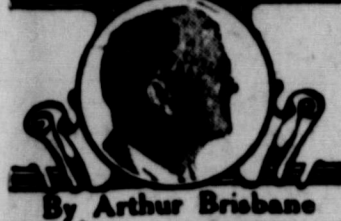


This Week



KANSAS AND FRANCE — The Difference —

On either side of the Santa Fe express, in which this is written, the corn fields and farmhouses of Kansas fly past. It is a country unlike that through which the writer drove a few weeks ago in France on the way from Paris to see Clemenceau in his little cottage on the Atlantic at Lejard, not far from Bordeaux.

The trip through France, made in an automobile, was as rapid as this trip by train. In France you drive your automobile as fast as you like, but TAKE CARE YOU HURT NOBODY.

French roads are wide and straight, the car used by this writer came from Nice to Paris, 900 kilometers, 540 miles, in one day and did easily the 400 miles from Paris to Lejard between breakfast and dinner.

French drivers go rapidly, but carefully; if they hit anybody the law hits them. A member of the Chamber of Deputies went to jail for a year, all the influence of his friends could not save him. He struck a child, B. Forman, of Rochester, N. Y., can tell you of a French chauffeur accused of intoxication, sent to jail for ten years. He killed a child. Mr. Forman saw the thing happen.

Here in Kansas you see great tractors providing power, machinery cutting and binding corn, great engines binding, threshing wheat, and tying the grain in sacks, all in one operation.

In France occasionally you would see a peasant and his wife cutting their grain with sickles in small fields of irregular shape. Fields were harvested with scythes. Here and there teams of horses drew mowing machines. Power driven agricultural machinery was not seen between Paris and Lejard.

Where mowers had passed you might see old grandmother and her little grandchild bending over, picking up wisps of grain with the right hand, scattering them in across field by the left hand.

A hundred such gleaners were seen in a day's drive. They were less fortunate than Ruth, their gleanings meagre. There was no hoax to command his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves and approach her not; and let fall also some of the handfuls on purpose for her and leave them that she may glean them, but rebuke her not."

With hand rakes the old grandmother and the little girl could have gathered all the gleanings in a short time, but that evidently was not allowed. Gleaning must be done by hand, the old body must stoop, and stoop all day long to pick up stray straws. When the grain had gone from the field an old shepherd would bring his little hand of sheep. These would walk through the stubble eating the overripe grain that had fallen from the ears. Other bands of sheep led by an old man or woman with dogs to help, ate the grass along the highway edge. No sheep ever strayed onto the road before the automobiles. Dogs prevented that, and the sheep seemed trained. Beautiful animals, admirably kept, they waste nothing in France.

Here in rich America you ride miles through mending fields of corn or grain, pass great herds of heavy steers, deep in grass and tens of thousands of acres not used.

In France they use every foot of ground, waste nothing, not food or labor, men and women work hours, work hard with patience.

The peasants' houses are beautiful and old, their animals well cared for. Along the coast of Brittany and the Vendee, men and women and children work side by side. Men repair, at low tide, their fish nets colored light blue. The fishermen say "fish like color." On the flat lands you see little mounds of salt taken from the ocean by imprisoning waters in shallow pools for evaporation.

Once "La Gabelle," a heavy tax on salt, dressed the mistresses of French kings and made life easy for three lucky classes, royalty, clergy and nobility. It was death to the peasant to escape "La Gabelle" by taking his salt from the ocean.

Conditions are better now. The kings are sleeping in St. Denis, the few whose bones were not scattered during the Revolution. There are more schools than chateaus, more public libraries than galleys. The peasant is no longer forbidden to kill animals that ate his crops because lords and ladies wanted the pleasure of riding over those crops to kill the animals in every French family there in mourning.

But in every French family there in mourning.

HUNTING WITH HEADLIGHTS IS DANGEROUS

Ranchers Threaten To Shoot Hunters Found In Such Practice

OFFICIAL WARNING

Judge Davidson Quotes Statute Providing Heavy Penalty

Henceforth headlight hunting, reported to have been in vogue during the recent season in some parts of the county, is going to be a dangerous practice in Crockett County, followers of this unsportsmanlike practice being liable not only to prosecution at the hands of the county authorities but also to a load of buckshot from guns of long suffering but now plenty riled ranchmen.

So obnoxious has the practice become in some sections of the county that ranchmen have declared that the next headlight hunter found on their ranches will be greeted with a full load of buckshot, or more if necessary to stop him.

