

Weather Forecast

WEST TEXAS: Fair and colder in southeast tonight. Saturday fair.

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MELLON RESIGNATION DEMANDED

Coast Guard Crew Defended in Firing on Downey Craft Tennessee Asked for Plane in Which to Hunt Slayers

ROBBERS WOUNDED, BELIEF

Money Found in Auto Which Had Been Abandoned

SMITH'S GROVE, Ky., Dec. 27.—(UP)—An airplane summoned from Louisville today is augmenting the search for three bandits who may be hiding in the woods after robbing a bank and killing the bank president when he tried to interfere.

Police believe the robbers are crossing the country on foot after escaping from the woods which was surrounded by armed posses during the night. Possesmen who penetrated the thickets today found no trace of the robbers.

TOOK \$1,000 SMITH'S GROVE, Ky., Dec. 27.—J. Robert Kirby, 45, president of the Farmers bank, was shot and killed by three men here Thursday as he and a party of friends attempted to stop the robbers' automobile after they had robbed the Oakland bank at Oakland, Ky., near here of \$1,000.

Four or five hundred citizens organized into posses under the sheriff started searching the hills near here for the bandits. Several shots were fired at the bandit car as they left Oakland and it is thought that two of them are wounded.

The men entered the Oakland bank Thursday morning, lined up ten customers and bank employees, scooped up all money in sight and dashed for their automobile. Several citizens fired at them. Notification of the robbery was then telephoned to Smith's Grove and a party opened fire on the robbers as the car entered the town.

Robbers Return Fire The robbers returned the fire, killing Kirby and wounding Charles Beard, 22, in the foot. The car sped on and later was found abandoned three miles farther down the road. A bag of money found in the car is believed to be the entire loot obtained at the Oakland bank.

An appeal was made to Adjutant General W. C. Boyd of Tennessee for an airplane of the Tennessee national guard to scout the country, but Boyd said he did not have authority for a plane to serve outside the state.

The posses late Thursday were swelled by scores of farmers who arrived with shotguns and pistols.

MAY CHARGE 6 WITH MURDER OF CHESTER FUGATE

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Murder charges are expected to be filed soon against six men who Chester Fugate, 35, named as those who took him from jail Christmas morning, shot him many times and left him lying in the snow. Fugate died late yesterday.

Five of the group who surrendered after the shooting were held on charges of malicious shooting, and wounding. Commonwealth's attorney said murder charges would be mandatory if Fugate died.

Rubio Visits Tombs Of American Heroes WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The tombs of George Washington and the unknown soldier were visited today by Pascual Ortiz Rubio, president elect of Mexico, who in the midst of a full military tribute paid him by the United States government went to Mount Vernon and Arlington.

In Bas-Relief

Love in Insanity Birth Control on Farm Man Flies Better Players to Fort Worth?

Pity the poor farmer in North Carolina who became insane on Christmas day and killed his wife and six of his seven children. The love of a father might have prompted him, even in insanity, to arrange his family for burial. The hands of the members of the family were folded across their breasts, their heads pillowed and eyes closed. Students of abnormal psychology will add another "case" to their notebooks. The remaining son of the family will not be so scientific. His actions will be prompted by a law more inflexible than that of curiosity.

A national survey taken by a large magazine has resulted in learning that farmers and their wives wish to go on record as favoring "legalizing doctors to impart birth control methods to married couples who apply jointly."

This new thought is wide from the conception generally mirrored in American fiction, which, at best, is not a norm. Through consultation of vital statistics, it is found that farmers have the largest families of any other class. This condition does not always work out satisfactorily. Too many children become an inflexible liability. A parent's duties to a child cannot be always executed when there are so many children that there is too great a distribution necessary.

Modern methods developed in the chemical laboratories of the country are improving aviation through perfecting safety factors. A new compound makes less weight necessary in the cooling of water-cooled motors; maple syrup makes wings impervious to ice formation; the French are making a new and better fuel for high compression motors, and the whole country is at work on sane development, rather than freakish experimentation.

Results show already. The new plan assumes risks which have not been taken by insurance companies—protection of students on solo flights and continuance of coverage even after a plane has been destroyed and replaced. The plan is heralded as the first step ever taken to perpetuate the activities of a flying club. There are more than 100 clubs in the country. Formerly, without insurance protection, clubs were often forced out of existence when planes were destroyed.

More results: 8,500 passengers are embracing each day for trips through the air. Seventy-four million miles were flown over the first half period of the year. Confidence in flying is cutting down illness of passengers in the air. The Guggenheim Fund for Promotion of Aeronautics reveals. Less than 5 per cent of passengers carried become ill in the air. Part of this per cent feels ill because of "psychological" reason.

Those who "listen in" on the great radio chain programs will be interested to know that one of the great commercial companies behind some of the broadcasts has announced it will permit very little commercial announcements. This will do away with offensive announcements which always break into programs. "There will be almost total omission of announcements," the company has said.

The Midland Little Theatre may announce its entry in the Little Theatre tournament which will be held in Fort Worth, beginning April 21. The play group here was extended this invitation last year. (Continued on Page 6)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS QUOTED

"Blank Shots Fired." Lowman Says To The Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(UP)—Assistant Treasury Secretary Seymour Lowman today defended the action of a Buffalo coastguard crew in firing upon a craft on the Niagara river, resulting in the death of Eugene F. Downey, Junior. Lowman's statement referred to Downey's vessel as a "rum runner." The fact that no liquor was aboard was not proved "because there was plenty of time to throw it overboard," Lowman said. He said men shot six blank shots warning the vessel to stop.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—(UP)—operation of federal with county and city authorities in investigating circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting Wednesday night of Eugene F. Downey, Jr., by the crew of coast guard boat No. 2245 was promised to the fullest extent by U. S. Attorney Richard H. Templeton last night. An inquest will be held today. The three members of the coast guard crew are held at the local coast guard station.

Referring to a telegram dispatched by District Attorney Guy E. Moore to Attorney General William D. Mitchell in Washington urging that pressure be brought to bear to force Templeton to reveal the facts of the case, the federal official stated: "No requests for co-operation were made to me, either by Moore or by city officials before 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, some hours after the wire was sent to Washington. We are ready and have been ready to work with Moore and other authorities in fixing the blame in the matter."

Templeton said that in his opinion the coast guardsmen were by no means culpable. "They acted in pursuit of their duty," he said. "They gave Downey's boat the customary warning to stop. When he did not stop they fired."

URGES CIVIL TRIAL NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—United States Senator Royal S. Copeland today sent a telegram to Rear Admiral Frederick C. Billard, coast guard commandant, urging that coast guardsmen involved in the fatal shooting of Eugene F. Downey, Jr., at Buffalo, N. Y., be turned over to civil authorities.

The New York senator's telegram, sent to Admiral Billard at Washington, (Continued on Page 6)

Midland Attorney Files 88 Leases

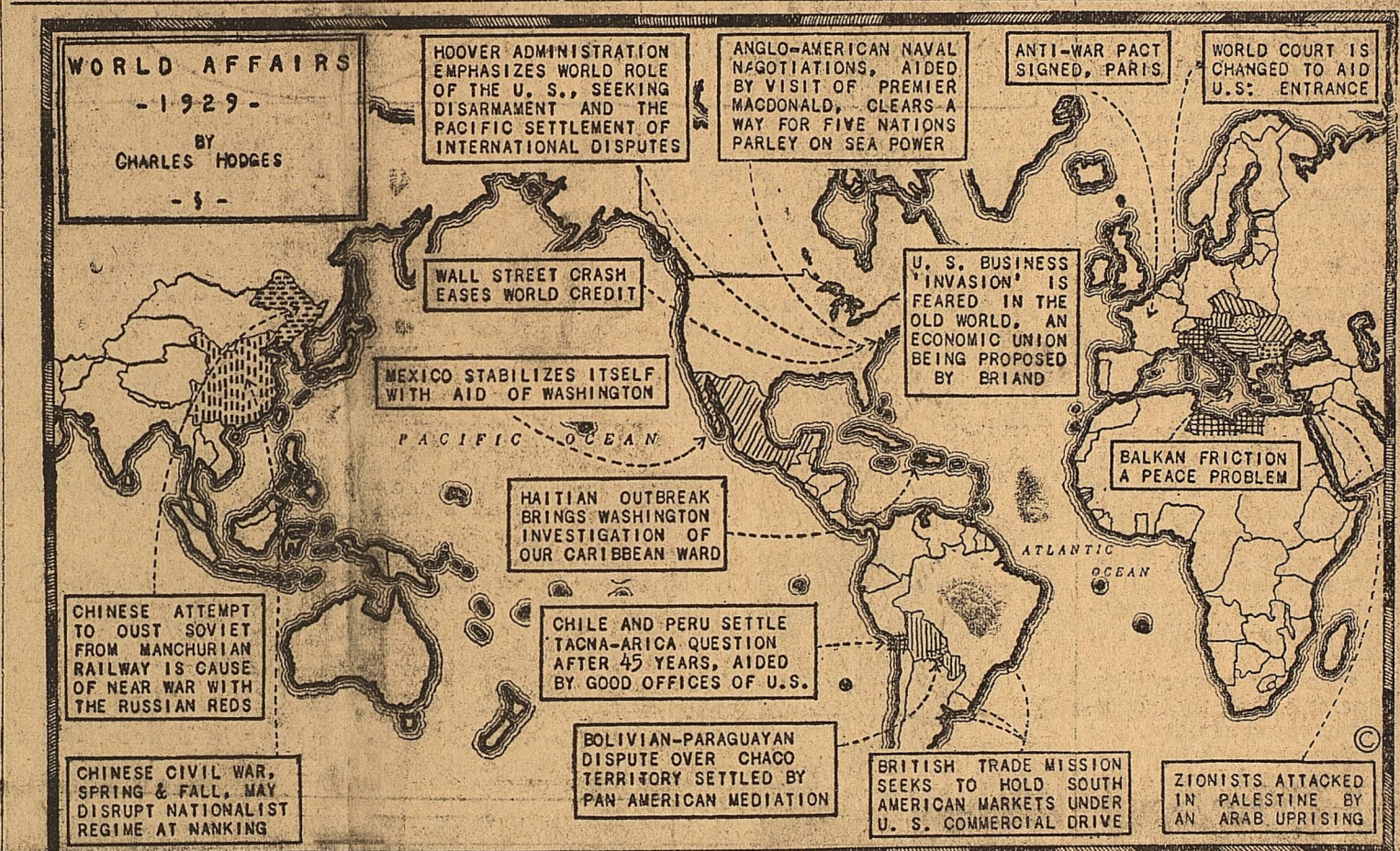
Whether 63 oil and gas leases being filed in Cleburne is a record for the state is to be contested, several say here. W. Edward Lee, Midland attorney, filed 88 oil and gas lease assignments recently at Barstow, Ward county.

