

Santa Claus Angry, He Finds No Snow Enroute

Warns Weather Man To Have Snow Next Year Or There'll Be No Santa

By United Press.
JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus passed through Juneau early tonight on his annual Christmas eve visit to the southland. He was irate as he threw heavy blankets over his reindeer for a short stop in Juneau and addressed Robert Mize, weather man.
"And listen," he said, his red face growing even redder with anger, "next Christmas there will be no Santa Claus for you if you can't do better than this."
The trouble was that there was no snow in the vicinity of Juneau and the reindeer of Santa Claus were already worn by their swift journey down from the polar regions.
After a few minutes stop he gathered up the reins, cracked his whip and was on his way south.

OFFICER HELD WITH ANOTHER FOR KILLING

Wounded Man Says They Were Waiting In Front of Stanton Bank by Date.

By United Press.
PECOS, Texas, Dec. 24.—Victor Ramos, wounded yesterday when it was alleged with two other Mexicans he had attempted to rob a bank at Stanton, today says that he and the other two men had been told at Ddessa to go to Stanton, wait in front of the bank and a man would meet them there to give them employment.

District Attorney Roy Biggs is holding C. C. Baize, Glasscock county deputy sheriff, and Lee Smith of Wink, without bond for the killing of Hilario Nunez and Norberto Diaz, the two companions of Ramos.

A reward of \$5,000 for each dead bank robber has been offered by the Texas Bankers association.

Ramos told District Attorney Biggs that with the other two Mexicans he was standing in front of the bank when the two men approached and started firing. None of the Mexicans were armed but a sack one of them carried contained a hatchet, a couple of drills, two knives and a pint of whisky.

Ambitious Editor Wants Real Live News For Scoop

By United Press.
OCONTO, Neb., Dec. 24.—Because an editor wanted "to scoop the world," facts in one of the most remarkable medical cases in history in which a young girl was kept alive by artificial respiration for 35 days did not become generally known until today.

The editor, H. C. Krier of Lexington, knew the facts more than a week ago but waited until his paper was ready for press this week before making them public.

The girl, Alma Overgard, 16, is suffering from paralysis of the lungs following infantile paralysis.

Hope for her ultimate recovery was seen by her physicians tonight after the girl had seen great improvement today.

For 34 days a crew of volunteer workers have been ceaselessly pumping air into her lungs.

TWO KILLED IN SHOOTING NEAR NACOGDOCHES

Hamilton and App Davis Brothers, Held Under Murder Charges.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, Dec. 24.—Two men are dead and two others are held in jail here as result of a pitched battle between neighbors in the Alazan community near here last night.

Dan Acosta and Lee Mitchell were fatally wounded as the feud reached its climax. Hamilton and App Davis, brothers, have been taken into custody. They refused to make a statement.

Murder charges were filed against the Davis brothers, who are well-to-do landowners.

Acosta and Mitchell were farm-owners in the community.

Summons Served On Governor And Other Officials

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—Summoned to appear before the insurgent senate, Dec. 28, and make answer to impeachment charges or plead guilty, were delivered on Christmas eve to Governor Henry S. Johnston, Chief Justice Fred Branson of the supreme court, and Harry Cordell, president of the state agricultural board.

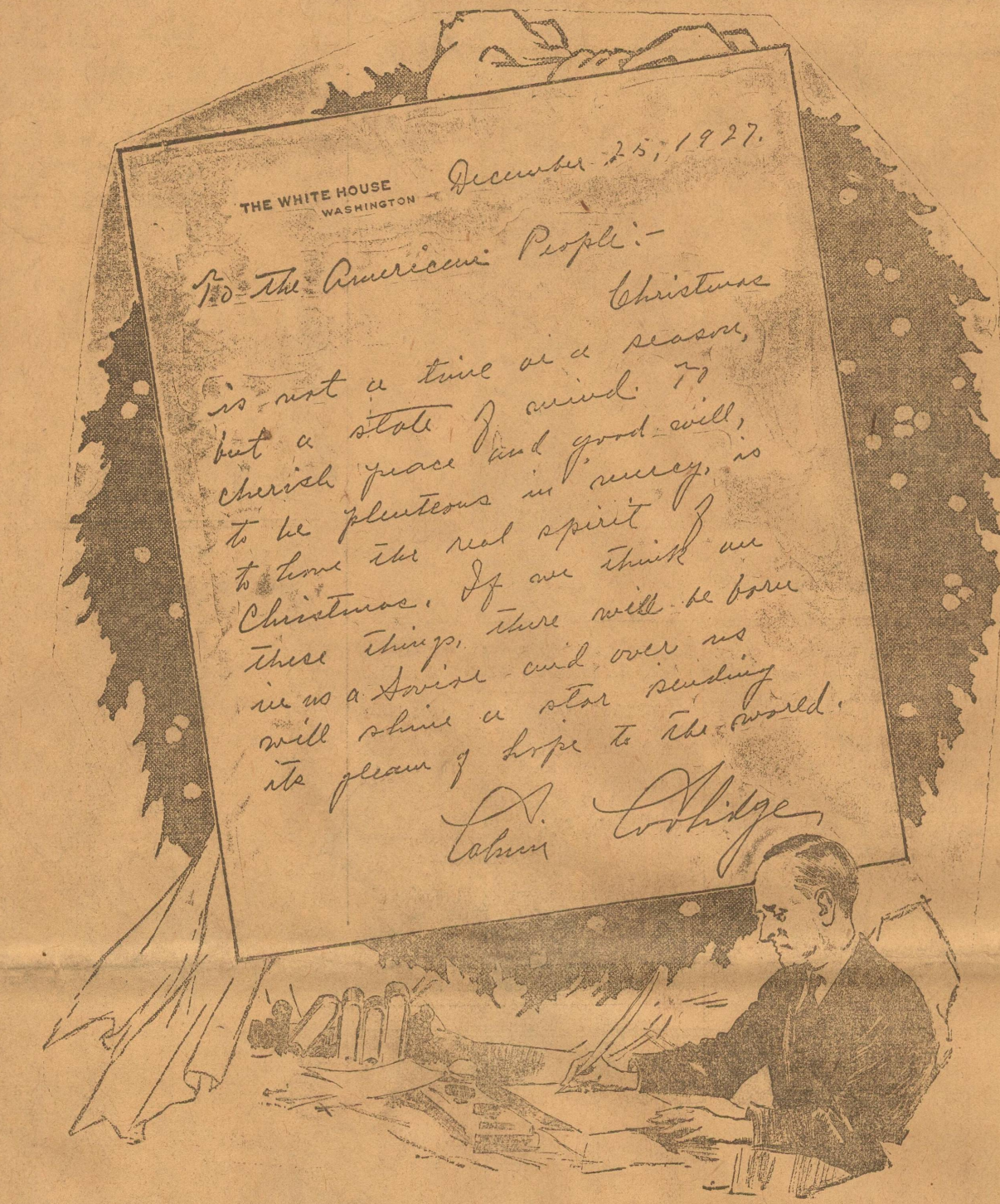
The summons were delivered to the homes of all three and were served personally on Justice Branson and President Cordell.

The governor was absent, having gone to his original home in Perry, where he began his career as a county seat attorney.

Rebecca Rogers Plea Is Denied, Appeal Is Filed

LA GRANGE, Texas, Dec. 24.—A new trial for Rebecca Rogers was refused today. Notice of appeal was given and she was released on \$5,000 bond. The bond was signed by C. A. Rogers and M. W. Rogers, brother and father of Otis Rogers.

The alleged girl bank robber was at once released. She is expected to spend Christmas at Austin with her mother.



Col. Lindbergh Spends Busy Day In Cuernavaca

By United Press.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Lindbergh today finished his visit to picturesque Cuernavaca with 40 aviators for companions and police and militia guarding him and the entire route between there and the capital for the fear that bandits might welcome him in their peculiar way.

Mrs. Lindbergh who flew here to spend Christmas with her son was preparing to fly back again next Tuesday the day before Lindbergh starts on the next stage of his comprehensive central American Goodwill flight.

Lindbergh spent the day sight-seeing around Cuernavaca and was to fly back in time to be with his mother at the American embassy.

HOLIDAY MONDAY Employees of the Times Publishing Company Will Observe Monday, Dec. 26 as a Holiday and There Will Be No Issue of Either the Ranger Daily Times or the Eastland Telegram on that day.

The next issue of the paper will be the regular afternoon issue of Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The Times Publishing company extends the season's greetings to its readers and advertisers.

PILGRIMS JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

All Sects of Christianity Join In March to Birth Place of Christ.

By United Press.
BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 24.—Pilgrims of all sects of Christianity were trudging the road from Jerusalem today to pay homage at the birthplace of Christ.

The patriarch of the Roman Catholic church at Palestine made the journey in state and more than 500 pilgrims accompanied him on the five-mile trip to Bethlehem where the entire population was waiting to greet him.

As the procession passed, shepherds with the flocks they were unable to abandon joined in the march to the birthplace of Christ.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GLENN DIES SATURDAY

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Brigadier General James Glenn, retired, former assistant surgeon general of the army and commander of Walter Reed hospital, died here today.

Train Hits Auto, No One Reported Seriously Hurt

A Ranger family escaped injury by a hair's breadth Saturday afternoon when a car in which they were driving was hit by Texas & Pacific train No. 3. The party consisted of a father, mother, a little girl and another woman and they were crossing the track at Main street, Ranger, when the oncoming train hit the rear of the car.

The father and little girl received only minor bruises, according to reports of the accident.

It was said that the man did not see the train coming as there was another car in front of him and cleared the track just in time to avert a terrible accident, suffering only a slight damage to the rear of the car.

RELIEVE FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

By United Press.
RIVERLAND, Mo., Dec. 24.—Four children were believed burned to death and six others persons injured, one seriously, by fire which today destroyed a two-story home on a farm near here.

The children who were missing following the fire were three daughters and a son of a Mrs. Sturgeon, housekeeper for Thomas Kelley, owner of the home.

Cisco Bank Robbers Make Good Escape

Evidence Found Saturday That One of Quartet Had Been Seriously Wounded

In spite of the fact that sheriffs and deputies from 10 counties searched every thicket in the vicinity of Cisco Saturday the bank robbers who are thought to be hiding near Cisco were not unearthed and it is thought that they have escaped capture. One of the men is wounded and has lost much blood, as his overcoat, picked up on the John Stubbfield farm, one and a half miles from Cisco, was soaked in blood and the sleeve showed where the bullet had entered beneath the arm and come out through the side.

Late Saturday afternoon a grip used by the robbers to carry ammunition was found, together with a small pile of cotton and rags, soaked with clotted blood, on the Wayne Finley farm, seven miles south of Cisco, near the Rising Star highway. Sheriff Hart and a posse composed of West Texas peace officers immediately went to the scene and the search was started with renewed efforts. The trail grew cold, however, when darkness came and search was abandoned, the officers returning to Eastland.

Bandits Named.
Besides Louis E. Davis, 33, who was seriously wounded in the city limits of Cisco, there have been no arrests made, although Davis has told the names of the four men who were with him. He said that the members of his gang were Bill Sanders of Wichita Falls; Henry Crockett of Seminole, Okla.; John Williams of Little Rock, and Fred McChechney of Kansas City.

David told newspaper representatives that he was married and had a wife and three children in Wichita Falls. He stated that he was employed with a glass company of that city and had a brother there also.

A man was picked up at Mangum by Eastland county officers as he dismounted from a freight train. It was thought at first that he knew something of the robbery but was allowed his freedom after being detained at the sheriff's office practically all day. He said that he had missed his train and had got on the freight train in order to save time.

While the posse was searching the woods and thickets around Cisco the citizens of that city were praising the bravery of little Laverne Comer and Emma May Robertson, the two girls who were used as shields for the fleeing robbers. In Cisco they are praising the forethought of Woodrow Harris, 14, of Rising Star, who locked his car after he had been ordered to turn it over to the robbers. It was this action on the part of the 14-year-old boy that probably was responsible for the recovery of the \$12,000 in cash and \$150,000 in negotiable securities. The money (Continued on page six)

HICKMAN BOY COLLAPSES IN PRISON CELL

Los Angeles Police Arrive In Pendleton, Will Take 'Fox' Back to Los Angeles.

By United Press.
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—For the first time since his arrest, Wm. Edward Hickman collapsed completely in his cell of the city jail here tonight.

Six men came here tonight to release the springs that have securely held the "fox" for three days, that they might return the tricky human animal to Los Angeles where his life will be jeopardized by a trial for first degree murder.

The sextette of officers who have been chasing him for hours passed too slowly during the journey from Los Angeles wasted no time in getting from the train to Hickman whom they have accused of the slaying of little Marion Parker.

The elusive youth who playfully teased them for a week while thousands of residents begged them to stop the reign of terror was soon under a searching examination that bid fair to last until late tonight.

Tenaciously clinging to his story that Andrew Cramer killed Marion Parker, Hickman continued to defeat desperate efforts of Pendleton police to obtain a confession of the murder before he was returned to California.

Proximity of the Los Angeles officials en route here to take custody of Hickman goaded local authorities to clear up the one remaining baffling point since Hickman's capture and arrest Thursday afternoon.

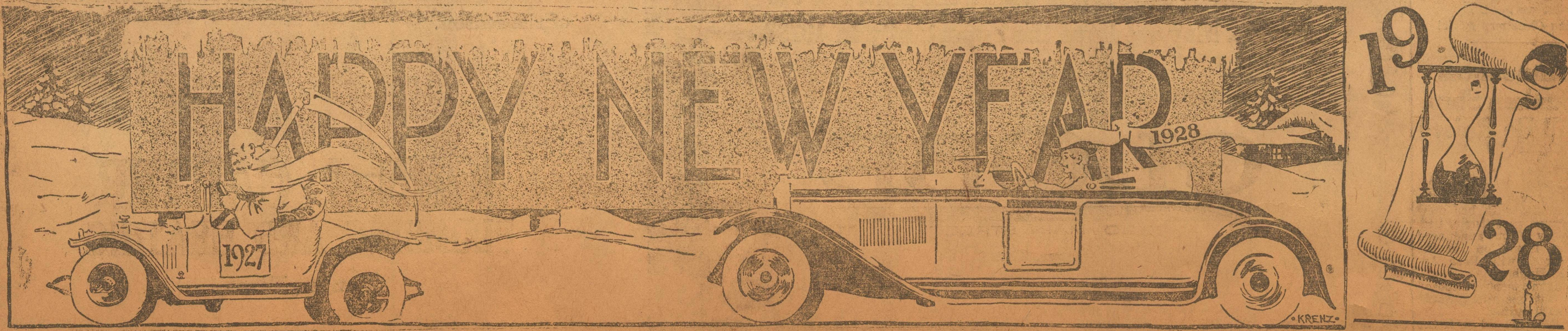
The 19-year-old Kansas City youth however reiterated time and again his previous assertion that he was not present at the slaying of the 12 year old daughter of Perry Parker, Los Angeles bank executive and patiently awaited arrival of Los Angeles authorities.

