

ZEPHYR STATE BANK ROBBED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Captured Kidnap-Friend Makes Confession to Murder of California Child

YOUNG SLAYER RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—William E. Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker, was locked up here at 10:15 o'clock this morning.

Hickman was taken off the Southern Pacific train at Alameda and Jackson streets, in the outer railroad yard district. No crowd was gathered there.

The youth was shackled to Police Detectives Harry Raymond and Dick Lucas.

The two officers and their prisoner entered a police automobile with District Attorney Asa Keyes and dashed for the county jail with a convoy of police cars front and rear.

A crowd of about 4,000 persons stood gloomily watching the unloading of the prisoner from an automobile in which he had been brought from the train.

There was no demonstration.

Less than two hours after his arrival in Los Angeles, William E. Hickman, confessed kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, was brought into court today for arraignment. Judge Carter Hardy, of the superior court, presiding, continued the case until 2:00 p. m. Thursday.

Judge Hardy indicated that Hickman would be given an opportunity to obtain competent legal defense if he wished it.

Crowds Along Way Are Angry

ABOARD HICKMAN PRISON CAR, EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—William Edward Hickman's trail of crime led him toward an ominous climax today as a Pullman car prison approached Los Angeles bearing not only the captive but also an appalling confession of how he kidnaped, murdered and mutilated Marian Parker and then sold the butchered body to her father.

Although the prison coach bristled with guards and the train moved through southern California towns with the least possible delay, cries of anger arose among crowds which had gathered at various stopping places to see the youthful outlaw after the news was spread that he had fully confessed.

That Hickman had admitted that he alone was responsible for the killing of the little girl and the dissection of the body was officially announced last night by District Attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles. Keyes and other officials had been grilling Hickman since early yesterday—some hours after leaving Pendleton, Ore., where he was caught. The youth confessed to the kidnapping immediately after his capture but until yesterday steadfastly refused to admit that he was the murderer of his little captive.

Keyes Gave Story

The confession, details of which were announced by Keyes, declared that Hickman had strangled the girl to death with a towel and cut her body to pieces in a bath tub of his quarters in the Bellevue Arms apartments, Los Angeles, a few hours before delivering the torso to Mary M. Parker, the distracted mother who gave him \$15,000 in the hope of having Marian returned alive.

So hideous were parts of the confession that Keyes threatened to withhold the details from the public.

Keyes' statement of the details of the confession were, in substance, as follows:

About six months ago, somewhere near the time Hickman was discharged from the bank and put under probation for forging checks, he first thought of kidnapping as a means of making money to spend for a college education. He took a automobile from Dr. Herbert L. in Kansas City at the point of a gun and eventually drove it to Los Angeles. He rented the apartment November 23 and in the course of a few weeks decided upon the daughter of Parker as his victim.

On December 14 he followed Marian and her twin sister, Marjorie, to school, and by telling school attendants that her father was injured and was calling for Marian, tricked them into surrendering her. He told Marian she had been kidnapped. Then he bound and gagged her.

Begged Free

He begged her not to leave and he removed the bonds and played a pistol to keep her quiet. He then went to Pasadena and sent the first telegram to her father saying Marian was safe and declaring that instructions would follow later as to how she could be restored to her family.

That night he took his little captive to the home of his father, who was a doctor, and he was there when the girl was killed.

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EARLY PAYMENT OF CURRENT TAXES IS URGED BY COLLECTOR

W. A. Butler, county tax collector, urges that all tax paying citizens of Brown County get busy and pay their taxes for the year 1927. Despite an increase of about \$6,500,000 in total taxable property valuation of Brown County this year over that of 1926, Mr. Butler reports that the amount of taxes paid to date this year is far less than the total collected at this time one year ago.

Mr. Butler urges all to pay their poll taxes and that they do so immediately. He calls attention to the fact that 1928 is a presidential election year, and that elections for all state and county offices will be held during the year. Mr. Butler calls attention to the fact that one may pay his poll tax now and defer the payment of property tax until later. On the other hand no one can pay the property tax and leave the poll tax until later.

Monday, January 2, will be the first day for the payment of the 1928 automobile licenses. This is contrary to custom, but all car owners are requested to wait until after the first of the year to pay their 1928 automobile taxes, so that the county will receive a greater portion of the license fees.

Mr. Butler warns car owners that before coming to his office to pay car taxes they must have a head light test certificate issued not more than 30 days prior to the payment of the taxes.

WATER BOARD BRINGS SUIT

THE Brown County Water Development District No. One today filed suit in the district court of Travis county, Texas, against the State Board of Water Engineers, to review their action in reference to the district's application for an appropriation of water.

The filing of this suit does not mean that the efforts which have been made for several weeks to obtain what the district desires by negotiation are at an end, according to C. L. McCartney, attorney for the district. In fact, says Mr. McCartney, the prospect for obtaining what the Brownwood district needs without the necessity of bringing this suit to a trial is believed to be good. The suit has been filed as a precautionary measure, in order to safeguard the rights already granted, it is explained, and keep the district within its legal rights if it should transpire that the negotiations might end in failure.

"In reality, I think 'he prospect for a satisfactory adjustment is better than at any previous time," said Mr. McCartney in commenting on the filing of the suit. "Negotiations seeking an amicable settlement of the controversy have been under way since the first of October, and while they have been beset with many difficulties, all parties have appeared anxious to reach an agreement without the necessity for court intervention. Most of the difficulties have been removed, and while the negotiations might yet end in failure, it is believed they will succeed. If so, Brownwood water district will have all its requirements met, without the necessity of expensive and long drawn out litigation. Should the negotiations fail, the institution of the suit will safeguard the rights of the district and it can then proceed to a hearing at some suitable time."

In September the State Board of Water Engineers granted Brownwood a permit for 125,000 acre feet of water, which under ordinary conditions might prove adequate, but in view of drought conditions the district is seeking a larger appropriation in order to safeguard a supply over the longest anticipated drought period.

Former Manager of Store Here Dies Suddenly Tuesday

H. Grady Taylor, former manager of the Cindarella Bootery in Brownwood, dropped dead on the streets of San Antonio on Tuesday while talking to friends. The remains were taken to Temple where the funeral will be held Thursday. Death was caused by heart failure. Mr. Taylor was manager of the Cindarella Bootery in Brownwood until about two months ago when he went to San Antonio. He is unmarried.

Lively music makes people feel more active and the heart tends to keep up a strong and a rapid activity.

Two of Bandits Who Held Up Cisco Bank Elude Posse---Leader Caught

WINNERS MID-TEXAS POULTRY SHOW ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Winners of Mid-Texas Poultry Show, held here December 14-17, were announced this week, by officials of the organization. Following is the list of winners:

Cocks: 1st and 3rd, C. L. Miller, Princeton; 2nd and 5th, A. D. Lee, Winters; 4th, Phil R. Simmons, Weatherford; 6th, McHorse & Foster, Brownwood; 7th, D. L. Bobb, Brownwood; 8th, D. J. Jefferies & Son, Abilene; 9th, Joe Day, Brownwood.

Cockerels: 1st and 3rd, C. L. Miller, Princeton; 2nd, H. O. Stewart, Ovalo; 4th, 5th and 6th, D. H. Jefferies & Son, Abilene; 6th, C. H. Pigg, Waxahachie; 7th and 8th, A. D. Lee, Winters; 10th, I. A. Cherry, Weatherford.

Hens: 1st and 5th, C. L. Miller, Princeton; 2nd and 3rd, McHorse & Foster, Brownwood; 4th and 6th, J. T. Johnson, Walnut Springs; 7th, A. D. Lee, Winters; 8th, Phil R. Simmons, Weatherford; 9th, D. H. Jefferies & Son, Abilene; 10th, H. O. Stewart, Ovalo.

Pullets: 1st, 3rd and 8th, J. T. Johnson, Walnut Springs; 2nd, 6th and 9th, A. D. Lee, Winters; 4th, Phil R. Simmons, Weatherford; 5th and 7th, McHorse & Foster, Brownwood; 10th, D. H. Jefferies & Son, Abilene.

Old Pens: 1st, C. L. Miller, Princeton; 2nd, D. H. Jefferies & Son, Abilene; 3rd, McHorse & Foster, Brownwood; 4th, H. O. Stewart, Ovalo; 5th, J. T. Johnson, Walnut Springs; 6th, A. D. Lee, Winters.

Young Pens: 1st and 7th, McHorse & Foster, Brownwood; 2nd, J. T. Johnson, Walnut Springs; 3rd, D. H. Jefferies & Son, Abilene; 4th, H. O. Stewart, Ovalo; 5th, 6th and 8th, A. D. Lee, Winters; 9th, C. Ezra, Brownwood.

Silver Lace Wyandottes: Cocks: 1st and 2nd, Milton Stanley, Lockport; 3rd, R. L. Ware, Mercury; 4th, T. B. Verheyden, Waxahachie; 5th, Frank Driskell, Crockett.

Cockerels: 1st and 5th, Q. A. Taylor, Covington; 2nd and 4th, Milton Stanley, Lockport; 3rd, T. B. Verheyden, Waxahachie.

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Pullets: 1st, T. R. Havins, Brownwood; 2nd, 3rd and 4th, T. B. Verheyden, Waxahachie; 5th, Q. A. Taylor, Covington.

Old Pens: 1st, T. R. Havins, Brownwood; 2nd and 3rd, Q. A. Taylor, Covington.

Young Pens: 1st, T. B. Verheyden, Waxahachie; 2nd, Clem Longley, Brownwood; 3rd and 4th, Q. A. Taylor, Covington.

Dark Cornish: Cocks: 1st and 3rd, J. J. McDaniel, Brownwood; 2nd, C. H. Colvin, Stephenville; 4th, C. E. Bush, Hall; 5th, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs.

Cockerels: 1st, J. J. McDaniel, Brownwood; 2nd, R. A. Dorsett, Bangs; 3rd and 4th, C. H. Colvin, Stephenville; 5th, J. D. Moren, Bangs.

Hens: 1st, E. W. Wicker, Hall; 2nd and 4th, R. A. Dorsett, Bangs; 3rd, C. E. Bush, Hall; 5th, A. L. Lockhart, Coleman.

Pullets: 1st, 3rd and 5th, A. L. Lockhart, Coleman; 2nd, E. W. Wicker, Hall; 4th, J. J. McDaniel, Brownwood.

White Cornish: Cocks: 1st, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs.

Cockerels: 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th, C. E. Bush, Hall; 2nd, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs.

Hens: 1st, 3rd and 4th, C. E. Bush, Hall; 2nd, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs.

Pullets: 1st and 5th, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs; 2nd, 3rd and 4th, C. E. Bush, Hall.

White Leghorns: Cocks: 1st, E. W. Wicker, Hall; 2nd, R. T. Lewis, Richland Springs.

Cockerels: 1st, 3rd and 4th, U. A. Carruth, Brownwood; 2nd, A. Ram Reddell, Brownwood.

Hens: 1st, A. Ram Reddell, Brownwood; 2nd and 3rd, U. A. Carruth, Brownwood.

Pullets: 1st, A. Ram Reddell, Brownwood; 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, U. A. Carruth, Brownwood.

English White Leghorns: Cocks: 1st, W. R. Baxter, San Saba.

Cockerels: 1st and 4th, H. L. Ehrke, Brownwood; 2nd, W. R. Baxter, San Saba; 3rd, J. K. Stinger, Brownwood.

