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URGES FARMERS CUT COTTON ACRAGE

SAN ANTONIO SPENDS WILD NEW YEAR EVE

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 1.—Six persons are in the hospitals here, three of whom are reported to be dying as the result of what the police declare was a night of terror in San Antonio last night. The officers say that it was one of the wildest welcomes ever given a New Year in the Alamo City. Thirty others are in jail being held on more or less serious charges. Two of the men who are dying were shot while the third man who is in a dying condition was slashed in the left side and in the face with a knife.

PIONEER DEAD; WIFE IS DYING

On New Year's morning death claimed one of Runnels county's pioneer citizens, H. C. Conner, and it was reported that his wife was not expected to live through the day.

Mr. Conner died suddenly at his home near Benoit at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Conner complained of not resting well during the night, but was up and about as usual and at the usual time Tuesday morning. He got up and made the fires, but was stricken ill before breakfast and died in about one hour.

Mrs. Conner, who has been ill for three weeks or longer, and who has been expected to pass away at any time, learned of her husband's death about an hour and a half after Mr. Conner passed away, and later it was reported she was not expected to live through the day.

Mr. Conner was 79 years old, and he was among the first colony of settlers who came to Runnels county, locating here in 1882. His first stop in the county was near Fort Chadbourne, where his brother-in-law was teaching school. Later he moved to old Runnels, and lived there for many years. He was mail carrier in the early days, driving a stage on the line between old Runnels and Paint Rock, and served as a deputy sheriff under John Formwalt about the time Ballinger was organized.

Deceased was a native of Indiana, and came to Texas after marrying Miss Rebecca Winters, an Indiana girl, in 1866, and located first in Hopkins county, moving to Runnels county in 1882. Mr. Conner was a charter member of the first Odd Fellows lodge organized in this county, being one of the organizers of the lodge at old Runnels, and attended many of the Grand Lodge meetings.

Mrs. Conner, who is lying at the point of death, is a sister of J. N. Winters, who was engaged in the real estate business in Runnels county during the early days, and for whom the town of Winters is named.

The pioneer couple raised a large family, and they have scattered to other parts of the country, one daughter residing in New Mexico. It was announced Tuesday that the remains of Mr. Conner would probably be held until the children could arrive, and no arrangements had been perfected for the funeral.

Garrett Daugherty left Sunday for Dallas, where he will attend the Metropolitan Business College. Garrett has been working at the Jeanes & Co. store since graduating in the Ballinger high school.

Small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

NEW COUNSEL IN COPE-KIRK CASE

Following the release of L. P. Kirk and Ruben Cope on bond here Monday, it was announced that Judges J. F. Cunningham and Oliver Cunningham, of Abilene, would assist the prosecution in the trial of the cases, should Kirk and Cope be indicted by the grand jury and the cases docketed for trial. The two Abilene attorneys have been employed by A. L. Tabor, father of Crawford Tabor, with whose death Kirk and Cope stand charged.

This will bring three attorneys in the trial by the name of Cunningham; Judge W. J. Cunningham already having been employed by the defense. J. F. and W. J. are not related.

Kirk and Cope are out under \$10,000 bond each pending action of the grand jury which convenes here next March. If bills are returned against them it is probable the cases will not be docketed for trial until the October term of district court.

Cope did not go to the sanitarium as reported by The Ledger following the fixing of bond Monday afternoon, but returned to his home at North. He was reported to be sufficiently recovered from the bullet wound in his knee to leave his couch and make the trip home.

District Attorney Walter Early, when asked if there was anything new in the case Tuesday morning, stated that the case would rest until the grand jury convened. Mr. Early remained over here to go over some evidence compiled in the case, and will go to Paint Rock Wednesday to investigate the killing of Elmer Wright at Eola, by J. S. McDaniels, with a view of fixing bond for McDaniels. The state's attorney did not say whether he would agree to bond in the case or not.

SCHOOLS OPEN WITH INCREASED ENROLLMENT

The Ballinger city schools opened Monday morning on schedule time after a two weeks' vacation, one week of which was devoted to the institute work by the teachers. Teachers who visited home folks during the holiday week returned home Sunday and Sunday night, and the two new teachers, Miss Lundelius and Mrs. Douglas, were present to succeed Miss Bridwell and Mrs. Porter, who resigned.

Superintendent J. M. Skinner reported late Monday that quite a number of new pupils were enrolled in the school and the problem of taking care of them was puzzling the school board. A check-up of all departments had not been made to show just what the increase amounted to.

MULE KICKS BABY

The two-year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown, who reside on the Hall farm a few miles Northeast of Ballinger, had a narrow escape from death Saturday when the child was kicked by a mule. The blow from the mule's heel struck the child a glancing lick, slightly bruising its little head. Had the mule kicked the child a center blow it would no doubt have been killed instantly.

