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## AVIATORS TAKE-OFF ON PAN-AMERICAN TRIP

(By Associated Press)  
KELLY FIELD, San Antonio, Dec. 21.—Kissed by wives and mothers and carrying the benediction of the nation, pilots of the army's Pan-American air argosy departed today from Kelly Field to blaze a trail of friendship into the hearts of twenty nations.  
The take-off today was made on Kelly Field's concrete runway after the start of the flight had been delayed yesterday by mud at Duncan Field.  
The five ships, bearing the names of American cities, the New York, San Antonio, Detroit, St. Louis and San Francisco, are under the command of Major H. A. Dargue.  
A number of airplanes, one of which carried General Patrick of the Air Service, escorted the planes out of San Antonio.  
The first stop will be made at Brownsville.

King-Holt's Profit Sharing Sale will continue until Christmas Eve night. Get practical Christmas gifts at big reduction in prices. 21-1td

## DEAD BANDIT IS IDENTIFIED

(By Associated Press)  
HOUSTON, Dec. 21.—The body of the man fatally wounded here Friday during a drug store hold-up, was identified today by J. F. Pierce, of Fort Worth, as that of his brother, Frank Pierce, 23 years of age.

## CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS AND DISTURBANCE

Perry Todd is charged in the municipal court with drunkenness and disturbance of the peace, as the result of an affair in a local restaurant Sunday night.

## ANOTHER NEGRO POKER PLAYER IS ARRESTED

A tenth negro, who was in the poker game at the "Big Yard" Sunday evening, was arrested Monday and paid off in justice court. He was in the game but ran when the officers rushed in and was not caught until Monday afternoon.

## All Resources Used in Rescuing Miners

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mine disasters unite all available resources, human and mechanical, in the work of rescue.  
Unofficial estimates place the cost of rescuing five men, entombed for eight days in a mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in excess of \$100,000. Close ties bind the residents of the little mining villages in the Pennsylvania mountains, so when news came to the village of Tomhicken that a creek had broken through its banks and flooded a mine there was an immediate response to the call for relief workers, and the general manager of the mine labored by the side of his men.

## SMITH ACCEPTS SENATE OFFICE

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Chicago Daily Journal, in a copyrighted news story today, reported the acceptance of Colonel Frank Smith, appointed by Gov. Len Small to fill the unexpired term of Will McKinley, in the United States Senate.  
Col. Smith will leave for Washington after the first of the year to present his credentials, the Journal said.

## WRECK HALTS TRAIN SERVICE

Nine tank cars of a Santa Fe freight train carrying oil from the Reagan county fields are in the ditch about 2 1/2 miles West of Rowena after a wreck on the line early Tuesday morning, and as a result, the morning Santa Fe passenger train to Brownwood did not run and the noon train was forced to transfer passengers and mail to a train from San Angelo shortly after noon.

It is believed that the wreck was caused by the rails spreading due to the soft condition of the roadbed which had been caused by the slow, seaking rains of the past week. No one was reported injured in the wreck but the nine tank cars, loaded with crude petroleum all went into the ditch with much of the oil being wasted.

This accident occurred Tuesday morning after the midnight passenger train to San Angelo had run and before the 5:36 passenger train from San Angelo had passed. This train was held up and the noon train was also delayed in arriving here.

The wrecker and a crew of workmen from Brownwood arrived shortly before noon and began to assist section hands that had been called on the job in clearing the right-of-way. It was reported here that some five or six sections of track were torn up in the wreck. Every available section hand was put to work clearing out the wreckage and making way to operate trains over the road.

Santa Fe traffic was held up quite a bit by this accident and it came at a time when the big rush is on as the road has been handling much freight on this branch from Brownwood to San Angelo. Ballinger has also been receiving and shipping much freight during the past few weeks, and the Santa Fe has been calling on extra engineers, brakemen and rolling stock in an effort to take care of the extra business.

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Home made Candy, made daily. See us before buying elsewhere. J. C. COOK. 21-2td

## ONE DRUNK TAKEN MONDAY NIGHT

A man, giving his name as S. A. Robertson, Brownwood, was arrested here Monday night by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and placed in the county jail where he became sober during the night. He was fined \$12.70 and released.

