenkins are home from John Tarleton college to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheffield, and daughter, Mrs. Ray Bain, attended the funeral of J. M. Laughlin at Trichham last Thursday. Laughlin had been a long time friend of the Sheffield's, and was the father of Mrs. Carl Sheffield of Brooksmith and had been a former resident of Trichham for many years.

Mrs. Ben Crowder and Mrs. Guy Eads and daughter Adell, returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Fort Worth.

Messrs. Floyd and Thomas Williams and children of Levelland, are expected to arrive this week to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. John Swenson.

Miss Oleta Read, member of the school faculty at Embouse is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Read, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wedgeworth and children left Saturday for a visit to relatives in Nacogdoches.

Mrs. Ada Nichols returned to her home in Coppas Cove Tuesday, after visiting her daughters, Mrs. Lehman Walton and Miss Mae Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allison spent Monday in Brownwood visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mask and son, Harold, visited her sister, who is ill in the Sealy Hospital at San Antonio Tuesday afternoon.

W. C. Mitchell of Dalhart spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. D. McKay has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown of Coleman are here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hopper of Goldthwaite were over-night guests in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schindler Monday night.

**Scandal's Weakness**

Malice may empty her quiver, but cannot wound; the dirt will not stick, the jests will not take. Without the consent of the world, a scandal doth not so deep; it is only a slight stroke upon the injured party, and returned with the greater force upon those that gave it.—Salville.

**Forward All**

"At a dinner I heard a new toast. Will you pass it on?" Gladly. "Here's to the fighter who goes to battle, not against his fellow-man, but against the common enemies of mankind."—London Tit-Bits.

**Notice to Trespassers**

I have the trapping and hunting privilege on all the Cox and McInnis lands and all the Baugh land owned by J. W. Tabor. Anyone caught will be prosecuted. So stay out and save a fine.

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## R. Stone, 58, Business and Civic Leader, Ends Life

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Mr. Stone was a prominent business and civic leader in Brownwood. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors of the Smith Grocery Co. He was also a member of the Methodist church and the Brownwood Athletic Club.

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## CONNOR AND POWELL DUCKETED FOR TRIAL SAN ANGELO COURT

J. D. Connor, one time school teacher in this section, later sentenced to the penitentiary on extortion and robbery charges, and one of his companions, Clint Powell, who is serving a term in Huntsville penitentiary from San Angelo, probably will be returned to San Angelo next week, according to a story in The San Angelo Morning Times.

Two charges, automobile theft and robbery of a deputy sheriff with firearms, each in connection with the jail delivery at San Angelo last May in which five prisoners escaped.

Connor's robbery case is the first set for trial on the docket of the third week of 31st district court which opens in San Angelo Monday.

The cases against Connor and Powell necessitate the drawing of special venire, it is said.

In making the successful break for liberty from the Tom Green county jail last May, the two held guns on T. B. (Dude) Thompson, chief deputy sheriff, in his office and took his pistol from him, the state alleges in the robbery indictments.

The theft indictments against the two allege that they and three companions stole the automobile of Claud Pennington, mail carrier, as he stopped in front of the jail. The car was later recovered in Oklahoma.

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## Funeral Today



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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND SHIPPING BOARD MEMBER DIES, HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Capt. J. Sumner Welch, 88, civil war veteran and chief timber inspector for the United States shipping board during the world war, died at his home here last night. He had lived here 23 years.

Captain Welch served in the United States army during the civil war as bugler, sergeant, first sergeant and lieutenant in the tenth and sixth New York artillery. Later, he was agent of the quartermaster's department of the United States army.

During the 23 years in which he served in the army he had charge of various depots, including one at Pueblo, Colorado. Here he helped to subdue the Ute Indians in their last war.

General G. W. Goethals appointed Captain Welch during the world war to the position of timber inspector for the United States shipping board and emergency fleet cooperation, with 64 assistant inspectors. They inspected timber at more than 100 saw mills west of the Mississippi river. Captain Welch's reports showed that more than 25,000,000 feet were inspected at the shippards per month.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine A. Welch; one son, Lute Welch of Havana, Cuba; one daughter, Mrs. V. A. Williams of Watertown, New York; two brothers, O. E. Welch and L. N. Welch, both of Watertown; two sisters, Mrs. Susan McKee of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Ida Snook of Chicago; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

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## HIGHWAYS AND OTHER MATTERS C. C. SUBJECTS

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce heard a comprehensive discussion of Brownwood road work by Leo Ehlinger, engineer, at the last meeting of this year, held at Southern Hotel Wednesday at noon.

Plans for an agricultural exhibit in Brownwood and several other matters were also brought before the board for consideration.

A considerable part of the road discussion by Mr. Ehlinger dealt with matters covered a report obtained from him by The Bulletin, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

**Mullin Line Located.**  
Mr. Ehlinger stated that the location of the line from Brown county line to Mullin had been completed, with the exception of the exact location for a bridge on Pompey creek. The route enters Mullin three blocks north of the main street of the town he stated.

It was stated that A. P. Mour-sund, division engineer, met with the commissioners court of McCulloch county last Monday and with them was working out the matter of securing right of way from the Colorado river bridge to Mercury, or to a connection with the Mercury road. It was expected, it was stated, that the right of way would be secured by the time the bridge is completed.

A letter from the Del Rio chamber of commerce asking the board to endorse the building of a railroad from Ozona to Del Rio was laid on the table, the directors declining to take any further action on the request.

**Canada-to-Gulf Letter.**  
A letter from W. J. Milburn of Sayre, Okla., executive secretary of the Canada-to-Gulf association, was read and the board pledged its cooperation to the work toward the completion of that project. Securing the designation of the highway from Brownwood to Brady is one of the tasks immediately facing the organization. Milburn stated that work was under way on the 99-proposals to the Red River bridge on the Canada-to-Gulf route and that it was hoped that the bridge might be completed in February. The bridge location is between Al-tube, Oklahoma, and Vernon, Texas.

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## CONGRESSMEN RECALL DAYS OF LONG AGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Holiday reminiscing today turned the thoughts of at least nine congressmen back to the days when their fathers sat in the house of representatives.

There's a quaint old custom of allowing young children to go to the floor of the house and sit with their parents on momentous occasions, so they can tell about it afterwards.

And now thus acquire an ambition to follow in parental footsteps and be legislators themselves.

At the age of 6, Representative Ruth Bryan Owen sat with her father, Representative William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, and watched Speaker Crisp wield the gavel. Now her small daughter, Helen Rudd, 10, comes to sessions.

There are other families with three generations which have had the privilege of the floor under like circumstances.

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, who sat as a child of 7 with his father, now brings to the floor his two sons, Martin, 10, and Robert, 4.

Representative Grant E. Mouser, Jr., of Marion, Ohio, has had at this session both his father, Grant E. Mouser, Sr., and his son, Grant, Sr., age 8, and Harold, age 6.

**Returning Favors.**  
"My father took me in there when I was a boy. I'm taking him in now," said Mouser.

Representative John William Eshler, Jr., of Evansville, Indiana, took the oath of office standing between his father, John William Eshler, Sr., representative in 1909, and his sons John William Eshler, Jr., age 11, and Charles, age 6.

It was representative Harry L. Englebright's younger brother who sat with his father, representative William F. Englebright, taking time off from play with the Roosevelt boys. The younger Englebright came to congress twenty years to the day after his father, same California district—and both by special election.

In direct succession, after serving their fathers as secretaries, representative Charles Forest Curry, Jr., of California, and representative Paul John Kvale, of Minnesota, entered the house.

There's a hole-in-the-senate-in-the-hall and a Bankhead in the house, William Brockman, Their brothers from Alabama, and their father, John Hollis Bankhead, Sr., set the precedent for both of them.

One of the most remarkable father-and-son combinations was the Georgia Crises. All the while the late Charles Frederick Crisp was speaker of the house, his son, Charles Robert, served him as parliamentary. Now the younger Crisp is one of the seasoned veterans and leading Democrats.

**IS AMERICA NOW**  
AKRON, O.—Dr. Karl Arstein, designer of the U. S. Akropolis, designer of an American citizen. Dr. Arstein took the oath of allegiance to the United States here at a banquet given him. A native born German Arstein came to this country to design the huge dirigible and then decided to remain and become an American citizen. He is busy here now working on the design to the sister ship of the Akron.

**OLD STUFF**  
AUTHOR: I left a package of jokes here for your approval. Do you happen to have read them?  
EDITOR: Yes, many times.—All for Alla, Stockholm.

## SILVER HAired WOMAN NAMED MOST VALUABLE CITIZEN OF TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Very modestly does silver-haired Mrs. Frederick C. Thompson take the honor of designation as the city's "most useful citizen" for 1931.

"Nothing has ever made me feel so humble," she said after her fellow citizens had thus rewarded her ten years of tireless work among the city's poor and needy persons. She is assistant superintendent of the Tacoma community house.

The woman, whose days are a routine of boys and girls' work, English lessons to women of foreign birth, religious, health, play and home economics guidance, and whose nights are occasionally broken into with hurry-up calls for help in ushering new lives into the world, gives much of the credit to her husband.

"My work is the work I love," she explains, "and all I have really done is to assist Mr. Thompson, who is superintendent, in relieving and helping the people who come to us."

One week recently she sat at bedside and watched six persons die. She sits in an automobile with a tiny coffin in her lap, while bereaved parents, too poor to afford a funeral, were being driven to the cemetery.

For a brief hour at a civic dinner she left her duties and the distinction was bestowed on her. Her contributions to the community were called invaluable by E. B. King, chairman of the committee who chose her.

"And for this," he added, simply, "she receives the magnificent salary of \$40 a month."

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## MANY REFUNDS IN TAXES ARE MADE IN 1931

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Treasury reconsideration on taxes and the decision that it had been wrong in a good many instances put \$65,476,950 in refunds back into taxpayers' pocketbooks in the 1931 fiscal year ending June 30.

Secretary Mellon reported today to congress that the sum included all taxes illegally collected and returned but he did not list credits and abatement. The latter are deducted from taxes assessed but not yet paid. Refunds are actual cash payments.

The year before refunds totaled \$196,296,333, abatements \$176,398,377 and credits \$36,355,245.

Only two separate refunds were for more than \$1,000,000, in which class there were 12 a year earlier. The Illinois Central railroad got \$1,158,675; the Prairie Pipe Line Company of Independence, Kansas, \$1,784,494.

As usual, hundreds of names familiar to the country were on the list of the thousands who received refunds of more than \$500. John D. Rockefeller was there again with \$31,324; his son, John D., Jr., got \$1,804.

To Secretary Mellon himself there was a refund of \$85,622; to his brother, R. B. Mellon, \$14,725 and to Mrs. Jennie K. Mellon, \$2,594.

Three well known movie stars convinced the treasury they were entitled to returns—Dou

# BUSINESS IN TEXAS GROWS IN NOVEMBER

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30.—(AP)—The pulse of business in Texas and other parts of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District continues to grow stronger, although still not back at the hearty tempo of a year ago, the monthly business review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas revealed today.

"In most reporting lines the decline in sales as compared to the previous month was considerably less than seasonal, the report declared, and comparisons with the corresponding month a year ago were the most favorable reported in several months.

"While purchases at wholesale are being made in small lots, the sustained consumer demand has necessitated retailers making frequent orders to replenish stocks.

"The number of commercial failures in this district during November, while higher than a year ago, reflected a noticeable decline from the preceding month. The indebtedness of defaulting firms was in smaller volume than in either the previous month or the corresponding month of 1930.

**Bank Loans Decline.**

"Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks, after reaching a peak at \$26,098,000 early in November, reflected a gradual decline during the subsequent six weeks and stood at \$19,650,000 on December 15. The latter figure, however, was considerably larger than that on the corresponding date of 1930.

"The combined net and time deposits of member banks averaged \$687,698,000 during November, as compared to \$689,838,000 in October and \$827,987,000 in November a year ago.

"The heavy general rains during the past 30 days were very beneficial to the agricultural and livestock industries. Moisture conditions throughout the district now are favorable and livestock ranges have shown a noticeable improvement. Small grains have responded to the better moisture conditions and favorable weather and now are reported to be in satisfactory condition.

"Livestock generally are going into the winter in good shape.

"The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities was 13 per cent less than in October and 23 per cent below November, 1930; yet the latter comparison was, with one exception, the most favorable shown for the current year.

"The report points out that for the first time in any month since June, 1929, the sales of wholesale dry goods firms in this district during November reflected a slight increase as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Insolvent Firms.**

As reported by R. G. Dunn & Company, the number of firms that became insolvent in November was 103, compared with 130 in the preceding month and 91 in the same month last year. Their indebtedness aggregated \$1,726,474, while in October the total amounted to \$1,509,446, and in November, 1930, it was \$2,497,220.

"The past month witnessed a steady decline in the borrowing of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank," the report related.

"These loans amounted to \$19,650,000 on December 15, as compared to \$22,937,000 on November 15, and \$6,689,000 on the corresponding date in 1930. The larger portion of the decline during the past month occurred in the borrowing of country banks."

Cotton showed perhaps the most favorable comparison, the report pointing out that although the receipts of cotton at the ports of Houston and Galveston reflected a seasonal recession during November, shipments from Galveston were substantially above those in October, while those from Houston evidenced a very small recession.

Movements again were materially above those in the same month of 1930. Aggregate foreign exports of cotton during November from all United States ports evidenced a further increase over those a month earlier and were considerably above those in November a year ago. Exports during the month amounted to 1,070,643 bales, as against 1,014,180 bales in October and 997,640 bales in November, 1930.

The Orient continued the heavy importation of American cotton during the month.

**Oil Output Declines.**

A decline from the previous month was reflected in both the total and daily average output of crude petroleum in the Eleventh Federal District during November.

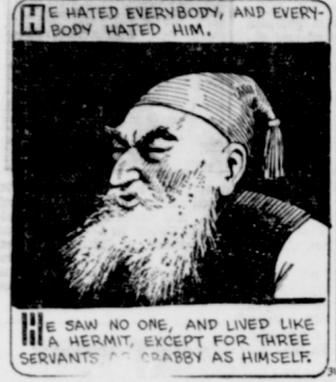
The month's production amounted to 31,451,950 barrels, as compared with 32,907,300 barrels in October and 34,907,950 barrels in November a year ago.

While drilling activity was more active than in November, 1930, it was on a smaller scale than in October. There were 671 new wells completed in November, as compared to 813 in the previous month and 422 in the same month last year.

Daily average yield in Texas during November amounted to 975,157 barrels, compared to 988,780 barrels in the preceding month and 741,257 barrels in the same month a year ago. Despite the great increase in initial yield of the East Texas fields, that area reflected a decline of 11,341 barrels in daily output as compared to October.

Airplane passenger service was recently inaugurated between Fort Worth and Houston giving service from Amarillo to Houston for the first time.

## WASH TUBBS



## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



## OUR BOARDING HOUSE



## By Crane

# EXPLOSION OF BOMB IN MAIL FATAL TO ONE

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 30.—(AP)—One clerk was killed and three others were injured seriously today when a bomb in a mail package exploded in the parcel post division of the postoffice.

Edward Werkhiser died in a hospital shortly after his admission. John House was taken to a hospital with both forearms blown off, one eye blown out and other injuries which may result in his death. Arlington A. Albert also was in the hospital. Clarence Keller was ordered to his home. His condition was not considered serious.

The entire post office was thrown into confusion. All work was suspended, county and city police began an investigation.

Five other packages believed to have been mailed by the same persons who mailed the one which exploded were examined.

The explosive was believed to have been mailed by two young men, described as foreigners. At the same time they mailed five other packages, addressing all of them in the lobby of the postoffice.

Werkhiser was able to give police a short statement before he died. He said he and the other clerks were suspicious of the packages and were of the opinion they did not contain the merchandise that was declared, so they began to open one of them. House had both hands on the package which was resting on a scale when it exploded.

## MORTUARY

**MRS. ISABELLA GIST.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabella Gist, 90, resident of Brownwood for about 25 years, were held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence, 401 North Greenleaf street, and interment was made in Greenleaf cemetery. Dr. Schurman, pastor First Christian church, assisted by Dr. A. E. Prince, pastor First Baptist church, officiated. McInnis Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Gist died at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night after an extended illness.

She was born March 9, 1841, in Georgia and was married to Berry Gist at Cherokee, Ala., September 2, 1863. The couple came to Texas in 1878 and Mr. Gist passed away three weeks after they arrived in this state. Mrs. Gist and family moved to Brownwood from El Paso in 1905.

Mrs. Gist is survived by the following children: Mrs. M. L. Dolson, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Flora Coyne, Mrs. Edna Warren, C. C. Gist, all of Brownwood. All the children were at their mother's bedside at the time of her death.

**JOSEPH MARTIN SALYER.**

Funeral services for Joseph Martin Salyer, 59, of near Brownwood, were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 at Jones Chapel and interment was made there. Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor Mevooch Avenue Baptist church, officiated. Austin-Morris Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements. Mr. Salyer became ill last Wednesday and died the following Sunday, December 27, in a local hospital.

He was born September 12, 1872, in Williamson county, Texas, and had lived in Brown county for 32 years. He had many friends throughout the county and was highly respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters. The children are: W. F. Salyer, Cecil Salyer, Tot Salyer, Dean Salyer, Mrs. Tom Kellum, Mrs. Hubert Beard, Mrs. Claude Godwin and Miss Inez Salyer.

Pall bearers were: Ben Hunt, George McHan, Earl Looney, John Punderburk, L. W. Gorman and Vernon Punderburk.

**JOHN W. PORTER.**

Funeral services for John W. Porter, 82, former Texas ranger, 2616 Durham street, were held Monday at 2 o'clock at the Mevooch Avenue Baptist church with Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor, officiating. Interment was made at the Clear Creek cemetery. Austin-Morris Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Porter died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home. He had been ill since June 23, 1931. He was born January 18, 1849, Fayetteville, Ala., and came to Texas at the age of 21 years. He joined the Texas rangers soon after coming to this state and served as a ranger until 1876. Mr. Porter had friends over the state, associates of his during the years he was a ranger.

On February 17, 1890, Mr. Porter was married to Miss M. A. Hope. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last year.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife and the children, who were at his bedside when he passed away. The children are: Mrs. Mary Simmons, Jordan Springs; Mrs. Affie Brewster, Blanket; Mrs. Kate Garrett, Dublin; John H. Porter, San Antonio; and Luther, Alma and Nettie Porter, all of Brownwood.

**DELUGE OF BEER.**

COLUMBUS, O.—At first employees of a local millinery company thought of it as a new kind of burst in the room above. But their noses, after a time, told them the liquid dripping on them wasn't water. Instead of calling a plumber, they called police. They found James Didegway in the upper room trying vainly to mop up the contents of a jar of beer.

Brazil, with an area of 3,176,358 square miles, has a population of 39,800,000.

**Real Estate Transfers**

Warranty Deeds

J. M. Johnson and wife to M. H. Kirby and wife, south half of lot 16, block 2 of Fitzgerald addition, Samuell Bangs survey, \$390.00.

Frank Brown and wife to A. L. Hall, lots 1 and 2 in block 42 in the town of Bangs and 1 acre John Robnett survey, \$400.

# CITY GUNMEN DO NOT RANK WITH SOUTH

BY HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE, Associated Press Science Editor

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The reputation of the big city gunmen as a killer was rubbed out by the American Association for the advancement of science today.

Chicago ranks 40th and New York 73th among 174 American cities tabulated according to killings per 100,000 population by Kenneth E. Barnhart, Ph. D., head of the department of sociology, Birmingham (Ala.) Southern college.

The big cities have the largest total killings due to greater population. But for every 100,000 population Chicago kills 14.4 persons and New York 7.1 compared with 58.9 for Memphis, the top city, and rates that run above 20 for all the first 30 cities.

Memphis is rated first with 58.8, Atlanta second with 52.6 and Lexington, Ky., third with 52.4.

"These 30 highest rate cities," said Dr. Barnhart, "grouped according to geographical divisions of the United States show none in the east, one city in the west, five cities in the middle west and 24 in the south."

"The author believes that the explanation of this distribution is found in the large percentage of negroes in the south. But race is not the primary cause of homicide, only a secondary factor. New York City and Chicago, and other northern cities have large numbers of negroes, yet low killing rates compared with the south."

Searching for a cause for the top killing rates Dr. Barnhart finds proof that it lies in illiteracy, deducing this from Birmingham statistics where the killing rate has decreased with the drop in illiteracy rate.

Twenty-two cities listed after the first three are: Birmingham, 49.9; Shreveport, La., 41.4; Augusta, Ga., 38; Nashville, Tenn., 37.6; Miami, Fla., 36.8; Savannah, Ga., 36.4; Jacksonville, Fla., 34.5; Macon, Ga., 31.6; Mobile, Ala., 30.7; Gary, Ind., 30.6; Hamirack, Mich., 30.1; Tampa, Fla., 28.4; Springfield, Ill., 28.7; El Paso, 27.2; Charleston, S. C., 25.9; Houston, 25.20; Roanoke, Va., 24.4; Norfolk, Va., 23.8; Winston-Salem, N. C., 23.7; Dallas, 23.6; Little Rock, 23.; New Orleans, 23.

**Suspended Nebraska Fire Chief and His Friend Found Dead**

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Harry Whiteside, suspended Beatrice fire chief, and his friend, John Marten, also of Beatrice, were found dead today in an automobile parked on a country road.