SOUTH BEND, Texas, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Holding at bay scores of officers and citizens, two grizzled desperadoes covered their retreat with sweeping gunfire and at noon today had succeeded in crossing the Brazos river near Bunker, Texas, into the dense underbrush of Young county.

The gunmen, the two remaining bandits who Friday held up and robbed the First National Bank of Cisco and escaped after fatally shooting G. E. Bedford, Cisco police chief and wounding eight other persons, are believed to have safely eluded capture at least for several hours. One of their number was shot by the posse earlier in the day when they abandoned an automobile and began to retreat into the rough country. He was taken to Graham where he was identified as the leader of the gang who masqueraded as Santa Claus in the spectacular holdup. He is suffering from two old bullet wounds believed to have been received in the fight at the bank and two fresh wounds in the arms received this morning.

The other bandit was fatally wounded in the holdup and died Saturday in the Tarrant county jail at Fort Worth. That the bandit gang was well supplied with arms and ammunition and will not be taken unless shot down was shown by the two determined efforts they made to escape. One or both of the fleeing robbers are believed to be wounded as a trail of blood was followed to the river banks.

The only hope of capture now is that possums from Graham may head them off in Young county, it was pointed out. The pursuers from South Bend evidently lost their trail at the river for shortly after noon no traces of the fugitives had been found.

The bandits abandoned the automobile in which they were riding under fire of the peace officers after their leader had been shot. They escaped on foot and were shooting back at the posse as they ran.

The fight was staged in a pasture about two miles from here in the south end of Young county.

Sheriff Jim Foster of Young county was in charge of the officers who were at South Bend early this morning when the automobile in which several men were riding doubled back out of town and fled.

The officers gave chase and within a few minutes the fugitives were engaged in battle.

Three men in a dilapidated automobile reached here early this morning, but turned back at sight of a barricade across the road which had been erected by Sheriff Jim Foster and his men, who believed the Cisco fugitives were headed this way. The officers immediately pursued and a running gun battle began which continued for more than two miles.

The men stopped their car and fled into the pasture. The man wounded was the first out of the car. He turned and fired on the officers and was immediately behind the bandit car. They returned the fire and he and two other men began to run. A charge of buckshot brought the leader down, but the others continued firing as they fled.

City Marshal Jim Davis of Graham and Roy McChambers of El Paso, a special deputy, were detailed to take the body of the wounded man back to Graham, where it was discovered he was the Santa Claus of the Cisco holdup. He had been wounded in the leg during the battle with officers in or near Cisco. Blood from his wound and cotton and rags used in dressing it furnished officers with clues to the trail of the three fugitives for two days.

Think Pair Are in Cedar Breaks

GRAHAM, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Believing that two Cisco bank bandits are still hiding in the dense cedar breaks in the Goosecreek of the Brazos river between South Bend and Oil City, a posse of more than 150 men under command of Ranger Captain Tom Hickman and Ranger M. T. Gonzales was staging one of the greatest man hunts today in the history of this section.

No contact with the men, one of whose original confederates is dead and another in custody, was made during the night but posses guarded all roads and bridges in the southern part of Young county. This morning an acre by acre search was undertaken by the officers.

Young Stephens and Eastland county officers were participating in the search. The rangers brought with them a couple of machine guns but these were not needed. While there was gossip of an airplane to be used in the hunt, there was no machine in this vicinity.

Heavy rains and a dense thicket last night conspired with the bandits to elude capture. Trackers discovered that the fugitives had crossed the river four times yesterday but rain blotted out the trail. Late last night the two bandits attempted to steal an automobile from a farmer and were frightened away.

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WOUNDED STRANGER VISITS LOCAL CAFE MIDNIGHT TUESDAY

O. J. Radcliff, night manager of the Yellow Wagon Cafe, states that a man of very suspicious character came into his place of business about midnight Tuesday, ordered a meal, ate it and left. The man had a badly injured left shoulder, evidenced by a blood stained coat. His left ear was smeared with blood and a wound over his ear was visible, Radcliff states.

The customer was a non-communicative fellow, saying nothing all the time he was in the cafe. Radcliff states, other than to order his meal. After eating, the man paid for what he had eaten and left. In describing the man Radcliff stated that he was tall and slender, was hatless, of dark complexion and had coal black hair.

The suspicious customer made no kind of gun play, Radcliff states, but he was given no cause for such. Besides Radcliff, there were two other employees in the cafe, the cook and dishwasher.

MORGAN LIGHT POWER OFFER IS WITHDRAWN

J. M. Bowman, local representative of Morgan Utility Corporation, caused a stir in City Council session Tuesday night when he withdrew his company's recently offered petition for an electric light and power franchise.

He stated that M. B. Morgan, executive of the corporation in a telephone conversation Tuesday instructed him to take such action.

"While Mr. Morgan is willing to go ahead with the project if Council will grant the franchise at once, he does not desire to push the matter otherwise," declared Mr. Bowman.

"Mr. Morgan told me he believes Brownwood does not want competition in the light and power field, and therefore decided to withdraw his petition."

To Make Report

Mayor-City Manager W. D. McCulley stated that John W. Carpenter, president of the Texas Power & Light Company, had notified him that a report of the activity of his company would be presented to Council January 10. Council decided that no action in regard to the proposed franchise be taken until two light franchises before the body should be taken before that time.

Following this Mr. Bowman asked the withdrawal of the Morgan franchise petition. Alderman E. M. Boon told Mr. Bowman he could again introduce his ordinance at that time, if he wished.

In Council meeting two weeks ago, Morgan and Thomas B. Longre, president of the Brown County Gas Company, each asked for electric light and power franchises. After a warm debate action was deferred until the following week. When the matter came up last week action was again put off. At that time Mr. Carpenter asked that nothing be done until Texas Power & Light Company made a report to Council.

Mr. Longre was present at the meeting Tuesday after being absent last week. At that time a representative of his company also asked that action on the franchises be deferred. Mr. Longre did not indicate what course he would take, following the withdrawal of the Morgan offer.

Council ordered that a bill presented by L. T. George be paid. Mr. George claimed he damaged his automobile several days ago when he ran into a rope stretched across a street on which city employees were working.

Street lights were ordered placed at the intersections of Coggin and Ninth streets, Avenue 1 and Ninth street, and Chandler and Hawkins streets.

TO SELL NEWTEX LINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Directors of the United States Freight Company have voted to purchase the assets of the New York, New England and Texas Steamship Company, known as the Newtex line. Effective February 1, it is to operate a new line as a U. S. freight.

KILLS WIFE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Levi D. Coughlin, 34, shot and killed his wife in their home here today. He was arrested on suspicion of the crime.

TWO YOUNG BANDITS GET BIG AMOUNT

THE First State Bank at Zephyr, Mo., was robbed by two men at afternoon left in a ward of the al. The cash is no D. A. cash about othe.

No young state room. What youth cape (the touring Brown later D. John Johnston, assistant cashier of the bank, after scooped up all the money and gold silver. The bandits in the vault, bandits jumped in, erred car stolen fr and left the little headed toward th Blanket highway.

Car To Return

Later Saturday afternoon, found the Beckham car on the Brownwood-Bla about ten miles east of L. Since then no clue or trace two bandits has been found, according to local officials. One of the opinion that the two young men had an accomplice who met them on the Brownwood-Blanket road. The kind of car used by this accomplice, if there was an accomplice, or direction taken by the bandits after leaving the Beckham car, is not known. Local officers say D. A. Johnston, assistant cashier in giving an account of the robbery stated that one of the two bandits entered the bank while the other stood on guard at the window and stole. One of the men was armed with a pearl handled, nickel-plated revolver and the other with an automatic pistol.

"Stick 'em up," commanded the robber on entering the bank and the three bank employees complied with the demand. The robber of the outside of the bank covered W. L. Johnston, cashier, and William Skippling, president, while the one in the bank gave his attention to D. A. Johnston, in whose cage the bank's cash was kept.

Officials in Vault

Carefully leaving out all silver money the bandit scooped up all the currency and gold and then he hurried the three bank officials into the vault and closed the door. Mr. Johnston believes that he could easily identify both of them, as they were unmasked.

This marks the second time in year that the Zephyr bank was robbed, the first robbery the morning of June 10, when the bank was robbed by two men. The bandits were identified by the Brown jury for this. A when tried in a two defendant guilty to the after having with the re.

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AFTER HIS ARREST



and the physical strain of driving a day for several days put on the face of Edly visible in this picture of the youthful of Los Angeles, taken at the county jail after Hickman had been lodged there following his arrest. After this photo was taken Hickman, in which he admitted kidnapping the girl.

had been put with the body.

He blandly watched them search the apartment for possible clues, and inquired if he could help them. He expressed the hope that they would catch the guilty person. He then casually strolled out and went to a theater. Afterward he went to Hollywood boulevard and took a big green automobile from its owner at pistol point.

With the green certificate he headed for San Francisco. He remained at a hotel there until the morning his name appeared as the man wanted. Then he headed for the north, where the trail of \$20 gold certificates finally led to his capture.

Hickman declared an uncontrolled desire to kill had surged within him since childhood. On the day of the killing, Marian became fearful, he said, and he concluded that the time had come to put her to death.

May Plead Guilty

Hickman was said to have told Keyes that he would be willing to plead guilty to murder and kidnapping and would accept imposition of the death penalty without delay. Seemingly he had adopted an attitude of indifference after unburdening himself under the withering fire of questioning by Keyes, Chief of Detectives Herman Cline and others.

The young desperado showed no spirit as he was led out to face a crowd and cameras. Shooked to a big detective, he was almost broken as the journey neared its end that he could not hold up his head.

The confession disposed finally of the mythical "Andrew Cramer" whom he named in his first admission as the person who actually killed the girl. In his next story of the crime he admitted that Cramer had existed only in his mind.

Just how the prison coach would be taken into Los Angeles could not be learned. The train was due to arrive at 9:45 a. m., but there was a report that the car would be detached somewhere along the last stages of the trip and would be pulled into the city by a special engine.

Retain Lawyer for Hickman

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—(P)—Carrying a letter to William Edward Hickman assuring him his family would "stand by him to the end," Jerome Walsh, attorney and youngest member of the state legislature today was ready to defend the confessed slayer of Marian Parker. Announcement of the retention of Mr. Walsh as chief of defense counsel was made by Mrs. Eva Hickman, mother of the prisoner after a conference at her home here attended by three sons and a daughter.

Smoke is so thick over England industrial cities that experts estimate that 3,000,000 tons of soot fall on the soil every year.

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Two Bank Bandits Elude Pursuers

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one of them. The description of one of the men tallies with that of Marshall Ratliff, now wounded and in jail at Graham. Mrs. Fox said she made coffee for the men and gave them sandwiches and saw them no more after they left.

Ratliff's Jaws Are Locked

GRAHAM, Dec. 28.—The bandit captured near South Bend Tuesday morning after he fainted from exhaustion while he and two companions were running from their stolen automobile into the timber as a posse fired at them. Tuesday night admitted that he is Marshall Ratliff of Cisco. He is believed to be the man who posed as "Santa Claus" when the First National Bank of Cisco was robbed Friday.

Ratliff's jaws are locked from effects of wounds in both cheeks, the upper lip and the chin. He also has wounds in the lower limbs and in one arm. Although infection had set up in the old wounds, evidently inflicted in the gun battle at the scene of the robbery, physicians attending him in the Young county jail state that he may recover.

"Trub" Wilson, assistant chief of police at Cisco, identified Ratliff. Although Ratliff's hair is naturally blonde it has been dyed black. Wilson, however, declared he had known Ratliff many years and would recognize him anywhere.