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## RECOVER 30 BODIES OF DROWNED MEN

## MAKES EFFORT TO QUASH OIL INDICTMENTS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Motions to dismiss the Fall-Sinclair Teapot Dome oil conspiracy indictments were taken under advisement today by Justice Bailey, after the conclusion of the arguments in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

## NEW BASEBALL SCANDAL LOOMS

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Tyrus Cobb and Tristram Speaker are linked today in an investigation to be conducted by Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis involving alleged irregularity of a game between Detroit and Cleveland played in Detroit on September 25, 1919.

Landis, without making a decision, made public the testimony taken in the case.

Dutch Leonard and Joe Wood, pitchers, were also named in the investigation which Landis indicated, involved betting on the result of the game.

## \$1,200 FOR TURKEYS IS WOMAN'S RECORD

Mrs. August Novia, of White Point community, has been very successful this year with her turkeys. She has sold between 300 and 400 birds this fall, which netted her nearly \$1,200.

Our guess is that there are not many cotton crops that will net that much this year.—Concho (Paint Rock) Herald.



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## HOLD O'DELL BANK SUSPECTS IN NEB.

## YOUTH TRIES TO WRECK TRAIN

(By Associated Press)  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The Memphis Commercial-Appeal said today that Alfred Busher, 23 years of age, had confessed an attempt to wreck an Illinois Central passenger train, because the engineer had flirted with his fifteen-year-old sweetheart as the train sped past her home near Hickman, Kentucky.

Busher, an employe on the farm of the girl's father, was arrested several days ago, the dispatch says.

**Attention Masons**  
There will be a meeting of the Masonic Lodge this evening at 7:00 o'clock for work on the Master's Degree.

J. B. PACE, W. M.  
C. R. CREWS, Secretary.

## ASKS PROBE OF SOUTH'S COTTON

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A resolution directing Secretary of Commerce Hoover to make an investigation in the South to determine the quantity and quality of the cotton surplus as of January 1, 1927, was introduced in the Senate today by Congressman Harry Wurzbach, Republican from Texas.

(By Associated Press)

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 21.—Two men, carrying nearly \$4,000 in currency, thought to be members of the gang of three, wanted at O'Dell, Texas on a charge of robbing a bank there Saturday, were arrested here last night and held for an investigation after the suspicions of a clothing dealer had been aroused by the currency bulging from their trousers pockets.

The men gave their names as Clyde Stratton, 20 years of age, Coin, Iowa; and L. S. Huffman, 30 years of age, of Wichita, Kansas. One bundle of ten-dollar bills amounting to \$500 had a wrapper bearing the name of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The men refused to talk when questioned, other than to say they came from Juarez, Mexico, where they claimed to have won the money gambling.

VERNON, Tex., Dec. 21.—Part of the currency taken from the bank at O'Dell was wrapped in a label bearing the name of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, according to Dewey Marsh, cashier of the bank.

## O. L. JONES FREE ON \$500 BOND

O. L. Jones, of South Ballinger, was arrested Saturday afternoon and charged with forgery, after he is alleged to have forged the name of R. L. Turner to a check for \$5.95 in payment of a pair of shoes purchased at Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

An examining trial was held and the man's bond was set at \$500. He made the bond immediately and was released.

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Hearts made heavy by bereavement deserve all possible consideration. They should have no added burden of practical details, little duties which are none the less important because they are small.

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An auto thief who got away with an oil man's car containing two grips at Abilene, checked the grips when he reached Dallas and mailed the checks to the owner at Abilene, which reminds us that there is some good in the worst of us and some bad in the best of us. The grips contained valuable papers which were worthless to the thief.

We are for any plan that will benefit the farmer, but our opinion is that a lot of energy is being wasted on the move to limit by law the amount of acreage a farmer can plant in cotton. If we have reached the point where it is necessary for the government to tell us what to plant and what not to plant, and fix a law to enforce such a plan, it is high time to take out and let the government do the plowing.

In planning a bigger turkey crop, farmers and poultry growers should be careful in selecting their stock. Out of a bunch of 51 turkeys brought on the local market last week 18 were cut back on account of crooked breasts, and other defects. Local dealers report that the percentage of culls has been unusually heavy this season. The culls, or cut-backs, bring ten cents per pound less than the No. 1 birds, and it costs as much to raise a scrub as it does a No. 1 turkey.

The descendants of Jesse James, noted bandit of half a century ago, have employed a watchman to stand guard over the grave of the bandit to protect the monument that marks the grave, from souvenir hunters. The tombstone has been defaced by vandals who picked off bits of the marble for souvenirs. A monument over the grave of a bank robber does not stand for much, but of the two, the bandit occupied just about as high a place in society as the vandal who defaces the monument.

