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RULE BANDITS IN OKLAHOMA ENDS

Twenty-Five Year Sentences in Leavenworth Meted Out to Last of Spencer Gang Recently

OTHER GANGS BROKEN UP
S. A. Barker, Former Reporter Staff Man, Writes of Passing of Bandit Leaders in State

By S. A. BARKER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Formerly on The Reporter Staff
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 19.—Organized banditry has passed from Oklahoma.

Such was the comment of William (Bill) Tilghman, veteran peace officer and bandit-hunter, after 25-year sentences in Leavenworth Federal prison were passed out to six survivors of the Al Spencer bandit gang a few days ago.

Tilghman spoke with finality, based upon more than 40 years' experience, in which he has witnessed the passing of four noted bandit gangs.

Bob Dalton, leader of the Dalton gang, met death at the hand of the law at Coffeyville, Kans., in 1882, when the band of desperadoes were partially wiped out and the remainder imprisoned.

Bill Doolin, "king of Oklahoma outlaws," was killed near Lawton in the old Indian Territory in 1896, after his band had been captured.

Starr Meets Death
Henry Starr, who robbed more banks than any other outlaw in Oklahoma history, was slain while looting a band in Arkansas in 1922. His associates separated and formed a new, according to officers, under the leadership of Al Spencer with headquarters in the Osage hills of northern Oklahoma.

A charge of cattle rustling and a penitentiary sentence featured Spencer's first run-in with the law in 1919. As a "trustee" he walked out of the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester a few months later.

Bank robberies in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas were credited to the "Spencer gang" while officers sought vainly for the phantom leader. While officers sought for him, Spencer was seen in a hotel lobby here. When officers arrived a few minutes later, he was gone.

A few days later he was seen in Wichita, Kans., but slipped back into northern Oklahoma, well ahead of pursuers.

Born near Nowata, Spencer knew the Osage country trails and hiding places, which were a mystery to outsiders.

Train Looted
On the night of August 21, last, a M. K. & T. passenger train was halted in the desolate country near Okesa, Okla., and looted of more than \$20,000 in Liberty bonds and currency, in genuine "wild west" fashion. While more than half a dozen bandits held passengers within the train and battered their way into the mail coaches as Spencer, chatted unconcernedly with captive members of the crew upon current questions.

Posses under direction of Alva McDonald, United States deputy marshal, closed in upon the Osage country and herded more than a score of suspects into the Pawhuska jail a few weeks later.

But Spencer's uncanny luck, which carried him safely through the encircling cordon, deserted him near the little town of Caney, Kan., where he walked into an ambush of a federal posse and fell riddled with bullets without returning the fire. Several thousand dollars in bonds, stolen from the "Katy" train at Okesa, were found upon his body.

Curtis Kelly, Spencer's right-hand man and confident, confessed complicity in the Okesa robbery and gave testimony that sent five companions with him to Leavenworth.

Frank Nash, a pardoned "lifer," university graduate and lawyer, protested his sentence. The others passed uncomplainingly.

Fell Into Sewer
DALLAS, Texas, March 19.—Mrs. Homer Mitchell demands \$10,000 damages for falling into a sewer here. In a claim filed with the city commission, she said she stumbled into an open sewer man-hole at Fair Park while enroute to hear Mary Garden's rendition of the opera "Salome."

Probe Death of Much Married Kansas Woman

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 19.—Authorities investigating the death of Zoe Wilkins, six times the bride of wealthy husbands, today determined she had \$100,000 in her possession a few days before being slain.

Jesse James, attorney for the slain woman, said he had appeared at Mrs. Wilkins' home late in the week and she showed him securities totaling that amount.

"I asked her why she did not put the money in a bank but she said she was afraid of banks," James told officers.

Mrs. Wilkins told many friends that she constantly feared assassination.

The slain woman's brother, Charles Wilkins, who came to Kansas City from Seattle three months ago, was taken into custody and held for questioning. Dillard Davis, janitor of the building where the woman was murdered, said the brother had attacked Mrs. Wilkins following a quarrel and beat him severely.

