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Thousand More Marines to Nicaragua

TRIAL OF CISCO BANK BANDITS SET FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 16

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST THREE

Special Venires Are Being Drawn For Trial of Cases

The Eastland county grand jury, reconvened for the special purpose, late Monday evening returned indictments against Robert Hill, Henry Helms and Marshall Ratliff in connection with the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco on Dec. 23, and the fatal shooting of G. E. (Bit) Bedford, chief of police of Cisco and the wounding of a number of other officers and citizens. Separate indictments charging murder of Bedford, robbery with firearms involving the taking of \$12,400 from Alex Speer, and theft involving the taking of a car from Ellis Harris, were returned against each. The grand jury is still investigating the case and other indictments are expected to be returned.

Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court, to whom the indictments were returned, stated this morning that the case against Hill, Ratliff and Helms, would be set for trial on Monday, January 16th and that special venires from which to select juries to try the cases were being drawn. Each of the men will be given separate trials on each charge.

The condition of Helms, Ratliff and Hill, alleged robbers of the First National bank of Cisco who were wounded in fights with officers and who are being held in the Eastland county jail, were little improved today over yesterday. Helms' condition is more critical than that of the other two. Ratliff is unable to talk because of a bullet that is embedded in his jaw.

C. H. Duffield, Mrs. C. H. Duffield, Sam Fox, Mrs. Sam Fox, Mrs. Josephine Herron, Mrs. Francis Herron, Mrs. Essie Thornton, Dr. Vick, and Roy Duffield are being held in the Eastland county jail under witness attachments. Their bonds, ranging from \$500 to \$1000 have been set but this morning none of them had given bond.

Helms' father, who was in Eastland Monday, has gone to Wichita Falls to arrange with attorneys to defend Helms and presumably Hill and Ratliff.

Dry Goods Store At Chillicothe Robbed of \$3,000

CHILICOTHE, Tex., Jan. 3.—The Graham Kennerly company dry goods store here was burglarized early today by four youthful burglars who entered the safe and escaped with \$3,000, most of which was in checks.

A negro passing the store at the time was taken captive by the burglars and carried to Vernon near here where he was released.

METHODIST MINISTER, 103, ASKS FOR REBIRTH OF REVIVAL SPIRIT

MALDEN, Mass.—The church's greatest need at present is for a larger evangelistic emphasis—the revival spirit, in the opinion of the Rev. E. Stuart Best, 103, the world's oldest Methodist minister.

Born only 15 years after Lincoln, Dr. Best, after a career which could scarcely be crammed into two ordinary lifetimes, still enjoys good health and hopes to celebrate many more birthdays.

His kindly face, unmarked by the burdens of a century, glowed with a still youthful enthusiasm as he told the United Press, in an interview, his views on church progress of recent years and on the outlook for the future.

Asked if the youth of today were as interested in religion as those of half a century ago, Dr. Best said: "The young people in older days were more enthusiastic about their religion. Now they are wider and deeper in their thinking—more systematic."

"It is harder to turn one away from religion now, when one has settled the matter, because it has been thought through more thoroughly."

"How do the ministers of today compare with those of earlier years?" he was asked.

"Nowadays ministers are deeper thinkers," he replied. "They are

Coolidge Sees Prosperous Year For All People

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Prospects for a prosperous year for industry, business and the people as a whole were never so great as today, in the opinion of President Coolidge.

A new era, comparable in importance to the inception of the factory system is in prospect it was said on behalf of the president today.

BUILDING IN 1927 MADE NEW RECORD

Four Per Cent Increase Over Previous Year, Home Building Ranked High.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The greatest volume of construction work ever recorded for a single year was carried on during 1927, according to statistics just compiled by the Associated General Contractors of America. These figures, representing all types of construction activity, show 1927 to have surpassed 1925, its nearest rival among the years, by a comfortable margin, an increase of more than four percent being noted.

The new record, involving expenditure of approximately eight billion dollars, was set despite a perceptible lag in activities during the first two or three months of the year. It early became apparent, however, that an unusual volume of contracts were being awarded and the advent of warm weather found operations assuming a rapid pace. Records for individual months were broken no less than six times during the year, new marks being set in April, May, August, September, October and November.

The year just ended showed a marked decline in the operations carried on by speculative builders, which had so strongly characterized 1925 and 1926. This decline naturally resulted in a corresponding decrease in home building activities in many sections of the country. Increases in the construction of industrial plants, hotels, office buildings, apartment houses, public works projects and railroads, had the effect however, of more than offsetting this decline and making a new construction record possible.

The close of 1927 found operations proceeding at the same rate they held in December, 1926. The concluding month of the year registered a decrease of twenty-four percent below the November mark. This drop, however, was not abnormal, being a seasonal one.

The total volume of contracts awarded during the first eleven months of 1927 was two percent greater than the volume recorded during the corresponding portion of 1926.