Knows Death Is Near

Confronted by Wilson, Ratliff could answer questions only by nodding his head in the affirmative or negative.

"Do you know me?" Wilson asked. Ratliff nodded in the affirmative.

"Do you know that you are going to die?"

Another nodded "yes" was the reply.

"Do you care whether you live or die?"

"No," was the indicated answer. Later Frank Sweeney, staff correspondent of the Abilene Reporter and News, put a series of questions to Ratliff.

Ratliff's name was found inscribed in his coat and trousers. Apparently an effort had been made to rub these inscriptions out.

Denies Leadership
"Ratliff, I am going to ask you some questions. It is up to you whether you answer or not. They say you are the leader of this gang. Is that so?"

"No," Ratliff replied.

"I understand you were bound at Wichita Falls when you were shot. Is that right?"

"No."

"Do you have any money?"

"No," he answered.

"Do you know a Doctor Vick in Wichita Falls?"

"No," again.

"Do you know Sam Fox?"

"No."

"Fox made a statement, declaring that he changed the bandages on the wounds of you and your pals Sunday night. Is that correct?"

"No."

"Then you claim that you did not go to the Fox home?"

Ratliff indicated that he had not.

BUSINESS IS IMPROVED AS YEAR CLOSES

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—(P)—Improved business and agricultural conditions are shown in the business review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for December, released for publication today. The report showed that conditions improved during the first two weeks in December, due to Christmas buying and rains over the district, after the depressed conditions of the latter part of November.

A resume of the review issued by the bank follows:
"A further improvement in the agricultural and livestock industries and in the financial situation was in evidence during the past month. Deposits of member banks which amounted to \$907,143,000 on November 9th established a new high level, being \$22,838,000 greater than on October 26th and \$108,726,000 greater than on November 24, 1926. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks on December 15th amounted to \$5,632,396 less than on the corresponding date a year ago. The decline in these loans has been due entirely to the liquidation of indebtedness by country banks as loans to reserve city banks have increased. The large increase in deposits has created a heavy demand for commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, and other forms of short term investments to serve as secondary reserves for these banks. Despite the heavy allotments of the Treasury issue of November 15th subscription to the December 15th issue of 3 1/2 per cent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness rose to \$47,345,500 against which allotments of \$13,381,500 were made."

Decline Shown
"The trade situation during November was affected by seasonal influences and the unusually warm weather. Department store sales showed a decline of 4 per cent as compared to the previous month and were slightly less than a year ago. In the majority of the reporting wholesale lines, sales were smaller than in either the previous month or the same month last year. Reports indicate, however, that during the first two weeks in December the demand for merchandise at retail has shown a considerable expansion due to the heavy volume of Christmas buying and the movement of winter goods as the result of the cold wave. Present indications are that the volume of retail trade in December will be very heavy. Debts to individuals

Winners Poultry Show Announced

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Daniel, Brownwood (Dark Cornish), Champion Pullet: J. T. Johnson, Walnut Springs (S. C. R. Island Reds).

Bronze Turkeys
Old Tom: 1st, R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna; 2nd, R. H. Edwards, San Saba; 3rd, R. L. Silver, San Saba; 4th, R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna.

Young Tom: 1st, R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna; 2nd, J. R. Nichols, Eden; 3rd, Frank V. Hurd, Brady; 4th, Frank V. Hurd, Brady.

Hens: 1st, J. R. Nichols, Eden; 2nd, J. C. Stoner, Mercury; 3rd, R. A. Forbes, Winchell; 4th, R. L. Carruth, Blanket.

Trots: 1st, J. R. Nichols, Eden; 2nd, K. P. Hurd, Coleman; 3rd, Frank V. Hurd, Brady.

Heavy Weight Old Tom: Frank V. Hurd, Brady.

Heavy Weight Young Tom: Mrs. C. H. Boret, Bangs.

Heavy Weight Hen: C. E. Bush, Hall.

Pullets: 1st, R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna; 2nd, J. R. Nichols, Eden; 3rd, R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna; 4th, R. A. Forbes, Winchell.

Narragansett Turkeys
Old Tom: 1st, R. L. Ware, Mercury; 2nd, Mrs. Milton Stanley, Locker; 3rd, R. L. Ware, Mercury.

Pullets: 1st and 2nd, R. L. Ware, Mercury.

Specials
Champion Turkey Hen: J. R. Nichols, Eden.

Champion Old Tom: R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna.

Champion Young Tom: R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna.

Champion Pullet: R. B. Barnett, Santa Anna.

2 DIE OF BURNS
TYLER, Texas, Dec. 28.—(P)—Mrs. J. M. Bouknight and young daughter died Monday night of burns, advices here today said. They lived in the country sixteen miles from here and their bodies were taken to their former home in Upshur county.

Mrs. Bouknight was said to have attempted to kindle a fire with kerosene.

OLD SPINNING WHEEL
T. E. Walker, of 307 South Greenleaf, received an old spinning wheel Monday from Kentucky, sent him by his 82-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Kate Brown, of Crayne Kentucky. The exact age of the spinning wheel is not known but is thought to be more than 100 years old. Mrs. Brown got possession of the spinning wheel during the civil war and since then it has been in the family. It was given to Mrs. Brown while she was in Tennessee during the war.

Mr. Walker plans to put the wheel in first class repair and place it on exhibition, at some local business house or at the next Brown County Fair.

FOR SALE—A few cars of dry cord wood; cut into blocks varying from 12 to 24 inches in length. Cut off the stump nearly two years ago and penned to dry. Mostly cedar elm; makes good heat. Price, \$8 per cord, carelessly measured, F. O. B. Comanche. No deliveries until after the first of January.—J. M. McCrary, Comanche, R. F. D. 6. Telephone 60. References either of the Comanche banks, or the county judge. W-4 tp.

These Merchants Give BROWNWOOD BLUE STAMPS

Hemphill Fain Company
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Mrs. Maurer's Bakery
Crow Battery & Electric Company
Harry L. Camp, Painting and Paper Hanging
Brownwood Mattress Factory.

Always Ask For Them

BAPTISTS HOLD COLLEGE MEET

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—(P)—Deliberations of the educational commission of the Baptist general convention when it met here today to consider suggestions of moving and consolidating various Baptist schools in the state were guarded carefully. What took place up to noon was not revealed. Among matters expected to be considered was a suggested removal of Baylor University from Waco to Dallas, and consolidation at Waco of a number of the smaller educational institutions.

Eighteen members of the committee were present, as were presidents of seven of the institutions involved. The presidents were excluded from part of the morning session.

Economy was said to be one argument in favor of the suggestions.

It was reported last week that Howard Payne College of Brownwood was to be consolidated with several other small institutions, the school to be located at Waco. President Edgar Godbold of

Howard Payne told The Bulletin that while such a suggestion had been made, nothing definite had been decided.

Dr. Godbold is in Dallas to attend the session.

TO HONOR WILSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(P)—The 71st birthday anniversary of Woodrow Wilson will be observed by the Woodrow Wilson foundation at a dinner tonight at which Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the late president's cabinet, will be the principal speaker. Winners in a prize essay contest on "What Woodrow Wilson means to me" in which 10,000 young men and women in the country participated, will be announced.

KILLS WIFE, SELF

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 28.—(P)—Embracing each of his six young children before drawing a revolver, John Terrano last night shot and killed his wife as the children ran terror-stricken from their home. Then he killed himself.

SAVE THE SURFACE

"My wife ran the car into a fence and knocked off some paint."
"Off what, your car or the fence?"
"Neither off my wife."—Passing Show.

SHOES ALL TOO SMALL

Sully Montgomery, former Centre football star and heavyweight fighter, reported recently to play with the former pupils of his high school in Ft. Worth. He couldn't play. No shoes big enough could be found for him.

At time you buy calomel ask for



The thoroughly purified and refined calomel combined with assistant and corrective agents. Nauseless—Safe—Sure

TO OUR PATRONS



This week marks a milestone in the passing of time and opens a vista into a New Year where the success of the passing years may even be bettered! To our many friends and loyal patrons we wish every happiness, success and prosperity! So ring out the old year and ring in the new!

We trust that you will give us an opportunity to serve you during the year 1928, and continue with your much appreciated patronage.

Yours For Better Groceries, at Economical Prices

Hooper's Cash Grocery

Corner Fisk and Baker
"Cash Is King"

SPECIALS Below

What You Pay at Other Stores

Heavy Fleece Lined Union Suits for old Men	\$1.25	Men's Extra Heavy Wool Socks, per pair	25c
Men's Ribbed Union Suits. Sizes 36 to 48	95c	Extra Heavy Brown Domestic, yard	10c
Boys' Extra Heavy Union Suits Fleece Lined	85c	Outing, dark color Per yard	10c
Men's Heavy Grey Wool Suits, \$20 grade for	\$12.50	50 Drummer Samples in Outing Gowns—	
Men's \$25.00 Blue Serge Suits	\$17.50	50c 75c 85c and 95c	

We Never Change or Break OUR RESOLUTION

When this organization was started 5 years ago we resolved "to do nothing but that which would acquire and maintain good will."

Our business course has never varied from this path we have marked off. And now, with the entrance of a new year we neither change nor break our resolution, but adhere to it steadfastly knowing that it has brought us success.

May your 1928 be everything you hope for.

ALLEN HARDWARE CO.

Hardware and Avery Implements

NORWOOD'S

Hickman Admits Killing Druggist In 126 Christmas Eve Hold-Up

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—(P)—Crimes.—The 19-year-old "Fox" obligingly admitted to police late last night that he had shot down Ivy Thoms, a Rose Hill, Calif., druggist in a gun fight while holding up Thoms' store on Christmas eve of 1926.

Hickman's newest confession, written in his own hand, implicated Welby Hunt, an Alhambra, Calif., youth in the drug store battle and in the theft of an automobile from Kansas City a few weeks previous. Hunt, arrested and questioned, admitted taking part in the holdup but denied any part in the actual

murder of Thoms. Digging into the records of the Hunt family, the police discovered that his grandfather, A. D. Driskell, a merchant in Alhambra, supposedly had committed suicide some time ago by jumping from the Pasadena bridge—a high structure from which many persons have made death leaps.

The newest confession not only reveals Hickman as a convicted murderer, but also one of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence. Hickman was regularly employed as a messenger by the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings Bank, of which Perry M. Parker, father of Marian, is an officer. He worked at the bank for a period of about two years, ending six months ago, when he was discharged after becoming involved in a forgery case. Hunt also is believed to have been employed by the bank, and to still be on the payroll of the institution.

The record of Hickman's outlawry shows that he continued work at the bank for about six months after the drug store killing, and on being caught in a forgery case, was given probation for the latter offense. He was 18 years old in December, 1926.

Note Is Probed

An alleged suicide note left by Hunt's father entered the new angle of the case when police announced it would be examined in an effort to determine whether it was real or forged. The elder Hunt had been rated as a man of some means and was before his death was taking to have transferred a large sum of money to the bank where his son was employed.

Police declared Hickman's latest confession was written by him in return for kindness bestowed upon him by jail officials here.

Throughout yesterday Hickman was treated the same as any other prisoner. He was given reading material and was asked frequently concerning his welfare.

Occasionally one of the jail officials would ask:

"Hickman, have you ever killed any one else?"

Hickman was standing with his arms resting against the bars of his cell door. He looked his jailers in the eye and with a faint smile turned away.