Some will charge it to woman suffrage, some will say prohibition caused it, while some will no doubt place the blame on the movies, but perhaps the craving for a little Santa Claus cash prompted Rebecca to make the raid on the Buda bank. Regardless of the motive, the little woman got the money, and it is up to the court to handle the case in such way as to discourage others of her sex. The women should leave the bank robbing for the men, for who wants to shoot a lady robber?

Nothing will give more joy to a sick person, or a "shut-in" than a bright blooming plant, at this season of the year. Will last for weeks. See our display, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, this week. At Hall Hardware Co. Ladies Auxiliary. 20-2td

**WARNING TO AUTOISTS**

Four cases of carbon, or garage, poisoning in Fort Worth has caused the health officers of that city to issue a warning that should be heard by autoists throughout the country. Gas commonly formed from

gasoline in autes as waste, and thrown out through the exhaust, will prove fatal to victims who inhale the poison gas within an hour when the air is impregnated with as much as 0.4 per cent of the gas.

Poison from such gas is extremely dangerous during the winter season when auto owners tune up their motors in closed garages, and employes in badly ventilated garages are subject to asphyxiation.

Carbon monoxide, or exhaust gas, is treacherous and is very colorless, tasteless and has very little odor. Doctors declare that as much as 0.2 per cent of the gas is exceedingly dangerous.

The symptoms of garage poisoning are dizziness, headache, dilation of the pupils of the eyes, and loss of motor power. In addition to the violent, or acute attacks, chronic cases sometimes result from slight poisoning from time to time. Fresh air is the best, and about the only remedy for garage gas poisoning.

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**AIR MAIL SERVICE HAS \$4,000,000 IN ASSETS**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. — Considerable competition among commercial aeronautic enterprises is expected by Postmaster General New in the bidding on January 15 for the contracts for operation of the New York-Chicago-San Francisco air mail service.

Development of the air mail service is looked upon by the postmaster general as one of the outstanding achievements of the postal service. About \$15,000,000 has been spent and the assets in planes, shops, air fields, hangars and buildings are placed at approximately \$4,000,000. Its personnel comprises 550 em-

ployes. It is probable that most of the personnel and material may be taken over by the successful contractor. There are nearly 100 planes.

Nearly sixteen million letters were carried by the New York-Chicago-over-night air mail services during the year which ended October 31. Since the beginning of the air mail service in 1918 planes carrying mails have travelled more than 11,000,000 miles. Thirty pilots and nine employes who accompanied pilots on flights have been killed.

**Notice**

Someone took my pinch bar from my place last Wednesday. I wish they would please return it as I need it.

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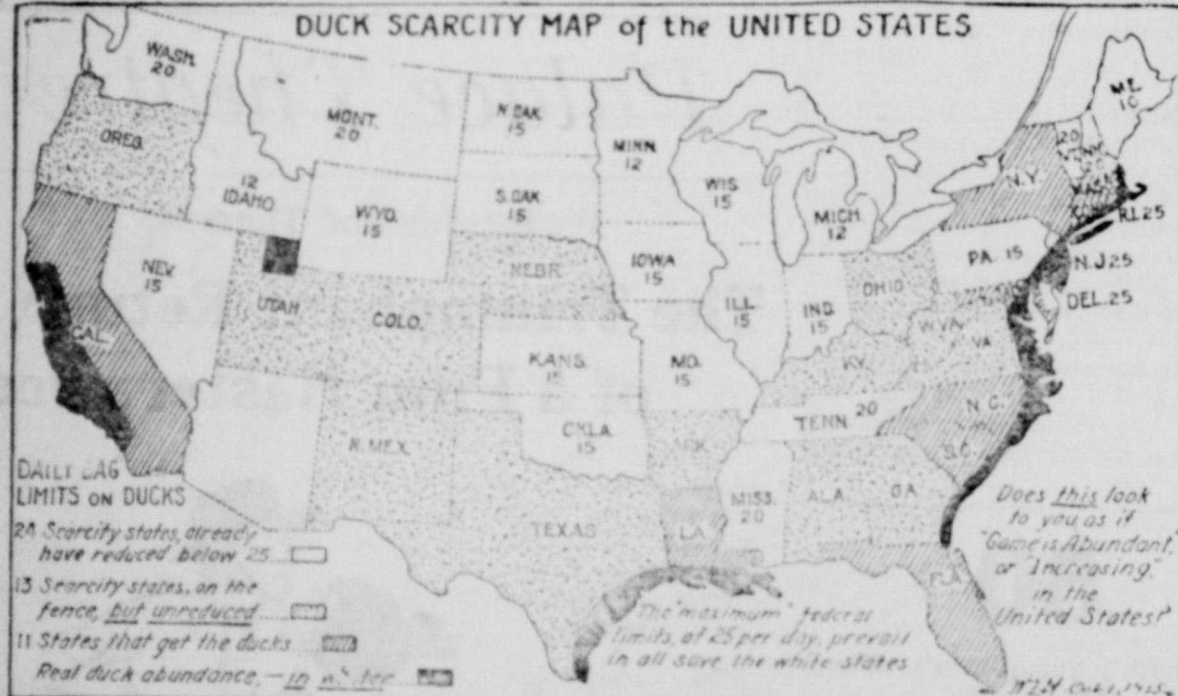
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**GOOD-BYE TO OUR SMALL GAME**