These threats in dead earnest from ranchmen and also their vigorous protests have led county authorities to take steps not only to curb an unlawful practice but also to prevent bloodshed.

"Most everybody knows that headlight hunting is unlawful, but if they were fully aware of the penalties set forth in the statute, the practice would likely stop," County Judge Chas. E. Davidson declared. He cited the statutory provision making it an offense against the law to hunt with headlights. The provision is Article 902 of the game laws in the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas and reads as follows:

"Hunting With Headlights—It shall be unlawful for any person at any time of the year to hunt deer or any other animal or bird protected by this chapter, by the aid of what is commonly known as a headlight or hunting lamp, or by artificial light attached to an automobile, or by the means of any form of artificial light. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars nor more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars or by confinement in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The possession of a headlight, or any other hunting light used on or about the head when hunting at night, between sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, by any person hunting in a community where deer are known to range, shall be prima facie evidence that the person found in possession of said headlight, or other hunting light, is violating the provisions of this article."

County officers and game wardens in this territory have been apprised of the prevalence of the practice of headlight hunting in Crockett County and will in the future be on the lookout for offenders, Judge Davidson said.

Not only is the practice unlawful and unsportsmanlike, it presents a menace to livestock on the range ranchmen declare. Many hunters who profess to be able to recognize the light from the eyes of deer and other game animals or varmints have blazed away at a pair of shining eyes in the range of their headlights and gone over to inspect their kill to find a slain sheep, goat or calf. Many dead animals have been found by ranchmen, their heads punctured with bullets from highpowered rifles, according to reports here, and feeling against the practice is running so high among ranchmen that they threaten retaliatory measures unless it is stopped.

Arthur Phillips spent the week-end in Del Rio on business.

Woman's Club To Honor Mrs. Friend

Dec. 29 Tentative Date Set For Banquet At Hotel Ozona

A banquet honoring Mrs. F. F. Friend, who was elected second vice president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at the recent state convention in El Paso will be given by the Ozona Woman's Club Christmas week, it was decided at the regular meeting of the general club Tuesday afternoon.

The tentative date set for the banquet is Thursday evening, Dec. 29, at the Hotel Ozona. This occasion will also serve as the local club's observance of Federation Day, it was decided.

Mrs. Friend, who is now on leave of absence from the local club while attending the University of Texas, will be home for the holidays and will be present at the banquet to tell of the convention and of the Texas Biennial.

Husbands of Club members will be invited to the affair as will members of the Parent-Teachers Association, an affiliated club. It is planned to make the banquet one of the most elaborate and interesting affairs in the history of the club.

250 HEAD CATTLE SOLD

Will Noelke of San Angelo, who owns a ranch in northern Crockett County, recently sold 250 head of mixed cattle to Barrett & Albin of Comanche at an average price of \$45 a head. Delivery is to be made this Thursday at Sanderon from the Bud Holmes ranch in Terrell County where the cattle had been pastured. The sale was made through Otho Adams of the T. L. Benson Commission Co.

Sale Of Christmas Seals By Schools Gets Brisk Start

The Ozona school has again accepted the assignment of "putting over" the Christmas Seal Sale for the State Public Health Association.

The campaign opened Tuesday afternoon and was marked by even more than the usual interest. Within 24 hours more than fifty dollars worth of seals had been sold. The different grades of each department and different departments of the school are competing with each other. Wednesday noon the Fifth Grade was considerably in the lead of other grades and the Junior High well in advance of other departments. Seventh Grade comes next, the Sixth Grade third, and the Third Grade fourth. Following is the return by departments:

Primary Department, 4 grades, 101 pupils, \$14.90.
Junior High, 3 grades, 82 pupils, \$26.77.
Senior High, 4 grades, 71 pupils, \$10.34.
Total, 11 grades, 254 pupils, \$52.01.

The Mexican School was overlooked until Wednesday morning, and thus got off to a late start. The pupils and teachers in the Mexican School are taking keen interest in the sale and will undoubtedly acquit themselves well. The Leon Powell School will take part in the contest for the first time. Mrs. Lilly Mae Smith, teacher of the Leon Powell school is being supplied with seals from the central school.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our gratitude to those who worked so faithfully in an effort to control the fire which broke out at our place Sunday night. It seemed that everybody did everything that was humanly possible and thanks to these faithful workers thousands of dollars worth of property was saved from the flames. We can not thank you all personally, but we want you to know that we are grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Couch

2 RANCH DEALS TOTAL OF OVER \$250,000 Made

Chas. Schauer Sells Crockett Ranch To Miller Bros.