Bootleg Poison

DALLAS, Texas, March 19.—A number of persons are being treated at local hospitals for liquor poisoning caused from drinking "bonded" whisky. Prohibition officers said their bootleggers were supplying them with "poisoned" whisky, labeled as high-class bonded liquor.

ORDER MARINES TO SAVE LIVES

Landing Party Sent to Relief Americans at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Following Urgent Request

RAID AMERICAN CONSULATE

Looting Parties Render Situation "Very Grave," American Consul

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—A landing party of nine officers and 167 sailors have been sent to the relief of Americans at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, following an urgent request to the Navy Department from the American Minister, Franklin Morales.

Malignant shooting of innocent people on the streets of the capital by drunken soldiers of three warring political factions and looting of American, British and Chinese stores, has made the situation "very grave," Morales reported to the State Department.

Both the American Consulate and Legation were fired upon before the landing party left the Cruiser Milwaukee, lying in Amapala port. Rebel forces agreed to allow American forces to pass through their lines when Morales explained the sailors were not coming to intervene but to protect American lives.

TROOPS RIOTING

Machine Guns Used in Nine-Day Siege in Dublin—Men Abandon Posts—Officers Arrested

By The United Press.
DUBLIN, Ireland, March 18.—Troops today surrounded a public house where mutinists were hiding, forced an entrance and arrested nine officers who fled to rooms on the top floor.

The arrests came after a siege of nine hours in which machine guns in armored cars were used and scores of officers and policemen participated.

The mutiny of Free State troops has been under way over a week. Many officers and men have abandoned their posts, protesting against the government's army reorganization plans.

To Seek Dope

WASHINGTON, March 19.—American charge d'affaires Summerlin at Mexico City has asked President Obregon to take steps to regulate gambling and liquor resorts on the Mexican side of the border near El Paso, Texas, according to information made known here. The measures were proposed to prevent bootlegging and dope smuggling.

PROBE INVOLVES KEMPER NOT TO CONCERN ON ORIENT

United Home Builders of Texas Mentioned in Daugherty Investigation in Senate Today

POSTAL INSPECTOR TALKS

T. D. Hawkins of Dallas Tells of Lotteries in Texas and of Reluctance to Prosecute in State

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The Senate Daugherty investigation today printed facts concerning charges that the Department of Justice refused to prosecute lottery concerns in Texas in spite of the official's reports to Washington that the law was being violated.

The inquiry centered around the investigation of activities of the United Home Builders in Texas; reluctance of Federal Attorney Zweifel to proceed against the concern without authority direct from Washington.

From T. D. Hawkins, postal inspector of Dallas, the committee finally learned that prosecution of this concern had been withheld because an assistant attorney general, attached to the Postoffice Department, had rendered an opinion that other concerns engaged in similar activities were satisfactory to the Postoffice Department.

This opinion, Hawkins said, he believed would hurt the chances of conviction against the United Home Builders.

Following the examination the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

Fliers Proceed

By The United Press.
EUGENE, Ore., March 19.—The three "round-the-world" air cruisers, headed by Major F. L. Martin, hopped off here today at 10:46 for Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

By The United Press.

LONDON, Eng., March 19.—Four officers and 41 men have gone down in a Japanese submarine following a collision with a warship off the port of Sasebo on the west coast of the Island of Kjusiu, 30 miles north of Nagasaki, according to dispatches received here today.

The submarine sank in 26 fathoms of water.

Rescue workers are doing their utmost to reach the undersea craft in the hope that the crew is still alive.

COURT GRINDING

Many Cases Being Disposed of in District Court—Sentences Suspended in Some Instances

Rapid disposal of various criminal cases featured the mid-week action in the District Court, with suspended sentences being favorite verdict.

Frank Smith, alias H. L. Black, was tried Tuesday on a charge of forgery. He plead guilty and applied for a suspended sentence. The jury acquiesced with a two years' suspended sentence.

The case of Bill Robertson, who was charged with the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence.

Clarence Carter, attaged forger, was given a three-year suspended sentence.

Most of Wednesday morning was devoted to the case of John Teafon, a Hungarian who claims Chicago as his home. Teafon's case went to the jury at 2:30 p. m. He was charged with having robbed Fred Scudday's barbershop on the night of December 23.