**DUCK SCARCITY MAP of the UNITED STATES**



The official Federal bag limit on ducks is 25 per day, fixed in 1918 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with the laws of the 21 states with reduced limits.

By DR. WILLIAM I. HORNADAY  
Noted Authority on Wild Life  
For one hundred years and more the pioneer hunters, the sportsmen, the market hunters and the game-hunters of America have steadily hunted or killed game birds.

It is a fixed belief that all the game of this nation belong to these sportsmen. Sincerely and cordially they have believed that they had a right to do by and unto the game as they rovally pleased. To a very great extent, in those ranks that feel in every bit as much as today it did fifty years ago except that now about one-third of the killers of game admit that even game has some rights that should be respected, and that even ducks are entitled to a square deal. Per haps a big majority of the 6,000,000 sportsmen-hunters would elect to think so.—if we could only talk to them face to face.

For fifty years the sportsmen of the East and the Middle West have been regulating the killing of game and solemnly calling it "game protection."

Today if I were a mallard duck or a Canada goose I would just as lief take my chances of being "protected" in the bad place as in the United States of America. Surely

the birds of darkness do not hunt ducks on their winter refuge grounds for any longer than three and a half months of the year. Surely they have no more automobiles, blind decoys, alive and dead sink-batteries, big boats and names than the "rich clubmen" who kill ducks in their night or ten wireless-shelters on the Atlantic Coast. The bag "limit" is 25 per day for three months. Well then.

Our American system of "game protection" (1) is absurd weak exterminatory and rotten to the core. About ninety-five per cent of it outside of inviolate sanctuaries is merely regulated killing and sometimes very badly regulated at that. We can scarcely say that our "system of protection" has broken down; for we never had a real system! All over the United States our feathered game is being killed far faster than it is multiplying. Very soon the annual array of killers will carry 10,000,000 guns!

The areas of game-species extinction already enormous are increasing and spreading in devastating waves. Mighty little work has been done in mapping the status areas of extinction and eradicating them before the people. All the small game of the United States, except rabbits is headed straight toward quick annihilation. The annual killers of game form tremendous armies which we believe soon will outnumber the game. When a "good game state" yields in a hunting season only one quail to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each

hunter it is a chaotic jumble to talk about game "abundance" anywhere. When it is suggested that out of 25 killable species of shore and marsh birds combined, each hunter gets only 1-100th of a pound is it not high time to cut all bag limits to at least 40 per cent?

Believing as I do in the value of legitimate hunting sport as an outlet for the American manhood, and an incentive toward fine outdoor recreation I have for twenty-five years worked hard to save the game and sport from going into the discard together.

Now I begin to fear that I have spent my time and efforts in vain. Many men who are active in game conservation matters, and especially those interested in and influenced by the makers and dealers in guns and ammunition are kidding themselves and also the sportsmen and lawmakers, into the belief that "game is abundant," that "no reductions in game-killing are at all necessary" and that "sanctuaries and public shooting grounds" are the one great remedy for the shortage of game. Incidentally they hold that the sanctuaries should be subject to conversion into shooting grounds at the will of one easily-influenced individual.

The Department of Agriculture has for two years stubbornly maintained its support of the present killing privileges of sportsmen, as expressed in murderous bag limits and open seasons; and its retention of all appeals against that policy appears to be fixed and final. Congress could make a quick change in that situation—if it would.