PRICE \$13 AN ACRE

Buys 24 Section C. B. Hudspeth Ranch In Terrell Co.

Two ranch deals involving more than \$250,000 and 36 sections of Crockett and Terrell County lands were completed here recently through Otho Adams of the T. L. Benson Commission Company of San Angelo.

The deal involved the sale of the Chas. Schauer ranch southwest of Ozona and the purchase by Mr. Schauer of the C. B. Hudspeth ranch in Terrell County.

Mr. Schauer's Crockett County ranch, consisting of 12½ sections was sold to Miller Bros. at \$13 an acre, the highest price for Crockett County ranch land reported in several years. The highest price reported in recent months was \$10.50.

In addition to the land, Miller Bros. bought approximately 3,900 head of yearling ewes at \$15 a head, another record price. About 500 head of goats and other livestock were also included in the sale, the livestock deal itself amounting to around \$65,000. About 200 head of coming 2-year-old heifers from the Schauer ranch were sold to George Montgomery.

Mr. Schauer, after disposing of his Crockett County holdings, purchased the Hudspeth ranch consisting of 24 sections, at \$6 an acre the total consideration being more than \$90,000. No livestock was included in this sale.

The new ranch purchased by Mr. Schauer is part of the old Prosser and Brown ranch in Terrell County, purchased about a year ago by Congressman Hudspeth. It is well improved, with plenty of water, and is considered by ranch men in that county as being the best sheep and goat ranch in Terrell County. It is about 18 miles northeast of Dryden, along the Southern Pacific tracks.

Eric Anderson, who has been with Mr. Schauer in Crockett County for about a year, will be in charge of his new holdings in Terrell County as foreman. Possession will be given about January 15.

Miller Bros. will take possession of the Schauer ranch about the middle of this month, it was stated. Delivery of the sheep and goats will be made about the 10th. Roy Miller, who has been associated with his brother in the Miller Bros. ranch south of Ozona, will take charge of the lower ranch. Purchase of the Schauer ranch gives them a total of 24½ sections in Crockett County. Raymond Bennett will run several hundred head of sheep with Roy Miller and will assist in managing the ranch.

Ozona Cagers Meet Sonora Here Sat.

The Ozona High School basketball squad for 1927 will be seen in action by local fans for the first time here Saturday when they match skill with the Sonora quintet on the local court. Coach Floyd has had his proteges undergoing practice for several days and although they will be more or less raw they are expected to put up a good fight against the invaders.

The game will be a double-header with the second teams from both schools locking horns at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by a battle between the first strings immediately after. Local fans are urged to turn out for the contests.

C. E. Roberts of Sutton County has leased 10 sections of the 18-section ranch of H. B. Cox on Live Oak at 50 cents an acre. The lease runs four years. Lee Harkey has the balance of the Cox ranch under lease.

MIKE COUCH SUFFERS LOSS OF \$7,000 IN FIRE WHICH BURNED 12 CAMP HOUSES

Child In Tourist Party Badly Burned; Mr. Couch Injured In Breaking Through Door

Children playing with an oil stove used for heating purposes is believed to have been the cause of a fire, starting in one of the tourist camp houses at Camp Mike, which resulted in a loss estimated by Mike Couch at \$7,000, about 9:30 Sunday night.

One of the children, a boy about 8 or 9 years old, suffered serious burns about the head and face when the stove flared up. Mr. Couch was also injured while fighting the fire when he fell through a door of his warehouse in attempting to break down the door to get several fire extinguishers that were inside. In his haste, Mr. Couch ran out of his home without the key to the warehouse and, knowing that the door was sprung somewhat thought that it would open with the weight of his body. His first lunge failed to open the door, however, and one of his employees arriving just at that moment, they both lunged together at the door. The door swung open with the combined weight of the two men and Mr. Couch fell through, striking his head against the corner of a counter and falling on his head to the concrete floor. The blow cut a deep gash in his chin and rendered him unconscious for a few minutes. Had it not been for this accident, Mr. Couch declared, he could have extinguished the fire before it gained too much headway.

The injured child was taken to a San Angelo hospital Monday for medical treatment. He received deep burns on his face and part of his hair was burned off. Twelve new camp houses, just completed to the west of the first string of houses erected, were destroyed as was a new warehouse made of sheet iron and adjoining Mr. Couch's bakery oven on the west. The warehouse contained between \$3,500 and \$4,000 worth of feedstuffs which had just been stored in it. The loss on the camp houses was estimated at between \$3,500 and \$4,000, with only \$2,000 insurance on the entire property destroyed.