EMPER NOT TO CONCERN ON ORIENT

Owner of Property Says English and Holders and Others Have Urged Him to Do So

ULD BRING \$10,000,000

Under Order Federal Court March 27 Should Bring Enough to Protect Note Holders

By The United Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 19.—The Orient Railroad, which will be sold under Federal court auction at Wichita, March 27, should bring near \$10,000,000 in the opinion of W. T. Kemper.

Kemper said he would make no bid on the property, although he had been urged to do so "by at least 500 people."

At a meeting of the English and holders in London, resolutions were adopted to make the receiver submit bids.

"That is all piffle," said Kemper. "I will make no bid. It takes money to handle properties such as the Orient."

In case ten million dollars are obtained for the railroad note holders get back the bulk of their investments but bond holders will not.

We have kept British note and bond holders fully advised on every step taken," Kemper said. "We have done everything possible to try and interest them in coming over here and protecting their investment but they have shown little inclination to do so until now."

I have hopes that there will be at least two bids for the property. I have done everything possible to interest other people in making offers."

W. Bynum, a railroad mail clerk, running on the Santa Fe from Brownwood to Clovis, New Mexico, and making his home in Brownwood, is the father of five children, the oldest three and a half years. Two boys were taken aboard. In the Bynum family last Friday, half a year ago.

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COOLIDGE LEADS IN EARLY VOTING

JOHNSON SUPPORTERS CONFIDE

Returns From Country Rapidly White Down President's Majority—Votes Being Counted

By The United Press.
FARGO, N. D., March 19.—President Calvin Coolidge has a lead of 2 to 1 in the returns early today as the president preference vote in North Dakota as the votes were being counted.

County returns rapidly cut down his lead as they began coming in and Senator Hiram Johnson's supporters were confident he would be given the preference vote.

AFTER BERGDOLL

Notorious Draft Dodger May Be Brought Back To Take Medicine—Government Offers Aid

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The U. S. Government has instructed the diplomatic and consular representatives to aid whenever possible American representatives who have gone to Germany to get Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft dodger, to return to take his medicine, it was learned at the State Department today.

This action was taken following a conference here between Legion officers and those high in the Department.

The government itself has not made any proposals to Bergdoll, it was stated.

HOLD SAFETY MEETING
Employees West Texas Electric Co. This Section Meet Tuesday

Employees of the West Texas Electric Co. of this section held their regular safety meeting Tuesday afternoon at the office in Sweetwater. J. T. Persons, Dallas engineer, was present.

Various phases of decreasing accidents among employes were taken up and discussed in the meeting.

Letter Arrives From Ireland In Search Husband

Searching for a lost husband in a foreign country, the said husband in bad health and supposed to have been in Sweetwater is one of the little tragedies of life that bobbed up in police circles here when a letter from old Ireland was received by local authorities.

A letter addressed to Chief of Police Buck Johnson from Mrs. Emily Kennedy, from Belfast, Ireland, follows:

"Belfast, Ireland, February 26, 1924. Buck Johnson, Sweetwater, Texas. Dear Sir: Would you be good enough to please find out full particulars regarding my husband's whereabouts. His name is Harry Kennedy.

I have written several letters and can't get a reply. The last letter I had from him in November he was in bad health, so I'm very uneasy about him. He gave his address as 311 North East 2nd Street, Sweetwater, Texas.

Trusting that I am not giving you too much trouble, Yours, resp't., Mrs. Emily Kennedy."

The letter was received Monday, March 17, by Chief Johnson. He is investigating the case.

Weather

West Texas: Tonight cloudy to partly cloudy, snow in northern portion; colder in southeast portion; Thursday generally fair weather.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CATTLEMEN

Forty-Eighth Annual Convention Cattlemen's Association Told of Prosperous Times Ahead

PROMINENT SPEAKERS HEARD

More Stabilized Conditions Through European Economic Boom to American Cattle Industry

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Snowfall General

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Mexican Shot

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More Oil Cases

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MARCH BRINGS ANOTHER SNOW

Fleecy Mantle Extends North and West of Sweetwater in Four to Six Inch Layer of Prosperity

FOURTH SNOW OF WINTER

Total of 56 Inches Moisture Contained in This One Bringing Total For Year to 1.82 Inches

Shouldering weather records of years into questionable standing, March, 1924, flung another blanket of snow over West Texas, more particularly that part of it lying north and west of Sweetwater Wednesday.