The jailers repeated the question and added:

"Hickman, you are going to die. Better let us know. Have you ever killed any one else?"

Hickman, according to the officers, turned suddenly and blurted out: "Sure!"

He asked for paper and pencil and began writing.

When he implicated Hunt, officers were sent out to bring the youth in.

First Denies Guilt

Hunt at first denied any knowledge of the crime charged to him. Newspaper files revealed that Thoms was shot when a police officer, J. W. Oliver, entered the store during the holdup. Oliver opened fire and the holdup men answered with their pistols. Thoms was shot in the chest and Oliver in the right hand. Thoms died the day after Christmas.

One of the holdup men was seen to stagger as the officer fired and was assisted to the waiting automobile by the other. Police last night declared they had found a scar on Hunt, which apparently had been caused by a bullet.

After the Rose Hill robbery Hickman said he and Hunt went to San Francisco, where they staged three robberies.

They stole four or five automobiles, later to abandon them and on January 15 returned by boat to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Carrie M. Briskell, grandmother of Hunt, also was brought to headquarters this morning for questioning.

Both Hickman and Hunt made their home with her in Alhambra a few weeks after the shooting. She denied a statement by Hickman that she had learned of their criminal activities.

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KIDNAPED GIRL SAFE, POLICE SEARCH FOR CONVICT ABDUCTOR

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Dec. 29.—(P)—With 11-year-old Evelyn Smith, of Oakland, the victim of California's second sensational kidnapping within the last two weeks, safe in the hands of county officers here today, a search was under way in this district for her accused abductor, Ernest Arthur "Robert" McClelland, a paroled convict.

Discovery of the small girl at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Spence at Redlands near here, last night revealed that she had been there since Monday night throughout the time when the search for her and her kidnaper was most intense.

The girl's story told of an automobile trip south from Oakland, beginning on the afternoon of Christmas day when McClelland obtained the consent of her parents for her to accompany him to Pasadena, where she said his "wealthy" mother would adopt her.

Evelyn told Redlands police that her first knowledge of the kidnapping came yesterday morning when she read of it in the newspaper. At that time both the girl and McClelland denied she had been kidnapped and stuck to her story that she was his sister whom he was taking to visit his mother. Fear that her kidnaper would carry out threats during the trip south kept her silent.

Evelyn told officers when at last they won her confidence. When confronted by newspaper accounts of the kidnapping yesterday morning, McClelland flew into a storm of denials and left the Spence home in his "borrowed" car, declaring he would "straighten this thing out," and return at noon to "tell them all about it."

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RAPID PRODUCTION OF NEW CHEVROLET WILL BE HERE JANUARY FIRST

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Promising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all time, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced here today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public January first.

In confirming reports that Chevrolet would very shortly introduce a new car of surpassing interest, W. S. Knudson, president of the Chevrolet Motor Company, declared that the official announcement covering all details of Chevrolet's sensational new product would come Sunday, January first. No details will be available until that time, he said.

Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new car since December 12. Factories in Flint, Mich., Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, N. Y., Janesville, Wis., and Norwood, Ohio, have been humming with activity, preparing for the highways the first of the new cars that promise to make motor car history in 1928.

Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15 so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introductory showing next Sunday. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection on January first. From Bangor, Me., to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new car that has caused so much discussion in the last few months.

This gigantic distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible only through the farseeing policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models of one make have been placed in dealers hands in such a limited space of time.

Cars will be ready for the boulevard and highways immediately after the first of the year. Production at the various assembly plants throughout the United States is racing along as fast as precision manufacturing will permit.

Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices here say that the new car will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as some of the outstanding features of the new Chevrolet line.

Many unlooked for changes have been made in the appearance of the car, according to reports, providing the new Chevrolet with a beauty and style appeal, unexampled in the low price field.

Without disclosing details, Chevrolet officials declared that the new cars would embody the results of 13 years experience and progress in the

building of low priced transportation. Lessons learned from millions of miles of testing on the General Motors proving ground have been brought to bear on the new product, officials declared. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded to be by a wide margin the greatest automobile ever offered by Chevrolet.

More than 5,500 newspapers across the entire country will assist through their advertising columns in broadcasting the announcement, which will take the form of one of the most comprehensive advertising campaigns ever attempted in the automobile industry. Every city, town and hamlet in the country will read the details of the 1928 Chevrolet on New Year's day.

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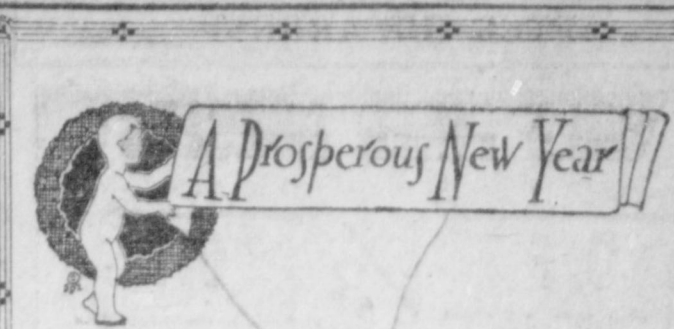
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PAULS VALLEY, Okla., Dec. 29.—(P)—At least eight persons were injured in a gas explosion that rocked Pauls Valley shortly after noon today.

The one story brick building occupied by the John Moore restaurant and the M. G. Cox Realty Co. was demolished.

Plate glass windows, two blocks away, were shattered.

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Why Boys Commit Most Brutal Crimes

By ALLENE SUMNER

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—(NEA)—Why do young men commit murder? Why is it that the most shocking crimes are so often committed by mere youths—young chaps who have hardly got the down off their chins?

The murder in Los Angeles of little Marian Parker raises the question.

Edward Hickman, a dapper young man of 19, was hunted throughout the country as the murderer. And his extreme youth has proved as much of a shock to the country as the brutality of his crime.

Most Dangerous Type
To science it is no surprise, however, for science knows that it is exactly the youth of

Hickman's type—very young, very dapper, very much the "sheik" type—that is the most dangerous.

Dr. George Reeve, head of the Criminal court psychiatric clinic here, and a nationally known psychiatrist, explains it.

"The most atrocious crimes are almost invariably committed by young people in the years of emotional instability—between adolescence and 25," he says.

"Youth performs the most unthinkable crimes. When these critical years are passed, if the emotionally defective person is still alive and at large, he has generally calmed down until, if not actually normal, he is much less of a menace to society.

"Criminal types are conscious of their maladjustment to other social beings and have keen feelings of inferiority. In an attempt to save their wounds for this feeling they cultivate artificial effects of superiority, such as being very careful about their grooming, wearing slick clothes, vasseling their hair, manicuring their nails and so on."

Hickman was what would be called a "personable young man" good company, in a crowd, fairly popular and, in fact, seeming some what above the average youth of his age in ability and appearance.

Under Strong Repression
"It is criminals of this very social environment who may run amuck the worst," says Dr. Reeve. "The very repressions of a high-class social group make their criminal desires accumulate all the more. If a criminal ran with a gang that indulged in offenses against society he could gradually work off this accumulated sense of repression by indulgence in minor vices."

"But if he is classed as a 'gentleman' he continues acting the part until some day the explosion comes with terrific results."

Hickman's crime is strikingly similar to the murder of young Bobby Franks by Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold in Chicago a few years ago, and between Hickman and Loeb there is also a sharp resemblance.

Both were about the same age when they committed their crimes. Each crime was startling, horrifying, and apparently senseless. Each was of the "sheik" type, and they have the same facial characteristics.

Dr. Reeve was interested in scanning photographs of the two young men.

Both are decided brunettes—big, flashing eyes, thick, black hair rising from high foreheads, prominent eyebrows, one eyebrow of which is at variance with the other; full, sensual lips and straight noses. Dr. Reeve quickly noted the variance in the eyebrows on each face.

Features Important
"A variance of one feature from a similar feature is technically known as a 'stigmata of degeneracy,'" he remarked. Then he added, with a smile: "However, one of the greatest psychiatrists I ever saw once told me that he could find on his own face every 'stigmata of degeneracy' of which the textbooks speak."

Dr. Reeve says that Hickman's milder crime of forgery, committed last spring, may have been merely an earlier indication of his social maladjustment, and that the fiendish murder was simply a major offense developing from the same abnormality.

"The desire for revenge is rather common," he said. "But no normal person would carry it to such an extreme. Even desire for revenge on the part of an abnormal being could hardly account for the dismembering and mutilation of the child's body."

"I would be inclined, on the face of the evidence, to explain it as the work of a sadist—a person who obtains certain satisfactions in cutting and inflicting pain. The fact that the dismembered parts were so carefully wrapped might bear this out. A sadist might show a cherishing of them in such a way. Then again, merely an attempt at concealment might be the motive here."

A Religious Fanatic
Hickman's interest in anatomy Dr. Reeve believes, as revealed by his former cell mate, would indicate sadistic references in his ransom notes to "God" and "soul" and "hell" would indicate a religious fanaticism which is often found in the "criminally deranged."

"By identifying themselves with Jesus Christ, who was also persecuted, defectives can explain their social maladjustment on the basis that they are misunderstood," he said.

In addition, the utter faith which Hickman's mother has in him, and her loyalty, intense even for a mother, indicate much, the psychiatrist thinks. He explains that intense mother love is lavished upon children whom even a parent recognizes as "different" and socially maladjusted.

The murder of Marian Parker was almost undoubtedly committed by a mad, Dr. Reeve thinks. Few crimes of this nature are ever committed by women; partly because women haven't the necessary strength or knowledge, and partly because a woman's instincts would rebel at such a crime.

"MYTH" MEMBER DIES

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Dr. Robert Alexander Savage, 82, last surviving member of the Order of Myths, one of the leading Madrigal societies, died here today. He signed the charter roll of the organization in 1840. He never missed a business day.

DEATH CLAIMS B. A. LUDLOW

B. A. Ludlow, 50, for the past quarter of a century a prominent citizen of Brownwood, both in the business and social world, died at eight o'clock Friday morning at the family residence, 309 Wesley Street. Death came following a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago, from the effects of which he had grown weaker each day. His wife and life-time companion and all of his children with the exception of Mrs. J. Z. Miller of Kansas City, were at his side when death came.

B. A. Ludlow was born in Handsboro, Mississippi, January 16, 1847, and deceased would have been 81 years of age on his next birthday. Mr. Ludlow came to Texas in early manhood and first settled in Bell county later coming to Brownwood in 1903. He was married to Miss Jessie Green in Belton, January 16, 1878, on his 32nd birthday. To this union five children were born, four of whom survive their father, the other having died in infancy. Those surviving are Mrs. W. D. Gully, Mrs. J. Z. Miller, III, of Kansas City, Miss Anna Ludlow of New York, and B. A. Ludlow, Jr., of Brownwood.

Mr. Ludlow came to Brownwood in 1903 and established his home and business here. Before his death Mr. Ludlow made the following statement relative to his selection of Brownwood as a home: "I came here because in my judgment Brownwood had a bright future, good schools and churches." Since coming to Brownwood Mr. Ludlow had been engaged in the cotton business and had been active until the past two or three years. Impaired hearing forced his retirement.

With Confederacy
While still a youth Mr. Ludlow took active part in the Civil War, having cast his lot with the Confederacy. He enlisted with Cobb's Scouts and saw much active service.

Deceased was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church of Brownwood and had been very loyal to the teachings and practices of the church of his choice. He was said. At one time he was a Knight Templar in the Masonic lodge but had taken little or no part in the work of the lodge the past few years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at three-thirty in the St. John's Episcopal Church, with Rev. John Power, rector, conducting the rites. Burial was made in Greenleaf following the services in the church.