Pendleton police, however, were encouraged in their belief that Hickman had murdered the girl by a slip of the tongue "fox" made yesterday while conversing with one of his jailers. Hickman said he told Marion he once worked in her father's bank.

"It is an entirely probable theory that Hickman killed the girl because he had told her too much about himself and feared detection if he returned her to her parents alive," policemen said.

"Barring an act of God or something of that nature Hickman will start his journey to Los Angeles at 11 a. m. tomorrow," Herman Cline, chief of detectives of Los Angeles announced here tonight.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.
Americans have the reputation, among other nations, of working harder and more seriously than any other people on earth.
Indeed it often is said that we do not play enough for our own good. We attend to business too closely, take our jobs too seriously, say Europeans.
This may be so. Probably it is. But we do wish some of these foreign commentators could see us on Christmas.
Would you, perchance, find the president of the town's biggest bank today? You might look up in junior's room, where the revered president doubtless will be found sprawling on all fours amusing himself hugely with junior's new electric train.
Would you speak with the stern judge, who is so portentous and awesome on ordinary days? He, peradventure, is helping one of his grandchildren assemble a model airplane—and, by the same token, getting twice as much kick out of the proceedings as the grandson.
Are you looking for the reverend pastor, whose snowy locks ordinarily shade such a dignified face? He has tacked a sprig of mistletoe in the parlor, and will kiss the first girl or woman who comes within two yards of it.
And the multi-millionaire manufacturer, who is so bustling and crisp by ordinary? He is in his dressing gown and slippers; for last night he steyed up past midnight, leading a group of children on a hunt for Santa Claus.

In other words, these men and all the rest of us have, today, declared a moratorium on workaday seriousness and dignity. We have ceased to pretend that we are important grown-ups, filling positions of responsibility and trust, and have lapsed back into the state we enjoy most—that of carefree, boyish irresponsibility.
And perhaps that is a pretty good thing for us, once in a while.
In fact, if we had our way, there would be more Christmases—one each month, at least.
For the remarks quoted at the beginning of this article—that we take ourselves and our work too seriously—are fairly close to the truth.
While we are working, let's continue to work with all our souls.
But let's learn, if we can, to carry some of this Christmas spirit over into our leisure hours at other seasons. When the day's work is over, it would be good for us if we could shelve our seriousness and our intentness, and relax into something approaching the mood of Christmas morning. It would be fine for all of us if we could wear the purposive earnestness of working hours like a garment, to be dropped when working hours are over. We need to get down on our knees and play with trains oftener, to romp with children—even, irresponsibly and gaily, to kiss charming female callers, perhaps.
For these things lead to laughter and a cheery disposition and make like seem less grim and forbidding. And that is what we need.
Long live the Christmas spirit!

Wilbur Announces That Sunken Ship Will Be Raised
By United Press.
PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 24. An effort will be made to raise the sunken submarine S-4 with her crew of 40 dead as soon as possible, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur announced today after an inspection of the scene of the wreck with Rear Admiral Charles F. Hughes.
Wilbur's announcement disposed of the report that operations would be suspended until spring.
The work will be carried on if the weather permits and will last all winter if necessary, Wilbur said.



Speeding Auto
Injures Man On
Road Near Olden

Mr. Poly Fox who lives between Eastland and Staff was seriously injured about the head and shoulders, late Friday afternoon, when his car was struck by a speeding car, and knocked off the road, turning over, on the highway between Ranger and Olden.

Mrs. Fox was with her husband when the accident happened but escaped unhurt.

The injured man, who is an elderly man was brought to Ranger for treatment and is in a rather serious condition.

According to reports the driver of the speeding car did not stop to see what damage was done.

The couple had been in Ranger Christmas shopping and were returning to their home when the accident occurred.

V. V. Cooper of Ranger, saw the accident and tried to get the number of the speeding car but it was going too fast, however, reports are that it was a big car, a sedan and was driven by a woman and there were four people in the car.

BOMBS EXPLODED AT TWO
BANKS IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24.—A bomb exploded today at the American National City bank building. At the same time another bomb exploded at the First National bank of Boston. The National City bank bomb exploded near the offices of the management. There were several casualties. Considerable damage was done to both banks.

Thomas Little, manager of the National City bank, informed the United Press that about seven bank employees, mostly girls, were injured by the bomb exploded there. It was not believed anyone was killed, he said.

Christmas Comes
To Injured Youth
In Hospital Bed

Bernice Stevens, Ranger boy who a few months ago was hurt in an automobile accident was a cheery sight on Christmas eve when visited by a Ranger Good Fellowess. Beside his white bed was a new radio, the gift of his school mates in

Ranger. On the dresser and chiffonier were various other packages, and his room was gay in Christmas decorations. While Bernice did want to be up for Christmas he wasn't wasting any time whining because he could not, but was happy and bright eyed and full of hope for the future. The best part of Christmas eve to the Good Fellowess was a visit to this pretty bright eyed boy who denied of the privilege of being out with his friends, was finding happiness within four walls, meeting the issues of the day with a smile that

keeps up his mother's courage and making those who visit him feel that they have knelt before a shrine. The Good Fellowess let the Good Fellowess take Bernice a pretty soft wool blanket, as their very personal gift to him. More men are now working on new buildings in New Zealand than are employed in any other industry there. A cargo of 3,000,000 feet of spruce lumber was recently sent from Russia to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

CHRISTMAS WISHES WARM
AND TRUE

That's the kind we're sending you and while we know a simple wish cannot change the things that be, yet somehow we feel that kindly greetings add to the joys of the season. If you only knew just how sincerely we put our hearts into this message we believe it would mean even more.

O. L. PHILLIPS, Prop.
Ranger, Texas

A MERRY
CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

We could have hired a special bard
To write us something clever,
But find the same old greeting
As true and good as ever.

Ranger Dry Cleaning Plant

WE WISH FOR OUR CUSTOMERS
OLD AND NEW

AS MERRY A
CHRISTMAS

and

AS PROSPEROUS A NEW YEAR

AS WE HOPE TO ENJOY OURSELVES

And we tell you now we'll try to make all your days happy days if it is within the power of our service. May we have the opportunity in 1928?

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Ranger, Texas

THE SEASON'S BEST!

FOLKS:

Since we can not see you all in person, we wish to have these few lines express to you our hearty good wishes of the season.

JOHN J. CARTER
PLUMBING AND HEATING
Ranger, Texas

The League Assembly Meats— With a Chinese in the Chair



Foremost statesmen of Europe are photoed here gathered 'round the League of Nations assembly meeting table at Geneva with an Oriental, Thang Lo, Chinese delegate (3) in the presiding officer's chair. The others are (1) Scialoja, of Italy; (2) Priand of France; (4) Sir Eric Drummond and (5) Sir Austen Chamberlain, both of great Britain.

Eastland County Given Judgement For \$355,587.88

Judgment in favor of Eastland county for \$355,587.88 in the case of Eastland county vs. a number of insurance companies and individuals as signers of bonds given to cover county funds deposited in banks, has been handed down by Judge Elzo Been of the 88th district court before whom the case was tried some weeks ago. The terms of the judgment also called for interest on the amount recovered since Aug. 21, 1921 at 5.65 percent.

The funds involved in the suit were those of the county on deposit in the old City National Bank of Eastland later deposited in the Security State Bank & Trust company of Eastland. The suit was filed some time ago.

Judgment for the following amounts and against the following were rendered:

Judgment for the full amount was rendered against C. T. Berringer, J. S. Mullen, R. A. Hodges, Allen D. Dabney, M. H. Smith, Edwin Hobby and Joe Burkett.

Judgment was given against S. D. Young, L. E. Waggoner, Geo. Riddle, Clarence Linz and Joe Burkett for \$185,882.95.

Judgment was given against the City National bank for \$187,141.01, together with sureties in the following amounts: United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, \$60,000; National Surety company \$100,000.

Southern Surety company \$30,000; Fidelity & Deposit company of Maryland \$140,000.

The judgment is so worded that in no event the county shall recover more than \$355,587.88 and interest.

Majestic Cafe To Tender Boys Free Turkey Dinner

George Carantonis, proprietor of the Majestic cafe in Eastland, will give a dinner to the newsboys and Western Union messenger boys at the cafe Christmas day. The boys must be at the cafe between 11 and 12 o'clock as the place will be closed from 1 to 5 o'clock.

The proprietors of the Majestic have for a number of years followed the custom of giving the newsboys and messenger boys a free turkey dinner on Christmas.

NO SERVICES TODAY AT EASTLAND METHODIST

Due to the fact that the pastor is absent from the city, having been called to the bedside of a sister who is critically ill, there will be no services at the First Methodist church of Eastland either at the morning or evening hour. Sunday school will be held Sunday morning at the regular hour.

As a memorial to General Booth the Salvation Army is erecting at Denmark Hill, London, a training station costing \$1,650,000.

RANGER COUPLE MARRY CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT

Onis Littlefield and Miss Gaddy-bell Battles were married Christmas eve night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson of Ranger, the officiating minister.

Mr. Littlefield is an employee of Chestnut & Smith, and his bride is

an employee of the Hassen company at the Ranger Dry Goods company.

Those present at the wedding ceremony were Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and daughters, Alaska and Lois, Mrs. McFatter and daughter, and Mrs. Perry Fox.

Send in Your Want Ads

WE APPRECIATE

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RANGER TIN SHOP

CARL HARGRAVES, Prop.
Elm Street Ranger

RADIANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR!

Far reaching in its glorious light
Shines the Christmas star with its
message bright.

May its gleams of hope gladden your
way

And shine upon you this Christmas
day.

RATLIFF & CAMPBELL

Phone 450 Ranger

DOWN INTO YOUR POCKET

—you go for another purchase just to add another quota of joy to the heart of another friend. Christmas is not the time when we think of driving close bargains or study much about getting gain; it is the time when we do a great deal of our year's giving, and we are careful that no one is overlooked.

The custom is one of the best ever instituted among men. Let us make as many people as we can happy. And may each of us in so doing find for himself that supreme happiness which passes all understanding.

We thank you for past patronage and would like to serve you in 1928.

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Ranger

The Keys to FAIRYLAND

Merry
Christmas

Happy
New Year

don't hang on the outside where we can get to them. If they did we would raid that wealthy realm these merry Christmas times and bring out enough joy and happiness to fill every heart and every home in this community, and we would make it our particular business to see that not a one was overlooked.

As it is, we wish for you the choicest blessings of the season.

OUR
BEST WISHES

WE
THANK YOU

Paramount
PHARMACY
Main at Austin, Ranger.

JUST A KINDLY GREETING

To wish you Christmas cheer and health, happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

How grateful we are to you, our friends, for your loyal support during the past year. It is to be our pleasure to serve you in 1928 we'll be found putting forth our very best efforts to merit every trust placed in us.

SIVALLS MOTOR CO.

Phone 30 Ranger

Hickman Will Be Given Quick Trial Authorities Say

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By United Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The movement of justice was speeded up here today as police abandoned their search for Andrew Kramer and prepared to bring Edward Hickman to a quick trial on charges of kidnapping and murdering Marion Parker, 12.

After a thorough investigation police announced they had practically discarded the theory that "Kramer" ever lived in reality and were concentrating their efforts on completing the case against Hickman.

Hickman Makes Plea For Youth To Go Straight

By United Press.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—William Edward Hickman, accused murderer of Marion Parker, today made a plea to the youths of the United States to "take my case as an example and be honest and straight." He dictated the appeal to Charles V. Randall, city attorney of Pendleton. The appeal follows:

"This affair has gained wide publicity. The great regard and the statement of people of the west coast shows the opposition to people of criminal tendencies.

"Kidnaping and savage murders are the worst of American crimes and everything should be done to prevent anyone from interfering in any way with the life and liberty of an American citizen.

"The young men and college students of American should consider the Parker case as a typical crime of the worst that can happen when a young man gradually loses interest in his family, his friends and his own honesty.

"The young men of this country can see that I can pass as an ordinary young man as far as outward appearances go.

"Crime in its simplest definition is

Identified as Girl's Slayer



Here is Edward Hickman, who has confessed to having kidnapped Marion Parker, 12-year old Los Angeles girl, whose mutilated body was found by her father. He denies having killed the girl, claiming an accomplice was responsible.

the desire of a man to have money without work and to enjoy the same place in society as other people and still show no effort to be a real man.

"Young men, when crime has overcome your will power to be honest and straight, you are a menace to society."

Miss Eunice Hamilton who is attending John Tarleton college at Stephenville is home to spend Christmas holidays.

Miss Zetta Hammett left today for Gorman to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parker.

New Clew Found In Hickman Case At Los Angeles

By United Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—A new clew was uncovered late today seeking to reach the alleged accomplice named by Edward Hickman in his confession of kidnapping of Marion Parker. Two finger prints were discovered in the Bellevue apartment occupied by Hickman here until a week ago when he fled after the child had been murdered and her body returned to her father.

One of the finger prints was on a bottle and the other on a plate. Detectives said the finger prints were not made by Hickman or the girl. While not positive yet detectives believe the finger prints were those of a woman.