No wounds appeared on their bodies and an autopsy on Whiteside failed to reveal the cause of his death. Doctor Roy Noble said apparently the men had not been asphyxiated and no liquor was in the car. A chemical analysis of Whiteside's viscera will be made.

Whiteside, chief of the fire department many years, would have faced a district court jury January 4th on the charge of being implicated in the robbery of a home here last September.

Marten's body was upright, with one hand on the wheel and the other holding a cigar. His head was slumped to one side. Whiteside also had died sitting upright.

**PERMANENT FEDERAL AGENCY FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES IS FAVORED**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A permanent governmental agency to look into campaign costs was urged today by Senator Cutting, Republican, New Mexico.

Cutting, whose views often coincide with those of the leaders of the senate Republican independent group, also advocated a constitutional amendment giving congress power to deal with primary and nomination conventions.

In a speech before the American political science association, the New Mexico senator termed the present system of controlling or inquiring into political expenditures "futile."

"It will remain futile unless somebody is given both the power and machinery to audit every report and ascertain whether the facts therein stated are correct," he said.

Commenting that the 1929 campaign cost \$35,000,000, he said: "It is clear that sums of this size cannot be raised from private sources with purely altruistic motives. While there are, of course, many honorable men and women who contribute to campaign funds with nothing but the public interest in mind these people are bound to be in a small minority."

"Four-fifths of the money now expended in a national campaign is not merely wasted but actually spent to the public detriment."

**Store Robber Reported And Golden**

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May Only The BEST Be In Store for You!

List your dreams one by one. And know that we are praying with all our might that they be fulfilled in the coming year.

every hour in 1932 we wish you a new joy—For every day a new satisfaction. Mrs. Karr Tax Assessor Of Brown County

New Year ahoy! for 1932 To a plenteous year of luck and cheer

FRANKE'S Candy Factory CANDIES OF ALL KINDS Texas

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

It's a Pleasure to Serve You Yours truly, Allen D. Forsythe DISTRICT CLERK

During the New Year "Make New Friends, But Keep the Old; These are Silver, Those are Gold."

TIME FLIES, BUT MEMORY LINGERS—We are ready to enter upon the tasks and obligations of the coming year, believing as we do so that we carry with us the confidence and good will of our many friends whose association with us in the year just closing has been so pleasant. And as we wish you well we bespeak of you further opportunities to do you service.

MONTGOMERY WARD & Co. at Adams. Phone 211. Brownwood

W. Porter of Brownwood, father of Mrs. J. P. Brewster of this community, and a former resident of the Blanket community. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved. Mrs. R. W. Teague spent Christmas with her parents, at Jordan Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dixon of Ebony spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dixon. Miss Sadie Dixon is spending this week with home folks.

Misses Dorothy, Beulah and Sadie Dixon entertained a few friends at their home Saturday night. Every one had lots of fun.

Misses L. N. Kelly and H. H. Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of Cho Monday night. Miss Examine Kelly visited the Blanket community Monday.

The serenaders passed through our community Sunday night. The music was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Miss Josephine Milner spent Christmas with friends in west Texas. O. D. Chambers and son, Lowell were in Brownwood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Bird of Artesia, New Mexico, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Bird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird.

Rev. Boles of Howard Payne college, Brownwood, filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and Rev. Thompson of Howard Payne also filled the pulpit at the evening hour.

Misses Bonnie and Louise Baker of Cross Plains spent from Thursday until Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker.

Miss Marie Smith of Houston spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart.

Mrs. J. B. Henderson left Wednesday for San Angelo, where she will receive treatment at the sanitarium near there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Lowe and son, Ward, visited relatives at Gordon, Christmas day.

little daughter of Chapel Hill visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haddon and little son of the Delaware community. Ed Cunningham left Thursday for Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he will enter a government institution for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Stewart and son, Jack of Port Smith, Arkansas, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart during the Christmas holidays.

C. A. Moore of Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore.

Macon Richmond had business in Brownwood Saturday. Miss and Mrs. Lee of Antelope, in San Saba county is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Austin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckabay and children visited relatives of Brownwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dossey and little daughter of Nacogdoches visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dossey during the Christmas holidays.

Word was received here Sunday announcing the marriage of Miss Lois Means and Herman Stephenson at San Saba Saturday evening at six o'clock.

Miss Hazel Watson of Spur is the guest of Misses Lucy Bell and Margaret Damon this week.

Miss Derie Reeves of Menard, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore and little son of Thrifty visited relatives here several days last week.

Miss Hazel Watson of Spur is the guest of Misses Lucy Bell and Margaret Damon this week.

children were visitors in Brownwood one day last week. Miss Cleeta Ray Payne was a visitor in the home of her friend, Miss Taylor, of the Delaware community.

Walter Payne was a business visitor in Brownwood Saturday. Mrs. W. B. Graham was shopping in Brownwood last Wednesday.

The young folks enjoyed a party in the home of Ellis Newsome Thursday night.

Miss Lettie McMullen and Messrs. Cecil Olson and Sidney Boyd of Indian Creek attended a party here Thursday night.

Miss Leta Petsick spent the weekend with Miss Lorene Nunn at Barber.

Messrs. Harvey Hennegan, J. D. Mullis, Clarence Allen, "Pete" Tongate and Lewis Henderson of Brooksmith attended the party here Thursday night.

Miss Ella Mae Dixon spent Thursday night with Miss Lettie McMullen of Indian Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dribred were in Richland Springs one day last week.

Lee Medley was a visitor in this community Thursday night.

Mrs. Joe Hurst of Brooksmith spent several days this week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sanford.

Hub Perry and family spent Sunday with his parents, M. G. Perry and family of Indian Creek.

Misses Avis and Inez Petsick of Zephyr spent the holidays with their parents, J. F. Petsick and family.

The Ebony school dismissed for the holidays Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen Monday, January 4th.

Christmas Eve was the occasion of a school program consisting of recitations, plays, a Christmas pageant, Christmas carols, and a community Christmas tree.

Many visitors are spending the holidays at Ebony.

Mr. Frank Tippen, pastor of the Baptist church at Sanger, Texas, and family were present at the Christmas tree, and Mr. Tippen made a short talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ode Henson and little son, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, all of San Angelo, are visiting Mrs. Henson's sister, Mrs. Allen Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cawyer of Carlsbad, Texas, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Cawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dwyer.

Miss Zeola Philen, teacher in the San Angelo schools, was present at the Christmas tree. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Clements.

Lillard Wilmeth is spending the holidays with home folks. He is a freshman in the North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton this year.

Ralph Wilmeth, teacher in the Priddy school, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilmeth.

Miss Marie Wilmeth, teacher of home economics in the Liberty school near Houston, is home for the holidays.

Miss Anita White of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Hazel Hodges and brother, Samuel, of Texoma are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves.

Miss Merle Haynes, teacher in the Bowser school, is spending Christmas at home.

Ebony MAY IT BRING HAPPINESS TO YOU! I want to thank each and everyone of you for the loyal co-operation given me during the past year, and still with this support, I hope to serve you even better during 1932. Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. Ike Mullins County Treasurer, Brown County



It's all the good fortune that can be crowded into one person's life that we wish you for 1932. Again, Father Time gives us a new blank calendar. We hope that yours will be filled with an unbroken record of happy, prosperous days. May 1932 be the forerunner to many years of success. Natural Gas & Fuel Co. BROWNWOOD TEXAS

1932 Best Wishes for a Happy and Successful NEW YEAR The New Year brings a precious gift this January — CONFIDENCE — Confidence that a year of striving will be followed by a year of thriving. Confidence that a return to hard work and unselfishness will be rewarded by prosperity... the prosperity that is America's by right of labor. The wishes that 1932 will bring good things... concerted effort, the zest of accomplishment, the thrill of living... all of which spells HAPPINESS PIGGLY WIGGLY Three Convenient Stores to Serve You Better. Brownwood Texas

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## The Texas Centennial

**ELECTION** of Cullen P. Thomas of Dallas as president of the Texas Centennial committee of twenty-one members marks another step in the development of plans for what is expected to be the greatest celebration of the kind ever presented in America. The committee headed by Mr. Thomas was created by the Legislature, and will have active charge of preparations for the centennial, serving until adjournment of the Forty-third Legislature in 1933.

Not many of us, perhaps, have a conception of what is being planned by the promoters of the centennial celebration. Not many Texans, as a matter of fact, are sufficiently acquainted with the history of their state during the past hundred years to understand what must be done if the centennial is to picture faithfully the past century of Texas life. It is because of the magnitude of the task that plans for the celebration were begun back in the administration of Governor Pat M. Neff, when a committee of one hundred was instituted, and this committee will continue to function as an advisory body aiding the committee of which Mr. Thomas is the head. During the next three years a great deal of constructive work will be accomplished, and by the beginning of 1936, centennial year, the project will be nearing completion.

Mr. Thomas is a widely known and influential Texan, and his agreement to serve as president of the centennial committee reflects his patriotic interest in his state. His task will require a great deal of time and thought, and he will earn the hearty co-operation of all the people which will be necessary to make the centennial what every loyal Texan wants it to be.

## Is Babson Right?

**MOST** of the widely known statisticians who in other periods have registered startling successes in analyzing conditions and forecasting developments have suffered reverses during the past two years. Their graphs have been accurate only insofar as they have pictured what has already occurred, and in most instances have lacked oracular inspiration when they attempted to interpret the future.

In spite of this, however, one can not escape a feeling of elation as he reads from the pen of so well known an economist as Roger W. Babson, an optimistic forecast that conditions are to be better soon. Mr. Babson had made his full quota of errors in his series of analyses, but when he says business and commodities are now at their lowest levels, it is reassuring. When he says bank failures are decreasing and hoarded money is coming out of its hiding places, it causes us to feel better. He reports, moreover, that industry is showing signs of recovery, the railroads in particular having begun the reconstruction of their operating methods which eventually will lead to their economic salvation. The farm situation has passed its worst stages, the economist believes, and this should be helpful to the agricultural interests if they are persuaded to believe it. The good old law of action and reaction, Mr. Babson believes, is going to operate to the advantage of everybody. Nothing could be worse than the last six months period, therefore, the next six months period will be better, according to this law.

Is Babson right? Nobody knows, of course, but it will do no harm to give him the benefit of whatever doubt there may be in our minds. During the past three months there have been many evidences of the beginning of improvement in the general economic conditions. Any improvement that may be noted is evidence that the bed-rock low has been reached and passed, and that is what all of us have been waiting for so impatiently.

Looking forward to the beginning of the new year, the one thing we need more than anything else is confidence. Confidence in ourselves, confidence in our fellows, confidence in our communities and their institutions, confidence in our public governments and their officials. Confidence is stimulated by such reports as Mr. Babson's most recent analysis, which is distinctly optimistic in its tone.

# Zephyr

Mrs. Arthur Driskill and daughter Mammie Dell returned Sunday night from Lovington, New Mexico, where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Driskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foresythe of Minnesota are visiting his father R. D. Foresythe who is ill at his home.

Miss Marzelle Boland of Goldthwaite is visiting Eloise Cabler this week.

Messrs. Chesley Courtney and Delmer Keeler of Idaho, is visiting Mr. Keeters brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Keeler.

Mrs. E. A. Terrel and daughter, Nina Beth visited Mrs. S. E. Petty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boutler and children of De Leon are visiting her mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Piller and little daughters, Mary and Martha of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quirel and children of Eastland spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Walter Reasner and children spent Friday in Indian Creek with relatives.

Mrs. Stella Clayton and son, Arlene of Brownwood are spending this week with her uncle, J. L. Vandant and family.

Charles Jones of Longview spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones.

J. P. Coffey of Brownwood visited his mother, Mrs. Mollie Coffey Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dixon and little daughter, Billie Fay, spent Christmas day in Indian Creek with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donowho and children of Lubbock spent a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. A. V. Driskill returned home Wednesday after spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Beck in San Angelo.

Miss Roberta Bingham, who is attending school at Bertam is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Braddock.

Dr. James Wood of Globe, Arizona, delivered a very interesting sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Miss Little Beth Morris returned Sunday night from Douglasville, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Rev. J. D. Smoot filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Perry Matson, who is attending Daniel Baker College spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Graves announce the arrival of a 7-1-2 pound boy on December 18.

Griffin returned home Sunday from Austin, where he spent the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Good Graves and children of Big Springs spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Coffey.

Dr. James Wood left Monday night for his home in Arizona, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood.

Nat McSmith returned home last week from Lubbock where he had been working for the last two months.

Lowell VanZandt made a business trip to Stephenville Monday.

With Lula Cunningham as leader, the B. Y. P. U. will give a program taking part are: Discussion—Mrs. McKinney, Eustace Rentfro, Iva Mae Reasner, Dorothy Nell Baker, Solo, Miss Petsick, Marion Reasner.

Ernest Skipping, student of Texas Tech spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skipping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cobb spent Christmas day with her parents in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and family of Abilene, are visiting relatives here this week.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ware, 80, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Hunt at Dallas, on December 26, was held at the cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The body was brought from Dallas Sunday afternoon, Rev. Paul McCasland her pastor, and Dr. Davis of Howard Payne college officiated at the services.

Mrs. Ware was a member of the Baptist church. She was a very devout Christian and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by ten children, six boys and four girls. The boys are: Arthur Ware, Cleo, Charlie, Merford; T. B. Ware, Corpus Christi; Mike Ware, Dallas; Robert Ware, Richland Springs and George, Zephyr. Girls are Mrs. Jim Hunt, Dallas; Mrs. Will Matson, Houston; Mrs. Alvin Quirel, Dallas and Mrs. John Baker.

The pallbearers were her grandsons.

Shorty Breed of Altus, Oklahoma, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. G. A. Breed.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Quirel of Dallas attended the funeral of his grandmother.

Mrs. Clinton Hallman of Paint Rock and Miss Peggy Bell Kemp of Abilene are visiting their sister, Mrs. George Ware.

George Ware is ill in the Medical Arts Hospital at Brownwood.

Mrs. Monroe Rochester and daughter Farnie, Tommie and Ann Cooley of Houston, attended church here Sunday morning.

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Myrtle McKinney to Curtis English on Sunday December 26, at Brownwood. The bride has lived here most all of her life until a few years ago, she moved to Brownwood. The couple will make their home in Mineral Wells. Their many friends wish them success and happiness.

Misses Nona Cobb and Nannie Fae Shelton entertained Friday evening with a progressive forty-two party at the home of Miss Cobb.

The Christmas scheme was carried out in the decorations of the rooms, where five tables were arranged for forty-two. Refreshments were passed to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cobb. Misses Mary Belle Timmins, Aurelia Petty, Iva Mae Reasner, Doris Stewart, Mae VanZandt and Lula Cunningham, Messrs. Clarence Petty, Franklin Timmins, Morris

Reasoner, Roy Ware, Shirley Wadsworth, James Driskill, Ernest Skipping, Farrell Stewart, Chesley Courtney and Delmer Keeler of Idaho.

Mrs. Henry Casey of Brownwood attended the funeral of Mrs. Ware. Miss Mary Belle Timmins entertained a few of her friends with a forty-two party Saturday evening at her home. Refreshments were the Christmas holidays with her Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Kinsey and little daughter of Sweetwater spent parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood, served to about thirty.

Albert McMurphy was in Owens on Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Pittman and daughter, Lanora, visited Mrs. Albert McMurphy Wednesday evening.

Jim Wheeler was in Owens on Wednesday.

The people of this community were surprised to hear that Miss Stella McMurphy and Elsie Martin were married Tuesday night.

Miss Wanda Pittman is visiting in the Holder community a few days this week.

Mrs. Maggie Hammons visited Mrs. Albert McMurphy Wednesday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller of Gap Creek attended church at Owens on Sunday.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allen and children of Grapevine spent the holidays visiting relatives here.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Head and children of Clovis, New Mexico, are visiting relatives here.  
 Bill Adams of Commanche visited friends here Christmas day.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of Rising Star spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow Allen.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wheeler of Liberty Hill spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Perry.  
 Miss Ella Mae Dixon of Dullin spent Thursday night with Miss Lottie McMullen.  
 Mrs. Homer McCoy of Brady visited her father, C. S. Tollant, during the holidays.  
 Mrs. Janie Hannah entertained with a party at her home on Christmas night. A large crowd was present.  
 Rev. W. D. Kirkpatrick of Brownwood filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Mr. Billy Marchbanks attended church Saturday night.  
 Miss Lorene Sumpter and Babe Mobley of Brownwood visited Miss Willie Edwards Christmas day.  
 Will Sikes and Thomas Sikes returned last week from Sweeney, Texas, where they have been for several weeks.  
 John Franklin Crowder of Regency has been visiting Neemie Crowder.  
 Lottie Brown of Lockner attended the party at the home of Mrs. Janie Hannah Friday night.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Francis and sons of Brownwood visited relatives here Christmas day.  
 Mrs. Wayman Dunn spent Christmas with her father, C. S. Tallant.  
 Miss Thelma Dixon who is a student in Daniel Baker College, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dixon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Truman McMullen and daughter, Dixie Joy, of Lubbock visited relatives here during the holidays.  
 Fay Curry of Glen Cove is visiting in the George Creamier home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Wells and children of near Santa Anna spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dixon.  
 Miss Elma Middleton, who is a teacher in the Grosvenor school, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Middleton, during the holidays.  
 Carl Wheeler of Coleman was a visitor in the George Creamier home Tuesday afternoon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson and little daughter, Norma, returned last week from Grosvenor after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allen.  
 Miss Oleta Crowder of Ebony attended the party here Friday night.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMullen and daughters of Llano spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Knappe.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon of Dullin spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Perry.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rushing and children of Brownwood visited her mother, Mrs. A. B. Olson, Christmas.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Deward Dixon and daughter, Addie Moe, of Brownwood were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dixon, during the holidays.  
 Henry Morean of Bangs spent Sunday afternoon here with friends.  
 Miss Zeola Philen of San Angelo spent the Christmas holidays here with her brother, John Philen.  
 Miss Anna Ada Field visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Field, of Jordan Springs during the holidays.  
 Mrs. Will Middleton, Mrs. C. B. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Head and daughter, Wanda, spent several days this week at Sherman visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnam.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh Egger and daughter, Pat, of Brownwood spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Knappe.  
 Miss Martha Margaret Herring, who is attending school in Brownwood, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Herring.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maegeen of Brownwood were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maegeen.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reese and daughters visited relatives in Brownwood during the holidays.  
 Mrs. Emma Gore and Merian Gore of Jordan Springs spent Christmas in the C. C. DeHay home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dixon of Lubbock spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dixon.  
 Miss Eulalia Grady spent several days last week in Brownwood with Miss Lydia Boenke.  
 A number of people from Jordan Springs attended church here Sunday night.  
 Mrs. Walter Reasoner and children of Zephyr spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McClung.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Odie McCoy of Cleburne visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McCoy, Christmas.  
 Miss Agnes Rowlett of Regency attended church here Sunday night.  
 Miss Willie Edwards spent several days last week in Brownwood with Miss Lorene Sumpter.  
 Sidney Boyd has returned to Grapevine after spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boyd.  
 Buren Orr of Ebony attended the party at the home of Mrs. Janie Hannah Friday night.

**Salt Creek**  
 Rev. Edmond Early and wife have moved from Hamilton to Brownwood. We are very glad to have them that close to us. Rev. Early filled his regular appointment at the church at the eleven and three o'clock hours. A good crowd was out to hear the interesting sermon.  
 Miss Velma and Joe Townsend of near Blanket spent the holidays with their grandfather, Charlie Stewart.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McHan and children of Jones Chapel spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Kennedy.  
 Arthur Dennis of Ballinger spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dennis.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harris and children spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pittman at Mullen.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. O. DePriest and daughter, Ann Jo, of Brownwood spent Friday with Mrs. Nora Stewart.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flowers spent Wednesday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Otis McKinney at Cross Cut.  
 Merl Price returned home Saturday from Ballinger where he spent

**Willow Springs**  
 There was a Christmas tree at Rock Church Friday evening and a large crowd attended and all the little ones made happy.  
 There was singing at Rock Church Sunday afternoon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henson spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lightsey of Blanket.  
 Aaron Ward and family of Comanche spent the day Thursday with Asa Ward and family.  
 Mage Wilkins and family of McCullough county visited Sam Caldwell and family the past weekend.  
 Milton White and family visited his father near Thrifty during the holidays.  
 Denman Burns and wife visited relatives in Comanche Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henson spent the day Sunday with his mother and Joe Hall and family. Grandmother Henson fell some time ago and sustained a serious injury to her hip and is unable to get around except on crutches.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Milt Wells of Brownwood spent the holidays with relatives here.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wigginton and family have moved into the Richmond old homestead.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves spent the week-end with his brother, Bery Reeves and family near De Leon.  
 Alvin Richmond and children had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis near Bangs.  
 Herschel Smith and family visited relatives here during the holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Littlefield visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryer of Owens Sunday.  
 Miss Ruth Heptinstall spent last week with her cousin, Miss Lucille Yantis of Blanket.  
 Frank Lappe and family were visiting in Brownwood Saturday.  
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 Mr. and Mrs. George Littlefield and children had Christmas dinner with her father, T. J. Davis, of Salt Creek.  
 Ned Morris and family spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Porter. Mrs. Morris had the good fortune to draw the \$25 cash prize at Eastland in the Christmas drawing.  
 Miss Fanelia Hicks of Blanket

**Goldthwaite**  
 Mrs. Lindsey and little son, Woodrow, of San Saba, spent Christmas here in the home of her aunt, Miss Laura Yarborough.  
 Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Dare and little daughter, Virginia, went to Robstown Thursday of last week to spend the holidays with his parents. Rev. J. S. Bowles filled the pulpit in the Methodist church Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. No service was held at that place Sunday night.  
 C. H. Ford went to Abilene to spend the holidays with his daughters, Mesdames Cleo Scott and Ruth Chambers and their children.  
 Cleo Chambers, who has been attending school here, accompanied Mr. Ford and will remain in Abilene the remainder of the winter.