In addition to his wife and children Mr. Ludlow is survived by a sister, Mrs. Kate Rucker of Kansas City, and four grandchildren, Helena, Jimmy and Joseph Miller, IV, children of Mrs. J. Z. Miller, III, of Kansas City, and W. D. Gully, Jr., of Brownwood.

Active pall bearers for the Ludlow funeral was: W. Lee Watson, Ed Gilliam, Jr., Rufus Peavy, Will Ellis, E. J. Robertson and Mr. J. Hall.

Honorary pall bearers were: Ed Gilliam, Sr., E. H. Lake, John McKee, Bob Prater, W. D. Armstrong, James J. Timmons, Joe Renfro, H. G. Lucas, John Neighbors, D. S. Greenwood, W. R. Scrimgeour, J. R. Looney, R. E. Lee, Walter U. Early, Ed G. Hall, Herbert Ragsdale, R. B. Rogers, Brooke Smith and J. A. Walker.

MORTUARY

DAVID M. SHUGART

David M. Shugart, age 75, died Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Koger, at 1509 Durham Street, with whom he had planned to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Shugart, with his wife, arrived late Thursday evening from their home in Eden, Texas, for a visit with their daughter and family. He died shortly after midnight.

Mr. Shugart was born in Tennessee, August 25, 1852, but had been a citizen of Texas for many years. Deceased was an active member of the Baptist Church and had been for many years.

Mr. Shugart is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. L. B. Koger, and a brother, Lee Shugart of Mineral Wells, and a son, J. G. Shugart of Mankin, Texas.

Funeral services were held in Eden Saturday morning at 10:30, and were conducted by Rev. W. L. Newton, deceased's pastor. The body will be taken to Eden early Saturday morning by the McInnis Undertaking Company.

Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH BAGLEY
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bagley, 67, died Friday morning at the home of her son, Carl Bagley, at 1520 Fisk Avenue. Mrs. Bagley was born in Mississippi, January 5, 1860, but had lived in Texas the greater part of her life, the last nine years of which had been spent in Brownwood. Mrs. Bagley was a consecrated Christian woman and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bagley leaves seven children and a host of grandchildren, to mourn her death and to carry out the teachings of a Christian mother and grandmother. Her seven children and other survivors are a living monument to her life's work. The children are Evan Bagley of Beeville, Texas; Harry Bagley of Bagley, Granville Bagley and Carl Bagley, all of Brownwood; Ross Bagley of Nacogdoches, and Mrs. Roy Tate of Brooksmith. Other relatives are Mrs. J. J. Mayes of Austin and Mrs. G. W. Hitchcock of Brownwood, sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. from the residence at 1520 Fisk Avenue and were conducted by Rev. G. E. Cameron, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial was made in Greenleaf.

JAMES HARVEY MALCOM

James Harvey Malcom, 75 years old, died at his home, 1706 Durham St. at 9:35 o'clock Friday morning following a long illness, he having been confined to his bed for the last fourteen months as a victim of creeping paralysis. His death came peacefully, his spirit leaving the frail body and passing on to the Father, while the devoted wife and son stood by his side.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church, with the pastor, W. B. Gray, D. D., in charge and interment made in Greenleaf cemetery. Pall bearers included J. A. Langtry of Bangs, V. E. Wood, W. W. McCullough, R. G. Hallum, L. D. Walker, Sr. and James C. White.

James Harvey Malcom was born at Marysville, Tennessee, July 2nd, 1852, and was past 75 years of age at the time of his death. He was married to Martha C. McCulley at Marysville, January 14, 1875, and to this union there were born three children, all of whom, together with Mrs. Malcom, survive him. The children are Mrs. W. P. Logan and Fred H. Malcom of Brownwood and Lon O. Malcom of Dallas.

Mr. Malcom and family moved to Texas forty-three years ago, and for fifteen years made their home in Ennis. They moved to Brownwood in January, 1900, and have made their home here since that time. Until his health failed he was engaged in the general mercantile and in the grocery business, but for several years past had been unable to take an active interest in business affairs on account of his failing health.

Mr. Malcom was a veteran of the Knights of Pythias lodge, that being the only fraternal order to which he belonged. He was a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church and to his church had given his most devoted service. He joined the church nearly 50 years ago, and for 42 years had been a deacon, both here and at Ennis, Texas. He came from a family of Southern Presbyterians, his two grandfathers, two cousins, and one uncle having been Presbyterian elders. Members of the local Presbyterian church will fondly cherish his memory gratefully for his many years of faithful service to the church and to the Master whom he loved and honored.

J. C. HOOD

J. C. Hood, age 66, a pioneer resi-

dent of Brownwood, died at his home on Austin Ave. at 10 o'clock Monday night of acute indigestion, after an illness of only about 40 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood had been in Fort Worth for a Christmas visit with their daughter. He was in his usual good health, appearing well and hearty to the time of the fatal attack at about 9:20.

Mr. Hood was born at Carpenter, Mississippi, April 5, 1861. He came to Texas about forty-one years ago, locating in Milam county, where he spent one year, and the following year came to Brownwood. This place he continued to make his home until the time of his death, having been a well known citizen here for the last 40 years. He was married here in 1888 to Miss Mildred Osburn, who survives him.

Besides his wife, Mr. Hood is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hill of Fort Worth, and three sons, C. B. and W. C. Hood of Brownwood, and E. J. Hood, student at Georgia Tech. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Mr. Hood for many years had been a leader in the work of the Coggin Avenue Baptist church, of which he was a faithful member. He and his family also have been prominent in the Baptist activities of this part of the state and his unexpected death comes as a severe blow to the countless friends with whom he has been associated through a long period of years.

The funeral services were held from the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. C. V. Carroll was in charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. W. R. Hornburg, pastor of the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment in Greenleaf cemetery.

The services were delayed on account of the absence of the youngest son, Elbert J. Hood, who came in from California.

Active pall bearers for the Hood funeral were Howard Ehrke, O. B. Fomby, George Baugh, John T. Yantis, W. A. Bell and Henry Hughes. Honorary pall bearers: Mark E. Ragsdale, J. R. Looney, J. D. Brown, M. Romines, George Kidd, O. W. McDonald, J. B. Sellman, Charles Sivells, J. T. Walker, J. W. Keith, J. W. Bennett, Jim Whaley, J. R. Lewis, W. M. Baugh, George Guilliams, Will McCulley, Jim McCulley, Henry Springer, E. T. Jolie, L. Williams, S. E. Reed, Wallace Coyle, Charles Gilliam, Calvin Gil-

liam, Frank Emison, W. Muck Johnson, Joe E. Diddy, Charles Gray, L. P. Allison, A. L. Taylor, A. D. Bruce, R. K. Hallum, Charles Hallum, D. S. Camp, J. E. Smith, J. L. Morgan, W. H. Daniel, Fred White, W. H. McKnight, I. A. Hicks, W. E. McNeese, Bluford Adams and Earl Looney.

INFANT BARRON

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Barron of the Elkins community, died fifteen minutes after birth in a local hospital Monday night. Burial was made in Greenleaf Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Lometa Man Says He Was First to Ship Mistletoe

LOMETA, Dec. 27.—(Sp.)—Bob Hines of Lometa declares the car of mistletoe recently shipped from Brownwood to eastern Christmas markets is not the first to go from Texas by any means.

Recently there appeared a story in The Bulletin of Brownwood stating that Sam H. Bass, Santa Fe agent of Brownwood, had shipped a car of the aid-to-kissing plant.

In 1913 Mr. Hines shipped a car of mistletoe to Philadelphia and another car to the same place in 1915. The first shipment consisted of 187 crates and reached destination too late for the holidays; and the other car was composed of 142 crates and was wrecked before reaching its destination and was ruined. He paid 3 cents per pound for it and didn't receive a thin dime for either car. Mr. Hines is of the opinion that if the Brownwood shipment didn't bring more money than his did back in 1913 and 1915, the mistletoe industry would certainly die in its infancy.

UTICA, Mississippi, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Nellie Cagle, 15, was shot and killed here yesterday when she refused to marry Arch Anderson, 17. Anderson turned his gun upon himself and died within a few feet of where the girl fell dead from bullet wounds he had inflicted according to police.

The compression ratio of an engine means the ratio of total cylinder volume to combustion chamber volume.

San Angelo Store to Be Tallest in West half of Texas

What is cited as West Texas' largest department store is to be erected at San Angelo by the Baker-Hemphill Company, according to announcement in the San Angelo Standard. The building will be five stories high, a lot 75 by 100 feet in size, and will be equipped with the most modern furnishings and fixtures. The building is to be occupied by the Baker-Hemphill concern, who is affiliated with the Hemphill-Fain Company here and other big concerns in the western part of the state.

In the development of the new store, according to the announcement by VM, Hemphill, new departments will be added to the business, and every department will be expanded.

The new building will be the tallest business house occupied by a single firm in the western half.

Goldwaite Man Bemes Partner Judge McGaugh

R. L. Gaugh of Brownwood and J. C. Froch of Goldwaite have formed a partnership for the general practice of law, with offices to be located at 401-2-3 First National Bank building. The partnership will commence January 1, 1928.

McGaugh commenced practicing Brownwood in 1904, and held the post of city attorney, city judge and county attorney for six years. He is a partner with T. C. Wilkins, Sr. for ten years.

J. Darroch has been practicing law since 1908, is a graduate of the law department of the University of Texas, and has been practicing in Goldwaite the last sixteen years. He was county attorney of Mills county for a number of years and a member of the Legislature of that district for two years. Mr. Froch is a highly respected citizen of the best lawyers in this part of the country.

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County Notes

BANGS

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Brubaker and son left Friday for their home at Elberta, after more than a month's stay in Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith and sons of Austin, came in Christmas morning for a visit to Mrs. Smith's parents and other relatives. They left their home in Austin Saturday night at 11 o'clock, arriving here before daylight, driving in the rain most all the way.

C. B. Guyer and family spent Christmas with relatives in Proctor. Miss Ruth Cole returned to her home in Brownwood Tuesday after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Smith visited relatives at Grosvenor during the holidays.

Misses Bernice and Bird Whitely, teachers in the school at Pampa, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Blanch Vandiver spent the holidays visiting in Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Davis and daughter visited Mrs. Davis' sister at Rogers during the Christmas holidays.

Rev. W. L. Daniel, wife and daughter and grand-daughter spent Christmas with relatives at Stephenville.

Mrs. Bert Penhale and children of Brownwood are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chestnut.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson of near Coleman spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson.

L. D. Sanderson and family spent Christmas with his brother at Eastland.

L. G. Porter was called to Cisco to identify the man who was wounded in the bank robbery there, but when he got there the man had been carried to Eastland and from there to Fort Worth.

Miss Hazel Bettles of Rising Star is spending the holidays with Misses Ethel Lee and Anna Wilson.

Charlie Owen of Ozona spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Miller and family spent Christmas with his mother at Trichman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mosier of Mehard spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mrs. Bessie McGill and daughters returned to their home in Brownwood after spending the holidays with Mrs. W. T. Jackson.

The following program was rendered at the Baptist church Christmas morning:

Opening chorus, "Hail Christmas Day."

Recitation, "Song of Angela," by Noble Lee Sivells; Melba Walker; Johnnie Lee Allison.