Mrs. Luke Hobbs and baby returned to their home at Temple Monday afternoon, after a holiday visit to Mrs. Hobbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford.



AUTO ACCIDENTS CLAIM 11 LAST DAY OF 1923

DALLAS WOMAN SHOOTS HUSBAND IN SELF DEFENSE

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Lester Ramsey is in custody of the officers here today, charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting yesterday of her husband, S. H. Ramsey, age 33, railroad switchman. Ramsey was shot to death at his home, and Mrs. Ramsey claims that she shot in self defense, according to the officers.

Miss Mal and Ruth Skinner returned to Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, Tuesday morning. They had been here for a Christmas visit to parents.

1923 LYNCHINGS CUT IN HALF

(By Associated Press)
TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 1.—Lynchings in the United States decreased more than fifty per cent during 1923 as compared with 1922, according to figures made public today by the Tuskegee Normal, an industrial institute.

During last year there were twenty-eight lynchings as compared with fifty-seven in 1922 the figures showed. Twenty-six of the persons lynched in 1923 were negroes, and two whites. Two women were among the victims of the mobs. Only two of the lynchings were reported from Texas.

Rev. W. S. Maddox, a pioneer Baptist minister of West Texas, is here from Dallas, spending the winter with his son, Lee. Rev. Maddox came to Runnels county in 1881, arriving here on November first of that year, and he blazed the trail for the Baptist folks to organize churches in many communities throughout the county. The pioneer preacher located North of old Runnels, which was at that time the county site of Runnels county, and came before Ballinger was placed on the map. The first Baptist church organized in Runnels county was organized at Walhalla, about four miles below Ballinger on the Colorado River, and where the stage line crossing on the river was at that time.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

He's Off



AUTO ACCIDENTS CLAIM 11 LAST DAY OF 1923

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Speed, aided by a blizzard which prevailed yesterday, took a toll of eight lives in the vicinity of Chicago on the last day of 1923. In Cook county, three men and one woman, all past fifty years of age, died in automobile accidents, bringing the county's automobile fatalities to 725 for the year. A driving snow storm blinded Dr. Edward Highley in Glenellyn suburb and the physician was instantly killed when his machine was struck by a train.

Three persons were fatally injured in accidents in Kane county, near Elgin, Illinois.

SEANESVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 1. Three persons, two men and a young woman, were killed near here on the National Highway when the machine in which they were riding at a rapid rate of speed collided with another car. The two cars hit almost center in a head-on collision.

SUNSHINESPECIAL GOES IN DITCH

(By Associated Press)
SWEETWATER, Jan. 1.—The engine and four cars of the T. & P. special train known as the "Sunshine Special," went in the ditch at Sweetwater this morning as the train was approaching the yards. Spreading rails was the cause of the accident.

There were no serious injuries, but the passengers in the coaches that left the tracks were badly shaken up.

HOLD-UP REPORTED FROM SWEETWATER

Officers at Sweetwater have called on neighbor officers to assist in running down three burglars who held up D. D. Dixon, Santa Fe ticket agent at Sweetwater at 2:00 o'clock Monday morning. The agent was preparing to close the office after the trains had departed, when the men appeared and forced him to open the safe, and made their escape with a \$600 haul.

NOTICE

When wanting screen windows, window frames, cabinets, screen porches or any kind of special mill work, call and see me at my shop across Broadway from the Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. Will also figure on all kinds of home building contracts. All kinds of Cabinet work done. J. H. PRICE, Contractor and Builder.

(By Associated Press)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1.—Moderation in planting cotton in the Southland to avoid over-production in 1924, was urged in a statement issued here today by Carl Williams, president of the American Cotton Growers Exchange.

"Due to the combination of co-operative marketing and short crop yields of cotton, the South during 1923 has been the best agricultural trade territory in the United States," Williams said, and he urged the cotton growers to use common sense and not overdo the industry by planting an acreage which will result in producing more cotton than the world can use, and again throw the South into bankruptcy, and make cotton production unprofitable.

J. O. WOODWARD HAS GOOD RECORD

Twelve years on the bench, passing on many complicated questions of law, without being reversed by the higher courts in a single case from three out of five of the counties comprising his district is a good record for any judge. It is claimed that District Judge J. O. Woodward, who is entering upon the last year of his second term, has such record, and only three cases each from the other two counties in the district have come back on him.

According to the record all cases carried to the court of appeals from Runnels, Concho and McCulloch counties during Judge Woodward's term have been affirmed, the higher court upholding the decisions made by the trial judge.