**Thanking You for Your Co-operation During 1931**

BEFORE we cross the dividing line of the New Year, we wish to make grateful acknowledgment of your friendship and loyalty during the past twelve months. We have appreciated even more than usual, the many evidences of your confidence and good will, and we are glad to have this opportunity to tell you so.

THE position of this Bank as the New Year opens is one of solid strength. We look ahead to the New Year with courage and confidence. We expect better things. We are working for better things right here in our own community. And we wish you and your friends all the blessings and benefits which the New Year may have to give.

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**UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS**  
 LONDON—Major Draper, known as "The Mad Major" during the war for his daring adventures with a fighting plane, is again cutting capers. Due to two accidents during the war, he was forbidden to take up a plane again. He recently took his first flight in ten years and zoomed under the Tower Bridge on a wager. As a result a movie company has signed him to do dare-devil stunts.

**EVOLUTION**  
 "He's on the stock market."  
 "On the curb?"  
 "He was on the curb, but now he's in the gutter."—Passing Show.

**Happy New Year**

Certainly, we're going to do our part in making 1932 a better year for all. That's why we can say with confidence,

**Happy New Year During 1932**

**"The Newest Things First"**  
 In **LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR**

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 STYLE SHOP  
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**A GREETING and A PLEDGE!**

Resolutions for 1932

As the gates of 1932 swing open and I again step into the service of the good people of Brown County as Sheriff, I greet one and all with the kindest regards and wishes for a NEW YEAR.

May you all have a happy and prosperous New Year  
 —1932—

Yours—  
**M. H. Denman**  
 Sheriff Brown County

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# CLEAN-UP MAY START JAN. 5TH

A city wide clean-up campaign will probably start Tuesday of next week, announced City Manager H. V. Hennen today. If present plans materialize everything will be in readiness for starting the campaign Tuesday week, he said.

The weather at present is ideal for a general clean-up campaign and the city can be made much cleaner and prettier for the beginning of a new year, Hennen declared. If good weather continues for the rest of the week the campaign will be put on and in the meantime Mr. Hennen is trying to enlist the cooperation of the entire citizenship.

As plans are worked out arrangements will probably be made to offer prizes for the best work done during the campaign, he said.

# Four Boys Are Sentenced State Training School

Four Brownwood boys were sentenced to the state boys' training school at Gatesville Monday in county court, Judge Courtney Gray presiding. Deputy Sheriff Leonard McKinzie has taken them to the school at Gatesville.

Garth Bearden, Loy Brown and William White were sentenced to the school in connection with three robberies of the Gilliam Dry Goods Company. William Lee was sentenced in connection with the theft of money from the car of Miss Jewel Casey last summer. Soon after the robbery he was paroled to his parents, but the parole was revoked Monday.

Bearden, Brown and White were arrested by city police several days ago and turned over to county authorities. The boys confessed to the three robberies of the store, some of them having participated in all three robberies, while some were connected with only one robbery. The store was first robbed October 11, then November 11 and again on December 11, each robbery exactly a month apart.

County Judge Courtney Gray says that there is too much robbery being done in Brownwood by boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years and peace officers and other authorities are making an effort to catch them and break up the run of small robberies. A number of boys have already been sent to the training school and others will be sent, he said.

# Several Changes In Rural Route Service Announced

Several changes in rural route service from Brownwood postoffice will be put into effect January 1, according to Postmaster J. D. Stewart. Some of the changes will make it necessary for some of the patrons to change the location of their boxes. As there will be no rural mail service Friday, January 1, of the city of Brownwood, the following are the changes as outlined by Mr. Stewart:

Carrier 3 will go his former route to a point on the Williams ranch road designated as Gravel Washer or Lucas corner, thence northeast to Romines corner and to new highway 7, northward to Early corner, northwest to Early corner, north passing Beard corner to J. McHan corner, west to Fortson corner, south passing Staley and King corners, southwest and southeast passing Cleveland corner, southwest passing Brooks corner and back to Brownwood postoffice. Territory from Romines corner back to Brownwood post office, was formerly part of route 5. Patrons on this division of the route should now have their mail addressed "route 3" instead of "route 5."

Route 4 service from the McHan corner will be reversed from former service and it will therefore be necessary for some patrons to change location of boxes so that boxes will be on the right hand side of the road, according to the way the carrier travels, says Mr. Stewart. Patrons on the road from the post office to Brooks corner will be served by carrier 4, outgoing. Patrons on this route were formerly designated as on route 5, but now should have their mail directed as route 4.

Route 6 in the future will be known as route 5. Persons on this route should have mail directed accordingly.

# Oil Portraits Are Painted Saturday By Norman Cooper

Norman Cooper, company artist and advertising manager for Bettis & Gibbs, has painted two portraits during the holidays. Cooper has been painting landscapes and other kinds of oil art for several years but these were his first portraits.

As subjects he used two motion picture stars and copied his large pictures from smaller ones on magazine covers.

For several years he has done all the window decorating for the store and the artistic way in which he has beautified the windows has attracted much attention.

The two portraits have been exhibited to several friends and will be on display soon. They were both painted Saturday.

About 75 per cent of the talkies exhibited in Portugal are of American origin.

# HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN MADE HAPPY AT FIREMEN'S TREE

A crowd of about 1,500 people gathered at Memorial Hall Thursday night for the firemen's Christmas tree.

It was Santa Claus night for several hundred children who swarmed to the front of the auditorium to greet their jolly friend of the red suit and grey whiskers and to receive from his hands the presents that had been placed upon the tree or piled upon the stage for them.

The firemen had received 496 names of children to whom presents should be given. A package, or toy, was prepared for each of these, and the gifts were labeled with the name of the boy or girl who was to receive it. Quite a number of toys were given out at the close of the program to children whose names had not been obtained for the Christmas gift list.

**Fruits and Candy**

In addition to the toys or other gifts over 600 bags of fruits, candies and nuts were distributed to the children.

The brief Christmas tree ceremonies were opened with a prayer and short talk by Rev. T. M. Carney, minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ, and a brief talk by Fire Chief Rance Pettitt. Later in the course of evening a short talk was made by Rev. P. T. Standford, pastor of Central Methodist church.

The hundreds of children enthusiastically clapped their hands when it was suggested that a vote of thanks to the firemen for the Christmas tree.

The firemen's tree appeared to be

# BROOKESMITH FARMER DIES FROM POISON

Funeral services for J. S. Gentry, 60, farmer of Brookesmith community, who died about 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon after drinking an ounce of carbolic acid, were held Wednesday at Brookesmith, according to telephone information received by The Bulletin. Rev. W. I. Newton of Brownwood and Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor of Melwood Avenue Baptist Church, conducted the funeral.

Mr. Gentry is said to have taken the poison about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home and to have told his wife immediately what he had done. The family administered first aid treatment and then got him into an automobile and started to the hospital at Santa Anna. A physician met them between Santa Anna and Brookesmith and tried to give Mr. Gentry an antidote, but the man was almost dead at that time and did not revive.

The family could give no reason for Mr. Gentry's act.

Several people here say they saw Mr. Gentry in Brownwood Tuesday and some say they talked with him. He was at the courthouse and stopped in several different offices to talk for awhile. He is thought to have made a will while he was here.

Mr. Gentry is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons. The children are: Mrs. Bill Brock of Winchell, Mrs. Gordon Slives of Trichham, Mrs. John Holland of Brookesmith, J. T. Gentry of Brookesmith and another small son who lives at home.

Well, Christmas has come and gone and while there was lots of gaiety and pleasure there was yet a many a heart made sad.

Joe Salyer, a good friend of the writer, was taken sick at his home in this community on Wednesday, December 23rd, and passed away Sunday afternoon, December 27th. Brookesmith in a hospital after a major operation the night before. He was laid to rest Monday afternoon, the 28th, in Jones Chapel cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Cooper of Brownwood at Jones Chapel church. He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters and a host of other relatives and friends to grieve for him. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The entire community sympathizes with the family. Mr. Salyer was sixty years of age.

Hubert Beard and family of Jones county are here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Salyer.

Cecil Faulkner and sister, Daille Belle, are spending the week at Coleman with their sister, Mrs. Jimmie Bentley, and family.

Little Billie Truman Griggs is on the sick list this week, with an abscess in his head.

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Miss Irma Louise Ray entertained her friends last Friday night with a party which was enjoyed by all.

Olean King of Brownwood, the guest of her cousin Miss Maudine Turvooren last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turvooren and baby of Portales, New Mexico, left for their home Tuesday after an extended visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Teel.

Guna Webb of Blanket, Guna Page and Guna Lee of this community had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Page. Other visitors in the Page home that day were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Page and Mr. McCord of Brownwood.

Sunday school was pretty well attended Sunday at Stepps Creek. Next Sunday is church day. Let's all attend who can.

Mrs. Janie McLaughlin and children spent Saturday in Blanket with relatives.

N. B. Graham visited awhile Christmas day with Frank and Alva Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wyatt Christmas day were Lester Kirksey and family of Brownwood, Robert Wyatt and family of Elkins, Will Wyatt and family and Wesley Wyatt.

Mrs. Janie McLaughlin and children attended a Christmas tree at her brother, Robert Goates of Brownwood, Christmas Eve night. Her nephew, Arnold Goates, returned home with them for the night.

Isabel Wyatt spent Christmas night with her cousin, Christine Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss and children of San Saba spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Moss' mother, Mrs. L. Perry.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goates Christmas day were Robert Goates and family of Brownwood, Joe Eoff and family of Blanket and Perry Wyatt and family of this community.

Mr. McGuyer and niece, Mrs. Scroggins and two children of Pumpkin Center, spent last Saturday with his sister, Mrs. McCurdy, at Bethel.

Conrad Vernon and family of Temple spent the holidays here with relatives.

Harley Haines Black, who is teaching school at Blanket, spent the Christmas holidays here.

Crafton Wells and family of Lea, New Mexico, have been here for a visit with relatives.

Several from here attended the funeral of Aud Harris at Trichham Christmas day, including Cull Earp, Lillas Eyrd and family and Mrs. Mel Gees.

Billie Sears and wife of Jordan Springs had Christmas dinner here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McSears.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wright and son, Bert, had turkey dinner Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Les Crane, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pedigo spent Christmas day with his sister, Mrs. Billy White, of Owens. Mr. and Mrs. George Griggs and children spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. White, her parents, Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varable of Houston are visiting here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Williamson.

Misses Fannie and Laura Davis and Clark Riggs spent last Saturday in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scott.

Mrs. Kinnie Ehrhridge had Christmas dinner in Brownwood with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Boyd. Mr. Ehrhridge went to Bangs with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green and spent the day with Charles Mathews and family.

Aunt Ollie Woods is visiting for a while with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Chranne, Mrs. Cull Earp spent Sunday afternoon in the Chranne home.

Charlie Mathews and family of Bangs, Mrs. Snow and Elizabeth of Brownwood were all-day visitors in the J. M. Ehrhridge home last Sunday as was also Mrs. N. B. Graham.

News has been received from Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McCullough of a slight round boy born to them at their home in El Paso Tuesday, December 29th. Mrs. McCullough was formerly Miss Ethel Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. John Page of Snyder spent the holidays here with relatives.

Guy Phillips and wife of Houston visited here a few days ago with his sister, Mrs. Will Wyatt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wyatt and children have returned home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maud Phillips, of Bomarton.

# Water District Directors To Be Elected Jan. 12

Election for choosing directors for Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 will be held Tuesday, January 12, according to announcements by the present directors. Election notices have been published but as yet no ballots have been made up.

Present directors of the district are: F. S. Abney, president; H. G. Lucas, secretary; A. D. Rogers, E. J. Weatherly, and C. Y. Early.

The election notices define the following precincts and voting places:

Precinct One: All of Ward One of the City of Brownwood; and all that portion of the district situated west of Pecan Bayou and outside of the city of Brownwood that is north and north east of the center line of the right of way of the G. C. & S. F. railway, extending through the district; and all that portion of the district situated east of Pecan Bayou. The polling place will be Brown county court house.

Precinct Two: All of Ward Number Two of the city of Brownwood. The polling place will be Mims building, Howard Payne College.

Precinct Three: All of Ward Number Three of the City of Brownwood. The polling place will be the Fine Arts building at Daniel Baker College.

Precinct Four: All of Ward Number Four of the city of Brownwood; and all that portion of the district west of Pecan Bayou and outside of the city of Brownwood that is south and southeast of the center line of the right of way of the G. C. & S. F. railway extending through the district. The polling place will be South Ward School.

# Plans for Paving Part Highway 10 Sent to Austin

Plans for paving on 19 miles of highway 10 from Brownwood to the McCulloch county line have been sent to the State Highway Department by the resident engineer's office. The engineer's estimate for paving the 19 miles is \$197,000.

The plans are sent to the department for engineers there to check and will be laid to rest Monday afternoon, the 28th, in Jones Chapel cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Cooper of Brownwood at Jones Chapel church. He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters and a host of other relatives and friends to grieve for him. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The entire community sympathizes with the family. Mr. Salyer was sixty years of age.

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# Senate Oil Tariff Committee to Begin Study of Bill Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The senate commerce committee will take up the oil tariff proposals before it on January 7th to determine if it has authority to proceed with the legislation.

Senator Shortridge, republican of California, has a bill before the committee to levy \$1 a barrel tariff on crude petroleum but the point has been raised. A tariff should originate in the house, or if it should be treated as a revenue bill and is eligible for senate action before a house decision, it should go to the finance committee.

Shortridge will before the committee next Thursday to urge immediate action. His bill is drawn not as a tariff bill, but to provide protecting levies under constitutional provisions governing interstate and foreign commerce.

This was done, Shortridge has explained, to prevent general reopening of the tariff schedules and to permit the senate to act before house action.

# Bellevue Hospital Staff Organized, To Meet Monthly

The organization of the staff of Bellevue Hospital was perfected Monday night in a business meeting that followed an informal dinner given at the hospital. Meetings of the staff will be held the last Monday evening in each month, according to announcements made today.

Officers of the staff elected Monday night are: Dr. A. L. Anderson, president; Dr. W. E. Corbin, vice-president; Miss Lovelle Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

Following are the active members of the staff:

Drs. A. L. Anderson, T. B. Bailey, C. C. Bullard, W. E. Corbin, B. A. Fowler, H. L. Lobstein, H. L. Lockner, J. L. Morris, H. Romines, D. R. Scott, Ned Snyder, John Snyder, A. L. Taylor and J. W. Tottenham.

There will be probably other doctors added to the active staff in a short time, it is said.

# Gets Back Money Stolen From Him, Wont File Charges

The charity of a man's heart saved a man who stole \$10 from him from being put in jail, according to a story told by city police.

A man while trying on a new suit in a local tailor shop left the trousers he had been wearing in the dressing room. Another man went into the room and took a \$10 bill from the trousers pockets. City police were notified and soon found the man and the \$10 bill. The money was returned to the owner, but he would not file charges against the thief.

**Old Custom**

"How did the old saying, 'I paid him down on the nail' arise?" has been asked. "Nails" are metal pillars still to be found in ancient exchanges and over which bargains were struck. They are still to be seen at Bristol and elsewhere.

# Brookesmith Farmer Dies From Poison

Funeral services for J. S. Gentry, 60, farmer of Brookesmith community, who died about 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon after drinking an ounce of carbolic acid, were held Wednesday at Brookesmith, according to telephone information received by The Bulletin. Rev. W. I. Newton of Brownwood and Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor of Melwood Avenue Baptist Church, conducted the funeral.

Mr. Gentry is said to have taken the poison about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home and to have told his wife immediately what he had done. The family administered first aid treatment and then got him into an automobile and started to the hospital at Santa Anna. A physician met them between Santa Anna and Brookesmith and tried to give Mr. Gentry an antidote, but the man was almost dead at that time and did not revive.

The family could give no reason for Mr. Gentry's act.

Several people here say they saw Mr. Gentry in Brownwood Tuesday and some say they talked with him. He was at the courthouse and stopped in several different offices to talk for awhile. He is thought to have made a will while he was here.

Mr. Gentry is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons. The children are: Mrs. Bill Brock of Winchell, Mrs. Gordon Slives of Trichham, Mrs. John Holland of Brookesmith, J. T. Gentry of Brookesmith and another small son who lives at home.

Well, Christmas has come and gone and while there was lots of gaiety and pleasure there was yet a many a heart made sad.

Joe Salyer, a good friend of the writer, was taken sick at his home in this community on Wednesday, December 23rd, and passed away Sunday afternoon, December 27th. Brookesmith in a hospital after a major operation the night before. He was laid to rest Monday afternoon, the 28th, in Jones Chapel cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Cooper of Brownwood at Jones Chapel church. He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters and a host of other relatives and friends to grieve for him. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The entire community sympathizes with the family. Mr. Salyer was sixty years of age.

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# Demented War Vet Is Captured After Fight With Police

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Adam Purecki, 38, a World War veteran, supposedly demented, was wounded and captured last night after 50 policemen had besieged him in his Northside home for nearly three hours.

Purecki's resistance started when two policemen were sent to take him into custody after he had ordered his wife and their four children from his second story flat. His wife carried their eight-day old baby in her arms.

When Purecki fired at the policemen they called for reinforcements and within a short while several squads gathered about the home, firing bullets in his direction whenever he came into view at the windows. When tear gas bombs were tossed in, he seized them and tossed them out.

The struggle ended when Sergeant William McCarthy of the detective bureau, stationed on the rear porch, shot at Purecki through a window just as Purecki was preparing to fire through the front door at Captain Charles McGurn, who was making another plea for surrender. His condition was described by police as critical.

Purecki was under treatment at government hospitals for a mental ailment early this year.

# Eudyard Kipling Observes 66th Birth Anniversary

BURWASH, Sussex, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Eudyard Kipling was 66 today. He spent the day quietly at his rural retreat "Batmans" near here. Almost the only intruders on his privacy were messengers who brought many congratulatory messages from all parts of the world. One of the messages was from the members of the Kipling society which is meeting in London tonight.

The average duration of an earthquake shock is estimated at 45 seconds by experts.

# Will Test Eggs For Hatching Pool

In view of the outlook for an unusually good interest in baby chicks in the coming year, the Southwest Poultry Association is arranging for a hatching pool one of the chief purposes of which is to insure that the eggs to be hatched are free from the germs of white diarrhea, says County Agent O. P. Griffin.

Eggs used for hatching will be tested for bacillary diarrhea, and a number of poultry flocks in the country will be visited soon.

There is nothing more discouraging to any one who starts in to raise poultry, says Mr. Griffin, than to have the young chickens die out by the time they are three weeks old, and this move for testing and selecting eggs in the general interest of the poultry raisers. This is especially important, the county agent pointed out, when it is remembered that poultry is usually an extra source of revenue on the farms - and if poultry is not raised nothing else is substituted in its place.

The largest telescope mirror ever to be made wholly in the United States is under construction in Pittsburgh. It has a diameter of 69 inches.

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## 2 AUTOMATIC SCRAPERS AND 750 FEET OF FIRE HOSE BOUGHT BY CITY

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council was held Tuesday afternoon at which time the city purchased 750 feet of fire hose and two automatic scrapers.

An ordinance changing the boundary on the north side of the city was passed on its third reading. C. L. Pouncey appeared before the council to sell a banking machine to be used in the city water department. He showed the saving with which large sums of money could be handled through the automatic adding cash register and receipt machine. He told the council that at a cost of less than \$900 the machine, universally used, could be placed in the water office here for use in collections. A committee was appointed to investigate the machine further and to make the purchase.

Letters from the Texas Power & Light Company making estimates for the installing of four traffic signal lights were read but no action was taken concerning the purchase of such lights. If bought, two of the lights will be placed on Center and two on Austin Avenue. Those on Center will be at the intersection of Adams Street at the postoffice and at the intersection of Austin Avenue at Howard Payne. The other two will be automatic and will operate separately from the down town system. They will be installed at the Congin intersection and at the Avenue D intersection on Austin.

Knox Andrews and Earl Stewart, both representing automatic scraper companies appeared before the council and entered bids for the sale of two dirt movers. After considering the two propositions the bidders were dismissed and action taken in an executive session.

Some of the most prominent school men in the state will be secured as speakers on the program to discuss the important topics, it was said. A number of the outstanding speakers in Texas will be listed on the program. Texas State Teachers Association has agreed to allow the Mid-Texas association \$250 to defray expenses of the meeting. Committee members said that most of this expense money would go to pay expenses of visiting speakers.

Two new departments have been added to the usual number of sectional meetings which are held at the association meetings. At the sectional meeting of Coleman, school trustees and board members will be held. George McHan, president of the Brown county school trustees, was elected as chairman of this new sectional meeting. A sectional meeting for home economic teachers will also be held and Miss Lillian Penk, state supervisor at Austin, was elected as chairman.