Yardage of concrete surface pavement represented in awards made during the first eleven months of 1927 shows an increase of sixteen percent over the total of awards made during the corresponding portion of the preceding year. The statistics including contracts for highways, streets and alleys.

Dr. Best said the greatest advance made by the church recently was in the matter of intellectual progress.

"The people will not revert to the earlier ways to attain the deeper spirituality," he continued, "but it will have to come through a greater revival than any that has gone before."

Dr. Best was asked what he considered the prospects for world peace.

"I think that wherever the gospel goes it will change whatever it touches," he answered.

Asked what chapters in the bible had meant the most to him, he said: "I have always chosen to remain close to the words of our Lord. My favorite passages were the things that He said. If I could have but one portion of the bible, I would choose the Sermon on the Mount."

The world's oldest Methodist clergyman was born in Ireland on Sept. 3, 1824. During his half century as an active minister he held 23 pastorates. Recently he visited the Methodist church at Ipswich where his deacon's ordination was conducted 73 years ago.

Bobs Cost Jobs



No boyish bobs in Japanese movieland, was the dict recently posted by the Nikkatsu company of Tokio, Japan. But these two girl players didn't care, and as a result they were dropped from the payroll "until their hair reaches the length of an ordinary woman." The young actresses are Setsuko Konishi, top, and Eiko Minami. Setsuko is 17, Eiko, 18.

Terrific Flood Water Endangers London Suburb Districts

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Flood waters reached the suburbs of London today. Many residents were marooned in their houses and traffic was disrupted in many places. Some railroad stations were closed.

England is rapidly becoming a series of lakes.

Willenden, a suburb of London, was hardest hit. More than 2000 houses were flooded and the occupants were imprisoned in the upper floors.

Continuance Of Cold Weather Is Today's Forecast

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The old year's legacy of sub-zero weather which has resulted already in more than 60 deaths will continue for at least another day, the weather forecast today said. More snow was predicted for the Great Lakes states, the lower Midwest and parts of the Ohio Valley, with lower temperatures in the Southwest and a slow rise in the Northwest.

Chicago apparently suffered the heaviest casualties, with 20 deaths attributed to the cold. Ten more deaths were reported at St. Louis, three in Cleveland, two in Kansas City, four in central Illinois and three in Indiana.

Three train wrecks were blamed on the abnormal weather. At Atlanta, Ga., three persons were killed and 12 injured in a wreck and at Mt. Vernon, Ill., an engineer lost his life in another smashup.

President Suffers From Handshaking New Year Day

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Shaking hands with 3300 patrons at the White House New Year was a bit too much for President Coolidge and as a result he wore a bandage around his right wrist today.

It was explained that when Mr. Coolidge used his hand a great deal there is a slight swelling of muscles on the back. It was said however, that the injury was slight.

PEKIN.—All Chinese students in foreign countries may be forced to return to China because of lack of funds, according to well authenticated reports circulating in Chinese governmental circles. It is learned that during the past eight months no money has been available from the ordinary sources for transmission to the students. The Foreign Office and other departments have been flooded with appeals from the students themselves and from Chinese ministers at various capitals, saying that many of the students have been reduced to poverty and have not money enough to return.

RANGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAGE ART EXHIBIT

Famous Pictures On Display Each Evening This Week At First National Bank

The Ranger public schools, in an endeavor to raise money to buy pictures for the various schools, will give an art exhibit every afternoon this week at the First National bank building, and the school officials have arranged to have a collection of 200 pictures on display.

The exhibit, consisting in a large part of carbon photographs, photographs and prints in full color, made directly from the original masterpieces, is selected by art experts and should attract a large crowd.

Beginning this afternoon the exhibit will be open every afternoon from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m., and the building will remain open all day Saturday with a special program being arranged for Saturday night. An admission of ten cents will be charged, the proceeds being used to place famous pictures in the Ranger public schools.

The purpose of the exhibit, in addition to raising money for the purchase of pictures, is to make it possible for the people to have an opportunity to see a collection of the world's famous masterpieces of painting, sculpture and architecture.

The Ranger school officials made the exhibit possible by arranging with the Elson Art Publication company of Belmont, Mass., to furnish the reproductions. The collection contains only the very best representations of the masterpieces of art of different countries and different periods.

It is now generally recognized among educational authorities that education in culture and refinement can easily be aided through the wholesome influence of pictures on the school walls, and the fact that the Ranger schools are endeavoring to furnish the pictures is commendable.

The pictures are of interest to both young and old and they are expected to attract and instruct a large number of people.

Man Convicted Of Slaying Mellett Given New Trial

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Former Police Chief L. A. Lengel, convicted of murder in connection with the slaying of Don A. Mellett, publisher of the Canton Daily News on July 16, 1926, was granted a change of venue and a new trial today by Common Pleas Judge E. W. Diehl.

Lengel was released recently from the state penitentiary under \$25,000 bond pending the court's decision. He had been sentenced to life imprisonment. Shortly after his release the state supreme court ruled the court which convicted him had erred.