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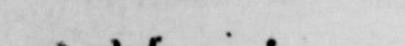
Gassaway, Tenn.—"I wasn't able to do any of my work, and it seemed like I had so little strength I just couldn't get around," says Mrs. Frank Murphy, who lives near here.

"My mother knew of the good Cardui could do, so she told me to take it. I sent and got a bottle, and seemed like all the time I grew stronger.

"I had been suffering with pains in my sides all the time, and Cardui helped this wonderfully. I needed a tonic for female trouble, and Cardui just fitted the need. I was awfully restless and could not sleep at night, but after taking two bottles of Cardui I could sleep like a top. I got along all right, and I know it was due to Cardui. I can certainly recommend it to women suffering from women's troubles.

"My present health is just fine." Thousands of women have written to tell how Cardui relieved them of pain and suffering, and helped them to improve in health and strength. Cardui is perfectly harmless, being an extract of mild-acting herbs, and contains no dangerous drugs or harmful ingredients.

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**Movies**

**"The Four Horsemen" Made Valentino Famous**

Rex Ingram's "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the film that first brought fame to Rudolph Valentino, is returning in triumph to the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of this week, December 22nd and 23rd. Alice Terry plays opposite him in this Metro-Goldwyn screen epic, which is a vivid picturization of the famous Blasco Ibanez novel.

**Eleanor Boardman Glorifies the Nation's Girlhood in Picture at the Palace Theatre**

Young womanhood of America ought to stand up as one and give Eleanor Boardman a vote of thanks for what she has done for them. Eleanor, a typical American girl, has devoted herself entirely during the last two years to convince a skeptical public that her prototype possesses intelligence and charm. In "Memory Lane," her latest picture, which closes a two-day run at the Palace Theatre tonight, she goes far in proving her point.

"Memory Lane" was directed by John M. Stahl for Louis B. Mayer. Under Stahl's direction, Miss Boardman is truly an actress of charm and intelligence. She wins the whole approval and heart of her audience.

Stahl's pictures have always carried the stamp of authenticity and naturalness. "Memory Lane" combines these qualities in an absorbing story of American home life. Stahl's direction leaves nothing to be desired.

Conrad Nagel and William Haines do excellent work opposite Miss Boardman. Both give sincere performances. The supporting roles in the picture are played by Eugenie Ford, John Stepping, Billy Bennett, Dot Farley, Joan Standing, Hedda

Hopper, Dale Fuller, Frankie Darrow and Kate Price. It is a First National picture.

**Tames Wild Skunks as Skunk Fur Valuable**

(By Associated Press) WABENO, Wis., Dec. 21.—Caring for more than 400 skunks and a colony of about 100 muskrats proves to be a full time occupation of William Sivert and L. C. Braht, who observing the decreasing number of fur bearing animals, established probably the only skunk farm in this section.

**SAYS RED PEPPER HEAT STOPS PAINS IN A FEW MINUTES**

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone.

Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, backache, neuritis, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Almost instant relief awaits you. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

**SEES REVIVING CHORAL INTEREST SINCE WAR**

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—America's interest in choral singing is being revived after a period in which it almost disappeared, asserts Stephen Townsend, chorus master of the Friends of Music.

Townsend believes that eventually there will be in connection with every symphony orchestra in this country a body of singers to be known as the symphony chorus. "If an orchestra can get a good conductor and adequate soloists for a chorus it can get all the choristers it wants," he said. "The regular chorus of the Friends of Music numbers approximately 100, but we always have more applications than we can accommodate. Many of them volunteer their services without asking pay."

He thinks it is possible to develop a chorus in the same manner as an individual singer, pointing out that Ethel Hayden, Reinald Werrenrath, Lambert Murphy, Meller Oleott, Mae, Charles Cahier, Mme. Selumamm, Heimk, Richard Crooks and a host of other artists of today passed a lot of time singing in choruses.

**Merry Christmas!** "Say it with flowers" this year. Beautiful flowering plants for Christmas gifts. At Hall Hardware Co. LADIES' AUXILIARY. 20-214

**JONES LEADS W. T. COTTON**

Runnels county ranks second among the leading West Texas cotton producing counties, statistics sent out from the Department of Agriculture in Washington show, while Jones county ranks first among West Texas counties and fifth among the first ten counties of the entire state.

