

ALWAYS REMEMBER.
Cheering the sick and low spirited
is as much charity as giving money to
a deserving institution. Do some in-
trospection before finding fault with
your neighbors.

THE WEATHER
West Texas—Tonight and Wed-
nesday, fair weather.

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HAS DEAL FOR HAMON-KELL LINE FAILED?

REDWINE OF EASTLAND IS PARDONED BY "MA"

Census Shows Only 2,227 Remaining; Over 3,000 Turned Loose

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—Granting 26 clemency proclamations today, Governor Ferguson's pardon record passed the three thousand mark, and with two weeks to remain in office, it may climb to still higher figures, it was predicted.
The population of the state penitentiary is the lowest in years and totals 2,227. The governor has granted 3,020 pardons so far during her term of office.
Jewell Redwine formerly of Eastland county serving a term of 18 years on a charge of murder was among the ones to receive executive clemency. Redwine killed Hulon Ellis at Gorman.
It will be remembered that Jewell Redwine was given a conditional pardon by W. P. Hobby, when he was governor. Subsequently, Neff rescinded the pardon granted by Hobby, and his return to the penitentiary was fought through the courts by Joe Burckett, attorney for Redwine. His pardon at this time was not unexpected. It is known that efforts have been made for sometime to get his release from the penitentiary. Family and friends have been active in the movement.

PRESIDENT'S SPOKESMAN DEFENDS ACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The United States government acquired the right to build a canal across Nicaragua and establish a base in Fonseca bay was stressed by President Coolidge's spokesman in justification of the administration's policy in the revolution torn Central American republic.
The American policy of protecting American lives and property endangered by revolutionary disturbances also was stressed by the spokesman in explanation of the occupation of three ports by American marines.
The president was desirous of the action taken to protect the canal rights and the individual lives in Nicaragua.

Hearing on Ford Tax Appeal Will Begin January 10

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.—Three members of the United States board of tax appeals will hear evidence here beginning Jan. 10, in the government's \$38,000,000 case against original stockholders in the Ford Motor company. The proceedings are expected to last a month.
Included among the defendants is United States Senator Couzens of Michigan, formerly a partner of Henry Ford. It is alleged by the internal revenue bureau, which Couzens has made the subject of an investigation that he owes \$10,000,000 as a result of his sale of Ford holdings seven years ago. The Ford Motor company is now owned exclusively by Henry Ford, his wife, and by Edsel B. Ford, their son and president of the company.
Hearings on the appeals in these cases will be conducted by John J. Marquette, John M. Sternhagen and Ernest Van Fossan, designated by the board of tax appeals to take preliminary testimony. Final hearings will be held in Washington, following which defendants adversely affected may petition for trial by jury.
Counsel for the defendants include two former presidential candidates, John W. Davis and Charles Evans Hughes.

Gilmer Suffers Heavy Fire Loss No Equipment

GILMER, Texas, Jan. 4.—In the absence of fire-fighting equipment all of the buildings on the west side of the railroad, except the warehouse and blacksmith shops were burned today.
Four stores and the postoffice were destroyed.

SOVIETS RELEASE THREE AMERICANS

EARLY MORNING MURDER ROUSES CITY OF DALLAS

Apartment Owner Is Shot Down By Burglars of Drug Store.

DALLAS, Jan. 4.—With no arrests and few clues to work on, Dallas police and officials discussed drastic measures to combat the recent crime wave climaxed today by the killing of A. W. Wimble, apartment house owner by a bandit.
Wimble was shot to death in his apartment in an attempt to "bag" two or more robbers of a drug store in the vicinity of his home. Looters had broken the safe and was leaving the drug store when Wimble fired from the window of the apartment house, and one of the robbers returned the fire, bullets ricocheting from the window sill and striking Wimble in the head, killing him instantly.
S. A. Moore, standing beside Wimble, continued to fire when the robbers fled in automobiles. Nearly all of the persons in the apartment including Wimble's wife and sister, who had been aroused by the noise in the drug store, saw Wimble fall as the bullet struck him.
Since last Saturday night there has been three burglaries, in which 4,000 worth of loot was taken; three hold-ups, recorded, and one man beaten; besides some small burglaries and "pick-ups."
"Something must be done, and done quickly," said the mayor, who believed that extra mounted police should be placed on duty. "A condition where ordinary householders have to fight burglars, and safe flowers should not exist," the mayor said.

Operations Hit Low Level Over This Territory

Reports on operations in the Central West Texas fields for Jan. 3 show one two-barrel producer and no applications for new wells. Following is the report:
Brown County—Texas company's G. B. Gaines No. 3, application for permit to give shot; A. S. Mims No. 1 Reeves, dry; Eastland Oil company's No. 1 H. M. Killon, dry.
Callahan County—Canyon Oil & Gas company Inc., application to connect pipe line operated by Canyon Oil & Gas company; W. C. McDonald's R. D. Williams No. 10, application to give shot of 40 quarts nitro; Domestic Oil company's No. 2-M J. M. Jones, intention to plug; Shackelford Oil company's No. 24, producing two barrels per day from a depth of 599 feet.

Judge Hickman Assumes Duties Appellate Court

J. E. Hickman, who succeeds Judge Riggall as associate justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Eleventh Supreme Judicial district at Eastland, took the oath of office this morning. He was sworn in by Chief Justice Wm. Pannill, who had just taken the oath of office administered by Roy Nunnally, clerk.
Judge W. P. Leslie, who is to succeed Associate Justice Littler, has not qualified.

Wooten Arrested On Assault Charge, Released on Bond

Leslie Wooten of Cisco, arrested on a charge of assault with intent to murder, has been re-released on \$1500 bond.
Wooten was indicted by the Eastland county grand jury sometime last spring. He was charged with having fired several shots with a Winchester rifle at Philmore Decker, one of his neighbors. The arrest was made by Constable C. S. Looney of Cisco.

CHESTNUT & SMITH TRAFFIC MANAGER HERE

F. E. Burke, traffic manager of the Chestnut & Smith corporation, was in Ranger today looking after East department of the corporation. The shipments of gasoline from the Chestnut & Smith properties in this county form a very large part of the yearly business of the Texas & Pacific and Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroads.

Only Reins of Leather



It's the rein of government he holds which make Premier Mussolini the cynosure of all Europe. Particularly since the outbreak into open charges of the long-current rumors that Italy is arming with its eye on France.

CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL NEW HEAD ON DUTY

Miss Grace T. Stewart of Fort Worth, took over the supervision of the City-County hospital, Ranger, on new year's eve, succeeding Miss Loflin, resigned.

Miss Stewart has all the qualifications and the personalities needed to make a successful superintendent and when interviewed for a few minutes this morning, was busy answering bells, helping patients here and there, and turning her hands and mind to the things at hand.
For the past three years Miss Stewart had been supervisor of the Dr. Charles Harris clinic in Fort Worth and is a graduate of Dr. Harris' hospital.

She did her part in the world war, serving 22 1/2 months in the army, first with the British forces and later with the American expeditionary forces when they went "over there." After the war when she returned to the United States, Miss Stewart attended special clinics at the Chicago university.
The new superintendent expressed herself as being well pleased with her reception hereby the members of the board and the physicians of the city and feels that she is going to like her work in Ranger very much—as she is very much in love with her profession.

She commented on the excellency of the two day nurses and the surgical supervisor, Miss Beshiere from Oklahoma.
Miss Stewart's mother lives in Fort Worth, where she was raised.

Texas Short Line Fights Merger Of Katy-Cotton Belt

At a meeting in Eastland last night of the county executives of the Boy Scout movement, W. W. Housewright of Ranger was elected chairman of the board, and Alex Sparks of Eastland treasurer. C. G. Gray represented Cisco at this meeting.
Meetings will be held in Eastland on Monday nights, Cisco on Thursday nights and Ranger on Friday nights and Mr. Quirl, scoutmaster, was instructed to order books and literature necessary for launching the work of training men as scoutmasters, during a period of four months.