Dr. Scarborough Said Recovering

Dr. Lee Scarborough, well known educator, seminary president and brother of W. F. Scarborough of Midland, is doing well following an accident recently, according to information received by his brother here.

Dr. Scarborough broke two ribs in a motor car accident. His home is on Seminary Hill, where the large Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary is built. He is president of the school.

Outstanding Events of the Old Year



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR COOKSEY BOY IS HELD TODAY

Funeral services were held this morning for Weyer Cooksey, aged four, who died Thursday afternoon following a fall from a horse earlier in the day. The service was conducted by the Rev. Martin, pastor of the Big Spring Episcopal church, at the A. E. Cooksey home on West Missouri.

The child was buried in a cow-boy suit which had been given him as a Christmas present. "Asleep in Jesus" was sung softly by a choir, and the minister read from a prayer book, responsive readings being given.

The child's two grandparents arrived shortly before the funeral service, and other relatives were here from Pecos and other points. Hundreds of family friends from Midland and surrounding country were present.

At the grave, the choir sang "God will take care of you." Prayers were read by the minister. The casket was lowered only partly into the grave which was banked with flowers sent by friends of the family. The casket was not lowered into the grave and covered until after the family had left the cemetery.

Weyer was riding a horse at his father's ranch 10 miles west of town Thursday morning. He struck the animal, a gentle horse, with a rope causing him to run. The child was seen to fall from the saddle by his father and three brothers, and when they reached him he was found to be suffering considerably. A fractured skull and concussion of the brain caused his death a few hours later.

Telegraph Manager Goes To Railroad

B. J. Jackson, manager of Western Union offices in Midland, will become connected with the Santa Fe passenger service, and will move to San Angelo, it was announced this morning.

Jackson's successor has not been named. It is understood that Jackson's new office is a big promotion for the manager. Jackson will move his wife and small daughter to San Angelo with him.

Body Loss Does Not Bother Man

Midland's most imperturbable automobile driver has been found. The fact that his name has not been learned is only another link in the chain of his supreme indifference.

The man was driving a light delivery truck down Main street. A heavier truck backed out of a parking zone and struck rear-protruding bed of the light truck, sending the bed hurtling into the air and across the street.

The driver of the light truck continued down the street to the next corner, without appearing to notice what had happened. Only when he looked around at the turn did he give indication that he was not so perfervent, after all. He saw his bed gone, but investigated while on the "run."

CROSBY TO ROPE AGAINST HOLDER ABILENE JAN. 18

Announcement from Abilene this morning advised that the roping match between Holder and Crosby will be held in Abilene on January 18, under the auspices of the West Texas Fair association. The contest had tentatively been set for Midland following the challenge made by Holder at Del Rio early this week.

Bob Crosby has accepted the challenge of Allen Holder to meet him at Midland in January in a roping contest where each of the two contestants will rope from 20 to 25 calves. Crosby, Sunday and Monday, defeated Jake McGuire of Lovington in a contest at Del Rio by the narrow margin of 2.25 seconds, each contestant roping 50 calves.

Holder, an official in the contest there challenged the winner to meet him at Midland 15 days hence for a purse of \$1,000. Although it has been announced by Crosby in Abilene that he accepts Holder's challenge, the date has not yet been set.

Holder beat Crosby eight seconds on ten head at Fort Stockton at the rodeo last year, and the contest here is expected to draw thousands of spectators because of the records held by the contestants. Crosby is holder of the Roosevelt trophy given at Pendleton, Oregon, for the best all round cowboy.

LINK FINDING OF BODY ON BORDER WITH DISAPPEARANCE OF EX-RANGER

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 27.—(AP) Finding of a man's body near Alpine a week ago was linked today in an investigation of the mysterious disappearance September 30 of H. Baker, former Texas Ranger and Canadian mounted policeman. The body of a man discovered at Tascosa, mining town, was not identified.

MEXICAN FINDS BODY In the last issue of the Alpine Avalanche, news of the discovery of a man's body in Southern Brewster county was told. A plantation owner, Wayne Cartledge, who lives on the border came into Alpine with the news.

He said a Mexican had found the body of the man at a cave, used for a camp, overlooking Santa Helena canyon. Reports were that the man had come to that section at the opening of the hunting season, having employed a guide to take him there. He told residents of the locality that he was on a hunting and prospecting trip, and was recuperating from illness.

No marks of violence were found on the body, according to Cartledge's report. He said that the body was somewhat decomposed, the death evidently having occurred more than a week before, and burial was made near the spot where the body was found.

The only marks which might lead to identification were a card bearing the name of a San Antonio real estate firm and a handkerchief with the laundry mark "BBW."

Brewster county authorities had written to the real estate firm to ascertain whether the man could have been in its employ.

Santa Helena canyon is more than 100 miles south of Alpine, on the Mexican border, and the rough mountainous country makes it somewhat inaccessible.

REBUILDING AT WHITE HOUSE TO START AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Work of repairing President Hoover's executive offices, swept by fire Christmas eve, probably will begin within the week.

Sacrifice Of Mother Futile

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27. (UP)—A mother is recovering today from a "poison kiss" given her and her baby, but the child is dead from cyanide poisoning administered by the father, who killed himself by the same methods following a maudlin Christmas spree.

When the five year old daughter said "Daddy put some stuff in my throat," Mrs. Ravena Bond put her mouth over the baby's and tried to suck the poison into her own system in order to save the child's life.

STREETS BAFFLE OFFICERS; MAY BE RE-NAMED

House numbering in Midland, as provided through a recent ordinance, is practically completed, but not without some baffling difficulties, according to Charles Nolan, city building inspector under whose supervision the work is being done.

"For instance, there is a place in north Midland where Pecos street runs obliquely into Carrizo street, as though Carrizo were an extension of Pecos," he said. "Over one block is another Pecos street. What are you going to about that?"

It is thought that the only way out is the passage of a city ordinance at the uncertain juncture, to Pecos.

Nolan said he was numbering streets the other day and found that, while he was sticking up numbers running in the 400's, across the street numbers indicated the block was 500.

This is only a minor difficulty in the numbering of a town, Nolan said. He pointed out instances of the same trouble in other places.

COUP OF PROHIBITION IS SEEN

Secretary Said To Be Responsible For Law Laxity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Resignation of Secretary Mellon was demanded as the first step in a "clean up" of prohibition enforcement today by Senator Norris of Nebraska, Republican dry, who joined Senator Borah of Idaho in condemning the personnel of the enforcement service.

The Nebraskan blamed "politics" in the enforcement service for what he described as "failure" of enforcement.

When asked where he would start in reorganizing, he replied quickly "With Andrew Mellon."

Drawing of fire from prohibitionists is not new in the case of Andrew Mellon, who has rapidly become associated with the term "Stormy Petrel," and he has appeared unperturbed on more than one occasion in the face of charges similar to those laid to him today.

It was only recently that several congressmen mentioned Mellon as one of those chiefly responsible for "regretful conditions in the national capital" because of his failure to see that "proper execution" of prohibition enactments was made.

No Liquor Found In Corner Stone Today Expectations of a large crowd of curious on-lookers failed to materialize this afternoon when, at 1:30, workmen removed the corner stone of the old court house from the wall where it was placed Jan. 10, 1906.

No "bottled in the bond" was there! When a workman cried: "Here's the cork," the ring of spectators started crowding around, climbing over the circular row of masonry as one man. The alarm was only a ruse, however.

Newspapers, letters, seed and other things were found in a tin box placed in the stone. A full review of the documents will be given in this newspaper Sunday.

PAVING SLOW NOW

Paving in Midland is proceeding at an unusually slow pace, due partly to expected seasonal changes. No concrete has been poured, but workmen are grading several streets preparatory to paving.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS: Even when knighthood was in flower there were plenty of ruff necks.



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### WAR'S FALSE ROMANCE

If we can ever succeed in stripping war of its false glamour we shall have done more for the cause of world peace than all the treaties in the world can ever do.

War has a romantic glitter—provided you haven't seen it at close range. That glitter, that glamour, that romantic, drum-and-trumpet quality that invests the fighting man and the fighting ship with an aura more exciting and colorful than anything in our workaday world, are precisely the things that make it easy for nations to go to war.

Here is an example. Embedded in the sandy shore of Lake Erie, near the town of Vermilion, O., are the decayed timbers of some long-forgotten ship.

The timbers have been there since the boyhood of the town's earliest inhabitant. No one knows what ship it was that drove upon the sands there, perhaps a century ago, and was buried in them as the drifting years passed. No one knows—and, until recently, no one cared.

But not long ago some antiquarian or other announced his belief that this rotting hulk was the wreck of one of the British war ships captured by Commodore Perry in the battle of Lake Erie.

Perry, having captured his famous "two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop," undertook to get them to American ports. One of the vessels, however, was so riddled by shot that it was not worth the effort. So, according to the antiquarian's story, Perry removed its stores and equipment and let it go ashore, a total loss.

When this story came out, interest in the old hulk was suddenly stimulated. Metropolitan papers wrote stories about it. People came to look at the old timbers, poke at them, and moon over them. An old wreck—that was nothing; but the hulk of an old-time war vessel was something exciting, something worth going to see, something fit to be talked about and thought about.

Why should a wrecked warship be more picturesque than a wrecked grain carrier? Why have we built up this false romance about war?

Perry's battle with the British squadron was exciting, to be sure. But it was no more exciting than the peaceful deeds of the early Great Lakes merchant seamen. The hardy sailors who took their clumsy brigs and schooners up the lakes, exploring the unknown bays and islands and carrying the first of the cargoes that were to build up the whole middle west, surely did as much for their country as Perry's fighters.

Peace is infinitely more romantic than war, if you look at it in the right way. Once we realize that fact, world peace will be in sight.

### WHAT BYRD IS UP AGAINST

The ordinary map fails to give one a true perspective on geography. Many people, for example, are unable to understand just why Commander Byrd's aerial explorations on the Antarctic continent should be such prodigious undertakings.

