Weather Forecast
Fair and colder weather is due in West Texas tonight and Friday.

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FALL FROM HORSE KILLS BOY HERE

Four in Hospital Following Accident at Sweetwater Today

Plans for Rebuilding White House Offices Rushed

In Bas-Relief

Thumbs Down on Xmas Memorial in Concrete
Ulmer Another Dickens
B. V. D.'s in History

—By R. C. Hankins—

(NOTE: In taking this new name for the column which has been called "Events," indebtedness is due C. C. Watson, veteran Midland newspaperman, who suggested it. The term is taken from the French expression of the same spelling, and means literally "brought in low, raised relief from the background." Facts and events will be discussed in such manner as the term indicates.—The Editor).

Christmas, the day, is over. It, like the Phoenix bird about which so much is inscribed in the legends, has its inflexible, periodic revivals. Even the mighty Soviet power, which has struck the holy day from the Russian calendar, cannot through all its school of philosophy dent the world's desire for observance of the day.

It comes as a sort of Christmas greeting to Midland that work on the airport improvement program started this morning. This is a memorial, in the minds of most of us, to the late Sam Sloan, founder of the port which bears his name.

M. C. Ulmer, chairman of the Lions club, wrote what is considered one of the finest Christmas greetings seen this year. His words are emblematical of the thought lying behind service club structure.

"Age makes some things worthless—others it transforms into priceless antiques. As a Christmas greetings I am sending you one of those time hallowed treasures. It is an autographed copy of the world's oldest and finest Christmas wish. It is perfect. Its beauty is the beauty of perfection," Ulmer writes.

"In the beginning God conceived this wish and sent it by messenger to us men on that first Christmas day. I feel that it would be presumptuous for me to attempt to improve upon the divinely conceived perfect wish for the Christmas season. Therefore, let me repeat as my personal wish for you that rare old Christmas greeting:

"I bring you tidings of great joy—
Peace on earth, good will toward men."

"May you know, and may Lions help you find, that great joy of being at peace because through good fellowship you have learned to love all men."

Just to be in America on Christmas is something to appreciate. A great brotherhood formed of community of thought and commerce makes little difference between the classes. All worship Mammon together and it makes not the least bit of difference, essentially, how far back names can be traced. All celebrate Christmas together, in a great human concourse that threads the streets, theatres and, to a less degree, the churches.

Even names like some recently discovered in a foundling house may some day be on the frontispiece of American history. There's a bit of story about the names:

When Tennessee Iron and Coal Jackson died his death was deeply felt by his widow, who in respect to his memory christened the son born after his father's death, Caboose Jackson.

This fact was revealed as the result of a survey of the register at the Hram House, a socal settlement institution here.

A further investigation disclosed that the Hiram House shelters a child named Virgin Mary, whose father was King Solomon. Log

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LEFT WING DAMAGED IN BLAZE

Overheated Flue Is Blamed As Cause Of The Fire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP).—Following a conference yesterday between President Hoover and Col. U. S. Grant III, superintendent of public buildings and grounds at the White House, the latter was requested to have contractors notified that bids would be asked early Tuesday for rebuilding immediately the executive offices which were damaged by fire Christmas Eve.

President Hoover left his living quarters in the White House and their Christmas decorations Wednesday to inspect the charred and soaked interior of the executive offices, where Tuesday he had cleared his desk preparatory to enjoying a restful holiday.

So far as Christmas Eve was concerned, it was anything but restful. As the President and Mrs. Hoover sat at dinner with their son and with the children of the White House secretaries as party guests, the alarm of fire reached the table.

Mr. Hoover and the men diners excused themselves and watched the blazing destruction of the recently remodeled executive offices. The President has decided the structure should be rebuilt immediately.

Ruins Guarded Wednesday

Armed infantrymen Wednesday mounted guard over the charred ice covered ruins of the West wing of the White House where the most destructive fire to visit the executive mansion since the British sacked the city in 1814 swept through the newly remodeled private offices of President Hoover.

The family was not endangered. The president's valuable confidential files were removed safely beyond reach of the flames and were housd in the building usually devoted to the White House florist. The building was closely guarded by soldiers.

The fire is believed to have been started by defective wiring.

Blame for the fire was today placed on a defective overheated flue in the office of Walter Newton, one of the president's secretaries. It was first thought that defective wiring might have caused the blaze, but a survey failed to reveal such a cause.

Negro Shot In Raid At Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 26. (AP)—Cleve Sams, 29, negro, was shot and killed last night during a raid on a negro rooming house, during which he is said to have taken part in an attack on Deputy Sheriff H. L. White.

White is in a hospital, where attendants said the sight of one eye will be impared probably permanently.

Stocks Low As Season Closes

Merchants of Midland declare that their stocks are lower at the end of the Christmas shopping season than they have been for years.

One gents furnishing store didn't have a necktie in the house. One store sold 700 dolls. Others find their stocks depleted in both staple lines and in holiday goods, and they report that their business was good in volume.

The Christmas shopping season began earlier this year, due to the early visit of Santa Claus and of the decoration of streets, giving the town a holiday spirit.

Sues Rudy Vallee



A discordant note in Rudy Vallee's crooning love songs has been sounded by Agnes O'Loughlin, above, Broadway show girl. She has sued the young orchestra leader and singer, pictured below, for $200,000 for breach of promise, alleging he promised to marry her but proved instead to be the "vagabond lover' of his songs. Her charges have been denied.

LIQUOR VICTIMS FEW; ONLY ONE DEAD IN NATION

Liquor was either better this Christmas, or the merry makers didn't drink so much, or they were lucky, according to the United Press whose national survey showed that there is only one dead from this cause.

Scores were taken to hospitals to be treated and many waited in jail houses, but the toll of dead was conspicuous by its absence.

New Yorkers drank more than ever, according to Dr. Charles Norris, city medical examiner, but liquor was better and easier to procure.

The southwest reported the quietest Christmas in many years.

The one dead was a laborer found in a railroad camp at North Haven, Conn.

Shoots First Gun; Goes For a Deer

Thomas Inman decided to go deer hunting.

Accordingly, he went about preparation in a business-like manner.

Not ever having handled a high powered rifle, he went out with his father, J. P. Inman, Christmas day, shot the gun for his first time and announced readiness to shoot anything that remotely favored a deer.

He left this morning for the mountains.

"He might bring one back," the father is said to have remarked when asked about the matter. "That is, if the deer runs close enough to him and stops while the boy shoots a few times."

BANKER IS KILLED

SMITH'S GROVE, Ky., Dec. 26. (AP).—Robert Kirby, bank cashier, was killed today in a fight with a band of robbers who held up and robbed the Oakland, Ky., abnk.

15 OTHERS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Eleven Are Injured; Property Damage Is $15,000

SWEETWATER, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Four persons are in a hospital and 15 others are slightly injured as a result of a railroad accident today on the Santa Fe tracks.

A box car was blown by a strong wind into an oil tank car which was knocked over

The fact that many passengers were in the aisle ready to detrain is thought to have prevented more serious accidents.

ARREST CUTTER CREW FOLLOWING FATAL SHOOTING

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—(UP)—Three men composing the coastguard cutter crew were placed under arrest today pending the outcome of the investigation into the fatal shooting last night of Eugene F. Downer Jr., 27, a suspected rum runner. The names of the men have not been revealed.

Coastguard authorities asserted that Downey and an unidentified man failed to stop their unlighted craft and that six bullets were then fired at them, two striking Downey, one entering the left lung.

Examination of the boat revealed no contraband, authorities said.

Downey, whose father is a police lieutenant, was out on $10,000 bail pending a trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law.

Storms Recur On European Coasts

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(AP).—Heavy seas today from the Orkney Islands to Spain endangered shipping and brought a recurrence of the hazardous conditions ten years ago. At least 24 persons are believed to have drowned and been killed in the holiday gale.

BOYS RUN BEHIND LOADED BUS; FIRE SHOT INTO TIRE

Bus passengers told this morning of an incident that rivaled the old stagecoach days, with the attendant running the gauntlet to the accompaniment of gun shots and shrieks and the like.

A car ran up behind a bus which left Midland for Big Spring, and fired a shot from a rifle into a rear tire.

Homer Baxter, Midland boy, was aboard the crowded bus. Of the incident he said:

"We were making good time and about to go into Big Spring. We passed a small coupe on the road. The driver of the bus sounded his horn, but the small car did not move. The bus, crowded to the very edge of the road, tried to escape hitting the other machine, but struck it notwithstanding.

"The small car was knocked several feet across the highway but did not overturn.

"The coupe began trying to overhaul us immediately. As we slowed up for the railroad track not far from Big Spring, the coupe passed us, slowed down and motioned the driver of the bus to do the same.

"The bus was brought to a halt. A man crawled out of the coupe, then reached inside a window of his car and drew out a heavy rifle. He aimed it at the bus.

"Women screamed and ducked. The driver of the bus started his machine, but too late. A shot crashed into one of his rear fenders and into a tire.

"The driver again stopped the machine, and then men, now angry enough to face the gun, tried to get out and blockade the road. The coupe passed them running fast, however, and escaped."

It was unofficially given out this morning that two youths had been arrested in Big Spring for the offense, although no names were learned here.

Governor Summoned As Court Witness

DALLAS, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Governor Dan Moody was due to arrive here today to attend the opening performance of "The Miracle," and waiting for him was a deputy sheriff with a summons to appear in district court tomorrow. The subpoena was issued in a suit said to involve attorneys fees. The governor is wanted as a witness for defendant.

These Figures Approved



The figures of these comely chorines and the figures of the Bureau of Standards actually agree. But out of a whole company of show girls to whom the tape measure was applied in Washington, only three came up to the government's requirements for the "standard lady." The ideal figure, after much official research, had been set at 28 inches around the waist, 37 inches around the hips and 34 inches around the bust. Left to right in the picture above are Lillian Smith, Frances Isard, John Irving Fisher, Jean Roberts and Bernice Gaily. Bernice, according to Fisher, who did the research "work," has a standard figure.

RIDING GENTLE HORSE

Weyer Cooksey, 3, Had Ridden Much In His Life

A fall from a horse shortly before noon this morning caused injuries which resulted in death about 2:30 this afternoon for Weyer Cooksey, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooksey, 1104 West Missouri Street.

The child was mounted on a gentle horse. In his hands he carried a small lariat rope. The father and three of the dead child's brothers saw the horse break into a run when struck lightly with the rope, and saw the child tumble to the ground.

Rushed to the Thomas hospital, the child was given every aid known to science, in an effort to save his life; but the skull had been fractured and concussion of the brain suffered.