While it is claimed that more cases are appealed from Coleman and Brown counties than from any other counties in the Third Supreme District, only three cases in each of these two counties have been reversed.

It is upon this record that Judge Woodward can go before the voters of the district and submit his name for re-election. His long experience on the bench, and rule of fairness and justice in dealing with all cases has made for him a most enviable record.

While here Monday holding a hearing in the Kirk-Cope case Judge Woodward stated that he would offer for re-election, and would make a formal announcement in due time, and submit his case to the jury. "The people know me," said Judge Woodward, "and my record stands for itself, and so far I have not heard of any opposition."

Judge Woodward is not only an able and successful jurist, but he is a friend to mankind, and he seldom passes sentence on a prisoner without expressing sympathy for the unfortunate and appealing to him to reform, live a better life, and where leniency is merited no one is quicker to extend it in dealing with criminals at the bar.

The pioneer judge is not ready to retire, and so far as the Runnels county bar is concerned he has been re-elected, and the voters of this part of the district will no doubt ratify the election.

Some of the young folks who came home from school for Christmas with their parents, left Monday afternoon to resume their school work. Edwin Swindell and Herbert Preston went to Baylor University at Waco; Miss Susie Hale went to Baylor College at Belton; Miss Ruby Guin to East Texas Normal, Commerce; Miss Edna Mae Lowry to Baylor College, Belton; Miss Adda Ward to State University, Austin; Cap. McAllister, Howard Payne, Brownwood. The big contingent of college students will leave Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. R. Fortson left for Brownwood Monday afternoon to visit a few days before going to her home at Dallas. She had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bair.

Ledger want ads pay.

WINTER GRIPS ALL OF TEXAS

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Jan. 1.—The cold wave which struck Texas Sunday has changed its course and is sweeping Eastward. The worst is over, although freezing weather continues in Northwest Texas, and is expected again tonight in the Eastern portion of West Texas, according to the Dallas weather bureau.

The mercury dropped to 20 degrees at Dallas last night, but the freezing weather did not reach the Texas coast. The temperatures reported this morning at 7:00 o'clock included Houston, 38; Corpus Christi, 36; Galveston, 38; San Antonio, 28; Amarillo 0. Only little snow was reported at any point in Texas.

New Year's day found Ballinger in the grip of the severest winter weather of the season. According to a report from Mrs. E. M. Eubank, who keeps the government weather record, the temperature was standing at 22 degrees above zero at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday morning, having made only a four degree thaw-up from the lowest point of the season.

The mercury dropped to 18 degrees Monday morning and tained that minimum for day morning.

Local plumbers were booked for a little extra business, several cases of bursted pipes already having been reported. The city's plumbing crew was in readiness for calls, and will no doubt be in demand when the freeze releases its hold.

JAPANESE FORMING A NEW CABINET

(By Associated Press)
TOKIO, Jan. 1.—Viscount Kiyoura, president of the privy council, today was summoned by Prince Regent Hirohito to form a cabinet to succeed the cabinet of Premier Yamamoto, which resigned last week following an attempt to assassinate the prince regent.

Walter Woodward, who was here in the Tabor murder case, returned to his home at Coleman Tuesday morning.

1924

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You will find our stock of Office Supplies and Blank Books complete in every detail. Also we will have a shipment of Ledgers and Cash Books Saturday at noon for your inspection.

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Bandits are not the only people
who believe there should be
plenty of money in the tax
collector's office.

You can now write it 1924, but
you should write it in such a
way that you will not be ashamed
of the record when the calendar
of time moves up another notch.

President Coolidge has en-
dorsed the move to cut the wheat
acreage. Cotton growers are say-
ing nothing and saving wood, but
wait until a fourteen million bale
crop is raised, and we will all
come in and endorse a move for
cutting the cotton acreage.

Some people are howling about
the increased auto tax. They have
no howl coming if the money is
properly used in improving high-
ways. The burden is placed
where it belongs. But if the
money is squandered and no re-
lief in better roads is given, the
public should do something be-
sides howl.

Latest press reports on the Wal-
ton case say that the former
governor has resigned as a mem-
ber of the Kiwanis Club and been
expelled from the Masonic lodge
after a formal meeting attended
by hundreds of Masons. When a
man starts down grade it seems
hard to scotch the skids.

Melot, a French inventor, who
has made a number of freak fast
machines, has invented an air-
plane which will travel six miles
per minute, or 360 miles an hour.
We believe it because the word
impossible has been eliminated
from the English language.

The Coleman Times suggests
that the Women's Chamber of
Commerce of that city circulate
among the business men and
make up a jackpot of two bits
from each firm and have the mud
cleaned off the sidewalks of
Coleman. A paving contract
would bring more lasting results
in this wet country.