J. R. Stalcup, principal of Brownwood High School, was elected as treasurer of the association to fill the unexpired term of Miss Helen Brewster of Ballinger, who resigned after moving from the district. Following were elected as chairmen of the various sectional meetings: C. H. Smith, superintendent of schools at Winters, high school section; J. C. Scarborough, superintendent at Santa Anna schools, elementary section; Miss Jones of San Angelo, primary section; Mrs. Maxine Gentry of Coleman, music section; A. J. Bierschwald of Sterling City, vocational agriculture section. Chairmen of the two new sections have already been named.

Several vacancies in the executive committee were filled at the meeting yesterday afternoon. J. S. Armstrong, superintendent of schools here, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hardy from Coke county. J. L. Beard, county superintendent of Coleman county, was elected to fill the place of Miss Maude Louis from Coleman county. E. L. Allison, superintendent of Menard schools, was elected in the place of C. A. Covans. W. R. Hardy was named to represent Sterling City.

In discussing the membership fees for the meeting, the committee decided that a fee of fifty cents will be charged teachers who are not members of the State Teachers Association. Work on the program for the meeting will start at once in order to make up one of the best programs in the history of the association. Executive committee members believe that the meeting in Brownwood will attract a greater attendance than other recent meetings and all of the meetings held in recent years have attracted more than 700 teachers.

**An Active Month Of  
Demonstration Club  
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About 20 women of the Bangs home demonstration club were present at the meeting of the club on Tuesday, according to Miss Mayeyle Malone, county home demonstration agent, who attended the meeting. The club met at the home of Miss Myrtle Gaines and the program was on "Child Care and Parental Education." Miss Malone states that an interesting report was also heard on the work of the county club council.

A busy month of club meetings is scheduled by Miss Malone for this month. She has already attended meetings of the clubs at Barber and Bangs and the council meeting. A meeting of the Clear Creek club on Thursday for today, one at Dublin scheduled for today, and at Woodland Heights Thursday and at Woodland Heights Friday. Other meetings that will be held this month are at Salt Branch, Holder, Angel, Early, McDaniel, Concord, Brooksmith, Center Point, Zephyr, Indian Creek women's and girls' club, Grosvenor, Winchell women and girls and May women and girls.

## MARCH 6 AND 7 DATE TEACHERS MEETING HERE

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association, which includes twenty counties in this section of the state, will be held in Brownwood on March 6 and 7, it was decided at the meeting of the executive committee of the association at the Brownwood high school Wednesday afternoon.

This will be the first meeting of the association held in this city in several years. More than a thousand teachers are expected to attend the meeting, members of the committee stated. "Training Youth to Realize What It Means to Live in Society" will be the central topic for discussion at the meeting, the committee also decided. A number of sub-divisions of the main topic will be worked out as the program is formulated. Under this topic there will be discussions on the modern music appreciation, and other things.

During the last year there were about 15 cases of smallpox in the city; 7 cases in one family, 3 cases in another family and the rest were one case to the home, continued Dr. Scott. As soon as the disease was discovered proper care was given at once and people of the neighborhoods where there were cases of smallpox were vaccinated immediately by the health officer. The epidemic was never serious and was under control almost as soon as it was discovered. Dr. Scott thinks that one reason for the excellent control of smallpox in Brownwood is that it is compulsory that school children be immunized against the disease.

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## Good Year's Showing Made in Brownwood Health Conditions

Health conditions in Brownwood at present are as good as could be expected in any city of this size at any time according to statements given The Bulletin today by City Health Officer D. R. Scott. "There are no epidemics of any kind at present and there have been no serious epidemics in the city during the past twelve months," he said. Sanitary conditions of Brownwood are well taken care of by the city in disposing of the trash and keeping the alleys and streets as clean as possible. Dr. Scott continued. Through the work of the city sanitary department there were fewer mosquitoes during last year than any other year, even though there were some heavy rains in the early part of the year. Dr. Scott said that though the mosquito was not as dangerous here as in malaria fever districts, the elimination of the mosquito led to the health and well being of the people.

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## LINGLE MURDER SOLVED, POLICE HOLD SUSPECT

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(P)—A solution of the mystery of the murder of Alfred E. Lingle, Chicago Tribune reporter, has been reached, authorities claimed today, with the arrest of Leo Brothers, a St. Louis gangster who was identified by several witnesses, they said, as the man shot and killed Lingle last June 9. The identification, they said, was positive.

Brothers, it was revealed by Patrick Roche, chief investigator for the state attorney's office, was arrested by three detectives last December 21 in a Chicago apartment after he had been trailed to 12 different cities. He was known in Chicago as "Buster" Bader. He denied he killed Lingle, but admitted, Roche said, that he was waiting in St. Louis for the slaying of John De Blas, a service car driver. "This man will sit in the electric chair for the murder of Alfred E. Lingle," Roche told newspapermen. "I'll stake my official reputation on that. If he is not the killer, then Lingle is still alive."

Neither Roche nor State's Attorney John A. Swanson, however, would reveal if they had uncovered the answer to the all absorbing question in Chicago crime in recent years, namely, "why was Lingle killed."

**Probe Cause of Death**

There was an unofficial report that the investigators have been working on the theory that the Tribune reporter was put to death because he had incurred the enmity of gamblers whom he had harassed. Nor would the officials give out names of the persons who made the reported investigation.

The capture came at the climax to a drama marked by suspense, violence, hope and dismay for the state, touched even by comedy at times. Brothers' movements were known for days before his arrest but Roche wanted to avoid the wounding or killing of his own men or the suspension of the police department. He wished to question Brothers' Constant surveillance was kept while awaiting a favorable chance to take him. On December 19 Roche learned Brothers was visiting a downtown speakeasy but his operatives were unannouncedly against a raid because of the publicity and the possibility of Brothers' escape.

The next day Roche heard Brothers was leaving Chicago for Excelsior, Mo. He ascertained the pullman berth number and a man in it was seized but proved to be someone else. A checkup showed Brothers was still in his room at the Lake Crest Drive apartments. Roche then decided to act the next day, December 21, rather than take another chance of losing the quarry. He suddenly remembered he said, that Miss Rose Huesch, his secretary when he had been with the federal department of justice, was a resident of the Lake Crest establishment.

**Ruse Is Planned**

Miss Huesch outlined to Roche the plan of the hallways and said that residents of the fourth floor had to use a common telephone in the hall. At 10 a. m. on December 21 a rap on Brothers' door told him he was wanted on the telephone. He pulled a pair of trousers and shirt over his pajamas to answer it, and just as he stepped out of his room he heard the command of "hands up." He complied. His loaded revolver was discovered in his dress. Police Sergeants Fred Joyce and Walter Wendt and Roche himself made the arrest.

## WITCHER HATCHERY TO OPEN FOR SEASON ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Witcher Produce Company, 402 South Broadway Street, will open their hatchery for the third successive season Monday, January 12. The company has a 52,000 egg incubator and are ready to start setting for this season. This hatchery has been in operation in Brownwood for three seasons.

Mr. Witcher says that he believes this season will be one of the most successful for the hatcheries that has been had in Brownwood for some time. A number of farmers and poultrymen have already been asking about the opening of the season and have made arrangements to have eggs set or to buy chicks after they have been hatched at the local hatchery.

He says that it is important that the farms of Brown county be well stocked with high grade chickens as one means of prosperity. Other towns and counties have tried poultry raising and made a success of it and farmers in Brown county who have engaged in the poultry business have found it profitable, he declared. Other farmers are realizing that chicken raising is profitable and are going to set more eggs and buy more chicks this year than they did last. Mr. Witcher thinks.

The Witcher hatchery had a fairly good season last year and made some good settings, but it is thought that the season will last a great deal longer this year since so many more farmers are inquiring about the settings and opening of the hatchery.

## CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOLS PLEDGE WORK FOR CLASSIFICATION

Several Brown county consolidated high schools have pledged to work for classification and affiliation of the schools and hope to have classification and some affiliation during the 1931-32 term, according to R. L. Fortune, superintendent of the school and president of the Brown County Teachers' Association.

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## GRAY DIRECTS FIRST MEETING COUNTY BOARD

The first regular meeting of the Commissioners Court for the new year was held Monday with Courtney Gray, Judge; E. S. Thompson, James Phillips, L. F. Bird and W. M. Medcal present as was Sheriff M. H. Denman and County Clerk W. E. Burleson. Approval of bonds not brought before the court last week, highway matters and tax reductions were the main topics considered. The approval of Sheriff Denman's list of deputy sheriffs was also made.

Bond for E. T. Perkinson, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1 for \$1,000 was accepted; bond of Sheriff M. H. Denman for \$5,000 was accepted; bond of Edie Markham as deputy tax collector for \$2,000 was accepted; bond of L. W. Couch as public weigher of precinct No. 4 for \$2,500 was accepted; bond for O. E. Kitchen as constable of precinct No. 1 for \$1,000 was accepted.

The following appointments were approved: W. A. Hallmark, chief deputy, Leonard McKenzie as assistant jailer and deputy sheriff, A. F. McAllister, Virgil Cash, Earl Boyd, L. L. Walton, Fate Hounshell, Albert Driskill, Mr. Watson, George S. Baugh, Barney Cravens, Joe Brown, Chester Avinger and M. L. Langford.

**Janitor Retained**

It was also decided to pay the janitor at the courthouse a salary of \$100 per month for 1931. A secret ballot was taken to select a janitor for this year and in the balloting E. C. Throgmorton, present janitor, received three votes and J. W. Nichols received one vote.

Resident Engineer Leo Ehlinger was instructed to continue with the location of the Cross Cut road from the Jim Ned creek into Brownwood. Richard Young was allowed a reduction of his tax rendition on an oil lease of 30 acres from the A. B. Teston land, in appearing before the court, through the recommendation of the Thos. Y. Pickett company, that the rendition was too high and that Mr. Young should be allowed a reduction for this year. It also appeared to the court that as he paid on the rendition of \$1,000 during 1929 that the 1930 rendition should be abolished.

An application for damages to an out field was made by W. D. Wyatt and Commissioner Bird was instructed to investigate the matter and report to the court. A. E. Pulliam petitioned the court for a return on some post purchased to fence his land where highway No. 10 crosses his farm. He was allowed a sum of \$15 as payment for the posts.

Mr. Pulliam also asked the court to furnish wire to make his fence two wires higher along highway No. 10 and he was granted six spools of wire with which to do this work. The placing of assessment valuation upon livestock for 1931 to be followed by the tax assessor was made by scale as follows: Stock cattle at \$12.50 per head, registered cattle and steers over two years old at \$25, sheep at \$2 and goats at \$1.

A part of the monthly bills were considered and action taken on many of them.

## Connor Debonair As He Receives Formal Sentence

J. D. Connor, former school teacher and business man in this section, and a graduate of Howard Payne College, has been sentenced on a robbery with firearms charge on which he was connected at San Antonio November 15. The San Antonio Light carried the following story:

"Debonair as ever, J. D. Connor stood before the bar of justice in the Ninety-fourth District court Saturday morning and was formally sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary for participation in a robbery with firearms charge on May 10. He was convicted November 15, of holding up and robbing the manager of a Clarence Saunders store of \$200 on May 10.

"Due to the fact that his appeal is pending, and that he is to go to trial in the Ninety-fourth District court on February 9 on a charge of extortion, Connor will not be removed from the Bexar county jail. "District Attorney Walter Tynan said Saturday he would request that the prisoner be kept here, and that the trial be given a special setting for that date.

## REMODELING AUSTIN MILL AND GRAIN STORE AND OFFICE BUILDING

The office and retail store of the Austin Mill and Grain Company, which has been located for more than thirty years at 215 Fisk Avenue, corner of Fisk and East Lee, have been moved temporarily to the location next door, 211 Fisk.

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## Judge Sues Dollie Douthitt, Eccentric Widow Who Shot Him Aged Woman Is Slightly Injured In Car Accident

ENID, Okla., Jan. 8.—(P)—Mrs. Dollie Douthitt, eccentric widow who was adjudged insane by a jury recently, has been sued by United States Commissioner H. Z. Wedgwood, for \$36,115 damages based on injuries sustained when the woman shot him in the district courtroom here last September 24. She now is in an insane asylum at Fort Supply.

The woman opened fire in the courtroom after an adverse decision was rendered in a property damage suit she had brought. The Commissioner was an attorney in the case for Mrs. Douthitt's legal opponents. Wedgwood was wounded and the judge and another attorney were barely missed by a full round of revolver bullets fired by the woman.

She claimed that her enemies were trying to rob her. Mrs. Douthitt is reputed to be wealthy.

## Charles W. Bryan Becomes Governor Nebraska 2nd Time

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8.—(P)—Charles W. Bryan, democrat, today became governor of Nebraska. Bryan, democratic nominee for vice president in 1924 and brother of the late William Jennings Bryan, is the only man in the history of the Cornhusker state to be re-elected to the chief executive office by popular vote after once having served as governor from 1923 to 1925. He is a farmer. He succeeds Arthur J. Weaver, republican, who served one term.

## STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN WACO ADDRESS TODAY

WACO, Texas, Jan. 8.—(P)—J. E. McDonald, soon to take office as state commissioner of agriculture, in an address before the Texas Association of Farm Workers Association today said agriculture was the basic industry of the state and that when agriculture prospered so did other enterprises.

"As soon as agriculture loses its economic position and starts drifting toward the rocks, there is demoralization in industry and unemployment in the ranks of labor," he said.

Outlining the policies of his administration, he advocated promotion of diversification, crop rotation, soil preservation and improved living conditions on the farms and ranches, use of better planting seeds and nursery stock. He held the gathering there should be some means of regulating cotton to make production conform to consumption and prevent burdensome surpluses of cotton at the expense of manpower and the impoverishment of the soils.

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## Attends Insurance Convention Held In Monterey, Mexico

L. N. Yarbrough of Bangs, special agent of the Great Southern Life Insurance Co., left Sunday night for Monterey, Mexico, to attend a convention in which about 500 agents of the company will participate.

The trip is given by the company as a special courtesy to the agents who got on the honor roll by selling a stipulated amount of insurance set as their goal in 1930. Mr. Yarbrough qualified by going over the top in a campaign which he waged to write \$150,000 of insurance.

At Houston this morning Mr. Yarbrough with other agents bound for Monterey, was to take the "Piasta Special," routed for the Mexican city. Stops of several hours were to be made at McAllen, Texas, and Matamoros, Mexico.

## Quarter Of Inch Of Rainfall Here

Fainfall in several showers in Brownwood and vicinity Sunday totaled .25 of an inch. Rain fell intermittently throughout most of the day, but the showers were light. Surrounding communities received similar showers during Saturday night and Sunday.

Farmers from some of the communities in the county said today, that although the rain was light, it helped to keep the ground in good shape for planting. They said that light rains every few days were better for the season than heavy rains.

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Miss Lona Lee Bingham of Wicket came in Sunday to spend the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Braddock. Mr. Bob Forsythe is critically ill at his home. His daughter, Mrs. Clay Duke has been with him a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hallaford who have been in Lubock the last few days returned home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brannon of Clio visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Glass Tuesday. Messrs. and Misses, Byron Anderson, Curtis Reynolds of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clayton Sunday. J. L. VanZandt, Mae, and Leilas were in Brownwood Tuesday. With Nona Cobb as leader of the B. Y. P. U. a program on "Progress in the Far" will be given December 27. Others taking part are: Benjamin at Jerusalem—Dorothy Nell Baker. From Jerusalem—Geneva McKinney. The Spread of the Gospel by Centuries—Mrs. Ida Cobb. India—Lula. China—Mrs. McKinney. Japan—Eustace Renfro. Back to Jerusalem. Messrs. and Misses, R. L. and L. L. Thomas were Brownwood visitors Tuesday. Mr. Levi Clayton of Los Angeles, California, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clayton, visited friends in Rochelle Monday. Messrs. M. L. and Marion Smith made a business trip to Goldthwaite Saturday. School will reopen Monday, Dec. 28, after a week for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thorp of Brownwood was in town Tuesday. We have had so much rain that the roads are almost impassible in some places. We would like to see several days of sunshine. Garland Petty had business in Brownwood Monday. Campbell Baker spent the weekend in Mullin, with his cousin, Walter Campbell. Mr. Simmons and daughter of Comanche, Oklahoma, are visiting his daughter, Mrs. Cecil Kinney. Horace Yates was in Brownwood Tuesday. Mrs. Ole NeSmith was shopping in Brownwood Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bynum of Brownwood were in Zephyr Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dabney attended the funeral of Mr. White in Brownwood Sunday afternoon. Messrs. C. M. Kilgore and Ford Glass attended the funeral of Mr. White Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Driskill of Elkins spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelton.

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but she can do. The Christmas stories told were happenings in Japan and each time a program is rendered those present feel that it is the best one yet, and all of the members feel that such a blessing is gained by trying to teach others how to know Jesus. A refreshment plate of hot chocolate and cake was passed. Mrs. Yarborough was assisted by Mrs. O. M. Leonard and Mrs. Patsy Pulliam. The society will meet next Monday in the home of Mrs. A. A. Seal, in a business meeting. Mrs. J. F. Gaines returned from Llano last week, where she attended the funeral of her father, Mr. Maxwell. Miss Ina Read is here from Dallas to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Read and other relatives. Mrs. C. N. Nunn and son, Chester of Porter, Oklahoma, came in Monday for a visit with relatives. Miss Ruth Campbell has gone to her home in Fort Worth to spend Christmas. Wednesday, December 16th, twenty-one ladies met in the home of Mrs. Lon Tweedle and quilted three quilts that had been given by friends as a token of their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Audry McEntyre, who had their home and contents destroyed by fire a month ago. Brindon Bond and Seth Jenkins are home from John Tarleton college to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheffield, and daughter, Mrs. Ray Bain, attended the funeral of J. M. Laughlin at Trickham last Thursday. Mr. Laughlin had been a long time friend of the Sheffield's, and was the father of Mrs. Carl Sheffield of Brooksmith and had been a former resident of Trickham for many years. Mrs. Ben Crowder and Mrs. Guy Eads and daughter Adell, returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Fort Worth. Mesdames Floyd and Thomas Williams and children of Levelland, are expected to arrive this week to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheffield, and Mr. and Mrs. John Swenson. Miss Oleta Read, member of the school faculty at Emhouse is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Read, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wedgeworth and children left Saturday for a visit to relatives in Nacogdoches. Mrs. Ada Nichols returned to her home in Copperton Cove Tuesday, after visiting her daughters, Mrs. Lehman Walton and Miss Mae Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. John Allison spent Monday in Brownwood visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mask and son, Harold, visited her sister, who is ill in the Sealy Hospital at Santa Anna Tuesday afternoon. W. C. Mitchell of Dalhart spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. J. D. McKay has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown of Coleman are here for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hopper of Goldthwaite were over-night guests in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schindler Monday night. Scandal's Weakness Malice may empty her quiver, but cannot wound; the dirt will not stick, the jests will not take. Without the consent of the world, a scandal doth not go deep; it is only a slight stroke upon the injured party, and returned with the greater force upon those that gave it.—Saville. Forward All "At a dinner I heard a new toast. Will you pass it on?" Gladly. "Here's to the fighter who goes to battle, not against his fellow-men, but against the common enemies of mankind."—London Tit-Bits. Notice to Trespassers I have the trapping and hunting privilege on all the Cox and McInnis lands and all the Baugh land owned by J. W. Tabor. Anyone caught will be prosecuted. So stay out and save a fine. R. L. Barron and Sons

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Bangs J. M. Griffith, of Austin, was an over-night guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Strange, Thursday night, while enroute to San Angelo to accompany his daughter, Miss Thelma to their home to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Griffith is a teacher in San Angelo school. Miss Fanilla Johnson, left Friday for home in Canton to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Mable Bailey has gone to her home at Stamford for the holidays. Clarence Bissett of John Tarleton has returned to his home here for the Christmas holidays. Jack Pulliam came in this week from State University at Austin to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rucker left Friday for Pilot Point for a visit to relatives. J. D. Williams has gone to his home at Granbury to visit relatives and friends. Miss Muriel Matthews returned Sunday from a week-end visit to Miss Jackie Means at Salt Branch. Last Monday at the school auditorium the following program was rendered: O. Little Town of Bethlehem by fourth grade; Christmas tree exercises, and song by second grade; readings by Della Mae Morgan, Juanita Rochester, Robert Joe Triplett, Samuel Rucker, Arwood Walker, Oscar Barnes. Several numbers were given by Mr. Walker's public speaking class. Those participating were Muriel Matthews, King, Nichols Sawyer, Ben Sullivan, E. J. Ashcraft, Jr. and Imogene Schulz. Concluding this Miss Layne Walker gave a chalk talk, Silent Night. Miss Hattie "Ted" Medley, has gone to Mercury to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her brother. The people of Bangs were made sad Friday on learning of the death of Bernard Hintner, better known here as "Ben". Mr. and Mrs. Hintner were formerly residents of Bangs and made many friends who are grieved to learn of his going. The wife and son have the sympathy of their friends here. The Womens Missionary Society of the Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. L. N. Yarborough Monday afternoon and rendered a very beautiful Christmas program. Topic, The Star Again in the East. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Rucker. Song, Silent Night was sung as the opening hymn. Each one having a part rendered it well. Mrs. Leonard always brings wonderful messages. Mrs. Seal also gave her part as no one

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## Jas. R. Stone, 58, Business and Civic Leader, Ends Life

James R. Stone, 58, member of the board of directors and general buyer for Walker-Smith Grocery Company for seventeen years and one of Brownwood's most prominent business men, ended his life shortly after 9 o'clock this morning at his home, 1103 Durham street, with a shot from a small .410 gauge shotgun. The charge entered Mr. Stone's head about an inch and a half above the right ear, resulting in instant death.