Olden News

Miss Bessie Sosehee and Andy Fox stole a march on their friends and were quietly married Thursday evening. Mr. Fox is an employee of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., and will make their home here. Their many friends wish them happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Everett and family left Thursday for Paris, Texas to make their future home. Mr. Everett has been in the grocery business in Olden for the past eight years or more.

Mr. E. J. Stanford was ill with flu several days this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hodges are entertaining a brand new baby boy at their home which arrived Thursday, mother and boy are doing nicely.

Miss Cora Ott high school English teacher is spending the Christmas holidays with home folks at Thurber.

Lloyd Parton, Roy Beard and Chas. Phillips turned their car over last night just out of Olden while enroute to Eastland, demolishing it. The Phillips boy received a broken arm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and children of Coleman were Olden visitors Saturday while enroute to Fort Worth to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boucher and family left Saturday for Rice, Texas where they will spend Christmas holidays as the guest of Mrs. Boucher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and family.

Miss Myrtle Guy is spending

Christmas with her father, Dr. Guy of Gorman.

Pat Sherman Wilson and William Iverson arrived home Friday from San Antonio where they are in training at Camp Travis to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Atkins left today to spend Christmas day with Mrs. Atkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Loftin at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren are spending Christmas with relatives at Jacksboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mum of the Magnolia Dam are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. Joe O'Leary is in the Eastland sanitarium suffering from the loss of a hand which was badly mashed while he was at work at the power plant. His hand had to be amputated.

Mr. B. T. Grainger of the Magnolia shop office is spending Christmas in Dallas while Mrs. Grainger is with her mother at Palo Pinto.

A party was enjoyed Thursday

night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Middleton on the Conley tank farm.

Miss Kathryn Birmingham left today for Atlanta, Texas, to visit with home folks during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Roscoe, Texas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Huffard and family of Gorman have moved to Olden to make their future home.

D. B. Vermillion who is employed at Earlsboro, Okla., arrived home Friday to spend a few days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Horner and little son are home from a three weeks visit with relatives at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Munn are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Geo. Hamilton of west Texas is the guest of his brother L. S. Hamilton and family here at present.

Robert Sellers is visiting with relatives the Gormers at Breckenridge this week.

Preparations Are Made For Eastland Christmas Tree

Preparations are complete for the community Christmas tree which has been arranged on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn for this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The tree, beautifully decorated and lighted, with numerous, many colored lights, will hold presents for the hundreds of children of the community as well as others.

Following is the program that has been arranged for presentation:

Community singing.
Invocation by Rev. Mr. Sells.
Male quartet by Hogan, Knox, White and Hearn.
Ten minute address by Rev. L. R. Hogan.
Community singing.

WISHING YOU A WEALTH OF GOOD THINGS!

Because it's Christmas our thoughts go out to you and wishes for your happiness.

We hope the day may bring you the joys that are your due and the wealth of good things you deserve to cheer and gladden you on your journey through 1928.

CITY TAILORS

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GREETINGS

To every member, firm and individual who has contributed in any way to the success of our Association during the past year; to you who have given us that most priceless thing, your good will; we wish to express our sincere appreciation and wish for you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

RANGER RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Alice D. True, Secretary

A GLAD CHRISTMAS!

Now that the Christmas season is here again, we consider it a most opportune time to thank our customers, one and all, for the business with which we have been favored during the past year and to extend to them our most hearty greetings, and best wishes for their happiness and cheer during this Christmas of 1927 and their continuation during the entire New Year of 1928.

RUTHERFORD MOTOR COMPANY

Dodge Bros. Cars and Graham Bros. Trucks

WE WOULD NOT RISK A CHRISTMAS CARD

For fear some one may be overlooked in the rush of the holiday season, so we have reserved this space to broadcast our

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all who have favored this business in any way during the year past. We feel very grateful for the patronage we received during 1927 and will strive earnestly in 1928 to make our service and our prices the most attractive in our line in the city.

OILBELT MOTOR CO.

Breckenridge, Ranger, Eastland

Winneof Prize Mon/ Has Many Advice Offers

ORLANDO, Fla.—Three thousand letters have been received for Kansas Miss Brown at the "generous" delivery counter of the Orlando postoffice, since it was announced that she had won a \$25,000 award from the Woman's Home Co. in a contest for the best serial story.

At the time of the award, Miss Brown was touring southward from her home in Illinois, planning to spend the winter in Florida. The only dress she left behind was generally delivered at Orlando, where she expected to arrive some time in December.

She reached Orlando a few days ago and was welcomed by a crowd of friends and well-wishers, each one eager to be the first to tell her the good news. An hour after she arrived, a postoffice truck dumped ten

bags of mail on her doorstep, and Miss Brown has been busy ever since opening her mail.

The 3,000 letters, she says, divide themselves into three classes—straight letters of congratulation, "crank letters" and letters from people who wish to share her good fortune. More than 600 people have offered to collaborate with her in a new novel; 345 persons wish to assist her in investing her prize; 123 people have invited themselves to spend the winter with her in Florida, if she will send them some expense money at once. She has been asked to make 57 speeches and 87 people wish to give parties in her honor.

California gentlemen gained the impression that she was "lost" in Florida and that there was a \$25,000 reward for finding her. So he sent a circular letter to the police authorities, hospitals, and tourists' camps in every corner of Florida, offering to share the reward with anyone who turned up a good clue to her whereabouts. He also offered personally to pay \$100 for a good photograph of Miss Brown, explaining that none was available through regular channels.

The following letter from Kansas

is typical of nearly 100 "crank letters":

"If you will communicate with me I will send you authentic information as to how you can get \$25,000 in cash, and for my trouble you will owe me only \$100."

The prize check will be handed to Miss Brown by the mayor of Orlando at a civic reception tomorrow.

PUTS SHANGHAI FIRST IN NUMBER GUNMEN

By United Press.
SHANGHAI.—Shanghai is infested with more gunmen than New York city and Chicago combined, in the opinion of T. P. Moran, assistant commissioner of police. In former years, Moran stated, these gunmen, virtually all of whom are Chinese, confined their gunning to members of their own race.

Since the capture of Changhai by the southern army, however, the assistant commissioner declared, many foreign police constables and scores of Chinese constables have become marks for the guns of these desperadoes. In a period of three months five foreign constables were shot and killed on the streets of Shanghai.

CHURCHES

Ranger Churches

First Baptist.

There will be a Christmas sermon at the First Baptist church at 11 a. m. and a Christmas tree in the evening.—W. H. Johnson, pastor.

First Christian.

Main near hospital, H. B. Johnson pastor, Sunday school 10 a. m. E. T. Walton superintendent. Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Golden Rule Bible class in old chamber of commerce rooms, in bank building, 10 a. m. For the many expressions of appreciation and kindness, from our many friends, at this Christmas tide, we are profoundly thankful. We sincerely hope that this may be a happy Christmas to every one and that all will have some opportunity of getting beneath the load of the less fortunate and bringing a bit of sunshine to them. Come and worship with us this morning.

Central Baptist.

Sunday school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The subject for the morning will be, "The Name of Jesus." There will be a P. U. this evening. Preaching at 7:30. Come and worship with us on this Christmas day.—J. A. Caraway, pastor; N. O. White, S. S. Supt.

First Methodist.

Sunday school 9:45. J. D. Knox, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. No evening service. No league meetings. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30. Choir practice Thursday night at 7:30. No meeting of Woman's Missionary society.—Geo. W. Shearer, pastor.

Eastland Churches

Presbyterian.

Rev. L. R. Hogan, pastor. There will be but one service at the Presbyterian church Sunday. The pastor the Rev. L. R. Hogan, announced: "The Sunday school will convene at 10:30 instead of 9:45 and will join in a short Christmas service with the older people. The children will have part in the service. Singing carols will be featured. An opportunity will be given those desiring to unite with the church. The entire service will last about one hour, closing before twelve o'clock. Everybody welcome."

Methodist.

Rev. Frank R. Singleton, pastor. Because of the absence of the pastor of the Eastland Methodist church, called to Gulfport, Miss., by the death of his sister, no church services will be held in the church next Sunday, either morning or night. Sunday school will be as usual, however, at 9:45 o'clock a. m.

Alphonso Jones is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Jones and his little brother Theodore Jones. He has been attending Gulf Coast Military academy at Gulfport, Miss.

A SEASONS OF ALL THAT'S BEST

FOLKS: If we could but help Santa on his eventful trip

We'd help him fill your stockings brimful from tip to tip.

BUT since Santa does not allow us this privilege, we are sending this message of best wishes through the public press.

OPEN TILL NOON SUNDAY

VALLIANT'S

Ranger

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

Once again we pause in the mad rush of business affairs to extend to our friends, one and all, the greetings of the season. We wish for you this Christmas Day the things that will be for your greatest happiness and good.

STAFFORD DRUG
COMPANY

R. R. STAFFORD

Ranger

OUR CHRISTMAS PACK FOR YOU

has been loaded with smiles and laughter and happy heart-throbs and the presence of loved ones and the laughter of children and the comradeship of friends and no end of other good things, and our wishes have been instructed to leave a large supply at every home.

We want your home to be filled with these good things this Christmas season with enough over to last through the New Year.

RANGER BUILDING & LOAN
ASSOCIATION

J. H. P. JONES, Sec.

Ranger, Texas

ENTIRE COUNTY MOURNING DEATH OF BIT BEDFORD

Funeral Services Will Be Held Today for Veteran Peace Officer Killed Friday.

A piece of grey crepe, draped over the door of the office of the chief of police, Cisco, solemnly tells the final chapter of the life of G. E. Bedford, who died in the line of duty, who gave his life in defense of the law. The city hall is quiet and all the officials of Cisco silently mourn for their fellow man, who was fatally wounded Friday afternoon in a gun battle with the bank robbers who were frustrated in an attempt to rob the First National bank of Cisco, and died Friday night at 7:45 o'clock at the Humboldt hospital. Cause of death was attributed to shock and loss of blood. Chief Bedford had five bullet wounds in his body located in legs, thighs and abdomen.

Bit Bedford, as he was known by practically everyone in Eastland county, was born in Etowah county, Alabama, August 8, 1868 and when 8 years old he, with his family, moved to Eastland county and settled at Lem Switch where he grew to manhood. On September 30, 1894, he was married to Miss Lela McCleskey at Carbon and to the union was born four children all of whom survive. Besides his wife, Mr. Bedford is survived by a son, Gooder Bedford of Brownwood, two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Stamey of Fort Worth and Mrs. Louis E. Star of Cisco, and another son, Marcell Bedford of Cisco. Mr. Bedford also has three brothers, William C. Bedford of Desdemona, John Bedford of San Antonio and Joe Bedford of Los Angeles, Calif. Sisters surviving the dead officer are Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson, of El Paso, Mrs. Jim Holman of San Antonio, Mrs. Mollie Walker of Alabama, Mrs. R. L. Peck of Palestine and Mrs. S. E. Steele of Eastland.

Mr. Bedford was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and a Mason, being affiliated with the Cisco lodge.

For over 25 years Mr. Bedford had been connected with the sheriff's office and police departments of Eastland county. Twenty years ago he was sheriff for four years and before and since that time he has acted as deputy sheriff and policeman and chief of police of Cisco. He

Cisco Bank Bandits Make Good Escape (Continued from page one.)

and Davis were abandoned when the car was found locked and the trio of bandits, with the two girls still in the bandit car, continued the race. The three commanded the two girls to lay down in the car but the girls watched them cross a field and disappear into a dense thicket. One of the men—the one dressed as Santa Claus—had a bad limp, according to the Corcoran girl.

Hickman Assists.
The casualty list may reach three soon. G. E. Bedford died Friday night from wounds received as he stepped into the alley and opened fire on the bandits. He was shot five times. George Carmichael, policeman of Cisco, is in the Humboldt hospital, with a bullet hole through his head, the bullet having grazed his brain cavity, and little hope is held out for his recovery. Hospital officials stated Saturday that the fact that he was still alive was due to his having lost little blood. A wound in his back is not considered serious. Davis, the wounded bank robber is in a critical condition according to dispatches from Fort Worth.

Bloodhounds Fail.
Ranger captain Tom Hickman, who assisted the Eastland county officers in the man hunt, returned to Fort Worth at noon Saturday and will return to Cisco Tuesday with photographs of a number of criminals for identification by Alex Speer, cashier of the bank, and George Boyd Cisco citizen, who says that he could identify all of the robbers.

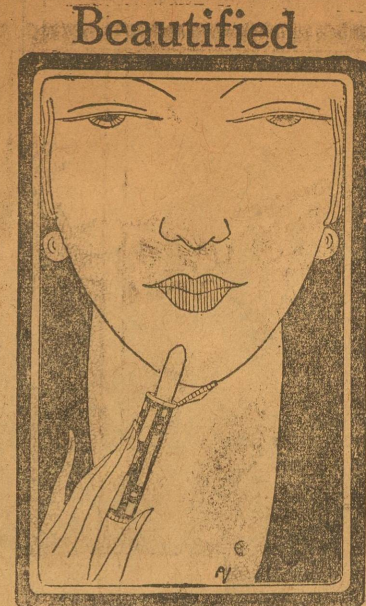
Bloodhounds rushed to the scene were found of little use, due to the fact that a starting point could not be found.

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This brilliant carmine lipstick shuts itself up in a smartly beautiful black and gold enameled container.

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TWO BANDITS ROB ZEPHYR BANK OF CASH

Secure Between \$1,500 and \$1,800 and Escape in Stolen Car.

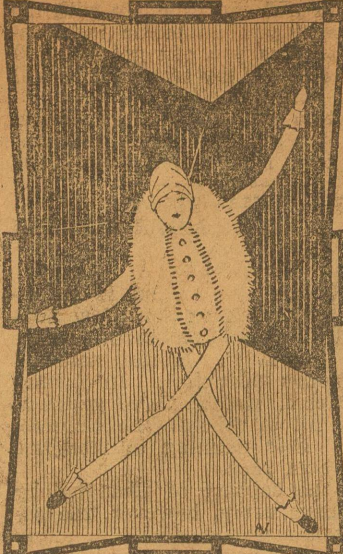
Taking advantage of the absence of Sheriff White and his deputy, two unmasked men, appearing to be about 25 years old, held up three officials of the First National bank of Zephyr, Brown county, and escaped in a stolen automobile with between \$1,500 and \$1,800, Saturday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock. No trace of the bandits had been found late Saturday night.