Runnels county had ginned to December 1, 57,684 bales as compared with 64,606 for the same period of 1925 while Jones had ginned 74,913 bales to December 1, as compared with 64,213 for the same period of 1925.

Runnels county in 1925 was well among the first producers of the state, while this year it has lost considerably in the production of the staple but is still one of the leaders of this section of Texas.

Following are the ginnings of the leading West Texas counties to December 1, 1926, as compared with the same period of 1925:

Jones	74,913	64,213
Runnels	57,684	64,606
Taylor	50,104	49,573
Lubbock	43,370	19,765
Fisher	41,593	27,746
Coleman	41,021	34,936
Mitchell	33,163	32,843
McCulloch	28,107	20,158
Nolan	22,339	22,594
Concho	18,353	15,024
Colorado	15,867	9,533
Brown	12,052	15,105
Coke	9,491	13,671
Tom Green	9,239	13,159
San Saba	9,189	10,095
Comanche	9,085	12,871
Hindspeith	5,968	6,060
Mason	4,604	5,310
Midland	4,388	3,129
Uvalde	2,887	1,260
Menard	2,683	2,410
Swisher	1,515	634

**Notice**

I have moved the Top Shop from the Service Garage to John Castor's place of business. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my customers for their past patronage and am soliciting your future work. Hoping you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. HENRY DOSS. 20-51d.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES PASS THE 300 MARK**

Marriage licenses issued since January 1, 1926, totalled Tuesday morning 305, the records at the county clerk's office show. The number is expected to exceed greatly the total for the year 1925.

**PART-DAY SERVICE IN MAILS CHRISTMAS DAY**

There will be only part day service at the local postoffice on Christmas day, Postmaster J. A. Reese announced Tuesday.

Deliveries will be made in the morning and the office will be open part of the morning as Sunday is also a day of rest for the postal employees as far as deliveries are concerned. One delivery will be made on Saturday and service will be had at the office until 12, noon. After that hour incoming mail will be received but will not be worked.

Only necessary work will be done at the office on Christmas day.

**HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD**

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up.

Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, sniffling, blowing, headache dryness. No struggling for breath at night—your cold or catarrh disappears.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates thru every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh.

**Banbury Cross of Old Nursery Rhyme to Go**

BANBURY, Eng., Dec. 21.—Unimaginative townsfolk are about to cut an old nursery

rhyme adrift. Banbury Cross, to which many an American youngster has ridden a cock horse, will be sacrificed to Progress.

It stands, a heavily ornamented obstacle to traffic even to such privileged characters as fine ladies who ride white horses and

who have rings on their fingers and bells on their toes. Therefore it will be removed.

The cross was erected in honor of the marriage of the Princess Royal of England, the Kaiser's mother, to Frederic, the Crown Prince of Prussia.

**A Wooden Desk**

—in a home or office, may serve a useful purpose.

But a far safer place for your abstracts, insurance papers, contracts, and deeds is a safe-deposit box.

SAFETY CONVENIENCE PRIVACY  
Box \$3.00 a year.



**Give a Gift of Melody**

To the musical youth or the melody girl—a favorite instrument from the finest craftsman in the art of tone makes the ideal present. Here's a list from which it's easy to find a suitable gift:

- SONORA PRONOGRAPHES
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Special Xmas Sale on Everything

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Last Day to See—



—For some a road without ending. For others a broad sun-streaked highway \* \* \* the footpath to happiness, but to everyone this "Memory Lane" is the boulevard to an evening of fine entertainment.

—with Eleanor Boardman, Conrad Nagel and Wm. Haines

Also an Aesop Fable and Pathe Review

Floor 35c Balcony 25c Children 10c

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**Christmas Eve**

Betty Bronson in

**"THE CAT'S PAJAMAS"**

**QUEEN THEATRE**

TODAY

He looked like a mollocoddle to the rough cowboys of Bar O Ranch. But his nerve and iron muscle and horsemanship were a match for the biggest cowpunchers. If you enjoy strong men in action, be sure and see—

**Art Acord in 'Western Pluck'**

With the capable support of the famous "Lightnin'" the most intelligent equine in pictures.

Also a Two Reel Comedy.

10c AND 25c

**Stepping Out?**

You don't need a brand new suit. One that has been dry cleaned gives the same appearance. And your appearance is really the thing that counts in the social and business world. Have your suits dry cleaned—pepped up—it adds to their life. Stepping out—let's go!

