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## FIGHT BY ATTORNEYS OPENS BRADY TRIAL

### Solons Return to Work On New Prison Bills

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 27.—The legislature lost little time in starting consideration of prison centralization legislation today after returning from an inspection of the present prison properties.  
The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider all bills before it providing for reorganization and centralization of the system. The House committee on the penitentiary system had not considered any of the five bills referred to it, but Representative A. H. King, chairman, said a meeting probably would be held soon.  
The House wrangled over a resolution expressing disapproval of the erection of any substantial building by any department without the authority of the legislature.  
The Senate debated over whether witnesses should be subpoenaed with expenses paid.

AUSTIN, Jan. 27.—With one week of the 30-day special session of the legislature gone, little work has been put behind and the main task for which it was assembled lay ahead.

In the 23 days which are to come, the legislature must take from five penitentiary centralization bills a measure that will meet the approval of Gov. Moody who, he has told them, is rather firmly committed to what some have termed the "radical" plan—centralization within 20 miles of Austin.

While the Senate Committee on penitentiaries has decided that the quickest way to get to the bottom of the problem is to dump all centralization and reorganization bills out to the membership for consideration as a committee of the whole, the House committee has made no arrangements to simplify the procedure.  
There have been four penitentiary bills introduced in the House and three in the Senate.  
The measure in the House by Rep. John F. Wallace of Teague is the same as the one sponsored in the Senate by Senator Edgar Witt of Waco. It is the administration bill or the one that incorporates the ideas of the majority of the Prison Centralization Commission that made an extensive survey of needs and reported its findings to the legislature.

The third Senate bill was written by Senator W. D. McFarlane of Graham, uncompromisingly opposed to the majority commission view.  
The two other House bills are by Reps. Dewey Young of Willington, who favors concentration of the Imperial Farm near Houston, and Leonard Tillotson of Sealy, who wants a two-unit system, and devoted to agriculture and the other to industrial pursuits. Tillotson would concentrate agricultural activities on the Ramsey and Darrington Farms in Brazoria county, but he would have a commission pick the site for the industrial unit, subject to ratification of the next legislature.

Young's ideas carry out the view partly of Reps. A. H. King of Throckmorton and E. T. Murphy of Ligonston, who favor the Imperial Farm for the central plant, and who were expected to join in a bill all their own but who have failed to do so to date.  
Graves and Patton want to continue the main walls at Huntsville where they have been for 80 years. They would expend \$1,000,000 in rebuilding, enlarging and modernizing the plant there.

McFarlane is not particular where the central plant is located just so it is put on land now owned by the State and is outspoken in opposition to the proposed purchase of 1,000 acres near the State Capitol for the new plant.

The Wallace and Witt bills, containing views of the majority centralization commission, pro-

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### Sheriff Locates Girl Wanted Here

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams went to Abilene over the week-end and located a girl wanted in Ballinger for forgery. The young woman, Myrtle Vowell, was found in the county jail at Abilene where she is being held on a similar charge, and at the proper time will be brought to Ballinger to face the charge here.  
On December 28 the girl gave a check at a local filling station, signing "Mrs. Winnie Graham, by Dorothy," and received gas and oil in exchange. The check was held for some time, until Mrs. Graham was located, and she immediately declared that the check had been forged. The sheriff's department commenced a search for the girl and she was traced to Abilene.  
Vowell will be held in the Taylor county jail where charges of forgery are pending against her, but Sheriff McWilliams will be allowed to bring her here for trial when district court convenes, in case she is billed by the grand jury.

### 4 Texas League Teams Vote for Lone Star Loop

Four clubs of the Texas League voted Saturday to maintain teams in the old Lone Star League and two clubs still hold out for placing teams in West Texas. A meeting of Texas League magnates at Dallas Saturday to discuss the matter of maintaining a class D loop in Texas was attended by all clubs but two expressed themselves as not wanting to go into the matter at all.  
Representatives of seven eligible towns in East-Central Texas were present and each offered to raise a \$3,000 bonus and furnish a playing field to any Texas League club that would see it through a full playing season. This offer was about the same as made by representatives of the West Texas League earlier in the season. Records of the West Texas League show it to be a better proposition as far as attendance is concerned, but little hope is felt here since four of the six Texas League teams desiring farms, prefer East and Central Texas.

Ft. Worth and Wichita Falls have not said whether they would enter the newly proposed league or not.

The new league would cut the salary limit to \$100 per man, with the exception of the manager who would be allowed \$300 per month. The salary limit of the West Texas League last season was \$2,400 per month, which allowed from \$175 up for each player. Experience in this circuit last year was that \$175 was about as cheap as a man could be hired who was any help to his team, and the kind of ball players who can be placed under contract at \$100 per month were not to be found here last summer. If the owners of any team wish to place more expensive men on their teams in the new league, they will have to pay the difference in salary themselves.

As soon as the matter is finally settled and the new league assured for some territory, the Ballinger directors will hold an open meeting to which fans will be invited. At this session it will be decided what to do with the equipment and players now under contract here.

### WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)  
West Texas—Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder in the extreme southeast portion tonight.  
East Texas—Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; colder in the south and east portions tonight.

### Searching River For Man's Body

(By Associated Press)  
BEAUMONT, Jan. 27.—The body of Clayton Canon, 28, of Jacksonville, Texas, was being sought in the Trinity River near Liberty today.  
Canon drove his automobile to the bridge over the river yesterday, and getting out of the car walked to the edge of the bridge. Soon after, the body fell to the water.