The bandits stole a Chrysler touring car in Brownwood at noon Saturday. When Sheriff White, who was in Cisco at the time giving aid to the staff of peace officers there, was notified of the stolen car he immediately left for Brownwood. The robbery occurred while he was en route to that place.

The two young men arrived in Zephyr about an hour before the robbery and bought a supply of food and a number of packages of cigarettes from a merchant there. The merchant told W. M. Kipping, president of the bank, that the men were nervous and that he was afraid they were in the act of holding him up. The supplies were placed in the stolen car and the men walked up the street, robbed the bank, and left on the road leading to Comanche. It is thought that the pair will try to get to Fort Worth via Comanche.

Three officials of the bank, W. M. Kipping, president, W. L. Johnston, cashier and D. A. Johnston, assistant cashier, were closing the business for the day, when the two men entered. The officials were locked in the vault and the combination turned by one of the robbers, however private citizens were able to get the vault

Please Pin Me!



This furred-up little lady invites you to stick pins in her. She comes in colors to match your boudoir ensemble.

open and release the officials. No customers were in the bank.

Mr. Kipping said Saturday afternoon that, although a check of the money had not as yet been made, he would safely estimate the amount at over \$1,500 in currency.

Zephyr is a small town located 14 miles east of Brownwood. The stolen car was a touring with the curtains up and bore the license number 110-693.



Apprehension Is Felt For Safety Of Mrs. Grayson

By United Press.
HARBOR GRACE, N. F., Dec. 24. Apprehension increased tonight that some unknown and possibly fatal mishap had overtaken the Dawn, in which Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and three men companions set out to conquer the Atlantic, when 6 p. m. passed without word of the flyers. The plane had been unreported nine hours after it was due here and more than three hours after the longest time its 500 gallons of gasoline would keep it in the air.

No word of the plane, which was equipped with a powerful radio apparatus, had been received since two hours and 18 minutes after it left Roosevelt Field at 5:07, Friday afternoon when it was reported over Cape Cod.

Want Ads Will Pay

Navy Secretary Goes to See Of S-4 Duster

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 24. Secretary of the Navy but arrived here at 10:50 a. m. today for a personal survey of salvage operations at the scene of the S-4 duster. Criticism of the navy's activities in attempting to locate the lost men was increasing when Secretary Wilbur announced he was going to inspect the wreck person. A few hours later he was on way here after giving up Christmas plans to be with his family. Divers today waited on the weather. If the weather is favorable the men are expected to go down and continue attempts to place chain, der the submarine.

HILO.—Articles of association for the Hawaii Mainichi Shimbun newspaper to be published here, were filed in Honolulu recently.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS JOY

THERE'S SPECIAL JOY TO CHRISTMAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER TIME
AND IT FILLS THE HEART OF MANKIND WITH AN ECSTASY SUBLIME
BUT THE GRANDEST PART OF CHRISTMAS TO MY NOTION AND VIEW IS THE PRIVILEGE OF SENDING GREETINGS TO FRIENDLY FOLKS LIKE YOU.

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WITH ALL GOOD WISHES!

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THE SEASON'S REMEMBRANCES

We extend to all who read a Christmas message of good will and kind remembrances.

May countless joys gladden the paths of your travel through each day of the coming year.

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Because we're friends, we wish you from our hearts, real Christmas gladness which will linger to cheer you throughout the entire New Year.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS
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FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS:

THIS IS JUST A LINE TO SAY, "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY, VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO, BEST IN ALL THE WORLD TO YOU."

CROW SERVICE STATION

Ranger

Germans Waste State Salaries Evidence Shows

By J. W. T. MASON

Written For United Press

NEW YORK.—Objections on the score of economy to increases in the wages of German government employees, are justified by the extravagant number of public functionaries drawing salaries at the expense of the German taxpayers. The attitude of those responsible for reparations payments against indiscriminate increases in Germany's expenditures is a proper one from the economic standpoint and may well lead to a reform in the Fatherland's bureaucratic methods.

There are over one million government employees in Germany, one for every 60 inhabitants. The Versailles treaty reduced the size of Germany by about seven percent, but more persons are now drawing salaries from the public treasuries than before the war. Instead of economizing in this respect, Germany has adopted an attitude of extravagant generosity in inviting her citizens to find employment in the government. There are indications that machine politics have crept into Germany and that higher officials are not averse to strengthening the parties to which they belong by finding lucrative posts for henchmen, whose work often is difficult to discover.

The German government is federated to a ludicrous extreme for a nation which is not wealthy and must struggle desperately to right itself. Besides the national parliament in Berlin, there are about a dozen local parliaments, with a total membership of some 2,500. The national government employs less than 120,000 officials. The remainder find

their living in the individual states. Prussia, the largest single state, is particularly dominated by the bureaucrats. There are 200,000 government employees in Prussia, two-thirds more than in the national government. Both the German government and the so-called "Reich" and the state of Prussia use Berlin as the capital, each maintaining a separate set of officials.

Bavaria still continues the curious attitude of regarding itself as a separate sovereign state. Before the war it had its king and nursed an ambition to make him, some day, Emperor of Germany. Now, Bavaria calls itself a free state, the supreme executive power resting in the cabinet as a whole. There is even a minister of foreign affairs although Bavaria is as much a part of the German republic as any other section of the nation, and must accept direction from Berlin in international dealings. The Bavarian cabinet consists of eight members; there is a parliament with 129 members, and throughout the free state are innumerable local officials with little to do but maintain the dignity of Bavaria's unreal independence.

Bremen with an area of 39 miles and a population of 340,000 also calls itself a free state. It has two legislative chambers, with 134 members, the upper chamber, the senate, acting as the executive body. Hesse proclaimed itself a republic in 1918. It has a parliament of 70 members with a cabinet that, like Bavaria, contains a minister of foreign affairs, with no international authority of any importance. Throughout Germany there is the same display of inefficiency in office holders.

The result is a waste of from 25 to 35 percent on Germans who are living at the expense of the state. It is this large, useless army which makes difficult the payment of adequate wages to those who rightfully hold their posts. A general increase in wages means a gift to hundreds of

Well! Well! Just What I Wanted!



thousands of persons who, under an efficient re-organization of the German government machinery, would find themselves without positions and would be compelled to find work at private hands.

Unless a stop is enforced, Germany

will keep on increasing the number of officials under pressure of the unemployment situation. This is the easiest way of meeting the demands of the unemployed while at the same time, making a threat against reparations. It is the German contention

that there must be a revision of her annual war indemnity and busy minds throughout the country are continuously trying to devise means to this end. But, the device of padding the public payrolls, will not be allowed to work.

Gripings

By GUS

Heck, folks, this is Christmas, and who in the world wants to gripe today?

First, we want to tell you a couple of little funny things we saw today. One was a guy dropped a pint out of his pocket right in the lobby of the bank. Useless to say it broke. Furthermore it smelt fair.

We thought Chief Murphy was playing a joke on somebody. That somebody will read this and know who we are talking about.

The other thing was a couple of guys eating in the Ranger cafe dining room with their hats on. We just thought they were from a certain town out west and let it go at that.

Another guy we saw—well, or let us see. Why bring that up?

Anyway that's enough of that foolishness.

We want to publicly and openly wish a merry Christmas for our friends. If anybody is our enemy, it's because we see things differently and we apologize to them for not seeing it their way.

But our friends—there's none like them. They know who they are when they read this. They are in every walk of life from the richest to the poorest and we'll say that we're for every dern one of them.

We're for our enemies, too, because they know not what they do.

We've been invited to church by the ministers, invited to jail by the officers, invited out to have egg-nog with the drinking people and invited out to tea with the non-drinking. We intend to accept every invitation and conduct ourselves in whatever manner is becoming to the party in which we are.

If we've made anybody sore in the months we've been griping, we hope they don't feel hurt. We apologize. If anybody has derived any pleasure or satisfaction out of this pesky column, we have been doubly repaid for our feeble effort.

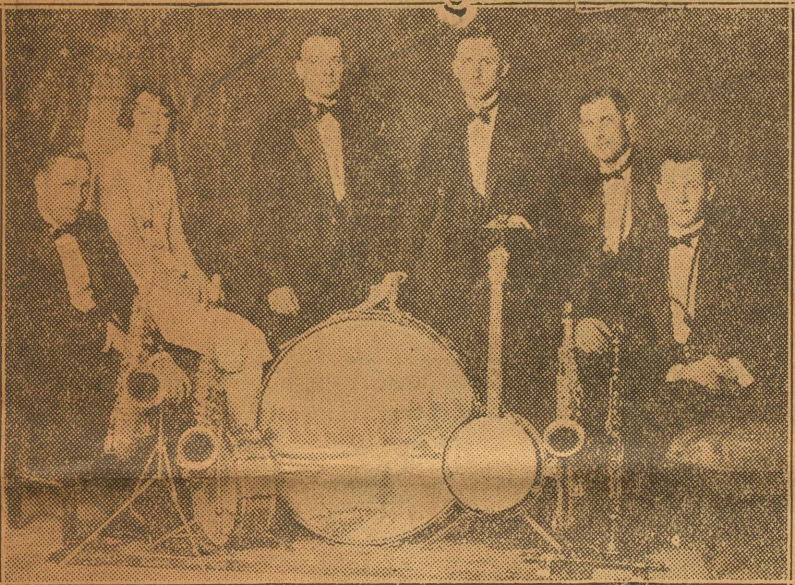
It is customary to close a thing like this with a quotation from Dickens about what Tiny Tim said, and just to be different we will omit that and say that we never even read it except in Christmas editorials.

If any of you guys don't have a merry Christmas, don't say we didn't wish it. For the benefit of some who know us in our more playful moments, here's the time-tested toast: "Here's hoping non of you die until we kill you."

None of them have yet.

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DEAR FRIENDS:

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And so this same old wish appears

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LEADERS IN VALUES
Ranger, Texas

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN TEXAS SLOW IN NOVEMBER

Mild Weather Hampered Retail Trade and Unbroken Drouth Has Delayed Agriculture.

AUSTIN, Texas.—General business conditions throughout Texas and the southwest in November made very little change from that of October, concludes Bervard Nichols, assistant in charge of index numbers in the bureau of business research of the University of Texas and editor of the Texas Business Review. "The very mild weather during the month checked the sales of winter clothing and temporarily halted the distribution of merchandise," Mr. Nichols says. "On the other hand," he continues, "farmers were able to make good progress with fall work and with the harvesting of crops. Industrial progress was made in some lines but the usual autumn expansion has been rather slow in materializing."

The agricultural outlook is a little less encouraging than it was a month ago. While fall weather was favorable for the gathering of crops, soils dried out to such an extent that farmers were hampered in plowing their fields. Moreover, the growth of fall grains was greatly retarded and the crop even deteriorated in some districts. Recent rains have helped this condition to a very large extent and improvement is likely to be noted in the next report. Most of the cotton has been picked and the greater portion of the crop has been sold. Fruits and vegetables are moving out of the valley and from the winter garden section in fairly large volume, and prices are holding up about as well as could be expected. Citrus fruits and spinach make up the bulk of the shipments.

Both cattle and sheep ranges deteriorated due to the extended dry period. Winter weeds and grasses made very poor growth. The condition of cattle declined two points and that of sheep and goats three points each. The winter lambing season is now on and the crop is expected to be a little larger than usual. However, animals generally are in good flesh and with the abundance of feed in the state producers looked forward to the winter with optimism. Hog prices continued the downward trend and are the lowest in several years. Cattle prices were half a cent above those obtaining in October and sheep prices were about unchanged. The heavy shipments of poultry, especially turkeys, coupled with the large cold storage holdings,

weakened the market and prices fell off. Dairy products were in good demand at relatively high prices.

"Little or no improvement was made in the petroleum industry. Daily output was increased slightly and greater field activity was reflected in more new wells being drilled. Cement mills had a very active month; shipments were again above production and stocks were reduced."

"Textile mills in the state enjoyed a very active month. The industry in the United States slowed up somewhat from the October rate but Texas mills show a considerable increase during the month. Most mills were again operating at capacity. Spinner's margin dropped 8 points and is at the lowest level since July 1925. Cotton goods sales are rather slow."

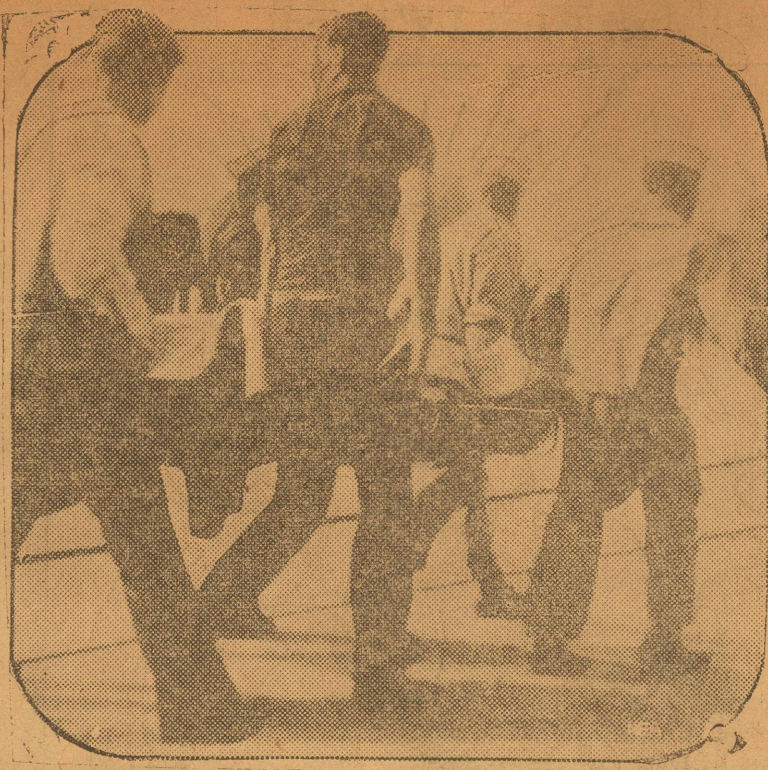
"Trade at wholesale and retail fell off. November sales of forty identical department stores were 4.1 percent below those of October. Fifty-five stores reporting to the bureau of business research show an increase of 6.1 percent over that of November, 1926. It seems, therefore, that even though sales are below those of October, the volume is satisfactory."