There was .40 of an inch of rain preceding the snow in Sweetwater according to the Sweetwater Vulcanizing Co., rain gauge and the same authority reports a two-inch snow. Figuring ten inches of snow to one inch of rain, a total of about 60 inches is the crop, or thereabouts.

To the northwest, Snyder reported four inches and Plainview and Lubbock five inches each.

To the west Big Spring and Midland each reported about three inches and Garden City claimed five inches.

Bronte and San Angelo received their moisture in the form of a one inch rain without any snow, they reported Wednesday morning. But little snow being received south of Nolan County.

There was heavy snow north of Sweetwater on the Orient all the way to Altus, with between five and six inches at Crowell.

To the east the fall seemed to be much lighter, barely covering the ground at Abilene, reports from there indicated.

In most cases land has been prepared for spring planting and in shape to take fullest possible advantage of the benefits of the moisture being received. Crop prospects are considered extremely optimistic.

As the day wore on Wednesday, the flying snow was replaced by a heavy wet snow. This snow, however, was which the snow soaked into the ground was evident from the "juicy" condition of the dirt streets of the city.

According to reports reaching here the snow extended as far west as Sierra Blanca.

The temperature Wednesday morning was 34 degrees.

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LIVE IN TROPICS

Prof. F. W. Burstell, dean of the faculty of science at Birmingham University, England, disclosed visions of the earth circled with towers, stored with the concentrated energy of the air and sun, forming power houses to run the affairs of the future world.

In the time to come, say 200 years hence, life on this planet will of necessity become very much simplified, said Burstell. The coal, oil and ores which are the foundations of our present civilization will not last indefinitely. Mankind will be driven to other resources. They will turn back to the tropics, where life can be easily maintained, and northern latitudes will only be revisited in the summer season to get ores to smelt for engineering purposes.

Alcohol will be the motive power in that age of science. Then Professor Burstell drew a vivid picture of equatorial towers soaring in the skies, extracting carbon dioxide from the air, subjecting it to catalytic processes, and finally uniting it with water vapor and forming alcohol, to be drawn off at the bottom of the towers like tapping a tank of gasoline.

"You must understand," he said, "that life will not be encumbered with all the absurd contrivances which are necessary to our present state. When a man gets up 200 years hence he will choose a particular flying suit of wear, according to his plans for the day. Then he will only have to pour in the alcohol and fly away." "With everybody living near the equator, very little clothes will be required. All the needless food will be easily raised by mechanical cultivation. Housing will be simplified. There will be no problems of the open grave or central heating, for, of course, everything will be communal in that day."

REVERSE

Defeat by the Senate of the Norbeck-Burton bill providing \$50,000,000 of government relief for farmers in the spring wheat States in something of an eye-opener for the farm bloc. Announcement of late years to receiving everything it asked from congress, it was not prepared for the failure of this \$50,000,000 program, and that by the decisive vote of 41 to 32. Yet the debate in the Senate preceding the vote upon the bill clearly foreshadowed this result. Efforts to obtain amendments making the bill apply to farmers in all sections of the United States were voted down. It was largely the opposition from districts discriminated against by the measure that caused its defeat. A rising sentiment in congress against the extension of any further paternal aid was a thing that contributed to the result. Senator Reed, of Missouri for instance, protested that the supporters of the bill had laid down a

new and startling economic theory that the government was responsible for relief in cases where distress arose from "foolish investment or enactment of fool laws." Of course the spring wheat states have had no monopoly on this folly. Senator Glass of Virginia was amazed by the state socialism venture fostered by the bill. He declined to be impressed by the argument of a senator from a northwestern state that with the failure of its farming prosperity his state has only "three active industries—agriculture, government and almshouses."

"The farmers generally are in no such situation," the Virginia senator declared, "and I can't see the force of the argument that I am to take the money of the 1,275,000 farmers of Virginia to enable the 47,000 farmers of one of those states to enter into competition with those of Virginia." Other Democrats who argued against use of the taxing power to aid special interests, or sections, were Senators Bruce of Maryland and Stanley of Kentucky. Senator Adams, Democrat, of Colorado, said he was opposed to the bill in its present form. Senator Copeland of New York insisted that the situation in the north-west constituted a "public necessity," as much as an epidemic of smallpox or other dangerous disease.