The big monoplane in which she made the trip to the Mexican capital to spend Christmas with her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, reached Detroit last night shortly before 5 o'clock.

Although the trip from St. Louis to Detroit took three days and two forced landings were made in route, Mrs. Lindbergh refused to desert the plane for a train.

"Yoo-hoo!"



Helen Jones, 16, wore a pretty red coat and "yoo-hooed" to automobiles drivers in Cincinnati. Then her 15-year-old husband relieved them of their cash. At least, so say the police, who have arrested her.

Let's Go!



Lindbergh has set an enviable air record, but Buddy Whitecomb, 4-year-old San Diego, Calif., boy, has been up in the air half his life. Buddy took his first flight more than two years ago, and now every chance he gets he takes a ride with some aviator friend. He is known to nearly all the aviators flying around San Diego.

Warmer Weather In Prospect For Next Few Days

Slightly warmer weather was predicted today for most of the zero swept region between the rocky mountains and the Alleghenies but the low temperatures will remain for the next 24 hours or more.

Death attributed to the cold mounted slowly today as lines of communication crippled by blizzards, were re-established. The total death record rose to 72 and it was believed the list would increase.

At least 150 persons were injured in railroad wrecks attributed to the storm. More than 100 were victims of two wrecks in Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. Lindbergh Back In Detroit, Resumes Work

DETROIT, Jan. 3.—As unpretentious as though her 4,000 mile flight to Mexico City and return were an every day occurrence, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh today resumed teaching her chemistry class at Cass technical high school.

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Postponement of Fall-Sinclair Trial Is Now Probable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Reports that former secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall was seriously ill in El Paso made probable today postponement of the retrial of Fall and Harry F. Sinclair, scheduled to start here Jan. 16.

The hearing of Sinclair, William J. Burns and four others on contempt of court charges growing out of Burns' detectives shadowing the jurors in the first Fall-Sinclair oil trial was resumed.

May Make Private Search For Plane Of Mrs. Grayson

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Funds for a private search for Mrs. Frances W. Grayson's missing airplane, "The Dawn," were being raised today, M. A. Mosle, marine expert said. Mosle and other navigation men said there was still a slight chance "The Dawn" was afloat and the private expedition would take up the search as soon as funds were available.

Don't Forget

County, state and national elections will be held this year. Unless you pay your poll tax you can have no say in who is elected. Your poll tax receipt is your certificate of complete citizenship and unless you have it and exercise it you have no right to complain about who is elected or the administration of affairs after election. Don't forget to pay your poll tax. Only 28 more days left in which to attend to this important matter.

SALVAGE OF S-4 DELAYED TILL SPRING

Officer In Charge Says Require Thirty to Forty Diving Days for Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—It will be spring before the S-4 is finally raised to the surface is the opinion of Lt. Com. Ellsberg, who returned here yesterday from Provincetown where he has been directing the salvage work.

At least 30 to 40 diving days will be required to raise the submarine, he said. He added that even with fairly good weather it could not be hoped to salvage the S-4 before March. The greater possibility is that operations will be suspended in a week or two until spring, he said.

State Treasurer Says No Need For 3c Gasoline Tax

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—There will be no need to keep the 3 cent gasoline tax after September, State Treasurer Hatcher said today.

The return to a 2 cent tax he estimated will cut \$1,500,000 from the school fund. But he estimates the state treasury will then have \$5,000,000 available from which the \$1,500,000 may be made up and the state yet be able to order an ad valorem tax reduction for next year.

Lindbergh Hops Off For Capitol Honduras Today

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 3.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh hopped off in the Spirit of St. Louis today for Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, 140 miles away.

He expected to land within two hours.

Court Rules That Cook Must Serve Long Prison Term

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, aged arctic explorer, must serve 14 years sentence and 9 months in Leavenworth prison, the United States supreme court ruled today.

EASTLAND TO BE HOST TO DISTRICT METHODISTS ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Eastland will be host Wednesday to the annual Missionary and Workers' conference of the Methodist church for the Cisco district, which will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Wright building on West Main street where Eastland Methodists are holding services while work is in progress on their new church building.

C. O. Shugart of Cisco, presiding elder for the Cisco district, will conduct the meeting, which will be for one day only. Rev. Mr. Rawlings of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the principal address at the morning service and will be followed by Rev. Roy Langston, secretary of the board, and other speakers.

Among the ministers who have been assigned topics for discussion, are: J. D. Kney, Bullock; S. R. Stauder, Bunyon, A. W. Seymour, Cadjo; H. H. Nance, Carbon; J. T. Stanford, Cisco; W. L. Connell, 12th Street Church, Cisco; J. B. Weathers, Crockett; W. W. Richeson, DeLeon; G. R. Wright, DeLeon circuit; J. T. Ferguson, Desdemona; J. F. Adams, Dublin; W. W. Noble, Eolian; Sebe Kirkpatrick, Gorman; A. G. Stables, Pioneer; Geo. W. Shearer, Ranger;

STATEMENT ISSUED BY WILBUR TODAY

Reinforcements Will Go After Leaders Of Rebels

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur announced today two battalions of marines, 1,000 men, would leave soon from the east and west coast of the United States to reinforce the present marine force in Nicaragua.