Prize Winning Minorca Hens Use Airplane

DALLAS, Jan. 4.—Black Bess, prize winning Minorca hen boarded an airmail train today en route to New York, to enter the international poultry show competition. The proud fowl won high honors at the sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia.
Her husband, Black Jack, also is a prize winner. The two fowls are owned by Harry Kettle, county employe and chicken farm owner.

Discovered



Robbye Cook, 14 of Pensacola, Fla., whose radio voice won her an audience in New York before Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager, and Otto H. Kahn, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera, Robbye's never taken any vocal lessons, either.

Executive Board Meets in Eastland, Names Officers

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Rebecca Bradley Adds Graves To Her Legal Array

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, former stenographer in Dan Moody's office, has employed H. N. Graves, of Georgetown as local counsel in her defense on the charge of arson against her, which is being investigated by the grand jury, impelled in District Judge Hanson's court at Georgetown Monday.
John D. Cofer of Austin, who is leading counsel for Mrs. Rogers said the defendant would not appear before the Williamson county grand jury.
Mr. Graves who is counsel for the house committee investigating state departments said here today that the grand jury usually reports on Friday.
Reports at noon from the hospital where Otis Rogers is confined was that Rogers was suffering a relapse, but that his condition was not serious.

GAINESVILLE TEXAS MAN IS AMONG THOSE TO GET FREEDOM, IS OIL WORKER

RANGER POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW GOOD INCREASE

"We enjoyed the largest Christmas business for three years," Postmaster J. E. Meroney of Ranger said today. "Stamps receipts over December, 1926, exceeded stamps receipts over 1925 by \$275."
Mr. Meroney stated that the calendar year for Ranger postoffice shows considerable gain, while the fiscal year, with six months of it gone, shows a gain of something like \$300 over 1925.
At the end of the last fiscal year, July, 1926, the postoffice ran \$33,000 per year, but Mr. Meroney feels this year that it will run at least \$35,000 and perhaps more, that depending almost entirely on the extent of the boom that may follow on the heels of the new Gholson pool.
To be a first class office the receipts must total \$40,000, so it would date an unexpected turn in the tide of affairs in Ranger to put its postoffice in the first class in the next year.
However, the gain that is shown now in receipts is based on a natural growth of the town and not on any flurry, Mr. Meroney explained. He also stated that with the opening up of the new oil pool, the coming of two other chain stores to Ranger, and the other contributory sources of business, that he expected to see a great pick up in postal receipts, and was "tickled to death" over the prospects for 1927.

Ranger Banker Finds Value Of Full Tank of Gas

Reputation may unlock the door of heaven itself, but nothing but gasoline will run a car.
Hall Walker, of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, returning home from the Elks boxing match in Fort Worth, Monday night, thoroughly absorbed that truth as he sat through the night on the highway the other side of Strawn and waited for some Good Samaritan to come along and fill his tank with gasoline. Many came but none stopped for who can tell a banker from a bandit in the still watches of the night.
If the young banker had thought he could run his car on its or his own reputation, he realized before day dawned that it was all "the bunk."

Great Britain America's Best Customer in 1926

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Great Britain was America's best customer during the 11 months of 1926, with exports to that country from the United States totaling \$867,808,375, the department of commerce has announced; Canada led in exports to this country with \$432,988,548.
American imports were valued at \$4,071,623,500, an increase of almost \$250,000,000 over the first 11 months of 1925, while total exports were \$4,343,567,608, a decrease of almost \$100,000,000.

Investigation Hearings End; Report is Next

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—Positive statement was made by Lee Satterwhite, speaker of the house, and chairman of the house investigating committee, that no further testimony was to be taken; and that the committee was beginning to prepare the report to be submitted to the regular session of the 40th legislature which will convene one week from today. It will require more than a week to prepare the report, but it will be submitted early in the session.

Trial of Norris Murder Charge Again Delayed

FORT WORTH, Jan. 4.—Request for a delay in the trial of Rev. J. Frank Norris appeared certain today with Chester B. Collins, one of the aces of the pastor's defense counsel in the hospital, where it was said that he is likely to be operated on this week.
Dr. Harold E. Johnson, physician attending Collins, said the attorney was suffering from a serious infection and will not be able to leave the hospital for probably a month.
Dr. Norris is scheduled to go to trial in the Travis county court, January 10, simultaneously with this news of the confinement of Collins, came the news that Rev. J. Frank Norris had been invited to preach at the Hyde Park Baptist church in Austin, next Sunday night, which the pastor accepted.

Door Slammed In Smith's Face

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The senate was urged to "slam the door in the face" of Frank L. Smith, republican senator designate, of Illinois, in a formal speech today by Senator McKeller, democrat, Tennessee, analyzing the effect of Smith's campaign contributions and expenditures.
McKeller directly charged Smith of accepting campaign funds from public utilities interests when he was yet chairman of the state public utilities commission, which was a violation of the public service laws of Illinois.

Has Brothers Living In Dallas, Unable to Aid Him to Return to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—One of three American citizens in the Russian Soviet prison has been released, Julius M. Chevalier, of Gainesville, Texas, imprisoned early in 1924 for alleged espionage, for the United States and Great Britain, arrived in Berlin and appealed to the state for aid.
The department sent an order to give him an American passport, and dispatched legal papers which he must have, in order to receive \$857 held in trust for him in a Cook county, Texas, court.
The reason for his release by the Soviet authorities, after serving only two years of his three year sentence, was not revealed.
After serving with the British forces in the Caucasus during the war, Chevalier applied at Batum for repatriation as an American citizen. At one time he had worked in Batum for the Standard Oil company, but at the time of his arrest, was unemployed.
Since his imprisonment, his wife, a Russian, died at Constantinople, leaving two children at the care of charity there.
Two of his brothers, Michael and Peter, live in Dallas, Texas, but have been unable to respond to his call for aid, because of financial circumstances.

AIMEE WINS HER CASE IS DROPPED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—The famous Aimee Semple McPherson conspiracy case was virtually ended today.
Asserting that he was through with "perjured testimony, state evidence and sensations," district attorney Asa Keyes, announced in substance at noon today that the case against the evangelist and her accomplices would be dropped.
Keyes statement followed his appearance before the grand jury today when he read portions of the transcript of the preliminary hearing of Mrs. McPherson, which concerned testimony of Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman, confessed co-conspirator and star witness for the state.
Keyes indicated he would let the case slip out of the limelight by failing to find evidence against the defendants.

2 BUTTONS AND HAIR ARE CLEW

MINEOLA, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A wisp of hair, torn from a man's head, and two buttons snatched from a coat by a woman in her fierce struggle to live, caused the arrest for murder, early today, of Harold E. Webster, 26 years old, a real estate dealer of Miami, Fla.
District Attorney Alvin N. Edwards, announced after questioning Webster all night, that he had confessed to beating his mother-in-law to death.
The body of the victim, Mrs. Catherine Gallaway, 45, was found yesterday, with several strands of hair and two buttons clutched in her hand.
Edwards admitted having crushed his mother-in-law's skull in a quarrel after she had protested his taking away from his home his infant son, after he had had a quarrel with his wife.

Suicide Ship Most Important One In Navy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Transportation of all sorts of materials, ranging from anchors to a tin of sardines, between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is made possible through the naval transportation service, one of the little-known departments of the government.
Dubbed the "suicide ship" because of the dangerous cargo in her hold, the U. S. S. Nitro is probably the most important ship in the fleet. She performs the hazardous duty of carrying ammunition, explosives and inflammables between the coasts and although the vessel has been operated continuously at maximum capacity during the past year, no mishap has occurred.
The naval transportation service is self-supporting and at the same time icetrains officers and men in transport duty. In the maintenance of this service, the navy department has developed a skeleton organization which in time of emergency can be quickly expanded into a trans-oceanic "ferry boat" service.

TWO EARTH TREMORS FELT IN EL CENTRO

EL CENTRO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Two earth tremors, one severe enough to stop a clock, shook this city today. Neither caused any damage.