Senator Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborer, of Minnesota, told the Senate that the Democrats seemed to hesitate about supporting the bill because they were "afraid the Republican party would get a little credit for it. I don't care what happens to the Republican party," he declared, "because I don't belong to it. I hope we can kick 'em with a third party in the next election."

Many beautiful speeches were made to the effect that the government should grant a \$50,000,000 bounty to enable the northwestern farmers to quit raising wheat and take to the production of poultry, swine and cattle, but the states which specialize in these products could not see what benefit they would derive from setting up this Federal-aided competition to beat down their own market. With such dissension among the brethren themselves, aided by outside opposition, the only wonder is that the bill was not beaten worse than it was.

NEAR HIM HOLLER!

My father says the paper he reads isn't put up right; He finds a lot of faults, too, he does, 'perkins' it all night; He says there ain't a single thing in it worth to read, And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need; He tosses it aside and says it's strictly on the bum, But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come. He reads about the wedding and he sports like all get out; He reads the social doings with a most decisive shout. He says they make the papers for the women folks alone; He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fret and groan; He says of information it doesn't have a crumb— But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come. He is always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clean through. He doesn't miss an item, or a want ad—that is true; He says they don't know what we want, the darn newspaper guys; "I'm going to take a day some time and go and put 'em wise; "Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb." But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

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Brevities

Cynicism is just the confidence doubt men are too shy to be r-

Insanity may be caused by or by the advice of a good law-

The poor we have with us is also: They can't afford an exp-

Primitive man was asked, he didn't have enough sense to eat was not.

Moderns may be a little hap-ol, but not quite so many are st-

Few stations are erected in whose chief concern is the way it hair looks.

Another danger in the negro-ation is that "possums may be a pest in the South.

A hick town is a place wherey stir after 7 p. m. means that is lodge night.

Fortunately, closed cars are nec-essential in the belt where tobac is considered edible.

MAY MOVE HERE

Sweetwater Makes Favorable Imp-ression on G. E. Jones

Such a favorable impression as Sweetwater made on G. E. Jones of Abilene that he declared they would like to move to this city to make his home here.

Mr. Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Jones, attended the formal opening of the Ladies' Store on the northeast corner of the square Tuesday, notwithstanding in spite of unfavorable weather. This is Mr. Jones' second store in Sweetwater. He purchased the Jones Dry Goods Store from J. D. Tidwell early in the year and in addition owns eleven other stores in West Texas.

The Ladies' Store is in charge of Mrs. Rankin and Miss Grammatico.

SALESMEN HERE

West Texas Representatives Pierce and Co., Messrs. Sweetwater.

Sales representatives of the Texas Oil Co. of West Texas met in Sweetwater Wednesday. Sales problems were discussed. The men took lunch-

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW Sweetwater, Texas

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oon at the Hotel Wright at noon and have made arrangements for dinner also.

The central location, rail and hotel facilities of Sweetwater are responsible for the meeting here, according to Owen Olive, Division Manager of Dallas. This is the third such meeting here.

Among those in attendance were: D. F. Wadley, Geo. D. Bowers, J. T. Woolridge and C. E. Dillard, of Dallas; R. W. Crowder of Tulsa; R. L. Price of Plainview.

J. W. Stephens, Floydada; F. E. Shiek, Lockney; C. Conley, Tahoka; A. M. Conklin, Lamesa; C. E. Slaton, Seagraves; S. T. Hall, Lubbock; W. E. Gibson, Abilene; J. T. Burke, Tuscola; G. W. Bond, San Angelo; R. M. Hull, Big Spring; Roy Wilcox, Pecos; Henry Campbell, Mertzon; M. S. McBride, Lubbock; F. C. King, Roaring Springs; with F. D. Bledsoe and C. F. Rogge of Sweetwater.

LIBRARY AIDED

Benefit Performance at Palace Theater Tuesday Evening Drew Appreciative Audience

The Library Benefit given last night at the Palace Theater, left nothing to be desired in variety and cleverness and was given before a well filled house.