### One Man Killed When Still Raided

(By Associated Press)  
-TEXARKANA, Jan. 27.—The death of Oscar Call, 28, who was shot to death in a prohibition raid yesterday, is to be investigated by the next session of the LaFayette county grand jury. Steve Carrigan, prosecuting attorney, said today.  
Call was shot as he fled from a liquor still raided fifteen miles south of Lewisville. The young man sought refuge in a farm house before being brought to Texarkana, where he died.  
The officers insisted that they did not shoot at Call, but fired to halt three men who were fleeing from the still, shooting in front and to the rear of the fugitives.

### FORMER RANNELS COUNTY WOMAN DIES AT RANKIN

Word was received in Ballinger early Monday announcing the death of Mrs. H. G. Secrest at Rankin Monday morning at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Secrest took pneumonia a few days ago, growing rapidly worse until her death.  
Mr. and Mrs. Secrest have many friends in this county, where they formerly resided. Mr. Secrest taught school at Bethel and Hatchel for a number of years, and at present is superintendent of the schools at Rankin.

S. H. Miller, who resides near Talpa, was in Ballinger Monday attending to business and visited The Ledger office, declaring he could not get along without the great family weekly.

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### Rural State Aid Affected; Court Grants Injunction

School officials and trustees all over Texas are upset as the result of the temporary injunction granted prohibiting the state department of education from distributing rural state aid money.

Rannels county is placed in a peculiar position as it has already received rural aid amounting to \$16,300. This money was received by the county depository some two weeks ago and without any restraint. County Superintendent R. E. White stated Monday that most of this money had already been spent and that until he was notified not to spend the remainder he would continue to issue checks against the fund as needed.

While the case was being heard the state department offices continued to function and as rapidly as inspections were made and approved of the various counties, checks were issued them for their quotas of rural state aid. As soon as the money was received here it was allotted to districts and vouchers issued for practically all the amount during the past two weeks.

The monthly payroll of the common school districts in this county is \$10,750. The total amount received from the rural state aid fund was \$13,801, which is equal to about one and a-third months' salaries of the teachers. The money received by the county two weeks ago would amount to from five to six weeks' salaries. The money was not proportioned equally to each school district, however, and in case the county

### Naval Conference Starts Second Successful Week

### Better Marketing For Farmers Seen

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The American farmer was advised by the department of agriculture today that he may expect more favorable marketing and credit conditions this year and a somewhat greater supply of labor at slightly lower wages, but is warned against imminent overproduction in several lines.

The department's annual farm outlook report issued today forecast a lessened demand for farm products during the summer and fall, although an improved domestic market is predicted for the closing late in the year. The forecast listed the more favorable farm mortgage financing conditions, the unchanged price level for farm machinery, and less satisfactory production credit conditions.

Cotton growers were warned especially against increasing the acreage.

### MISS ELIZABETH DOSS IS "QUEEN" OF ABILENE HIGH

Miss Elizabeth Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Doss, of Abilene, has been elected "queen" of the Abilene high school for this year, and she will be given an entire page in the annual publication, "The Flashlight." Miss Doss is well known here, having resided in this city until two years ago when the family moved to Abilene. She was popular here and has many friends who will be proud of honor given her by her classmates. Miss Doss is a Senior at Abilene high this year and is one of the outstanding students of the class.

John L. Forman, who has been living near Ballinger for many years, was in town Monday and had the address on his Ledger changed to Ranger. Mr. Forman is moving to Ranger to make his home within the next few days.

### SMALL POX EPIDEMIC FEARED AT SWEETWATER

(By Associated Press)  
SWEETWATER, Jan. 27.—Noian county faces possibility of a small pox epidemic unless a vaccination campaign is put underway at once, according to Dr. M. H. Johnson, director of the county health bureau.

Two Mexicans, at the Bitter Creek dam site, southeast of the city developed small pox several days ago. More than a hundred employees at the camp were put under quarantine.

Dr. Jenson announced that more than 200 persons would be vaccinated at the Blackwell school and he is planning a campaign in rural schools.

### WOMEN BARRED FROM SAN ANTONIO MEETINGS

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 27.—There will be no more women guests at meetings of the San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce. Members barred them on the grounds that weekly meetings were being turned into social gatherings rather than business meetings.

### Japs to Grow Rice in Brazil

BELEM, Para, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Arrival of 5,000 Japanese in this state to cultivate rice brought a postal problem as the colony is to be established 99 miles up the Acara River from this city. It was decided to establish service once a month.

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(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 27.—Two lawyers, one for the defense and the other for the prosecution came to blows today as the testimony stage in the John W. Brady trial was reached.

Dayton Moses, struck Roy Archer, county attorney, after Archer, he asserted, had made a charge against his integrity, Archer countered, knocking Moses to the floor.

The fight occurred just before court was opened.

A. G. B. Highsmith, father of Lehlia Highsmith, young stenographer whom Brady is on trial for killing, issued a statement saying he alone was responsible for the dismissal of special prosecution in the case. He wanted state's representatives only, he said.

### Liquor Importers Held at Galveston

(By Associated Press)  
GALVESTON, Jan. 27.—The breaking up of a liquor importing ring, which may lead to the solution of a murder mystery, is the aim of federal prohibition and customs officials here today.