Lullaby, "Pantomime," by Maude Lou Swinson, Lonella Seale and Mary Louise Smith.

Earth's Savior, by Veda Tesson.

Primary Song, "Aren't You Glad to Hear the Bells?"

Matthew 2:1-14, by Intermediate boys.

Gates of Gold, solo, by Lela Dale Gibson, chorus, sung by Intermediate girls.

Good Cheer Drill, by Watts Pulliam, Clara Rachel Jenkins, Helen Hardwick, Mable Fitzgerald, Johnnie Lee Allison, Walker.

Legend of the Christmas Tree, by Kathryn Ashcraft.

Song, Christmas Roses, by Noble Lee Sivells, Gladys Dorsett, Alene Fitzgerald.

Acrostic "Sunshine,"

Primary girls.

Chorus, "Welcome the King."

"We Bring Our Gifts," E. J. Ashcraft, Vernon Roland, Horace Wilson.

Prayer, by Superintendent.

Offering, for Buckner Orphan's Home.

The whole Sunday school had an opportunity this year to help Santa Claus come to Buckner Orphan's Home. A tiny chimney, representing the chimney of Buckner Orphan's Home, and down this every one dropped their offering.

Closing prayer by Urban Schulz.

The program was well rendered and all present felt that a very profitable hour had been spent. Each one seemed happy to realize in their hearts that they were making some children in the orphan home happy.

The Methodist people came from their church and enjoyed the program, which was greatly appreciated by the Baptist people.

Walter Bowden of Rising Star is visiting his mother, Mrs. Maurice Bell.

C. B. Guyer and brother made a business visit to Coleman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allcorn had as their Christmas guests all of their sons, Jule of Eastland, Hope of Waco, Barrett of Comanche, Clarence of Brownwood and Hugh Lee of this place.

W. L. Walker and family of Hatchell are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Tom Martin on their way to Houston to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs Conlee are rejoicing over the arrival of a new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald are moving to Jordan Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McKnight of Mt. Zion will occupy the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibben and son of Hamlin were visitors in the home of Mrs. Gignens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Preston.

Mrs. Joe Southern of Oklahoma City was the guest in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leve Spain.

Miss Helen Walker of Lubbock is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tom Martin.

Mrs. Merle Brooks and son of Lubbock are visiting relatives.

John Spain and son, Archie of Childress visited Mr. Spain's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Spain during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Taylor visited Mrs. Taylor's mother at Mullin Christmas day.

Mrs. John Allison had as her holiday guests all of her sisters and brothers and mother of Brownwood.

Miss Lois Bird is visiting friends in Rogers.

Mrs. E. A. Taylor was the guest of her daughters, Mrs. D. H. Peoples and Mrs. Edw. Nix of Brownwood Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Miller of Caldwell came in Tuesday on a business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Rails are visiting relatives here.

The Christmas tree at the Methodist church was well attended and highly enjoyed by the children of the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools. Every feature of the program was well carried out and reflected credit on the committees in charge.

On December 21st at the High school auditorium a play entitled, "The Little Clothopper" was presented to the public by the faculty of Bangs school. A good crowd was present, considering there was snow on the ground. The net proceeds amounted to \$89.50. Superintendent Wedgeworth as "Septimus Green" and Mrs. Roy Matthews as "Judy" played unusually strong parts while

Edwin Harris played the city dude so well that the audience was constantly in laughter.

The close of school for the holidays was the occasion of much merrymaking among the pupils. Santa Claus visited the building where trees were found for each department. Many useful pretty little gifts were received while some cunning hoodies especially for the teachers were in evidence. School will begin again January 2nd and it is hoped for each and every one a very successful year.

An old folks party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris December 23. About two dozen old sports renewed their acquaintance with the old-fashioned games of other days. Mrs. Dolph Cook, mother of Mrs. Harris being chief coach in these games.

The families of L. N. and Lee N. Yarbrough spent Monday, December 26 at M. W. Wilson's home in the Salt Branch community. A huge turkey, a whole baked ham, and all the accompaniments comprised a dinner long to be remembered by those present.

Miss Ernestine Mayes of Copperas Cove is spending the holidays with Mrs. Lee N. Yarbrough.

Zephyr

Leslie Kimbrell of Lubbock is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kimbrell.

Mrs. Goodnight of Dallas is visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Ernest Locks and little daughters, June and Lucile, left on Thursday for Austin where they will spend a few days.

Wesley Cobb of Shallowater is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cobb.

Harvey Dudley returned home from the Plains Thursday where he has been at work.

Miss Ina Piller of Austin is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Piller.

J. L. Boland made a business trip to Brownwood Thursday.

Jerry Brucher of Brownwood is spending a few days visiting at this place.

Walter Reasoner, who has been working at Lubbock, returned home Thursday morning to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Donley and daughter, Violet, of Galveston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. Reasoner of this place.

Joe Parker, who has been in Austin, returned home for Christmas Friday night.

Miss Edith Piller of Shallowater is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Piller.

Baley Renfro of Rio Grande Valley is visiting his father, Mr. Sam Renfro.

Miss Ina Wood of Sweetwater is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood.

Miss Nona Cobb of Rochelle is spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cobb.

Miss Bernice Morris is visiting relatives and friends of this place.

Messrs. Melton and Mackey Reasoner are spending the Christmas holidays with homefolk.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Page and family passed through Zephyr on their way to spend Christmas in Winters.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Brownwood spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Dabney.

George Cole and family were in Zephyr Sunday.

Miss Debbie Askew of Brownwood spent Christmas Day with Miss Janie Cheaser.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Piller of Oklahoma spent the holidays with Mr. Piller's father, J. W. Piller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon of Green's Chapel spent Christmas with Mrs. Brandon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Gist.

Miss Elsie Braddock of Abilene is spending a few days with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Braddock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Piller of Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Piller of this place.

Clarence Knight of Brownwood was in Zephyr on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Piller of Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham of this place.

Harvey Keesler was in Grosvenor on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marble of Brownwood are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cole at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Good Graves and family of Desdemona are visiting Mr. Graves' sister, Mrs. Z. B. Coffey.

Miss Marzelle Boland spent the week-end in Mullin visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graves of O'Donnell are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockett of Mullin were in Zephyr Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Petty and daughter, Aurilla, were shopping in Brownwood Friday.

Rev. Capps preached at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmings Graves of Brownwood were in Zephyr on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson of Brownwood were visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thorpe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyle Jolly of Temple are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton of this place.

Mrs. Newman and son, J. T. of Brownwood were visiting in Zephyr on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Graves were visiting in Zephyr Sunday.

Alvin Cunningham of Brownwood was visiting in Zephyr Sunday.

Mrs. William Hooper and son were visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cole on Sunday.

Dr. A. M. Neal left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Black of Brownwood were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dabney of this place.

L. C. Ratliff of New Mexico is visiting at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Petty of Brownwood were visiting Mrs. Petty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton, Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Dabney.

Miss Vera Chessar of Mullin is visiting her cousin, Marzelle Boland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter of Merkel spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton.

Jess Blackburn of Dallas is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. H. Scott.

Miss Azalee Spurlock of Junction is spending the holidays with homefolk.

Mrs. W. F. Tunnins and son, James, were in Zephyr on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ratliff and family spent Christmas Day in Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Locks and family were in Mullin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Forsythe and daughter, Eva Jack, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quill of Eastland are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Quill.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Harper of Goldthwaite are visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Gist of this place.

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BLANKET

Union Junior Christian Endeavor Program for Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928

A short devotional program will be carried out first.

Leader, Irene Falls.

Opening song, 186.

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 26:31-46.

Sentence Prayers.

Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

The Lord's Prayer repeated by all.

Business Session.

This is the time for election of officers and all members of the Endeavor are urged to be present.

Miss Yuba Southerland of Miles spent Christmas here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

Claud Moore of Abilene came in Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Raymond Tidwell who is attending John Taylor College spent the holidays here with homefolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart spent Christmas Day with relatives in Comanche.

Miss Flora Smith who works in the Brownwood News office spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Smith.

Rev. Capps filled his regular appointment in the Zephyr Methodist Church last Sunday.

Roy Yantis, who is attending John Taylor College is home for the Christmas holidays.

Sunday afternoon a number of the Christian Endeavor children went calling on the shut-ins of the town and also visited some who were not shut in. They enjoyed making the visits and plan to do more of this work next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deen of Brownwood spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Deen and Mr. and Mrs. Whit Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hicks took Christmas dinner with their son, Will Hicks and family.

Dr. Woods of San Antonio was here the first of the week visiting his father, Rev. Woods and his sisters, Miss Loretta Woods and Mrs. Bryan Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Riddle and family of De Leon spent Christmas Day with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson.

Grandfather Henderson spent Christmas here with his son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stewart of Brownwood spent Monday here with Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Deen.

Misses Cecil and Lucille Groce of San Antonio were here during the holidays, the guests of Miss Loretta Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore and little daughter, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore.

Misses Mary and Sarah Smith came home from their schools to spend the holidays with homefolk.

Miss Marie Smith of Houston and Mrs. Lane of Miles, were here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haddon of Ft. Worth were here the first of the week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gooch spent several days here with Mrs. Gooch's mother, Mrs. Mary Baker and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lacy spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lacy.

Rev. J. B. Henderson was on the sick list the first of the week. We hope he soon recovers.

Glen Moore came in Sunday to spend a few days here with his parents.

Nat Franklin, who attends College in Stephenville is home for the holidays.

Miss Deene Reeves, who is one of the teachers in the Rochelle school came home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Richardson of Mineral Wells are here visiting Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young Hester and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Patterson of Post are visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Bettis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faulkner and family visited his mother, Mrs. Mollie Faulkner during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton of Comanche visited here during the holidays.

Miss Novella Richmond, who teaches in the Lubbock school is here visiting homefolk.

Miss Ethel Baker, one of the teachers in the Willsboro school, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baker.

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Miss Bonnie Baker one of the teachers at Rising Star spent the holidays here with her parents and other relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Williams went to Glen Rose, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sumner and children, of Eldorado, are here for the holidays with relatives.

Miss Vada Franklin, who teaches in Bangs visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Franklin this week.

Miss Melba Bettis a teacher in the Bangs school spent the holidays here with homefolk.

Mrs. Grover Dabney gave a birthday dinner to her mother, Mrs. Wes Dameron, last Sunday. Quite a crowd of relatives enjoyed the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Turney and family are here visiting relatives.

Mr. Griffin and son, Martin, are here the guests of his daughter, Mrs. C. Eoff and family.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon of last week in their first business meeting having just been organized the Sunday before. After a short devotional conducted by the president, Miss Stella Moore, a very enthusiastic business session was entered into. Their time of meeting was set for 2:30 p. m. each Tuesday.

The union Christmas tree was a great success from start to finish. A short but interesting program was rendered at the beginning then Old Santa came rushing in and greeted every one in his cheerful happy way. He was a little late in getting here but he explained to the children that he had to stop to see the folks in Comanche before making this place and his explanation was perfectly satisfactory with them. After all the presents had been delivered quite a crowd of little folks rushed up to thank him for their many toys and goodies. He told them he had them to rush on and see some more children who were looking for him in Hattie. All enjoyed the time very much.