The blaze started in the third camp house from the north end. A party of tourists headed westward had stopped at the camp about two hours before. In the party were two men, a woman and two children. The party took two rooms. The children were put into one room with the oil stove burning and while the men went to town the woman was in the act of preparing supper in the other room when the oil stove flared up and enveloped in flames the room in which the children were playing.

All of the camp houses were occupied except the two on the south end, which had been kept vacant purposely as a precaution against fire. Mr. Couch preferring to have these unoccupied if possible on account of the nearness to his store and bakery building. All of the tourist families occupying the other rooms were able to escape with their belongings except occupants of one or two of the rooms adjoining that in which the fire started, these losing some of their effects in the blaze.

A favorable wind and efficient work on the part of a group of volunteer fire fighters headed by the Ozona Garage force probably saved the entire block from destruction, including six other camp houses, a restaurant, warehouse, store building, bakery and Mr. Couch's residence. The wind was blowing from the northeast away from the row of camp houses about thirty or forty feet away, and by playing a stream of water from a garden hose on these Mr. Couch was able to keep them

from catching fire until the fire hose was connected.

The fire fighting crew was handicapped by the great distance from a fire plug. The connection was made at the plug back of the No. 2 Smith Drug Store and around 2,000 feet of hose laid to the scene of the blaze. The fire was extinguished before it had spread into the bakery and store building and the camp houses in front of the blazing row never caught fire.

The camp houses had just been completed, carpenters going off the job only a few days before. They were on a concrete foundation and were modernly equipped with bath, running water, toilets, etc.

The camp houses and warehouse will be rebuilt as soon as insurance adjustments are made, Mr. Couch announced.

Crockett County Band Organized

Nonce Named Director; Nixon President; 25 Members

The Crockett County Band, Ozona's newest musical organization, took form at a meeting of those interested Monday night at the courthouse.

Jacques Nonce, an experienced band director and music teacher, was elected director of the band and will give its members private lessons on their respective instruments in addition to instructing them in band practice.

F. W. Nixon was elected president of the organization with Richard Flowers as vice-president. Herbert Kittle was named secretary; Allen McKinney, treasurer; and Leonard Hensley, business manager. A librarian will be named by the president at a later date.

The band will practice twice a week and hold business meetings once a month. Many members already have their instruments and these will begin practice this week. Others have ordered instruments and the full band membership of 25 is expected to be out for practice soon.

Schools Close For Holidays Dec. 21

The rehearsing for room and club programs is the order of the day in local schools now. Everything is being made ready for dismissal Wednesday, December 21st. The school will resume work Monday, January 2nd. The two-day institute at Ballinger, which Crockett teachers attended, will be credited against the loss of Thursday and Friday of the week preceding Christmas. Thus only one week will be lost from the school's regular calendar, yet both Christmas Day and New Year's will be observed. This enables the school to end fairly early—May 18.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Ozona for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our daughter, Marguerite Serafine. Especially do we wish to thank members of the Junior and Senior classes of the Ozona High School and others who sent such beautiful flowers. Our burden was made a little lighter by the kindness and thoughtfulness of Ozona friends and we will be grateful to you always.—John Serafine and Family.

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Crockett County ranchmen have declared war on the headlight hunters, and although they threaten to take drastic measures unless the practice is stopped, we feel that they are entirely justified. Headlight hunting is bad enough in itself. It is not only unlawful, it is also unsportsmanlike and an unpardonable slaughter of game.

The headlight hunting law of Texas is an outgrowth of the indignation of hunters who hunt for the sport of the thing. Blinding animals at night with a powerful light and then shooting at their shining eyes is a mighty poor way of spending the evening in our estimation, and shows not the heart of a sportsman but that of a wanton, reckless killer.

And then some of them claim that they can tell beyond a doubt by the color of the gleam in an animal's eye just what kind of an animal it is. But just the same some of these fellows who know their okra so thoroughly have been known to shoot valuable sheep and other domestic animals in their midnight maraudings.

With this constant menace to their livestock, to their means of livelihood, at hand, Crockett County ranchmen could hardly be blamed for opening up with sawed off shotguns at headlight hunters caught in their pastures. There is a heavy fine and a possible jail sentence for offenders against the headlight hunting law, yet it is a difficult matter most of the time to apprehend these offenders. But county officials have announced that they will collaborate with game wardens in stopping the practice and if their efforts are not availing of relief, the headlight hunter just takes his own life in his hands when he enters a Crockett County ranchman's pasture.