Ten persons have been arrested, and twelve others named in complaints charging violation of the national customs and prohibition acts are sought.

### Ballinger Girl Has High Record In School Work

Miss Evelyn Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, of Ballinger, was listed among the 30 students who have made an average grade of A or A plus for the year at Simmons University. Miss Shepherd is a senior at that school and will get her degree at the commencement in June.

Besides the wonderful record made by Miss Shepherd in her literary work she will complete her training in voice this spring having studied under Prof. Work since entering Simmons.

The following published in The Abilene Reporter Sunday is relative to grades made by students at Simmons:

Grades make higher grades than their brother students. At least that is what the records at Simmons University show for the past fall term. Out of the 30 students who made only "A" and "Plus" grades, 23 are young women and seven men. Even in the "A" and "B" grade class, the girls outscore the boys 76 to 51. And at the other side of the ledger, where the failures are recorded, the names of only ten girls appear while 29 men are in that category.

There is one bright spot in the outlook for men. The only student to make nothing but "A Plus" grades is Jack Sublett of Sweetwater. Taking junior and senior courses, Sublett made three grades in five hour subjects of 95 or more.

The complete record on more than 900 resident students, not counting fine arts and physical education, shows that 14 per cent of the students made grades no lower than "B". Only three and one-half per cent made "A" or "T plus grades," and about the same per cent failed in two or more courses.

Those whose grades were all "A" and "Plus" are: Mary Dean Baucom, Pearce Davidson, France Fitzgerald, Valeria Gartside, Bertha Gartner, Mrs. Etta Fleming Harwell, Jewell Hatton, Farren James, Florence Locke, Ia Bell Mayberry, J. D. Magee, Jr., Loraine Sneath, Doris Turner, Maurine Tignor, Koren Wilcox, and Viola York, all of Abilene; Evelyn Shepherd, Ballinger; Mildred Butler, Clyde; Geraldine Baze, Colorado; Fay Campbell, Rotan; Ethel Comer, Clovis, N. M.; Willie Mae Davis, Rule; George Glazner, Jacksonboro; Nell Harper Greene, Colorado; Floyd Huckabee, Nashville, Tenn.; Elsie Hill, Christoval; Edgar Ingerson, Barstow; Ruth McKittrick, Gorman; and Ethel Ann Yarbrough, Breckenridge.

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AUSTIN, Jan. 26.—Charged with stabbing Miss Lehlia Highsmith, frail, blonde stenographer for the commission of appeals of the state supreme court, John W. Brady, once a judge of the Third Court of Civil Appeals, began the battle for his life here today.

The slaying occurred at midnight of Nov. 9, last, in front of the rooming house in which Miss Highsmith lived.

She died a little more than an hour after the knife blade entered her breast and never was able to shed any light on the attack.

Likewise nobody else has explained, and, aside from the prominence of the defendant, the trial will hold wide interest for the prospects of an explanation.

Brady has made no public statement but he was reported to have said he remembered nothing of the night of Nov. 9 other than "having a difficulty with several persons" after attending a drinking party with friends in celebration of the University of Texas' annual homecoming.

Frank Graham, Jr., university student and radio salesman, may have been an eye witness to the slaying but talked only to officers and they alone know what he said. Graham, either accompanied Miss Highsmith home or arrived there about the time the long knife blade penetrated her breast near the heart.

F. R. McNaughton, roomer at the boarding house and one of the persons with whom Brady had his "difficulty," said he heard a quarrel and screams and rushed out to find the slip of a girl lying unconscious.

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One case of smallpox which was discovered in the city schools caused many children to be vaccinated during the past week. The case did not originate here but was a child from a family which recently moved here from a distance. The child became sick at school and with the disease being detected in the first stages and every precaution being taken, no spread of the malady is anticipated by local physicians. The city has been absolutely free of any contagious disease this year and attendance at the schools has been fine, because of the little sickness here this winter.

Based on government per capita figures, Texans are now smoking 5,487,000,000 cigarettes per year. This is an increase of 47 per cent over the state's estimated total for 1925. It is estimated that the total production of cigarettes in the United States last year 120,000,000,000 or about 1000 per capita. If you want to figure some to get the total cost of these cigarettes, take the selling price of 20 for 15 cents and figure it out.

Cloudy days come and go but so far the rainfall for 1930 has amounted to nothing. Farmers and ranchmen state that rain will be needed badly by the middle of February. Soon after that time grass and weeds begin growing and will be of great help as feed for sheep and cattle. Planting season will not be far off then and a season will be essential when that time comes. A large per centage of the farm land in this county has been plowed and is now ready for the rains. A few fields have not been completely broken but with weather permitting field work all will be finished in a short time.

The water situation in Ballinger is about normal again. Most of the breaks in the city lines have been repaired and only those that are just beginning to show up are demanding the attention of city plumbers. Local plumbing houses were making a mighty effort Saturday to get water running at all homes in the city again. A number of new breaks were noticed for the time Sunday, but with all pipes thawed out it will be a simple matter to complete the repairs.

Four more days are left in which to pay taxes. Car owners will be taking a chance if they attempt to drive their automobile after Friday night without 1930 number plates and after that date a 20 per cent penalty will be assessed. The total number of voters can be counted in the county at night Friday night and those who have not paid county and state taxes will be assessed a 10 per cent penalty. Collectors at the three places in Ballinger where taxes are paid will remain on the job until midnight so that anyone desiring will have that much time in which to clear up his taxes for this year.