The first part of the entertainment was the regular picture show program and was followed by seven home talent numbers in the following order: Mrs. Carl Ragland's chorus of thirty-five pretty High School girls gave two numbers; two numbers by Le Maire's Orchestra; Leona Ruth Butler gave a clever mimicry of "Freckles," was always "To Blame," which made a hit; two numbers were given by Charles Arthur Canfil.

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BRYANT LUMBER COMPANY

Sweetwater's youngest violin artist; Miss Ina Lee Ely, brought down a storm of applause in "Barney Google" a song and dance stunt, which called for nimble toes and grace; Harry Le Maire added two saxophone solos and this part of the program closed with a negro dialect reading, "How To Manage a Man," by Mrs. Ed Bradford, and for an encore gave "When Angellina Comes Swinging Down the Line," which added fresh laurels to her reputation as an attractive reader.

The third part of the program was given over to Clifford Weston, a Lyceum entertainer in the magic art of "Illusion." His thirty minutes performance was as beautiful as it was mystifying and sustained his reputation as a magician of rare ability.

The pianists for the evening were Mrs. Jim Butler, Mrs. Roy Scudday, Miss Verna Sheppard and Harry Le Maire. Their splendid renditions added much to the evening's pleasure.

HARRY R. BONDIES Attorney-at-Law SWEETWATER, TEXAS

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Announcement

C. T. Holly has purchased the entire interests of the Carthen Meat Market, the deal became effective Tuesday—
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NOTE—Will move in the Meyers' Building April 1.

HOLLEY MARKET

Lamar Street Aid Society

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Lamar Street Baptist Church held their business meeting at the church Monday with Mrs. W. M. Mullins in the chair. Next Monday's meeting will take place at the church also and will be a missionary study and program.

Episcopal Auxiliary

Mrs. J. C. Babb was hostess at a meeting of the ladies of the Episcopal Auxiliary. Second vice president, Mrs. R. C. Ledford was the presiding officer and disposed of all business matters and heard reports in routine order.

Reports from last Saturday's candy sale, showed a nice balance of about ten dollars and another sale was planned for next Saturday if weather conditions prove favorable. Mrs. J. M. Charlton will be hostess next Monday.

Presbyterian Aid Society

Mrs. Jay Ingram was hostess Monday afternoon at a meeting of the

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missionary study class of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. C. W. Bryant led the lesson from "The White Fields of Japan," their new study course.

Visitors present were Mrs. J. B. Irving, Mrs. Geer, Miss Kate Irving, and Mrs. M. A. Belcher. Mrs. Gus Farrar will be hostess next Monday afternoon.

Christian Aid Society

The ladies of the First Christian Aid Society held a well attended meeting Monday afternoon at the church when seventeen members answered to roll call.

Dr. McKissick conducted an interesting Bible study from the 21st chapter of Mathew. During the business part of the meeting the members voted on a clever plan to raise some money, and divided the society into two parts, and elected Mrs. R. A. Musgrove and Miss Mollie Musgrove captains over the two teams. A lively contest is expected to ensue for the coming month, each having the privilege of raising the money in her own way by doubling the first quarter as often as possible. The contest will close with a party and each will tell in rhyme how the money was made.

Baptist Missionary Society

The members of the First Baptist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at church for their monthly missionary program, with Mrs. W. W. Gibson in charge.

Subject: "Our Southland."
Hymn: "My Country 'Tis of Thee," led by Mrs. Chitwood, with Mrs. H. A. Bullock at the piano.

Scripture lesson Psalm 15—Mrs. W. W. Gibson.
Talk, "Shall America Live?"—Mrs. D. I. Herndon.

Talk, "America, Old and New"—Mrs. Mildred Smith.

Talk, "The Child Race"—Mrs. W. F. Fomby.

Talk, "In the Mountains"—Mrs. Benton Warren.

Talk, "Indians in the Southern States"—Mrs. Henry Campbell.

Talk, "Evangelism and Enlistment"—Mrs. O. L. Stamps.

Hymn, "Holy, Holy."
Prayer of Thanksgiving, led by Mrs. Mildred Smith.