West Virginia girl has been
sentenced to seven years' impris-
onment and fined \$6,000 for oper-
ating a still in her mountain
home. She has no money with
which to pay the fine and the
court has ruled that she must
serve out the fine in the work-
house at 60 cents a day. She will
be in prison 34 years. Looks bad
for the poor girl when there are
thousands of bootleggers who
have evaded the law.

Mrs. Chas. Ferguson returned
home Monday from Fort Stock-
ton, where she had been for two
or three weeks with Mrs. Laura
Ferguson, and looking after her
new step-grandson.

**DE LA HUERTA NOT TO
SEEK PRESIDENCY**
(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 1.—
Adolfo de la Huerta, leader of
the insurrectionists in Mexico,
will become a plain citizen with-
out title or office the moment
the revolution is successful, ac-
cording to a message now on its
way to the Washington govern-
ment from Vera Cruz. Such a
story is being carried today by
the New Orleans Daily States.

Miss Ruth Cockrell returned to
Carlsbad Sunday, after spending
several days with her mother,
Mrs. C. C. Cockrell. Her friends
will be glad to know that Miss
Ruth is regaining her health.

**GLYCERINE MIXTURE
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Simple glycerine, buckthorn
bark, etc., as mixed in Adlerika
is excellent to guard against ap-
pendicitis. Most medicines act
only on lower bowel but Adlerika
acts on BOTH upper and lower
bowel and removes all gasses and
poisons. Brings out matter you
thought was in your sys-
tem. Helps any case gas on the
bowel in TEN minutes. J. Y.
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saves you money.

**Concrete Bee Cellar
Will Pay for Itself**

**Illustration Shows Structure
Built by Pennsylvanian.**

The life of a bee is measured by its
activities. In summer it is proverb-
ially busy and its work soon wears
it out. In the winter it must live slow-
ly to live long.

The proper temperature for bees
during the winter is from 53 to 55
degrees. If the temperature gets
higher, the bees become more active
from the heat; if the temperature be-
comes less, the bee must become ac-
tive in order to generate heat, and
hence consume more honey and die
sooner.

Charles N. Green, retained as chief
apilary adviser for the Pennsylvania
state board of agriculture, finds that
bees wintered under proper condi-
tions consume from three to five



Concrete Bee Cellar.

pounds of honey per winter as com-
pared with 25 pounds or more for
those wintered in summer stands.

The attached photo shows a con-
crete bee cellar built by W. G.
Lawer, Middletown, Pa. It is built
of concrete and paid for itself in one
year.

In building a bee cellar, ventila-
tion may be entirely omitted, but in case
the cellar might ever be used for veg-
etable storage, ventilation should be
provided, but stopped up when the
bees are being wintered in it.

**Selling Thin Chickens
Never Proves Profitable**

Since chickens that are to be mar-
keted can be fattened for a fraction
of a cent a pound, it does not pay to
sell birds in the thin condition they
are ordinarily in when they come off
the range. Fattening or plumping, as
it is sometimes called, not only in-
creases the weight but improves the
flavor, makes the meat more tender.

Tender beefsteaks always come
from the cuts that are streaked with
fat between the layers of lean and

the same principle holds good with
chicken meat. L. H. Schwartz of the
poultry department at Purdue univer-
sity says that theoretically the fat is
distributed between the muscle fibers
in a way similar to the marbling in
roasts and steaks. In the roasting
method of cooking poultry, the fat as-
sists in shortening the time of cook-
ing. He contrasts it with the lean
bird which requires longer cooking and
from which the water evaporates,
leaving the bird in a dry and tough
condition.

There is usually a good market for
birds penned in the fall for the hol-
iday markets. Birds can stand the
confinement in the fall. Pick out the
ones that weigh around three or four
pounds. They fatten readily.

**Boys' Club Work Is on
Purely Business Basis**

A third-year member of the boys'
pig club in Arkansas some months
ago sold ten of his pigs to younger
club boys in his county. This young
stockman, Paul Giles of Phillips coun-
ty, Arkansas started in the live stock
business through the winning of a
money prize offered to the club boy
in the county who grew the most corn
on an acre of upland. When he re-
ceived his money he determined to in-
vest it in something that would give
good returns. He decided to buy two
pure bred pigs and learn how to feed
and care for them as a part of his
club work. As he acquired skill in
his new work he added to his herd.
He sold in 1922, according to reports
to the United States Department of
Agriculture, over \$200 worth of pigs,
had 40 hogs in his own herd, and has
the pleasure of seeing other club boys
in his county start in pure bred hog
raising by means of his stock.