OFFICIALS ARE RETICENT ON QUESTION OF SALE

Frisco May Go After Line, Also the Katy; Both Systems Want It

Who will finally get the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth is still problematical. It has been currently reported on the streets of Ranger that the Kell deal had fallen through, although the Wichita Falls Southern had complied with the law requiring certain publicity given to the deal through. Local officials of the Hamon-Kell line when approached kindly referred the paper to No. 55 Bond street, New York, for any information about the deal having fallen through or if it will be summated.

If the Kell deal has fallen through, then it is expected that either the Katy or Frisco now will go after the line. The Hamon-Kell line would make an excellent feeder for either one of the two systems. It connects with the Frisco at Dublin and gives that line ingress into this oil producing territory.

However, the Wichita Falls Southern may yet be the lucky line. It may be that the Katy has withdrawn its support from the Wichita Falls Southern until after the Kansas City Southern-Katy-Cotton Belt merger has been completed. The Hamon-Kell line also touches the Katy.
Since the Texas & Pacific has taken over the Cisco & Northeastern, it is expected to see quite a fight between the Frisco and Katy to gain control of the Hamon-Kell line. Should the Frisco take it over, an extension is to be expected, also should the Katy buy it.

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FROM THE HOLY WRIT.
But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets.—Romans 3:21

Prayer: O Lord aid the oppressed and persecuted, endow men with understanding and give us wisdom so that we may serve Thee and our fellowman. Amen.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES.
The low price of cotton last fall has caused many a good farmer to go back to the good old days when a farmer was not considered a farmer unless he raised his own meat, lard, meal and other home supplies. He probably in the old days did not have as much money as some do now, but he was far better off.

The farmers of the country can to a great extent help themselves by raising their own home supplies. Every farm should be a factory.

Not only can he raise his own home supplies and sell the surplus, but he can manufacture at home lots of things that he now buys. The farmers of Texas ought not to be required to import a gallon of syrup, a pound of meat, a sack of flour or meal. All of it can be produced at home, and more than enough for the family so that the surplus can be sold.

We want to see the old times again when we can sit at a farmer's table before a meal fit for a king and find out from him that practically everything was produced on the farm except perhaps the coffee, sugar, salt and one or two other things, and for these he sold some of his surplus home cured bacon, or corn and bought them. When this is done then the farmer will have more than one crop to fall back on for his ready cash. He still can raise cotton, poultry, a few sheep or goats and dairy cows.

It ought not to be necessary for a farmer to have to buy his breakfast food from Battle Creek, his pork from Chicago, and his butter from Elgin, Ill.

The county and home demonstration agents are doing a great work to bring this about. The farm agent aids the tiller of the soil in his work of diversifying and in the preparation and cultivation of his soil so that he can have more than one money crop. The home agent aids the women by teaching them how to can their surplus for times when it is needed.

The farmers of Texas must do this, and when they do diversify, and raise their own supplies then there will be little need of McNary-Haugen and other bills for relief. The production of home supplies and diversification coupled with curtailing the acreage planted in cotton soon will put the farmer in position to ask his price for his products. He will be able to market it as the world needs it.

FARM TERRACING.
County Agent R. H. Bush should be commended for his work in showing the owners of land how they can prevent erosion and build up its fertility by terracing. In Eastland county may be found a large acreage that could be made highly productive if terraced.

The man who terraces his land not only builds for himself but for future generations. There is nothing prettier in the late spring and early summer than to see a well cultivated farm, one that is terraced.

The work that is being done by Bush and others along that line is not sufficiently appreciated. The cost of terracing is small when compared with the results that will be obtained. One thing the farmer must do to get the full benefit of terracing and that is to keep up the terraces. One of the great benefits derived from terracing is that it puts the land in shape to conserve the moisture when it is needed most in the mid-summer.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE.
Within the next few days the annual appeal will be made in Ranger for the support of the Salvation Army that carries the burden of the charity work here.

The Salvation Army does a work

that is in a class by itself. It does the supplemental work of the churches and is one of their greatest aids. The work that organization did during the war still is fresh in the minds of the ex-service man, who was in the trench and had hot coffee and doughnuts brought to him by the lads and lassies who wore the emblem of the army founded on the doctrine to go out into the highways and byways to save mankind.

Many a man owes his redemption to society through the work of the Salvation Army. No question is asked by a member of that army that seeks to do good where it is most needed. The line between the source of supply of doughnuts and coffee and the consumer was never blocked. They ask for but little and with that little do a world of good.

The Ranger post not only looks after the poor and needy in the city but in the suburbs as well. The Salvation Army deserves all that it can get. It practices more than it preaches Christianity.

When the organization for the drive is perfected, do your best to help it along and give.

WATCH THE OIL BELT TOWNS
HUM.

The discovery of new pools in various sections of Eastland, Stephens and other counties in the oil belt will cause business to hum. It will bring throngs to this section again. The towns are better prepared to handle them. This time it will bring folks who will stay. There is no room here for the grafter and flotsam and jetsam of humanity that gave towns a bad name back in 1918 and 1919. We welcome all who want to come here to build homes. Just watch the oil belt towns grow. By their adopting a co-operative method of advertising much good can be done.

WHAT ABOUT MEXICO?
The zero hour is near at hand. The next few days should tell a story as to whether or not the United States will protect Americans and American capital in the southern republic or let Mexico confiscate the money there invested and do as Mexican officials are pleased to do with Americans. Forbearance ceases to be a virtue in time, and it's about time for its ceasing to be a virtue in Mexico. The United States has taken a lot of off Mexico. Just a few days ago a "Greaser" diplomat undertook to say how we bungled things up. Something has got to be done and Americans and American investments should be properly protected.

A generous man doesn't give his friends away.—The Progressive Grocer.

What the Southern Floods Did



Thousands of people have been made homeless in the south by the flooding of the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, and a number of deaths have been reported. Here are photographs from two flooded areas. Above is Pineville, Ky., awash to the housetops; below is a scene on First street in Nashville, Tenn., where the Cumberland river went over its banks.

South Americans Must Wear Coats In Hot Weather

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Despite the fact that residents of South American cities pass through longer periods of hot weather than are experienced in the average cities of the United States, the South American clings to his coat regardless of the temperature, because he is too polite to take it off in public. The South American believes that if an individual does not have enough self-respect to appear on the streets completely attired, he should at least be sufficiently considerate of other people to dress himself correctly.

The idea is given wide application. First class passengers on Rio De Janeiro street cars must be properly dressed or relegated to the second class section. The equipment of male passengers must include coat, collar and necktie.

In his own home, the Brazilian re-

sorts to the most comfortable dress possible—pajamas. In the suburbs of some South American cities, pajama clad residents at times stroll through the streets in the late afternoon and evening.

Several years ago, a Buenos Aires newspaper started a campaign for the adoption of the coatless customs of the Yankees. Although no official action was taken in the matter, policy politely requested the devotees of the northern fad to return to their homes and retrieve the lost clothing. The idea died a natural death.

The working classes dress pretty much as they please. Most laborers discard their top shirts, and pajama coats are popular with street vendors. But a man, evidently not a laborer, who leaves his coat at home, will be asked to explain things to a policeman.

Junior Partner, to pretty stenographer: "Are you doing anything on Sunday evening, Miss Dale?"
Steno, hopefully: "No, not a thing!"
"Then try to be at the office earlier on Monday morning, will you!"
Good Hardware.

SOCIETY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

WEDNESDAY
Rotary Club meets at 12:15 at the Chelson Hotel.
Prayer meeting at all churches in the evening.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. IS ORGANIZED

At the First Baptist Church on Sunday night a Junior B. Y. P. U. was organized and the following officers were elected: President, Tribby McGeel; vice president, Lorraine Williams; secretary, Doris Murray; treasurer, Betty Dunlap. The organization will meet each Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

In order to increase the membership a membership contest with the Intermediates will be staged and Doris Murray was named as leader of group No. one in this contest and Lorraine Williams as leader of group No. two. Mrs. Williams is leader of the new organization.

AN INFORMAL DINNER GIVEN

On Tuesday Miss Maudine Williams and Miss La Verne Hinman entertained a few out of town guests at their home in the Langston apartments. The afternoon was spent sight seeing in and around Ranger followed by an informal dinner at six o'clock at their home, after which everyone enjoyed talking over the old times. Those who participated in these enjoyments were, Miss Ann Oldham, Miss Irene Chipman; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Littleton of Abilene, Mr. Woodford Williams of Weatherford, Mr. J. D. Watson, Rice Institute, of Houston.