"The lumber industry made very little change during the month. Production and shipments fell off and stocks on hand were reduced. Building permits increased over those of November, 1926 by about 12 percent and contracts awarded point to an active construction program for the first part of 1928 at least."

"Measured by freight carloadings, the distribution of all commodities is running about 7 percent below that of 1926. Freight is moving promptly and shippers are experiencing little difficulty in obtaining cars. Exports of cotton are below foreign shipments for last year."

"Wholesale prices declined slightly, or from 98 in October to 96.7 in November. The farm products index went down from 105 to 104, according to the bureau of labor statistics. No change was made in the rediscount rate at the Federal Reserve bank, and the amount of bank credit outstanding is below that of a year ago. Both time and demand deposits at member banks increased. The number of commercial failures increased during the month, and there were 153 new corporations receiving charters."

Bringing Injured From Langley



One man was killed and four were seriously injured when an explosion amidships rocked the airplane carrier Langley of the United States navy in the harbor at San Diego, Calif. The picture shows one of the injured men being taken ashore.

PYTHIAN SISTERS OF EASTLAND HOLD MEET

The Pythian sisters of the Eastland lodge met Thursday in the K. P. hall with a goodly number present. A number of visitors from the Breckenridge lodge were present and presented the Eastland lodge with a bible.

RANGER BUS MANAGER ON CHRISTMAS VACATION

Maurice Rush, West Texas Coach-ess office manager, at the Gholson Hotel, Ranger office is taking a Christmas vacation. Frank Robason is on the job there during his absence.

WORLD SAFETY FIRST LAW IS BEING URGED

By United Press.
GENEVA.—An international convention on "safety first" is the latest project of the International Labor bureau here.

The question already has been placed on the agenda of the next international labor convention that will be held here in May, 1928, and a committee of experts from the International Labor bureau has begun a world wide investigation of the present status of industrial accidents.

From the figures gathered to date, it is already estimated that there are nearly 50,000 deaths in the world annually from industrial accidents; the number of accidents that are not fatal reach nearly a million; while the loss in time and money looks like the figure of the great war.

"The destruction of human life in the ranks of labor," declares Albert Thomas, director of the international labor bureau, "is not less appalling than the carnage of war. While the league of nations strives to preserve peace by ending the horrors of the battlefield, the labor bureau has for its task the securing of peace, safety and happiness of the worker."

By launching an international convention on the subject, every signatory nation will be obliged to take common established measures, by means of cooperation between the governments and industrial employers, for the safety of workmen and the prevention of accidents. It is estimated that the total number of industrial accidents throughout the world can easily be reduced thus by 50 per cent.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY FOR RENT—Nicely furnished apartment. Marion Apartments, 607 Main St., Ranger.

Want Ads Will Pay

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE GLORIOUS AND YOUR SMILE OF CHRISTMAS CHEER SPREAD ON THROUGH THE YEAR.

Sunday Only

ROSE OF THE GOLDEN WEST

With MARY ASTOR and GILBERT ROLAND



You'll call them the screen's greatest lovers after you have been thrilled by their unforgettable acting in this great drama. It brings into startling reality the most romantic and colorful chapter of Spanish California's history.

Added—"The Collegians"

Paramount News

A YULETIDE MESSAGE

Please "listen in" for we are using this means of broadcasting our Yuletide message of joy and contentment to our many customers and good friends.

C. & B. FILLING STATION

FISS TIRE

Caddo Road

Ranger

May This Christmas Be The Beginning of Untold Happiness

If we could we'd have the sunshine of good cheer shine right on you and we'd make it so bright that you'd see your way right down into 1928 where you could travel the prosperity road. Then we'd add to this that you'd find a lot of pleasure from the satisfaction of making others happy, too.

Greetings friends, for Christmas and the New Year, too!

ED MEYERS

New and Second Hand Furniture

Ranger, Texas

We Would

Be Ingrates

Did we not at this joyous holiday season give expression of our appreciation to what we believe to be the finest group of patrons it was ever the good fortune of anyone to serve.

Words are inadequate to express our full appreciation so to make it more manifest we will endeavor to reveal it more fully to you through our dealings in 1928.

A. H. POWELL

901 Pershing St.

Ranger

JOLLY CHRISTMAS!

Bring on your festive trimmings,
The candles and the holly;
Cast off all care and worry,
Let your Christmas Day be jolly!

BILL'S DRY CLEANING PLANT

Ranger

JUST A SMALL CARD OF GREETING!

By means of this public card we wish to our fellowman our most hearty greetings of the season. We thank all who have helped us to succeed in our business and hope that our relations may continue to be of the same pleasant nature.

TEXAS-LOUISIANA POWER CO.

Ranger

SWING OPEN NOW THE GATES OF JOY

and flood the whole world with the spirit of Christ and Christmas, the spirit of good will among men, the spirit of charity to the needy, sympathy to the unfortunate and encouragement and hope to all.

It is our earnest wish that this glad season may find you able to share fully in its pleasures and pass some along to others.



QUICK SERVICE GARAGE

NATH PIRKLE, Prop.
Phone 23

Ranger

Texas

TRY OUR CLASSIFIED ADS--THEY PAY

RANGER TIMES

RANGER, TEXAS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1927

MERRY XMAS IS HERE, DON'T FORGET PROPER SPIRIT OF DAY

If Sorrow Has Not Come Our Way We Should Be Happy

By RENA B. CAMPBELL

Christmas Day has rolled around once more. Its coming has been indicated for more than a month by many different signs and symbols. Stores were transformed overnight from every day stores to a place where Santa Claus finds his pack and eager shoppers love to loiter.

Streets have sparkled and twinkled like fairyland in their trappings of colored lights, Christmas trees and other electrical glories.

Christmas greeting cards have flooded the mails for the past two weeks, each reminding one that somebody has not forgotten. They are such lovely things. So fraught with beautiful expressions of love and friendship and so dear to the hearts of the recipient, had always like a hand clasp from one who is absent.

Mysterious bundles have been coming in for days, and how exciting they are with their various sizes and wrappings.

Today is the great fulfillment of these weeks of preparations and every Christian nation lifts up its voice in a Te Deum for its manifold blessing and in tribute to the whose birth is today celebrated.

But in many home a De Profundis is being sobbed. Tragedy has stalked over our own nation in the recent sinking of the S-4 and in the heinous crime that cost a little girl her life in Los Angeles. In our own county innocent blood has been spilled and there are many who today face an empty chair, the toll of this year's fatalities.

To those homes where sorrow has come, even though a Christmas dinner consists but of a bit of bread and a slice of meat, there should be happiness supreme. Unless a tragedy has stalked across one's threshold, one should be tarred and feathered for uttering such words as "I don't expect any Christmas," for Christmas is here, not an expectation but a living reality and is just what we ourselves make it.

To many readers of this page there is a wish I wish to send: 'Tis this: "Merry Christmas! May it last Through many a year of pleasure With happiness unending And joy in fullest measures."

TOKIO.—The imperial diet will convene Saturday but will adjourn for the holidays after a brief organization session. Real work on legislation will not begin much before mid-January and the budget, largest in the history of the empire, probably will not be adopted until a month later.

Introducing New York State



The biggest picture puzzle map ever made will be assembled when pretty pages in the Tournament of Roses parade at Pasadena, Calif., put together the states they carry as markers. Here are Heralds Peggy Moore (left) and Lydia Staats, introducing New York. ©

SOCIETY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

MONDAY.

Legion dance at 12 a. m. at Legion hall.

TUESDAY.

DeMolay dance at Legion hall 9.

FRIDAY.

New Year's dance at Elks hall, 9.

LEGION DANCE TO BEGIN AT MIDNIGHT HOUR.

As soon as the Sabbath day ends tonight at midnight, the Rainbow Serenaders, will start the music for a dance at the American Legion hall, Ranger, which will end about day light.

This will be the annual Christmas dance of Carl Barnes Post No. 69 of Ranger and will be an outstanding holiday event. There is a zest about a midnight dance, especially when it

follows Sunday, and a Christmas Sunday at that.

The Rainbow Serenaders, of course, will play just the sort of music that goes with the crack of day—the legionnaires will extend just the hospitality that the season demands and the crowd will do the rest.

ELKS CHRISTMAS DANCE SAME OLD GAY AFFAIR.

The Elks Christmas dance given Friday night in their lovely club home, was the same old gay affair, of each passing year—only more so. For the Elks don't stand still. They progress from one annual dance to another, adding a bit here and there, to make each Christmas dance a little more enjoyable than its predecessor.

These hosts spared neither pains or expense in making their club rooms attractive for the occasion, using Christmas greens and reds, in great abundance to transform the club rooms into a real Christmas bow

It was a Christmas crowd that came from far and near to enjoy the event, all filled with the spirit of the season, bent on dancing Christmas eve in a most jovial manner. This was made easy when at midnight the hosts passed confetti, hats and horns to the dancers and turned the scene into an animated high carnival one. Fruit cake and coffee were served as refreshments.

The music by the Crazy Hotel orchestra was great and this taken with all the other things that were arranged for the comfort and pleasure of the large crowd resulted in the Elks 1927 Christmas dance, going down in social history of Ranger as a great success.

On Friday night, the Elks will give their annual New Year's dance, which is looked forward to year after year with great pleasure by the people of this and of nearby cities.

DR. AND MRS. A. L. DUFFER ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER.

The suburban home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Duffer, was the scene of a pretty Christmas party on Friday evening when they extended their hospitality to twenty friends.

Guests arriving at 7 o'clock were invited into a living room gay with Christmas trappings, as warm in tone as was the handclasp of welcome from the host and hostess. A pretty tree lent a very festive air which was intensified by the decorations of the major dining table and two smaller ones, laid ready for a splendid dinner.

Guests found places at these tables by the means of pretty place cards depicting a winter scene.

The large table was laid in beautiful napery and silver, with a mound of Christmas moss and holly forming an attractive central theme, from which radiated five Christmas taper, one in the center, of the mound and four others completing each corner of the square.

The smaller foursome tables were similarly laid, with one red taper rising from a mound of holly, moss and pinz cones.

After dinner cards were enjoyed until a late hour, the high score honor in bridge, a pair of Italian cut-work towels, going to Mrs. Saunders Gregg and the low score prize, two exquisite Maderia hankies to Mrs. L. J. McMillen.

No small part of the party was the fine Christmas spirit that prevailed over everything and the running fire of conversation, full of jokes, epigrams and clever repartee, that continued from 7 o'clock until midnight.

Those invited were Messrs. and Meses. John Thurman, E. L. McMillen, John Gholson, W. D. Conway, Frank Champion, T. L. Lauderdale, G. C. Barkley, Saunders Gregg, Ed Maher, Mrs. Rena B. Campbell, Mr.

A. B. Conway and the host and hostess, who presided at the major table.

PERSONALS.

John Shearer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Shearer who has been attending Texas Military Institute at San Antonio is home for the holidays.

Mrs. E. A. Wheeler is leaving today for a two weeks visit to Wewoka, Okla., to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Hottell.

Ivo Novakovich of Amarillo arrived today to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. N. J. Novakovich and his sister, Miss Marguerite. Mr.

Novakovich presented his mother with a Buick brougham for a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McMillen have for their Christmas guests their son Raymond McMillen, son-in-law, daughter and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carpenter and Lula Mae Carpenter all of Dallas.

Morris Johnson and wife who are attending school at the East Texas Normal at Commerce, are in Ranger for the holidays, visiting Mr. Johnson's parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson.

Mrs. J. A. Pitcock and daughter

are in Odessa spending the holidays with Mr. Pitcock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Johnson are in Fort Worth today the guests of Floyd Johnson and wife.

Mrs. M. R. Newnam returned from Dallas Friday where she has been attending a special course given by Mrs. Carrie Dunning.

Miss Oret Smith daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smith is home from Texas University spending the holidays with her parents.

C. A. Jones of San Angelo is in Ranger today transacting business and shaking hands with friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Heartily we join others in exclaiming to our host of
friends in calling aloud

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And let us add we thank you sincerely for the cordial
friendship shown us during the year closing. May the
New Year fill to the brim your cup of happiness and
prosperity.

WALKER-SMITH CO.

As The Curtain Comes Down

UPON THE ACTS OF THE CLOSING YEAR

we take much pleasure in thanking our friends for whatever share they have given us of their business and for anything else they may have done toward making our year the success it has been.

We make it our purpose to deal fairly, courteously and promptly with all who patronize us in any way, and solicit future business upon this meritorious basis.

And now we wish for every one a merry, merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

THARPE FURNITURE CO.

"WE FURNISH FROM PARLOR TO KITCHEN"

Ranger, Texas

Let Us Serve
You in
1928

Thanks for
Favors of
1927

1927 MERRY CHRISTMAS 1928

A Road of Happiness

A BRIDGE OF GOOD CHEER

All of us, at some period of time, have traveled a road bestrewn with rocks and pitfalls, a road where broken springs are a very small part of the damage.

If you have encountered during your past year's travel of any such road as this, it is our sincere wish that after you cross our Merry Christmas bridge, your road for 1928 shall be as smooth as glass.

We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

RANGER SHOE COMPANY

H. O. POPE

W. O. BROWN

Ranger

YULETIDE HAPPINESS!

DEAR FRIENDS:

We are much pleased to have this opportunity of extending to you our sincere thanks for all favors of the past and to invite your continued patronage in the future.

We hope this Holiday Season may be one to be remembered by you for the good pleasures it has bestowed.

MISSION GARAGE
NICK GALAGHER

Phone 45

Ranger

GOOD FELLOWS SPREAD CHEER CHRISTMAS EVE

Boxes Bountifully Filled With Food and Toys Given Fifty-Six Families.