Wilbur said the marines would leave as soon as possible. He said they would relieve blue jackets from the special reserve squadron who will be sent ashore to relieve marines on guard duty so that the latter may leave at once to cope with the rebel leader, Sandino.

"This is in pursuance of this country's policy of protecting American lives and property," Wilbur said.

As many marines as possible, he said, will be released from guard duty in Nicaraguan cities to leave at once to reinforce the group which was repulsed with heavy casualties by Sandino within the last few days.

The present Nicaraguan crisis arises from the activities of so called Liberal party revolutionists under General Sandino who refused to accept last summer the pacification program laid down by Col. Henry L. Stimson, special representative of President Coolidge.

The Sandino forces which were estimated six months ago at 200 have rapidly grown, according to official reports.

Marines Want To Subdue Sandino Before Spring

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A determined drive by U. S. marines to overcome General Sandino and his rebel Nicaraguan forces before Spring was seen here today in the renewed clashes which have cost six marine lives in the Central American republic.

Marine officers familiar with conditions in Nicaragua said rains in the spring will bring swollen streams, disease and almost unbearable traffic conditions, making it advisable to attack immediately.

J. Hall Boman, Rising Star; E. H. Davenport, Scranton

A noon luncheon will be served at the church by the local church lay hostesses under the direction of Mrs. Claire McCormick, lay leader, Mrs. S. Rumph, chairman, and Mesdames Luther Bean, Frank Davis, E. C. Satterwhite and B. L. Mckall.

Approximately 175 visitors, among these many women lay and men lay workers, presidents of missionary societies, etc.

At request of Bishop Moore, the conference will be asked to adopt some kind of program for the coming year, some definite plan. January is observed as Stewardship month, and immediate plans are necessary. The general plan of evangelism continues through January to Easter, through this period to Sunday school teachers are made acquainted with the evangelism and stewardship plans.

All missionary boards throughout Christendom found themselves in debt after the world war. The assessment for general conference work throughout the churches is \$624,000.

The lay activities will have a large part on the program to be adopted.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

I believe that the concerns using the PUBLIC HIGHWAYS for commercial purposes should participate more equitably in the cost of building and maintaining of same, and there should not be much time lost in arriving at a fair basis. These using the highways of our State for commercial purposes do not pay a license fee commensurate with the special privileges they enjoy and no valid reason can be advanced by and, having the common good in mind, why there should not be a change.

When the highway bonds were voted in the counties, or districts through which the highways passes, those voting on, or for such bonds did not understand, nor did they agree that the money they voted into these road systems was to be used in acquiring right of ways, build and maintain the roads, or built, and then through some magic, these roads were to be used for commercial purposes. Had those facts been given, I doubt if many would have voted favorably. The public highways were built for all to use and enjoy, regardless of where they live, or come from, not for commercial purposes, or special privilege.

It seems to me that those using the highways for commercial purposes should be the first to sense the inequity of this whole thing, and should be the first to seek a solution to this problem. Many ways or plans could be used. I have in mind two propositions which should be considered. The concerns operating for profit should either pay a certain reasonable percentage based on their net earnings, or in lieu of this, pay a license based on the number of passengers carried in each coach, or rather the seating capacity of each coach, and if trucking freight for profit, then it could be based on tonnage hauled.

W. F. NELSON,
Gordon, Texas.

Remains Of Fire Victim Sent To Home For Burial

The charred body of Curtis Taylor 32, Ranger, who was burned to death Sunday in a gas explosion that took two lives and destroyed approximately \$5,000 worth of oil and tanks, will be sent to Lubbock tonight for burial.

The explosion occurred at 11:50 o'clock new year's day, on the J. L. Harrison lease, belonging to John M. Gholson and others, four miles west of Ranger.

Funeral services for J. E. High, 54, second victim of the explosion who died six hours after being severely burned were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Christian church.

Taylor's mother, Mrs. F. E. Taylor of Lubbock, and her three sons, John W. Taylor of Hurley, N. M., Calvin Taylor of Las Cruces, N. M., and Houston Taylor of Lubbock, survivors of the dead man, came to Ranger immediately after learning of the fatal explosion and made arrangements for having the body sent to Lubbock for burial. They left this afternoon for their home. The body will follow tonight and will be accompanied by John D. Gholson and Ed Hadley, employee of Gholson.

Taylor, whose body was so severely burned that the mother was not allowed to view it, was killed on his thirty-second birthday, Jan. 1. The terrific heat of the fire that followed the explosion made it impossible for workers to rescue the remains until an hour after the blast. The body was finally rescued by Fire Chief Murphy and one of his firemen.