It will help you to grasp the extent of Byrd's job if you realize that the Antarctic continent is half again as large as the whole United States. Consider, on top of that, that the whole area is entirely uninhabited and covered with ice and snow, criss-crossed by high mountains and swept by terrific storms.

In that way you can see why Byrd's job is so tremendous. Suppose that the United States were a frost-bound, uninhabited wilderness, and that some daring aviator were to try to fly from Boston to a point in Western Nebraska, under the necessity of getting back without landing anywhere en route. Then you can realize what Byrd is up against.

## ERRORGRAMS



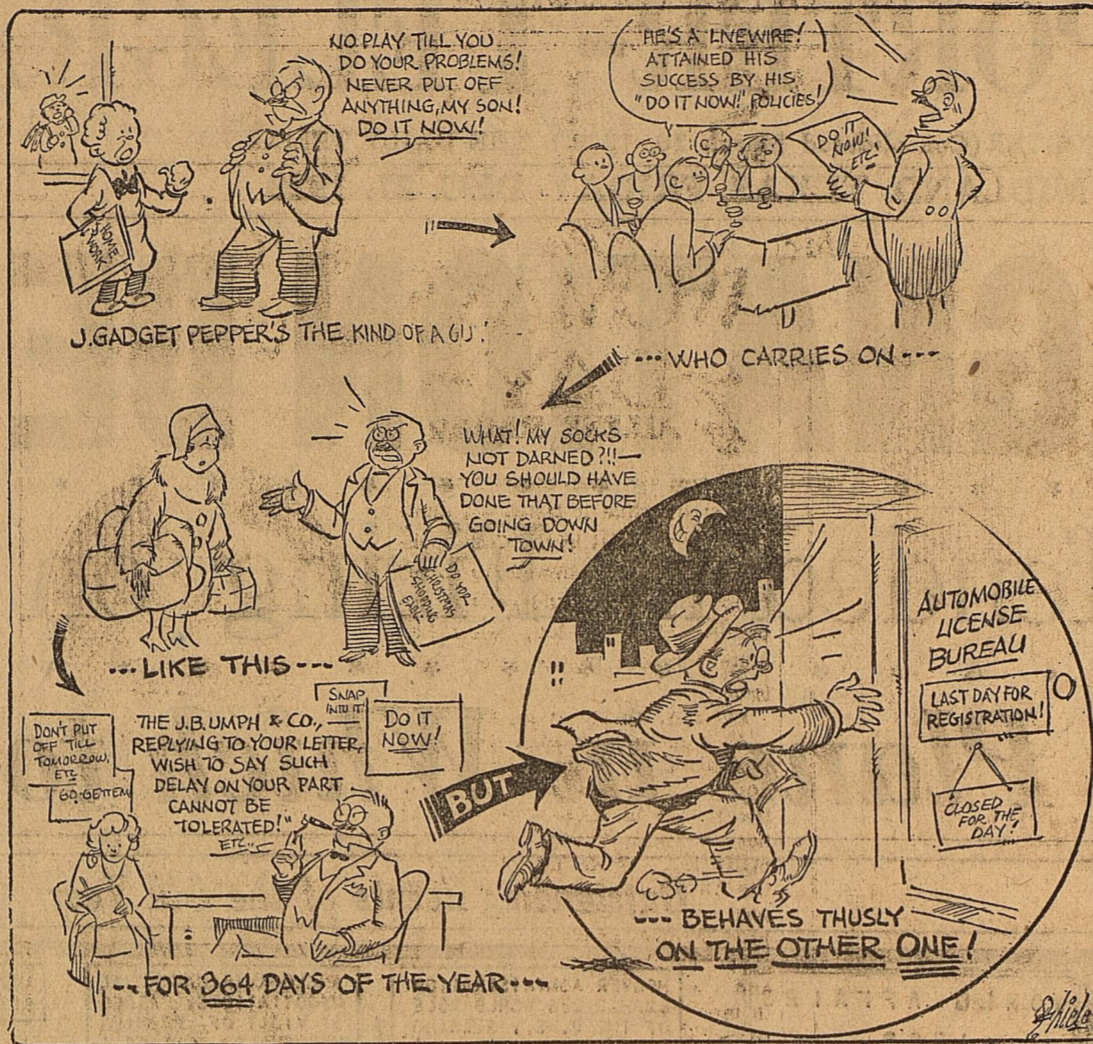
There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around.

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never misses a word that's said.

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 hit, by switching the letters around.

### Sure! We've Met the Gentleman Before!



## WASHINGTON LETTER

Henry St. George Tucker is New England's Oldest Congressman in Point of Service—Naturally For the Tucker Family Has Furnished Congressmen Ever Since the Revolution.

By RODNEY DUTCHER  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The oldest man in point of priority of service in either branch of Congress is Representative Henry St. George Tucker of Virginia. He took a seat in the House in 1839. So did the late Senator, Burton of Ohio.

Henry St. George Tucker is a man of many parts. He will be 77 years old in a few months. His own career has been remarkable enough, but when you take it along with the record of his family you find yourself dealing with a story which is absolutely astonishing.

Every generation of this family has been represented in Congress since the founding of the government, and Henry St. George Tucker's father and grandfather were congressmen before him. Great-granduncle Thomas Tudor Tucker represented South Carolina in the first, second and third congresses.

#### Related to Randolph

His nephew, Henry St. George Tucker, who was none other than the present Henry's grandfather, was elected from Virginia and served from 1816 to 1820 along with his famous half-brother, John Randolph of Roanoke. In the eighteen-twenties Professor George Tucker of the University of Virginia represented the Lynchburg district for several years. Then John Randolph Tucker, the present Henry's father, served from 1875 to 1887.

Henry St. George Tucker served from 1889 to 1897. He refused to let the Democrats renominate him on a free silver platform in 1896.

Not until March, 1922, when he was 70, did the old boy return to his old seat. He was only 33 when first elected. In the meantime he had practiced law and had become successively dean of the Washington and Lee University law school and the George Washington University law school. He had been elected a president of the American Bar Association. He had been president of the Jamestown Exposition, and had written several books. "I had always been an 'ultra-states' right man and saw an opportunity to come back, chiefly to help save some remnants of states' rights," he says in explaining his return to Congress. "I have always opposed bills such as the educational bill, which would establish a department of education with a cabinet member. The federal government hasn't any constitutional right over education, I have been twice instrumental in defeating that educational bill. I also fought the maternity bill all along and we finally killed the law, although the president threatens to bring it up again."

Once upon a time Mr. Tucker was even such an ardent states' right man that he opposed prohibition, but it didn't do any good.

It's another extraordinary thing about the Tucker family that every male member of this line for five generations has been a professor of law—the great-grandfather, the grandfather, the father, Henry St. George Tucker himself and his son. And there's a grandson of Congressman Tucker who is expected to be one sooner or later.

Mr. Tucker and his father also happen to have been the only two men of the same family ever made

president of the American Bar Association. The father had the honor in 1884 and the son 10 years later.

#### Married a Year Ago

At the age of 76, Congressman Tucker recently married for the third time—the bride came from his home town of Lexington, Va. The newspapers wanted a photo-

graph and Mr. Tucker courteously explained that those of his generation "didn't believe in having pictures of ladies in the newspapers."

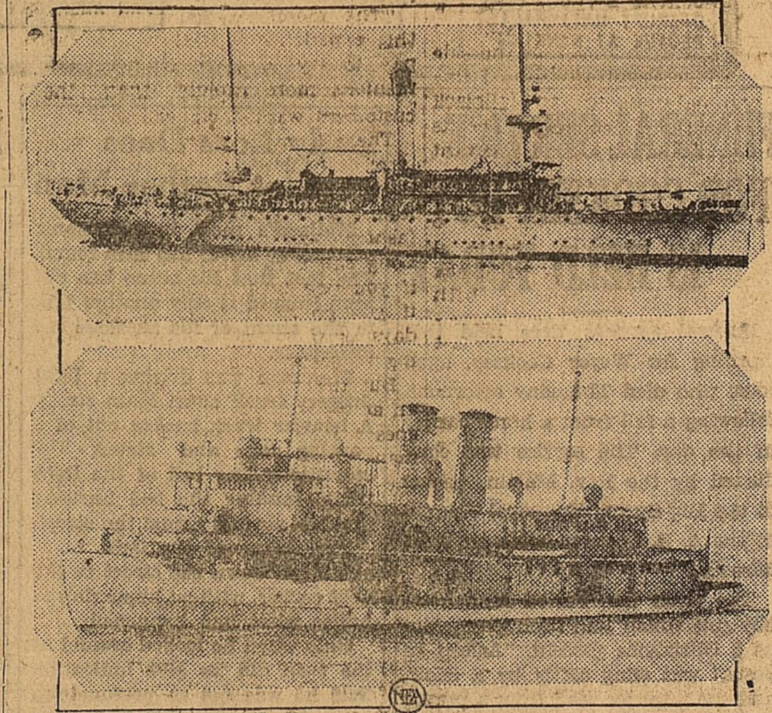
He is old-fashioned like that. He lives in an apartment here, but doesn't like it a bit. Nevertheless he is a happy man.

He has his own ideas about females in public office and modern women and things like that, but he's too smart to give them a public airing.

"It just gets you in a hole," explains Congressman Henry St. George Tucker.

## MEN O' WAR

Gunboats More Valuable to the Navy in Time of Peace Than in War—Are "Sea Police"



Two types of gunboats used in our navy—above, the U. S. S. Tulsa, a seagoing ship used chiefly in Central American waters; below, the U. S. S. Guam, a shallow-draft gunboat used on the Yangtze river in China.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth 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

Gunboats were once regarded as an important arm in naval warfare and they did good service in the Revolution and the War of 1812. But for a hundred years they have been used especially as armed patrol, establishing something of a reputation as the "policemen of imperialism." They have virtually no value as combatant ships on the high seas.

U. S. gunboats, designed principally for use on foreign stations, have been used in Central America and China. A gunboat rarely goes above 2000 tons and it is characterized by low speed, long cruising radius, shallow draft and a light battery of guns. It is strongly constructed and is supposed to provide reasonable comfort for crews in the tropics.

The navy's three seagoing gunboats are the Asheville, Sacramento and Tulsa. Its river gunboats are especially designed for patrol work on the Yangtze river in China. Among the more modern gunboats the Tulsa cost some \$3,000,000 and the latest river gunboats about \$700,000 apiece. Annual operating cost of gunboats run from \$50,000 to \$350,000 a year, depending on size and personnel, which number as low as 46 on river gunboats and as high as 200 on a ship like the Tulsa.