**Consider Conditions in
Selection of Best Breed**

In selecting the variety of fowl that
you prefer to raise, it is well to con-
sider the conditions it will be subject-
ed to. With the average backlotter,
close confinement is necessary and his
selection, therefore, if best results are
to be secured, should be influenced by
the effect such confinement will have
upon the various varieties from which
he desires to choose his flock.

**Select Seed Corn From
Strong Stalks in Field**

Seed corn should be selected in the
field from strong, vigorous stalks
which show no sign of disease. The
ears should be carefully dried under a
shed and then stored in a dry, well
ventilated room until next spring. At
planting time, each ear should be
carefully examined again for any sign
of disease.



JOHN GILBERT IN "CAMEO KIRBY" supported by
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His Position.

"If we listen we can hear the mur-
murs of disgust that will presently
burst into a storm of protest against
the centralization of bureaucratic
power," recently declared Maj. Ira K.
Widenfuller, chief speedometer inspec-
tor. "In talking with hundreds of the
plain people I have learned that they
are steadily growing more angry at
the hordes of superfluous supervisors
of this, that and the other, who are
continually thrusting their snouts into
the affairs of busy people—bedsheet in-
spectors, house paint testers, barber in-
spectors, throat examiners, hymn-book
checkers, tenor inspectors, dog pelters,
and all the rest of the useless officials
who are continually cluttering around."
"But, ah-h'm!—Major," said a hear-
er. "Doesn't that include yourself?"
"Oh, no!" was the reply. "The in-
spection of speedometers is absolutely
essential."—Kansas City Star.

LEGION OBTAINS NEW LAWS

Oklahoma Organization Accomplishes
Much Good for Men Who Served
in War.

The American Legion in Oklahoma
has accomplished much good for the
former service men in a legislative
way, according to reports made by
department officials. Among the legisla-
tion enacted through efforts of the
Legion is the erection of a half-million
dollar hospital at Muskogee, a quarter-
million dollar institution for tubercu-
lar service men at Sulphur, main-
tenance of separate wards for former
service persons at the University hos-
pital in Oklahoma City, a fund of
\$50,000 for relief of sick and disabled
veterans and for their dependents, ex-
emption of personal property from
taxation of veterans in amounts not
exceeding \$200, designation of Arm-
istice day as a state holiday, requiring
that the flag be displayed in all school
rooms, requiring teaching of the Con-
stitution in all public schools, and
support of state compensation bills for
World war veterans.

OLD DOC BIRD



Hello Folks!

I'm OLD DOC BIRD of
the new cartoon series, es-
pecially drawn for this
newspaper by Finch of the
Denver Post, America's fore-
most Cartoonist.

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thing mighty interesting to
say each week.

WATCH FOR IT

It will be well worth your
while.

Coy Drennan

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For County Superintendent:
ROBERT L. WHITE
For Tax Collector:
W. L. BROWN
For Tax Assessor:
HENRY TODD

**Kansas City Life Makes
Great Record in Texas
in 1923!**

We take this opportunity to thank our more than thirty-
two thousand policyholders in Texas for their patronage dur-
ing the year just closed, and to wish them and all our Texas
friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The following statement of business in force in Texas and
the amount written during 1923 is ample evidence of the con-
fidence which Texas citizens have in the Kansas City Life In-
surance Company. Added proof is furnished, however, in the
fact that Texas policyholders of the Company have taken out
additional insurance during 1923 in the amount of over two
and one-half million dollars.

Total New Business written in Texas, in 1923, Over	\$16,000,000
Total Insurance in Force in Texas, January 1, 1924, Over	\$67,000,000

An agency connection with our Company is most profit-
able, due to the low premium rates and liberal provisions of
our policy contracts, together with the special service which
our Company and Agency render their representatives in the
field. We shall be glad to correspond with wide awake, ag-
gressive salesmen who are interested in a life insurance agency
connection.

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Holders.

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years.

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adjoining counties whom it has had the pleasure of
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prosperity during 1924*

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Texas

TURN IN THE ROAD

By EDITH LOCKETT HOSMER

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DIANA EMERSON, with an impatient gesture, tossed on the floor the frayed silk hat that she was trying to recover with velvet. She had been resenting the necessity of this task even before Rona Crowell had dropped in for a moment. In every move of Rona's she had detected amusement, even ridicule—not in words, for there are means of expression more eloquent than mere words. It had begun when Diana's hand, discolored a little from much canning and housework, had met Rona's white, manicured hand in a clasp that was mere form. Then Rona had noticed the frayed silk hat that she must have remembered as Diana's "honeymoon hat," but Rona had inquired what Diana was trying to do with it.