### "AMERICAN FLAG" TO BE SUBJECT FOR BROADCASTS

In connection with radio educational program recently announced by educational leaders of the nation, another feature has been included which will be of interest in this section at this time. Commencing Tuesday, February 4th, 4:00 to 4:15 p. m., each Tuesday for six weeks, some of the most prominent speakers of the nation will talk on the American flag. A naval band will assist in each broadcast and the offerings will be made especially attractive and entertaining.

The flag speeches will be of special importance here at the present as the local post of the American Legion is assigning speakers on the same theme to every school district in Runnels county.

The first national talk will be made by Vice-President Curtis and the second by General John J. Pershing.

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## Had Suffered For Seven Years

Brownwood, Texas, Farmer Declares Orgatone Has Helped Him More Than Any Other Medicine.

"Ever since I took that course of Orgatone I have felt better and stronger than I have in many years and it has done for me more than anything else I have even taken," said W. A. Sims reading on rural route 3, Brownwood, Texas, while in the Campbell Drug Store the other day.

"For seven years," he continued, "I suffered from indigestion and kidney trouble which finally developed into rheumatism and although I tried different treatments and medicines at great expense I got only temporary relief. I just could not rest well at night and would get up in the morning feeling all tired and worn out. My back would hurt me which was due of course, to the condition of my kidneys and my stomach became affected so that everything I would eat soured and bloated me up with gas tight as a drum. I was bilious too, had terrible rheumatic pains and suffered something awful."

"I tried everything I could hear of, but nothing helped me till a friend recommended this Orgatone. It has relieved me of gas and every sign of indigestion and my stomach is in better condition than it has been in for years. Orgatone has helped my kidneys wonderfully. It has calmed my nerves and rheumatism pains so I can get refreshing sleep at night and I am not troubled with that run down condition anymore."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Ballinger at the Weeks Drug Store.

## HOW'S your HEALTH



### THE BREATH OF LIFE

Poets, philosophers and scientists have always associated life and breath.

But the true understanding of the relation of respiration to life came to us only in 1777, through the ill-fated French scientist, Lavoisier. Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher and scientist, thought that the main function of respiration was to regulate the heat of the body. From observations on the effect of muscular exercise on body temperature and breathing, he concluded that breathing must have something to do with maintaining body temperature. He knew, too, that the body secures a something from the air vital to life. Not knowing the nature of this something, he called it "pneuma."

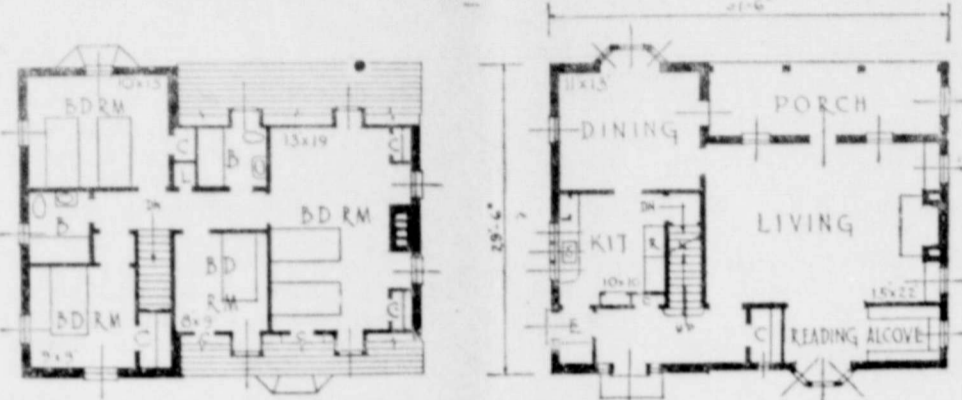
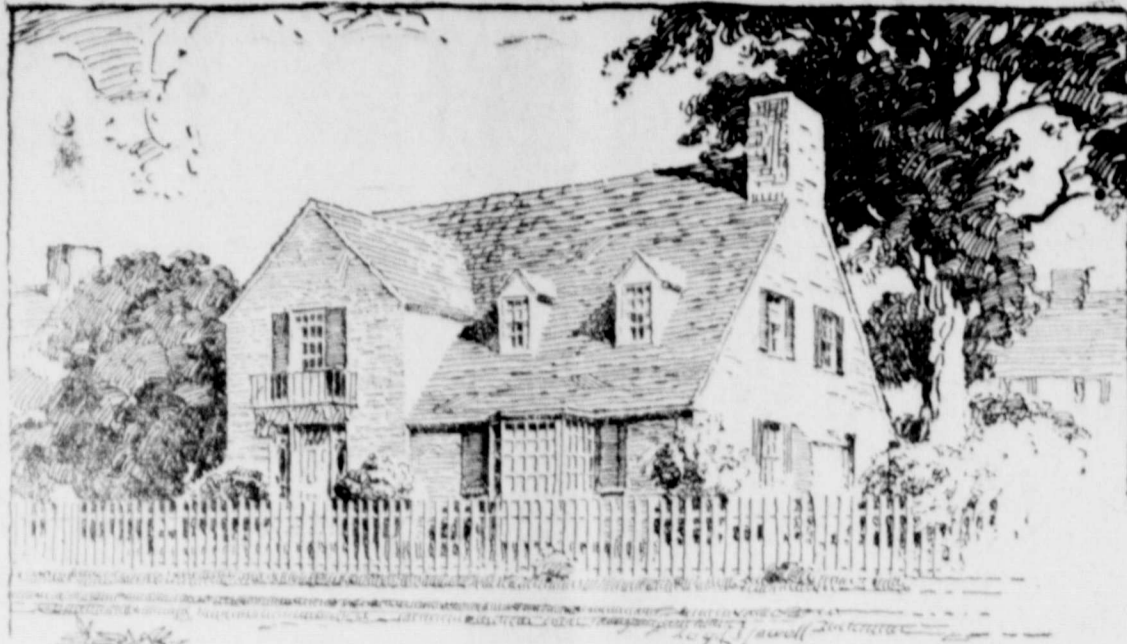
This term and the idea which it incorporated held sway for more than sixteen centuries, and has a place in modern medical terminology.