Santa Claus has already been to town on his preliminary round, local merchants are filling their

available here this year.

And now comes that old familiar cry of "Only 14 More Shopping Days Until Christmas." Just fourteen more after today and that's a fact. The live-wire merchants of Ozona are using space in The Stockman to tell you of their wonderful Christmas selections and it will pay you to watch the ads from now until Christmas and your shopping problems will be greatly lessened.

As nearly every man, woman, boy or girl knows, John Wanamaker made millions as a retail merchant; and he started in a small way. Of newspaper advertising, he

said: "When times are hard and people are not buying, then is the time that advertising should be the heaviest. You want to get the people in to see what you have to sell, and you must advertise to do that. When times are good, they will come largely of their own accord; but I believe in advertising all the time. I never stop advertising." And if you doubt this, go back to the old New York newspapers and see John Wanamaker's signature on the large daily advertisements.

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Christmas

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Coming Soon—"The Garden of Allah," "Swim, Girl, Swim" with Ruth Ederle, and "Jesse James" accurate story of this famous bandit. Also "Wings," which has not yet been released, has been booked by the La Vista, and "Beau Sabreau," sequel to "Beau Geste."

"The Average Man" And Sunday School

In the November number of The American Magazine a writer gives some of the characteristics of what he terms "The 'Average' Man." The writer says this "average" man's attitude toward the Sunday School was thus expressed: "I SEND my boy and girl to Sunday School." The writer asked if he went along with them to Sunday School. The "average" man replied "No, I don't. Sunday is the only day I have at home. It's the only day I don't have to get up early. That one day of the week I like to get up late, mull over the Sunday papers, smoke my pipe, and—well, just loaf. Maybe I'll tinker a little with the car. That one day I like to just drift along." Men, admitting you think the Sunday School a good place for your children, how long are you going to be able to SEND them? Won't be long till they begin to look for an example in attendance from you. It may be too late then. Usually it is. Are we going to put in all the Sunday of our short life in just "drifting along?" Come out next Sunday morning at 9:45 to our Men's Bible Class. Instead of just drifting with the tide you can learn to swim upstream where the "River of Life" flows freely.—Men's Bible Class Baptist Church.

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Rev and Mrs. Nat Read of Austin are here visiting their son, Madden Read and family. Rev. and Mrs. Read have been in Amarillo for the last several months for his health.

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Fresh Meats — Cooked Meats — Barbecue—

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Rules For Investors

It is about as hard to keep your money safely as it is to make it in the first place. It requires almost as much care, ingenuity and foresight as it does to earn money.

Joseph R. Nutt, president of the Union Trust Company, of Cleveland, has given us a list of questions which an expert analyst would want answered before reaching a decision about a bond.

By the way, one question a friend of mine who has large means said he was always asked about a bond was, "Will the bank buy it?" If the bond wasn't good enough for a bank it wasn't good enough for him. Mr. Nutt's questions are as follows:

What is the corporation's earning record?

Have the earnings been analyzed? Sometimes a sufficient allowance has not been made for maintenance and depreciation, although the earnings of the company amount to more than their interest charges.

What is the company's financial condition?

How much of the assets are inventory?

Have the company's books been audited? Sometimes without auditing, the books may show a company to appear more prosperous than it really is.

What is the character of the company's business, competition, etc.?

Have all necessary legal precautions been taken?

If the principal and interest

guarantee, what does that guarantee amount to and is it enforceable?

To what purpose is the issue?

Will the borrowing purpose be fulfilled?

Are future bond issues restricted?

Can the company redeem its bonds upon maturity?

Is a sinking fund necessary?

What are the precautions regarding taxation of the bonds?

Is the property free from liens?

Is the income return in keeping with general market conditions?

Investing has become a science.

If you are untrained in it, you can hardly depend upon your own judgement.

It is better to submit to an investment house or a bank in whom you have confidence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deland and Mrs. Arthur Hoover have returned from Del Rio where they spent several days.

A. C. Hoover was in Rankin recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham are in San Antonio this week where Mr. Graham underwent a minor operation.

Lee Wilson, Chas. Powell and Howard Word went to Dallas the first of the week to bring back three new Buick cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden Read are the parents of a 9-pound boy born Sunday morning. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Childress were in San Angelo over the weekend.

Miss Katherine St. George, who has been employed in the office of the Crockett County Abstract Co., has resigned her position and returned to her home in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey are in San Antonio this week and will visit in Dallas and Fort Worth before returning home.