"Oh, I like the shape," Diana had gibed, "so I'm trying to recover it with velvet."

"Oh, how clever!" Rona had cooed the words, but her tone meant, "Oh, how pitiful!"

Her hands had moved to her own expensive hat, which covered her perfectly groomed hair.

"Pretty little house," Rona had commented. Then, darlings, "You'll have room for quite a family."

"I hope so," Diana's reply had been simple.

"Well, one hasn't time for everything," the guest persisted. "I'd hate to be tied down. Oh, my, I've got to run—going to a bridge party, you know."

Rona was gone, a faint scent of her heavy perfume lingering in the room. The hat, the despised, frayed silk hat, lay in a little heap on the floor.

"It isn't fair! It isn't fair!" exclaimed Diana, hotly. "Why should I go without things?" She picked up the offending object and bent it as much out of shape as she could.

"Now, I'll have to have another. I'll tell Bill I'll have to have a new one."

They had done nothing but scrimp and save since they had been married. Of course, they were buying their own home, and doing well with the payments, too; but it certainly was hard to curb her desires for beautiful things, when she wanted them now while she was young. She couldn't understand how Rona and Dick could have so many things, for Dick's salary could not be very much greater, as he and Bill worked for the same firm, though in different branches.

Diana smiled a bitter little smile as she picked up the hat from the floor. She would put it on just as it was now and make fun of it to Bill. Bill would then tell her to go ahead and buy up the town. Rona was living and she, Diana, meant to live, too. From now on she was going to hold out her hand to take things, beg for things, get things.

The door opened again, but very slowly and Bill came in. He was not smiling his usual smile—he was white and haggard looking.

"Oh, Bill!" she ran to him—"oh, Bill, you're sick."

He did not speak, only shook his head, then fumbled in his pockets and handed her a letter. It was rumpled, as if he had read it over and over.

"Dear Sir: We are not pleased with recent reports from you, and regret to inform you that after the first of the year your services will no longer be required, as we feel that it will not be hard to find a man who will represent us better. Our Mr. Tilden will be at your office in a day or two if there is anything you wish to inquire about."

It was signed personally by the head of the firm.

For a moment, but only for a moment, a feeling swept over Diana—a feeling that she had married a weakling, a failure. She looked at Bill and saw great tears in his eyes.

"It hurts when you've done your best!" His young lips trembled.

Diana watched those tears. She thought it so pitiful to see a man weep. She must not let the tears flow. Her hands—hands that only a few moments before had been ready to take—reached out now to her husband to give of her love, her faith, her loyalty. Her arms wound themselves about his neck and she drew his face down to hers.

"It must be some mistake," she said. "Oh, Bill, don't worry. You're young, and you've got me," she finished gayly.

All the years that followed held no other moment than this.

Of course it was a mistake, the mistake of a new clerk at headquarters as unfamiliar with the branch as "our Mr. Tilden" soon it plain that Dick should have read that letter, and before he left advised Bill that the firm intended to give him a substantial raise.

It was hard for Bill to believe at first, but he went flying home to Diana the news. He took her in his arms and hugged her till her breath was gone. He was wondering if Rona would stand by Dick as his wife had stood by him.

"Make a wish, honey," Bill exclaimed. "What do you want?"

Nowhere in the house was a frayed silk hat, but Diana, glowing with happiness, never even thought of this was living.

"Not just you," she sighed contentedly for a real understanding of life dawned upon her; and she was hardly sorry for the mistake, because it had brought her in the road, and now the road looked good.

THEATRES MOVIES

"HURRICANE'S GAL" IS PACKED WITH THRILLS

Swiftly moving drama, packed with punch and thrills; enacted by a star and cast of exceptional calibre.

That describes "Hurricane's Gal," a First National attraction produced by Allen Holubar and starring Dorothy Phillips, which began a two day engagement at the Macro Theatre yesterday. It is a "big" picture in every way, in our estimation, and should draw capacity houses in any theatre.

"Hurricane's Gal" is a story of the bounding main, with Miss Phillips cast as Lola, who takes over the command of a smuggling schooner when her father, its owner, dies. The crew, elated at the death of the browbeating captain, is disillusioned when the daughter proves herself to be just as severe and relentless as her parent.

The action is intense and rapid, with schooners, torpedo boat destroyers, airplanes and hydroplanes taking part. The production is filled with gripping suspense, and it will live long in the memory of those fortunate enough to see it.

The air scenes, in which Director Holubar himself used a plane to photograph the other air and sea craft in action, are remarkably well done and enhance the appeal of the picture.

Robert Ellis plays opposite Miss Phillips, and others in the cast are Wallace Beery, Gertrude Astor, Jack Donovan and Frances Raymond.