**Louis Cohen**

The Tailor

Phone 63

We Deliver



## DIRECTS CHEER DRIVE FROM BED

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 21.—Although confined to her bed with a painful injury suffered in an automobile accident, Mrs. J. E. King, chairman of the board of supervisors of the Texas prison system, is carrying on a statewide drive to provide Christmas cheer for more than 400 prisoners who have no friends to remember them this year.

Mrs. King is making her campaign against the orders of her doctors because the response to her plea for co-operation in helping the prisoners has been unusually weak this year. Of the 400 odd friendless prisoners less than 75 have been provided for to date and Christmas is approaching rapidly.

Mrs. King annually arranges to remember every man in the state prisons who has no one to give him a bit of Christmas cheer, and this year has accepted the task of remembering a record number of homeless and friendless men.

She collects the names of all the prisoners who are apt to be forgotten during the holidays and gives anyone in the state the names of as many men as he or she may wish to remember. No expensive gifts are expected, but those who agree to remember a prisoner are asked to give some simple things, a handkerchief, shaving soap or some other useful article.

"Regardless of the crime for which a man is punished, every one of the 400 men will be a better prisoner if he feels that somebody has enough consideration for him to send him a small gift at Christmas time," Mrs. King said.

One woman, who has always contributed to the prison Christmas, takes the name of some negro woman and provides her a nice gift in memory of her old negro mammy. There are a number of regular contributors.

### GOODFELLOW FUND

Only three days are left in which to give something to the Goodfellow fund, and those who have not donated to this good and worthy cause are requested to do so at once.

The fund is not as large as it has been in previous years, but the need is as great or greater than in the past. There are many here in need of assistance and they have no means to finance Santa Claus unless Ballinger citizens who are more fortunate come in with their donations.

Previously reported — \$10.00  
Mrs. A. J. Zappe — 3.00  
E. W. McLaurin — 1.00

Every article reduced during Profit Sharing Sale except Perfection oil stoves. King-Holt Co. 21-1td

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each one who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of our dear wife, mother and sister.

We also wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offering.

May God's richest blessing rest on you all.

H. A. Neas and Children  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sims  
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sims  
Miss Willie Sims 1td

## Real Estate Transfers

### Warranty Deeds

Paul Trimmer and wife to A. B. Stobaugh, lot No. 6 of block No. 125 of the First Railroad addition to the city of Ballinger, December 18, for the sum of \$300.

W. H. Gentry et al to Mrs. Alice Gentry, 200 acres of the G. W. Perryman survey No. 802, December 11, for the sum of \$10.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alfon Wanorek and Miss Helen Hoelscher  
Wm. Maas and Miss Mary Kohutek  
John Berry and Miss Daisy White.

Be wise and advertise!

## Interesting New Two Piece Frock Features Novel Square Neck



PAULINE STARKE

One of the smartest of afternoon ensembles this season is the blouse of metallic cloth combined with the skirt of crepe or velvet. The two piece jumper frock so popular the last few seasons continues to be upmost in favor in the more elaborate frock as well as in the sport dress.

This decidedly chic frock worn by Pauline Starke, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, is of red and gold metallic cloth, with the smart square neck and pointed bottom edged with gold. The sleeves are of gold cloth. An interesting note are the colorful flowers embroidered at the bottom.

The skirt of black is closely knitted and is worn extremely short.

Hear—"Hello, Aloha — How Are You?" pipe organ solo. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 21-2td

### Grow Hair on Bald Mice; Try on Humans

(By Associated Press)  
TAUNTON, England, Dec. 21.—Bald mice have been made to grow hair in experiments designed to discover a cure for baldness among humans.

To grow hair on mice is easy, scientists explain, but the trick was to make the mice bald.

Dr. F. A. E. Crow, principal of the Animal Breeding Institute of the Edinburgh University, has discovered that mice may be made to shed their coats by extracting certain gland substances. Dr. Crow also says that by extracting a substance from normal mice and grafting it on the bald ones, he has been able to promote the growth of the coat again either completely or partially, according to the amount applied.

The experiments are being continued with a view of ascertaining if human baldness may not be due to the same glandular deficiency, and therefore curable in a similar way.