Oilbelt Dokeys Select Eastland as Meeting Place

Eastland was selected as the next meeting place for Dokeys of the Azotas Temple, Oil Melt Crescent, at a meeting at Mingus Monday night. The meeting will be held on the first Monday night in February.

Frank Curry and C. E. Shepperd attended the Mingus meeting as representatives from the Eastland lodge and report a splendid time and a good meeting.



SOCIETY BUILDING PERMITS IN RANGER FOR 1927 ESTABLISHED RECORD

DELPHIANS WILL STUDY BEETHOVEN.

The members of the Delphians, who meet Wednesday afternoon at the Gholson Hotel at 3 o'clock, will take as their subject the life and works of Beethoven.

The leader for the day is Mrs. Nelson and those scheduled to appear on the program are Mrs. J. P. O'Donnell, R. V. Stout, McClelland, Gray, Post, Anderson and Miss Tibbles.

Suggestions for discussion will be the outline of his life, a comparison of Beethoven's life upon his art with the influence Mozart's experiences had on his music and a characterization of his playing.

Beethoven's originality will be discussed and salient points and suggestions tending to create the originality will be taken up. Several selections from Beethoven will be played during the session.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

All members of the Parent-Teacher associations and the Child Study club of the Ranger independent district are urged to be present at the home of Mrs. C. E. Maddocks Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

PERSONALS.

Charlie Dean, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Dean, returned last night to El Paso where he will resume his engineering course at the School of Mines of that place.

The regular monthly deacon's meeting of the Central Baptist church will be held at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All are requested to be present.

Announcement has been made that the Delphians will meet Tomorrow afternoon at the Gholson Hotel at 3 o'clock. All members are asked to be present at this important meeting.

The board meeting of the First Christian church will be held tonight at the church at 7:30. Rev. H. B. Johnson requests that all be present for the meeting.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Huffman of Fort Worth is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Amerer.

Carl Pratt returned home today from Muskogee, Okla., where he spent the holidays with his cousins Katherine and Raymond Daniel.

In The Courts

Suits filed in district courts:

Jim Harrell et al. vs. John S. Hart et al. injunction.

R. H. Hansford et ux. vs. Mrs. Cory Pratt et al., injunction.

Jim Johnson vs. American Employers Ins. Co.

B. N. Wooten vs. G. G. Wright, injunction.

Chas. O. Austin, com., vs. Citizens State bank, Ranger.

Booth Tarkington says the masculine shirt will disappear within 50 years. Either he is a whale of an optimist or has found a good laundry.

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as it nourishes your body

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For the first time in Ranger's history the total building permits for the year has gone over the \$100,000 mark and in 1927 the permits just missed the \$200,000 mark by \$7,000. The total for 1927 was \$193,165. No building permits were recorded during the boom days. The total for 1926 was \$50,000 and for 1925 was \$35,000, the total for 1927 outstepping the other two years by \$143,165.

The year 1927 is the first time in the history of Ranger that any brick homes have been constructed by residents and was the greatest building year that Ranger has ever known. Brick homes have been constructed all over the city and the business section now boasts of a solid brick front from the depot to Marston street.

There was more building in September of 1927 than there was in the whole year of 1926. September was the high water mark of the year, there being a total of \$51,500 worth of permits issued at the city hall. January of 1927 was the low month of the year, there being only \$4,000 in permits issued.

The building era really started in May of 1927, there being 13,000 in permits issued. June had \$28,500, July \$40,570, August \$7,120, September \$51,500, October \$22,500 and November \$5,200.

During the past year there have

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LIBERTY
RANGER—TODAY

Dallas have constructed new buildings that reach practically the whole side of the street.

Remodeling has also helped to swell the building permits for the city. The building occupied by the J. C. Penny store on Main street now has a modern front and that belonging to the Boston store, on the corner of Rusk and Main, has also been greatly improved. There have been no permits issued in 1928 as yet, January always being a slack month in the building trade.

Already Making Plan To Send Out Convention News

By United Press.
KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Every modern method of transmission will be used to broadcast to the United States and the world news of the republican national convention which will be held in Kansas City next June.

The American public is interested in what takes place at the convention, in the opinion of leading newspapers of the country. Already 25 metropolitan dailies have made arrangements to conduct a special leased wire from the "ringside" of the convention to their own offices.

Picture organizations also have begun plans to obtain pictures of the national gathering. Elaborate preparations underway here five months before opening of the convention, lead to the conclusion that pictures of the convention will appear "over the breakfast table coffee cups" in record time.

C. E. Fleming, traffic manager of the National Air transport, incorporated, air mail carrier, has been assigned his assistants, with requests for special service from the convention hall. The fastest possible action will be afforded, he said.

Members of the local committee, working in conjunction with the na-

American Jazz Is Struggling To Hold Own in Paris

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
PARIS.—It's a war to the death between American jazz and Argentine tango-bands with Paris as the battlefield.

The present mortality rate is about

tional republican party in staging the convention, have too many friends in the city, they assert, to desire responsibility of distributing tickets to the convention.