Bevy DeMerville and family, of San Angelo, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. DeMerville and daughter, Mrs. Kate Cordill.

"PURE GRIT" STARS ROY STEWART AS "RANGER"

A picture that ends with such a dash of speed that it almost leaves one breathless, opened last night at the Fo-to-sho Theatre.

It is "Pure Grit," a Universal Western feature dealing with life in the Southwestern range.

Roy Stewart is starred in the production in the role of a Texas ranger.

The story is simple and direct, built around the romance of the ranger and the district school teacher; but there is plenty of adventure woven into the theme to make it dramatically interesting.

A big feature in the film is the fight that ensues at a little cabin after Stewart overtakes Jim Austin, in the role of the escaped convict who posed as her brother, who is fleeing with the school teacher in the hope that he would get over the border. In the terrific fight that results, the cabin breaks into flame. The men slug each other which gives the school teacher an opportunity to break thru a window and escape.

The picture, a screen version of Wm. McLeod Raine's Western novel, "The Texas Ranger," is capably directed by Nat Ross and the players do very good work. Some of the exterior shots of the open range country are exceptionally attractive. The picture should please any audience with a taste for drama of the out-of-doors.

H. M. Walker and wife returned to their home in Milan county Sunday afternoon, after a visit to Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. R. F. Baker, of the Winters country. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were here to bring them to the train.

DARKEN HAIR! LOOK YOUNG

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

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The new farm agent, C. W. Lehmberg, will probably occupy the D. F. Eaton home. Mr. Eaton has been offering the place for



RAMON NOVARRO

As he appears in the title role of "Scaramouche" in the play within Rex Ingram's "Scaramouche" of which he plays the title role throughout.

sale, and we understand has given Mr. Lehmberg the refusal of it on a rent proposition, and Mr. Lehmberg was due to arrive Tuesday. Mr. Eaton leaves this week for his new home at Lubbock. He has been a citizen of Ballinger for six years and nine months, and he has made a good one.

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Mrs. Clara Spence left for Clinton, South Carolina, last Friday afternoon, where she goes to assume the duties of matron of the Thornwell Orphanage, a Presbyterian institution, and one of the largest orphan homes in the United States. Mrs. Spence is a sister of Mrs. J. McGregor, and has been making her home in San Angelo, coming here for a few days' visit before leaving for South Carolina. Dr. Ross Lynn, brother of C. J. and Estes Lynn, of this city, is superintendent of the Thornwell Home.

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TOO MANY BEAUX

By RUTH BIRDSALL

"IT DON'T look well for a girl to have so many beaux. Besides, that Belcher girl's too pretty. 'Tain't right."

Miss Emanda Jinkins, with a determined click of her very false teeth, adjusted her steel-bowed spectacles and sat down.

The Charity circle was holding its weekly meeting. The town's half-dozen cut-and-dried spinners, the two Paisley widows, old Lizzie Harnold, Sara Tucker, Squire Binsdyke's wife, and Mrs. Worthly, the thund little wife of the village parson, were present and discussing the only summer boarder in the village who had unconsciously become the one stimulant of the season.

"It's a pity she's so pretty," sighed Lida Paisley, soulfully. "She'd made a real nice wife for some good man, or a teacher, but to be only a summer boarder! 'Tain't natural."

"Maybe somebody ought to call and talk to her," suggested Sara. "I ain't hankerin' for the job myself, but I'd go with somebody else, if they'd do the talking. I ain't much on words."

"H'm," snapped Emanda. "If you ain't, why do you use so many? I don't see why I shouldn't go. She don't fluster me. If I'd wanted to curl my hair and wear stiffs for shoes and nothing but lace for undergarments, I could a had beaux myself."

"How do you know what she wears, Emanda?" chirped Lida Paisley.

"I guess I can see folks' washin' on the line blowin' right in my face, can't I? Such a show of lace and ribbons flyin'! I shouldn't think Mrs. Bixby'd tolerate it."

"Let us not censure," soothed Mrs. Worthly. "Mrs. Bixby may be trying to do good by harboring this young woman. My husband has seen the young lady, and finds no trace of depravity, but says that she seems most cultivated."

"Cultivated?" shrieked half a dozen throats.

"Maybe it's all right for a man like your husband to talk that way about a girl who's upstettin' our village and has three automobiles lined up in front of her door at once. This afternoon, a towerin' car drove up and let out a man dressed up like no mother's son ought to be. Half an hour later, a car, low like a lumber pump, came to a quick stop in front of the gate and a chap in white flannels and no hat jumped out. I saw it myself."