The father, a prominent ranchman, and the four sons had gone to the ranch and Weyer was riding the horse as he had done many times before.

The child was practically "raised in the saddle," according to Mrs. Cooksey, prostrated at the news of her son's death. She was at the hospital at 3 o'clock.

Burial arrangements are pending, the mother said. Relatives have been wired and will be here for the funeral. Mrs. Cooksey indicated that the Rev. L. A. Boone, pastor of the First Methodist church here, would hold the service.

The body is being prepared for burial at the Barrow Funeral Parlor.

Midland Boy Made Mgr. of Correction

Charles C. Watson Jr., staff writer on the Lubbock Morning Avalanche, has drawn a new appellation. Scribes on his paper refer to him as Manager of the House of Correction.

The name was given him as a result of a recent story he did for the Lubbock paper. Newspapermen say he interviewed in a Lubbock jail a prisoner who had had too much of the fluid known of as pre-Christmas cheer.

The story was so well done that the prisoner reformed, or, at least, has not been complained of since.

Watson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Watson, over Christmas, returning to Lubbock this morning.

Lunar Rocket Poised For Trip Far In Heavens; 80-Foot Towed To Guide It

TWELVE-FOOT PROJECTILE TO SPEED INCREDIBLY

AYER, Mass.—(UP)—The big brother of the sky rocket with which you used to celebrate Fourth of July is poised here for one of the most extraordinary flights in history.

Some time in the not far distant future, if all goes well, this 12-foot steel projectile will rise with incredible speed from a tower at Camp Devens on the outskirts of this quiet little town and nose its way skyward, seeking the secrets of altitudes never reached by a man-made device.

The rocket's noisy zoom into space will mark the latest step in a series of unusual experiments started 20 years ago by Dr. Robert H. Goddard, Clark University scientist.

Popular fancy has drawn a seemingly indelible halo of romance around Professor Goddard's rocket during the years that he has busied himself with his work in the rather prosaic atmosphere of a laboratory.

To Record Air Data

Even his insistent declarations that he has no lunar aspirations have failed to destroy the general belief that he hopes eventually to send his strange contraption to the moon.

Those who toy most fervently with this fascinating theory like to think that there will be a man inside the huge steel tube as it speeds over the 220,000 or more miles to its fanciful destination. No one appears to have gained much thought how the man would get back to the rather knotty problem of earth once he had completed his journey.

But Professor Goddard protests that the paramount object of his experimentation at present is to obtain accurate data on meteorological conditions at various altitudes.

His big rocket is equipped with numerous devices for recording such information—devices which are intended to return to earth with the aid of a parachute attachment.

Test Rocket Noisy

Dr. Goddard has kept secret the exact method by which his projectile is propelled. It is understood, however, that the general idea is for a series of timed explosions to speed the rocket on its way, with a fresh blast expediting its flight as the power afforded by the previous explosion begins to wane.

At Auburn, near Worcester, several months ago, Dr. Goddard shot a rocket skyward. The scientist appeared well-pleased with the outcome of the test flight but the attendant explosions alarmed residents of the countryside.

It was suggested by the fearful that recording devices carried by

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HALEY SPEAKER AT JOINT MEETING ROTARY AND LIONS CLUBS TODAY

Five Pups Join Little Theatre

The Midland Little Theatre, well known for its way of bumping into coincidences, has established itself as getting into print at periodical intervals.

Even the animals help.

Joyce, collie belonging to Mrs. George Abell, director of the play group, has five babies, three males and two females. She showed up with her litter on Christmas day.

Nature's gift to the Little Theatre the players say.

Joyce recently was lost, and for several days was the object of a general search by members of the Little Theatre.

Recently the Little Theatre received much state publicity as a presented on Friday, 13, and that play with 13 characters would be present on Friday, 13, and that there were 13 dramatic twists in the plot structure of the play.

Soviets Search For American Flier

MOSCOW, December 26.—(UP)—Two Soviet airplanes have been ordered from Providence Bay to search for Captain Carl Ben Eielson, American flier who has been stranded in the Arctic ice fields for more than a month.

The Soviet fliers abandoned receptions and Christmas celebration to join in the search.

Because of ice floes, it is impossible for cutters to approach the region.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Soviet government today formally notified Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee that it is organizing an airplane expedition to search for Carl Eilson and Earl Borland, American aviators, who have been lost for six weeks off the Siberian coast.

Midland Lions and Rotarians did honor to a "home boy who has made good" at the joint luncheon of the two clubs today, having as honor guest and principal speaker, J. Evetts Haley, secretary of the Texas Historical Society, of Austin. Other honor guests were the Haley family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley of Midland, parents of the speaker; Mrs. Myrtle Aycock of Breckenridge, Mrs. Alice Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Harkins of Houston, and Mrs. J. Evetts Haley.

Dr. W. E. Ryan, vice-president of the Rotary club, presided at the meeting, and John P. Howe was chairman of the program committee.

Music was furnished by the Lions club orchestra, with Ned Watson directing. Wallace Wimberly, pianist of the Rotary club, played with the group.

Paul T. Vickers then introduced the speaker. He said it was a pleasure to do honor to Haley not because of the fact that he is the author of several books, secretary of the Texas Historical Society, and a southern-wide authority on cowboy folk lore, but because he is a thorough gentleman.

Tribute To Pioneers

Haley, using the simple speech of the born "cowpuncher," told humorous anecdotes of the cow country, many of which have been gleaned in his research and history work. His speech was a glowing tribute to Texas in its pioneer days and to the old cow country.

He exemplified the pioneers of the west by telling briefly of the life of the late Col. Charles Goodnight, whose death occurred a few days ago at Goodnight, Texas.

M. C. Ulmer, president of the Lions club, spoke a few words of appreciation for the success made by Haley in his chosen work, and for preserving to Texans and West Texans the traditions of the pioneers. Ulmer also paid tribute to the Haley family and expressed the appreciation of the two luncheon clubs in having the family as guests.

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FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Folks will ponder a long time over "thank you" notes before they say "Exactly what I needed."

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REVIEWING THE YEAR'S WORK

Now that Christmas has passed, the time has come for reviewing the work done during the year 1929. This work includes individual accomplishments and community or civic accomplishments.

Midland people have much to be proud of in the past year's work, and it will be interesting to review the situation.

Think back to January 1 and see if you can form a mental picture of Midland, of its skyline, of its business and residential districts. It is true that much of the expansion was done the year before, but the year 1929 was a year of rounding out, of catching up, of putting the finishing touches to jobs already started, as well as a year of innumerable accomplishments.

NOT BRAINY—JUST DUMB

We have a fiction in this country that our really big gangsters—the aristocrats, so to speak, of our underworld—are very clever, brilliant men.

"That man," we say of Al Capone or an Arnold Rothstein, "could have made a great success if he had gone into some legitimate business or profession."

That's one of our favorite myths. But once in a while something happens that makes one wonder if these lawless big shots aren't pretty dumb.

There is, for instance, Fred Burke, or Fred Dane, the Chicago gangster who lived in a mansion in St. Joseph, Mich., as a millionaire business man.

Burke is called the greatest gangster in America. Robberies totaling $1,000,000 and the deaths of a dozen men are charged to his account. Evidently the man was the best specimen our underworld has yet produced. According to our traditions, he must be a highly-gifted and brainy chap.

But here is what Burke did.

First, get the picture. Burke was sitting pretty. He was a respected citizen of St. Joseph. No one there dreamed of suspecting him. He had $300,000 in cold cash at his disposal. Whether he wanted to retire from crime and live in peace and quiet, or continue with his various rackets, the situation was perfect; so perfect, indeed, that it sounds more like fiction than fact.

All right. Here was Burke, with all of this, driving along a street in his automobile. A traffic officer stopped him for some minor traffic law violation.

And what did Burke, the "brainy" gangster, do but draw his gun and shoot the policeman to death!

It wasn't, remember, as if he had been arrested for some serious crime. It was just a traffic charge. It might have meant a fine of $25—not more. It could not possibly have harmed Burke.

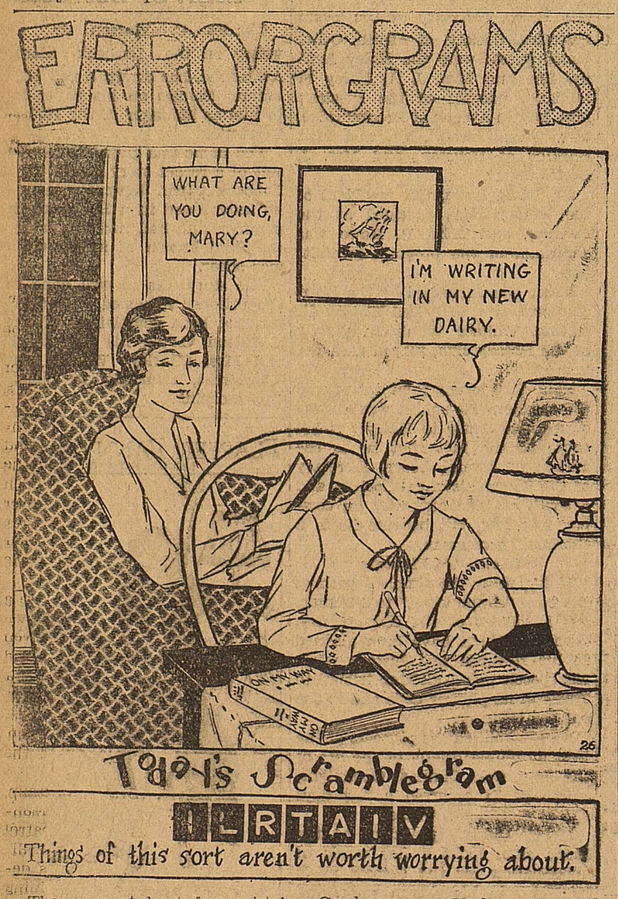
But instead of submitting and paying up he murdered the policeman.

Then, of course, everything came out. He had to flee. The police went to his house and the whole story became known. He lost that super-perfect position of his, lost his $300,000, lost his headquarters—lost, in fact, everything that he had.

And simply because he didn't have sense enough to take a traffic ticket quietly!

Smart? This gang leader was the dumbest specimen we have ever heard of.

Our underworld kings aren't the brainly chaps we suppose. They are subnormal in intelligence. Burke's dizzy fiasco proves it.



There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Today, on page 6, we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

The Long and Short of It!



WASHINGTON LETTER

The Chief Reason the Senate Has An Anti-Administration Coalition While the House Hasn't Lies in the Fact That Norris Is a Senator Instead of a Congressman.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—During the recent period of the Progressive-Democratic coalition's success in controlling the Senate it must have occurred to many persons to wonder why no corresponding coalition had been organized in the House.