Our gunboats range in speed from 10 to 16 knots, in length from 120

### "FAST COMPANY" LARDNER STORY

"Fast Company," Paramount's version of a famous Ring Lardner story, comes to the Ritz Theatre as the main feature today and Saturday.

This is a fast-moving comedy romance containing all the brilliant humor originally injected into the story (one of the "You Know Me Al" series), by the author, and all the additional glamor which the camera alone can contribute to a play of this thrilling type.

Jack Oakie, young comedian who has risen to movie prominence in little more than a year, plays the blundering, boastful small-town boy who makes good in "Fast Company." He is the hero of the play.

Richard "Skeets" Gallagher, another comedian whose success in films is commensurate with Oakie's, plays the part of Oakie's personal manager. Evelyn Brent and Gwen Lee, as a pair of teamed actresses, provide the feminine side of the love-interest.

The original Lardner story was called "Hurry Kane." A Broadway stage play, based on the story, and called "Elmer, the Great" brought unstinted praise to Lardner and to Walter Huston, who is now acting for Paramount with great success. "Fast Company" is the film version based on the original story and the play.

Ring Lardner's baseball characters have been recognized as the "real thing" by fans and literary critics alike for years. The picture, "Fast Company," is an able exponent of the spirit and feeling of the creator of these characters. In other words, if you like Ring Lardner's delicious writings you'll like this picture.

### New Church To Open Big Spring Sunday

In a letter this morning to The Reporter-Telegram, the Rev. S. B. Hughes, pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist church at Big Spring, announced that the formal opening program in the new building will be held Sunday, January 29.

Dr. J. D. Sandifer, president of Simmons University, will speak at both services Sunday.

"We are cordially inviting all our friends in Midland and vicinity and all others who may be interested in the good program we have arranged.

"We have good music arranged, with several special numbers. Miss Golda Dalton of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth will give us several special numbers," the Rev. Hughes said.

An iceberg is merely a mass of floating ice that has broken from the end of a glacier or ice-sheet along the shore. They are always composed of fresh water.

### BIDS WANTED

The County of Midland will receive bids to be opened at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the Commissioners Court Room in the Court House, Midland, Texas, January 13, 1930, for construction of street improvements on Wall Street adjacent to the Court House in the city of Mid-

# The Town Quack



Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.

If you haven't begun to think about the joys of January 1, just stop and think of some of the privileges you are about to enjoy.

First of all, that's the date more subscriptions to the paper are renewed than any other time. And then, there's the little matter of paying the auto license. Of course you can do as you please about it, but if you get arrested you don't have any alibi. You can wait till the final date for paying, but instead of getting it cheaper, you have to pay a penalty. After you have paid your auto tax, there are state taxes, county taxes, school taxes, city taxes and poll taxes to pay. Even these are optional, although if you don't pay on your property you

may lose it, and if you don't pay your poll tax you can't vote. And when you are through paying those taxes, you might get to work on your income tax report. About the only penalty for not making this return and paying off is a federal fine or prison sentence or something. It's optional. And then, if you live on certain well located streets in Midland, or own business property about town, you will have some paying to pay for pretty soon, not far from January 1. A lot of people have their life and fire insurance premiums dated to fall on January 1 so they can run this expense in with the other items they are in the habit of paying up as the year starts. And then, if you have been buying on the credit, you owe it to the merchant to help him "close his books" at the end of the year, so you should pay all of your bills and start with a clean slate. If you have children in college, you will get in on paying them back to school and kicking in with their tuition for the next term. These are just a few of the privileges you are entitled to enjoy around January 1. If you think of others, please write to The Town Quack, care Reporter-Telegram, as I would like to publish all such privileges in this column. It just gives the reader's something pleasant to think about.

### Dries Up Colds In a Few Hours

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WOMEN'S PAGE

VIRGINIA WALTHALL WARREN Society Editor Phone 7

Young Social Set Entertained At Dance

Vann Mitchell entertained Thursday evening in his home in Belvedere Court with a delightful dance. Punch was served throughout the evening to the guests, who spent several enjoyable hours.

Midland Couple Announce Engagement

Among the many beautiful trees that brightened the day for children and grown-ups alike Christmas morning, the one in the home of C. Y. Barron, 307 N. Marienfield, probably held the biggest surprise.

The occasion became unique when a box bearing the name of Dolores Barron was taken off the tree and opened and found to hold an engagement ring for the little four-year-old girl from her sweetheart, Paul Vickers.

Entertains With Bridge Party

Mrs. John E. Adams entertained Christmas Eve with two tables of bridge. The house was decorated in true Christmas style, with a lovely Christmas tree adding a gay note.

STAGE STARS AND STAGE PLAY MAKES HIT IN MOVIES; WHOLE FAMILY IS STAGED

New names, new faces, new plays, such is life since the advent of talking pictures. And to the credit of those whose past experience brought pleasure to Broadway, they are now issuing it out in goodly portions to picture patrons.

A Few Bright Touches—That's the Black Art of Being Chic



A few subtle touches will relieve the severity of a black costume and add to its chic. On an ensemble of black crepe Billitis (left) Jean Patou places a narrow band of ermine at the neck and a multi-colored piece of jewelry at the waistline.

BY JEAN PATOU Written for NEA Service

PARIS, Dec. 27.—"Chic" is the most intangible element in the art of dress, yet a woman must possess this quality if she is to do justice to her clothes. On the other hand, the two factors which contribute to smartness in dress undoubtedly are a very thorough study of line and the use of decorative effects.

Undoubtedly, black is essentially "chic," it always looks right. Unfortunately, I see women wearing black ensembles completely lacking in any relieving touch of color, obviously with the idea of preserving both line and cut, but I would warn them against falling into the pitfall of clothes too somber and too severe.

Somber Costumes Transformed It is such a simple matter to transform a mournful-looking black ensemble without detracting from its aristocratic distinction. To begin with, it must be borne in mind that any black material is more or less mournful and the choice of fabric is an important point when choosing a black ensemble. A model will acquire considerable softness, for instance, if made up in black velvet.

the very early spring sunshine.

The merest touch is enough to brighten up black. Fur is evidently the first decorative medium that comes to the mind of a couturier. His only fear is that the use of fur may impart a heavy look to the ensemble, but, generally speaking, so little fur is necessary to change the entire note of a model. A narrow neckband of ermine terminating in a small bow at the back or the side is a very successful way to add finish and lightness to an allblack toilette, without detracting from its

Even a seemingly unimportant line or cut detail will break the monotony of black, without having recourse to another color. A cut-out effect in the neckline and back of a black marocain frock will give it both color and variety, two very necessary features when such dull, flat surfaced fabrics are chosen.

She Doesn't Think You Need Luck To Succeed In The Movies

BY DAN THOMAS HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Mae Clarke doesn't believe that film notables are made by getting the "breaks."

Mae, by the way, is one of the newcomers in movieland. And her opinion is in direct contradiction to the prevailing belief around the cinema village. Almost every star in the business today has been pointed out at various times as the product of a lucky "break."

"The reason I don't believe that everything depends upon getting a break is that all of us get them," declares the very charming actress, who in real life is Mrs. Lew Brice, sister-in-law of Fanny Brice.

us a certain ability at birth and sees to it that we get an opportunity to prove that ability. But, of course, if we don't make the best of that opportunity we have nobody to blame but ourselves.

"Persons who explain their failures with 'I can't get a break' make me sick. The trouble with them is that they have thrown away their opportunities, are lazy or just haven't the patience to wait for a break to come their way. Naturally, when fate does give you a break you must make the best of it."

Miss Clark reminds me somewhat of the old story about the mailman who went for a long hike on his vacation. When she isn't parading before the cameras she spends a great deal of her time in movie theatres. And she must see each of

her own pictures at least three times; the first time to get the audience's reaction to it, the second time to enjoy the film, and the third time to study her own performance and learn what was wrong with it.

That's the way she is striving for success. She believes that an acting career should be handled intelligently the same as any other business. Imagine a screen actress doing something intelligently! But she will attain her success.

"I like to see as many pictures as possible because I think it helps my own acting," Mae told me. "I learn everyone's performance, learn what audiences like and don't like and govern my own work accordingly. That's the reason I like to study myself on the screen. I notice every movement and every inflection of my voice and in that way I don't repeat the same errors twice. Sometimes I think I have done a particular scene very well but if I find out the audience doesn't like it I just say to myself, 'Well, that's out.'"

Miss Clarke also refutes the theory that good actors don't act. "Of course we act," she declares. "We're acting every minute we are in front of the cameras—but we are acting naturally. When I am working I try to make every bit of my acting appear as natural as possible. I do things the way I think I would do them under similar circumstances but still I'm acting."



Mae Clarke

The WOMAN'S DAY By ALLENE SUMNER

"There was one consolation: It was great while it lasted"—I quote from an editorial in the Cosmopolitan called "A Farewell to Legs" from which one would get the impression that the long skirts had quite won out in the recent skirt issue.

But have they? If so, where? As I go to work each day, I see just about as many slim legs—and fat ones, too—as I did before the change in styles. Possibly not so many knees; but just as many legs. From my observation the business girls in offices look just about as they did last year—just as smart and trim.

For evening, skirts are long—and they look lovely, I think. Not in many seasons have women looked so glamorous dancing as they do this year. It isn't entirely the change in length, it is the different cut, the normal waistline, and the long graceful line from the waistline to the ankle.

THEY AREN'T BEING BOUGHT

But have long skirts won out for day? I think there is still considerable doubt. And I know one stylist, a \$25,000 woman, who gambled heavily on the long styles and lost her firm a lot of money because women did not buy them, and is looking for another job.

According to Paul G. Nystrom, professor of marketing at Columbia University, sales are lower as a result of sales pressure to introduce the new silhouette. Says he, "Instead of garment sales mounting very much higher, as it was believed would happen, it now appears that sales are likely to show no gains and may, on the whole, be lower for the country than they were last year. Customers have become so undecided and confused that many have postponed their regular purchases."

"The moral to be drawn from this experience is that it does not pay to try to force changes in fashions more rapidly than the customers want them changed."

There is more than just a style issue involved. According to Paris authorities, the women of leisure were eager for a change of fashion—and they put it over. Long skirts for day are very well, if you ride in your own limousine, if you go forth only on pleasant days, or if you fill up your life going to social affairs.