Mr. Stone entered the employ of the Walker-Smith Company in 1900 and had held the position he occupied at the time of his death for the last 17 years.

**In Declining Health**  
He had been in declining health for several years and about two weeks ago suffered a heart attack and nervous breakdown while at his home and was removed to his home. He had been able to sit up only part of the time since then.

Mr. Stone arose as usual this morning and had breakfast with the rest of the family and seemed in good spirits. After breakfast, while the rest of the family were still in the house, Mr. Stone went into the back yard. The family heard a shot, but thought nothing of it for a few minutes. W. P. Doty, Mr. Stone's father-in-law, stepped to the back door a few minutes afterwards and saw him lying in the yard.

**Dead When Physician Arrived**  
A doctor was called but he pronounced Mr. Stone dead when he arrived. No word or note was left by Mr. Stone but friends say that ill health from which Mr. Stone knew he could never recover was probably the cause.

James R. Stone was born August 11, 1873, near Columbia, Tenn., the second son of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Stone. Rev. Stone was a pioneer Presbyterian minister. Mr. Stone came to Brownwood with his parents almost forty years ago. He became associated with the jobbing business soon after coming to Brownwood, being for a time city representative for W. D. Douglas & Company. Later he entered the Walker-Smith Company, going to an Angelo branch office in 1900 as cashier. When the branch house of the company was opened at Durham he went there as manager and held that position until 1917 when he returned to Brownwood to accept the position he held at the time of his death.

**Member Austin Avenue Church**  
Mr. Stone was a Mason, a deacon in the Austin Avenue Presbyterian Church and a member of the country club. His chief diversion was hunting and he went on frequent hunting trips. Besides his other interests, Mr. Stone also had extensive interests in the ranching business. He was also a leader in civic and church activities.

During his many years in business, Mr. Stone became widely known throughout this entire section of the state, especially among those interested in the grocery business. He was highly respected and his circle of friends with their number. His hosts of friends in the family in their bereavement.

Mr. Stone is survived by his wife and one daughter Miss Mabel Stone, both of Brownwood; three brothers, Ben Stone of Brownwood, Dr. Marvin Stone of Dallas and Tom Stone of San Angelo; and one sister, Mrs. Clyde Smith of Brownwood.

Funeral services for James R. Stone, 58, prominent Brownwood business man, were to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, 1103 Durham street, according to announcements made this morning. Mr. Stone died at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning from a self-inflicted shot in his head from a small .410 gauge shotgun. He was found lying in his back yard shortly after a shot was heard by members of the family.

Rev. I. K. Floyd pastor, Austin Avenue Presbyterian Church, was to officiate at the services and interment to be made in Greenleaf cemetery, Austin-Morris funeral home has charge of the arrangements.

Funeral bearers: Dr. H. L. Locker, C. V. Early, Glidden Wilson, Douglas Colson, S. C. Morris and James R. Bodel.

**POLL TAXES MAY BE PAID WITHOUT PAYING THE PROPERTY TAXES**  
Tax Collector Lee Meek says that appears that many people do not understand that they can pay their poll taxes without being required to pay their property taxes.

As it is election year, every citizen will want a poll tax, and where one is not able to pay the property tax, or she, may pay the poll tax at this time and the property tax later.

The poll tax must be paid on or before January 31st to entitle the voter to a vote.

**Blossoming Words**  
Words, at the touch of the poet, blossom into poetry.—Holmes.

## CONNOR AND POWELL DUCKETED FOR TRIAL SAN ANGELO COURT

J. D. Connor, one time school teacher in this section, later sentenced to the penitentiary on extortion and robbery charges, and one of his companions, Clint Powell, who is serving a term in Huntsville penitentiary from San Angelo, probably will be returned to San Angelo next week, according to a story in The San Angelo Morning Times.

Two charges, automobile theft and robbery of a deputy sheriff with firearms, face each in connection with the jail delivery at San Angelo last May in which five prisoners escaped.

Connor's robbery case is the first set for trial on the docket of the third week of 51st district court which opens in San Angelo Monday. The cases against Connor and Powell necessitate the drawing of special venire, it is said.

In making the successful break for liberty from the Tom Green county jail last May, the two held guns on T. B. (Dude) Thompson, chief deputy sheriff, in his office and took his pistol from him, the state alleges in the robbery indictments.

The theft indictments against the two allege that they and their companions stole the automobile of Claude Pennington, mail carrier, as he stopped in front of the jail. The car was later recovered in Oklahoma.

Connor is serving a 25 year sentence in the penitentiary in cases involving robbery and extortion of \$75,000 from R. W. Morrison, San Antonio railroad magnate.

**Legion to Announce Winners In Contest For Membership**  
Announcement of the winning side in the American Legion membership contest here will be made at the regular meeting of the Isham A. Smith post Friday night. The post has been divided into two sides, Army and Navy, and for some time have been trying to see which side could get the most members. The losing side must furnish entertainment for the winners. Plans will also be made at the meeting for the entertainment.

**Federal Aid For Unemployed Issue Finds Proponents**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(P)—Mute during the opening days of the session, the question of direct federal aid for the unemployed has found a voice which promises to clamor in both houses after congress resumes.

Those legislators who feel there will be much suffering this winter unless the government contributes millions have had their convictions strengthened by testimony before a senate manufacturers sub-committee.

President Hoover does not like their ideas. He feels their execution would constitute a "dole" and he has supporters in congress who agree such help would do more harm than good in the long run.

Relief workers, associated with the organization Mr. Hoover set up for relief, however, have told the senate committee that local charity lacks the money to meet the need.

Many of them frankly said they thought it was time for the government to do something. A spokesman for the American Federation of Labor has said his organization felt the same way.

On the other hand, Walter S. Gifford, national relief director, thinks local charity can handle the situation.

**Mountain Farmer Is Held for Murder Demented Daughter**  
WAYNE, W. Va., Dec. 29.—(P)—A mountain farmer was held in jail today in the alleged "mercy" murder of his mentally deficient daughter.

Smith Webb, who, his neighbors say, "did his best" to care for the unfortunate girl for 26 years, was arrested last night. He protested innocence, declaring that the girl might have swallowed poison.

Officers said he poisoned his daughter, Maude, and then dressed her in "Sunday best" to place her in a home-made coffin. A rough grave had been excavated before authorities started a check when they heard Webb had no death certificate.

The daughter died in convulsions December 14th. Webb had the body in the coffin at the grave when officers arrived to investigate.

The 59 year old widower claims the charge was brought against him by enemies because of furnishing information that resulted in liquor raids.

## Funeral Today



J. R. STONE

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND SHIPPING BOARD MEMBER DIES, HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—Capt. J. Sumner Welch, 63, civil war veteran and chief timber inspector for the United States shipping board during the world war, died at his home here last night. He had lived here 29 years.

Captain Welch served in the union army during the civil war as bugler, sergeant, first sergeant and lieutenant in the tenth and sixth New York artillery. Later, he was agent of the quartermaster's department of the United States army.

During the 23 years in which he served in the army he had charge of various depots, including one at Pueblo, Colorado. Here he helped subdue the Ute Indians in their last war.

General G. W. Gosthals appointed Captain Welch during the world war to the position of timber inspector for the United States shipping board and emergency fleet corporation, with 64 assistant inspectors. They inspected timber at more than 100 saw mills west of the Mississippi river. Captain Welch's reports showed that more than 25,000,000 feet were inspected at the shippers' ports.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine A. Welch; one son, Lute Welch of Havana, Cuba; one daughter, Mrs. V. A. Williams of Watertown, New York; two brothers, O. E. Welch and L. N. Welch, both of Watertown; two sisters, Mrs. Susannah of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Ida Snook of Chicago; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

## AMERICAN DELEGATION TO ARMAMENT PARLEY IS ALMOST COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—The almost completed American delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference has not yet been told what to do on three important questions which will come up at the parley.

The reason is that President Hoover, himself, has not fully made up his mind about them.

Probably foremost is whether the United States will agree that arms limitation shall be attained by fixing the amount of money a nation may spend on its forces.

The United States policy has been that armaments should be directly limited, contending it would be a disadvantage under the other system because it must spend much more, comparatively speaking, than other countries to maintain its army and navy.

A compromise suggestion is that the reduction should come in comparison to the amount a nation spent in previous years and not by comparing its expenditures with other nations.

The naming of Norman H. Davis, former under secretary of state, by the president yesterday brought the number of delegates chosen to five.

**New York Sheriff Is Under Fire For Large Bank Account**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(P)—With one signal victory won in the imposition of a \$50,000 fine against Russell T. Sherwood, alleged financial partner of Mayor Walker, for refusing to appear before the Hofstadter investigating committee.

A letter containing the committee's specific charges against Sheriff Farley in connection with the latter's large bank accounts, and a transcript of testimony given at Farley's hearings, were ready to be presented today to Governor Roosevelt. Seabury is demanding Farley's removal from office, charging as "filmy" the sheriff's explanation of his ability to draw at will from a tin box whenever he wanted to increase his bank balance.

## HIGHWAYS AND OTHER MATTERS C. C. SUBJECTS

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce heard a comprehensive discussion of Brownwood road work by Leo Ehlinger, engineer, at the last meeting of this year, held at Southern Hotel Wednesday at noon.

Plans for an agricultural exhibit in Brownwood and several other matters were also brought before the board for consideration.

A considerable part of the road discussion by Mr. Ehlinger dealt with matters covered a report obtained from him by The Bulletin, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

**Mullin Line Located.**  
Mr. Ehlinger stated that the location of the line from Brown county line Mullin has been completed, with the exception of the exact location for a bridge on Pompey creek. The route enters Mullin three blocks north of the main street of the town he stated.

It was stated that A. F. Mourund, division engineer, met with the commissioners court of McCulloch county last Monday and with them was working out the matter of securing right of way from the Colorado river bridge to Mercury, or to a connection with the Mercury road. It was expected, it was stated, that the right of way would be secured by the time the bridge is completed.

A letter from the Del Rio chamber of commerce asking the board to endorse the building of a railroad from Ozona to Del Rio was laid on the table, the directors declining to take any further action on the request.

**Canada-to-Gulf Letter.**  
A letter from W. J. Milburn of Sayre, Okla., executive secretary of the Canada-to-Gulf association, was read and the board pledged its cooperation to the work toward the completion of that project. Securing the designation of the highway from Brownwood to Brady is one of the tasks immediately facing the organization. Milburn stated that work was under way on the approaches to the Red River bridge on the Canada-to-Gulf route and that it was hoped that the bridge might be completed in February.

The bridge location is between Altus, Oklahoma, and Vernon, Texas.

**Agricultural Exhibit.**  
In line with suggestions made to him recently by O. P. Griffin, county agent, Secretary Burks, discussed with the board the question of an agricultural exhibit in Brownwood next fall, the wings of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall to be used for the exhibit space, and the auditorium for entertainment programs in connection with the exhibit. The matter was referred to the agricultural committee.

## RUBIO APPROVES NEW CLERGY RESTRICTION LAW, EFFECTIVE TODAY

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—(P)—President Ortiz Rubio has approved the clergy restriction law passed last week by the senate and chamber of deputies, and it is effective today on publication in the Diario Oficial.

The law permits the Catholic church 25 priests in Mexico City. It was passed last week by the senate and chamber of deputies.

A presidential regulatory decree accompanying it, and providing a means of keeping more than 200 churches open under law jurisdiction, will be published immediately thereafter, Secretary of Interior Manuel C. Teles announced.

Application of the present law rests in the hands of Secretary Teles, who was extremely active in negotiations leading up to the religious settlement of 1929. He was then ambassador to Washington.

The law allows three days for the specified number of priests to register themselves with municipal authorities, but the most Rev. Pascual Diaz, archbishop of Mexico, has vigorously protested this registration as an evasion of ecclesiastical jurisdiction by the state, and peaceful non-compliance has been indicated.

Registration of priests by state authorities was the prime issue until the religious settlement of 1929. That settlement was aided by the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow. During the interval of bitter religious conflict was waged, costing many lives.

The courts promise to furnish the first scene of action in the present instance. Persons high in the church today said that the law would be challenged on the grounds of unconstitutionality, and restraining orders running into the thousands are necessary would be sought to prevent its application.

**YOUNG RANCHMAN NEAR FOWLERTON IS KILLED**  
FOWLERTON, TEX., Dec. 31.—(P)—Murray Martin, young ranchman, was killed accidentally on the Martin ranch near here yesterday afternoon. Details were not learned.

## CONGRESSMEN RECALL DAYS OF LONG AGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(P)—Holiday reminiscing today turned the thoughts of at least nine congressmen back to the days when their fathers sat in the house of representatives.

There's a quaint old custom of allowing young children to go to the floor of the house and sit with their parents on momentous occasions, so they can tell about it afterwards.

And some thus acquire an ambition to follow in parental footsteps and be legislators themselves.

At the age of 6, Representative Rush Bryan Owen sat with her father, Representative William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, and watched Speaker Crisp wield the gavel. Now her small daughter, Helen Rudd, 10, comes to sessions.

There are other families with three generations which have had the privilege of the floor under like circumstances.

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, who sat as a child of 7 with his father, now brings to the floor his two sons, Martin, 10, and Robert 4.

Representative Grant E. Mouser, Jr., of Marion, Ohio, has had at this session both his father, Grant E. Mouser, Sr., and his sons, Grant 3rd, age 8, and Harold, age 6.

**Returning Favors**  
"My father took me in there when I was a boy. I'm taking him in now," said Mouser.

Representative John William Boehne, Jr., of Evansville, Indiana, took the oath of office standing between his father, John William, Sr., representative in 1909, and his sons John William 3rd, age 11, and Charles, age 6.

It was representative Harry L. Englebright's younger brother who sat with his father, representative William F. Englebright, taking time off from play with the Roosevelt boys. The younger Englebright came to congress twenty years to the day after his father, same California district—and both by special elections.

In direct succession, after serving their fathers as secretaries, representative Charles Forest Curry, Jr., of California, and representative Paul John Kvale, of Minnesota, entered the house.

There's a Bankhead in the senate, John Hollis, and a Bankhead in the house, William Brockman. They're brothers from Alabama, and their father, John Hollis Bankhead, Sr., set the precedent for both of them.

One of the most remarkable father-and-son combinations was the Georgia Crisps. All the while the late Charles Frederick Crisp was speaker of the house, his son, Charles Robert, served him as parliamentarian. Now the younger Crisp is one of the seasoned veterans and leading Democrats.

**IS AMERICA NOW**  
AKRON, O.—Dr. Karl Arntstein, designer of the U. S. S. Akron, is now an American citizen. Dr. Arntstein took the oath of allegiance to the United States here at a banquet given him. A native born German, Arntstein came to this country, designed the huge dirigible and then decided to remain and become an American citizen. He is busy here now working on the design to the sister ship of the Akron.

**OLD STUFF**  
AUTHOR: I left a package of jokes here for your approval. Do you happen to have read them?  
EDITOR: Yes, many times.—All for Alla; Stockholm.

**SILVER HAired WOMAN NAMED MOST VALUABLE CITIZEN OF TACOMA**  
TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(P)—Very modestly does silver-haired Mrs. Frederick C. Thompson take the honor of designation as the city's "most useful citizen" for 1931.

"Nothing has ever made me feel so humble," she said after her fellow citizens had thus rewarded her ten years of tireless work among the city's poor and needy persons. She is assistant superintendent of the Tacoma community house.

The woman, whose days are a routine of boys and girls' work, English lessons to women of foreign birth, religious, health, play and home economics guidance, and whose nights are occasionally broken into with hurry-up calls for help in ushering new lives into the world, gives much of the credit to her husband.

"My work is the work I love," she explains. "And all I have really done is to assist Mr. Thompson, who is superintendent in relieving and helping the people who come to us."

One week recently she sat at bedside and watched six persons die. She sat in an automobile with a tiny coffin in her lap, while bereaved parents, too poor to afford a funeral, were being driven to the cemetery.

For a brief hour at a civic dinner she left her duties and the distinction was bestowed on her. Her contributions to the community were called invaluable by E. B. King, chairman of the committee who chose her.

"And for this," he added, simply, "she receives the magnificent salary of \$40 a month."

## MANY REFUNDS IN TAXES ARE MADE IN 1931

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(P)—Treasury reconsideration on taxes and the decision that it had been wrong in a good many instances paid \$20,476,930 in refunds back into taxpayers' pocketbooks in the 1931 fiscal year ending June 30.

Secretary Mellon reported today to congress that the sum included all taxes illegally collected and returned but he did not list credits and abatement. The latter are deducted from taxes assessed but not yet paid. Refunds are actual cash payments.

The year before refunds totaled \$196,826,733, abatement \$178,388,377 and credits \$36,535,245.

Only two separate refunds were for more than \$1,000,000, in which class there were 12 a year earlier. The Illinois Central railroad got \$1,556,675; the Prairie Pipe Line Company of Independence, Kansas, \$1,734,494.

As usual, hundreds of names familiar to the country were on the list of the thousands who received refunds of more than \$500. John D. Rockefeller was there again with \$11,294; his son, John D., Jr., got \$1,804.

To Secretary Mellon himself there was a refund of \$85,002; to his brother, R. B. Mellon, \$14,725 and to Mrs. Jennie K. Mellon, \$2,594.

Three well known movie stars convinced the treasury they were entitled to returns—Douglas Fairbanks to the extent of \$12,391, and Helen Costello Sherman and Dolores Costello Barrymore, \$1,345 each.

Among the larger refunds were: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. \$87,999; New York Life Insurance Company \$84,926; American Hawaiian Steamship Company, \$824,003; Estate of Payne Whitney, \$678,449; F. W. Woolworth Company, \$637,961; Homeoil Consolidated Oil Company \$500,576; estate of William K. Vanderbilt, \$368,998.

**ARMY'S GOOD YEAR**  
LONDON—The year ending Sept. 30, 1931, was a good one for England's army, considering the number of enlistments. Total enlistments were over 34,000, as compared with just over 25,000 last year.

## BROWN COUNTY'S \$1,650,000 ROAD BUILDING PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED DURING 1932

Brown county's \$1,650,000 highway system, both state highways and lateral roads, will be completed in 1932, states Resident Engineer Leo Ehlinger. The road bonds were voted in 1928 and since that time an intensive road building program has been carried on in this county.

In reviewing the work done on highways and lateral roads in 1931, Mr. Ehlinger said there have been eight state highway and bridge contracts let for Brown county, besides the great amount of lateral road work. Work is now in progress on several projects and work is to start on other projects in a short time.

**Highway 7 Contract**  
The paving contract on State Highway No. 7 from the Coleman county line to Brownwood, 13.9 miles, was let in November and work is to start in January, 1932. The highway is to be paved with caliche and stone base with asphalt topping.

The overpass on Highway 7 over the Frisco Railroad, three-fourths of a mile, was let in October. Grading and drainage work was begun December 21, 1931.

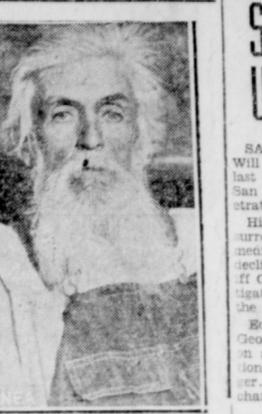
Grading and drainage structures on Highway 7 from its junction with highway 10 at Early school to Brown county-Mills county line, 12.5 miles were completed in August, 1931.

Concrete paving on Highway 10 from Main street in Brownwood to the Comanche county line, 15.8 miles, was completed in June, 1931.

Contract on the Colorado River bridge on Highway 10 was let in June. The bridge, which is three-fourths of a mile long, will be completed probably in February, 1932.

**Two Highway 129 Contracts**  
Contract for caliche and stone base with asphalt topping on 10.3 miles of Highway 129 from its junction with Highway 10 to one and a half miles north of Owens was let in September, 1931. The highway is now under construction. The contract for caliche and

## Old Soldier Now Leads 'Model' Life



In real life he's John P. Dalton, retired elder merchant of Walpole, Mass., and one-time fighter under General Custer in the Indian war. But painters of Biblical subjects depict him as John the Baptist, Simeon, and even the thief of the foot of the Cross. Dalton has been a famous model for years.

## START WORK ON OVERPASS

Excavation work for the overpass on Highway No. 7 over the Frisco railroad has been started by the J. H. Clardy Construction Company of Forth Worth. The company has been moving machinery and equipment for several days and is ready now to start in earnest the construction of the \$29,100 overpass. The overpass approaches will be .357 of a mile long when completed.

The work order on paving work on Highway No. 7 from the Coleman county line to Brownwood is being held up temporarily until the county and state highway department can come to an agreement on finances. Owing to low bond market, the county does not want to sell bonds at present but wants to put them in escrow for the work. It is thought the state highway department will agree to this proposition and will soon issue the work order. The contract was let December 1 to H. K. McCollum of Ft. Worth for \$115,612.

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Edmondson's body was being prepared for burial at Locker and Sheriff Graves said he understood the funeral was to be held this afternoon. He is survived by his wife and several children, it is said. Hopson and his wife had been living on Edmondson's place for some time because of the misunderstanding was learned, officers said.

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## Brother of Local Citizens Killed On Hunting Trip

THROCKMORTON, Tex., Dec. 22.—(P)—Accidental discharge of a small-gauge shotgun, which he was using on a hunting expedition with his five-year grandson, proved fatal yesterday to A. Hughes, 54, tourist camp and filling station operator here. The gun was discharged as Hughes climbed through a wire fence, the full charge entering his temple and causing instant death. Only the boy was with him when the accident occurred, at a field on the outskirts of town.