There are only 96 men in the Senate and yet 15 or 16 Republicans there have been found willing to join the insurgent group in voting with the Democrats on the tariff bill. But there are 435 members of the House and although there are two or three who sometimes get up and holler about one thing or another there does not appear to be one single insurgent. That is, not one who dares consistently to defy his party organization.

Same Voters, Different Results

Although this situation would seem most satisfactory to the administration and Joe Grundy, it has its strange features. When one considers that the same voters who elect the radical or progressive senators also elect the congressman it does seem as if states such as Wisconsin, Nebraska and the Dakotas, each of which has two insurgent Republican senators, would produce a few congressmen who could whoop up another little revolt in the House.

The answer may be that there is only one George Morris of Nebraska. This coalition in the Senate might have developed without the Norris leadership, but perhaps not. At any rate, it seems as if wherever Norris goes he organizes an insurgent group to co-operate with the Democrats and lick the tar out of the standpat Republicans. It was he who was to blame for the only effective insurgent movement the House has had for many decades and now, in the same way, he is in command in the Senate.

Of course, it's a harder job in the House than in the Senate. In that huge and cumbersome body control has passed into the hands of three or four men who run the show, generally taking orders from the administration. These men can and do prevent members from offering amendments and obtaining votes on measures. Debate is severely restricted.

Any Republican with a passion for insurgency must cut loose from his party bandwagon. It's easy enough to fight the other party, but it takes plenty of courage to fight his own machine. The congressman who consistently balks—and these isn't any now—won't ever be able to name any more postmasters. The only pork for him will come from the butcher shop.

Norris went for 10 years in the House, in eight of which his party had control, without a single piece of patronage. He began his insurgency by opposing a salary increase bill for several officials. The regulars got back at him by closing the pie counter to him. Norris failed to capitulate. In time he got back at the House machine itself.

He had to go it alone for a long time, but finally an insurgent nucleus and then an organization of 30 or 40 members developed around him. It was enough to combine with the Democrats to unhorse the autocratic Speaker Joe Cannon and liberalize the House rules after a historic fight. It was enough to put petroleum on the free list in the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill after the Ways and Means Committee had tacked on a tariff duty at the sole behest of Cannon.

Most importantly, it brought about the Ballinger investigation in the Taft administration—the Teapot Dome affair of its time. The regulars had the case all framed for a whitewash. A committee was to be appointed by the speaker and the president of the Senate and everything was guaranteed to turn out all right. Norris, by a clever maneuver, defeated the attempts to hogtie him and slipped in a motion to have the investigators elected by the House. The coalition then elected men who meant business. After an odorous scandal, Ballinger was driven from public life.

Little Insurgence Now

In the years of Republican control since the Taft administration members have sometimes insurged, notably some from Wisconsin. But not effectively. These latter-day House insurgents have never been able to relinquish their concern about patronage.

Any congressman prepared to follow in the Norris footsteps will have to stand up time and again and "raise hell." He will be run over by the machine time and again and his loss of patronage will lose him a certain number of votes in his district. He may or may not be defeated for re-election before he attracts a few supporters. His life will be lonely.

And so far, since Norris, no one has cared to face the odds.

THE TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

THINK—It Won't Hurt You Any

Thomas Edison once said, "The American people will go to any extremes to avoid the necessity of thinking."

Notwithstanding that fact—think! This is the time of times to think. Next week a year passes into "what used to be." It's through; it's gone, and it will never return. Many, many things were accomplished in the last 12 months, but that's ancient history. There are a lot of other things you could have done—that's ancient history, too. It isn't what you did or didn't do in '29—it's what you are going to do in 1930 that counts now.

And what are you going to do—same as in 1929? If you do, you are going to go against every law of progress. If you don't change, you will be through—not all at once, to be sure, but you can't go forward standing still, and if you don't do better in 1930 you'll be where you were in '29, and that's standing still—or going backward.

This reads like a sermon. It isn't meant that way. It's just my peculiar way of leading up to this—

If, in '29, you sort of went back on Midland; if you leaned back with any of your 100-worn-out alibis and let the other fellow do the work; if you sat in the car while the other boys changed the tire; if you let some fool petty jealousy keep you out of the Chamber of Commerce or Lions Club; if you turned sour because everybody else couldn't see things as you did; if you acted up like a school kid, and wouldn't play at all, and tried to spoil the fun of others because they wouldn't play your way and let you be teacher; if you pooh poohed every attempt on the part of others to do something to build Midland; if you spent your time pussy-footing, scandal mongering and rabbit-punching; if you kept your hands in your pockets, leaning backward, while others were putting their shoulder to the wheel pushing forward—if you did these things, and know you were doing them, you were a civic moocher and deserve no consideration from neighbor or stranger.

Maybe you didn't know you were doing such things—that's why I say think—it will do you good.

ONCE A CHILD ACTRESS, VIRGINIA LEE CORBIN IS NOW EIGHTEEN

It is almost as difficult to live down a reputation as an established child screen player as it is to achieve it, in the opinion of Virginia Lee Corbin.

Miss Corbin, who has recently reached the dignity of eighteen years, is to be seen in Colleen Moore's support in "Footlights and Fools," the First National special showing for the last time at the Ritz Theatre today. Although she is a young lady of undenied charm and ability, her long career and great prominence as a child actress has made studio executives think of her as a youngster, and consequently she is frequently called for parts as a child, much to her indignation.

Miss Corbin has been on the stage since infancy, having first appeared before the cameras when only a year old in an early studio at Long Beach. By the time she was ten she was quite as prominent as many of her elders in the world of motion pictures, having been featured in such pictures as "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Alice in Wonderland," "Babes in the Woods," and "Treasure Island."

In "Footlights and Fools," producer John McCormick provided her with an excellent characterization as a "grown-up," which she handles with ability. Raymond Hackett, Frederic March, Edward Martindel, Mickey Bennett, Adrienne d'Ambricourt, Cleve Moore, Frederic Howard and Andy Rice, Jr., are others in the cast.

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The Quack, although he ate hearty, is able to be back at work this morning, but is not able to get down to business.

I got a new fountain pen for Christmas and have been busy all day trying to find something to write in long hand. The Linotype operators won't accept my copy unless it is typewritten, for the reason that they can't read it any other way, and this has resulted in a lack of material today for the column.

The society editor got a new dress, a pair of hose, a pair of gloves., a purse and some other accoutrements, all of which harmonize. This is a society item although not written in society page lingo.

This is just a few words about how we came out Christmas. All of us got something, and all of us still believe in Santa Claus. Joe got a red stick of candy, or maybe it was a stick of red candy, so he was satisfied. He's had one of them every Christmas for 16 years.

Shorty drove in from McCamey this morning in an hour and a half, or was it from Yoakum. Anyway, it was wherever he spent Christmas.

Betty the bookkeeper has a habit of footing up all figures as a bookkeeper would. She takes the weather report over the phone from Mr. Basham and adds the maximum temperature to the minimum, taking the figures down on the adding machine. If the maximum is 56 and the minimum 22, she adds it up and turns it in to the editorial force as 78.

STARS STUDENTS LIKE

FORT WORTH.—The "talkies" are much preferred by the young people over the silent movies, if a survey made recently among Texas Christian University students is representative.

Approximately 91 per cent of the students questioned indicated a decided preference for the talking pictures over the old silent ones. And that this is not a merely theoretical opinion is shown by the additional fact that the average movie attendance of each students is one and one-half shows each week. Both boys and girls, members of all four classes, were questioned.

Nancy Carroll is the favorite star of both boys and girls, the questionnaire showed. Buddy Rogers came second in the vote, establishing himself as the favorite male star. These two led all others by at least 40 per cent.

Other movie stars named as favorites are: Greta Garbo, Gloria Swanson, Joan Crawford, Mary Brian, Billie Dove, George Bancroft, Gary Cooper, Richard Dix and Ramon Navarro. Numerous others received from one to four votes each.

Most of the students listed stories of college life as the type of plot they prefer. Other types, in the order ranked, are, musical comedy, drama comedy and tragedy.

RING LARDNER CHARACTER WISE-CRACKS ON SCREEN

Elmer ("Hurry") Kane lives on the screen.

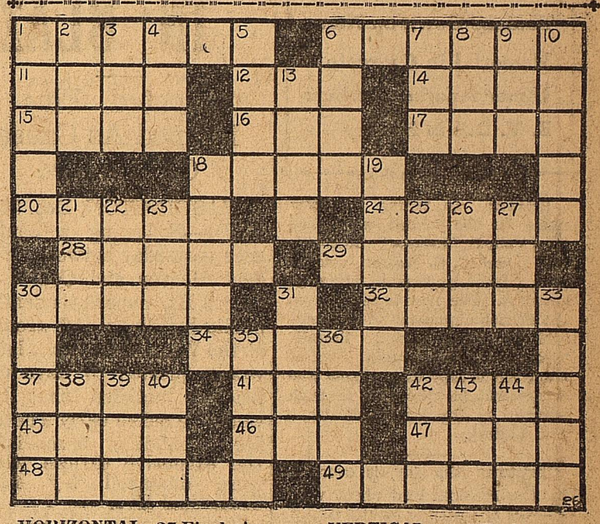
The famous character of the "You Know Me Al" series created by Ring Lardner, is interpreted for the first time, in "Fast Company," by Jack Oakie, popular young comedian of the smart-cracking type who was seen in "Close Harmony," "The Dummy," "The Wild Party" and other recent successful pictures.

Ring Lardner and George M. Cohan wrote the play from which "Fast Company" was adapted and the dialog sparkles with Lardner's ready, slangy wit. Evelyn Brent, spit-fire of many a crook melodrama, is seen here as the hard-boiled actress who succumbs to the wise-cracking, small-town hero, after a series of mix-ups which provide a riot of fun. Richard "Skeets" Gallagher, who played with Oakie in "Close Harmony," provides a bit of fun in "Fast Company."

"Fast Company," which will show at the Ritz Theatre, starting Friday for two days, is a new kind of boy and girl romance. It is fast-moving and unsentimental and decidedly amusing.

Motor cars, hitherto banned, are to be allowed on the Island of St. Helena.

Alphabetical Puzzle



HORIZONTAL
1 Spanish discoverer of the Mississippi.
6 Home of Longfellow's "Evangeline."
11 Bad.
12 Cat's foot.
14 Bundle.
15 To ward off.
16 To piece out.
17 Pitcher.
18 Plant.
20 Slackening bar.
24 What alphabet do we use?
28 Citric fruit.
29 Solemn.
30 Granted fact.
32 Glasses.
34 Positive terminal.
37 Final aim.
41 Age.
42 Festival.
45 Mud.
46 Insect.
47 To leave out.
48 Author of "Little Women."
49 Fortune.