Last Sunday night there was a pageant service in the Baptist church. The name of the pageant was "Joyful Voices" whose theme is the birth of Christ. The pageant opened when the choir entered from a Sunday school room back of the pulpit. They were led by Mrs. Bob Swart in the beautiful song, "Unfold, O Portals of the Past." When the choir had assembled, Rev. J. B. Henderson, pastor of the Baptist Church read part of the second chapter of Matthew. Miss Loretta Woods representing Judea was the reader for the entire program. Mrs. Bob Swarts and Miss Delphia Chastain sang a beautiful soprano and alto duet. Mrs. Eoff was soloist. Messrs S. E. Lacy, D. C. Nix and A. M. Ratto representing the Three Wise Men, W. F. Boler, Ellis Bradshaw and Lloyd Henderson represented the shepherds. The prophets Isaiah, Micah and Malachi were also represented. Mrs. Henry Wilford beautifully represented Mary, Florence Reeves the Angel and Ruby Lee Henderson the Star. Each one on the program deserves special mention as they all carried out their parts so beautifully. Just before the closing song Rev. Woods led the congregation in prayer.

The entire pageant employs about 35 characters and was directed by Miss Loretta Woods.

Last Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The celebration was planned as a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of which she is president and has been for 27 years, made the arrangements, and brought the dinner. About eleven o'clock they began to come in and bring well filled baskets of all kinds of good things to eat. After dinner was served the ones present were counted and it was found that fifty-six were present. Quite a number came after this. About two o'clock the guests were all invited into the front room and a nice program was carried out. With Mrs. H. L. Moore at the piano several old hymns were sung. They were "Sometimes The Shadowy Are Deep," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Have Thine Own Way." Then Miss Flora Smith read "An Old Sweetheart Of Mine" by James Whitcomb Riley. Then Mrs. Phillips of Coleman and Miss Mary Smith sang "When You and I Were Young Maggie." Rev. Capps, pastor of the Methodist Church led in prayer and made it beautiful and fitting talk. Uncle Clifford then made a talk in which he told us some of his experiences in the last fifty years. Uncle Clifford and Aunt Alice as they are affectionately called have been living in Blanket 36 years and to know them is to love them. They were the recipients of a number of nice gifts. The out of town guests were: Mrs. Phillips of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jones of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Jones of Dallas; Miss Eubia Southerland of Miles; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gooch of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart and little son, of Brownwood; Mrs. Lane of Miles; Marie Smith of Houston; Mrs. E. E. Davis of Brownwood; Mrs. A. P. Routh of Abilene; Mrs. Cannafax of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCulley of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Smith received a telegram from friends in Houston and a telephone message from friends in Waco. At a late hour all bade them many more happy returns of the day.

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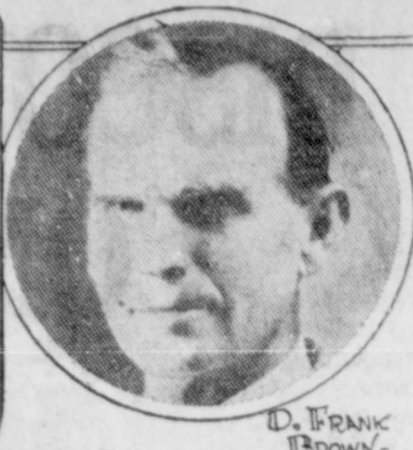
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A TRUE STORY THAT RIVALS FICTION



TWICE HE WAS SENTENCED TO DIE



D. FRANK BROWN



GAINED FAME AS AN ARTIST



SHE MET HIM AT THE RIVER

TEXAS COUPLE WED AFTER 40 YEARS SEPARATED BY LOVE ROW

AXAHACHIE, Tex., Dec. 27.—(P)—Take a lovers' quarrel in the young man leaves home, he'll never return—

Send him into Mexico, put him in front of a firing squad and have him escape death at the last minute—

Bring him back home years later, have him gain fame and fortune as an artist—

And, then, after 40 years have passed, have him meet his old-time sweetheart and marry her—

And you have all of the ingredients for a pretty fine story.

In this case the story happens to be true. It's the story of D. Frank Brown, artist and soldier of fortune, and Irene Rives, the sweetheart he found after 40 years of wandering.

Back in the '80's Brown and Miss Rives were sweethearts in the town of Florence, Tex. They planned to be married when they had finished school, but the girl's parents hated the two quarreled, and she left in a huff.

He wandered into Mexico and spent 15 years there, painting the towns. He went on into Central America, the West Indies, South America, and then returned to Mexico.

During the turmoil that followed the fall of Porfirio Diaz, Brown nearly lost his life. Twice he was seized by the Zapata band and condemned to be shot. On each occasion he escaped, the last time with a reward of 300 pesos on his head.

He had accumulated a fair-sized fortune during his wanderings, but the bulk of it was lost in the hurly-burly of Mexico's revolutions. Brown at length concluded that Mexico was too troublesome a country, so he returned to the United States and became a teacher of art at an eastern university.

During all of this time Brown and his former sweetheart had not heard of one another. Each had married once, but Brown's wife had died during his Mexican adventures, while Miss Rives' husband died in 1919. And the two former lovers often thought of one another.

So, last summer, Brown acted on impulse and wrote to the town of Florence to see if Irene was still alive.

Very quickly he got an answer. More letters were exchanged—and then Brown packed up and came to Texas.

Waiting for Him

Irene Rives met him at the dock at Galveston. The two had not seen one another for 40 years. A matronly woman and a grey-haired man, well on in middle age, had taken the place of the two youths who had been sweethearts so long ago.

But true love, as the story books say, can laugh at the passing of years. And Irene Rives and Frank Brown were married shortly after their reunion.

The two came to Waxahachie, Texas, people who had heard of their romance met them at the station and gave them an old-time charter. Brown, beaming with happiness, presented the city with a number of valuable paintings and announced he would make his home here.

Any day, after the work is done, Brown and his wife may be seen strolling down the city's streets, hand in hand. Their youth was spent years ago. But they don't seem to care.

meekness and the beginning in time, in the glory of motherhood, of the eternal mission of the Savior.

It is important in all our thought of Christ that we begin with facts and realities rather than with theories, for what men think about Christ has resulted from the impressions of his earthly life. Those who knew him and experienced the power of his salvation gave their impressions to the world, and these have come down to us in indelible records. But just because we are far away from the facts there is all the more need that we should not allow the modern theories of men to take the place of the knowledge of Jesus that is to be derived from the simple Gospel story.

We do not mean by this that theories or critical interpretations are unimportant. Each must evaluate these things for himself. But we do mean that beyond all theories and interpretations there are set before us clearly and simply in the Gospel records certain things that enable every man, even the lowliest, to form for himself a very definite portrait of the Christ.

And in that portrait we believe that every man who reads in sincerity and in truth with the desire to do justice to the simple facts, even though he may not come to orthodox in his theories or his doctrines, will establish as the supreme thing the goodness of Jesus, the complete and uncompromising passion of his whole being to do the Father's will in proclaiming and practicing the love of that Father who "maketh his sun to shine upon the evil and on the good and sendeth rain upon the just and unjust."

The Great Gospel

Here in our lesson we begin, however, rather with John the Baptist than with Jesus, though it is the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus. Every great gospel, in fact every great life, begins in preparation.

John the Baptist cannot be considered apart from Jesus, for in all his references to himself he emphasized the fact that he was a forerunner, that his mission was to prepare the way for a greater who should come after him. There is in this a very fitting suggestion for the new year?

If we are going to know Jesus better and more fully, if we are going to fulfill his purposes and live near to him, must we not begin in preparation? Will there not be value in going out into the wilderness with John, in hearing him as he speaks of repentance and the remission of sins, and in yielding to his words so that we may humble ourselves and become worthy of that Great One whom we desire to come and fill our lives?

Will it not be, perhaps, that in seeking the baptism of repentance we shall find that Jesus himself is joining our throng even as he came from Nazareth of Galilee to be baptized of John in Jordan? It is in the experience of the wilderness and under the quickening of the true repentance that we may find the revelation of glory in this great Savior, the lachet of whose shoes we like John, are unworthy to unlace.

It is not simply a way that is to be prepared for Christ; the heart must be prepared, in humility and repentance, in which he would be received with joy and satisfaction.

SOAKING RAIN COVERS BROWN COUNTY AND BENEFITS ALL CROPS

Good rains fell in every part of Brown County Tuesday and throughout the Heart of Texas district as well as in other parts of the state, according to rain reports gathered by the West Texas Telephone Company Wednesday morning. The total precipitation in Brownwood was .80 inch and it is thought that equally as much rain fell in other sections of the county. Indian Creek, in the southern part of the county, Zephyr and Blaine, in the Eastern part of the county, May, Byrd and Thrifty in the north part of the county, and Bangs on the west line of the county received good rains, according to reports received.

Much benefit to crops throughout the county will be realized from the rains Tuesday due to the fact that the rain fell slowly, most of it soaking into the ground. Winter grain crops will be helped greatly by the rain, it is stated. Pastures will also be benefited.

Ballinger reports 70 of an inch, Brady 25 of an inch, while all other towns and cities in this section report good rains or showers. Cities reporting good rains, are: Blanket, Bronte, Byrd, Comanche, Dublin, Eden, Elkins, Grosvener, Goldwaite, Hamilton, Holder, Indian Creek, Lampasas, Lometa, Mullen, May, Rising Star, San Angelo, Winters and Zephyr. Cities reporting showers, are: Abilene, Burkett, Coleman, Colorado, Lubbock, Menard, Mercury, Santa Anna and Thrifty.

WILL RESUME "FOUR SQUARE" COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

The "Four Square" community campaign will be started again in Brown County, beginning next week. The plan combines the work of the County Demonstration Agent, Miss Malone, the Farm Demonstration Agent, Mr. Griffin, and that of the rural schools. Mr. Swindle, H. L. Gantz, field editor for Farm and Ranch, will assist in the organization of the community clubs.

Briefly stated, the plan provides for a boys' and girls' club, a state standard "A" school, a definite health campaign, and a joint community organization to carry out the work of the three divisions in one unit. No fees or dues are charged in any phase of the work. It is only educational in its nature and aims to build up a lively interest in all worthy activities in the communities, its sponsors explain.

Mr. Gantz will be here for one week, and probably longer, but it may not be possible for him to devote more than that time to this county. The itinerary of visits for the week will be as follows, and all interested people from other communities are cordially invited to attend these meetings also: Brooksmith, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 4; Zephyr, Wednesday evening; Chapel Hill, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5; Blanket, Thursday evening; Williams Consolidated, Friday afternoon, Jan. 6; May, Friday evening.

Mrs. Armstrong's Father Dies While Visiting Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Armstrong who were here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Armstrong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, were called to Fort Worth Saturday afternoon on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Wright Armstrong's father, L. W. Lusher, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At the time of his death Mr. Lusher was at the home of his aunt, a Mrs. Thomas, in Cleburne. He, with others, had just finished eating a Christmas dinner when death claimed him.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Armstrong left immediately after the news of her father's death had been received. Mrs. W. D. Armstrong did not go to Fort Worth until Monday morning, arriving there in time for funeral services Monday afternoon. Mr. Armstrong returned to Brownwood early Tuesday morning while Mrs. Armstrong will remain in Fort Worth several days.

SANTA VISITS SALT MOUNTAIN

J. Oscar Swindle, county school superintendent, attended a Christmas program at the Salt Mountain School Saturday night. Mr. Swindle states that a very interesting program was given on this occasion under the supervision of Miss Clarice Bettis, principal of the school.

Santa Claus was the most important personage attending the program. Here Saturday night, Mr. Swindle states, Old Saint Nicholas distributed the many presents from the beautifully decorated tree prepared for his arrival.