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### Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1c per word each insertion. All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash, unless advertiser has a regular account with this paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

FOR RENT—Two light house-keeping rooms on South Broadway, 303, by Mrs. Stella Franklin. 20-4d

FOR SALE—Four room house on Twelfth Street at a bargain. Phone 179. 11-tfd

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 179. 26-tfd

## SPECIAL SERVICES AT NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. O. F. Hatfield, district superintendent of San Antonio district, and wife, Rev. Lela Hargrove Hatfield; Miss Cathryn Hind, of Waco, and Rev. Nellie A. Griswold, of San Antonio, are to have charge of special services at the Nazarene church tomorrow.

Promptly at 3:00 p. m., Mrs. Griswold, district president of the Women's Missionary Society, will address the local society as to some of the best methods of conducting a successful society. Mrs. Griswold has had several years experience in this work and it will be well worth your time to hear her whether you are a member of any society or not.

At 7:00 p. m., Miss Hind, district president of the Nazarene Young People's Society, will speak to the young people. She has had a number of years experience in this work, and is deeply concerned about the welfare of the young people. Her message will be of interest to all who may be present.

Following the N. Y. P. S. service, Rev. Hatfield, or his wife, will preach. God is blessing these faithful ministers, and it will do you good to hear them.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend this service.

NELLIE A. HILL, Pastor.

Your home comes first. Buy gifts for the home at King-Holt's Profit Sharing Sale. 1td

## Says Waterfront Boy is Lured by the Sea

(By Associated Press)  
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Boys who watch ships go down to sea develop into men who go down to the sea in ships.

So a survey of Orleans parish public schools has revealed to Miss Emma Pritchard Cooley, director of vocational guidance.

Boys living along the waterfront, or attending schools near the river, from whose windows they could watch sea-going vessels on the Mississippi escorted by tugs, showed a decided tendency toward nautical pursuits, Miss Cooley found.

The survey revealed, she said, that environment to a considerable degree is the deciding factor in determining what occupation a boy will select.

Be wise and advertise

## LAKE OF 1,000 ACRES ADDS TO PARK SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 14.—A lake covering more than 1,000 acres will be added to the San Antonio park system with the completion of the Olmos Creek detention dam, which will be ready for operation soon.

The dam, which stretches for 1,940 feet across the San Antonio River North of the city, is 90 feet high at the deepest part of the river and has a maximum width at the bottom of 70.4 feet. A roadway, 24 feet wide, crosses the top of the dam, as do conduits for light, heat and power installations. The roadway is lighted by concealed lights, and 89,500 cubic yards of concrete went into the dam.

A reservoir with an area of 1,045 acres will be formed behind that dam and the shores will be developed as a park. The dam will have a storage capacity of 15,600 acre feet of water.

Foundations of the structure rest on a limestone ledge 20 to 50 feet below the surface of the dam. In building the foundations it was necessary to pump 1,600 feet of water from the excavation per minute. The project cost approximately \$1,600,000.

Towner Dickinson, of McCombs, is here for a visit to his wife and other relatives.

## Arizona's Echo Canyon Site of Open Theatre

(By Associated Press)  
ECHO CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 15.—High above the cacti-studded desert, with a towering cliff as a background, an open-air theatre will be built in this rock-ribbed canyon, which is itself a natural amphitheatre.

Echo canyon's acoustics are so perfect that an ordinary conversational tone will carry faithfully for 600 feet. The thinnest note of a high-pitched violin will penetrate into the canyon's innermost recesses. A cliff acts as a natural sounding-board. Opposite it a talus slope will afford graduated elevations for spectators seats.

The Echo Canyon Bowl Association, sponsor of the project, plans to provide seating facilities for 5,000 persons and, eventually, for 25,000.

The canyon is about eight miles from Phoenix.

## RESPONSIBLE COMMERCIAL BANKING SERVICE

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Member of Qualified Druggists League

Robert B. Bingham, of New York city, is here visiting his father, Rev. B. W. Bingham. He will return to New York Sunday.

Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet Free at King-Holt's Christmas Eve night. 21-1td

Monte Brown, of Novice, was in

Ballinger Monday and Tuesday looking after business.

With every dollar spent at King-Holt during their Profit Sharing Sale you get ten votes to vote for whom you please for the five free prizes. 1td

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## CHRISTMAS AND YOUR DINNER

It's a satisfaction to know that the food is the best—the finest the market affords. If you buy here you are assured of highest quality, with lowest prices.

We also have a fresh line of Candy, Oranges, Apples, Nuts and other good things to bring Christmas Cheer.

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