VERTICAL
1 Author of "Robinson Crusoe."
2 Night before.
3 Iniquity.
4 Ancient.
5 Not closed.
6 Reveres.
7 Monkey.
8 Simpleton.
9 To frost.
10 Rubber manufacturing center.
13 Related.
18 Fragrance.
19 To run away.
21 Wing.
22 To harden.
23 Sour plum.
25 Cloth.
26 Decem.
27 Rage.
30 Tenet.
31 By nature.
33 To mention.
35 Tidy.
36 Fruit.
38 To lubricate.
39 Portion of a curved line.
40 Lion.
42 Secured.
43 Eucharist vessel.
44 Kindled.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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Christmas Dance For Sorority and Friends

Miss Martha Louise Nobles entertained the Mu Eta Sigma sorority Wednesday evening in her home on South Pecos street, with a lovely Christmas party.

The girls met at 6:30 and exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree.

Later in the evening the girls were joined by a group of boys and the young people spent several hours dancing. Punch was served throughout the evening.

The guest list included Misses Ida Beth Cowden, Helen Margaret Ulmer, Marian Wadley, Dorris Harrison, Nancy Rankin, Ruby Hodges, Jean Wolcott, Bennie Sue Ratliff, Annie Laurie Hix, Bernice Hill, Marie Hill, Eulalia Whitefield, Margaret Francis, Dorothy Bess Stanley, Norma Holtier, Evelyn Garlington, Jean Verdier, Mary Elizabeth Hood, and Miss Shackleford of Abilene; Messrs. Thomas Lee Speed, Wright Cowden, Vann Mitchell, Charles Edwards, Jr., French, Archie Estes, Mead McCall, Bush Elkin, Johnnie Ratliff, Hugh West, Alf Reise, Frank Midkiff, Lloyd Long, Lloyd Burris, C. C. Forester, Red Johnson, Knox Irwin, Whitten Pinnell, Walter Estes, C. M. Byrd, Winston Elkin, Charles Sandidge of Abilene, Elmo Poe, Happy Blades, and Wade Stevens.

Serves Christmas Breakfast

Mrs. A. P. Baker was hostess at a delightful waffle breakfast in her home Christmas morning at 9 o'clock.

The table was laid in white with tall Christmas candles and miniature figures of Santa Claus as decorations.

Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. A. E. Horst and M. J. Taggart.

James E. Kilgore of Boston, Madison King of Yoakum and Vic Ladybyrd of Los Angeles spent Christday in Midland and were among a group entertained at dinner at the municipal airport.

Mr. and Mrs. John Francis and daughter, Emma Katherine, of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shields of Wichita Falls are house guests of Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, 202 North B Street.

XMAS. IN FRANCE WRITTEN OF BY A FORMER COWHAND

The French spend the Christmas holidays somewhat different from Americans and, as a result, Americans in Paris are home-sick for a sight of their own land, writes Jason Wilkins, aviator who once worked on a Midland county ranch, to a staff writer on the Reporter-Telegram.

Wilkins, now flying for a wine company in Versailles, worked in this county for two summers as a cow hand, spending his university vacations in that manner. He learned to fly directly after the war, at Austin. His letter says, in part:

Christmas will be a day of homesickness for thousands of Americans who will spend it in France. For no matter how little they ordinarily miss their homeland, or how far removed their native ties, this day—to an American in France—just isn't Christmas.

The good people here do not wish you a "Merry Christmas." Excited children talk about Pere Noel (Father Christmas), and glory in their toys as do American children, but the greetings and gift-giving practices and general spirit of generosity and affection do not prevail among the grown-ups.

Christmas here is children's day. Father Christmas—not Santa Claus, whose saintly personality is quite unknown comes down the chimney some time during the night and leaves his bounty in shoes that are arranged around the hearth-stone. Shoes, not stockings, for Father Christmas would not at all know what to do with stockings.

Children Made Happy

Grown-ups devote their time to the children, operating and mending toys, and ask no quarter, and give none, to neighbors, aunts, uncles, cousins, acquaintances and other disturbing elements. If the children are happy, it is a merry Christmas here.

The gift-giving day with the French is the first of the New Year. They visit relatives and friends, exchange cards and presents, pass appropriate greetings, and begin the year with seriousness and solemnity. The children are as much out of this ceremonial as they are all-important on Christmas Day.

In the good old days before the war it was the French custom to inaugurate Christmas by attending mass at midnight on Christmas Eve. This worship still prevails, and the children are taken along, for it is the only night of the year when midnight mass is said. In the provinces, and especially in towns and villages, practically everybody goes to church at midnight before Christmas.

In Paris all Catholic churches give midnight mass, and one of the most vivid, heartfelt demonstrations of that something that is Christmas is seen at the monumental Madeleine at the gateway of the Grand Boulevard when the girls of the streets and out of the night places trek to the shrine, oblivious to what was or is to be, and find some comfort in prayer during the first hour of the day.

Despite Locarno and the Kellogg Pact, children this year are going in more than ever for the clarion cry of armed confict. The machinations of war are featured in toys, with airplanes, submarines, and rapid-firing battleships. In the midst of political parity preparations, these are the most popular playthings for the delectation of the little ones. A marshal of France, fully equipped with revolver, sword and spurs, can be bought for a dollar. Armies representing all Allied countries are pretty cheap.

Playthings Are Modern

Airplanes and hydroplanes come somewhat higher in price, but they are remarkable in their mechanism and many of them can quickly gain sufficient altitude to smash any hanging lamp. Cannons shoot projectiles dangerous for window-panes, and machine guns let off metal stars at the rate of four a second, like tracer bullets. Another toy guaranteed to entice infantile interest almost until nightfall is a fort which blows up by touching a button, scattering soldiers in all directions. And department store managers say that war toys are more popular than ever.

For little girls, dolls have changed as drastically as fashions for their mothers. The present Christmas doll is a modernized creature with plucked eyebrows, blackened eyelashes, rouged lips and long skirts.

Gilbert Ragsdale left last night for Dallas to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kele. He expects to be gone several days.

Duard E. Scott and Guy Bennett of Midland returned this morning from Wellington, Texas, where they spent Christmas with J. E. Farris and family. Mrs. Scott, who accompanied them, remained for a several weeks visit with her parents.

There'll come a time, of course, when the only place you'll see short-skirted ladies will be in the family album.

Which Shall It Be? -:- -:- By Fanny Darrell



AND now comes the time for the mid-Winter vacation—that is, if you are one of those fortunate ones who don't have to rush out every morning and play sonatas on a typewriter all day long.

Which shall it be? The sunny South or the frozen North? Both hold a definite appeal, and it's merely a question of which will prove the most thrilling. In the North there's skating and skiing and sledding and all the Winter sports which are so fascinating. There's the tang of the snow kissed air and the dance of the sunlight on the dazzling snow-covered earth. And the rosy glow of health that comes to the cheeks and the sparkle to the eyes. BUT——

Maybe you prefer the warm rays of Old Sol which will give the healthy tan and the joy of swimming in the waters as blue as the heavens which they reflect. The smell of the tropical flowers and the lazy, dreamy days on the sand and the witchery of the velvet nights and the moon-flooded world that casts a magic spell over everything.

Take your choice, only be sure that wherever you go Dan Cupid will follow you. You're not safe anywhere from this young rascal's wiles, so don't think you can run away from love. You'll probably run right into it wherever you go. And whichever you choose, forever after you'll know it was the wisest choice, for where you find Love there you also find Happiness.

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

By DOROTHY HERZOG

MEMORIES

Having blown this department's hoofer to a scup scoffee, Al Boasberg is entitled to a line-o-type. Food or drink qualifies for colyum space. I'm honest. Al lapsed mellow over his Java and recollected a coupla years ago when he married the right girl.

"Yep," sighed he, "and after the wedding the Rabbi drew me aside and said he took more than a rabbinical interest in the girls he married. Now, I knew I could take care of my wife while I was alive. He had no worries on that score. But suppose I kicked off and he pulled a life insurance catalogue from his pocket. The man was a life insurance salesman in disguise. I spent that night dodging him. It was a lovely wedding."

Al, by the bye, has dabbed his pen into several sketches which will be used for the new M. G. M. revue, including several for the old timers—Fay Templeton, De Wolf Hopper, Louis Mann, et cetera. There's a chap on that set imported along with the old timers who is 80 years old. He originated tap dancing.

MODESTY

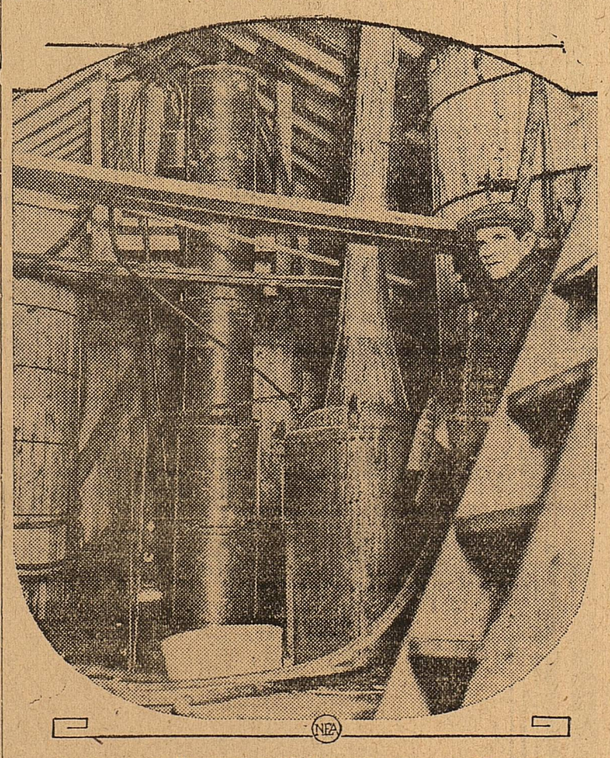
Didja hear the one about the producer who called several writers in, and told 'em to write a minstrel show? "I saw my last minstrel show thirty years ago," volunteered the producer. "I don't know anything about 'em," Modesty. "But now look, this is what I want."

Discovered. A dark and indigo slice of B. P. Schulberg's past. Ben is the high mogul of Famous today. Day before yesterday he was publicity man for the same kumpny. In the days of Mary Pickford, Sarah Bernhardt et al, and—here's the dark and indigo part—'tis he who coined the slogan that adhesives to Miss Pickford to this day: "America's Sweetheart."