"Did you say there was a third auto, too, 'Manda?" asked one of the party. "Yes, and what's more, it didn't drop one man out, but three of 'em. That Rose Belcher ain't going to be content long before she'll try for our village men folks."

A shudder ran up every mother's spine, a terrified gasp of last hopes shattered escaped from every spinster.

"Act now, I says," continued Amanda. "Put it to a vote. All the ladies who feel it our duty to send a committee to call upon Miss Belcher and show her the errors of her ways, please signify it in the usual custom. The 'ayes' have it. Now, who is going to be the committee? I, for one, will volunteer."

A moment of silence, then Bedlam. Mrs. Worthly came to the rescue. "Ladies, is it not meet that we all go? I propose that we cease our work a half hour earlier than usual, desist from our usual cup of tea, and call at Sister Bixby's house as a body. Many heads are better than one."

Chairs were scraping, spools dropping, aprons switching when the door opened. Rose Belcher paused on the threshold.

"May I come in? You probably don't know who I am, but I have seen you good women gathering here all summer and I'm dying to meet you all. I'm Rose Belcher, from Mrs. Bixby's house. Dear Mrs. Bixby is always busy."

A stunned silence, out of which Mrs. Worthly, with dignity and a honeyed voice, rose.

"At last, my dear sister, you have come to the fold."

"Yes, indeed, I'll fold. It is bandages, or—"

"No," snapped Emanda Jinkins, crisply. "Not bandages, bed quilts."

"Bed quilts?" smiled Rose. "My grandmother helped me make one when I was a little girl, and my bubble says that it is prettier than any other quilt we have."

"Your what?" from a dozen throats.

"My quilt," answered Rose.

"No, no," stumbled Emanda Jinkins. "Who'd you say likes your quilt?"

"My husband," tilting her sleek eyebrows.

A sigh oozed out of the Charity circle.

"Come in, Mrs. Belcher. Have a cup of tea. We're about to brew it," invited Sara Tucker.

"Thank you; you're all so kind. I need friends today. I've just said good-bye to my dearest uncle for a year, and it makes me feel lonely. He stopped with his sons and I couldn't half talk to them, because a book agent was trying to sell me a set of something, and a boy had come from town to tune Mrs. Bixby's piano for me. Everything was all tumbled up, so I came here for refuge."

"You are right, my dear," purred Mrs. Worthly. "We aim to be just that a refuge."

"H'm," said Emanda Jinkins, and her voice was less rasping. "I guess that's what we aim at bein', but we don't always hit the target. Mrs. Belcher, do you crochet? I thought if you did you might give me t' patterns for one of them edges that I see out on Bixby's clotheslines every Mon-

MILES PERSONALS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Dec. 31.—Miss Susie Pettis left Saturday for Abilene, where she is attending Draughton's Business College.

R. M. Floss left Sunday for San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Virgil Brooks left yesterday for Austin where he is attending school.

Miss Myrtle Bauman is visiting relatives at Dudley, Texas.

A. O. Dannelly has returned from Florence, where he spent the holidays with relatives.

L. L. Whitfield and family have returned to their home at Brownwood after spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Logan and children, of San Angelo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyler here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler, of San Angelo, spent Sunday with J. A. Tyler and family.

Elmer Rumsey left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rumsey.

G. E. Esmond has returned to his home at Lamesa, after spending the holidays with J. A. Tyler and family. Mrs. Esmond will remain here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thompson, of San Angelo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis Sunday.

Miss Azile Logan, of San Angelo, is spending a few days with Miss Polly Tyler.

Joe Thiele Jr., and Berry Chapman left today for Stephenville, where they are attending John Tarleton College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCarroll and children, of Mereta, visited T. J. Motley here Sunday.

Miss Martha Meyers left today for Carlsbad, Texas.

Miss Zena Moore left today for her home at Abilene, after coming here a few days ago to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Josie S. Wheeler.

Ray B. Johnston was in Tennyson today on business.

C. W. Willett left today for his home at Oklahoma City, having come here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Josie Wheeler.

Johnny and Norene Morgan went to San Angelo today to visit their aunt, Mrs. King.

S. V. Wheeler left today for Brownfield, and Tom Wheeler left for his home at Garland, both having come here to attend their mother's funeral.

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By VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY vested in me by Article 7253 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and by virtue of a certain affidavit made by J. H. Crow before C. H. Willingham, Justice of the Peace in and for Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas, wherein the said J. H. Crow made affi-

davit to certain facts alleging that on or about the first day of August, A. D. 1922, he impounded one bay mare mule, about 15 hands high, six or seven years old, branded with small "J" on left shoulder, which said animal was alleged to have been found roaming on and around his premises about 8 miles North of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.

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