Next Monday's meeting will be held at the church and will be a study directed by Dr. Morony.

PLUM CREEK NEWS

Vivian, J. P., Jessie Lee, Wayne and Zadie Boyd, Laberixa McDowell, and Boyd Peabworth are confined to their rooms with the measles.

J. W. Lunch and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Lynch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bennett of Sweetwater.

Theodore orton from Abilene Christian College attended church services here Sunday.

Will Scott from Antelope attended church services here Sunday.

Crutcher Scott, Misses: Leola and Ruby Norton and Lillian Grace made a tour of the Plains Saturday afternoon to visit relatives.

Miss Lula May Rogers accompanied them on their return Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Irl Favor is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. G. Scott, this week.

Jane McReynolds spent Monday with Juanita Lynch.

Miss Mable Spann visited our school Tuesday morning.

Ozella Brown spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyd of Bitter Creek.

Church statistics refute the charge that the world is growing worse. The churches of America gained 680,000 members during the last year, and today have a total membership of 45,457,366. The increase in membership for the year was greater than for any one year in many years.—Ballinger Ledger.

SMOTHERING SPELLS

Lady Says She Suffered from a Burning Sensation, Headache, Dizziness, Until She Took Black-Draught.

Signal, Miss.—"For a year or longer I had indigestion, and had it bad," says Mrs. E. S. Holman, of this place. "Everything I ate hurt me. I would have burning in my stomach and smothering spells, and after meals feel right dizzy. My head would begin to ache, and I would want to lie down, but felt I couldn't for I would smother. Unless one has had such trouble, they don't know what it is. I was talking to a neighbor one day and told her how I had been affected. She told me it was indigestion and to try Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few large doses and then a pinch after meals, and for fully four months now I haven't had indigestion. I eat whatever I please and when I please, but keep up the Black-Draught—just an occasional dose."

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MART HOTEL—Dr. E. E. Cockrell, Abilene; J. Klein, Abilene; S. L. Conn, Wichita Falls; H. Quarle San Angelo; M. C. Baylor, Abilene; S. L. Everhart, Dallas; C. R. Benfield, Ballinger; C. P. Yates, McCaulley; W. S. McCraw, Dallas; H. E. Frost and wife Esmond, S. D.; W. E. Gueldert, Dallas; R. N. Williams, New York; W. C. Pickrell, Fort Summer, — M.; G. A. Bray, Concordian; L. E. Miller, Lubbock; A. E. Watson, Abilene; A. M. Walker, Chillicothe.

PULLMAN HOTEL—J. H. Higgs, Abilene; F. A. Turner, Dallas; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Stamford; J. M. Pickett and wife; W. A. Lewis, Abilene; C. Chandler, City; R. Wisdom; R. Davis, Big Spring; Jack Browder, Fort Worth; C. T. Foster; E. W. Hale, Big Spring; R. M. Hale, Big Spring; F. W. Bettelle, Big Spring; R. H. Schools, Houston; W. J. Tubbs, Wastherford; H. G. Whitney, Big Spring; M. Van Winkle, Kempner; S. B. Alexander, McCaulley; E. D. Rowe, Bisbee Ariz.; H. A. Smith; W. M. Chandler.

TEXAS HOTEL—P. B. Griffin, Longview; A. Linson, Dallas; L. Broyles, Paint Rock; C. Gaines; C. L. Porter, Colorado; J. W. Horn; C. C. Boore; E. L. Bryan and wife, Breckenridge; E. A. oCmer, Breckenridge; R. L. Barnes.

Building Permits
City Secretary W. H. Bartlett Tuesday issued permits to Bryan Buck to build a residence on lots 4, 5, block 1 of the Hyland Addition on Lamar Street Cost \$1850. And to I. Lee Lusk for a \$1500 residence on lots 23 and 24 in block 73 of the Orient addition on Locust street. J. A. Fulghum was awarded both contracts.



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Political Announcements

The following announce their candidacy for the various offices named below, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For Tax Collector: JIM BUTLER MISS WILLIE ELLIOTT Re-election

FOR TAX ASSESSOR H. P. HARKINS re-election Ben F. Roberts.