SCREENALITIES: A big night at the New Embassy Club t'other eve. Jack Warner dancing with his outfit's new Budapest import, Lotti Loder. And she was gay in light blue eve. dress with headgear a-matching. She's coming along rapidly with her English. Knows how to say "okeh" . . . Mervyn Leroy dancing with his Missus, Edna. Mervyn denied being annoyed. "Directorial privilege," he put it . . . Then there was Laura La Plante terpsichoring with Jack Mulhall and neither minding the packed dance floor . . . Louise Fazenda declared she had never touched so many backs without an introduction . . . Slews of folks whooping it up in the Embassy room: Mr. and Mrs. Basil Fathbun, Virginia Valli and Charlie Farrell, Catherine Dale Owen and Prince Yucca Troubetsky, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilbert, Evelyn Brent and Harry D. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Schulberg, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Zanuck, the Jack Warners, Hedda Hopper, Eddie Goulding, Eddie Lowe. Paul Whiteman and his band arrived at midnight and played in their own inimical style. Lawdy, how those boys can music. Marion Harris sang. It was a festive eve, as us sassiety eds nonchalantly concluded . . . and then there's the writer (forget who 'twas) who described a coupla actors talking and then actors giving "an I for an I and a toot for a toot!" . . . . Pig knuckle and sauerkraut cost 50 cents in the Fox Restaurant. And—that's all.

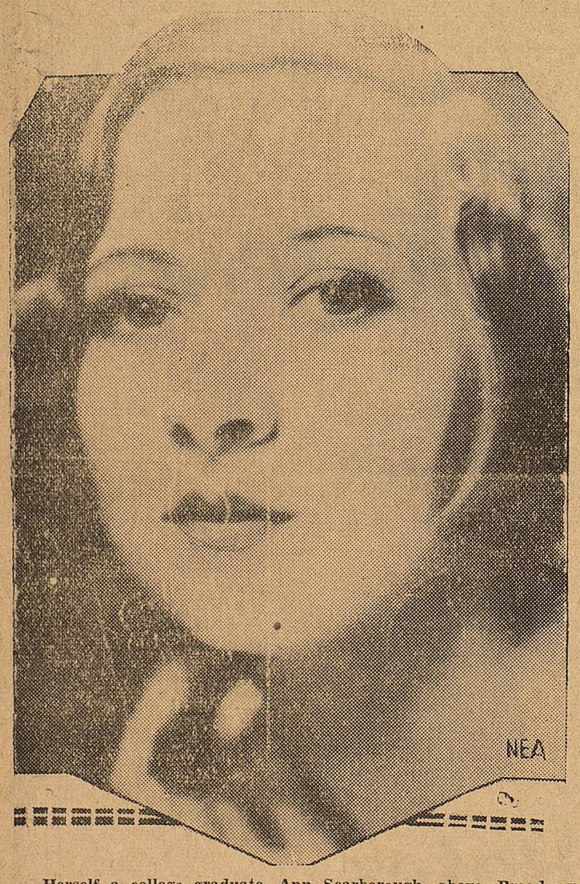
One out of every 1,000 people are put in jail, says a government bulletin. That doesn't sound like nearly enough.

A Dry Christmas



An enormous liquor plant that was turning out 880 gallons of Christmas whisky daily ceased to function right in the middle of the holiday rush when federal prohibtion agents descended on an isolated distillery near Montezuma, in Vermilion county, Indiana, and captured the biggest still ever seized in Indiana. The distillery is shown here, with equipment valued at $30,000.

Beautiful But Not Dumb Says Collegiate Chorine Of Footlight Sisterhood



Herself a college graduate, Ann Scarborough, above, Broadway chorus girl, says scores like herself are working from the ensemble to stardom.

NEW YORK. — Ann Scarborough, Broadway's first chorine to be an invited speaker before a group of Manhattan's swanky society and literary women, has discovered that a large marjority of the pretty maids in the better musical shows are trying to live up to their newly achieved title of "ladies of the ensemble."

Miss Scarborough, who attracted considerable attention when she addressed the very smart Book and Play Club, now produces statistics to show that in a group of 50 chorus girls, more than half that number were ambitiously using this position as a stepping stone to important roles.

"The chorus was affording most of them merely the opportunity to gain poise and assurance," said Miss Scarborough. "They all had voices of much better than average chorus type, and I found most of them to have been trained by well known teachers. Some of our best performers, and the most popular ones, came out of the chorus—as witness Ina Claire or Marion Davies or a dozen others.

"I've found girls who were fitting themselves for the concert stage, and for choral society work and for prominent singing roles, beginning at the bottom because it afforded opportunity. You'd be surprised to note what the girls read. In a group of four, three were reading the works of Conrad, Shaw and Wells and only one was poring over Snappy Stories. The number of girls with college and private school backgrounds is surprising. Since the Wall Street crash there are more girls from one-time wealthy Park Avenue homes than most people realize."

Miss Scarborough, herself a college graduate, is in the chorus of a revival of the old Strauss operetta, "A Wonderful Night."

LAW ABIDING COUNTY

BIG SPRING.—(AP)—Prohibition and crime waves notwithstanding, there is at least one county in these United States from which not a person has been sentenced to the penitentiary.

It is Borden county, Texas, of which Gail is the seat.

But the huge total of eight indictments resulted from the grand jury's last session and when Judge Fritz R. Smith convenes a term of district court Monday, December 23, the stage may be set for fracturing the record.

Court attaches explain that inadequate jury room facilities at Gail have led to transference of important criminal cases to other counties.

SNOW DOOMS HORSES

GETTYSBURG, S. D.—(UP)—Heavy snows on the prairies of Cheyenne River Indian reservation have made impossible the annual autumn roundup and 8,500 horses may roam at will over 260,000 acres of grazing land until spring.

Owners of the animals were able to remove only about 60 purebred stallions and bring them in for winter feeding. The remainder of the herd will be forced to forage all winter through the snow drifts for grass.

Approximately 2,000 of the horses are domesticated animals owned by farmers whose land joins the reservation and the others are of the wild Indian pony breed.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Curry are leaving for McCamey today where they will be in charge of the Bender Hotel.

J. E. Parker has gone for a several days' visit to his ranch in Andrews county.

Hunter Irwin and Bill Gates of Andrews county are spending the holidays with their families in Midland.

Miss Lucy B. Myrick is ill at her home on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pope left Midland yesterday for Dallas and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Estes left today for El Paso for a visit with relatives.

J. E. Chipman of Hobbs is spending the holidays in Midland.

Miss Lucille Thigpen of Shreveport is shopping in Midland today. Miss Thigpen is visiting in Wink.

Jimmy Jones, Doc Williams, G. F. Scott and Miss Bobby Zigler of Wink were Midland visitors today.

Paul Jones and Burleson Montgomery of Stanton were visiting in Midland on Christmas day.

Miss Vergie McKay, employed in Midland by the T. & P. Coal and Oil company is spending the holidays with her parents in Robstown.

Francis Orson from the Orson ranch north of town, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Tom of Stanton were visitors in the Frank Orson home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown of Midland are spending the holidays with relatives in Post.

Miss Amabelle Johnson of Midland spent Christmas in Merkel with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Simmons and daughters, Imogene and Artilec, passed through Midland today on their way to their home in Crane after spending the holidays in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson and daughter were in Midland Christmas day visiting with M. D. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewis of Carlsbad, New Mexico, stopped in Midland Wednesday for a short visit in the home of M. D. Johnson.

Miss Rose Strickland and Mrs. Bertha Kinney of Midland spent Christmas day on the Woody ranch southeast of town.

Mrs. Alberta Zigler of Wink is shopping in Midland today, with Miss Ernestine Zigler of Midland, who is spending the holidays in Wink.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nolan and son, Jimmie, visited in Odessa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Britton are spending the holidays at their home in Midland from Fort Stockton where they have been the past few weeks.

Miss Reid Thomas of Midland spent Christmas with her grandparents in Big Spring.

Clyde Barron and daughter, Dolores, returned yesterday from a visit to the Cummings ranch north of Midland.

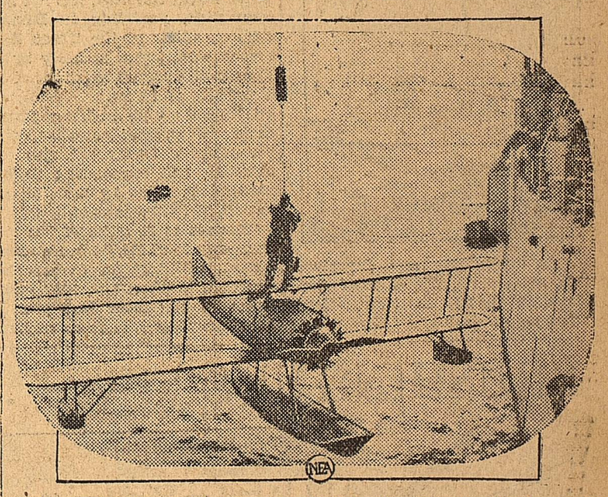
Secretary Browne of the McCamey chamber of commerce is in Midland today on business.

Henry Ford recently wrote a check for a penny. Surely he isn't buying back those Model T's!

A writer in a woman's magazine says feminine clothing these days is nothing if not sensible. Perhaps she should have said "next to nothing."

MEN O' WAR

U. S. Navy Has Good Aerial Fleet, But Lags Behind Air Strength of England



A navy seaplane being hoisted aboard the U. S. Scout cruiser Memphis after a flight.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eighth of a series of articles on the strength of the U. S. navy, especially as compared with that of Great Britain. The articles are of especial interest in view of the approaching naval arms limitation conference at London.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
Washington Correspondent for The Reporter-Telegram and NEA Service.

The United States falls behind the other principal naval powers in the number of its naval and military airplanes. If it were not for her continental isolation and comparative immunity from mass air attacks this probably would not be true. In discussing comparative naval plane strength it should be borne in mind that army and navy planes should be grouped together as their types and duties are much the same.

The navy now has 829 useful planes and will have 1000 when its five year air program is completed in 1931. The army has 1083, including these of the national guard and organized reserves, and will have nearly 400 more.

The air arm of the British navy has 547 planes and the Royal Air Force has 2481, according to the best available information. Thus the combined British air strength appears now to exceed the American by a ratio of more than 3 to 2.

American battleships, cruisers and airplane carriers had 281 planes on their decks last year. British war vessels, however, carried 547, indicating a market superiority for offensive purposes as well as defensive. The rest of our naval planes are distributed among bases and stations, whereas British naval stations are supplied with planes from the R. A. F., and the planes of the British air arm" are all aboard ship. Naval air forces contain both seaplanes and landplanes, many of them convertible, and a few amphibians—a type which is being developed.