In the seventeenth century, however, a painstaking attack on the problem of respiration was made by a number of scientists. Van Helmont proved that the carbon dioxide discharged by the living body was identical with the gases from burning charcoal.

Robert Boyle performed a number of experiments to prove, once more, that air contained a something necessary for life and combustion. Robert Hooke contributed the correct conclusion that the respiratory movements of the chest were in the nature of bellows action.

These various experiments furthered our understanding of respiration, but the solution was not completed until Lavoisier made a correct analysis of air and singled out oxygen as the true "pneuma" of Aristotle, namely, the substance essential to all life, and to combustion.

## Making Good Use of Fifty Feet of Land



Estimates of construction in cities of medium size range from \$8,000 to \$10,000, including all necessary items and especially plumbing and heating. The building cost could be lowered, according to selection of materials, and costs would be less in the smaller communities because of lower wage scales.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks have returned from San Antonio, where Mr. Weeks had been attending a meeting of the State Board of Pharmacy.

The exterior is of brick with slate or wood shingles. A picket fence may be placed either in front or extended around the garden. Box bushes flanking the entrance with trees in the rear give a colorful touch to the landscaping.

Excellent ventilation is provided for all rooms, with the master bedroom exposed on three sides. A convenient entry on the side is just a step from the driveway. Economies in space with maximum accessibility are effected in hallways on both first and second floors.

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## SUNDOWN STORIES



### HITCHING ON

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock, with his wonderful power of turning the time backward or forward to any time at all, had taken the children coasting up in the air.

He had turned the time way ahead, and coasting in the air was as popular as it had been on hills in the old days.

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They went coasting down into air pockets just as they had coasted down hills in the old days, and they called out:

"Clear the co-urse, clear the co-urse," just as they had years before.

But the funniest thing of all was to see the children hitch their coasting planes on to other planes going up again, just as years before children had hitched their express carts and their sleds to wagons going up hill.

John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock did the same and how many times they got rides!

Then they would go back coasting again and again. It was such fun!

They felt they would like to do this for ever so long and the Little Black Clock let them do it for ever so long, too. For he was

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able, with his magic, to give them extra hours when they got back home and went to bed.

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Oh, the Little Black Clock was so wonderful. How very, very often, when they would pass him in the daytime when he stood on the desk in the back hall with his hands always pointed to 7 o'clock, they would say:

"You marvelous Little Black Clock!" But during the daytime he never answered them. Only they had an idea that he understood and was pleased.

(Tomorrow—"The Cats")

Misses Alida Macune and Mixie Hamilton spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends. The young ladies returned Monday to Stamford, where they are employed in a hospital.

## Shires Recalls His Greatest Feats

(By Associated Press)  
**WAXAHACHIE, Jan. 27**—Art Shires has accomplished much and received considerable publicity since he left Waxahachie five years ago, but the so called "Great One" says his greatest athletic thrill came when he was wearing the football uniform of Waxahachie high in 1924.

The local high school team was playing its arch rival, the Hillsboro Eagles. The game was nearing an end and the Eagles were leading 7 to 0 when Shires, playing quarter for Waxahachie, hurled a long pass which Lowell Kelley caught over the goal line for a touchdown. The try for point leading 7 to 6.

Led by the aggressive Shires, the Indians kicked off to Hillsboro, held the Eagles for downs and the ball went over on the Eagle's 40-yard line. Three plays failed to gain and Coach A. A. Scott of Waxahachie sent in Leroy Wilson, now of Dallas, to try a place kick. Wilson could not talk on the first play, but Shires knew that Scott wanted him to try a place kick. The Great One, however, had other plans. He did not intend to let Wilson do the kicking. Instead he told Wilson to hold the ball while Shires did the booting.

The ball was passed back to Wilson who held it on the Indian's 48-yard line. Shires kicked and the ball sailed 52 yards over the crossbar, giving the Indians a 9 to 7 victory.

Whenever they get together Hillsboro and Waxahachie fans still talk about that 52 yard place kick of Shires that won the game.

Playing Shires in football caused Waxahachie to be suspended from the Interscholastic League, but Waxahachie won the baseball championship the following spring as the league officials have nothing to do with that sport.

Shires played first base and pitched on the Waxahachie baseball team in 1925, alternating with "Peck" Jones, who later played with the Kansas City Blues and other professional baseball teams.

There was a great rivalry between these two players and one was loath to let the other out do him.

That year Waxahachie went to Roton out in West Texas to play a series for the state championship. Jones hurled the first game and allowed only one hit.

Shires got sick that night. Some said he suffered the attack so that he would have an alibi if he did not also pitch a one-hit game the next day.