For Public Weigher LLOYD ROGERS, re-election

FOR COUNTY JUDGE A. S. Mauzey re-election

FOR COMMISSIONER-Precinct 1 W. H. Thompson, re-election. A. J. Roy.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 G. W. Koerth

FOR COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3 G. O. McGinley, Hylton. FOR SHERIFF

Jack Yarbrough re-election. Jesse Lambert.

COUNTY CLERK Gus Farrar, re-election.

SUPERINTENDENT Public Instruction. Miss Minnie Fowler, re-election.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY R. D. Cox, Jr., re-election.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE, Precinct 1 I. W. Brashear, re-election.

For District Clerk DAN CHILDRESS, Re-Election

For County Treasurer W. T. HIGHTOWER, Re-Election G. C. Farris.

FOR STATE SENATE Harry Tom King, Abilene, Texas. Jesse R Smith (Stephens County)

MOTHER DIES

Mother of Mrs. Thornhill Dead at San Angelo

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Ada Chance in San Angelo, mother of Mrs. O. P. Thornhill of this city.

Mrs. Thornhill went to San Angelo last Saturday and was at her mother's bedside when death came. The body was buried at San Angelo this morning.

The Lone Star Candy Kitchen, operated by O. P. Thornhill, was closed Tuesday afternoon and until Wednesday at noon.

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Should Be Fined

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—Cabinet officials who attended the private showing of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight films should be fined, according to Senator Caraway, Arkansas Democrat. In a speech to the Senate, Caraway read the Federal statutes prohibiting the production of fight films in violation of the interstate commerce regulations and then demanded punishment of the cabinet officers who witnessed the private showing.

He Harems South Sea Islands Are Very Prevalent

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—Ho! for the islands of the South Seas, where big, brown women marry men by the half dozen.

But right there is the trouble; the girls not only take all the husbands their hearts desire, but they boss them and rule the fireside and the jungles.

Such is the state of affairs on some of the many Marquese Islands, according to Captain C. R. Campbell, master of the barkentine Alicia Haviside, in port for a lumber cargo.

Captain Campbell is very familiar with the South Sea Islands. He has sailed windjammers among them for years.

On the Marquese Islands a most peculiar state of matrimonial affairs exists. The women are all very large and strong, and although the men are of big stature, they don't compare with the women in strength and physique.

Whether this is the reason for the girls commanding so many husbands, or whether in times long past there arose an over-abundance of men, would take scientific investigation. But the cause of the "he-harems" is of no importance to the natives. They take things as they are.

According to Captain Campbell this plan of having half a dozen husbands has its merits. It prevents bloodshed in case of triangular love affairs. If the missus finds hubby too inattentive and if she falls in love with some more desirable dusky she doesn't have to resort to poisoned tea to enjoy the warmth of her new suitor's affections.

She merely takes her bamboo rolling pin, or whatever weapons the women use there, and chases the new men into her "he-harem."

Another happy feature of this novel scheme is that the missus doesn't have to worry if one of her mates deserts, dies or is "canned." There are others to bring home the coconuts.

On many of the Marquese group the women's clothing consists of scanty woven grass garments. They don't worry about Paris fashion changes—for a new dress they go out and pull a bunch of grass.

In these islands, one's life is fairly secure, while on others a faithless husband may be turned into stew at any time.

Captain Campbell states he finds these conditions where steamships do not visit and tourists do not come in contact with the natives. To know the real situation one has to get away from the beaten track.

In spite of the barbarism of some of the islanders, they are surprisingly advanced. For instance, Captain Campbell said, they have a written language and have a religion that has many merits.

The islanders, however, have no moral conception, he declared. This is particularly true where the contact with other people has left no traces. In other parts where the white man has left his imprint, the islanders have acquired all his vices, but none of his virtues.

Held For Jury WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—Representative Knutson, Minnesota, is at liberty under \$5,000 bond after being held to the grand jury by Judge Thomas at Arlington courthouse on a statutory charge. L. M. Hull, accused as his accomplice, is also under \$5,000 bail.

Buy's Town

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Ark., March 19.—Professor John Edward Brown, president of Brown College, bought this entire town with a view to making it the "Zion City" of the South. He has banned dancing, card-playing, jazz music, "tipping," and profanity.

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