The navy has five general types of planes, closely resembling the army's. There's the small, easily maneuverable fighting plane built to fight enemy aircraft, strong in offensive and light in defensive power. And the observation or spotting planes which besides general scout work fly over targets and radio back how the shots are hitting. To aid them in their job of locating the enemy these are given a large cruising radius.

Bombing and torpedo planes are a third class. The former lay down bomb barrages directly on a given area containing hostile ships and the latter, swooping to within a hundred feet or less of the water, drop torpedoes equipped with steering and timing apparatus which skim along the surface toward the target.

Transport planes, a fourth group, are used for fast carrying of personnel and also for long coast patrol cruises during which the local ordinarily allowed for passengers is devoted to gasoline. The remaining class is supposed to be fool-proof.

Naval aviation now has 843 officers and 11,642 enlisted men. Its pilots number 693. The amount to be spent on naval aviation in the next fiscal year, according to the president's budget message, is more than $32,000,000.

TOMORROW: Gunboats.

New French Sub is Veritable Undersea Cruiser

PARIS, Dec. 26.—With five world powers making preparations for the London naval disarmament conference, France has expressed her position on the seas with the launching of the submarine Surcouf, the most formidable under-water craft ever constructed. It is planned that a sister ship will be put under construction as soon as tests prove the Surcouf's design is sound.

The Surcouf is in reality a submersible cruiser. In size and armament she is greater than any submarine in the service of British or American navies. She was slipped into the water at the Cherbourg navy yard with fitting ceremony, but newspaper cameramen were not allowed to operate and every precaution was taken to guard her secrets.

With the Surcouf being fitted for actual service, there is little doubt that France will go the limit at any naval disarmament conference in support of this type of defense.

Surpasses All Others

Nothing so powerful as the Surcouf has ever before been conceived in the line of submersibles. The British X-1 and the American V-4, hitherto the largest submarines afloat, are dwarfed by the French boat, the armaments of which make her a formidable force against anything less than a heavily armed cruiser.

The Surcouf displaces 3250 tons on the surface and 4304 tons while submerged. These figures are calculated on the Washington treaty standard scale which ignores the weight of oil and other items. The British light cruiser Comus only displaces 3750 tons, while her largest submarine displaces 2525 tons on the surface and 3600 when submerged.

The submarine is 400 feet in length, can attain a speed of 19 knots and has a cruising range of 13,000 miles, which means that it can go half way around the world without stopping. It is the most heavily armored of all submarines. It carries four 5-inch guns and 30 torpedoes. The upper deck is armored against shell fire and, in addition to four guns, carries an anti-aircraft battery, a novelty in submarine equipment.

Another remarkable departure of the Surcouf is that it carries, in a special water-tight compartment, or hangar, on the deck, a small seaplane which can direct her operations by radio over a considerable area.

The depth of the Surcouf from the keel to the upper works is 14 1-2 feet, giving her a free board as high as a destroyer. Diesel engines will drive her 19 knots on the surface while electric motors will maintain a speed of 10 knots while submerged. With a cruising range enabling her to make two round trips across the Atlantic without refueling, the massive construction of her hull permits descending to a depth of 427 feet.

U. S. Record 220 Feet

No diving records of the V-4 are available, but the V-2 set a record for her class by submerging 220 feet off Provincetown, Mass. The greatest depth ever reached by an American submarine was 315 feet, but that was an accident. Lieut.-Com. Lewis Hancock, Jr., took the L-4 to that depth in the Irish sea during the war when something went wrong with the ballast. He survived the experience, but was killed in the crash of the dirigible Shenandoah over Ohio.

A crew of 150 men will be needed to man her.

While the American V-4 has only four torpedo tubes, the Surcouf has 14 built to take the largest and most destructive torpedoes. There are eight tubes in the bow, two in the stern and four broadside. The armament of Britain's largest submarine has four 5.2 inch guns and only six torpedo tubes.

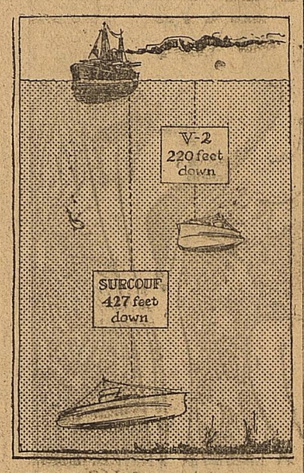
The submarine, French naval officials say, is destined for colonial defense, and may be taken as France's argument for powerful submarines as essential to her safety at sea.

The Surcouf is named after one of the greatest of French sailormen, Robert Surcouf, who preyed upon British shipping during the Napoleonic wars.

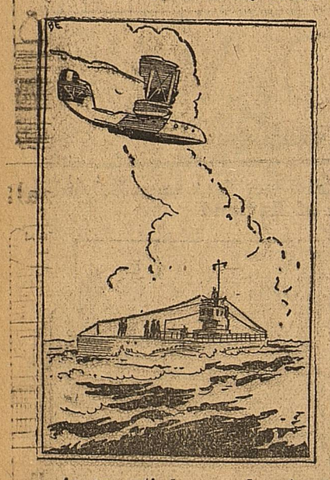
THE BIGGEST SUBS, AT A GLANCE

	U. S. V-4	French Surcouf
Men carried	88	150
Maximum speed, knots	17	19
Cruising radius, miles	10,000	13,000
Torpedo tubes	4	14
Torpedoes carried	Secret	30
Deck guns	1	4
Length over all, feet	381	400
Depth, feet	33 1-2	42 1-2
Mines carried	60	.....
Planes carried	.....	1
Diving depth, feet	*220	427

*Record of U. S. submarine V-2.



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Building Continues On Downward Trend

AUSTIN, Texas.—It is now quite evident that the building spurt in Texas during October was only temporary and the downward trend, which began last May, has not been terminated, according to Bervard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review, issued monthly by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas.

"Not only were building permits during November smaller than November last year but also construction and engineering projects declined in value by more than a third," Mr. Nichols said.

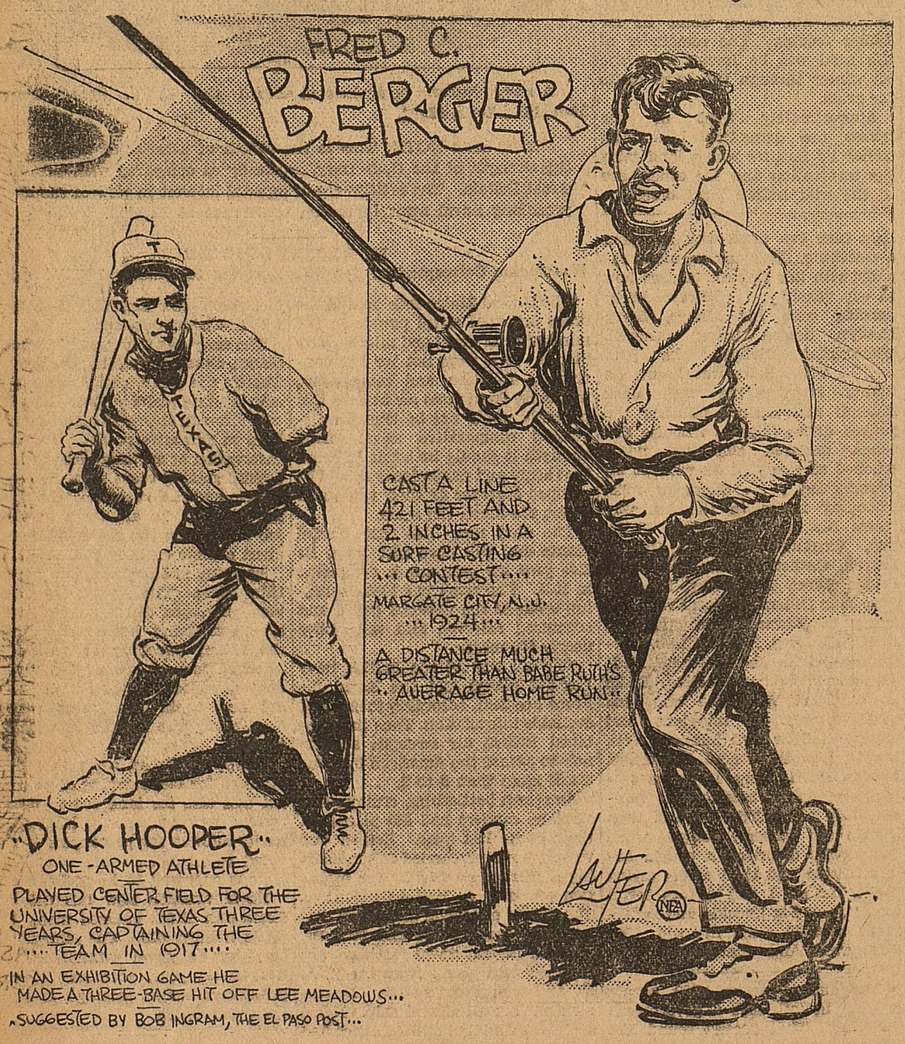
"Permits in 35 cities of the state amounted to $7,452,000 in November, against $9,036,000 in October and $9,556,000 in November, 1928. Compared to November last year, 20 cities show losses, one was unchanged and fourteen reported gains. Engineering and construction projects let in the state during November totalled $13,000,000, a decline of 33 per cent from last year. Contemplated projects were reported at $14,000,000, whereas contemplated work in November, 1928, reached a total of $19,00,000."

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Rawls Bowden arrived Saturday from Ranger, where he attends school, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowden. Rawls was a letter man on the Ranger high school football team this year, playing a -back field position. W. R. Bowden is representative in this territory for the state railroad commission, oil and gas division.