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They will sell you off brand goods that you never heard of before; pay for it in advance and take chances on getting the goods — if you can.

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Child Welfare Club Announces Programs

The following advance programs have been announced by the Ozona Child Welfare Club for the next three meetings:

FOURTH MONTH

First Meeting

Hostess—Mrs. J. A. Fussell
Paper—Mrs. Morris Dudley
Reading—Mrs. W. A. Kay
Preparatory Reading—Mrs. J. B. Kincaid.

FOURTH MONTH

Second Meeting

Hostess—Mrs. Nan Grimmer
Subject—Morals and Manners,
how taught at school—Miss Kad-
erli.

FIFTH MONTH

First Meeting

Hostess—Mrs. Harvick.
Paper—Mrs. Nan Grimmer
Discussion—Mrs. Johnnie Hender-
son.

Ben Ingham has returned from

Temple where he has been at the bedside of Mrs. Ingham who recently underwent an operation.

METHODIST NOTES

There will be no preaching services at the Methodist Church next Sunday. The pastor will be in Nashville, Tenn., attending the Sunday School Council meeting.

There will be the regular services on Sunday 18th. J. H. Meredith, P. C.

The regular meeting of the Music Club has been postponed from Dec. 13 to Tuesday, Dec. 21, it was announced this week by Mrs. Bill Grimmer.

Renew for your Star Telegram at the Stockman office. Bargain Days rates now in effect, \$7.45 daily and Sunday. You save \$2.55.

POSTED

All my pastures are posted. Anyone caught trapping, hunting, and especially hunting with headlights, will be prosecuted. Jones Miller. —34-9tp.

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Monday & Tuesday

Laura LaPlante and an all-star cast

in

"HER BIG NIGHT"

The story of a poor department store girl who rose to heights in filmdom and the rocky road that leads to it. With Zasu Pitts.

Wednesday

Louise Fazenda and Clyde Cook

in

"SIMPLE SIS"

The funniest team of the movies in the funniest film of the year.

Thursday & Friday

Tim McCoy and Claire Windsor

in

"THE FRONTIERSMAN"

An all-American story with an all-American hero. Hailed as an outstanding historical film drama.

Saturday

An all-Star Cast

in

"STRANDED IN PARIS"

Watch for announcement of cast in this exceptional film.

The Ozona Theater

"Tasty Movie Menus"

A Modern

And Complete Barber Shop

Five Chairs—Bath

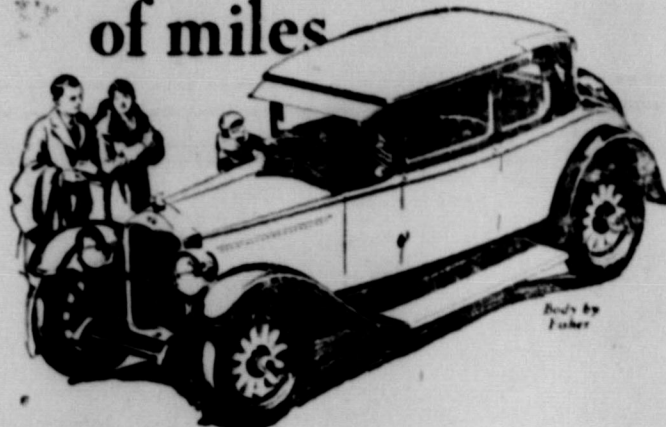
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for Christmas

Make someone supremely happy
this Christmas. Give a Buick for 1928.
Delivery will be made, if you wish,
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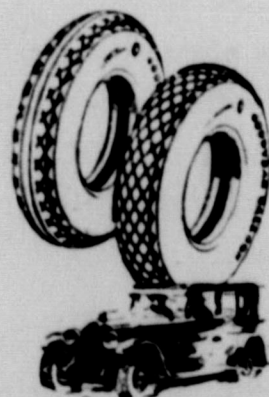
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Building a home is easier, and far cheaper than paying rent. A home is the best investment that you can make. It secures your standing as a loyal progressive citizen.

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BLACKSHEEP!

By Meredith Nicholson

Illustrations by Henry Jay Lee



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INTRODUCTION

Archibald Bennett, wealthy bachelor, travels constantly in the interest of his health. He meets Isabel Perry, who recommends a life of crime, adventure, romance and excitement as a cure for his nerves. Archie goes to Bailey Harbor to investigate a house for his sister, while there he has a pistol duel with an intruder and the intruder is wounded. To evade publicity he flees across country on foot. He is stopped at dawn by "The Governor," master-mind criminal, with whom he joins forces.