Predictions seemed round here that the meeting will be attended by a larger number of delegates than can be afforded seats if Kansas Citizens are granted admittance. "We'll handle the rest of it and you take over ticket distribution," is the word that has gone from Kansas City to the national committee.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON.—"I," said Senator Henrik Shipstead the handsome young giant from Minnesota, "am not the balance of power in this senate."

Shipstead was staying late in his office, as some senators sometimes do, on an evening shortly before the death of Jones of New Mexico. Al-

though a Farmer-Labor party man, he had supplied the one vote which enabled the republicans to organize the upper house, for there were then 47 democrats, 46 republicans, Shipstead and vice president Dawes. The death of Jones left 46 democrats.

"Neither," Shipstead continued, "does the independent group of republican senators hold the balance of power."

"The balance of power is held by the reactionary democrats who are willing to vote with the reactionary republicans when large business interests say the word. In this senate party labels mean nothing. There is a direct line of cleavage here between the reactionaries and the progressives. Just look at the vote on the Walsh resolution to investigate the electric power trust."

Some others would say that the cleavage was between the conservatives and radicals and they wouldn't admit that there was an electric power trust. But Shipstead was saying, in effect, what most of the intelligent senators here say in so far as concerns the present political line-up. The trouble is, of course, that the ordinary republican or democratic senator can't publicly admit that party lines don't mean anything to Shipstead, being independent of both big parties, can say what he likes.

A glance at the vote, as suggested by Shipstead is instructive. The vote was on the motion of Senator Moses to refer Tom Walsh's resolution to the senate's interstate commerce committee.

Advocates of the investigation said this would bury the bill, the committee membership being predominantly conservative. The motion was carried 40 to 36, 13 conservative democrats voting with 27 conservative republicans and 13 progressive republicans voting with 23 democrats against it. Ten democrats didn't vote and most of them were accused of ducking the issue.

The fate of the Walsh resolution is now uncertain, but its friends contend that the senate's refusal to authorize the investigation represented the first big victory of a power lobby said to be functioning here. The power lobby is dedicated to keeping the government out of the electricity business and to head off any investigation of the huge power industry.

The 13 democratic senators who voted against Senator Tom Walsh were Bayard, Brossard, Edwards, Glass, Hawes, Mayfield, Odie, Overman, Ransdell, Simmons, Steck, Thomas and Tyson.

Of those who are accused of ducking the vote were presidential candidate Jim Reed and presidential candidate Curtis. Presidential candidate Willis voted with the majority of the republicans.

OUT OUR WAY



SECRETARY OF COMMERCE SAYS BUSINESS OUTLOOK VERY GOOD

An answer to the usual annual request of the press for a statement of prospects requires a short catalogue of the economic forces which dominate the business situation at our entry into the new year.

The more general of these forces, of course, include the credit situation, the degree of accumulated

stocks of goods or speculation in them, the size of the crops, the rate of wages, the outlook in labor relations and employment, the prospects of foreign trade and to these also need be added the particular forces in motion in the different major industries.

Upon these points it may be said that there is an ample supply of credits at low rates; the somewhat large stock of goods which were accumulated during the summer are being reduced; there is no consequential speculation in commodities; the crops have been abundant; wages are at a high level; we are recovering from some partial unemployment, especially in the automobile industry. There is peace in most sections of the labor world except bituminous coal; there is more peace in the international world than at any time since the war; the foreign world is recovering its economic strength and buying power, therefore, our foreign trade is steadily increasing. The phenomena usually accredited as preliminary of a slump are therefore absent.

During the past year there have been important shifts in our own economic world which have an important bearing upon the future. While the average wholesale price of all commodities at about 50 percent above prewar is today the same as a year ago, yet if we divide them into agricultural and non-agricultural goods, it will be found that the average price of non-agricultural products has fallen in the twelve months from about 60 percent above pre-war to 51 percent pre-war; while the average of agricultural products at central markets has risen from about 35 percent above pre-war to about 53 percent above pre-war; however, prices on the farm show only a rise of from about 30 percent above to about 39 percent above pre-war. Manufacture and distribution have by savings and diminished profits accommodated themselves to this situation of decreasing prices without reduction in the average level of wages and therefore in the national buying power. But the great extent to which industry has accommodated itself to lower prices by decreased costs makes for a sounder condition for the ensuing year. Despite decreasing prices, production and consumption of manufactured commodities have been maintained upon a high level, as shown by car loadings of class of goods, which have been about equal to those of last year.

As to particular industries, agriculture, textiles, bituminous coal and some metals—still lag behind the others. The contracts let for future execution in the construction industries are at as high a level as at this time a year ago.

Taken in a broad sense we enter the new year with the forces of stability dominant in the business world.

Voice of Steel



An artist's character study of Myron C. Taylor, new chairman of the United States Steel Corporation's finance committee. He is expected to serve as spokesman henceforth for America's largest corporation.