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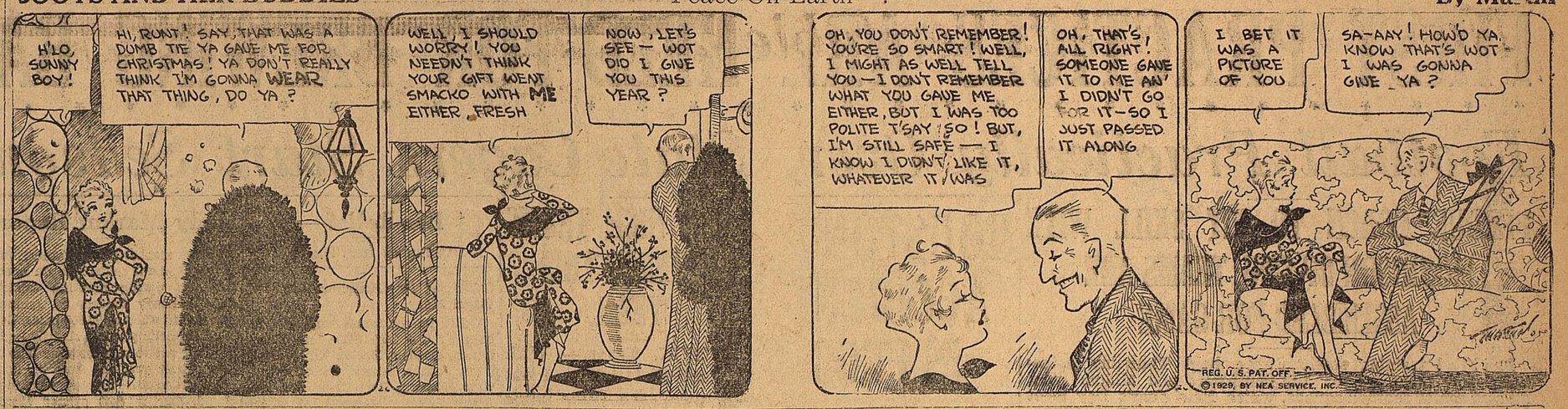
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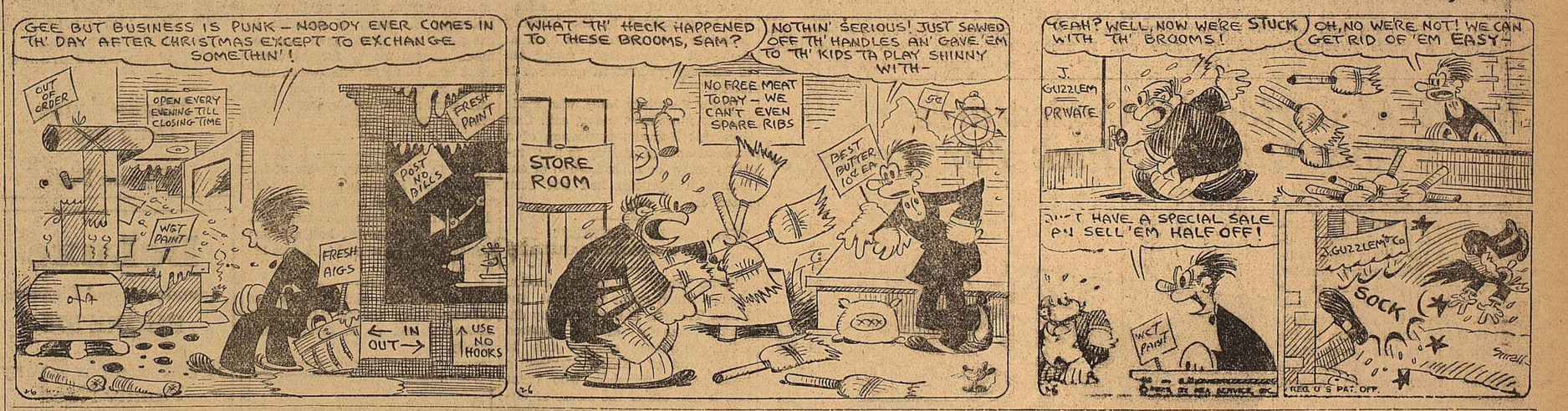


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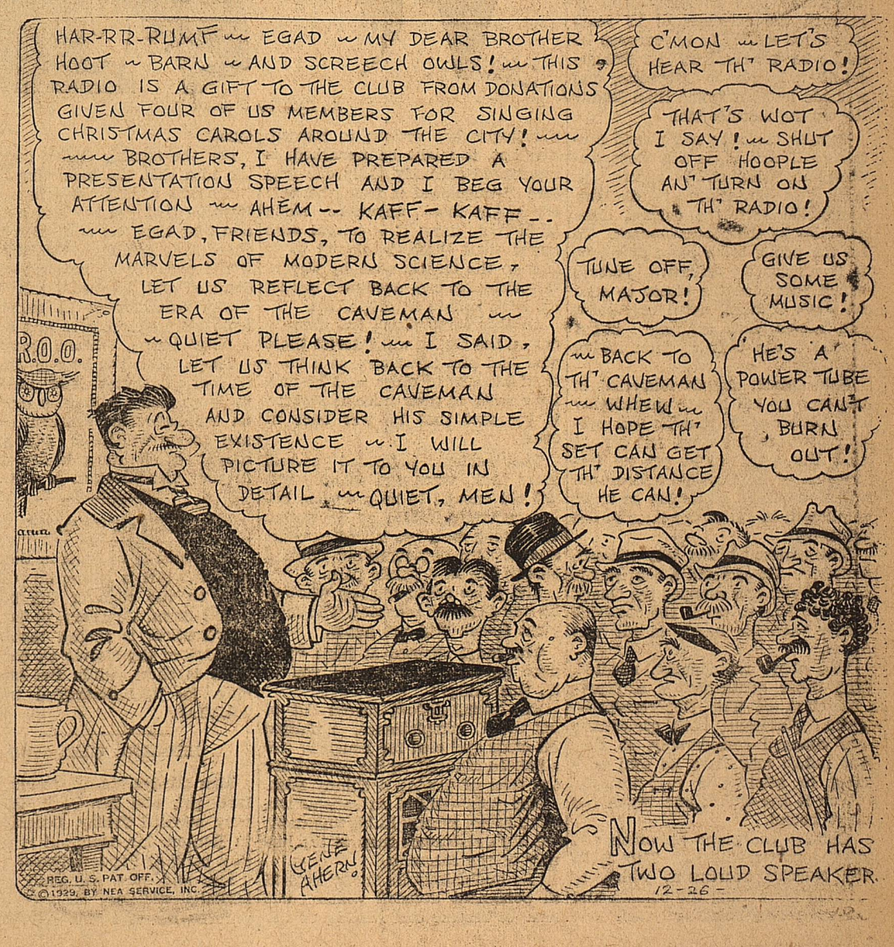
SALESMAN SAM — Handling the Situation — By Small



Out Our Way — By Williams



Our Boarding House — Ahern



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

BARBS

Arizona means to keep her dinosaur tracks. That ought to inspire Kansas and Texas to frame their jack-rabbit footprints.

The same country that gave the Kellogg peace pact to the world also has a man named Pat Hurley as secretary of war.

If Mr. Van Dine wants to write a real murder story, he should look into the eyes of almost any shopgirl during the Christmas season.

A naturalist has found a bald-headed eagle. We didn't know naturalists ever went around snooping in the revues.

Playing billiards in an airplane, as Ralph Greenleaf did the other day, may be all right, but we hope there are no holes in the floor.

Consider the alarm clock. It goes along giving people bad news for years and never has to have it face lifted.

A professor writes that only fools are certain of anything. But, professors, are you sure?

Shark's teeth are used for money in some of the Pacific Islands; while in China they are mounted in gold to form attractive ornaments.

A Detroit automobile magnate, Mr. Henry B. Joy, takes a rap at dry hypocricy. Surely not because there are so many Joy rides!

Edison's first incandescent lamp gave less than one and a half lumens of light per watt. The modern lamp gives as high as 20 lumens.

The spans of American bridges have increased from 520 feet in 1884 to 4,000 feet now under construction across San Francisco Bay.

The first lights to warn ships at sea were of burning wood. Then came the coal fires, next oil-burning lamps, and now the electric arc.

On December 31, 1928, the railways of the United States were operating about 260,000 miles of line. There has been but relatively little change in this figure during the last twelve years.

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FIRST PRACTICES ARE HELD FOR BREWING BATTLE IN DALLAS

Football Practically Over, State Cagers Start Season

PERDUE COACH TO PIT SKILL WITH MORRISON OF SMU; TEAMS ARE ASSEMBLED FOR GAME

Initial training sessions were held Thursday afternoon for members of the Southwest and Middle West all-star senior football squads, which New Year's Day meet in the second annual Dixie Classic at Ownby Stadium, Dallas, in a contest from which all proceeds less actual expenses go to the Texas Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital.

Coach Ray Morrison of the Southern Methodist University, who will groom the Southwestern players, expects to have a full squad on hand at Ownby Stadium for his following workouts. The same thing is true of Jimmy Phelan, coach of the Big Ten champion Purdue eleven, who will assemble a fine looking assortment of great and near-great pigskin warriors at Fair Park Stadium. The opening drills are expected to be mild affairs in which the rival coaches will spend more time in placing players at team positions rather than in attempting any rough work. It will be a different story from Friday until the day before the game, though. Starting Friday, with the exception of Sunday, two practices each day will be carded. All workouts will be secret.

Four more huskies blew into town Wednesday to bring the total crop of Mid-Western stars now on hand to thirteen. The others are expected early Thursday morning. Two Michigan stars came in together. They were Dynamite Joe Gembis, a line-crashing, powerful ball carrier, and H. Poe, husky tackle. Another Big Ten arrival was Allen Holman, triple-threat Ohio State quarterback. Completing the quartet was Richard Nesbitt, Drake halfback, who in the last season earned commendation for his exceptionally brilliant kicking.

Quentin Crabaugh, giant Arkansas guard, was the first of the out-of-town Southwestern stars to put in an appearance Wednesday. Others checked in at the Dallas Athletic Club later in the day. Most of the squad is expected to be on hand for the first workout.

The Big Ten stars already arrived spent a leisurely Christmas. The day's program included golf at the Dallas Country Club, a sight-seeing cruise on the bus placed at their disposal and for those with educated toes, a dance Wednesday night.

Haley Speaker—

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Chairman Ryan then called upon Mrs. J. A. Haley for a speech, and she expressed the thanks of the Haley family for the hospitality of the two clubs.

Leonard Proctor, mayor of McCamey, was a guest at the luncheon and brought greetings from his city to Midland.

Lunar Rocket—

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the rocket, in returning to earth, might smite a native. Dr. Goddard argued that the object which returned to the ground invariably landed only a short distance from the point from which the rocket had been loosed. Finally he compromised by transferring his experimental station to Camp Devens.

Mystery has surrounded the professor's activities hereabouts. That remote section of deserted Camp Devens from which his 80-foot steel tower pokes its nose into the air has been guarded by two of his representatives who thus far have barred all curious from the reservation.

Bulldogs On High School Honor Roll

Two Midland high school Bulldogs, Lloyd Burris and Frank Midkiff, have been selected for the Class B honor roll, being two of only 239 such men to qualify throughout the state.

Burris was given his rating at quarterback, Midkiff at half back. Wide publicity was given the choice through the large state newspapers.

Both men were mainstays of the Midland high school offense and defense all season, a fact which enabled the team to win the district championship and lose the bi-district game with Roscoe by only 7 points.