But the woman who works leads an active life. She is in crowds, she goes quickly just as the sportsman does. And she so outnumbers the woman of leisure that she is just as important as a consumer, as the woman of leisure. She can keep skirts short if she wants to.

RETAIN FREEDOM

We have learned that clothes may be comfortable, smart, wearable and becoming all at the same time. To go back into long skirts, corsets and pompadours would seem to indicate that our freedom was not even skin deep.

Why isn't this a good time to use our heads—to keep the comfort we achieved for day, and yet, like and govern my own work accordingly. That's the reason I like to study myself on the screen. I notice every movement and every inflection of my voice and in that way I don't repeat the same errors twice. Sometimes I think I have done a particular scene very well but if I find out the audience doesn't like it I just say to myself, 'Well, that's out.'"

Sheriff Advises Register Autos

Although Sheriff A. C. Francis estimates that there are 3,000 automobiles in Midland county, only 100 have been registered for 1930, he announced early this morning. The time for registering cars is at hand and he points out that it would be a physical impossibility for all automobile owners to register their cars on the same day.

Employees of the office advise that car owners will save much delay and inconvenience by registering their cars at once.

BABY BORN SUNDAY

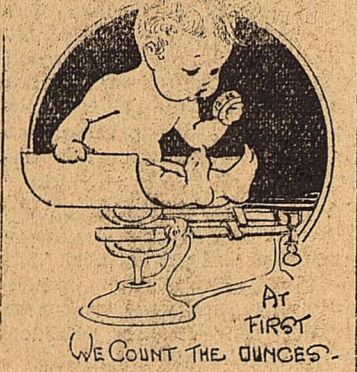
A baby boy was born Sunday morning, December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stringer, who live on South Main street.

Willis C. Blackburne of Brenham, Texas, is in Midland visiting Miss Lenora Whitmore during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norwood and daughter, Ruth, are leaving Saturday for Lovington, New Mexico, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eidson.

The first trans-Atlantic telephone cable, connecting London and New York by land and deep-sea lines, is now in the course of construction.

THE THREE AGES OF WOMAN!



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LATER WE COUNT THE POUNDS.



AND THEN WE COUNT THE CALORIES!

Personals

W. I. Pratt and children returned Thursday night from Stamford where they spent the holidays.

Mrs. R. Q. Eastman of Stanton was a Midland shopper yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. Butler has as house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford and family of Abilene. Mrs. Shackelford is Mrs. Butler's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brumley of Nadine, New Mexico, are business visitors to Midland.

Rex Bounds and Travis Anglis, auditors for the Texas Electric Service company, have returned from the Carlsbad Caverns where they spent Christmas.

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LAST TIMES TODAY

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"BLACK WATERS"

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Mrs. B. F. Smith and daughter, Faye, of Stanton were in Midland Thursday.

George Coates returned to Midland this morning after spending the holidays in Abilene.

Lee Jones, who spent Christmas in Stephenville, returned to Midland this morning.

Dr. Clifton Carter of Amarillo arrived last night to visit Midland friends for a few days.

J. L. Kendrick and family, who spent Christmas with Mrs. A. S. McKee and family, left Thursday for their home in Houston.

G. E. Crays, of the Gulf Refining Company of Midland, returned this morning from a holiday trip to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hoffmeyer and daughter, Doris Faye, have returned from Waco where they spent the holidays.

J. A. Haley and family left this morning for the John Haley Jr. ranch near Pyote to spend a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. George Olson returned last night from a trip to Bowie and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery have returned from San Angelo where they visited Mr. Montgomery's father.

Messrs. and Mmes. W. B. Dulin and J. P. Gammill and Mr. John Philip Inman spent part of the holidays visiting the Carlsbad Caverns. Mrs. Dulin and Mrs. Gammill are the guests of their mother, Mrs. J. P. Inman, of Midland.

Mrs. Bert Brisson and daughter, Mildred Joyce, of Robstown and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McDonald of Dallas left for their homes this morning after spending the Christmas holidays in the home of T. O. Midkiff of Midland.

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IN ALL HISTORY, SANTA CLAUS IS BEST KNOWN MAN

By BERYL MILLER NEA Service Writer

Santa Claus—the jolly old gentleman with the ruddy cheeks and flowing beard who gladdens the hearts of children on Christmas Day—is the world's best known and most loved character.

To be sure, he travels under a lot of different names in foreign lands and he varies his methods to fit their customs and traditions. But regardless of all that his work is all to the same purpose and he is known and loved all over the world.

Why? Because he personifies the Spirit of Christmas. Everywhere, he is bringing good cheer and happiness.

Traits From Many Lands

Santa Claus' family history shows that he is a composite individual, combining traits from many lands. He originated in Holland several hundred years ago as a very stern but charitable churchman in long black robes. The Germans adopted him and fitted the Christmas tree into his program. Then the English, calling him Father Christmas, took him over and made him into a fat, jolly old fellow who was the children's patron saint.

In Spain the children put their shoes on the balcony before the family leaves for church on Christmas morn, leaving tufts of straw and hay therein for Santa Claus' horse. Returning, the children find the shoes filled with presents.

In Italy the festival season begins on the day of good old Saint Nicola, the giver of gifts. But the gifts are distributed by "the Befana," a witch-like old woman in long black robes.

In Sweden and Norway, white-haired and jolly Father Christmas brings his gifts on a jingling sleigh with prancing reindeer. All work is suspended for several days as happy family reunions and ski-jumping contests are held.

Gnomes Bring Gifts

In Denmark, little is heard of Santa Claus. The presents for the children are not brought by him but by gay little gnomes who are reputed to wear red hats and are invisible to child's eyes.

The French Christmas is "Noel," meaning "good news." And it was the French who originated the Yule log and the Christmas cake, now part and parcel of Santa's program in many lands.

In Germany Christmas is the happiest day in the year with feasting and family merry-making. The Germans originated the Christmas tree—even if the Norwegians did hit upon the idea of decorating it with colored lights, in honor of the aurora borealis.

And so, as Santa Claus makes his rounds at Christmas time, he takes on many different forms and travels under many different names in various lands. But regardless of whether he is the good Kris Kringle in Holland, the good Hagios Vasilius in Greece, the good saint Nicola in Italy, the good Father Christmas in England or the good saint Mikulas in Bohemia, he is all the same.

For he is the Spirit of Christmas.

Every ton of coal burned in a locomotive's fire-grades boils eight tons of water.

Charming, But



—It really isn't a pretty girl. It's Byron Dalrymple, University of Michigan wrestler, in the costume he'll wear as leading lady in the annual university opera, "Merrie-Go-Round."

In old Hungary, Christmas is "Karacsony." Shoes are placed on the doorstep. Sugar is placed therein for the good children, switches for the naughty.

In Greece, good Hagios Vasilius makes his rounds, delivering gifts to the children. His other name is Saint Basil.

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NEW CALENDAR IN SOVIET BANS CHRISTMAS DAY

MOSCOW, December 26.—(UP)—

The Christmas holidays having been abolished in the reorganization of the Soviet calendar a few months ago, work, trade and amusement will be carried on today as usual.

The principal sign of the Christmas spirit here is a more than usually vigorous anti-religious campaign which began last night and will continue throughout the holiday week. Many of the churches here were crowded with worshippers last night despite the strenuous effort to obliterate this occasion.

In past years December 25 and 26 were recognized by the Soviet government as legal holidays. With the introduction of the five-day week and the unbroken work-week, however, all religious holidays were canceled.

The vast majority of Greek Orthodox believers are not especially affected by the change. To them December 25 has always been a work-day, because the Church officially is still run by the Julian calendar, under which Christmas comes thirteen days later, on January 7 under the Gregorian time reckoning. The real Christmas celebration, especially among the millions in the villages, will take place on that date.

As part of the campaign to erase Christmas, the winter holidays for school and universities have been postponed by the Commissariat of Education to the week of January 21.

Merchants Pay More To Get Local Bread

Midland people always demand the best and they are willing to pay a little more to get the best. Merchants are now paying more for bread made in Midland than for out-of-town bread.

The price is the same to the consumer. Grocers of Midland, anxious to provide their customers with the best, are now buying almost exclusively home baked bread, and are paying a little more in actual outlay for the home bread, but in reality their ultimate cost is little different.

When bread shipped into Midland from Fort Worth gets so stale it is no longer merchantable, the grocerman must lose it. But Midland baked bread is never allowed to get stale. If the grocer can't sell it, the baker at Midland takes the loss. This protects the merchant and protects the bread eater from eating old bread.

Midland bakers today expressed their great gratitude to Midland grocers for their co-operation in giving Midland people the best bread, even when it costs the grocers a little more. They declared Midland bread eaters ought to appreciate the attitude of the grocers who wish to give them the best bread money can buy in Midland.

Persian lambs, Algerian sheep, Swedish reindeer, French calves, reptiles, walrus, and antelopes, are among the animals called upon to supply material for making ladies shoes.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

Notice is hereby given That by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, on the 5th day of December, 1929, by J. M. Shelburne, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars and costs of sale, under a judgment, in favor of A. W. Thomas in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2259 and styled A. W. Thomas vs. A. W. Cato and T. D. Kimbrough, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis, Sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of Lot No. Four (4), in Block Number One (1), West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and the house and all improvements thereon and levied upon as the property of A. W. Cato and T. D. Kimbrough. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Reporter-Telegram, a newspaper published in Midland County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of December, 1929.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff Midland County, Texas. (Dec. 19, 26, 27, Jan. 3.)

It is generally supposed that Damascus, the chief city of Syria, is the oldest city in the world.

COURT ORDER DECLARING PRAIRIE DOG A NUISANCE AND ORDERING KILLING OF SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND SHERIFF'S NOTICE.

To all Land Owners, Lessees or Tenants of Midland County, Texas. By an order of the Commissioners Court of Midland County, Texas, made at the December term of county commissioners court, 1929, and entered of record, you are required to destroy all the prairie dogs on your premises by law, which statute is as follows:

Art. 6328 a.—Prairie dogs declared a nuisance; duty of land owners to exterminate. That the Prairie Dogs are hereby declared a public nuisance and the owner of any land in any county in this State upon which prairie dogs exist, shall, within two years after this act takes effect, kill or cause to be killed, all dogs on land so owned by them. (Acts 1915, 1st C. S. Ch. 11, Sec. 1.)