HAWAIIAN CHIEFS PLAN TWELVE BIG AIRPORTS

By United Press.

HONOLULU, T. H.—So firmly do territorial officials believe that Hawaii's future development rests to a large extent on creation and maintenance of adequate air ports that within the very near future 12 landing fields will be available on five islands for use by commercial aviators.

A portion of the fair grounds at Waikiki will be used as an airfield having a central location. Also near Honolulu is the John Rodgers memorial airport which is still under construction.

Outside of Honolulu will be airports on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Molokai.

Army authorities already have indicated that certain fields established in the territory, by military aviation officials may be made available for commercial fliers.

It is hoped that the department of commerce and the postoffice department will encourage establishment of air mail, passenger and express freight lines between the islands.

Encouragement of commercial aviation in the islands rests with the territorial aeronautical commission which has the close co-operation of the territorial land commission.

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BILLY EVANS' SPORT TALK

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It was perhaps the only time in my career that I was subjected to all kinds of abuse from the fans and ridicule in the newspapers, when, as a matter of fact, I was entirely innocent of the mistake alleged to have been made by me.

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Hickman as a Schoolboy



This picture shows William Edward Hickman, alleged kidnaper-slayer of 12-year-old Marian Parker of Los Angeles, as a schoolboy in a rural school at Hartford, Ark., near the Oklahoma state line. Hickman (shown by the arrow) was 13 years old then.

pened that I was assigned to do a great deal of work with the Chicago club that season. Since we had only five umpires, most of the time I was officiating alone.

Late in the year, I was paired with Jack Sheridan to umpire several important games that had a decided bearing on the pennant race. St. Louis, a tough team for Chicago to beat, was the first team to invade Chicago in an effort to knock off the White Sox.

Well do I remember the pitchers for the opening game, Ed Walsh, ace of the Chicago staff for the White Sox, and Barney Pelly, always a tough man for Chicago to beat, for the St. Louis club.

Called End of Game

The game early settled down into one of those old-time pitcher's battles and at the close of the ninth inning the two teams were deadlocked in a scoreless tie.

About the seventh inning it suddenly began to grow dark and it seemed as if there might be a down pour of rain at any moment. Realizing that the judgment of the veteran Jack Sheridan, umpiring on the bases was far better than mine, I walked down to him for assistance.

"Looks as if rain or darkness might make trouble for me, Jack, so I want your help," I told him. "Don't let me try to go too far. Your judgment is far better than mine and when you think I should call the game, give me the sign."

He gave it to me at the close of the ninth inning, but hoping one or the other might break the tie in an extra session, I held up one finger, a signal that I would like to play another inning. He nodded his head in assent.

Neither team was able to score in the tenth and I was for trying another inning, although it was quite dark, but Sheridan absolutely refused permission and started to walk off the field.

"This, of course, was a definite cue for me and, turning to the stands, I announced the game had been called on account of darkness.

Was Panned Severely.

Then occurred one of those strange weather phenomena as we walked to our dressing room. Hardly had I called the game, when the sun somehow peeked out between the clouds, and for a minute or two it was lighter than at any time during the game.

However, inside of five minutes the rain was coming down in bucketfuls and in 10 minutes the ground was ankle deep in mud.

My desire to try to play the eleventh inning was very bad judgment. Sheridan had the situation sized up perfectly, except for the few minutes of sunshine that followed my calling of the game.

Yet, the next day I was featured in all the papers and took a sound drubbing in every one of them. On the whole the newspaper boys have been more than kind to me and really this tirade was easily the worst to which I was ever subjected.

The sum and substance of every criticism was that Sheridan should have been the umpire-in-chief in so important a game, not a bush leaguer

Newest Waner



Here's Travea Waner, a cousin of Lloyd and Paul Waner, who will play out with the Pittsburgh Pirates next spring. The new Waner is said to be a good major league prospect.

Many Entries In Pacific Coast Big Golf Event

LOS ANGELES.—More than 200 entries in the Los Angeles \$10,000 open golf tournament, money classic of western courses, were foreseen here today with the event less than a week away.

The course of the rich Wilshire country club, nesting in the heart of one of Southern California's finest residence districts, has been carefully groomed for the tourney, which starts Friday morning and ends Sunday.

Only a few days ago the finishing touches were put on some of the greens, the entire course having recently undergone radical changes. The green for the eleventh hole was lifted bodily from the Hillcrest course and grafted on Wilshire.

The tournament, now in its third year, is sponsored by the Los Angeles junior chamber of commerce, with the assistance of a senior business men's committee which guarantees the full amount of the purses. The event is the richest on the Pacific coast.

While many of the big names of eastern golf are on the entry list there is a formidable array of western talent that will endeavor to keep the purses west of the Rockies.

From the east there will be such stars as Tommy Armour, former Scotch amateur star and present American open golf champion Bobby Cruikshank, Leo Diegel, Eddie Loos, Johnny Farrell, Larry Nabholz and "Wild Bill" Melhorn.