The Ranger Good Fellows fund almost went to the goal of \$1,000 but not quite. There were ample funds in the treasury to supply Christmas cheer baskets, (boxes this time as no basket was big enough to hold the supply) to 56 families and still have a balance to be applied as a credit to the Child Welfare 1928 drive.

A total of \$772.57 has been deposited in the bank. At noon Saturday O. G. Lanier turned in \$7.10, the contents of the high school depository jar. A contribution of \$75 pledged by the Ranger Rotary club will be added to this amount and possibly a few dollars from jars and ticket sales that have not yet been turned in.

The Ranger Masonic Lodge sent in \$11.09 to the fund on Friday.

At noon Saturday a bevy of men and women, Good Fellows and Child Welfare club members gathered at the former First National bank and started the work of distribution of toys and food.

On Friday Wade Swift, Mike Godwin and Mr. Gunn, worked almost all day getting the boxes packed and on Saturday morning B. H. Murphy had the task so well in hand that it was made easy for the committee that came on duty at noon.

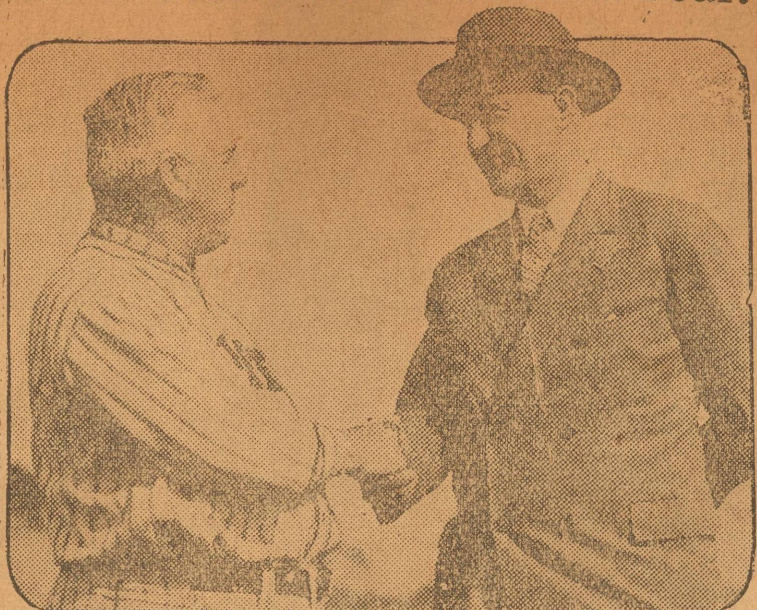
The boxes were by far the most elaborate ever dispensed by the Child Welfare club. They were packed according to the number in a family, some containing enough to supply a family of seven or eight and some for a family of two or three.

In these boxes were 24 pound sacks of flour, five and 10 pound sacks of sugar, coffee, beans, rice, syrup, canned milk and fruits of all kinds.

One dozen brooms furnished by the Ranger Broom company, complimentary, were included in that many boxes.

The Liberty theatre morning matinee on Saturday morning given free to the children of Ranger, resulted in a box of toys being added to those bought by the committee, so that toys for 200 children were among the things that were distributed by the Good Fellows and Child Welfare club on Christmas eve to the less fortunate of Ranger.

Will These Two Meet Next Year?



There's a rumor that John McGraw will give Ty Cobb, who played for Connie Mack last year, a chance to help the New York Giants out next year. If so, this scene, taken at McGraw's training camp last spring, may be re-enacted again this coming spring—McGraw, left, greeting Ty Cobb.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just a good old-fashioned greeting
FROM OUR HOUSE

TO

YOUR HOME

and we say it because we mean it.

**TRADERS GROCERY
MARKET**

INC.

Corner Walnut and Rusk Ranger

CHRISTMAS DAWN CARRIES THE MESSAGE

OF LOVE AND HOPE AROUND THE WORLD

We express the sincere wish that you will receive a double portion of all the joys the season affords.

To this we would add the hope that a full measure of the good things of life will come to you and yours in 1928.

STANDARD TANK & STEEL WORKS

LEATHA M. McFALL

Ranger, Texas

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

OUR FRIENDS:

We welcome this opportunity to thank all for your business done with us and to wish for you a joyful Holiday Season and twelve months of uninterrupted peace, happiness and prosperity.

**ROBINSON AUTO SUPPLY
COMPANY**

"Bob" Robinson

Ranger

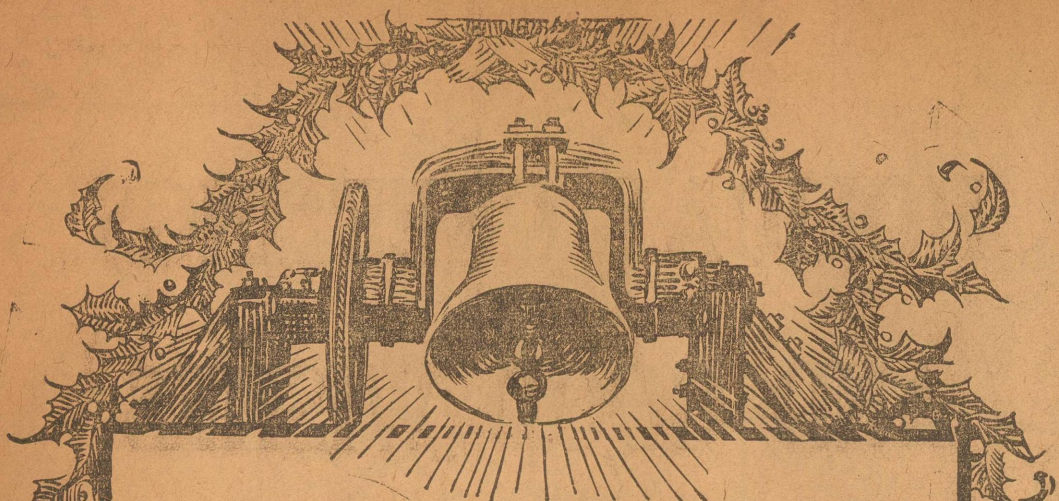
'TIS THE MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME

Our Heart-felt Wishes

May you all enjoy a happiness this Christmas that surpasses all your fondest dreams and may the New Year usher into your life a period of health, wealth and joys untold.

HODGES MOTOR CO.

Ranger



CORDIAL HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We know of nothing more appropriate nor more expressive than just to wish all our friends a good old-fashioned Christmas holiday in a good old-fashioned way.

Your friends,

Pfaeffle's

Ranger's Jeweler

Cotton Fabric Is Found Suitable In Road Building

A new use for coarse cotton fabrics in the construction of improved country highways has been reported to the new uses section of the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. The fabric in this instance provides a "membrane" that is imbedded in the materials used in surfacing the road. During the past year experiments have been made in South Carolina under the direction of Charles H. Moorefield, state highway engineer. These have been so successful that cotton fabrics could be of great importance to highway engineers in improving country roads at minimum cost.

In order to test the practicability of this new use of cotton, Mr. Moorefield selected a section of state highway in Newberry County, S. C. This was known locally as a top-soil road which consisted principally of small size gravel with a mixture of sand and clay as binding material. On it a bituminous surface treatment was applied.

The first step in this process was to scarify the surface of the road. As it gradually rebounded under traffic the surface was kept smooth by the use of scrapers or drags. Then a prime coat of light tar was applied and allowed to "set" partially. The next day an open weave cotton fabric having a yarn count of 7x7, in both warp and filling and weighing approximately 7 ounces per yard was spread over the stick tar. Hot asphalt of 150 to 200 penetration was then applied to the fabric and the asphalt covered with coarse sand to give a riding surface.

The road was ready for traffic immediately after the surface treatment had been completed.

In announcing this new use of cotton, E. C. Morse, in charge of the new uses section of the institute, stated:

"After nearly a year, this section of improved highway shows very little, if any, wear. When engineers made an examination recently they found the cotton membrane was performing its function admirably. The materials used in surfacing the road had been kept in place and there was little tendency for 'duck nests' or holes to form in the road.

"The cost of installing and maintaining this type of highway is estimated to be so low that such improvement would be practical in thinly settled locations where the cost of other types of improved highway might be prohibitive."

DRILLING REPORT

Acres & Mac, R. D. Williams No. 3; intention to plug, Callahan county. The Prairie Oil & Gas Co., B. B. Bone No. 3; intention to plug, Callahan county. Jameson, Pollard, et al, Ben F. Dunn No. 1; intention to drill; Coleman county, depth 2000 feet.

TOO MUCH TOBACCO; FEW CLOTHES, TWIN EVILS

By United Press.
VIENNA.—Too little clothing and too much smoking are playing havoc with the health of the fatter six in Central Europe.

According to statistics recently gathered in both South Germany and in Austria there has been a noticeable increase in the death rate among women during the past year. This heavy mortality it is claimed, is particularly high among women who are habitual smokers and "under-dressers." Many physicians here predict that the next 10 years will show a yet higher mortality because many who are now strong enough to survive a spell of sickness have so weakened their resistance power that subsequent illnesses will prove fatal.

The Australian government commission's hearings on aviation are creating much interest in air travel in that country.

MAY—

You have strength, wisdom, courage and determination to achieve every worthy undertaking in 1928.

Accept our earnest thanks, please, for the business you gave us in 1927.

HADLEY'S NEW STORE

Ranger, Texas

ALL THE GLADNESS OF THE SEASON

That is what we are wishing for our friends and patrons. May the road that lies out before you lead you into new joys. Let us thank you for past favors. And remember—we want to serve you in 1928.

RANGER FURNITURE EXCHANGE

Ranger

CHRISTMAS and you

MAKES A REAL XMAS FOR US

How could we forget YOU, you who have been so good to us through these many years, you who have had complete confidence in us and who have served us as patrons as well as we have served you as providers of good values and reliable service in our line.

We thank you and wish for all of YOU and all of YOURS the best Christmas and the happiest New Year of your lives.

OIL CITY PHARMACY

E. E. Crawford, Prop.

Ranger

Our Greatest Joy

Comes from the belief that during the past year that our patrons has been of mutual satisfaction. We know it has been so with us.

We send you greetings with the hope that this will be a joyous Christmas for you and that the New Year will be filled with happiness.

E H & A DAVIS

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes
Ranger, Texas, 219 Main Street

WANT ADS

—IF YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL — IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TRADE—HIRE HELP — THEN YOU CAN FIND IT ON THE WANT AD PAGE

0—LODGE NOTICES

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION—Ranger Masonic temple, Sunday afternoon, Thursday nights; all degrees.

NOTICE—DeMolay chapters of this district: The Ranger Chapter Order of DeMolay announces its second annual dance on the evening of Dec. 27; American Legion hall, Ranger. Splendid music, refreshments; a good time for all. Get your invitation immediately.

1—LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One white and tan fox terrier. Finder return to W. C. Gunckel, route 2, Ranger, and receive \$5 reward.

2—HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Farmer or farmer's son or man to travel in country. Steady work, good profits. McConnon and Co., Dept. C-416, Memphis, Tenn.

5—AGENTS AND SALESMEN

GRAPE JUICE—Rare opportunity for organizer and salesman, who wants quality goods, to get their products direct from California manufacturer. Reliable, old established concern. Give particulars to be answered intelligently. Box XY care times.

BIG Ohio corporation seeks manager for unoccupied territory. \$50 weekly commission. Earnings start immediately. Good for \$5,000 yearly. We furnish everything, deliver and collect. Capital or experience unnecessary. Fyr-Fyter Co., 1700 Fyr-Fyter Building, Dayton, Ohio.

7—SPECIAL NOTICES

WE will set our incubator Monday, Jan. 2, and each Monday thereafter. Let us do your hatching. Dudley Bros. Hatching, 105 S. Marston st., Ranger.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four-room furnished house. Phone 249, Ranger.

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two-room apartment in private home; neatly furnished; gas, water and lights furnished. Apply 431 N. Marston st., Ranger.

12—WANTED TO BUY

SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main Street Second-Hand Store, 530 Main st., Ranger. Phone 95.

13—FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—I have three diamond rings set in ladies white gold settings will sell at a bargain. Plenty of new and used wrist and pocket watches and chains. S. B. Alderson, Majestic Hotel, Ranger.

FOR gas lights and supplies call at Dansker Gas & Electric Store, 117 So. Rusk St., opposite Liberty theatre. We carry a complete stock of gas lights and supplies; also gasoline lamps and supplies.

15—HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR RENT OR FOR SALE—3-room furnished house. Phone 486-J, Ranger.

22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK

WHITE Plymouth Rock hens for sale. Call 129-J, Ranger.

FOR SALE—German police pups, 6 weeks old, exceptionally well bred, raised right. Call T. H. London, Texland hotel, Eastland.

OUR USED CARS BETTER why?

Better new cars, come and see.
CADILLAC AND LA SALLE
STREET MOTOR CO.
Ranger, Texas

TOKIO.—Takaichi Harada, famed Japanese tennis player and member of the Japanese Davis Cup team is engaged to marry Miss Masako Mune-kata, 21 years old, daughter of a wealthy Osaka business man.

The ceremony will take place in Osaka next March. Harada is immensely popular in Japan and recently returned from the United States after playing in the Davis cup series.

The Illinois man who bombed his sweetheart might have scored a victory if he just could have borrowed a couple of battleships.

Big Bill! Notice!



Lieutenant R. F. Paget, R. N. V. R. C. C. I., who sent two German submarines to the bottom of the ocean during the war, is in the United States organizing teachers' tours to Great Britain. Despite Big Bill Thompson, and all that, Lieutenant Paget says that British and American teachers should exchange visits and come to understand one another better.

ITALY TRIES OUT NEW PLANE AND SUBMARINE

By United Press.

GENOA, Italy.—A new type of airplane and a new type of submarine based respectively on the principle of the flight of birds and the movement of fishes, have been invented by Ugo Antoni a mechanical engineer and great war veteran.

Both inventions, it is stated, are of a character such as to revolutionize airplane construction and submarine navigation.