The Great One showed his critics that he needed no alibi for in the second game he allowed only one hit, giving Waxahachie the state title. A committee of fans voted him the most valuable player on the team and gave him an award. The Indians won 24 games without meeting defeat that year.

Coach A. A. Scott of the Indians says that Shires was the most aggressive player ever to perform on the local team, but that he did not play his position any better than several other teammates.

Seven of the men that played on the high team with Shires later performed in professional baseball.

While at Waxahachie Shires was just as fearless a fighter as he is now. One day he and a teammate left a certain small business establishment in Waxahachie after a little trouble. The proprietor followed Shires to the door, drew a gun, and ordered him never to return. Onlookers had to hold Shires to keep him from taking the gun away from the proprietor.

During his career here, Shires was known as "Shifty" and "Chesty." He was called "Shifty" because of his fast footwork in fielding the first base position. No one needs to be told why he was called "Chesty."

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**DAWSON, COUNTY MAN IS MASTER FARMER**  
 (By Associated Press)  
**LAMESA, Jan. 27**—R. E. Echois, Dawson county farmer, has been named a Master Farmer among ten Texas farmers during 1929, according to a letter reaching him this week from a state farm magazine. Echois and his family will meet with the other farmers at a banquet in Dallas Jan. 30 to receive a Master Farmer medal.



## American Loop Raids Minors; Many Collegians are Signed

By Paul Mickelson  
 (Sports Editor, Associated Press Feature Service)  
**CHICAGO, Jan. 27**—Months of raiding in baseball ivory marts has brought forth a promising crop of 83 recruits to the American league.

Pitches, mostly right handed, top the recruits, half of whom will be having their first chance at the "big time."

Of the 34 hurlers picked up, 27 are right handed.

Infielders were second, with 26, while there were 17 outfielders and six catchers.

That the American league has reason to be hopeful of another Lou Gehrig or Frank Frisch from the college campuses is indicated by the 22 collegians among the new comers.

Cleveland was the leading raider, annexing 16. The world's champions, Philadelphia Athletics obtained 12, Chicago and Detroit, 11, New York, 10, Boston, 9, and St. Louis and Washington, 7 each.

George Holman Snider, right hand pitcher, purchased by Philadelphia from Portland is the youngest rookie. He is 17, weighs 175 pounds and six feet one inch tall.

"Bubbles" Hargrave, who comes back to the majors in a Yankee uniform, is the oldest rookie, 37. Hargrave managed St. Paul of the American association last year. He formerly was a Cincinnati catcher.

J. Sinead Jolly is labeled a "find." He is an outfielder obtained by Chicago from San Francisco. He made 314 hits last year, scored 172 runs and hit 35 home-runs.

Cleveland has a prospect in John Wesley Gill, outfielder from Albany, who led the Eastern league hitters last campaign.

Bruce Caldwell, former Yale football star, is to have another chance in the big show, Cleveland having recalled him from

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New Haven club Caldwell is a first baseman. Last year he batted .359.

## Amusements

**French Accent is Easy for Colleen Moore Nowadays**

When Colleen Moore found that "Footlights and Fools" required her to speak with a decided French accent, she was ready to start work in this all-talking picture without a moment's practice. The dialect in which she speaks much of her dialogue in this entertaining comedy-drama, which will close its engagement at the Palace Theatre tomorrow, was learned almost two years ago, during the production of her aviation special, "Lilac Time."

Although "Lilac Time" was not filmed with dialogue, Colleen's characterization was that of a little French peasant girl, whose conversation with the aviators of a British squadron would naturally be tinged with a French accent. In order to get into the spirit of her portrayal, Colleen spoke of her titles in dialect studied for the purpose, and consequently she was fully prepared to adopt a French personality and manner of expression for "Footlights and Fools."

Miss Moore enacts an American girl impersonating a French actress during several episodes of "Footlights and Fools," and she sings several songs with this accent in the course of the story. Raymond Hackett and Frederic March both play leading roles opposite Colleen in this First National and Vitaphone special, which John McCormick produced. Others in the supporting cast are Virginia Lee Corbin, Edward Martindel, Mickey Bennett, Adrienne d'Ambricourt and Cleve Moore, the star's brother. William A.

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## BETWEEN WAVELENGTHS

By C. E. Butterfield  
 (Radio Editor, Associated Press Feature Service)

Nearly a billion dollars was spent on radio in 1929.

This huge sum was piled up by the public in its demand for air entertainment devices despite any reverses the year may have experienced that would have tended to reduce sales at the approach of the Christmas season.

The exact figures, says Radio Retailing in its annual survey of the industry, were \$895,000,000, divided \$487,500,000 for receivers; \$177,500,000 for tubes and \$141,000,000 for accessories. In 1928 the total was \$690,550,000, of which \$350,000,000 was spent for sets.

A summary of the survey refers to 1929 as the best year radio has yet experienced. In 1922 sales of tubes and receivers totaled only \$11,000,000.

Of the facts gleaned from the survey is the statement that since AC tubes came into existence 7-100,000 socket powered receivers have been sold for use in the 19,700,000 homes wired for electricity. Thus 13,500,000 electrically equipped houses are without AC sets.

The survey also points out that a study of buying trends verifies the theory that the separate unit speaker and separate unit cabinet are bowing before the march of the self contained console.