OLD TIME RESIDENT HONORED

Mrs. R. E. Williams, old time resident of Eastland county, was made very happy New Years by a surprise dinner given by friends and relatives. Everyone had a joyous day and when the time came to say goodbye, many were the good wishes for the coming new year. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams and family of Weatherford, Miss La Verne and Thurman Hinman and mother, Miss Maudine Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Mrs. Dr. T. J. Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pace of Ranger, Mrs. Chas. Vangren, Mrs. Annie Harbin, Mrs. Mary Barsley, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Styles, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pulecher and Mr. Elmer Coffman of Eastland.

AD LIBITUM CLUB NOTICE

The Ad Libitum club will meet with Mrs. W. N. McDonald, Wednesday afternoon at Acorn Acres, 2:30 o'clock.

CHEERFUL WORKERS ELECT OFFICERS.

The members of the Cheerful Workers of the Christian church met yesterday afternoon and elected officers for 1927, as follows: President, Mrs. C. C. Sigler; Vice-President, Mrs. K. C. Edmonds; Secretary, Mrs. K. C. Dudley; Treasurer, M. J. C. Kyle; Press Reporter, Mrs. K. C. Edmonds. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Andy Anderson at her home on Mesquite street. The ladies will hold a bake sale on Saturday down town.

YOUNG MATRON'S BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Frank Brahaney will entertain the members of the Young Matrons' Bridge club on Friday afternoon at her home at 2:30 o'clock. Members please take notice.

THREE-YEAR-OLD HAS PARTY.

Marshall Lash, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lash, was the honor guest at a party given for him by his parents at the home at 503 Elm street, Monday afternoon, in honor of his third birthday. Around him were gathered a number of his little friends, who remembered him most beautifully with gifts. Among the array of presents that enriched the little man's third birthday, was a ten dollar check from his grandfather, M. Starr of Ranger and a \$10 money order and a handsome electric train from his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lash of Chicago.

Games suited to tiny children were enjoyed by the honor guest and Helene and Francis Davis, Irene Meyers, Vivian Creshell, Bertha, J. B. and Clara Bronstein, Jerry Smith, Esta Ivan Smith and Lena Starr.

Of course there was a birthday cake, gay with candles—three for his birthday and one to grow on, as well as refreshments of cake, candies and ice cream.

Assisting Mrs. Lash in serving and entertaining were Meses. M. F. Starr, L. M. Davis and B. Bronstein.

T. P. ENTRE NOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.

The T. P. Entre Nous Bridge club will meet on Saturday evening at 7:30 with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Cooze. Members please take notice.

THAT BABY YOU'VE LONGED FOR

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"For several years I was denied the blessing of motherhood," writes Mrs. Margaret Burton of Kansas City. "I was terribly nervous and subject to periods of terrible suffering and melancholia. Now I am the proud mother of a beautiful little daughter and a true companion and inspiration to my husband. I believe hundreds of other women would like to know the secret of my happiness and I will gladly reveal it to any married woman who will write me." Mrs. Burton offers her advice entirely without charge. She has nothing to sell. Letters should be addressed to Mrs. Margaret Burton, 2736 Massachusetts, Kansas City, Mo. Correspondence will be strictly confidential.

TEXAS EDUCATION COMMISSION TO MEET.

FORT WORTH, Jan. 4.—Mrs. C. E. Maddocks, president of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, Ranger, is expected to attend the January 7-8 meeting at Fort Worth of the Texas Education Commission. The organization, which was formulated last year, represents varied interests of the state co-operating to better the public school conditions of Texas.

The entire time of the commission will be devoted to this meeting to consideration of school law proposals made by a special committee of the recent Texas school survey commission. The committee, composed of Pat Neff and T. D. Brook's of Waco and Tom Finty, Jr., of Dallas is recommending several constitutional amendments and several special bills aimed to clarify the Texas school management and financing problems.

The executive committee of the Texas State Teachers association, members of which are also members of the commission, will meet to review the commission sessions and select the 1927 convention city for the association. Galveston, Houston and San Antonio are making bids for the convention.

PERSONALS.

Miss Oreta Smith who has spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smith, returned to C. I. A. today to resume her work there.

Dan Robinson has returned to Cumberland University after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Robison. Ewell Porter has returned to Wesley college, after having been the guest of Rev. George Shearer's family during the holidays.

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LEAVES EASTLAND to Cisco, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, 9:35 a. m., 11:35 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 6:35 p. m., 7:35 p. m., 11:10 p. m.
GOING EAST
LEAVES EASTLAND to Ranger, Strawn, Palo Pinto, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Fort Worth, 8:05 a. m., 10:55 a. m., 2:00 p. m., 4:20 p. m., 7:55 p. m., 10:35 p. m.
LEAVE RANGER to Strawn, Palo Pinto, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, Fort Worth, 8:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 4:40 p. m., 8:20 p. m., 11:00 p. m.
At Eastland Catch Bus at West Texas Coaches Depot. Phone 400
At Ranger Gholson Hotel, Agent, Phone 150

Condensed Statement
THE CONDITION OF
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Resources	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$599,178.48
Banking House.....	20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	8,000.00
Assessment in Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	15,522.30
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	6,970.83
Cash and Exchange.....	157,460.10
Bills of Exchange.....	14,965.79
Total.....	\$822,097.50
Liabilities	
Capital.....	100,000.00
Surplus.....	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, Res. for Taxes and Dividends Unpaid....	8,278.44
Deposits.....	703,819.06
Total.....	\$822,097.50

The above statement is correct,
EDWIN GEORGE, Jr., Cashier

VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths—William A. Lowe, male, Gorman; Mat M. Batton, male, Eastland; Waldo D. Maynard, male, Rising Star; Andrew Jackson Yams, male, Rising Star.

Births—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Maynard, Eastland, girl; Wayne Edward Sheppard, Eastland, boy; Hugh H. Cooksey, Eastland, boy; William Hudson Carlton, Eastland, boy; Melvin Erle Greer, Eastland, girl; Lloyd Ernest Harper, Eastland, boy; Lewis B. Jones, Eastland, boy.

RISING STAR FARMER FOUND DEAD SHOT IN HEAD

J. W. Beal, 45, farmer living near Rising Star died at his home this morning from the effects of a pistol shot in the head, believed to have been self-inflicted. He had recently been engaged as an oil worker. His widow and several children survive him.

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Rutherford Goes To Detroit To Dodge Meeting

Probably the largest sales convention ever held in Detroit will open Jan. 5 and 6 when the Dodge Brothers dealer organization convenes for its twelfth annual meeting.

Sixteen special Dodge Brothers trains from north, east, south and west will start unloading the convention visitors in Detroit Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The meetings, which will combine business and pleasure, are to be held at the new Masonic temple, said to be the largest and most beautiful Masonic edifice in the world.

While the dealers are in Detroit, Dodge Brothers, Inc., will stage its annual dealer automobile show.

News Print Paper And Lumber Big Canada Exports

OTTAWA, Ont.—Newsprint paper wood pulp, and lumber constituted more than half of Canada's export volume to the United States in the year ending Oct. 1, 1926.