Trials of the new type of submarine, details of which are being kept secret, were made here in the presence of the authorities, press and a commission of foreign experts representing manufacturers interested in the idea.

Both the airplane and submarine are protected by a number of foreign patents, and offers to purchase the rights have, it is stated, been made by British firms to the inventor.

County Agents And Scout Executive Off for Holidays

County Agent J. C. Patterson, county home demonstration agent Miss Ruth Ramey and Guy N. Quirl, Eastland county scout executive, all having office with the Eastland chamber of commerce, have gone to spend the Christmas holidays with home-folks.

Miss Ramey has gone to Sulphur Springs to be with her parents. She expects to be back in her office January 2nd.

Mr. Patterson and wife have gone to Clarendon where they will visit his parents. He will be back in Eastland not later than January 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Quirl have gone to Zephyr where they will spend the holidays with their parents as both of their families live in that city.

Geo. W. Briggs, secretary of the Eastland chamber of commerce, will remain in the city during the holidays.

Miss Ann Hardin secretary of the Eastland Retail Merchants' association will remain in the city for the holidays.

OLDEN BOY GETS BROKEN ARM IN AUTO WRECK

Hervey Fox of Olden suffered a broken arm early Friday night when a Ford car in which he and three other boys were driving collided with a Chevrolet.

The accident happened near Deal Man's Curve, in the west outskirts of Olden and the injured boy was carried to Eastland for treatment.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARTY A HAPPY OCCASION

Mrs. C. E. Maddocks extended the hospitality of her home on Wednesday afternoon to the women of the Presbyterian church. The Maddocks home was very beautifully decorated in the reds and greens of Christmas, having as its central theme a Christmas tree beautifully decorated and glowing with many colored electric lights.

A Christmas program was featured. Mrs. Maddocks and Mrs. Jimmie Cox accompanied by Miss Jennie Robison, sang "Holy Night." Mrs. L. L. Davidson sang a Christmas lullaby and one of the outstanding numbers on the program was a talk by Mrs. G. D. Robison on the real meaning of Christmas.

Refreshments, Christmasy in appointments, were served to some 30 women who were present.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES

As the curtain is drawn back and we welcome 1928 we are hoping today that it will be a good year for you and if, by any act of ours we can make it a better year for you we shall be glad of the opportunity.

The old year was good to us in many ways and as we recount those experiences of 1927 we find much for which to feel thankful.

To all our patrons, wherever you may be, we extend our thanks and express the hope that 1927 will be one of great happiness, health and prosperity.



LOVE MOTOR CO.

STUDEBAKER SALES AND SERVICE

Ranger, Texas

CHRISTMAS
1927

Filling Santa Claus' Pack!

Would be the easiest sort of matter if good wishes were bulky and had weight.

For at this season of many exchanges of greetings and good will we are remembering each of our many friends and patrons with a hearty wish for his or her enjoyment of their chief blessings of the Holidays.

If Santa Claus had a way to deliver to each of you the pleasures that we are wishing, his pack would be loaded to overflowing many times with the most priceless gifts your hearts would choose.

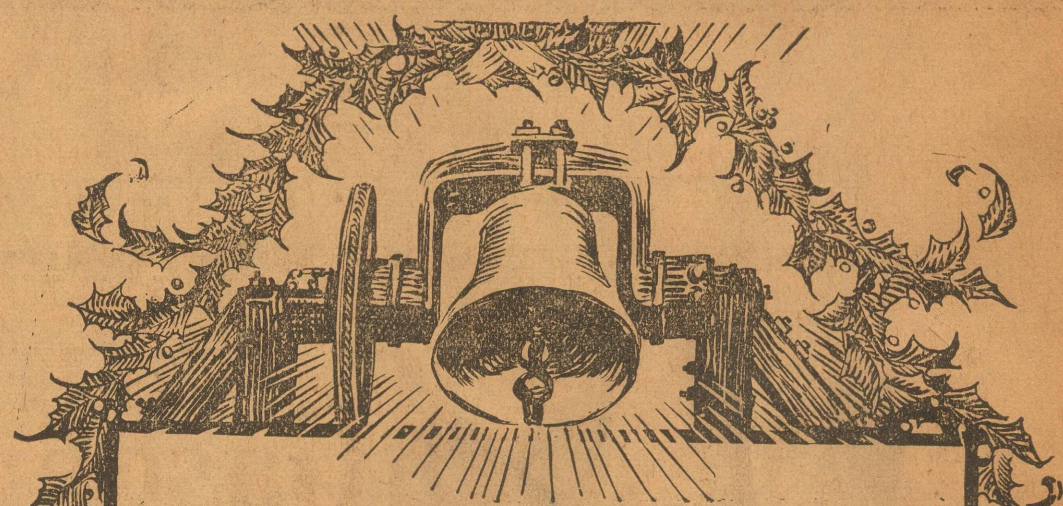
We wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas!

JOSEPH DRY GOODS COMPANY

Ranger's Foremost Department Store

208-10 Main Street

Ranger, Texas



Jack Frost with Icy Tracery

beautifies the world outside and puts the tang in the air that makes us want to move about and be doing something to keep our bodies warm. Old Santa Claus now comes along and puts the glow of love in our hearts to warm them up and make us want to be doing something to make someone else happier.

We shall try to do our share, and in the meantime we are wishing you all the happiness you can take care of.

JOE DENNIS

Ranger, Texas

Hookins Is Named New Treasurer Of Prairie Company

The board of directors of the Prairie Oil & Gas company yesterday filled the vacancy caused by the recent death of Treasurer T. E. Patterson, according to an announcement made by John M. Mouser, Eastland, superintendent of the land de-

partment of that company for this district.

A. B. Hookins of Independence, Kan., who has been a controller and assistant treasurer for several years was elected to succeed Mr. Patterson. Mr. Hookins has been in the employ of the company for 24 years and has been in connection with various stages of the work of the department.

The position of comptroller and assistant treasurer, formerly held by Mr. Hookins, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Vernon M. Miller. Mr. W. V. Heckman, has been advanced from the position of cashier to assistant treasurer and Mr. Earl Fertig from assistant cashier to cashier.

The vacancy on the board of directors was filled by the election of Mr. Horace C. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Fitzpatrick has been a director of the Prairie Wyoming subsidiary, has served the company in various capacities from field work in the producing department to general office

Marriage License Clerk at Eastland Has Big Business

All the Christmas shopping hasn't been done in the shops and R. L. Jones, county clerk, and his deputy, Ernest Jones, can testify to that.

The annual rush for Yuletide marriage licenses descended upon the office of the county clerk and left in its wake numerous license stubs. Thirty-five licenses have been issued since Dec. 1 and the total for the month is expected to mount before the Christmas marriages are over. Licenses have been issued within

work for 14 years and goes to the board of directors with experience in every branch of the company business.

the last two days to Archie Bruce and Marie Hill of Abilene, Sila Loyd and Max Bowers of Romney, Jesse Sparkman and Evah Abernathy of Desdemona, Andy Fox and Bessie Sosebee of Olden, Wayne Pellman and Lena Bennett of Gorman, V. S. Cooper and Nell McCallister of Romney, R. W. Higgins and Ima Elliott of Eastland, Basil Hicks and Ila Smith of Eastland, K. L. Kinard and Eva Owings of Cisco, J. N. Jackson and Mrs. Rilla Fred of Eastland; Arthur Burrows and Isabelle Allred of Ranger; A. A. Brown and Effie Mae Tate of Desdemona; B. M. Battle and Clarice Ann Lovett of Ranger, and Willis Blackwell and Permillia Cox of Sweetwater.

Poster Awards In Tree Planting Campaign Made

In the poster pledge campaign that closed in Ranger Friday at noon, cash awards have been made as follows. Pauline Mabon, poster No. 17, displayed at Durham & Pettitt's won first prize in that contest.

Albert Shirley, poster No. 2, at Stafford Drug store, second prize.

Morris Ballew, poster No. 5, at J. C. Penney's store, third prize.

Joe Stagg won the prize for obtaining the most pledges to plant trees or roses in the tree-planting campaign.

The awards on the essays on why "Trees or roses should be planted in Ranger, will be announced later on.

In a contest for selling tickets for the Goodfellows benefit show, Miss Janie B. Rucker won first place and Wade Swift second, the latter, turning his award back into the fund.

A number of fine posters and essays were received and the tree planting committee felt very proud of the interest that was displayed by pupils and teachers of the public schools in preparing this data for the campaign.

SUICIDES ON INCREASE IN SWITZERLAND THIS YEAR

GENEVA—Suicides in Switzerland are showing an alarming increase, according to statistics just completed.

Where the yearly average for the past 20 years was 865, the past year alone registered a total of 1,027.

Fully one-fourth of the suicides are now women, the statistics show. During the past year 236 of those killing themselves were women and 791 were men.

Owing to the innumerable lakes and rivers in Switzerland which offer the easiest means of suicide for women, drowning has become the most common method for them. Seventy-five women committed suicide by drowning the past year while the number of men employing that means was 109.

Hanging and strangulation on the other hand was the most common means adopted by men. Some 523 men ended their lives that way the past year against only 63 women.

The total number of suicides in Switzerland since 1907 is now 17,310.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL

NEW YEAR!

May your Christmas be bright in every way,

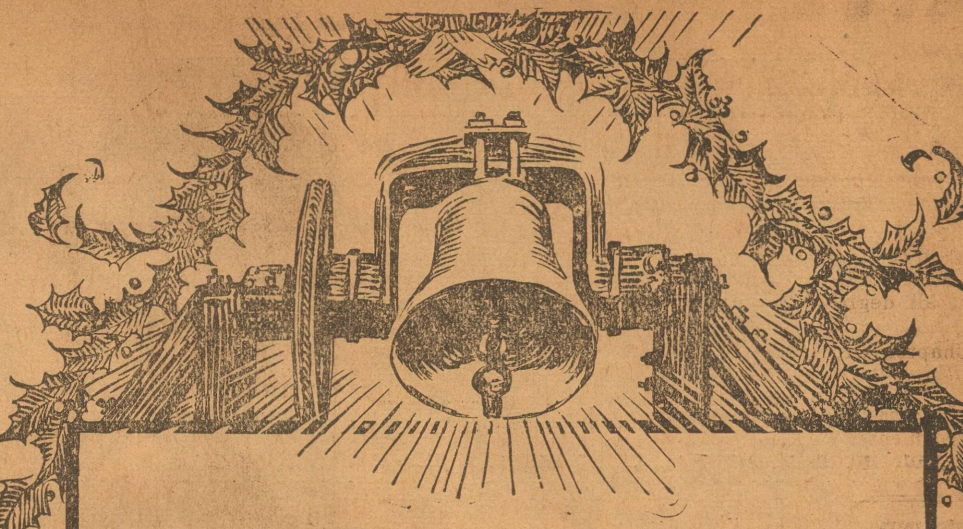
The happiest kind of a happy day.

May the New Year also bring to you

Success and peace in all you do.

L. R. PEARSON

L. H. FLEWELLEN



**BRIGHT CHRISTMAS,
SUNNY NEW YEAR!**

May Christmas with all its hours
Be unto you a friend,
Love bless you; none but softest
showers
E'er with your sunshine blend.

And when this year is gone,
Like a shadow fleet,
May the entering one
Be as sunshine sweet.

HICKS DRUG STORE
Ranger

The Arab Gasoline Corporation

Extends to All

Greetings

of the

Season

Our Christmas Wishes

If we were to be asked what is our particular Christmas wish for each of our many friends we could not answer in each case until we knew the secret needs and desires of each heart.

But having learned the one or more good things desired by each it would then be easy for us to tell our wish. We should want the most cherished craving of your heart realized and made full at this most merry and gladsome of all the seasons of the year.

And so, since we are not able to learn in detail the private desires and longings of each, we are wishing now, as our permanent policy of good will constrains us always to do, that this happy and festive season shall find the choicest of your dreams realized among the smiles and friendly voices of your friends.

SUPER-SIX MOTORS CO

HUDSON-ESSEX SALES AND SERVICE

Ranger, Texas

CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP!

We publicly announce to our friends our earnest thanks for their friendship and their part in our business success.

In appreciation we are sending a blanket message of holiday good cheer which will increase with each day of the New Year.

EXIDE BATTERY CO.

"Spud" Reynolds

C. L. Childs

Ranger

WITH KIND REMEMBRANCE OF 1927

And the new friends and patrons the year brought to us, we look over the year seeing much to feel thankful for. And as the New Year dawns we are looking forward in anticipation of continued pleasant relations with our old patrons and many new ones as well.

BOYD MOTOR CO.

Ranger, Texas

—wishing you a
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year, Too



SWANEY'S PHARMACY

Gholson Hotel Building

Ranger

OLD LEADERS READY TO RETURN TO POWER IN EUROPE IF HAVE CHANCE

LONDON. — Europe's political shadows are filled with the ghosts of her statesmen who may yet come back. In the background are more than a score of statesmen, some buried in obscurity, some slowly emerging into the limelight, others in the full battle of Europe's political life, all waiting for the opportunity to wield again the power they once held.

Not only do these possible "come-backs" involve single individuals, but also the entire political make-up of some of Europe's most powerful nations; for side by side politicians rub elbows with royalty in the shadows. Likewise these shadows are not without their spectres of the future, for they contain the men who, although now unknown, will shape the destinies of nations.

Most prominent among these "mysters" are Italy, Spain and Turkey, for more than one student of politics has asked, "What will Italy do after Mussolini, Spain after Primo de Rivera and Turkey after Kemal Pasha?"

Among the nations which have like ly "come-backs" is Great Britain and in Great Britain are Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald, the former credited by historians with being one of England's greatest prime ministers the latter England's first labor prime minister. Behind each is a large following of supporters, eager to see their leader again the political head of the world's largest empire.

Likewise, England is not without its political possibilities for the future and the general outcry in all parties for younger men in responsible government positions has brought a number of men forward, previously obscured by the traditional opposition to youth.

Perhaps the most outstanding young man in the present cabinet, for he is only in his early fifties, is the chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill. There are many who contend that Churchill, one of the leaders of the conservative party, is in the front ranks of the candidates for the position of prime minister in the event the position becomes vacant some time in the future.