Art. 6328 c.—Investigation by Commissioners Court: Notice to Owners. It is hereby made the duty of the Commissioners Court of any county in which prairie dogs exist, to investigate and determine whether owners of lands in their respective commissions precincts have complied with the provision of Section 1, of this act (Art. 6328 a) and if any such land owners have failed or refuse to destroy the prairie dogs on their land, it shall be the duty of Commissioners to immediately notify the sheriff of his county of such failure, and the name and post office address of such owner, or his agent, that if he shall fail within thirty days from the date and after the mailing of notices by the sheriff to comply with the terms of Section 1, of this act, that the sheriff shall immediately proceed to destroy all dogs on said land. (Id. Sec. 2.)

Art. 6328 c.—Duty of Sheriff To Exterminate Prairie Dogs: Audit of Expense: Compensation of Sheriff. After the failure of any owner to comply with the provisions of Section 1, of this act (Art. 6328 a), and the terms of Sec. 2, Art. 6328 b; destroy said prairie dogs, it shall be the duty of said sheriff to immediately destroy the dogs on the land of said owner, and to use the practical and economical methods in general use, and shall report his actions together with an itemized bill of expense under oath to the commissioners court of said county, which court shall examine said account and if found correct and reasonable, shall allow and cause same to be paid, and by its order duly entered, assess said amount against said owner and same as a lien against the land.

It being further provided, however, that the Commissioners Court may compensate the sheriff in the sum of not to exceed Five (\$5.00) Dollars per day for each and every day the sheriff shall have performed actual service in the manner of supervising the destruction of said prairie dogs. (Id. Sec. 3.)

Art. 6328 d.—Enforcement of Assessment.—If the owner of any land against said costs and expenses have been assessed by the Commissioners Court shall fail to pay the same in thirty days after notice of assessment, it shall be the duty of the County Attorney of such county to bring suit in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the payment of such costs and expenses; and the County Attorney shall, in each suit brought by him for said purpose, be allowed a reasonable fee, to be fixed by the Court trying the case which fee shall be taxed as costs in the case, and upon the rendition of any judgment for such cost and expenses, execution and order of sale shall issue, and be executed as in cases of other judgments. (Id. Sec. 4.)

Art. 6328 j.—Duties of Lessees and Tenants.—It shall be the duty of every lessee or tenant holding premises by contract to procure the poison and destroy all pests described in this act and all expenses incurred by such tenant or lessee in the destroying of the pest shall be charged against the owner of the land, and collectible as other valid debts. (Id. Sec. 7.)

You are therefore, notified to destroy all prairie dogs on your land, either as owners, lessee or tenant. You are further advised that in accordance with order aforesaid, that I, as County Clerk, will have the necessary poison, prepared under Government supervision, in Midland, Texas, for the purpose of destroying such prairie dogs and will deliver the same at cost.

All non-resident land owners are therefore requested to take this matter up with their lessees, or tenants, with the instructions to purchase the same and destroy such prairie dogs as may be on your land.

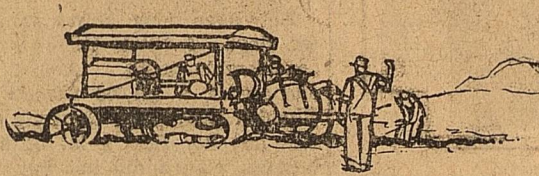
All parties are requested to call on the County Agent of Midland County, Texas, for the amount of poison needed in the destruction of such prairie dogs as may be on your land.

Thanking each and all of you for your cooperation in the destruction of the prairie dogs on your land, I am, Yours truly, J. M. SHELBURNE, County Clerk, Midland County, Texas.

The above and foregoing shall serve as a notice from me as Sheriff of Midland County, Texas, and you will, therefore, take notice and destroy all prairie dogs on your land, and save me the trouble of having to comply with the Statute, as here-in set forth.

Yours truly, A. C. Francis, Sheriff, Midland County, (Dec. 13-20-27-Jan. 3.)

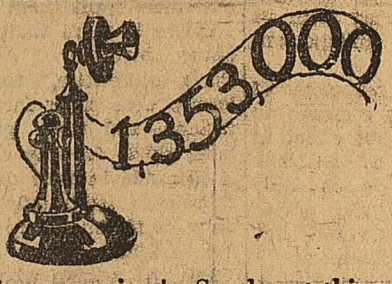
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These men and machines are at work on a 50 million dollar, storm-proof long distance cable. Placed underground for safety, the cable will link the principal cities of the Southwest...

A few of the things accomplished during 1929 to give you better telephone service

Here at the close of the year, we would like to look briefly with you at some of the things that have been done to make your telephone service better...



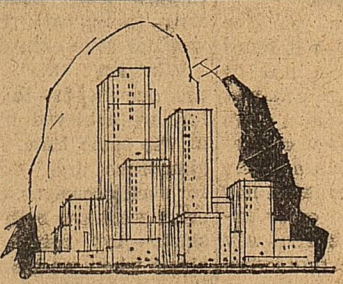
Telephone men in the Southwest this year installed 468,000 new instruments... more telephones than in all of Sweden! They removed 403,000 telephones.



"Will Thursday afternoon be satisfactory?" Thus, during 1929, have salesmen in many telephone business offices questioned persons having telephones installed.



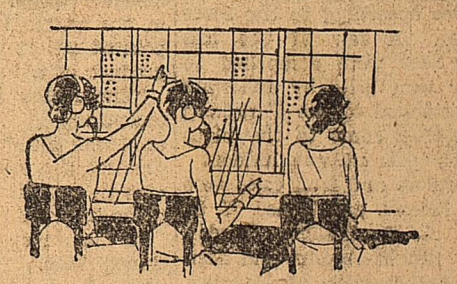
More than 37,000 dial telephones were installed in Southwestern territory in the first six months of this year alone.



These are telephone buildings erected in the Southwest in 1929. There are 26 of them, ranging from the 28-story Kansas City administration building to small central offices.



Here is the girl who says, "Number, please?" when you place a telephone call. But her reply, after you have given the number, no longer is confined to the rigid phrase, "Thank you."



A lost call is a call that is not put through on the first attempt. Causes of lost calls: Sometimes an operator makes a mistake. Sometimes the person called does not answer his telephone quickly enough.



This young lady is "Long Distance". During the past 12 months she has handled, in towns throughout the Southwest, an average of 155,000 calls daily.

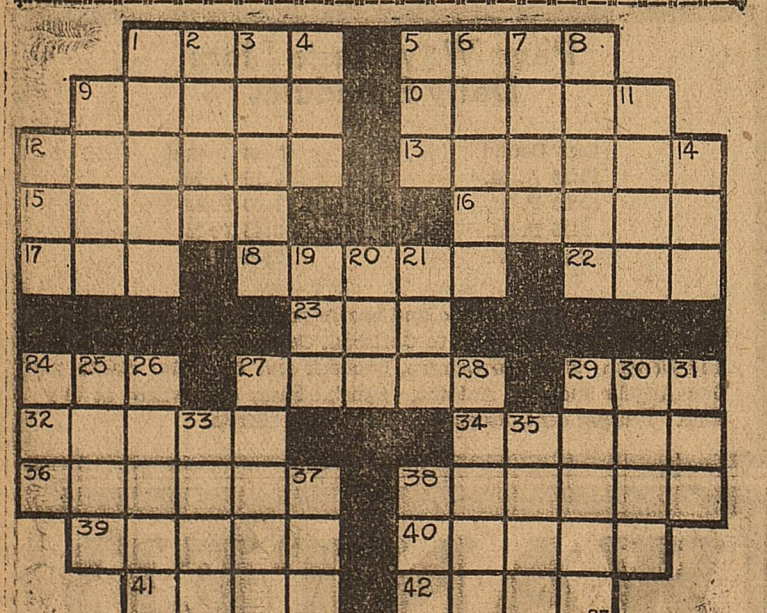


Here is a telephone subscriber opening his bill. His bill this year is neater, more accurate, more detailed than ever before.

Only the high spots of 1929 have been given here. They are typical, however, of the efforts being made to fulfill the Bell System policy voiced by President Walter S. Gifford of the A. T. & T. Co.:



A Real Brain Teaser



- HORIZONTAL 38 Entertained, 39 Sugar sand, 40 Is beaten, 41 Concern, 42 Insects, 9 Mallet, 10 Jewels, 12 To expand, 13 To give, 15 White poplar, 16 To hesitate, 17 Aye, 18 To wash lightly, 22 Striped cloth, 23 Billiard rod, 24 Measure, 27 Punitive, 29 Stomach, 32 House, 34 To evolve, 38 Hair.

Side Glances by Clark



"I didn't pay much attention to his looks. He talks a lot like John Barrymore."

BARBS

A headline warns people to be aware of \$100 bills because there are many bad ones in circulation. That won't interest many people at this time of the year.

Soviet Russia has abolished Sunday. That's one way to get rid of the traffic problem, at that.

Consider the Christmas toy; its life is brief, but it certainly does get the breaks.

A certain stage comedian has become a soap manufacturer. Probably all washed up as a comedian.

It always has been a puzzle to us why more butchers did not go into the prize fighting business. Some of those fellows have very heavy hands.

A professor says the radio should help to cut down divorces. It puts marriage on a sound basis.

The state Democratic party of Alabama has ousted Senator Heflin. What, already!

General Smedley D. Butler was called on the carpet again the other day. General Butler is the man for whom carpets were made.

When the snow is piled high in front of the garage door and the battery is dead there isn't much that any of President Hoover's commissions can do about it.

Senator Brookhart declares that prohibition enforcement officers here after must be hard-boiled. Won't that be a big change?