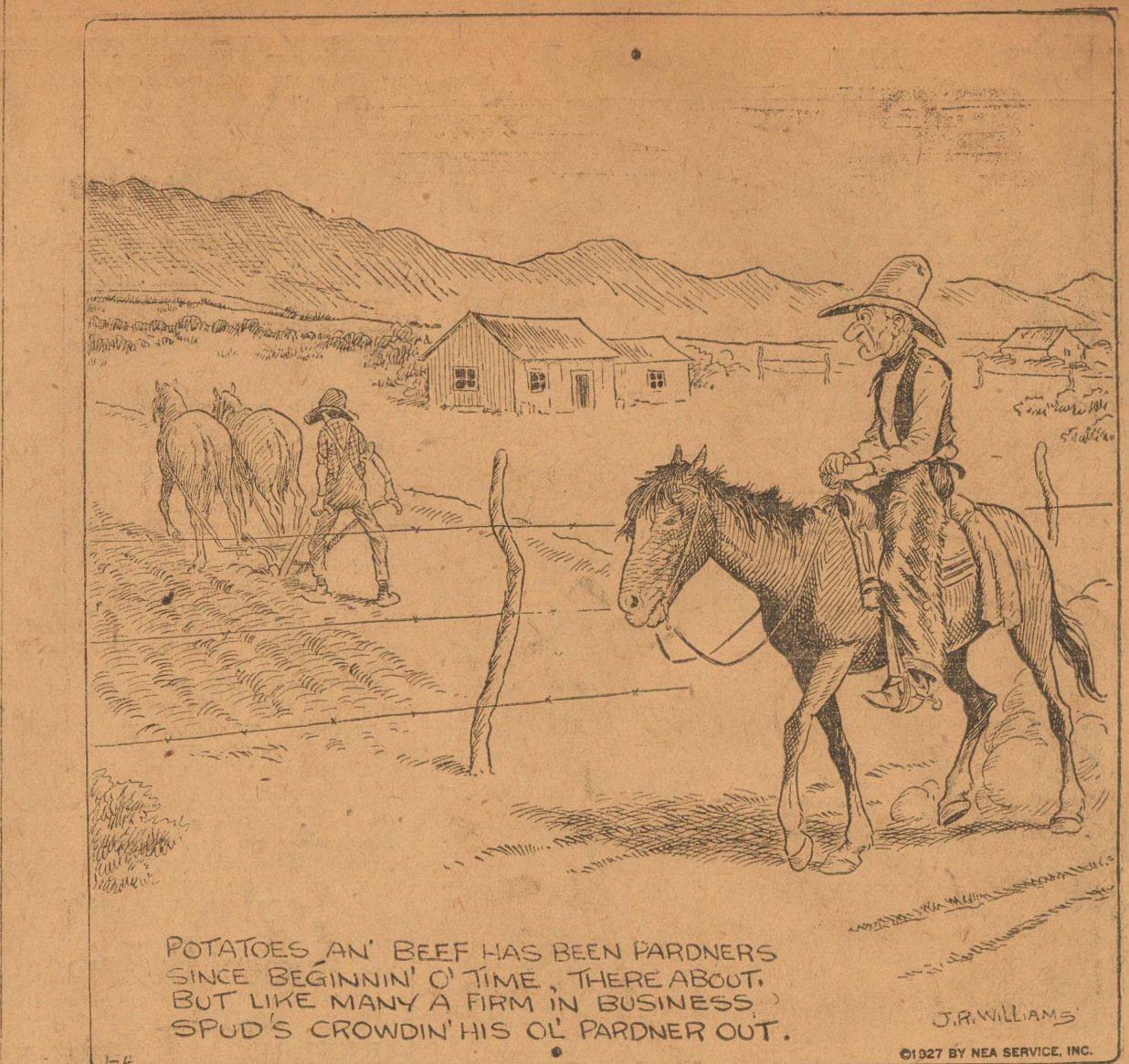
"Out of a total export trade with the United States of \$468,713,748 in the twelve-month period," says the bulletin, "forest products totaled \$241,745,337, or more than 50 percent."

Contract is Let In Cisco for New Apartment House

CISCO, Jan. 4.—Mrs. R. G. Milling has announced the letting of a contract for the erection of a five-family apartment house in Cisco, which will cost approximately \$10,000.

REV. WILL HOGG HOLDS REVIVAL IN DALLAS. Rev. Will Hogg, who conducted a revival in Ranger last fall, is holding a revival in Dallas now at the Grace church.

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Opening Game Of Basketball Is Played Tonight

Ranger Bulldogs will play two basketball games at home this week. The first one will be tonight at 7:30 at the high school gym.

Coach Blair Cherry reports the boys in fine shape and is very much in hopes that the Ranger fans will turn out in good numbers on these two nights.

Four Deaths And Seven Births For December Past

No vital statistics reports were made for the month of December by any places except Eastland and Rising Star, records in the county clerk's office show, and these reports were only partial.

Deaths: William A. Lowe, male, Gorman; Mat M. Batton, male, Eastland; Waldo D. Maynard, male, Rising Star; Andrew Jackson Yams, male, Rising Star.

BOUGHT SUNSHINE INN. Johnnie and Opal Reeves, old-timers in Ranger, have returned and have bought the Sunshine inn on Rusk street.

Governor Baker of Missouri says his state is first in egg production. The state ought to have enough money to retire after this winter.

Comiskey Wants Speedy Trial Of Accused Players

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Speedy trial and summary justice for members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team who are accused by Charles (Swede) Risberg of bringing the Detroit Tigers to throw baseball games in 1917, was demanded by Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox Monday.

"I am confident that Ray Schalk, 'Red' Faber and Eddie Collins will be able to prove that Risberg is not speaking the truth," Comiskey said.

Salvation Army Plans for Annual Drive for Ranger

Herbert N. Sapp, appeal director of the Salvation Army, is in Ranger, from the southwestern division headquarters in Dallas.

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ger citadel, spent Tuesday visiting among the members of the local advisory board relative to calling a meeting of the board for the consideration of plans for financing the affairs of the Ranger post for the coming year.

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Colonel Gordon Moves to Ranger, Pioneer Oil Man

Colonel Robert D. Gordon, one of the pioneer operators of Eastland county and his family are moving to Ranger and will make this city their home.

The Dillingham home, at 1009 Young street, has been made ready for their occupancy and their household effects are now being moved in.

Ranger is glad to welcome Colonel Gordon and his wife and hope that they will not feel that they are "strangers in Ranger."

Whatever you do you may be sure some one will say: "I thought he'd do that, sooner or later."—The Progressive Grocer.

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Methods Used To Chase Witches Bring On Divorce

By United Press.
 SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 4.—Maybe in his youth he took witch tales too seriously, but even so, this did not prevent Mrs. Mae J. O'Keefe from filing suit for divorce against Peter her husband.

The least annoying of Peters' superstitious rites was the regular appointment of his night cap with garlic and "witch oil," whose fumes combined odiously and odoriferously, according to Mrs. O'Keefe's complaint. In addition:

"The defendant almost every day poured gasoline, coal oil and salt around the premises, lit a piece of paper and waved it around his head to keep said witches and evil spirits away. At other times he bandaged a knife to his head when he retired at night and kept a steel carpenter's saw beside him, and almost every day since his marriage wore corset steels in his hat for the purpose of warding off evil spirits and witches."

MANY CENTENARIANS ARE FOUND IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The leisure existence of Brazilians enables them to live longer than North Americans, according to the Brazilian explanation of why many citizens of the country live to be more than 100 years old.

The centenarian is not rare in Brazil. A Rio De Janeiro newspaper located more than 100 persons of 100 or more years of age in and near the capital, and there are many more throughout the country. Many Brazilians live from 20 to 40 years after passing the century mark.