One of the most prominent possibilities for a come-back in the whole of Europe is Leon Trotsky, once powerful cabinet minister, now plain citizen Trotsky of Moscow. It must not be overlooked, however, that citizen Trotsky is leader of a powerful opposition party which is daily gaining in strength and which may, at a not far distant date, be a very formidable counter-part of the soviet government. In the same category, yet in not such prominent places are Radek, Rakovsky and Zinovieff, all outcasts from the machinery of the Russian government due to their connection with the opposition.

Outstanding among men who already have come backs is Raymond Poincare who fell into obscurity after his term as president of France but who became prime minister to pull France from its worst financial and political chaos in history.

Among France's possibilities for the future is the feeble Georges Clemenceau. Though broken in body, he is still the spirit of the "Tiger of France" and the day may yet come when France will turn again in a crisis to Clemenceau. When Clemenceau has retired from all political life and has declared that he will never again return, there is every possibility that he would be called upon to shoulder great responsibilities in the event of another war.

Another prominent possibility in France's future is Alexandre Millerand, one of the leaders of the bloc national. Millerand was once president of France and was recently elected to the senate. He has heavy political support behind him and many declare he may again return to power.

Throughout the Balkans are many "has-beens" who may well "be" again. In Greece is Venizelos, one time exile, who recently recovered from a severe illness. Likewise there is Pangalos, now a political exile, who has been trying for months to stage a come-back. In Roumania is Averescu, the opposition leader, backed by strong quarters.

Europe's royalty ready to stage comebacks present perhaps the most interesting political problems of all.

Without doubt the most outstanding jobless monarch at the present time, who is hoping to return to his old position, is the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm. Wilhelm has staunch supporters in his own country.

Another royal figure who may yet return to his country as its monarch is ex-King Manoel of Portugal who is still living in retirement in England. More than one revolution which has been suppressed in Portugal has been caused by Manoel's supporters.

Perhaps no member of Europe's royalty has more agitation in his favor than ex-King George of Greece.

Royalists, communists and Pangalos supporters recently took part in a gigantic campaign for the return of the kingdom.

MIAMI, Fla.—Sixteen students taking the agricultural course at the Dade County Agricultural High school are earning all their expenses on the school farm and four more are earning a part of their living. They boys live at a dormitory on the farm and are employed in the operation of the school dairy, propagation plant, poultry department, farm and upkeep of the school grounds, besides attending regular classes at the school three and a half miles away.

Gambling at greyhound races was ascribed by Roland Wilkinson, a coal merchant of Leeds, England, as the cause of his becoming insolvent.

Want Ads Will Pay

UNLIMITED HAPPINESS TO OUR FRIENDS:

Though this card be of limited size, we assure you that there is no limit to the good things we wish for you at this time. Accept our gratefulness for your support of our business and please believe that we will do our best to merit your continued trade.

RANGER DRY GOODS CO.

J. M. White & Co.'s Old Stand

CHRISTMAS

The Day of Universal

JOY

May It Be One of Good Cheer
and Happiness to You

1928

With Its Marvelous
Opportunities

May it Be the Year in Which Your
Fondest Dreams Are Realized.
To our friends and patrons, young
and old, we send this Holiday
message

J. C. SMITH

Popular Price Store
Ragner

Found Oil



For many years prospectors have hunted unsuccessfully for oil fields in Australia. C. M. Evans, shown above, however, is the first to have any luck. Evans struck a "gusher" about 320 miles from the city of Brisbane recently, and has come to the United States to tell about his discovery.

A SMALL BUT SINCERE GREETING!

GREAT SCOTT!

It's Christmastime again,
And not one thing for you!
We've scratched around and fixed this card,
A trifling thing, 'tis true,
But it will prove we're still your friend,
And amighty warm one too!

TEXAS DRUG STORE

JOE HARNES

Ranger

G.O.P. Meet Will Be Worth Much To Kansas City

KANSAS CITY.—While Kansas City republicans appreciate the honor to be had from entertaining the republican national convention June 12, 1928, they have not completely overlooked the monetary value of the gathering.

A statement by Arthur Hardgrave, president of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, indicated information he received in the east led him to believe actual money left in the city as a result of the convention will total more than \$3,000,000. No estimate, he said, could be made of the publicity value to be had from this national gathering.

Hardgrave was visibly proud of the achievement of Kansas City representatives in getting the meeting for the mid-west city.

"We got the convention by going after it like gentlemen, fighting night and day, tooth and nail, but at all times like gentlemen," he said.

"That is the spirit we want to use in taking care of the convention now that we have it," he added, in warning all city officials to use diplomacy when making statements regarding the convention that might be misinterpreted by other cities.

The housing problem coincidental with a national political convention was recognized by Hardgrave as one demanding strict attention.

Every politician in Kansas City, Hardgrave said, will exert himself to assure comfortable lodgings for delegates while here.

"We've got it now," he said, "and we've got to put it over in grand style. If necessary, every hotel in the city must be emptied to make room for the visitors."

EASTLAND COUPLE ARE MARRIED IN RANGER.

J. H. Jackson and Miss Rila Fred both of Eastland, were married by Rev. Geo. Shearer, pastor of the First Methodist church of Ranger, on Friday evening at 9 o'clock at the parsonage on Elm street.

Mr. Jackson is in the loan business in Eastland.

HILO.—Articles of association for the Hawaii Mainichi Sha, a Japanese newspaper to be published here, were filed in Honolulu recently.

A few days ago sponsors of the new newspaper announced that the Mainichi Sha would open a radio station to establish direct communication between Hilo and Japan.

TO OUR NEIGHBORS!

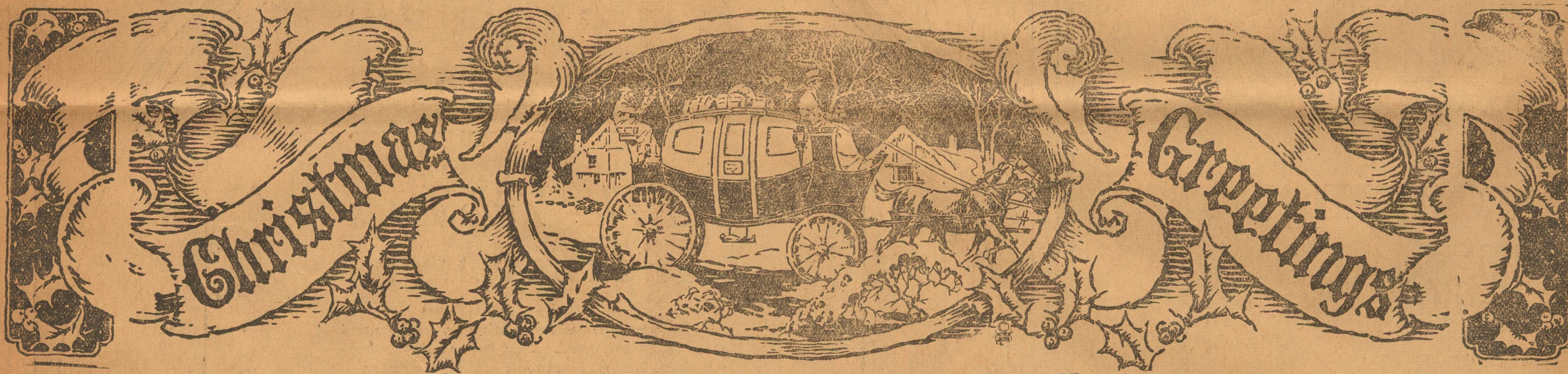
At this Christmas season when hearts are glad we want to wish you happiness and abundant cheer and that the New Year may be for you 365 days of sunshine and countless blessings.

Your friends,

CITY FISH MARKET

Ranger

Amarillo



THE PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

TODAY



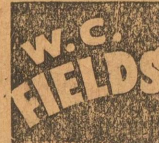
Slinking footsteps through the dread deserted shadows of the abandoned haunted house—unknown terror lurking behind every door—at every turn of the corridor—thrills and chills—terror and laughter. Enough emotional rampage to last you for months—a picture unusual in a thousand ways. You'll love it!

With Laura La Plante, Creighton Hale, Tully Marshall, Flora Finch and a host of other film favorites in great roles.

News and Comedy

Monday

Start the Week With
Laughs



With Comedy

Tues.-Wed.

SAMUEL GOLDWYN
presents

RONALD
COLMAN
and VILMA
BANKY
in
The MAGIC
FLAME

Ch. HENRY KING production
A flesh and blood love!
An idealistic love!
A real and rare romance!
To lift, thrill and inspire you—
see it!

From the stage play "King of the Cats" by Rudolf Lothar
Released by UNITED ARTISTS CORPORATION

THURSDAY DOUBLE PROGRAM



Colleta and her Jazz O'Mania Revue
With Lillian Dawson, Lionel Clouser and Jack Ellsworth in
a jazzy jolly-pication of jazzy songs and dances.

ON THE SCREEN

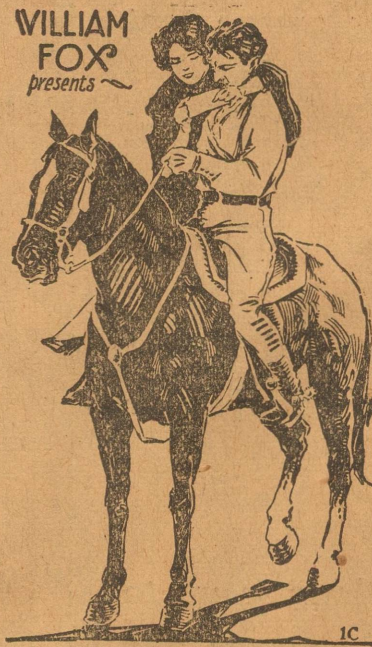
Florence Vidor

—in—
"HONEYMOON HATE"

Admission 10c-35c

SATURDAY

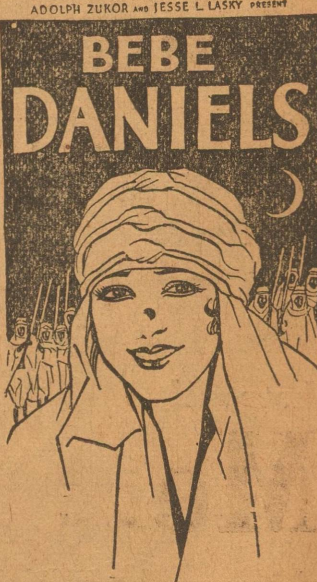
WILLIAM
FOX
presents



Tom Mix
WITH TONY IN
The ARIZONA
WILDCAT

With Comedy and Serial
10c AND 25c

News Year's Midnight
show Saturday night
Start 11:30 P. M.



"She's a
Sheik"

WITH RICHARD ARLEN
WILLIAM POWELL
A CLARENCE BADGER
PRODUCTION

BEBE'S BEST BET!
The action of "Senorita" the
laughs of "Swim, Girl, Swim,"
and the romance of "The
Campus Flirt" all roled into
one picture!

LIBERTY THEATRE RANGER

Merry Christmas Light

As they shine from lamps and hearth fires and Christmas trees may they reveal your face lighted with a smile of genuine happiness and contentment.

May they disclose the forms of your loved ones by your side; enjoying with you the choicest fellowship and heartiest joys of the season.

May the glow of the Christmas radiance remain with you and them to keep your hearts warm and bright with the best things of life throughout the coming year.

At this glad season we pause long enough to think you for the favors of 1927 and to assure you that in 1928 we will serve you faithfully.

MODERN DRY CLEANERS

309 Main

Ranger, Texas

Groaning Tables



are everywhere becoming aware that Christmas is here again and that they will have to stand up under the usual burden of delicious viands which give the Yuletide its festive spirit. Ceilings and rooftrees are resounding again to peals of merry laughter that let them know their best echoes will be needed for another week.

Everybody and everything seems to be taking on the spirit of the season, and we are not one whit behind in wishing for everybody the jolliest Christmas of their lives.



LEADERS

Phone 20

Ranger

1928 SHRINE CONVENTION TO DRAW ENORMOUS CROWD

By United Press.

MIAMI, Fla.—Reservations for the 1928 Shrine convention in Miami, May 1, 2 and 3, have thus far equalled the total attendance of the 1927 convention at Atlantic City and other national gatherings, according to Henry R. Pridgen, convention di-

rector and imperial potentate of Mahi temple, Miami.

Some of the temples have reserved as many as 400 rooms while others have chartered boats from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Galveston. Assignment of individual temples to their hotels was made by Director Pridgen's committee a few days ago. Among the largest uniformed groups will be that from Houston,

Texas. Frank C. Jones, deputy imperial potentate of that city also will send a large delegation as a special escort.

The largest far west group will come from Islam temple of San Francisco. Medinah temple, largest Shrine organization in the world will send a majority of its 24,000 members. Syria temple of Pittsburgh and others of the east have also made reservations for thousands.

JOY, PEACE, PROSPERITY!

Here's to wish you all in very generous measure a Christmas of joy and peace and a New Year full of happiness and prosperity.

TULLOS BAKERY

J. A. TULLOS

FOR YOUR PLEASURE AT THIS TIME!

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

In keeping with the spirit of the Day, we are pleased to send our thanks for your past trade and our good wishes for an unusually satisfactory Christmas, followed by a whole year of good fortune.

RANGER GARAGE CO.

Rusk at Pine

TEXAS SERVICE STATION

Main at Commerce

As The Yule Logs Are Brought In

May you find each day brighter, happier and more fruitful of good. That is our wish for those who have been so loyal to us in the year just closing.

To us it has been a pleasure to be in business in a city where we could deal with such a citizenry as have come our way. We have been inspired by your generous support to strive to attain the maximum in value giving and service and in addition to do our utmost to scatter sunshine along the way as we come in contact with our patrons.

We ask that you accept the gratitude that we today feel in our hearts. You have enabled us to get a broader vision of our opportunity for usefulness. On each transaction during the coming year we pledge you the best that is in us.

The Boston Store
Hassen & Company
THE SHOPPING CENTER OF RANGER
PHONE 50 RANGER, TEXAS