CHAPTER VI.

Dinner over, they continued the talk over coffee served in the garden. When the music began, Seebrook and Walters recalled a bridge engagement and the Governor announced that he must look up an old friend who lived in Cornford.

"I shall be back shortly," he said as they separated in the office.

Archie and Miss Seebrook joined the considerable company that were already dancing. After several dances Miss Seebrook thought it would be fine to take a breath of air, and gathering up her cloak they went into the garden for an ice.

Miss Seebrook was speaking of music and reciting the list of operas she loved best when Archie's gaze was caught and held by a shadow that fitted along an iron fire escape that zigzagged down from the fourth to the first story of the long rambling inn.

"You seem very dreamy," she remarked. "I know how that is for I can dream for hours and hours."

"Yes; reverie; just floating on clouds, on and on," Archie replied,

though the shadow moving on and on along the side of the inn was troubling him not a little.

He had surmised that the Governor's declared purpose to call on an old friend was merely to cover his withdrawal from the party; but that he could have meditated a predatory excursion through the inn had not entered into Archie's speculations as to his friend's absence. There was no mistaking the figure that had moved swiftly on the ladder. He was now creeping along the little balcony at the third floor. He paused a moment and then vanished into an open window. The Governor had said that Seebrook party had rooms just under their own; but—

They danced again, and in the handclapping that followed the first number he turned to find the Governor, calm, and with no marks of his escapade upon him.

At midnight Seebrook and Wal-

ters came in from their card game and after a few pleasant words, the party broke up.

In Archie's room the Governor hummed one of his favorite ballads as he slipped out of his coat and picked a speck from his snowy waistcoat. "It is evident," he remarked goodhumoredly, "that you are perturbed, anxious, and have slight symptoms of paralysis a bit. Pray be seated and I will do my best to restore your peace of mind."

But Archie was not to be thwarted in his purpose to learn just what the Governor meant by endangering their security so recklessly. He slammed the transom tight and drew down the shades.

"You needlessly exposed yourself to observation by sneaking down the fire escape of this hotel—I know that."

"My dear boy, I was merely gathering a few blossoms of the

crimson rambler from the ancient walls of the inn. You may have noted that I wore a spray of buds in my lapel when I joined you in the ball room. Now seat yourself on the bed and I'll tell you the whole story. When I left you I hastened into the drug store and bought a stick of shaving soap. Then I bought a few wigs in a tobacconist's. In each place I conversed with the clerk, thus laying ample ground for an alibi. Hurrying back to the inn, I avoided observation by entering by the side door, slipped up to our rooms—and there you are! I exchanged our new bank notes for sixty well-worn one-thousand dollar gold certificates negotiable in all parts of the republic. That means a net gain of ten thousand dollars to Red Leary."

"My God!" moaned Archie. "You don't think you can get away with this!"

"I think," returned the Governor imperturbably, "that we must and will get away with it." His emphasis on the plural pronoun caused Archie to cringe.

"You're getting me in pretty deep," mumbled Archie dejectedly. (CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Kelly King spent a few days this week at his home in Miles.

POSTED—My ranch lands lying in Crockett County. Trespassing without my consent positively forbidden. S. E. Couch. —29-tfc

POSTED—My ranches lying in Crockett and Val Verde Counties. Trespassing positively forbidden. T. A. Kincaid. —tfc

The regular meeting of the Ozona chapter of the Eastern Star will take place on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month.

Ozona Chapter No. 237

R. A. M.

Meets first Saturday on or after the new moon each month.

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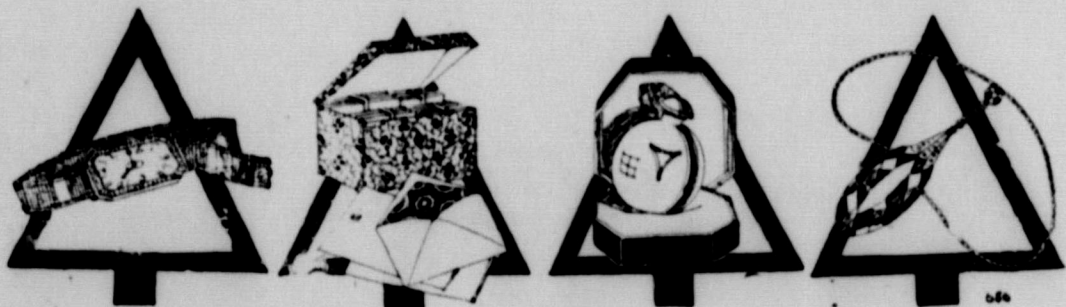
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Christmas Gifts Of Quality