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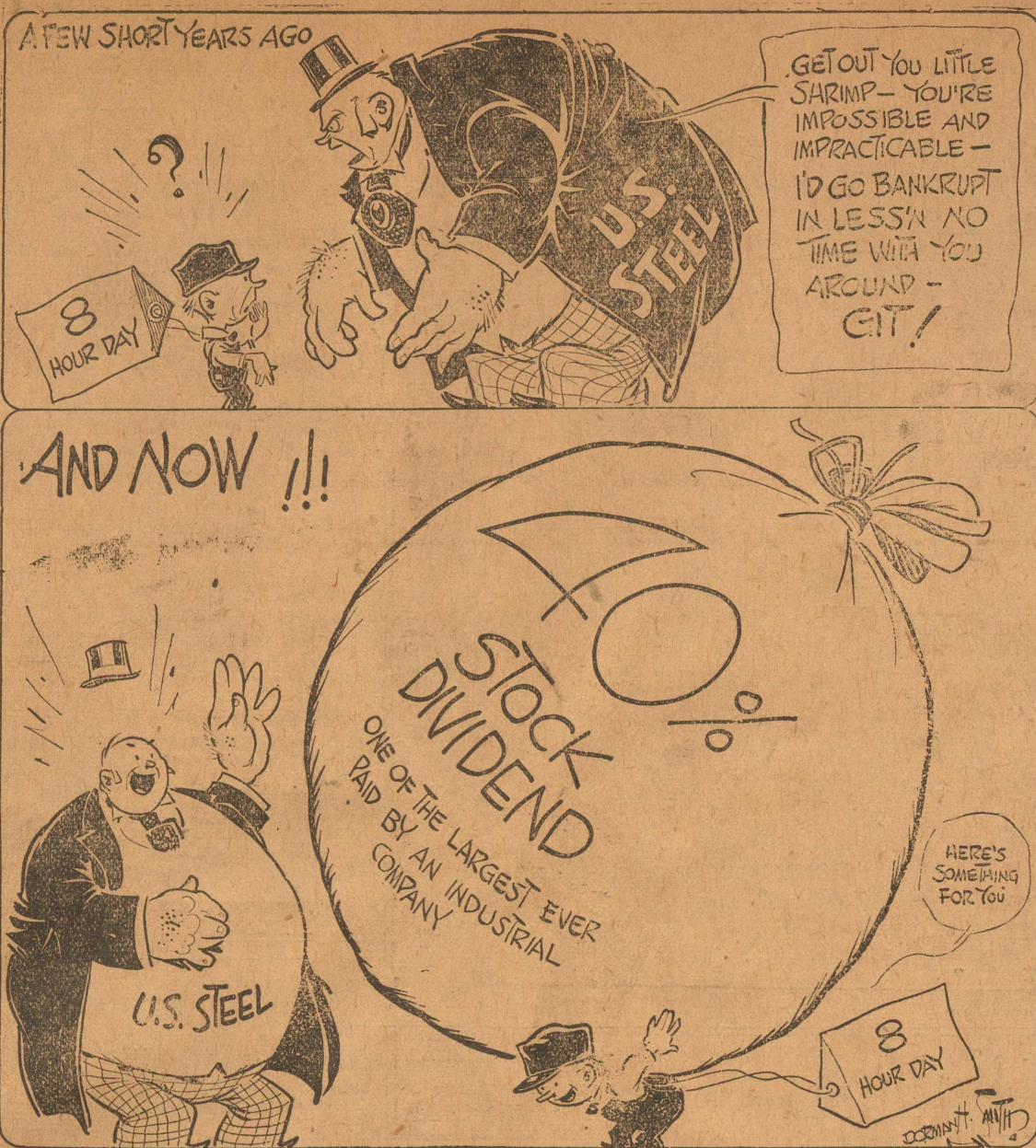
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The Ugly Duckling



Nimrods Return From Duck Hunt At Corpus Christi Bay

The weather was most perfect for duck hunting, but the trip was ideal, declared the Ranger nimrods who returned last night from Corpus Christi bay, where they have been duck hunting for the past week.

The weather was so mild that the hunters only had about a half a day of real hunting weather, but even with that they bagged a number of ducks and did some fishing.

They spent their time on a boat 80 feet long which they parked out in the bay, and had a good cook and a good crew, so all report a splendid trip, regardless of the slenderness of their game bags.

Dick Barkley landed a 10-pound sheephead and others in the party caught some good sized fish.

In the party were M. K. Gollie, Blair Cherry, E. L. McMillen, Buster Mills, Charlie Cooper, G. C. Barkley, Richard Barkley, Steve A. Lillard Jr., L. C. McFall and J. M. Sweeney.

1,000 Burglaries In Six Years Is Man's Record

NYITRA, Czech-Slovakia.—One thousand successful burglaries in less than six years, or an average of more than three each week, is the record of Ivan Barilov, a Russian emigre, who has just begun a year's jail sentence here.

Barilov's method was unique. He pretended to be an idiot who had lost his mind, due to hardships inflicted on him by the bolsheviks before he was able to flee from Russia. He would never discuss any other question except communism, the Tcheka, and "the Russian murderers." For this reason he was looked upon as a harmless imbecile by everyone who lived in the various villages in which he played his trade. No one ever even once thought of associating him with burglaries, although they occurred in rapid succession, sometimes three or four in one day, soon after his arrival in any locality.

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 Judge: "You are sentenced to two months in jail. Have you anything to say?"
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Austrians Find Convicts Like To Read Classics

By United Press.
 VIENNA.—Austrian criminals have a great liking for the classics, according to Prof. Theodore Weiss, one of Austria's leading lecturers.

A few weeks ago Prof. Weiss was invited by the convicts to come to the national penitentiary at Stein on the Danube to give them a series of lectures.

He lectured to the convicts on the works of Schiller, Goethe, Grillparzer, and Heine. To his surprise they all showed the greatest interest in his subjects. During the talks many of them asked questions which indicated that these writers meant something to them besides mere historical names. At the close of his lectures each of the convicts grasped his hand in turn, thanked him for the treat, and urged him to come to them again.

BUTTES FORM CORE OF ANCIENT VOLCANO

By United Press.
 BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 4.—The Marysville buttes are the remains of the core of an ancient volcano, according to Howell Williams, an Englishman studying living and dead American volcanoes.

"This volcano, if we call it that, never erupted lava in a liquid form. Evidently the core of lava swelled up from the interior of the earth without sufficient force to flow out over the country, and then, after the core solidified, plugging the hole, a great explosion took place blowing ashes and boulders of hard lava for miles around," said Williams. "The core itself is three or four miles in diameter and the lip of ash, corresponding to a crater, formed by erosion is about 10 miles across."

The Marysville buttes stand out against the skyline and can be seen for miles. They rise 2,100 feet above the plain.

LONDON "PURE BOOKSHOP" TO BAN MODERN FICTION

By United Press.
 LONDON.—London is to have its first "pure bookshop," destined, the owner believes, to "purify literature and introduce Christian principles into business."

The new shopkeeper is an Oxfordshire farmer, who recently sold his 1,300-acre farm to come to London to open the store. He declared that his duty to open the store was revealed to him by "divine guidance."

Modern fiction will be tabooed and his first 10,000 volumes will consist principally of Dickens, Thackeray, Wordsworth, Shakespeare and the Bible.

Immigration To Canada Passes Four Million Mark

By United Press.
 OTTAWA, Ont.—More than 4,000,029 immigrants from all countries of the world have entered Canada in the last twenty-five years, according to a report compiled by the Department of Immigration and Colonization.

Of the total newcomers arriving in the Dominion between 1901 and 1926, the report shows, 1,454,109 have migrated from the United States, 1,523,156 from the United Kingdom and 1,022,764 from other countries.

AGED WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

By United Press.
 BUENOS AIRES.—Magdalena Orbisay, aged 78, committed suicide here recently by cutting her arteries. Her son told the authorities that she had been brooding over the death of the doctor who had always attended her for whom she had always expressed the greatest admiration.

Work on Harness Building Begins Within Few Days

City Engineer Sewell of Ranger was setting the grade for the Joe Harness building on Main street, yesterday, and work of getting the site ready for the new three store building is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The building, which is being erected by Whitehall Construction company, will be a great addition to that part of Main street, which during the boom days and for years afterwards was a conglomeration of frame buildings housing hamburger stands, restaurants and so forth, as well as to the entire business district of Ranger.

The completion of the Harness building will give Ranger a straight line of brick business houses from each side of Commerce up Main, three blocks on the north side of the street and practically four on the south side.

Mr. Harness intends putting in a drug store that is the very last word in perfectly appointed pharmacies and the front and east side of this store will be almost entirely plate glass.

American Menace Is Seen in Buying Ancient Buildings

By United Press.
 LONDON.—Another American menace is threatening England, according to A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

"There are signs," he said, "that the American campaign to buy up the choicest evidences of early English history is likely to be carried on in the future on a most dangerous scale."