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- 1 Lost and Found**  
LOST: Keys for Corbin door locks. Finder, please return to this office. 251-3p
- 2 For Sale or Trade**  
WOOD—Write or wire me for prices on seasoned oak block heater wood in car load lots. A. Bint, Cisco, Tex. 238-24c
- 3 Furnished Apartments**  
FURNISHED ROOMS: Two rooms for housekeeping, close in, all bills paid. 501 N. Colorado. Phone 649. 250-3p
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- FOR RENT:** One three room furnished apartment. Phone 145. 236-tfc
- FOR RENT:** Furnished apartments. Close in, North Main and East Ohio. 234-24c

- TEAM BIG HORSES** and leather harness for sale. Des Montgomery. 227-30c
- 12 Help Wanted (Female)**  
WANTED: Woman for housework on farm. Call 704. 250-3c
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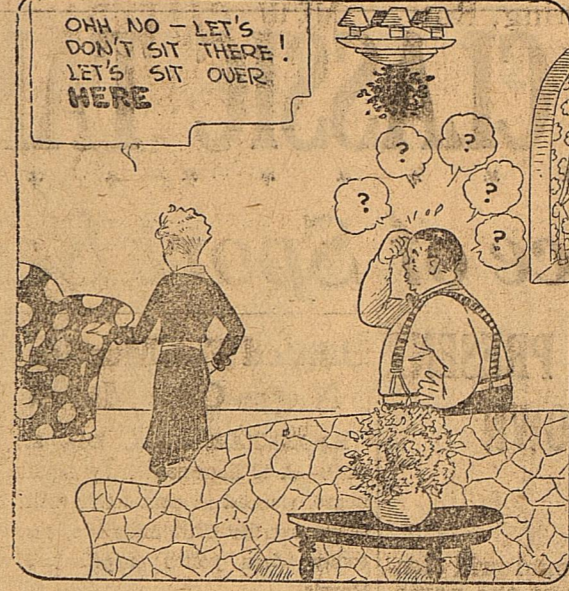
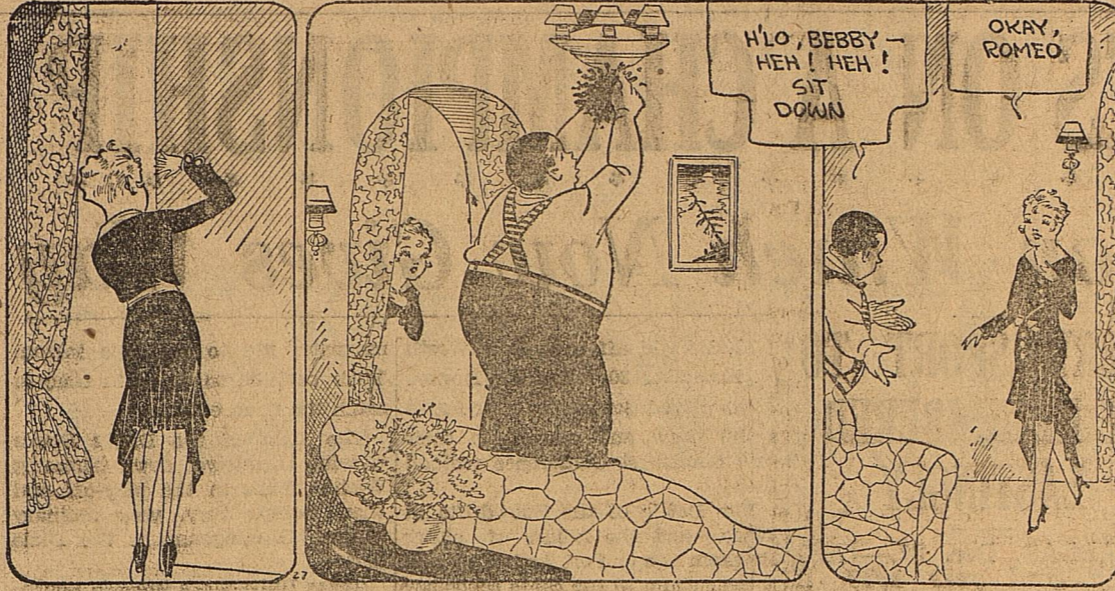
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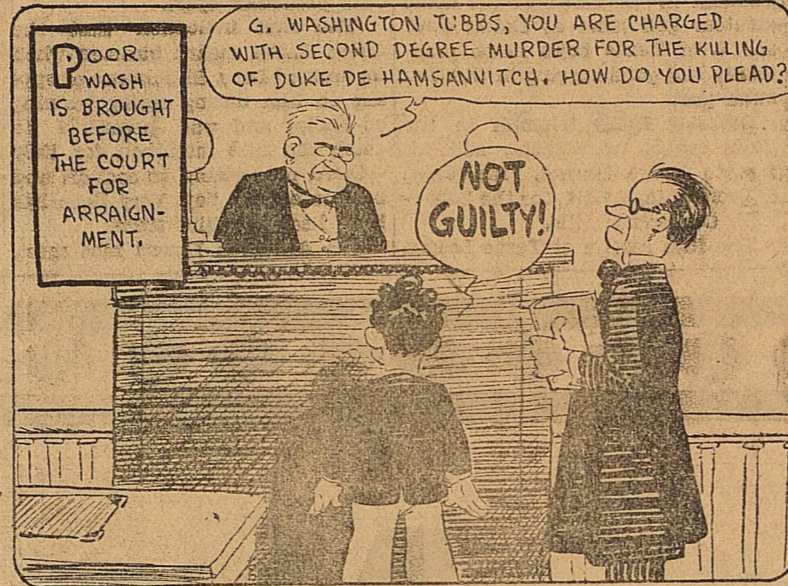
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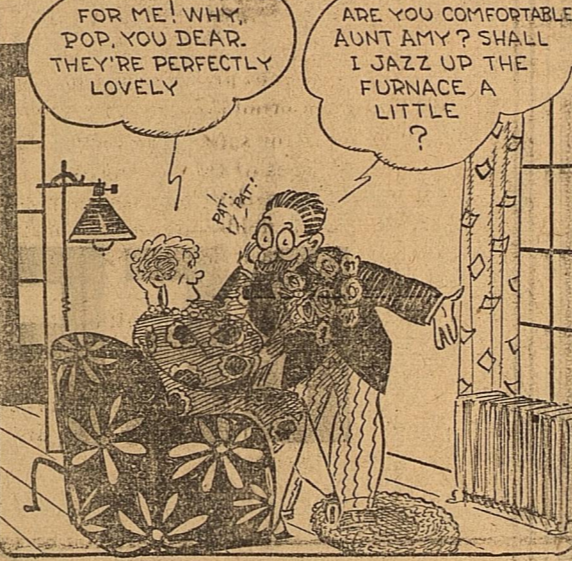
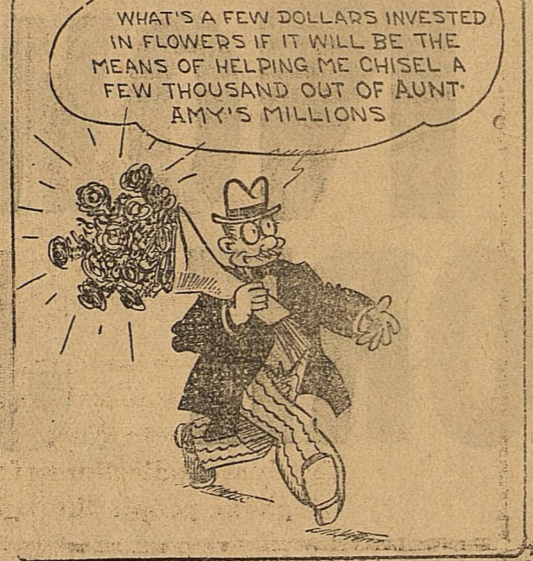
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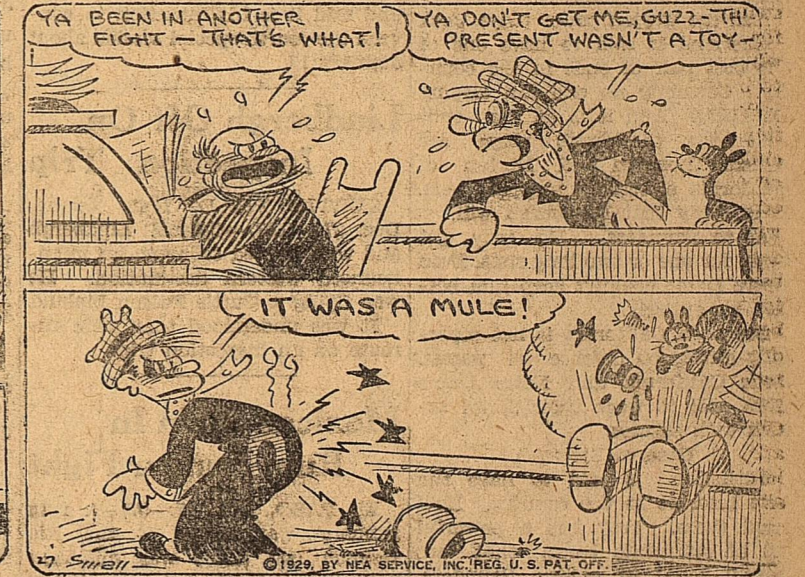
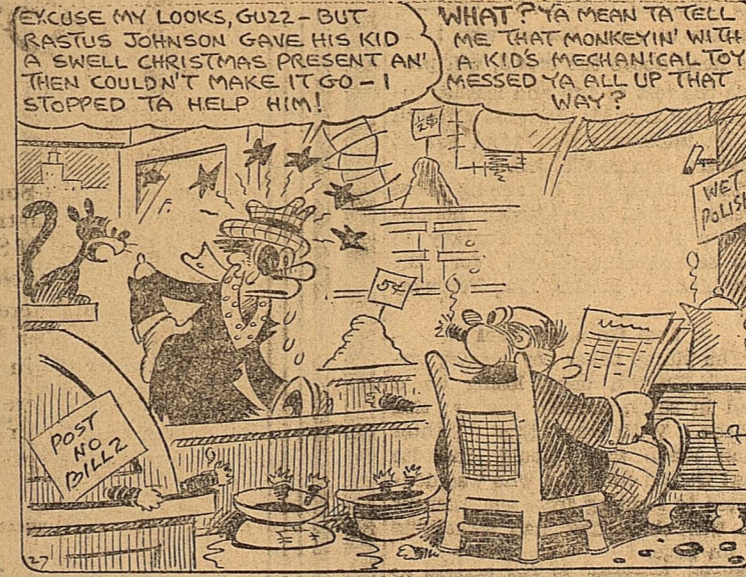
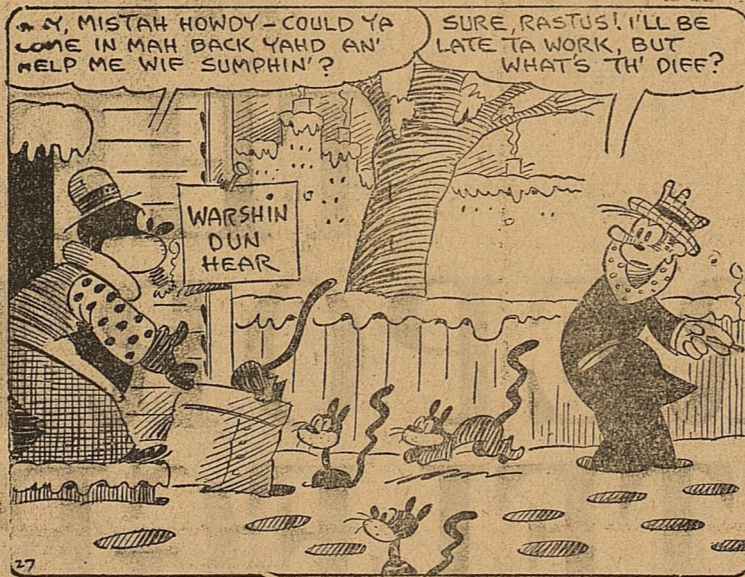
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## Variety Essence of Sport Season Which Now Gives Way

### PANTHERS AND TROJANS MAY PRESENT BATTLE WHICH WILL GO DOWN IN SPORT HISTORY

PASADENA, Calif.—They call it the annual grid classic, and this year at least, it will be worthy of the name.