A story is going the rounds that Amos and Andy, radio's black face comedians, who in real life, are Freeman Cossden and Charles J. Correll, couldn't get rooms in advance in one New York hotel because, the clerk said, "this hotel never accepts negro guests."

Listeners like to think they can break records. Out in Bowling Green, Mo., there is one, who when he writes in, signs only

"S. O. C." and who claims to have stuck to his set for 36 hours at a stretch.

And some people say that distance listening is dying out.

## COWBOY BAND TO PLAY GUN COMPOSITIONS

The Simmons University Cowboy Band in preparing for its European tour during the coming summer will include many familiar old cowboy songs in its repertoire. Arrangements were made recently whereby a number of David Guion's western compositions will be arranged for the band by John Phillip Sousa, and will be rendered by the band on its tour.

The band will rehearse diligently from now until the close of school, and much interest is being shown in the musicians. The final selection of men for the trip will not be made until later in the year and at present the entire group is practicing the selections to be used abroad. A number of Ballinger boys in the band creates interest here in who will be assigned for the journey.

The Cowboy Band spent a short while in Ballinger Monday at noon while en route to Abilene after spending the week-end at Sonora and Ozona, where concerts were played. President J. D. Sanderfer of Simmons accompanied the musicians and spoke at the two towns Sunday. Several Ballinger boys were included in the band here Monday. After eating

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lunch here the party left for Abilene in their bus.

Bremont—The State Highway Department is planning the improvements on highways traversing this territory.

Borger—A 30 foot extension is to be built to The First National Bank building and the interior will be remodeled.

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## Solons Return---

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 wide for a board composed of the governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, commissioner of the general land office and Speaker of the House to reorganize the prison, the plan to include the sale of all of the lands except Imperial, Harlem, Barrington and Ramsey Farms, where farming activities would be concentrated.

All students of the prison problem seem to be agreed that reorganization is urgent, and their views as to how to proceed are not so dissimilar, in a general way. The stumbling block is the site for the central plant. There seems to be concrete evidence of crystallizing of sentiment against an out-and-out new site on land to be bought.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

**Baptist**  
 Enrollment, 489  
 Present, 310  
 New members, 9  
 Visitors, 13  
 Offering, \$124.00

**First Presbyterian**  
 Enrollment, 135  
 Present, 102  
 New members, 3  
 Offering, \$10.18

## "GRACIA" FAMILY LEADS NAMES IN DIRECTORY

(By Associated Press)  
**SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 27.**—The San Antonio City directory has smashed another tradition. Most people believe city directories list more "Smiths" than any other name. In the Alamo City the "Gracia" family leads all groups with 1138 listed. Martinez is second, with 1087, then Gonzales, 1,019. Smith with 908, is fourth.

**Curio**—This city plans an extensive development of its highways in 1930.

## "He Makes 'Em Git Up and Get," Says Trainer of Leading Rider

(Associated Press Correspondent)  
 By Ralph Wheatley

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27.**—Merlyn Knight, 16-year-old mite of a youngster, rode into fame as 1929 champion jockey of America out of the hardest school known to horsemen—the western rodeo.

Unknown a year ago, this lad fell under the keen eyes of Ed McCune, horse owner and trainer, who took him out of the ranks of exercise boys and mounted him on some of his best colts.

The boy quickly showed a skill for handling high strung horses flesh and a genius for nosing out a pounding field at the wire.

On December 20 he had placed 463 horses in the money, out of the total, 142 were winners, 138 second and 123 third. No other rider came near his record.

To meet this boy in off hours you would never suspect his being the premier rider of the American turf. He is modest to a fault and runs away from newspapermen.

"I was born in Gooding, Idaho, 18 years ago," he said. "I was just about born with horses and at 14 I began riding my father's string in rodeos and on western fair circuits."

"A friend of mine got on the main circuit and brought me in as exercise boy. Mr. McCune picked me up and gave me my chance."

"What's the best horse I ever rode? Well, I dunno, but Flagbearer never lost a race under me."

"How do you account for your success with horses?" he was asked.

"Just a knack, I suppose. I rode them all alike. That's a lot of bunk about some boys getting speed out of horses by talking in their ears and lifting them in with their hands. I am a whip boy myself. I believe in shaking them up with the whip. Not beating them, you understand, just shaking 'em up."

And that was all this grey eyed, steely haired boy would say. But a friendly stableman contributed the opinion the Knight not only was the best jockey on the tracks,



MERLYN KNIGHT

but was "the best kid alive." "You know that kid hasn't got a habit unless you call smoking one," he said earnestly. "All he thinks about is horses. He knows how to sit 'em, hand 'em and make 'em get up and git." "Nerve! That boy has it," waxed this stable philosopher. "He has been thrown and trampled and got back up and made 'em win races. He was through four times in eight days up in St. Louis." "Look at him there!" He pointed as M. Knight took a leg up on the fractious Focus for an early morning canter on the Jefferson Park oval. "That's a boy."

## Fight by --

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he was without a peer for eloquence. He was appointed to the civil appeals bench by Governor Hobby, was a close friend of Governor Ferguson, and helped Governor Moody with his first law suit. He was active in political and religious affairs and took a prominent part in the activities of the University of Texas students' association.

It will be a strange role Brady will begin to play in the old Travis county courthouse today when for the first time he will appear as a principal before the bar of justice where he has stood almost innumerable times as county attorney, assistant attorney general, attorney for the banking department, as council in civil law suits and as a defense lawyer.