There have been three or four instances recently, which attracted attention in the press, of wealthy Americans buying old buildings and having them carefully shipped home in pieces, to be reconstructed there. Powys mentioned in particular an Elizabethan Market Hall which was bought thus for \$1,500 from a city council, and of another council selling richly carved timbers of a house dating back to 1400 which was pulled down during street widening operations.

TO SELL THREE VILLAGES AS PART OF ESTATE

LONDON.—Villages for sale. That could well be the cry of real estate agents acting for Lord Waring, who will soon sell over 6,000 acres of the Gopsall estate in Leicestershire. This area includes the whole of the villages of Congerstone, Bilstone and Shackerstone.

The property also includes 32 dairy farms, several saloons, business houses, numerous cottages and a colliery lease.

Canadian Moose Suffering From Spotted Fever

By United Press.
 EDMONTON, Canada.—Northwestern Canada's game, notably its world renowned moose, has suffered extensive losses this season from "spotted" fever, a strange malady induced by an unknown species of bloodsucking ticks.

A forest ranger who spent three months on the trails of the foothill forest reserves, traversing hundreds of miles of little-known wilderness, reported moose had visibly decreased in number, presumably due to the strange "vampire" tick. Other game has been affected by the ticks, though not so extensively, the ranger reported.

In addition to attacking all species of game, the ticks have frequently attached themselves to humans, according to reports from travelers and woodsmen. They cause a serious illness commonly described as "spotted" or "tick fever." The man attacked does not become aware of it until loss of blood causes weakness, which is accompanied by fever.

Missouri River Changes its Course Near Leavenworth

By United Press.
 LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—The Missouri river has enforced the United States government by several acres of rich farm land here. The federal penitentiary here owns an island in the Missouri, and up to a short time ago, boats were employed to reach the island.

But the Missouri has done away with this necessity. The river has cut back on the side of the island opposite to Leavenworth and has left the channel on the penitentiary side dry. Contrary to ordinary expectations, the dry channel is not rock or sand but is a rich fertile loam which prison authorities state can be used to advantage.

Ranger Masonic Lodge to Confer Degrees Tonight

Ranger Masonic lodge No. 738 will confer the entered apprentice and master's degrees at a convention tonight at 8 o'clock.

It is the first meeting of the new year and the first since long before the holiday season. All master masons are urged to attend. Visitors are welcomed.

Ranger lodge is one of the fastest growing in Eastland county. It is proposed during the year to have a number of leading and well informed masons of the state to deliver lectures.

OFFICIAL'S WIFE KILLED

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Senhora Marieta Murinho, wife of a chief of the Ministry of Agriculture, mother of seven children, and prominent in Rio De Janeiro society, lost her life when she saved her daughter, Rosita, 9 years of age, from being run down by an automobile.

Senhora Murinho succeeded in warning her daughter of the impending danger, and Rosita leaped to safety. The mother was struck by the car, and died from her injuries.

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LODGE NOTICES

Called meeting Ranger Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., to-night, 7:30 o'clock. Work in E. A. and M. M. degrees. Visitors welcome.

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LOST—Bunch of keys in front of Connellee theatre, either inside or back of stage. Return to theatre manager, Eastland.

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LOST—One black female German police dog, about 4 months old. Reward if returned to Leslie H. Hagaman, Ranger.

LOST—Between Strawn and Cisco, Wednesday night, a gold Holton trumpet; finder please notify Carl Hart, Sorin White orchestra, Miller hotel, at Breckenridge Thursday and Friday; Saturday Elks club, Eastland; \$20 reward. Carl Hart, Ault's Music Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

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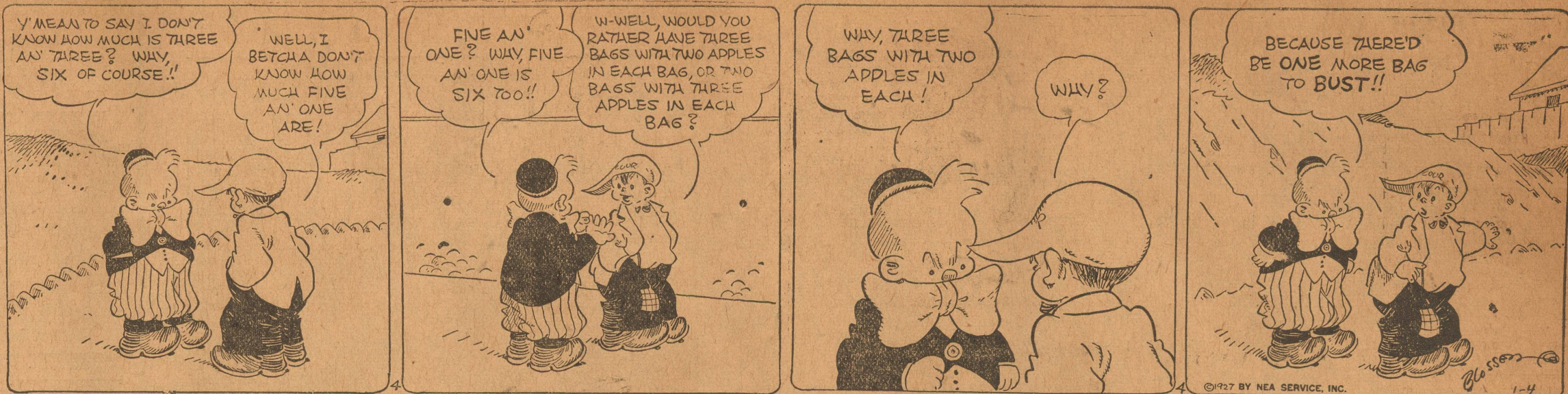
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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

To the home of PROF and MOLLIE ELWELL in Camdentown, Ind., one night in October of 1898, comes MARTHA DALTON, a nurse, bearing with her a woman who had fainted on the Chicago-Indianapolis train on which Martha had been traveling. Prof Elwell is an artist. He has a son, JIM, aged 5. Prof and Mollie take the stranger in and later that night twin girls are born to the woman, who dies without revealing her identity. Her attire had indicated her to be a person of refinement and wealth.

The story then moves forward to June of 1916. The allies are demanding that the United States get in the war, and in Prof Elwell's workshop the reader is introduced to Jim Elwell, now 22, and his father's partner, and to the twin girls, who have been adopted by the Elwells. They are now 17 and one of them has been named MARGARET and nicknamed RUSTY; the other, named ELIZABETH, is nicknamed BETTY. To Jim the girls are just pals, although they are growing to beautiful womanhood. Jim is hurriedly summoned one Saturday afternoon by Betty, who reports a tough is loitering outside the back fence, addressing insulting remarks to the two girls. Jim runs to the rescue, hurling a challenge.

NOW BEGIN THE STORY

CHAPTER III

Rusty and Betty, standing together, looked at each other and their eyes grew bigger.

"Little girls!" gasped Betty. "Now WHAT do you think of that? He's gettin' worse every day!"

The man in the alley had stepped back some three feet as Jim approached. He heard Jim's remarks with a grin.

"An' who the hell do you think you are?" he asked coolly. "An' the little girls you're talkin' about—where are they? D'yuh mean them two queens over there with the Goldlocks hair? Little girls like so much say, they're grand ladies, backy! I'm tellin' yuh, see, and I'm watchin' might call a consessor of feminine pulchritood, I am! I know class when I see it."

Jim, gritting his teeth, notified him that he would show him some class that he knew nothing about and jumped the fence.

But in less than ten seconds Jim Elwell realized perfectly that he was up against a proposition that had toughness spelled all over it. Things weren't running true to prescribed form. The fellow was only a shade larger than himself—a matter of only a few pounds—but something was wrong. It occurred to Jim that when he lashed out with his fists he should have connected somewhere. But he didn't. His little playmate merely ducked and—in the language of commercialized fighting—socked him in the eye.

Jim was going to get tossed around a bit, he knew that, and right before his admirers, too. For this "bum" he had tackled handled his fists in a way that Jim, pretty handy with his own, had never seen before. And the stranger's wallops seemed to explode when they landed.

Within a minute Jim's right eye closed and a red stream was pouring from his nose. But he bore in, for Jim was no quitter and he was mad clear through.