The two teams that meet January 1 have been ranked among the first four in the country. Notre Dame has usually topped the list, then Pittsburgh, Southern California and Purdue. If Pittsburgh wins by a good margin, they will have equal claim with the Fighting Irish to the mythical national crown.

#### Money Behind Trojans

Picking the winner can hardly be more than a guess. There is plenty of money to back the Trojans. And many fans believe that Pitt will win. The betting is even.

In selecting the probable winner, there are a few questions that stand out in the mind of the public.

1—Can Pittsburgh's defense of passes break up the Trojan aerial attack? The same attack that ran wild and rolled up 45 points against Carnegie Tech.

2—Can the All-American Donches and his running mate smear those powerful off-tackle thrusts with three-man interference. The same power plays that have gained five to fifty yards per shot against the best of opposition this season.

3—Will the elusive Saunders run ragged against the Panthers as he did against Carnegie Tech and Stanford? The same Saunders that wiggled out 95 yards and a touchdown against the powerful Rockne team.

4—Will the Panther passes spread out the Trojan line and allow Parkinson and Uansa to plunge through center for long gains. Or will the dependable Barrager and Dye hold them in check as they did Smaling and Rother of Stanford, two of the greatest plungers in the west.

5—Is the reserve strength of Pittsburgh equal to that of Southern California? Or will those ten or twelve Trojan backs go into the game fresh and tear the Panther to pieces?

#### Passes and Power

Pitt's defense of forward passes is heralded as one of the best in the country. It's a cinch that Troy will not run wild against Pitt as they did against Carnegie. But it is quite likely that the outcome of the game will depend on this more than any other point.

And the Trojan power plays. Jock Sutherland is said to have one of the best pair of ends in the country. Certainly no one can dispute Donches. And it is at the ends that many of Troy's plays are aimed. Thornton and Norton of California effectively stopped them. It is likely that Pittsburgh will.

As to Saunders. He may get away for one or two long runs. Even Notre Dame couldn't keep him bottled up entirely.

Southern California is not especially strong on defense of passes. Both California and Notre Dame were able to work their aerial attack with success.

#### Reserve Strength

Sutherland is said to have the best reserves in the country. He'll need them. Troy has a powerful lot of substitute backs that are nearly equal in ability. Saunders, Duffield, Hill, Moses, Musick, Edelson, Pincert, Shaver, Apsit and Wilcox would all be stars on a team of lesser consequence than Southern California.

Pittsburgh has been practicing in cold weather. If January 1 turns out to be a hot day the easterners will be at a distinct disadvantage. Carnegie Tech ran into a warm day and wilted.

#### Bas-Relief

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when the tournament was held in Houston. This year will mark the fifth annual competition of the organization, the first three years marked by meets in Dallas.

#### Coast Guard

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ington, said:

"You and I have discussed these coast guard outrages and you have expressed the hope they were ended. What can be said now when another apparently needless death is on the shoulders of your Buffalo men?"

My urgent advice in the Hanson case was to submit the officials charged with the crime to civil authorities. The government cannot afford to take any other action in the Downey matter.

"The people of the sovereign state of New York are entitled to know why such evil things can happen and point the way to their prevention, a thing the federal authorities have failed to do.

"What is to be done in this case? I beg of you to let our authorities deal with this homicide exactly as they would if it had been committed by civilians."

### Hunted For Murder, Negro Gets Married

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 27.—

(UP)—A 48-hour search for a young negro, wanted in connection with a triple murder Christmas eve, ended today when police surprised Jim Harris.

They found that he had married yesterday while posses were searching for him.

The negro was jailed and charged with the murder of Dr. Clay Jones, his wife and young nephew. A pistol, found in the negro's pillow, was identified as belonging to the doctor.

The dead persons had been beaten to death with an axe and a pair of pruning shears.

Harris denied the slaying.

### Harrison's Texans Play Dance At Hotel

Harrison's Texans, now augmented by several new musicians, will play a dance tonight at the Schreiber hotel.

Warren Smith, who plays trombone, saxophone and clarinet, and Freddy Woolridge, saxophone and clarinet, were with Grady Gilder's Imperials last year, and well known in Midland.

Freddy will be featured in a two-clarinet "blues" number. "Red" Hurley, saxophone and clarinet, is a new man, an entertainer, with the orchestra. He is a veritable clown.

The dance starts at 9 and is set to stop at 12:30.

### RISKO - GRIFFITH BATTLE SET FOR GARDEN TONIGHT

BY EDWARD J. NEIL Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The ugly duckling of the prize ring, rubbery Johnny Risko, has it in his power again to break the hopes and spirit of another young aspirant for heavyweight honors. The bounding one from Cleveland, a constant menace to every battler who rears his head above the crowd, will provide the test of fire and leather tonight for Gerald Ambrose Griffith in an important ten round tilt at Madison Square Garden.

The winner will be among those present when the Garden nominates a rival for Jack Sharkey in the second annual duel for the Southland at Miami, Fla., February 27.

Lost Once On Foul

The plump baker boy already engaged Griffith once, losing on a foul in seven rounds earlier this season. With any other fighter than Risko that would indicate that Gerald Ambrose, who was dedicated to fighting from the moment he was christened, had something of an edge.

Risko, however, is the master of prize ring form reversals. The late Tex Rickard, in a moment of exasperation, named him "The Spoiler," and named him well. His hobby has always seemed to be the trimming of logical, heavyweight contenders after "blowing" decisions to very ordinary athletes.

In elimination tournaments Risko defeated Jack Delaney, Paulino Uzudun, George Godfrey and finally Jack Sharkey and would have faced Gene Tunney in the heavyweight king's last stand but for losing a hair-line decision to Tom Heeney in Detroit in 1927. Yet Risko has been beaten by Romero Rojas, Sully Montgomery, and was technically knocked out by Chuck Wiggins. Max Schmeling also stopped him here last year.

Swinging Socker

Griffith, a rushing, swinging socker with a host of backers and believers, has only one bad mark on his record. Jimmy Braddock, the light heavyweight contender, caught him charging in one night in the Garden and laid him low with a right smash to the head. Since then Tuffy graduated to the heavyweight ranks and whipped Paulino among others.

Despite Risko's record he will enter the ring in his favorite role as the underdog. He has never been beaten, except when favored in the betting. The odds on Griffith are 7 to 5. Johnny will have a weight advantage of about ten pounds, scaling about 184.

### Errorgram

(1) The thermometer bulb is at the top instead of the bottom. (2) Fahrenheit is spelled incorrectly. (3) Half of the bow is missing from the hat on the man at the right. (4) It is warm, not extremely cold, in Rio de Janeiro in December. (5) The scrambled word is DICTIONARY.

### EVERY SPORT TO BE REMEMBERED LASTINGLY

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The good year 1929, if nothing else has supplied the Southwest sports public with an infinite variety.

The highlights, touched briefly and in no particular order, would have to include the following list of events: Governor Moody's decision to banish boxing from Texas, and the subsequent wear and tear on State Rangers, Sheriffs and town Constables before various promoters were convinced the governor meant it.

That frigid affair at Fort Worth on November 30, when the Horned Frogs played Southern Methodist to a 7-7 draw and came into their first Southwest Conference football title.

The Battle of the Snowdrifts at Waco, and the failure of either Breckenridge or Port Arthur to gain a clear claim to the State schoolboy crown. For the most part, it wasn't funny.

Dennis Lavender's victory over Lanham in the finals of the State amateur golf meet at Dallas after the West Texas boy's name practically had gone begging in the Calcutta pool.

Berkeley Bell's triumph in the State tennis tournament, and his loss to Bruce Barnes, his Texas University teammate, for the Southwest Conference title.

The firm resolve of Texas League

magnates not to split the season. Their decision to do so in time to catch the noon editions.

The sight of the Dallas Steers wearing themselves down trimming Wichita Falls in the play-off and then looking very, very ordinary against Birmingham in the Dixie Series.

Texas University's steenth Southwest Conference baseball championship, and it will be news when Uncle Billy Ditch's boys fail to win in that particular sport.

The first indication that the Great Shires meant business when he accused Lena Blackburne of spying on him during spring training at Dallas and was permitted to catch the first interurban for Italy—there, presumably, to cool off and become a good boy. Very little has been heard of him since.

The Arlington Downs race meet,

about a pair of footraces between Claud Bracy and Cy Leland.

The statement of Dr. D. A. Penick, president of the Southwest Conference, that the Carnegie Foundation's report on proselytizing, etc., was exaggerated so far as this section was concerned. His request that the public aid Conference officials in a "thorough-going" investigation.

Jakey Atz' departure from Fort Worth; a seven-day sensation. His signature on a Dallas contract, which leaves Frank Snyder, his successor at Fort Worth, very muchly "under the gun."

The announcement of such inter-sectional football attractions next year as Southern Methodist versus Notre Dame; Southern Methodist vs. Navy; Baylor vs. Purdue; Aggies vs. Nebraska; Rice vs. Iowa State; Rice vs. Arizona.

Introduction of the "stalling" game into Southwest Conference basketball circles on a large scale and the prophesy that it would kill interest in the sport unless something was done to curb it.

**FIRE LOSS \$100,000**

EDINBURG, Tex., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Fire loss at the Savage wholesale grocery warehouse here was set at \$100,000 today. Origin of the fire is undetermined.

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