Mr. Hughes was a brother of Mrs. O. M. Allman, Albert Stephenson and Miss Myra Stephenson of Brownwood. Mrs. Allman and Mr. Stephenson left for Throckmorton Monday afternoon as soon as word of their brother's death was received.

## Fort Worth School Girl Finds Pot Of Gold In Hollywood

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## SON-IN-LAW OF SLAIN MAN IS UNDER ARREST

SAN SABA, Tex., Dec. 31.—(P)—Will Edmondson was shot to death last night near the town of Locker, San Saba county. Two bullets penetrated his head.

His son-in-law, Aubrey Hopson, surrendered to Sheriff Graves immediately after the slaying. Hopson declined to make a statement. Sheriff Graves was conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the shooting.

Edmondson was acquitted at Georgetown in the spring of 1930 on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Fred Bollinger. It was his sixth trial on this charge. Hopson was a state witness.

Aubrey Hopson, about 25 or 30 years old, is a son of Jim Hopson, farm laborer, who lives in Brownwood. County officers here were notified of the killing and were asked to get word to the elder Hopson.

In Brownwood Wednesday Hopson and Edmondson had been in Brownwood Wednesday attending to business and had driven in the gate at Edmondson's ranch near Locker on their return trip when the killing occurred, according to telephone information received by The Bulletin from County Attorney Gray and Sheriff Graves of San Saba.

Edmondson was shot twice through the head with bullets from a .32 calibre pistol. Hopson had two knife cuts in his coat when arrested, officers state. After the shooting Hopson went to a telephone and called officers at San Saba, telling them to come after him.

No examining trial had been held this afternoon and Hopson was being held in jail without bond pending investigation of the case. County Attorney Gray said examining trial probably would be held Friday. Hopson did not make a statement.

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# BUSINESS IN TEXAS GROWS IN NOVEMBER

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 30.—(A)—The pulse of business in Texas and other parts of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District continues to grow stronger, although still not back at the hearty tempo of a year ago, the monthly business review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas revealed today.

"In most reporting lines the decline in sales as compared to the previous month was considerably less than seasonal, the report declared, and comparisons with the corresponding month of a year ago were the most favorable reported in several months.

"While purchases at wholesale are being made in small lots, the sustained consumer demand has necessitated retailers making frequent orders to replenish stocks.

"The number of commercial failures in this district during November, while higher than a year ago, reflected a noticeable decline from the preceding month. The indebtedness of defaulting firms was in smaller volume than in either the previous month or the corresponding month of 1930.

**Bank Loans Decline.**

"Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks, after reaching a peak at \$26,088,000 early in November, reflected a gradual decline during the subsequent six weeks and stood at \$19,650,000 on December 15. The latter figure, however, was considerably larger than that on the corresponding date of 1930.

"The combined net and time deposits of member banks averaged \$687,698,000 during November, as compared to \$689,838,000 in October and \$327,937,000 in November a year ago.

"The heavy general rains during the past 30 days were very beneficial to the agricultural and livestock industries. Moisture conditions throughout the district now are favorable and livestock ranges have shown a noticeable improvement. Small grains have responded to the better moisture conditions and favorable weather and now are reported to be in satisfactory condition.

"Livestock generally are going into the winter in good shape.

"The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities was 13 per cent less than in October and 23 per cent below November, 1930; yet the latter comparison was, with one exception, the most favorable shown for the current year."

The report points out that for the first time in any month since June, 1929, the sales of wholesale dry goods firms in this district during November reflected a slight increase as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Insolvent Firms.**

As reported by R. G. Dunn & Company, the number of firms that became insolvent in November was 193, compared with 139 in the preceding month and 91 in the same month last year. Their indebtedness aggregated \$1,725,474, while in October the total amounted to \$1,920,446, and in November, 1930, it was \$2,497,220.

"The past month witnessed a steady decline in the borrowing of member banks at the Federal Reserve Bank," the report related.

"These loans amounted to \$19,650,000 on December 15, as compared to \$22,937,000 on November 15, and \$8,689,000 on the corresponding date in 1930. The larger portion of the decline during the past month occurred in the borrowing of country banks."

Cotton showed perhaps the most favorable comparison, the report pointing out that although the receipts of cotton at the ports of Houston and Galveston reflected a seasonal recession during November, shipments from Galveston were substantially above those in October, while those from Houston evidenced a very small recession. Movements again were materially above those in the same month of 1930. Aggregate foreign exports of cotton during November from all United States ports evidenced a further increase over those a month earlier and were considerably above those in November a year ago. Exports during the month amounted to 1,070,643 bales, as against 1,014,180 bales in October and 907,649 bales in November, 1930. The Orient continued the heavy importation of American cotton during the month.

**Oil Output Declines.**

A decline from the previous month was reflected in both the total and daily average output of crude petroleum in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during November.

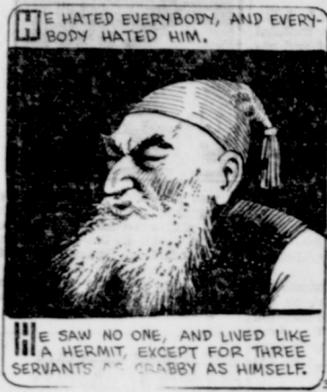
The month's production amounted to 31,461,959 barrels, as compared with 32,907,390 barrels in October and 24,907,860 barrels in November a year ago.

While drilling activity was more active than in November, 1930, it was on a smaller scale than in October. There were 671 new wells completed in November, as compared to 813 in the previous month and 422 in the same month last year.

Daily average yield in Texas during November amounted to 975,157 barrels, compared to 988,780 barrels in the preceding month and 741,257 barrels in the same month a year ago. Despite the great increase in initial yield of the East Texas fields, that area reflected a decline of 11,241 barrels in daily output as compared to October.

Airplane passenger service was recently inaugurated between Fort Worth and Houston giving service from Amarillo to Houston for the first time.

## WASH TUBBS



## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Martin



## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Ahern



By Crane

## EXPLOSION OF BOMB IN MAIL FATAL TO ONE

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 30.—(P)—One clerk was killed and three others were injured seriously today when a bomb in a mail package exploded in the parcel post division of the postoffice.

Edward Werkhiser died in a hospital shortly after his admission. John House was taken to a hospital with both forearms blown off, one eye blown out and other injuries which may result in his death. Arlington A. Albert also was in the hospital. Clarence Keller was ordered to his home. His condition was not considered serious.

"The entire post office was thrown into confusion. All work was suspended as explosive experts and state, county and city police began an investigation.

Five other packages believed to have been mailed by the same person were examined.

The explosive was believed to have been mailed by two young men, described as foreigners. At the same time they mailed five other packages, addressing all of them in the lobby of the postoffice.

Werkhiser was able to give police a short statement before he died. He said he and the other clerks were suspicious of the packages and were of the opinion they did not contain the merchandise that was declared, so they began to open one of them. House had both hands on the package which was resting on a scale when it exploded.

## CITY GUNMEN DO NOT RANK WITH SOUTH

BY HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE, Associated Press Science Editor

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—(A)—The reputation of the big city gunmen as a killer was rubbed out at the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

Chicago ranks 40th and New York 78th among 174 American cities tabulated according to killings per 100,000 population by Kenneth E. Barnhart, Ph. D., head of the department of sociology, Birmingham (Ala.) Southern college.

The big cities have the largest total killings due to greater populations. But for every 100,000 population Chicago kills 14.4 persons and New York 7.1 compared with 58.8 for Memphis, the top city, and rates that run above 20 for all the first 30 cities.

Memphis is rated first with 58.8, Atlanta second with 52.6 and Lexington, Ky., third with 52.4.

"These 30 highest rate cities," said Dr. Barnhart, "grouped according to geographical divisions of the United States show none in the east, one city in the west, five cities in the middle west and 24 in the south."

"The author believes that the explanation of this distribution is found in the large percentage of negroes in the south. But race is not the primary cause of homicide, only a secondary factor. New York City and Chicago, and other northern cities have large numbers of negroes, yet low killing rates compared with the south."

Searching for a cause for the top killing rates Dr. Barnhart finds proof that it lies in illiteracy, deducing this from Birmingham statistics where the killing rate has decreased with the drop in illiteracy rate.

Twenty-two cities listed after the first three are: Birmingham, 49.0; Shreveport, La., 41.4; Augusta, Ga., 38; Nashville, Tenn., 37.6; Miami, Fla., 36.8; Savannah, Ga., 36.4; Jacksonville, Fla., 34.5; Macon, Ga., 31.6; Mobile, Ala., 30.7; Gary, Ind., 30.6; Hamtramck, Mich., 30.1; Tampa, 28.4; Springfield, Ill., 28.7; El Paso, 27.2; Charleston, S. C., 25.9; Houston, 25.2; Roanoke, Va., 24.4; Norfolk, Va., 23.8; Winston-Salem, N. C., 23.7; Dallas, 23.6; Little Rock, 23; New Orleans, 23.

## MORTUARY

**MRS. ISABELLA GIST.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabella Gist, 96, resident of Brownwood for about 25 years, were held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence, 401 North Greenleaf street, and interment was made in Greenleaf cemetery. Dr. Schurman, pastor First Christian church, assisted by Dr. A. E. Prince, pastor First Baptist church, officiated. McInnis Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Gist died at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night after an extended illness.

She was born March 9, 1941, in Georgia and was married to Berry Gist at Cherokee, Ala., September 2, 1893. The couple came to Texas in 1898 and Mr. Gist passed away three weeks after they arrived in this state. Mrs. Gist and family moved to Brownwood from El Paso in 1905.

Mrs. Gist is survived by the following children: Mrs. M. L. Dolson, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Flora Coyle, Mrs. Edna Warren, C. C. Gist, all of Brownwood. All the children were at their mother's bedside at the time of her death.

## Suspended Nebraska Fire Chief and His Friend Found Dead

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 30.—(A)—Harry Whiteside, suspended Beatrice fire chief, and his friend, John Marten, also of Beatrice, were found dead today in an automobile parked on a country road.

No wounds appeared on their bodies and an autopsy on Whiteside failed to reveal the cause of his death. Doctor Roy Noble said apparently the men had not been asphyxiated and no liquor was in the car. A chemical analysis of Whiteside's viscera will be made.

Whiteside, chief of the fire department many years, would have faced a district court jury January 4th on the charge of being implicated in the robbery of a home here last September.

Marten's body was upright, with one hand on the wheel and the other holding a cigar. His head was slumped to one side. Whiteside also had died sitting upright.

## DELUGE OF BEER

COLUMBUS, O.—At first employees of a local millinery company thought all the water pipes had burst in the room above. But their noses, after a time, told them the liquid dripping on them wasn't water. Instead of calling a plumber, they called police. They found James Diggway in the upper room trying vainly to mop up the contents of a jar of beer.

Brazil, with an area of 3,176,358 square miles, has a population of 39,800,000.

## JOHN W. PORTER.

Funeral services for John W. Porter, 82, former Texas ranger, 2616 Durham street, were held Monday at 2 o'clock at Melwood Avenue Baptist church with Rev. J. M. Cooper, pastor, officiating. Interment was made at the Clear Creek cemetery. Austin-Morris Funeral Home had charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Porter died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home. He had been ill since June 23, 1931. He was born January 18, 1849, Fayetteville, Ala., and came to Texas at the age of 21 years. He joined the Texas rangers soon after coming to this state and served as a ranger until 1876. Mr. Porter had friends over the state, associates of his during the years he was a ranger.

On February 17, 1889, Mr. Porter was married to Miss M. A. Hope. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last year.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife and the children, who were at his bedside when he passed away. The children are: Mrs. Mary Simmons, Jordan Springs; Mrs. Affie Brewster, Blanket; Mrs. Kate Garrett, Dublin; John H. Porter, San Antonio; and Luther, Alma and Nettie Porter, all of Brownwood.

## Real Estate Transfers

**Warranty Deeds**

J. M. Johnson and wife to M. H. Kirby and wife, south half of lot 14, block 2 of Fitzgerald addition, Samuel Bangs survey, \$300.00.

Frank Brown and wife to A. L. Hall, lots 1 and 2 in block 42 in the town of Bangs and 1 acre John Robinett survey, \$600.

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CITY police have received reports of robberies of stores at Goldthwaite and Mercury and are keeping a close watch here for the robbers.

A dry goods store at Goldthwaite was robbed Tuesday night of \$200 worth of merchandise. Stolen goods included men's hats, sweaters, shirts, overcoats, in box, suitcases and beads, according to a check-up.

Cawyer's mercantile store at Mercury was robbed Monday night and several dollars worth of merchandise was taken, including men's trousers, shirts, and boys' and men's socks.

## TWO TO FIFTY YEARS AT HARD LABOR IS SENTENCE

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31.—(A)—Two to 50 years at hard labor was the sentence given W. H. Fuller yesterday after his conviction of murdering Mrs. Mary Ann Cottrill. A jury found Fuller guilty more than a week ago.

**It May Be**

Asserting that there's a lot of humbug about the well-known "busy bee," a reader demands of the Presbyterian Advance, "Just why was the bee selected as a model of industry?" "Because," brother," reminds the editor, "the bee is always humming."

TRYING TIMES' TEST MEN, and the citizens who remain loyal to high ideals and to the noblest traditions of our Government under present stress, are worthy of respect and honor. To all such I extend sincerest greetings and best wishes for

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

E. J. MILLER

## Best Wishes - -

Are extended by Hemphill-Fain Co. to all their customers and friends for a better 1932 than 1931.

Many indications are pointing to a somewhat better year, and it is our hope that it happens sooner than all expect.

We thank you for the patronage that you have extended us, and we solicit your future business for 1932.

We are and will continue to sell good merchandise at reasonable prices, style right—and many people find this a good place to trade, you will also if you will try us.

Merchandise is a good buy today — watch our ads during the New Year for merchandise possibilities.

# Hemphill-Fain's

THE STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Again, Father Time gives us a new blank calendar. We hope that yours will be filled with an unbroken record of happy, prosperous days . . . May 1932 be the forerunner to many years of success.

Success in your smallest and largest undertakings . . . Gratification of your least and greatest desires. Such is our New Year's wish to you to be echoed and re-echoed throughout 1932.

### — Greetings Of The Season —

## BROWN COUNTY OFFICIALS

A. E. Nabors County Attorney	Courtney Gray County Judge	Ike Mullins County Treasurer
F. D. Pierce Supt. of Schools Brown County	Lee Meek Tax Collector Brown County	Mrs. Karr Tax Assessor Brown County
ALLEN D. FORSYTH District Clerk	M. H. DENMAN Sheriff Brown County	B. C. GOTCHER Auditor

Center Point

Sarah Carruth is on the mend with a case of scarlet fever. She will soon recover. Her community was made sad

W. Porter of Brownwood, father of Mrs. J. P. Brewster of this community, and a former resident of the Blanket community. Our sympathy goes to the bereaved. Mrs. R. W. Teague spent Christmas with her parents, at Jordan Springs.



May Only The BEST Be In Store for You!

List your dreams one by one. And know that we are praying with all our might that they be fulfilled in the coming year.

For every hour in 1932 we wish you a new joy—For every day a new satisfaction.

Mrs. Karr

Tax Assessor Of Brown County



for 1932

To a plenteous year of luck and cheer

Success in your smallest and largest undertakings. Gratification of your least and greatest desires. Such is our NEW YEAR'S wish to you to be echoed and re-echoed throughout 1932.

FRANKE'S Candy Factory

CANDIES OF ALL KINDS

Brownwood

Texas



1932 THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the year of 1931 passes into the long trail of yesterday and 1932 is ushered in with its vista of promise we extend GREETINGS of the season and our wish that each succeeding day of the new year add its measure of contentment and prosperity.

It's a Pleasure to Serve You

Yours truly,

Allen D. Forsythe

DISTRICT CLERK

During the New Year

"Make New Friends, But Keep the Old; These are Silver, Those are Gold."

TIME FLIES, BUT MEMORY LINGERS—We are ready to enter upon the tasks and obligations of the coming year, believing as we do so that we carry with us the confidence and good will of our many friends whose association with us in the year just closing has been so pleasant. And as we wish you well we bespeak of you further opportunities to do you service.

MONTGOMERY WARD & Co.

Center at Adams.

Phone 211.

Brownwood

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dixon of Ebony spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dixon. Miss Sadie Dixon is spending this week with home folks. Messrs. H. H. Paynor and Marion Woods of New Mexico, are in this community this week. Mr. Paynor, who formerly made his home here came for some of his tools. They are expecting to return the end of the week.

The young folks were entertained Friday, night by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eoff. Everyone reported a nice time.

Misses Dorothy, Beulah and Sadie Dixon entertained a few friends at their home Saturday night. Every one had lots of fun. Mrs. Ausie Owings, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Owings of Early were visiting in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith of Brownwood spent Christmas day with relatives in this community.

Miss Velma Townsend of Antioch spent the week-end with Miss Annie Opal Rodgers.

Messrs. C. L. Dixon and Floyd Russell, and Mesdames. H. W. Dixon and H. C. Russell of Indian Creek were Sunday visitors in the Dixon home.

Lowell Chambers spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. H. G. Dixon at Ebony.

Misses Beulah and Sadie Dixon attended the funeral of Mr. Joe Sawyer at Jones Chapel cemetery Monday.

Messrs. L. N. Kelly and H. H. Paynor visited Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of Clio Monday night.

Miss Examae Kelly visited the Blanket school Monday.

Misses Examae and Mildred Kelly and Mr. Marion Woods visited for a while with Dorothy Dixon Monday night.

The serenaders passed through our community Sunday night. The music was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Miss Josephine Milner spent Christmas with friends in west Texas.

O. D. Chambers and son, Lowell were in Brownwood Monday.

Blanket

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Bird of Artesia, New Mexico, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Bird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird.

Rev. Boles of Howard Payne college, Brownwood, filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and Rev. Thompson of Howard Payne also filled the pulpit at the evening hour. The Pastor, Rev. Judson Prince, is spending the holidays with his parents, in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stewart and son and daughter, of Woodard, Oklahoma, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart during the Christmas holidays.

George L. Bolton spent Thursday night at Gustine, at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill.

Misses Bonnie and Louise Baker of Cross Plains spent from Thursday until Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker.

Miss Marie Smith of Houston spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart.

Mrs. J. B. Henderson left Wednesday for San Angelo, where she will receive treatment at the sanitarium near there. Alvin Richmond and children visited relatives at Bangs Christmas day.

Miss Bonnie Dabney entertained a few friends with a 42 party at her home Saturday evening.

Miss Lucy Bell Dameron of Menard is spending the Christmas holidays here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Schenault and little son of Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Schenault's sister, Mrs. R. B. Swart and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Lowe and son, Ward, visited relatives at Gorman Christmas day.

Dr. Haddon Woods of San Antonio came in Friday and accompanied his father, Rev. A. Woods to San Antonio Saturday, where he will receive treatment for the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rampy of Wilmett spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. Rampy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker.

The Union Christmas program and tree at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening was attended by a large number, all seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Richmond and little son of Bangs were visiting Mrs. Richmond's father, Rev. A. Woods here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eoff and

little daughter of Chapel Hill visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haddon and little son of Waco visited his father C. L. Haddon and other relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Stewart and son, Jack of Fort Smith, Arkansas, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart during the Christmas holidays.

C. A. Moore of Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore.

Macon Richmond had business at Bangs on Saturday.

Miss Audie Lee Austin of Antelope, in San Saba county is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Austin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby and children visited relatives of Brownwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dossey and little daughter of Nacogdoches visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dossey during the Christmas holidays.

Word was received here Sunday announcing the marriage of Miss Lois Means and Herman Stephenson at San Saba Saturday evening at six o'clock. Miss Means was a member of the junior class in the high school here and the with her sister, Miss Floss Means had gone to San Saba for a visit with relatives and friends during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Stephenson, though a stranger to most of the Blanket people, had visited here a number of times. The young couple have a host of friends, who join in wishing for them a long and happy journey through life together.

Luther Caraway and Mr. Davis of Amberst visited friends here several days last week.

Miss Hazel Watson of Spur is the guest of Misses Lucy Bell and Margaret Dameron this week.

Miss Derrie Reeves of Menard, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore and little son of Thrifty visited relatives here several days last week.

Blake McLaughlin and children of Cross Cut visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLaughlin and other relatives here Friday.

Miss Leva Eoff of Elm Grove in San Saba county, came home Thursday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Turney and two sons, Billie and Roland of Graham spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Turney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dameron.

Misses Thelma and Nina Dossey and Roy Eoff returned to their school work near Big Spring Sunday, after spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents.

Word was received here late Sunday evening saying that Mr. J. W. Porter had passed away. Mr. Porter had been in ill health for the past eight months, being confined to his bed most of the time. He and his family were residents of this community for several years, but moved to Brownwood about two months ago. He leaves a wife and ten children, and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn his going. The children are: John Porter and Mrs. Wesley Dowdy of San Antonio, J. J. Porter of Whiteface, Mrs. N. Simmons of Jordan Springs, Mrs. D. L. Garrett of Dublin, Mrs. Alma Patton of Dallas, Mrs. J. P. Brewster of the Center Point community, Mrs. E. C. Byers, Miss Nettie Porter and Luther Porter of Brownwood. This community extends sympathy to the heart broken family in this sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde London and little daughter, Inez of Brownwood visited Grover Dabney and family Monday.