You will have to come into our store and study our line of Christmas goods before you can realize just what a wonderful selection we have assembled for you this year. Positively the most complete and the highest class holiday merchandise ever brought to Ozona. We searched the markets in four of the great centers of Texas and topped out each with the highest quality merchandise offered, and what's more we are offering them to you at prices you can not beat and in most cases can not equal in Dallas or Fort Worth. That sounds like an idle boast but we invite you to come in and see for yourself.

We have a full line of Christmas goods for every member of the family, to fit every purse and every taste. One of the most complete, though necessarily limited, stocks of jewelry in West Texas; a full line of Community Plate silverware (everything Community make in all patterns); handbags, hatboxes and travelling bags of genuine cowhide, the best that money can buy; the newest glassware and chinaware on the market; gifts of every description for men, women, boys and girls—real gifts, practical gifts, quality gifts, gifts that keep on giving. These are a few surface suggestions of the kind of line we are offering Ozona people this Christmas. There is no need to go out of town this year for any gift you may want to make. You'll find it here, but you will have to come in and study our stock before you can fully appreciate it.

Smith's Drug Store

NO. 1 & 2

For Your Christmas Feast

Your Holiday menus should be selected carefully. You'll want only the best of food for the preparation of the Christmas feast. We have stocked up with fresh goods of all kinds especially for your Christmas dinner. If you are in need of ideas for the meal, just come in and look around at the many suggestions on our shelves.

We will have fresh vegetables, nuts, fruits, and all kinds of holiday specialties. Phone us your order.



Chris Meinecke

The Store For Everybody

Baker-Hemphill Co THE GIFT STORE



Here is a gathering of gifts that will gladden the eye and the heart of the gift seeker—a whole store full of sparkling original Christmas suggestions. And usefulness—without which no gift is in good taste—characterizes each gift.

FOR THE MAN

Pajamas \$2.00
Shirts \$2.00
Mufflers \$2.00
Gloves \$2.00
Billfold \$2.50
Lounging Robes \$6.50
Belt and Watch Chain \$2.50
Handbags \$10.00

FOR THE WOMAN

Pillows \$3.50 up
Pearl Beads \$1.00 up
Handkerchiefs 25c up
Perfume \$1.00 up
Handbags \$3.50 up
Gloves \$2.50 up
Blankets \$2.50 up
Bath Mats \$1.00 up

FOR THE CHILDREN

Have them come in and visit Toyland—a child's fairyland

Automobiles 20c up
Oil Well \$1.00
Tool Boxes \$1.00 up

Dolls 75c up
Toy Furniture \$1.00 up
Horsman Dolls \$3.00 up

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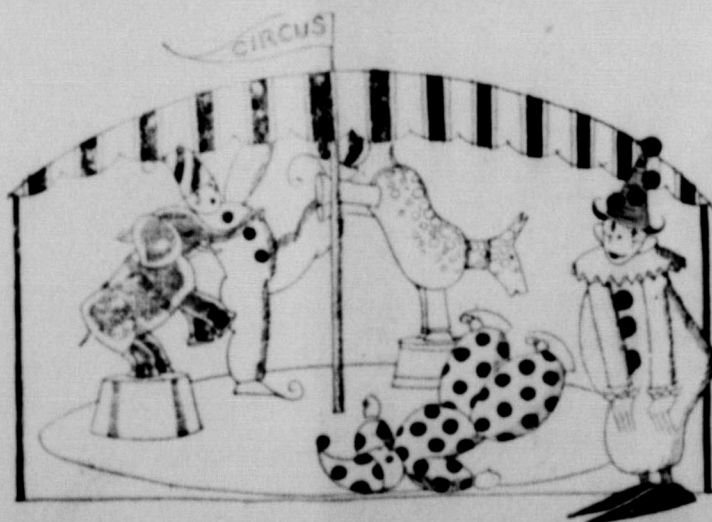
Toys of every description to gladden the hearts of the Kiddies at Christmas time.

Dolls, doll buggies, toy stoves, dishes books—the little girls have not been overlooked by Santa this year. Hundreds of pretty things to thrill the little girl.

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For Her—Pictures, records, china-ware, silver, vanities, novelty jewelry—but come see for yourself.