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FRISCO HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE, ONE HURT

Fire that apparently originated in the ceiling of the Frisco Cafe about two a. m. Tuesday completely destroyed the cafe and the Frisco Hotel, owned by J. W. Keith, causing a total loss of approximately \$23,000. The fire was first noticed by J. F. Mitchell, telegraph operator on duty at the Frisco station. Mr. Mitchell noticed the blazing building at 2:30; immediately turned in the fire alarm and rushed to the hotel to awaken the 24 occupants who were unaware of the danger. Mr. Mitchell's quick work no doubt, saved the lives of several occupants who barely escaped after being awakened.

Only one man, E. M. Boom, a Frisco passenger brakeman, sustained burns and injuries of any consequence. Mr. Boom was sleeping in an upstairs room and when awakened by the cries of "Fire" he found that only one avenue of escape was left to him, through a blazing hallway, into an adjacent room and out through a window. In dashing through the hall Boom sustained serious burns about the face and hands and in breaking through the window cut numerous gashes about his hands. He was given medical attention here and was taken to Fort Worth where he will be placed in a hospital. His burns and injuries are not thought to be fatal.

Partially Insured
Mr. Keith, the owner of the hotel and cafe, places the total loss to buildings and contents at \$20,000.

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He carried \$5,000 insurance on the hotel building and \$2,500 on the contents. Guests of the hotel lost all the personal property they had with them, which included clothes, watches and money. Approximately \$300 in currency was burned. It is revealed, nine expensive watches were lost and other personal property totaling about \$2,000 went up in smoke. Only one guest was able to remove all personal belongings and he occupied a downstairs room near the front entrance. Some were able to grab a pair of trousers and other wearing apparel while others left the blazing building clad only in their night clothes.

A small building adjacent to the hotel, used by Winfield Nix as a residence, was partly burned and a Chevrolet car owned by Mr. Nix was also destroyed. It is understood that Mr. Nix carried \$300 insurance on the car. The building belonged to Mr. Keith, the owner of the hotel and cafe.

Origin Unknown

The cafe had been closed about one and a half hours when the fire was first noticed. No one has been able to determine how the fire originated.

Mr. Keith stated Tuesday that he would likely rebuild at an early date. The hotel and cafe served Frisco train employees who spend a few hours in Brownwood each day. The cafe was the official eating place of all trainmen and it will be necessary to provide a place for them at once, Mr. Keith states. No specific plans have been made for rebuilding, nor is it sure that he

will rebuild, but Mr. Keith expects to replace the two-story frame building with a modern brick structure.

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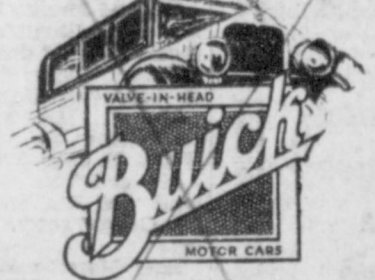
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Assault Charge Filed Against Chief of Police

T. A. "Red" Morris signed a complaint in justice court Wednesday against Chief of Police George A.

Guilliams, charging the Chief with a simple assault. No disposition has been made of the case, according to the records of justice court.

Morris, the complaint alleges that Chief Guilliams committed a simple assault on him Saturday, December 24th. On that day Chief Guilliams arrested Morris, lodged him in the city jail and filed charges against him for drunkenness. Morris entered a plea of guilty to the charge and later paid a fine.

Morris resisted arrest and threatened to "whip" Chief Guilliams. It is stated, and it became necessary to use force in order to place Morris under arrest. Mr. Guilliams stated in giving a report of the incident, the charges of simple assault against Mr. Guilliams were filed by Morris following this difficulty.



The old year, with its many achievements, and probably a few disappointments, is passing and in reflection there may be here and there a pang of regret. Some of our favorite enterprises may have not materialized as we would have preferred. But as a whole it has been a pretty good year.

However, it looking forward to the advent of the new year there seems much for pleasant anticipation. One of resolutions is that we will conduct our business on a plane of service to our customers. Other things are secondary. It is our purpose to adhere to this policy.

We are deeply appreciative of the splendid business given us during the year 1927. In many respects it has been a banner year for us. So let us greet the new year with confidence and faith in our fellowmen.

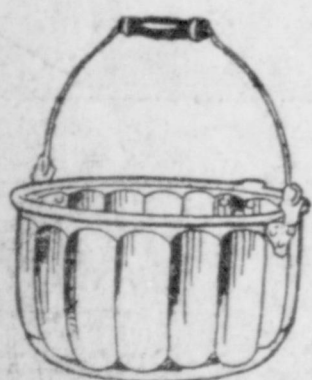
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BAPTIST PLAN FOR COLLEGES NOT COMPLETE

The only definite decision reached was that the Baptist Church is going to continue in the Christian education business in Texas, said Dr. Edgar Godbold, president of Howard Payne College, this morning upon his return from Dallas where he and other Baptist college heads were in conference this week. The purpose of the conference was to discuss plans for a reorganization of all the Baptist colleges of Texas, to promote efficiency and economy in their operation. Included in the plans discussed were proposals for the removal of several of the schools including Baylor University and Howard Payne College.

"We have no idea whether Howard Payne is to be moved from Brownwood," said Dr. Godbold this morning. "Something must be done, not only for Howard Payne but for all our colleges, because none of them is receiving the kind of moral and financial support that is required and a reorganization of the whole Baptist school system has become necessary."

Will Take Time

"One thing is sure, however, and that is that the work that is now before us can not be done in a day. Two or three years, or longer, will be required to work out the plans and put them into operation. Our committees have reached no conclusions further than that we are to continue our efforts to give Baptist young people the advantages of Christian education, and many conferences will be necessary to develop the remainder of the reorganization plan."

The Dallas conference this week was held behind closed doors, and no reports were available for the newspapers until its close. Dr. Godbold has furnished The Bulletin with the following report which was given out by the conference chairman, which is of particular interest to the people of this territory:

Official Report

"The commission on the relocation and consolidation of Southern Baptist educational institutions in Texas, as has several weeks and probably several months work ahead of it before any definite recommendations will be made. It was indicated at the close of an all-day executive session of the commission Tuesday at the First Baptist Church. The commission met in the morning and adjourned at 7 p. m. subject to the call of its chairman, H. L. Kolkert of San Antonio. Nearly all of the eighteen members were present.

"Cullen F. Thomas, member of the commission, speaking in behalf of the commission at its request, made the following statement at the close of the meeting:

"The commission devoted the entire day to earnest consideration of the welfare of all Baptist educational institutions in Texas. The members seek all information available from every source. Today they were favored by the appearance of the presidents of the various denominational schools and had the benefit of their long experience in educational affairs.

No Definite Action Taken

"No definite action of any kind was taken toward disturbing the present location or existing status of any one of the Baptist schools, high or low.

"The problems confronting the

commission are too serious for a half-baked decision or hasty action. All rumors of the early removal or relocation of any Baptist institution are untimely and unauthorized.

The members of the commission are engaged in a careful survey of the whole problem of Christian education under modern conditions. They recognize the rapid changes in the field of education during this generation. They are confronted with the new situation brought about in Texas by the ever-increasing number of splendid State schools including high schools, junior colleges and teachers' normals, with the State University as the capstone of the system.

Members of the commission are concerned not only in denominational advancement, but as lovers of Texas hope to further the support of first-class Christian schools as training camps for Christian citizenship in our complex civilization. They are thinking in terms not only of today but of the long tomorrow.

"In the very nature of things, no definite developments or recommendations can follow without long investigation and protracted deliberation."

"The commission adjourned with no definite date fixed for another session."

RUM KILLS SEVEN

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 28.—(P)—Poisonous alcohol took at least seven lives in Winnipeg since yesterday.

Of the seven dead, five succumbed from the effects of "liquor," consumed at a party last night in the Chinese quarter of the city.

The Permian Basin of West Texas added 19 new wells last week.

MILE-A-MINUTE CARS TO BE EXHIBITED BY STUDEBAKER DEALERS

On January 2, Brownwood will have an opportunity to see "in person" one of the two stock Studebaker Commander Sport Roadsters, each of which recently traveled 25,000 miles in less than 23,000 consecutive minutes at the Atlantic City Speedway, according to E. J. Ball, local Studebaker-Ensline distributor.

It will be driven here by Ralph Hepburn, the man who drove the winning Commander in the stock car race at the Atlantic City Speedway on Labor Day averaging 85.95 miles per hour for 75 miles. Hepburn will arrive in Brownwood and will drive direct to the showrooms of the B. & H. Motor Co.

"Nothing else on earth ever traveled so far so fast," said Mr. Ball in commenting on "The Commander's" 25,000-mile run. "The two Commander Sport Roadsters finished the test on November third, after each had traveled 25,000 miles at a speed of 65.31 miles per hour. This average is computed on the elapsed time between the start and finish of the run and includes all time taken out for gasoline, oil and water replenishments.

"There were three cars entered and all of them averaged better than a mile a minute speeds. The third car, a Commander Sedan, finished the 25,000 miles in 24,200 minutes.

"The entire run was made under the supervision of the Contest Board

of the American Automobile Association who check and time all official records in the United States. The cars that made this astounding mileage were of strictly stock design—the same as sold by Studebaker dealers all over the United States. After the race the cars were completely torn down by the Technical committee of the American Automobile Association, examined and checked against factory specification for stock cars. They were pronounced strictly stock models in every respect.

"It is hard to even imagine such an accomplishment as this one," added Mr. Ball. "If Col. Lindbergh were to have flown his 'Spirit of St. Louis' 25,000 miles he would have had to make his New York-to-Paris hop no less than 5 times.

"You may not be interested in the high speed which The Commander is able to maintain for long distances. But you are interested in the sturdy design which made possible better than a mile a minute for a distance equivalent to a circuit of the world at the equator."

MORTUARY

W. L. LYLE

W. L. Lyle, age 77, former citizen of Brownwood and a former employee of The Brownwood Bulletin as a printer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. D. Porter, 903 Main Street, Wednesday night. Mr. Lyle, with his wife, came to Brownwood to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughters, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. D. F. Abney and Mrs. E. E. Chandler, also to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Lyle became ill a few days after coming to Brownwood and rapidly

grew weaker until death claimed him.

W. L. Lyle was born September 21, 1850, in Marion, Arkansas, but had been a citizen of Texas the greater part of his life. During all the active years of his life Mr. Lyle had been engaged in the printing business, having published several papers during his career. About 20 years ago he was employed by The Bulletin as a printer but since then had made his home in Mt. Pleasant, where he followed his trade until retiring a few years ago.

W. L. Lyle and Miss Ella Crowder were united in marriage December 25th, 1877, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. To this union were born six children, all of whom survive their father. The children are W. L. Lyle, Jr., of Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Sadie Shumway of Waco; Mrs. E. E. Chandler, Mrs. D. F. Abney and Mrs. D. D. Porter of Brownwood, and Mrs. Jeffrey Johnson of Dallas. In addition to his wife and children he is also survived by eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Lyle was a member of the Christian Church, his membership being with the Mt. Pleasant First Christian Church. He was also a member of the Masonic lodge, his membership being with the Mt. Pleasant lodge. In his early manhood Mr. Lyle was a captain with the Texas Rangers, having served with that illustrious organization during its days of greatest glory.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the McInnis Funeral Chapel and will be conducted by Rev. C. A. Johnson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Brownwood. Burial will be made in Greenleaf. Pall bearers for the services will be furnished by the local Masonic lodge.



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