Miss Maude Buckmaster and Rev. Clarence Bryant were quietly married one day last week at the home of the bride's parents, east of town. Miss Buckmaster was reared in this community, having attended school here and graduated from high school in 1929. And later attended John Tarleton College. Rev. Bryant is at the present time pastor of the Church of Christ at Comanche. Their many friends join in wishing for them a long and happy wedded life.

Miss Octavene Lanford of Dallas spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lanford. The young people enjoyed a social at the Methodist church Monday evening. The occasion being Miss Alva Lee Gleaton's birthday. All reported having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Wiley and children of Brooksmith spent Christmas day here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Alsbury of Houston, Mrs. F. H. Smith and Miss Mary Smith of Brownwood visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. John Reed and children of Graham, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Crisp.

D. C. Nix and family visited Ben Nix and family at Center City, Christmas day.

Mrs. W. H. Montgomery of Comanche visited Mrs. Lee Stewart during the holidays.

Miss Margaret Levisay has been real sick the past week with diphtheria, but is reported improving now.

Miss Grace Reeves of Coleman, was at home over the Christmas holidays.

J. R. Dameron is reported on the sick list this week.

Thrifty

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Norris and children were Brownwood visitors one day last week.

Tom Giddings and daughter, Miss Iva, accompanied by Miss Ina Jewell Jones left for Fort Worth last Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. T. Brooks and son, Lige, were Brownwood visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. T. Norris and daughter, Miss Iva, Mrs. C. C. Shepherd and daughter, Miss Ruby, were shopping in Brownwood Thursday.

Walter Payne was a business visitor in Brownwood one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Teague and

children were visitors in Brownwood one day last week.

Miss Clela Ray Payne was a visitor in the home of her friend, Miss Taylor, of the Delaware community. Ed Cunningham left Thursday for Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he will enter a government institution for treatment.

Walter Payne was a business visitor in Bangs Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Graham was shopping in Brownwood last Wednesday.

Dulin

The young folks enjoyed a party in the home of Ellis Newsome Thursday night.

Miss Lettie McMullen and Messrs. Cecil Olson and Sidney Boyd of Indian Creek attended a party here Thursday night.

Miss Letta Fetick spent the week-end with Miss Lorene Nunn at Barber.

Messrs. Harvey Hennegan, J. D. Mullis, Clarence Allen, "Pete" Tongate and Lewis Henderson of Brooksmith attended the party here Thursday night.

Miss Ella Mae Dixon spent Thursday night with Miss Lettie McMullen of Indian Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dribbed were in Richland Springs one day last week.

Lee Medley was a visitor in this community Thursday night.

Mrs. Joe Hurst of Brooksmith spent several days this week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sanford.

Hub Perry and family spent Sunday with his parents, M. G. Perry and family of Indian Creek.

Misses Avis and Inez Fetick of Zephyr spent the holidays with their parents, J. F. Fetick and family.

Ellis Newsome has returned from Tahoka, Texas, where he has been working for several months.

Word has been received of the marriage of Vernon Pearce of this place to Miss Otella Hofstetter of Winchell.

Miss Velma Russell of Winchell, attended the party Thursday night.

Carl Dixon and family and Clarence Wilson and family spent Friday with their parents, M. G. Perry and family at Indian Creek.

Messrs. Tommie and Walter McMullen of Milburn attended the party Thursday night.

Miss Perry and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Perry's parents, J. A. Parker and family of Early.

Messrs. Dwane Davis and Chester Deaver of Winchell, attended the party here Thursday night.

Holder

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hollan of near Burkett spent a few days last week with Mrs. Bertha Taber.

Miss Lydia, Ocie, J. D. and Johnnie Tabor and Miss Ethel Jones attended the Christmas play and tree at Byrds Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Nimrod, last Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Jones had the misfortune of spraining her ankle last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Harvey Jones of Oklahoma City has arrived here to spend a while with relatives and friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rider and children of Byrds spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones Friday.

Miss Lydia and Ocie Tabor spent Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler, of near Nimrod.

Mr. Harvey Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones and family Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Odus Thomas were shopping in Brownwood last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Baldwin visited Mrs. Mary Jones Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boyd and son, Preson, of Rising Star spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dunn of Owens visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones and Mr. Harvey Jones spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas Friday.

Mrs. Jim Thomas had as her guest for Christmas several of her children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Houser of Sipes Springs, Dr. and Mrs. Dee Holman of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Odus Thomas of this community and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller.

Mr. Harvey Jones spent Friday night with his cousin, Mr. Elmer Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Hood of Robert Lee took Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd.

Mrs. Jocie Jones and children have gone to Vernon to spend a few weeks with her sister.

Mrs. Cora Cathley and children of Owens spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dickerson spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Richardson and family spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd.

Mr. Elmer Jones and Mr. Harvey Jones were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovd Fortner gave a party Friday night. There was a large crowd attended.

Mrs. Lizzie Wheeler of near Nimrod spent Sunday with her daughter and family, Mrs. Parlee Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. Odus Malone visited Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor Sunday afternoon.

J. D. and Johnnie Tabor spent Sunday with Mr. Cecil and Clifton Rider of Byrds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor and little daughter, Louise, visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Malone Friday.

Mrs. Onetta Malone and babies spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Magness, of Cross Plains.

Ebony

The Ebony school dismissed for the holidays Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen Monday, January 4th.

Christmas Eve was the occasion of a school program consisting of recitations, plays, a Christmas pageant, Christmas carols, and a community Christmas tree.

Many visitors are spending the holidays at Ebony.

Mr. Frank Tippen, pastor of the Baptist church at Sanger, Texas, and family were present at the Christmas tree, and Mr. Tippen made a short talk. Mr. Tippen was reared in this community and Ebony feels proud of him. He and his family are visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Tippen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ode Henson and little son, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, all of San Angelo, are visiting Mrs. Henson's sister, Mrs. Allen Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cawyer of Carlsbad, Texas, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Cawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dwyer. Mr. Cawyer is principal and Mrs. Cawyer is primary teacher in the Carlsbad school.

Miss Zeolia Philen, teacher in the San Angelo schools, was present at the Christmas tree. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Clements.

Lillard Wilmeth is spending the holidays with home folks. He is a freshman in the North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton this year.

Ralph Wilmeth, teacher in the Priddy school, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilmeth.

Miss Marie Wilmeth, teacher of home economics in the Liberty school near Houston, is home for the holidays.

Miss Anita White of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Hazel Hodges and brother, Samuel, of Texoma are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves.

Miss Merle Haynes, teacher in the Bowser school, is spending Christmas at home.

Miss Ruth Briley, teacher in the Ebony school, has been joined by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Briley, and little sister, Grace, of Dallas. The Brileys will now make their home at Ebony.

Miss Mirla Guthrie, principal of the Ebony school, is spending the holidays with her parents near Mullin.

Mrs. Reide Haynes and children who have been staying in Brownwood since schools started, are spending Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eger have a boy born Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Eger and two little sons are moving to Sweetwater this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilmeth entertained with a family dinner party Christmas Day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cawyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Briley, Ruth Briley, Grace Briley, Mrs. Nell Malone, Lillard, Ralph and Marie Wilmeth. The tables were decorated with roses from Mrs. Dwyer's rose garden.

Prayer meeting at the Church of Christ was well attended Saturday night. Brother Dykes preached Sunday, J. B. Jones will preach Sunday, January 3.

Habits of Moths

Moths eat only when in the larval or worm stage. The winged moth never eats, for its mouth is not made for eating. The winged or adult moth in an experiment lived for 17 days without eating. The male moth lives nearly twice as long as the female.



MAY IT BRING HAPPINESS TO YOU!

I want to thank each and everyone of you for the loyal co-operation given me during the past year, and still with this support, I hope to serve you even better during 1932.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Ike Mullins

County Treasurer, Brown County



It's all the good fortune that can be crowded into one person's life that we wish you

for 1932

Again, Father Time gives us a new blank calendar. We hope that yours will be filled with an unbroken record of happy, prosperous days. May 1932 be the forerunner to many years of success.

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Best Wishes for a Happy and Successful NEW YEAR

The New Year brings a precious gift this January — CONFIDENCE — Confidence that a year of striving will be followed by a year of thriving. Confidence that a return to hard work and unselfishness will be rewarded by prosperity... the prosperity that is America's by right of labor. The wishes that 1932 will bring good things... concerted effort, the zest of accomplishment, the thrill of living... all of which spells

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**The Texas Centennial**

ELECTION of Cullen P. Thomas of Dallas as president of the Texas Centennial committee of twenty-one members marks another step in the development of plans for what is expected to be the greatest celebration of the kind ever presented in America. The committee headed by Mr. Thomas was created by the Legislature, and will have active charge of preparations for the centennial, serving until adjournment of the Forty-Third Legislature in 1933.

Not many of us, perhaps, have a conception of what is being planned by the promoters of the centennial celebration. Not many Texans, as a matter of fact, are sufficiently acquainted with the history of their state during the past hundred years to understand what must be done if the centennial is to picture faithfully the past century of Texas life. It is because of the magnitude of the task that plans for the celebration were begun back in the administration of Governor Pat M. Neff, when a committee of one hundred was instituted, and this committee will continue to function as an advisory body aiding the committee of which Mr. Thomas is the head. During the next three years a great deal of constructive work will be accomplished, and by the beginning of 1936, centennial year, the project will be nearing completion.

Mr. Thomas is a widely known and influential Texan, and his agreement to serve as president of the centennial committee reflects his patriotic interest in his state. His task will require a great deal of time and thought, and he will earn the hearty co-operation of all the people which will be necessary to make the centennial what every loyal Texan wants it to be.

**Is Babson Right?**

MOST of the widely known statisticians who in other periods have registered startling successes in analyzing conditions and forecasting developments have suffered reverses during the past two years. Their graphs have been accurate only insofar as they have pictured what has already occurred, and in most instances have lacked oracular inspiration when they attempted to interpret the future.

In spite of this, however, one can not escape a feeling of elation as he reads from the pen of so well known an economist as Roger W. Babson an optimistic forecast that conditions are to be better soon. Mr. Babson had made his full quota of errors in his series of analyses, but when he says business and commodities are now at their lowest levels, it is reassuring. When he says bank failures are decreasing and hoarded money is coming out of its hiding places, it causes us to feel better. He reports, moreover, that industry is showing signs of recovery, the railroads in particular having begun the reconstruction of their operating methods which eventually will lead to their economic salvation. The farm situation has passed its worst stages, the economist believes, and this should be helpful to the agricultural interests if they are persuaded to believe it. The good old law of action and reaction, Mr. Babson believes, is going to operate to the advantage of everybody. Nothing could be worse than the last six months period, therefore, the next six months period will be better, according to this law.

Is Babson right? Nobody knows, of course, but it will do no harm to give him the benefit of whatever doubt there may be in our minds. During the past three months there have been many evidences of the beginning of improvement in the general economic conditions. Any improvement that may be noted is evidence that the bed-rock low has been reached and passed, and that is what all of us have been waiting for so impatiently.

Looking forward to the beginning of the new year, the one thing we need more than anything else is confidence. Confidence in ourselves, confidence in our fellows, confidence in our communities and their institutions, confidence in our public governments and their officials. Confidence is stimulated by such reports as Mr. Babson's most recent analysis, which is distinctly optimistic in its tone.

**Zephyr**

Mr. Arthur Driskill and daughter Mamie Dell returned Sunday night from Lovington, New Mexico, where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Driskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foresythe of Minnesota are visiting his father R. D. Forsythe who is ill at his home.

Miss Marzelle Boland of Goldthwaite is visiting Eloise Cabler this week.

Messrs. Chesley Courtney and Delmer Keeler of Idaho, is visiting Mr. Keeler's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Keeler.

Mrs. E. A. Terrel and daughter, Nina Beth visited Mrs. S. E. Petty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boutler and children of De Leon are visiting her mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Piller and little daughter, Mary and Martha of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quirel and children of Eastland spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Walter Reasener and children spent Friday in Indian Creek with relatives.

Mrs. Stella Clayton and son, Arlene of Brownwood are spending this week with her uncle J. L. VanZandt and family.

Charles Jones of Longview spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones.

J. P. Coffey of Brownwood visited his mother, Mrs. Mollie Coffey Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dixon and little daughter, Billie Fay, spent Christmas day in Indian Creek with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donowho and children of Lubbock spent a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. A. V. Driskill returned home Wednesday, after spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Beck in San Angelo.

Miss Roberta Bingham, who is attending school at Bertam is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Braddock.

Dr. James Wood of Globe, Arizona, delivered a very interesting sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Miss Luitie Beth Morris returned Sunday night from Douglasville, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Rev. J. D. Smoot filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Perry Matson who is attending Daniel Baker College spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Graves announce the arrival of a 7 1/2 pound boy on December 18.

Leslie Griffin returned home Sunday from Austin, where he spent the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Good Graves and children of Big Springs spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Coffey.

Dr. James Wood left Monday night for his home in Arizona, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood.

Net NeSmith returned home last week from Lubbock where he had been working for the last two months.

Lowell VanZandt made a business trip to Stephenville Monday.

With Lulu Cunningham as leader, the B. Y. P. U. will give a program taking part are: Discussion—Mrs. McKinney, Eustace Renfro, Iva Mae Reasoner, Dorothy Nell Baker; Solo, Miss Peticik, Marion Reasoner.

Ernest Skipping, student of Texas Tech, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skipping.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cobb spent Christmas day with her parents in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and family of Abilene, are visiting relatives here this week.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ware, 90, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Hunt at Dallas, on December 26, was held at the cemetery Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The body was brought from Dallas Sunday afternoon, Rev. Paul McCasland her pastor, and Dr. Davis of Howard Payne college officiated at the services.

Mrs. Ware was a member of the Baptist church. She was a very devout Christian and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by ten children, six boys and four girls. The boys are Arthur Ware, Cleo, Charlie, Menard, T. B. Ware, Corpus Christi; Mike Ware, Dallas; Robert Ware, Richardson Springs and George Zephyr. Girls are Mrs. Jim Hunt, Dallas; Mrs. Will Matson, Houston; Mrs. Alvin Quirel, Dallas and Mrs. John Baker.

The pallbearers were her grandsons.

Shorly Breed of Altus, Oklahoma, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. G. A. Breed.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Quirel of Dallas attended the funeral of his grandmother.

Mrs. Clinton Hallman of Paint Rock and Miss Peggy Bell Kemp of Abilene are visiting their sister, Mrs. George Ware.

George Ware is ill in the Medical Arts Hospital at Brownwood.

Mrs. Monroe Rochester and daughter Fannette, Tommie and Ann Cooley of Houston, attended church here Sunday morning.

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Myrtle McKinney to Curtis English on Sunday December 26, at Brownwood.

The bride has lived here most all of her life, until a few years ago, she moved to Brownwood. The couple will make their home in Mineral Wells. Their many friends wish them success and happiness.

Misses Nona Cobb and Nannie Fae Shelton entertained Friday evening with a progressive forty-two party at the home of Miss Cobb.

The Christmas scheme was carried out in the decorations of the rooms, where five tables were arranged for forty-two. Refreshments were passed to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Cobb, Misses Mary Belle Timmins, Aurelia Petty, Iva Mae Reasoner, Deris Stewart, Mae VanZandt and Lulu Cunningham, Messrs. Clarence Petty, Franklin Timmins, Morris

Reasoner, Roy Ware, Shirley Wadsworth, James Driskill, Ernest Skipping, Farrel Stewart, Chesley Courtney and Delmer Keeler of Idaho.

Mrs. Henry Casey of Brownwood attended the funeral of Mrs. Ware.

Miss Mary Belle Timmins entertained a few of her friends with a forty-two party Saturday evening at her home. Refreshments were the Christmas holidays with her Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Kinsey and little daughter of Sweetwater spent parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood, served to about thirty.

**Owens**

Albert McMurry was in Owens on Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Pittman and daughter, Lanora, visited Mrs. Albert McMurry Wednesday evening.

Jim Wheeler was in Owens on Wednesday.

The people of this community were surprised to hear that Miss Stella McMurry and Elzie Martin were married Tuesday night.

Miss Wanda Pittman is visiting in the Holder community a few days this week.

Mrs. Maggie Hammons visited Mrs. Albert McMurry Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Shield Stewart's little daughter was buried Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Boyd of Holder community visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pittman and family Christmas.

Several of the people of this community attended and enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Loy Fortner Friday night.

Lonzo Boyd visited his mother on Friday afternoon.

J. C. Clark of Brownwood visited R. V. and Vernon Pittman a few days this week.

Mrs. Tom Pittman visited Mrs. Bob Clark Saturday afternoon.

Vernon and R. V. Pittman visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Boyd awhile late Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Fannie May and Mary Boyd attended the party at Holder at Mr. and Mrs. Loy Fortner's on Friday night.

J. C. Clark of Brownwood attended the party at Holder Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert King is moving in the Lon Stewart house on Saturday.

Mrs. Stevens and daughter, Elizabeth Stevens, visited her relatives at Brownwood Saturday.

Tom Hollowingsworth of Owens spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clay at Brownwood.

John Matney of Rising Star spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pittman.

Several of the boys and girls of Owens joined the Holder boys and girls in their serenading Christmas Eve night.

Several of the people attended and enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's Christmas Eve night.

Robert and Alford Pittman were Vernon and R. V. Pittman's house guests Saturday afternoon.

Marion Stevens of Taylor county spent Christmas week with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. De Stevens and Elizabeth Stevens, of Owens.

Mrs. De Stevens and daughter and son, Elizabeth and Marion Stevens, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Chaney at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller of Gap Creek attended church at Owens on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lappy of Blanket attended church at Owens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McMurry are moving over the Hughey place.

Vernon, R. V. Robert and Alfred Pittman visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Boyd at Holder Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Porter attended church at Owens Sunday.

Olen Lee of Blanket was visiting in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Burns and daughters, Olene and Juanita Burns, attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Boyd's Saturday night.

Miss Laura Pittman visited Mrs. Joe Smith at Holder Tuesday night of last week.

Mrs. Olene Nelson visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lonnie Nelson, on Monday.

Mrs. Tom Pittman and daughter, Lanora Pittman, visited Mrs. S. E. Pittman Monday afternoon.

Miss Winnie Wilson visited Miss Jimmie Wilson and Tom Wilson.

Mrs. Bill Alford and daughter, Wilberta Alford, went to Brownwood Monday morning.

Mr. Boren is moving to Fig Jackson's place.

Miss Inez Pierce visited the Clio school Monday.

Aubrey Crockett of Brownwood was in Owens Monday.

Neal Cartwright and Miss Tylene Davis of Brownwood attended church at Owens Sunday.

J. D. Harris is a proud owner of a new car.

Mrs. J. J. Harris and daughter,

Pauline Wilson, were at Brownwood Monday.

**Bangs**

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Lancaster of Pampa were brief visitors in the home of W. T. Gibson and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Early and son Firman, returned Sunday from a week-end visit in the home of Mrs. Early's father, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson at Seguin.

Miss Bertha Fae Strange, student in C. I. A. at Denton, spent the Christmas holidays in her home here.

Mrs. D. W. Winn and children of Mule Shoe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brooks and other relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Myrtle Fowler, of San Antonio, a former member of the school faculty visited the school Monday, and is a guest in the home of Mrs. W. J. Prince and other friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brooks and son, Perry Reynolds of Fort Worth, visited relatives here this week.

Wilton Rucker, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Rucker, is able to be at home from the hospital where he has been receiving treatment for an injury to his eye, received late Christmas evening while mending a football.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Walker of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walker.

There was a drawing at the Guyger store Christmas Eve, in which Mrs. Etta Galven held the lucky ticket that drew six silver teaspoons. Mrs. Augusta Martin drew the silver knives and forks and Mrs. Johnnie Bell also drew a set of silver spoons. Mr. Guyger is a very progressive business man and is always thinking of the welfare of his customers.

Mrs. Ida M. Phillips, and granddaughter, Mrs. George P. Beeson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stubblefield at Coleman Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell, announcing the arrival of a daughter, Marilyn, born December 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jackson, had as their guests, Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jackson and son, Scott, of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Jackson and son, also of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz, and daughter of Stephenville.

Mrs. Laura Anderson and daughter, Mrs. Maggie Martin were guests of Mrs. J. S. Sanderson in Brownwood Christmas day.

The fire alarm was sounded early in the night Christmas night. The fire was at the home of Henry Thomason. A small hole was burned in the roof, but was put out before the fire boys arrived. Again about midnight the boys were called to a vacant house about a mile north of town. The house belonged to W. P. Eads and was a total loss. Mr. and Mrs. Carter had recently moved from the place.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the holiday season, the birthday surprise and the pounding given to Rev. W. H. Rucker, Wednesday night December 23rd. A large crowd gathered at the church for the usual midweek prayer service. At the close of the service, the juniors greatly surprised the pastor by singing to him. Happy Birthday To You Dear Pastor, followed by the congregation. Mrs. Raymond Rucker and Miss Veda Nell Brooks entered from the rear, bringing two large birthday cakes with the candles lighted. Rev. Rucker turned and immediately blew the candle light out, then all the congregation repaired to the home of the pastor, where a great big pounding awaited them. The dining table was heavily laden with its load and many things were placed at other places in the room. After a number of the packages had been opened and viewed by the crowd, the Rucker family sang two beautiful songs. Rev. Rucker dismissed with prayer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brooks, and children, of Abilene visited his parents during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson of Houston visited their sister, Mrs. T. A. Read, and other relatives during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Willard Taylor and children, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Peoples and daughter have returned to their home at Fort Worth, after a visit to their mother, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, who accompanied them home for a visit of several weeks.