HOUSTON ACCIDENT IS PROBED

Wind Blows Box Car, Passenger Train Is Struck

DALLAS, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The holiday accident toll in the state was found today to be nine dead. 11 injured, and $15,000 damage.

A street car at Houston severed the body of John Nash. Eleanor Adams, negress, died in Houston when an automobile struck her. Edwin Finn and Verna Williams were also Houston traffic victims.

Charles Breudenburg and Mrs. Mary Foster were killed by autos near San Antonio.

A man named Richardson was killed when his automobile went into the ditch near Lufkin.

Lewis Caster was burned fatally when a stove exploded at his home near Irving.

The body of Carl Budwell was found in the Galveston channel.

INVESTIGATE HOUSTON DEATH

HOUSTON, Dec. 26.—(UP).—Justice Campbell Overstreet is withholding his verdict today in connection with the death of John Nash, 28, who police believe was slugged and left to be crushed to death by a street car.

The motorman of the car, whose machine ran over Nash, said he noticed a dark object lying on the tracks. He jammed the brakes but the car failed to stop until it had passed over the body.

A negro woman was killed here Christmas day by an automobile.

NEW-FANGLED PARSON

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(UP)—Rev. C. C. Grimes, introducing himself to his new congregation at the Church street M E. church here announced he was proudly the only Methodist minister in the world who does not care for chicken. "I don't like chicken, Sinclair Lewis, potato salad or Mencken," he declared from the pulpit.

1,400 HIGH TEAMS ENTERED THIS YEAR

AUSTIN, Texas — With the football tournament out of the way, the Texas Interscholastic League of the University of Texas is turning its eyes toward the basket ball tourney. Breckenridge and Port Arthur have tied for the State championship in interscholastic league football, and it is not likely that the tie will be played off, according to Roy Henderson, chief of the University League Bureau.

Approximately 1,400 teams will begin the contest in basket ball in the 200 counties participating in this league sport, Mr. Henderson said. The county games will begin immediately after the Christmas holidays, and the winners will be selected for the district games to be held the latter part of February. Bi-district games will be scheduled by the State Bureau, and the State finals will be played in the new University gymnasium on March 7 and 8.

"The State Bureau will also begin immediately after the Christmas season to work out details for the regional baseball games," Mr. Henderson said. "This year is the first the Interscholastic League has sponsored this sport, and the tourneys will end at the regional meets instead of at the State meet. The State will be divided into six or seven regions and a regional champion will be selected in each region. The first baseball games will be played in March and the tournament will be over by May 1. This sport will round out the entire year for the League, with football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and baseball and track being scheduled concurrently in the spring."

Prohi Plan Ready For Submission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Plans for prohibition enforcement, which include a unified border patrol and the limitation of the number of ports of entry from Canada will be submitted by the treasury department to congress as soon as the joint congressional committee to consider prohibition questions is named.

Under Secretary Mills, who made the announcement today, said that President Hoover's suggestion of a congressional committee to be named to study the consolidation of enforcement agencies had not been acted on.

"WISE GIRLS" FUNNIEST OF DOMESTIC COMEDIES

"Wise Girls," a talking motion picture which opens today at the Yucca Theatre, is a very funny domestic comedy of a pestered father with two excess girls to marry, and of "Kempy James," a timid young plumber, who turns into a lion under the stress of circumstances. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer offer this fun piece which E. Mason Hopper directed. It played 53 weeks on Broadway, New York, as one of the greatest successes the stage has known. J. C. and Elliott Nugent are seen in their original roles. On the stage the play was known as "Kempy."

BIG DAY IN DIVORCES

HELENA, Ark.—(UP)—A new divorce record was believed established here recently when Judge A. L. Hitchins granted 33 divorces and refused none in one day's court.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wadley and Barron and Marrion Wadley left this morning for Lubbock to spend a few days.

Madison Sandidge is here from Abilene where he attends Simmons University. He is a member of the Cowboy Band.

VARSITY GETS CHIMES

HOUSTON.—(AP)—A set of chimes designed in France has been donated to the University of Texas by a "distinguished ex-student who wishes to remain anonymous," President H. Y. Benedict advised City Attorney Sam Neathery of Houston, member of the board of regents.

The chimes, which will play "America," "Come to the Bower," "Dixie" and "The Eyes of Texas," will be installed in the main building at Austin.

Scotland is a country where there are detours at all the toll gates.

If the boy cries for a horn for Christmas, maybe you'd better give him one to shut him up.

Bas-Relief—

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Cabin and Tiny House are chums of Virgin Mary.

Other names found among the boys at the institution are Dairy Lunch, Oldham Bacon, Elijah Donkeyo, Joshua, Moses, Pictorial Review Johnson, Erie Canal Jackson, Admiral Dewey, General Lee, Munsing Underwear, and Major Calhoun.

What will woman think of this? Dr. Norman C. Lake, eminent physician of Charing Cross, England, says the fair sex will lose their toes. Remarkable prospect when it is considered that the opposite sex is daily atrophying feet of the feminine members of the race—and, at the same time, seeking beauty aids and hints all the time. It's a question of the high heel shoes and resultant splaying out of the foot. When milady has only a great toe, will she go swimming in the brink without her beach shoes?

Opponents of the new system by which prohibition agents may secure private telephone numbers and corresponding addresses under government subpoenaes will present their arguments when the first case based on such procedure is tried in federal court at San Francisco in two more days. The men are the Anti-Snoopers, and a good name it is.

Unless a new trial is granted by the court, John H. Castle will have to pay Miss Bertha Cleavenger $750,000 for breach of promise. And the man is listed on the court records as a workman at the Ford plant. The woman ran a rooming house. Either the woman failed to consult Bradstreet or Dunn, the court got hay wire, or Ford pays startling wages—the decision doubles any previous breach of promise suit. Eight women and four men probably convinced several bachellors in the audience that it may be safer to marry after all.

A business expert advises girlies who want to experience martial bliss to first get a good job. He tells them they are thus more independent and, therefore, command more respect. He probably failed to think, however, of the wage scale resultant of women doing public work following the entry of America in the great war. Many men can not make enough money for establishment of a home for the reason that there is competition among men and women for employment, thus bringing down wages.

Rev. O. W. Roberts, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, who has been confined to his bed several days with rheumatism, is some better today after having had a severe attack during the night, it was reported today.

Bem Cowden and family of O'Donnell are visiting Mrs. R. D. McAnally and C. F. Cowden and family.

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Daily Market Report

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FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH.—Livestock: hogs, receipts six hundred, steady to ten higher, top nine twenty five. Cattle, eleven hundred, steady to strong, top eleven fifteen. Sheep, six hundred, market limited, four decks good shorn lambs, market steady, top twelve dollars.

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Red Hill, son of Mrs. B. L. Beauchamp of Midland, is visiting his mother during the holidays. He attends McMurray college at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dulin of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gammill of Ponder, and John Clark of Abilene are the house guests of Mrs. J. P. Inman. Mrs. Dulin and Mrs. Gammill are daughters of Mrs. Inman.

Porter Rankin left this morning for Fort Worth on a business trip. He has spent the holdays with his family, coming over from Vernon where he has oil operations.

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Now, contrary to a more or less general belief, there are not two Quacks. This is the first postulate, even if it is a negative one, in the solution of a mystery about which local Sherlocks and Dupins are bothering their various shaped craniums.

There is only one quack, and he is sufficient in himself. The gentleman's age may be ascertained as between the extremes of 12 years and three score. In appearance he might be described as less diabolical than Lucifer or Mephisto, and a shade less handsome than Buddy Rogers the matinee idol.

Popular curiosity has piqued certain staff writers on The Reporter-Telegram, with strict regard to their own protection, to disclaim connection with the column done each day by the popular Quack. To let the public know more definitely, it is almost a defensive gesture which prompted the editor to send for Jack O'Brian, noted cartoonist, and assign that drawing board specialist the task of interviewing the Quack.

Said Quack, already immersed in the idea of his innate invincibility and quite certain that he was putting over another coup, felt certain that the artist could get no impression of his physical appearance which would be so lasting as to be duplicated in caricature later in the afternoon.

The cartoonist was wily himself, however. He secreted a camera inside his vest and snapped the Quack just too late to catch the insidious writer with his hands in his vest holes.

The above reproduction resulted. The other gentleman is a representative of The Reporter-Telegram. Naturally, both caricatures are changed considerably, so that the public may have its own puzzling in attempting to identify which is the Quack and which the news hound.

Observe the piano at which one of the gentlemen sits. This is in the Quack's apartment, which is utilized for writing the column and for composing music to lyrical ode the Quack has written to himself. The hat, it might be remarked, is reproduced correctly. Only one feature distinguished it from the hats one might meet anywhere along Main these days; it is several sizes larger than these, belonging as it does to the Quack, who, by way of respecting his own wordiness has let his head inflate in proportion.

Another thing which has cropped out on the Quack will interest those who find him invaluable as a baiter of humans in order that he may later write of their inferior reparte, is the fact that he was once in court.

The incident happened several years back, when the Quack was not old enough to be a Quack, being generally known as a goslin. The young man was hailed in court and accused of having cut down a cherry tree in a public park.

The judge asked the boy whether he was guilty or innocent. The incipient Quack pled not guilty.

The judge shouted at him: "You were guilty. What caused you to do this thing?"

The young fellow, scared out of his usual complaisance, admitted his error and pled for leniency. He admitted committing the offense for the sake of getting a shinny stick.

The judge smiled in satisfaction, more at his success in beating down the boy's resistance than at the humor of the situation.

"Go and shinny no more," he said in benignant decision which was later to become the undoing of the Quack.

For the coming Quack conceived the idea that the mellowing of the judge was caused by that jurist learning that the boy had a stick—and fear that the admission was a veiled threat, that the cherry stick would one day be bounced off his denuded and polished dome.

The Quack-to-be at once rose from his goslin reserve and became a noisy, biting, vitriolic Quack.

There, folks, you have it, the history of the Quack. Now, in finishing your study, look once more upon the handsome gentlemen above and decide which is the person sought—but be exceptionally careful in your identification of the other.

Errorgrams

(1) There is no back in the chair the little girl is sitting on. (2) The title on the edge of the book is upside-down. (3) Diary, in the girl's conversation, is spelled incorrectly. (4) One of the sleeves on the girl's dress is short, while the other is long. (5) The scrambled word is TRIVIAL.

MIDLAND GIRL WED

Miss Gladys Inman, former Midland girl, and Mr. J. P. Gammill were married Friday, December 20, in Denton. Mr. Gammill is cashier in a bank at Ponder, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gammill are in Midland visiting Mrs. Gammill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Inman.

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