A swift upstart that came all the way up from the hip caught Jim Elwell on the point of the jaw and spun him around twice. But he wasn't through yet. He was still on his feet. He told himself, and—

"Then something happened. His one eye caught the flash of a bright object. He heard a dull smack like wood striking bone and the face in front of him, the face that was spinning and dancing about, dropped from his line of vision. He looked down. His mist-touched gaze took in the form of his late adversary stretched out still on the ground. As he stared in astonishment at what he saw, Jim's rolling glance stopped on the bright object that he had glimpsed as it flashed through



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the air. It was a white-striped croquet ball. He looked up and around and across the fence.

Rusty and Betty stood there, their hands gripping the top board, their lips parted and their eyes wide in a fascinated stare. And then, all of a sudden the truth hit Jim with a jolt that made him gasp.

It was not for nothing, he reflected, that he had trained those kid pals of his in the way he thought kid pals should go. It was just as well that he had taught them how to throw a baseball. Rusty, especially, could have made a big leaguer look serious when she put it across the plate.

It was all clear to Jim now. Obviously the two had observed how the trend of battle was going against them. So Rusty had jumped into action with a croquet ball. She had contributed something of her own to the battle.

A gasping grunt came from the ground beside Jim Elwell. He looked down again and beheld the vanquished stranger struggling to a sitting position. In one hand he held the croquet ball. Slowly his head lifted and he looked at Jim. Then his gaze shifted to the girls on the other side of the fence. The expression in his eyes was still a little uncertain and befuddled but his mouth began to spread in a good-natured grin, and with that ease of action that marks the trained athlete he rose to his feet and held out his hand.

"I know when I'm licked," he said and he spoke with a little drawl that carried a touch of the south. "I apologize to the—little girls an' yourself. You put up a good scrap an' I like a game fighter any place I find him. Lemme introduce myself. Here's my callin' card."

He reached into an inner pocket and drew out an envelope.

"Look at the name on that," he said.

Jim accepted the envelope and read. "Batling Kid McCarthy Heavyweight Champion of Missouri."

Elwell glancing up, remarked he had heard quite a lot about the "Batling Kid." "They tell me you know your stuff."

The "Kid" accepted the compliment graciously. "I'm out down a little cross country," he explained, reaching for his "callin' card" and with the other hand rubbed his head ruefully.

"Just a little stick of advice before

togs when he had jumped back over the fence. They looked, as one of the twins suggested, as if they had been wafted through a Chicago packing house.

Betty, he said, might help him out a bit. "Look here, you go up to my room and sneak a clean shirt, another collar an' tie and my blue serge pants. An' don't for the love of Mike, let Prof or Mollie catch you. They'd kid me for the next month if they found out about it. I'll be gettin' washed up in the meantime."

So while Rusty and Jim went to the woodshed to wash away the facial evidence of the late sanguinary battle, Betty sneaked in the back door and to Jim's room to obtain the wherewithal for concealing his unfortunate attempt to lick a box-fighting champion. Rusty, in reply to Jim's congratulations on her trusty right arm, blushed and made for the kitchen. She came out some minutes later, just as her twin sister had arrived from upstairs. Her two

hands gripped the sides of a whole porterhouse steak, cut thick.

"Well, have you got your nose washed?" she inquired as Jim threw the towels he had been using into a nearby clothes basket and looked around. "If you have, I'll just cut this steak on your eye and bind it up."

Her hero looked at the big slab of porterhouse and his mouth gave a twitch.

"Sufferin' Mike!" he gasped. "You don't think you're goin' to put that hunk o' meat on my eye with all that bone in it, do you?"

Betty snickered and Jim hastened to assure Rusty that he thought her intentions were excellent. But she tossed her head, which sent her mouth curled in disdain. There was the ax, she informed Jim, nodding toward a block in which the instrument of amputation was sunk. Jim could take it and cut the bone out if it didn't suit him.

Jim bowed, grinning. "You're a marvel, Rusty." He took the steak

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and with the ax carved it to suit his fancy. The girls looked on, fascinated. "Mollie was keeping that steak for tomorrow's breakfast," observed Betty in a casual tone as she watch-

ed Jim's artistic surgical work. Jim looked at the other twin, who shrugged indifferently. "Oh, well, Jim can put it back in the ice box before he goes to bed. Who'll know the difference after it's cooked? It probably eat just as well."

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sun was going down, Rusty, Betty and Jim strolled casually into the living room where Prof and Mollie were resting. Jim was now attired in blue serge pants, a sky blue shirt with collar attached, and he wore his right eye neatly bandaged under a juicy and boneless beefsteak. Explanations were due, he knew, as soon as he encountered his mother's inquiring eyes.

(To be continued)
Jim and the twins go on a hunting expedition, and Jim, by cool thinking, averts a tragedy.

Orange Trees Of California, Robinson Isle

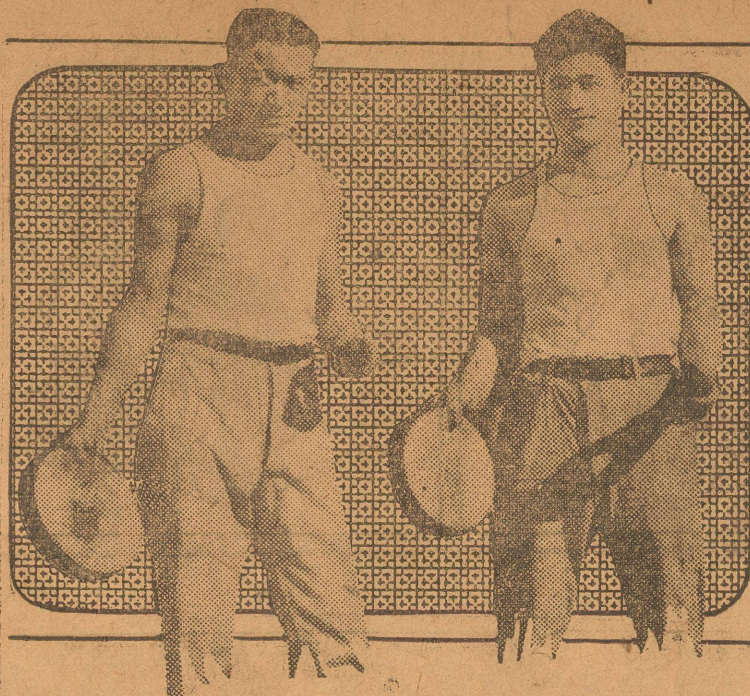
By United Press.
OROVILLE, Calif., Jan. 4.—All orange trees in California sprang from a seed from Robinson Crusoe's island, according to T. A. Van Norden, Pacific Grove. And the first tree to grow in the state was the "Mother Tree" soon to be dedicated by Native Sons of the Golden West, at Bidwell's Bar, Butte county. The Crusoe Island theory was explained as follows:

In 1849, Van Norden's brother, R. T. Van Norden, came around the Horn in a sailing vessel. They called at the island of Juan Fernandez, commonly called the island of the original Robinson Crusoe. From the island Van Norden brought orange seeds. One of these seeds grew into a tree near a ferry at Bidwell's Bar on the west branch of the Feather river where Van Norden planted it. This is the mother tree soon to be dedicated. The Van Norden theory of the origin of oranges in the state is questioned by many who claim the "Mother Tree" was brought from Sacramento in 1856.

"MAIZIE" BREAKS RECORD IN LAYING EGGS

By United Press.
AGASSIZ, B. C.—"Maizie," a white leghorn hen owned by the University of British Columbia has broken the world's egg laying record, according to an announcement issued here by the dominion experimental farm. The new barnyard queen laid 351 eggs in a 365-day test supervised by the Canadian department of agriculture.

Experts Show Natives How



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By United Press.
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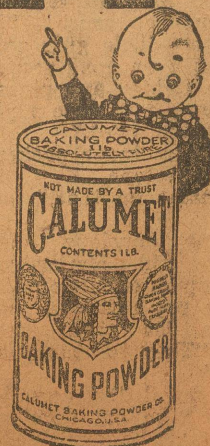
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