Hubert Matthews, has returned from Morton, where he has been working for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Yarbrough, attended the funeral of A. D. Harris, at Trickham Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Martin had as their guests Christmas their children, Chrys Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cook, G. Martin and wife, and Miss Oda Martin, all of Fort Worth.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met in the home of Miss Ella Gilbert Monday afternoon, in which the following named officers were elected. Mrs. Chester Wilson, president; Mrs. O. M. Leonard, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Cal Brooks, periodical chairman. All the other officers had previously been elected. After the business session, Mrs. Wilson was led to a Christmas tree that was filled with handkerchiefs, all for her, as a token of appreciation of the past year's work. Hot chocolate and cake was passed to those present. Mrs. Clyde Langly and Mrs. O. M. Leonard were assistant hostesses. The first meeting of the New York will be held at the church next Monday in Bible study.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Holder had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carter, of Berkeley, California and W. S. Thomas of Brownwood.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Francis of Indian Creek, were Bangs visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schindler, and daughter, Pauline, and son R. J. Schindler have returned from a holiday visit to relatives in Goldthwaite.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson and daughter, Charlene and also mother, Mrs. Maggie Richardson of Big Springs are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Fitzgerald and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sochrest left Sunday for Corsicana after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Hanna Livingston and other relatives.

Mrs. Aaron May has returned to her home in Fort Worth after a visit to her mother, Mrs. W. J. Prince, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Brooks, Mrs. Addie Brooks and Jack Brooks of Brownwood were here Saturday to attend the funeral of J. L. Riordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schulz and children of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Ruth Garna, teacher at Lexington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garna.

Mr. and Mrs. Fae Mosier of Monahan visited relatives here during the holidays.

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Indian Creek

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Miss Nellie Grace De Hay, who is a student in Daniel Baker College, spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. De Hay, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allen and children of Grapevine spent the holidays visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Head and children of Clovis, New Mexico, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wheeler of Liberty Hill spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Perry.



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UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS. LONDON.—Major Draper, known as "The Mad Major" during the war for his daring adventures with a fighting plane, is again cutting capers. EVOLUTION. "He's on the stock market." "On the curb?" "He was on the curb, but now he's in the gutter."—Passing Show.

Our Greetings for 1932. Let Us Ring In This Another New Year. We hope that for all our patrons, it's a year of unparalleled fortune. HAPPY 1932. Brownwood Ice & Fuel Co. PHONE 65. Brownwood, TEXAS.

Salt Creek

Rev. Edmond Early and wife have moved from Hamilton to Brownwood. We are very glad to have them that close to us.

Goldthwaite

Mrs. Lindey and little son, Woodrow, of San Saba, spent Christmas here at the home of her aunt, Miss Laura Yarborough.

Willow Springs

There was a Christmas tree at Rock Church Friday evening and a large crowd attended and all the little ones made happy.

CLEAN-UP MAY START JAN. 5TH

A city wide clean-up campaign will probably start Tuesday of next week, announced City Manager H. V. Hennen today.

The weather at present is ideal for a general clean-up campaign and the city has made much cleaner and prettier for the beginning of a new year, Hennen declared.

As plans are worked out arrangements will probably be made to offer prizes for the best work done during the campaign, he said.

Four Boys Are Sentenced State Training School

Four Brownwood boys were sentenced to the state boys' training school at Gatesville Monday in county court, Judge Courtney Gray presiding.

Garth Bearden, Loy Brown and William White were sentenced to the school in connection with three robberies of the Gilliam Dry Goods Company, William Lee was sentenced in connection with the theft of money from the car of Miss Jewel Casey last summer.

Bearden, Brown and White were arrested by city police several days ago and turned over to county authorities. The boys confessed to the three robberies of the store, some of them having participated in all three robberies, while some were connected with only one robbery.

Several Changes In Rural Route Service Announced

Several changes in rural route service from Brownwood postoffice will be put into effect January 1, according to Postmaster J. D. Stewart.

Carrier 1 will go to his former route to a point on the Williams ranch road designated as Gravel Washer or Lucas corner, thence northeast to Romines corner and to new highway 7, northwest to Early school, northwest to Early corner, north passing Beard corner to J. McHan corner, west to Fortson corner, south passing Staley and King corners, southwest and southeast passing Cleveland corner, southwest passing Brooks corner and back to Brownwood postoffice.

Territory from Romines corner back to Brownwood post office, was formerly part of route 5. Patrons on this division of the route should now have their mail addressed "route 3" instead of "route 5".

Route 4 service from the McHan corner will be reversed from former service and it will therefore be necessary for some patrons to change location of boxes so that boxes will be on the right hand side of the road, according to the way the carrier travels, says Mr. Stewart.

Patrons on this route were formerly designated as on route 5, but now should have their mail directed as route 4.

Route 6 in the future will be known as route 5. Persons on this route should have mail directed accordingly.

Oil Portraits Are Painted Saturday By Norman Cooper

Norman Cooper, company artist and advertising manager for Bettis & Gibbs, has painted two portraits during the holidays. Cooper has been painting landscapes and other kinds of oil art for several years but these were his first portraits.

As subjects he used two motion picture stars and copied his large pictures from smaller ones on magazine covers.

For several years he has done all the window decorating for the store and the artistic way in which he has beautified the windows has attracted much attention.

The two portraits have been exhibited to several friends and will be on display soon. They were both painted Saturday.

About 75 per cent of the talkies exhibited in Portugal are of American origin.

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN MADE HAPPY AT FIREMEN'S TREE

A crowd of about 1,500 people gathered at Memorial Hall Thursday night for the firemen's Christmas tree.

It was Santa Claus night for several hundred children who swarmed to the front of the auditorium to greet their jolly friend of the red suit and grey whiskers and to receive from his hands the presents that had been placed upon the tree or piled upon the stage for them.

The firemen had received 496 names of children to whom presents should be given. A package, or toy, was prepared for each of these, and the gifts were labeled with the name of the boy or girl who was to receive it. Quite a number of toys were given out at the close of the program to children whose names had not been obtained for the Christmas gift list.

In addition to the toys or other gifts over 600 bags of fruits, candies and nuts were distributed to the children.

The brief Christmas tree ceremonies were opened with a prayer and short talk by Rev. T. M. Carney, minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ, and a brief talk by Fire Chief Rance Pettitt. Later in the course of evening a short talk was made by Rev. P. T. Stanford, pastor of Central Methodist church.

The hundreds of children enthusiastically clapped their hands when it was suggested that a vote of thanks to the firemen for the Christmas tree.

The firemen's tree appeared to be

BROOKESMITH FARMER DIES FROM POISON

Funeral services for J. S. Gentry, 60, farmer of Brooksmith community, who died about 3:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon after drinking an ounce of carbolic acid, were held Wednesday at Brooksmith, according to telephone information received by The Bulletin.

Mr. Gentry is said to have taken the poison about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home and to have told his wife immediately what he had done. The family administered first aid treatment and then got him into an automobile and started to the hospital at Santa Anna. A physician met them between Santa Anna and Brooksmith and tried to give Mr. Gentry an antidote, but the man was almost dead at that time and did not revive.

The family could give no reason for Mr. Gentry's act.

Several people here say they saw Mr. Gentry in Brownwood Tuesday and some say they talked with him. He was at the courthouse and stopped in several different offices to talk for awhile. He is thought to have made a will while he was here.

Mr. Gentry is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons. The children are: Mrs. Bill Brock of Winchell, Mrs. Gordon Stives of Trincham, Mrs. John Holland of Brooksmith, J. T. Gentry of Brooksmith and another small son who lives at home.

Well, Christmas has come and gone and while there was lots of gaiety and pleasures there was yet a many a heart made sad.

Joe Salyer, a good friend of the writer, was taken sick at his home in this community on Wednesday, December 23rd, and passed away Sunday afternoon, December 27th.

Brownwood in a hospital after a major operation the night before. He was laid to rest Monday afternoon, the 28th, in Jones Chapel cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Cooper of Brownwood at Jones Chapel church.

He leaves a wife, four sons and four daughters and a host of other relatives and friends to grieve for him. A very large crowd attended the funeral. The entire community sympathizes with the family. Mr. Salyer was sixty years of age.

Hubert Beard and family of Jones county are here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Salyer.

Cecil Faulkner and sister, Dottie Belle, are spending the week at Coleman with their sister, Mrs. Jimmie Bentley, and family.

Little Billie Truman Griggs is on the sick list this week, with an abscess in his head.

Another sad funeral during the holidays was that of Harris, 34 year old single man of Brooksmith. He died early Christmas eve morning in a Temple hospital and was buried the afternoon of the following day in the Trincham cemetery. He had been in bad health for several months, but was not taken real bad until Tuesday, the 22nd, when he was taken through the clinic, but was not operated on. His case was a puzzle to the three doctors, as well as Brownwood doctors. He was a cousin of the writer and my heart is grieved. But God's will be done, not ours.

Miss Sybil Donahoe of this community and Mr. Halbert Carrouth of Center Point were married on Wednesday night, December 10th. We wish them great joy, happiness and prosperity throughout the future.

Miss Alto Green has returned to Hart, Texas, to take up her school duties after spending the holidays here with home folks. She had as her guests while here Miss Mary Townsend, who teaches with her at Shallowater.

Mrs. John Kirksey and three daughters, Marie, Evelyn and Sadie Ray, have returned to their home at Elgin, after spending the week's holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vernon.

Dodd Hammond and family of Rivista visited his mother and other relatives here during the holidays.

Parties were given during the past two weeks at the homes of Mr. McGuyer, Delbert Wells, Rufie Ellis, Bill Price, Garland Wyatt, Mr. Burrier, Jack Matlock, George Matlock, Bill Blacks, Mr. Ezzes and Edgar Geans.

Christmas day and family spent with Mrs. Eaton's sister, Mrs. Wm. Pauley, of the Bethel community.

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Miss Irma Louise Ray entertained her friends last Friday night with a party which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and baby of Fortales, New Mexico, left for their home Tuesday after an extended visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Teel.

Guna Webb of Blanket, Guna Page and Guna Lee of this community had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Page. Other visitors in the Page home that day were Mr. and Mrs. C. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Brook Page and Mr. McCord of Brownwood.

Sunday school was pretty well attended Sunday at Stepps Creek. Next Sunday is church day. Let's all attend who can.

Mrs. Janie McLaughlin and children spent Saturday in Blanket with relatives.

N. B. Graham visited awhile Christmas day with Frank and Alva Harris.

Visitors in the home of J. W. Wyatt Christmas day were Lester Kirksey and family of Brownwood, Robert Wyatt and family of Elkins, Will Wyatt and family and Wesley Wyatt.

Mrs. Janie McLaughlin and children attended a Christmas tree at her brother, Robert Goates of Brownwood, Christmas Eve night. Her nephew, Arnold Goates, returned home with them for the night.

Isabell Wyatt spent Christmas night with her cousin, Christine Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss and children of San Saba spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Moss' mother, Mrs. L. Perry.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goates Christmas day were Robert Goates and family of Brownwood, Joe Eoff and family of Blanket and Perry Wyatt and family of this community.

Mr. McGuyer and niece, Mrs. Scoggin, and two children of Pumpkin Center, spent last Saturday with his sister, Mrs. McCurdy, at Bethel.

Conrad Vernon and family of Temple spent the holidays here with relatives.

Harley Haines Black, who is teaching school at Blanket, spent the Christmas holidays here.

Crafton Wells and family of Lea, New Mexico, have been here for a visit with relatives.

Several from here attended the funeral of Aud Harris at Trincham Christmas day, including Cull Earp, Lilla Byrd and family and Mrs. Mel Sears.

Billie Sears and wife of Jordan Springs had Christmas dinner here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wright and son, Bert, had turkey dinner Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Lee Chrane, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pedigo spent Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Billy White, of Owens. Mr. and Mrs. George Griggs and children spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. White, her parents, Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Venable of Houston are visiting here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Williamson.

Misses Fannie and Laura Davis and Clark Riggs spent last Saturday in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scott.

Mrs. Jimmie Ethridge had Christmas dinner in Brownwood with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Boyd. Mr. Ethridge went to Bangs with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green and spent the day with Charles Mathews and family.

Aunt Ollie Woods is visiting for a while with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Chrane, Mrs. Cull Earp spent Sunday afternoon in the Chrane home.

Charlie Mathews and family of Bangs, Mrs. Snow and Elizabeth of Brownwood were all-day visitors in the J. M. Ethridge home last Sunday as was also Mrs. N. B. Graham.

News has been received from Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McCullough of an eight pound boy born to them at their home in El Paso Tuesday, December 29th. Mrs. McCullough was formerly Miss Ethel Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faze of Snyder spent the holidays here with relatives.

Guy Phillips and wife of Houston visited here a few days ago with his sister, Mrs. Will Wyatt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wyatt and children have returned home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maud Phillips, of Bomarton.

Will Test Eggs For Hatching Pool

In view of the outlook for an unusually good interest in baby chicks in the coming year, the Southwest Poultry Association is arranging for a hatching pool one of the chief purposes of which is to insure that the eggs to be hatched are free from the germs of white diarrhea, says County Agent O. P. Griffin.

Eggs used for hatching will be tested for bacillary white diarrhea, and a number of poultry flocks in the country will be visited soon.

There is nothing more discouraging to any one who starts in to raise poultry, says Mr. Griffin, than to have the young chickens die out by the time they are three weeks old, and this move for testing and selecting eggs in the general interest of the poultry raisers. This is especially important, the county agent pointed out, when it is remembered that poultry is usually an extra source of revenue on the farms and if poultry is not raised nothing else is substituted in its place.

The largest telescope mirror ever to be made wholly in the United States is under construction in Pittsburgh. It has a diameter of 60 inches.

Reuben Starkey and family visited

Brewer to Open New Jewelry and Optical Business

W. M. Brewer will open a jewelry, optical and repair store within the next few days as soon as he finds a suitable location, he states.

For the past several months he has been in charge of his former jewelry store across from the Sherman Hotel. The store is now owned by the Citizens National and was closed Wednesday week.

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Jewelry Stolen From Breekenridge Store

Found in Brush Today

—(P)—Jewelry valued at \$2,200 was found hidden in a coffee can in the brush near Cedar Springs today by Ed Moore, a farmer. It was identified as part of the \$15,000 in jewelry looted from a Breekenridge jewelry store several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wright and niece, Miss Margaret Hattiss of Brownwood, attended the party at Miss Irma Louise Ray's last Friday night.

Mr. Boler Swindle, of Ft. Worth, was visiting his cousin, Mr. Earl Boler last Friday night.

Mr. Clay Brower and family were visiting in the home of Mr. Bud Roundtree and family last Friday.

Misses Alene and Olene Rochester spent Friday night in the home of their friend, Miss Thelma Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green and children of Putman, were visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Addie Culberson, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Odas Elvins who were married several days ago, from Shields, visited her sister, Mrs. A. H. K. Wheatley Wednesday. Mrs. Elvins is one of the teachers at Brown Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Pass and baby of Abilene, spent Wednesday night with their aunt, Mrs. H. Y. Phelan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCreery spent Thursday and Christmas day with his parents at Winters.

H. P. Evans of Brownwood has his oil rig located on Mrs. H. J. Tervoore's farm and began drilling Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Ray and two children of Burnett, Jim Martin and family of Rockwood, Coleman county, Mr. and Mrs. Ted White of Senora, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ray.

Miss Josephine Sanderson, who is teaching at Shields, spent Christmas with her parents.

A well loaded Christmas tree with gifts for the pupils and teachers, was enjoyed Wednesday afternoon in the primary room. A short program was rendered also. A number of patrons were present.

The Yuletide parties were enjoyed in the home of Lee Baugh, Wednesday night, and at Tom Ray's Monday night, at A. G. Norton's Friday night, and dances at the home of L. H. Koch and George Sowards Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wright accompanied by Miss Margaret Harris of Brownwood, attended the party in the Ray home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Houshel Hodges accompanied by Mrs. Emma Craig, of Comanche and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schanley of Dallas were present for the Christmas dinner in the home of their father, H. W. Luman and family.

J. R. Lewis and wife of Brownwood were Sunday afternoon guests of their nephew W. A. Priddy.

Herbert Swell spent Saturday night with Elmo Phelan.

Ervin Priddy is doing nicely after injury of one of his shoulders, that was hurt badly from being thrown off of a horse on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Blanket, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown of May, spent Christmas with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weldon Bailey.

Miss Jewell Turner went to Winsboro, Wood county, Thursday to spend her vacation with homefolks.

A. H. K. Wheatley and family enjoyed a reunion dinner Friday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shanlin at Shields.

Messrs. Turner Ray and Frank Ray returned Sunday from Corsicana, where they visited relatives during Christmas.

T. H. McArthur and family of Indian Gap spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Seward.

Misses Alene and Olene Rochester were guests of Miss Thelma Spivey Friday night.

Mr. Swindle and son, Charlie, of Indian Gap were recent visitors in the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Priddy and family.

Mr. Wheatley and son's Vernon and Clifford were sight seeing in San Antonio, the first of this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McCreery visited at Brooksmith with her sisters Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Bourn over the week-end.

Mack McAllister and family of Houston, spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Joe Ellis and other relatives here.

Miss Leatrice Boer visited Saturday with Miss Elma Priddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Blumenthal of Brownwood, spent Sunday in the A. G. Norton home.

Clay Browder and family were

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Water District Directors To Be Elected Jan. 12

Election for choosing directors for Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 will be held Tuesday, January 12, according to announcements by the present directors. Election notices have been published but as yet no ballots have been made up.

Present directors of the district are: F. S. Abney, president; H. G. Lucas, secretary; R. E. Rogers, E. J. Weatherly, and C. Y. Early.

The election notices define the following precincts and voting places:

Precinct One: All of Ward One of the City of Brownwood; and all that portion of the district situated west of Pecan Bayou and outside of the city of Brownwood that is north and east of the center line of the right of way of the G. C. & S. F. railway, extending through the district; and all that portion of the district situated east of Pecan Bayou. The polling place will be Brown county court house.

Precinct Two: All of Ward Number Two of the city of Brownwood. The polling place will be Mims building, Howard Payne College.

Precinct Three: All of Ward Number Three of the City of Brownwood. The polling place will be the Fine Arts building at Daniel Baker College.

Precinct Four: All of Ward Number Four of the city of Brownwood; and all that portion of the district west of Pecan Bayou and outside of the city of Brownwood that is south and southeast of the center line of the right of way of the G. C. & S. F. railway extending through the district. The polling place will be South Ward School.

Belleuve Hospital Staff Organized, To Meet Monthly

The organization of the staff of Belleuve Hospital was perfected Monday night in a business meeting that followed an informal dinner given at the hospital. Meetings of the staff will be held the last Monday evening in each month, according to announcements made today.

Officers of the staff elected Monday night are: Dr. A. L. Anderson, president; Dr. W. E. Corbin, vice-president; Miss Lovelle Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

Following are the active members of the staff:

Dr. A. L. Anderson, T. B. Bailey, C. C. Bullard, W. E. Corbin, B. A. Fowler, H. L. Lobstein, H. L. Lockner, J. L. Morris, H. Romines, D. R. Scott, Ned Snyder, John Snyder, A. L. Taylor and J. W. Tottenham.

There will probably be other doctors added to the active staff in a short time, it is said.

Gets Back Money Stolen From Him, Wont File Charges

The charity of a man's heart saved a man who stole \$10 from him from being put in jail, according to a story told by city police.

A man while trying on a new suit in a local tailor shop left the trousers he had been wearing in the dressing room. Another man went into the room and took a \$10 bill from the trousers pockets. City police were notified and soon found the man and the \$10 bill. The money was returned to the owner, but he would not file charges against the thief.

Old Custom

"How did the old saying, 'I paid him down on the nail' arise?" has been asked. "Nails" are metal pillars still to be found in ancient exchanges and over which bargains were struck. They are still to be seen at Bristol and elsewhere.

Plans for Paving Part Highway 10 Sent to Austin

Plans for paving on 19 miles on highway 10 from Brownwood to the McCulloch county line have been sent to the State Highway Department by the resident engineer's office. The engineer's estimate for paving the 19 miles is \$197,000.

The plans are sent to the department for engineers there to check and will be returned. Contract on the highway will be let probably at the March meeting of the highway commission, it is said.

Senate Oil Tariff Committee to Begin Study of Bill Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(P)—The senate commerce committee will take up the oil tariff proposals before it on January 7th to determine if it has authority to proceed with the legislation.

Senator Shortridge, republican of California, has a bill before the committee to levy \$1 a barrel tariff on crude petroleum but the point has been raised. A tariff should originate in the house, or if it should be treated as a revenue bill and is eligible for senate action before a house decision, it should go to the finance committee.

Shortridge will go before the committee next Thursday to urge immediate action. His bill is drawn not as a tariff bill, but to provide protecting levies under constitutional provisions governing interstate and foreign commerce.

This was done. Shortridge has explained to prevent general reopening of the tariff schedules and to permit the senate to act before house action.

Demented War Vet Is Captured After Fight With Police

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(P)—Adam Purrecki, 33, a World War veteran, supposedly demented, was wounded and captured last night after 50 policemen had besieged him in his Northside home for nearly three hours.

Purrecki's resistance started when two policemen were sent to take him into custody after he had ordered his wife and their four children from his second story flat. His wife carried their eight-day old baby in her arms.