Probably nearest to Brady when he sits within the bar of the court room will be Mrs. Brady, whom he married 30 years ago. She came to his aid immediately after she heard of his trouble and promised to stand by him.

Of his nine attorneys, several were friends or pals of the former judge—Jewel Lightfoot, of

Fort Worth, who was attorney general when Brady was an assistant, Sam Dickens of Austin, who has been his companion for many years, and Will Brady of Ventura, Calif., who came half way across the continent to help his brother.

E. A. Berry of Houston, former judge of the commission of appeals, will direct the defense and the other lawyers on the firing line will be Lon Curtis of Belton and Dayton Moses of Fort Worth.

The youthful prosecution attorneys will be 24 year old District Attorney Brooks and Hardy Hullah, also in his twenties. With them will sit A. G. B. Highsmith, superintendent of the Humble refinery at Baytown, whose only daughter was the stabbing victim.

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## Rural State

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\$377; Sweet Home No. 50, \$162; Wingate independent, \$1102; Norton independent, \$1397.

Mr. White stated that many people did not understand why some schools of the same number of teachers did not receive the same amount and gave the following statement in explanation: "The aid is allotted to schools on a basis of the number of teachers employed and the number of scholastics in the district. The law fixes a specific amount of salary from state funds for districts of from one to ten teachers, and all districts of the same number of teachers receive the same amount. From this amount is subtracted the amount of state apportionment allotted to a district on the basis of scholastic enumeration. The difference is in the maximum amount of rural state aid that the district can receive. Consequently, districts with the same number of teachers but with unequal scholastic enrollment, receive state aid in unequal proportions."

Some schools do not receive any aid at all from the state and the following explanation was given in these cases: "No aid is distributed where it is not needed by reason of local income. If a district were entitled, for example, to \$200 rural aid, and should have a surplus of \$100 in the local maintenance fund, that surplus would be subtracted from the \$200 maximum aid limit," said the county superintendent.

In case the Runnels county schools are not restrained from spending the money received they will be hurt at the end of the term if the law is held unconstitutional by the higher courts and the injunction made permanent. High school tuition aid, transportation aid, vocational training aid and possibly another item will affect the county in the sum of several thousand dollars. These items are collected at the end of the school terms, when itemized statements are sworn to and sent into the state department. These aids are paid from the rural state aid fund and if the law is held unconstitutional, will not be paid this year. This will affect all districts to some extent, especially independent districts where students are transferred from rural districts for high school purposes and the students supposed to pay their tuition.

**New Mine Gas Signal**  
**LONDON, Jan. 27.**—A new gas detector has been adopted for British mines after tests in the House of Commons. The invention which signals the presence of deadly fumes by lighting a red lamp, was produced about two years ago. But it did not catch on until after trials in parliament in the presence of a solemn conclave of officials.

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## GOAT RAISERS TO TRY NATIONAL ADVERTISING

(By Associated Press)

**ROCK SPRINGS, Jan. 27.**—Action through which sponsors of the movement hope to create a greater demand for mohair through a national advertising campaign was taken at the thirtieth annual convention here of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association.

Active officers were elected, including Fred Earwood, president. Reports of officers disclosed the association has registered 150,000 goats since it was formed in 1900.

## MAYOR TO FIGHT CUT IN CITY TAX PAYING

(By Associated Press)

**SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 27.**—A proposal by Frank H. Bushick, city tax commissioner, to reduce municipal taxes here will meet with opposition by Mayor C. M. Chambers.

The commissioner said the rate could be cut from \$1.97 to \$1.91. The mayor declared the city could not afford a rate decrease and asserted the suggestion was a political move on the part of Bushick Chambers, who opposes any change until a survey is completed, said when the next rate is fixed it will be "done sincerely and not for political reasons or by headlines in the newspapers."

## WOMAN WILL EDIT PAPER

(By Associated Press)

**COLORADO, Jan. 27.**—Mrs. W. H. Barrett will become editor of the Colorado Record, replacing W. E. Reid who goes from Austin, after adjournment of the special session of the legislature, to Fort Stockton, Texas, where he will take charge of the paper interest which he has recently purchased.

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## WILL AUCTION HOGS AT BROWNFIELD MEET

(By Associated Press)

**LUBBOCK, Jan. 27.**—The 1930 annual sale of the Panhandle Swine Breeders' Association will be held at Brownfield, Terry county, on February 11 and 12, with J. W. McCreery, of Canyon, as auctioneer.

Opening day of the two-day event will be featured by the address and report of the president, Charles L. Franz, of Turkey, and an educational meeting in charge of Frank Phillips, of the Northwestern Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, round table discussion, banquet and election of officers.

The second day will be featured by the sale proper.

Last year Texas sent \$185,000,000 out of the state for pork products, it is claimed by members of the association, and efforts

will be toward increasing interest in raising purebred swine throughout the Panhandle-Plains section.

## FAVOR CONTINUATION OF QUARANTINE ON CITRUS

(By Associated Press)

**BROWNSVILLE, Jan. 27.**—Importance of continuing the embargo in this state against Florida nursery stock is emphasized in a letter from the Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Terrell to Judge Oscar Dancy here. Terrell said he had also written W. R. Montgomery, Edinburg; and E. P. Hornaday, Harlingen, asking them to make known to Governor Moody the gravity of the situation.

If the quarantine is broken, Terrell said, the citrus industry of the valley will be jeopardized.

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