In professionals the Pacific coast will have one of its strongest groups. Outstanding among them will be Wil-

lie Hunter, former British amateur champion, who is now professional at the Brentwood country club in Santa Monica. Ed Dudley, former Oklahoma star, now at the Hollywood country club; Tom Stevens, professional at the California country club; Harold Sampson, of the Burlingame country club, San Francisco and "Lighthouse" Harry Cooper, winner

Campaigns



With the ambition of becoming the first Democratic committee-woman from the state of Nebraska, Mrs. C. E. Byers (above) of Hastings already has won the support of many leaders in her fight for election. Mrs. Byers, an active Y. W. C. A. worker, favors Al Smith for president.

In my next article I will discuss the most ludicrous incident of my career.

RUDYARD KIPLING IS 62

LONDON.—Rudyard Kipling, whose poetry is known and quoted in all parts of the civilized world, is today celebrating his sixty-second birthday.

"If," which is considered one of his most famous poems, was written as a part of a book of verse entitled "Rewards and Fairies." It hangs, framed, upon the walls of many homes. Many a father has referred his son to it for guidance in future life. Thousands of American soldiers received printed copies of it during the war.

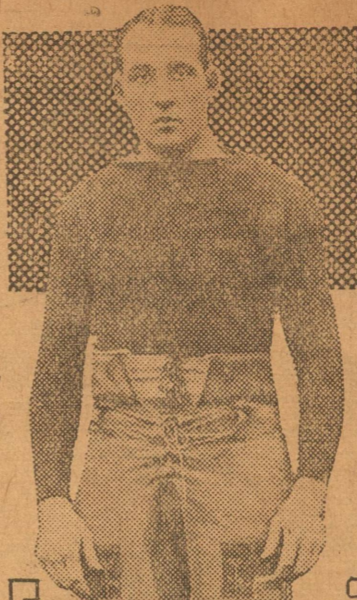
Born in Bombay, India, on December 30, 1865—in the same year as King George of England—Kipling used a profound knowledge of India to write two of his most famous books: "The Jungle Book," and "The Second Jungle Book."

His tales of adventure betray the wanderlust with which he himself was possessed when he travelled extensively through China, Japan, America, Africa and Australia.

In 1907 Kipling was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. Nineteen years later the Royal society of literature honored him with their Gold medal.

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of the Los Angeles event in 1926 who is at the El Sereno country club.

George Von Elm, former national open champion, will be another western entrant.

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ed hero.

In hundreds of villages near and far, native Filipino orators described the life and works of this man whose stature has grown through the years. From the date of his death, they declared, true aspirations of the Filipino people burst into flower as never before.

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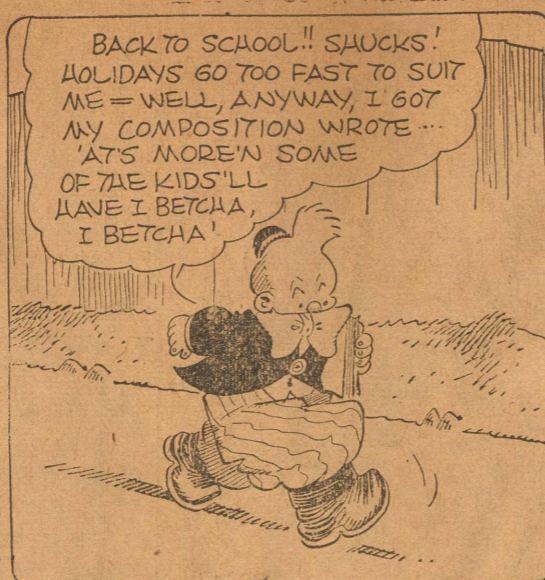
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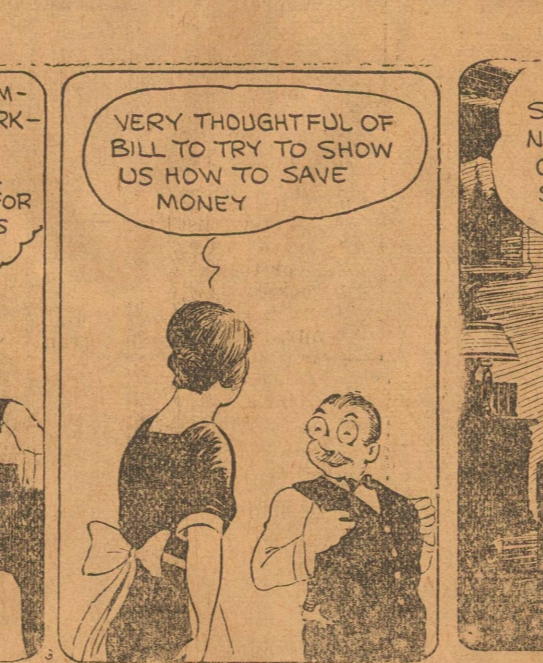
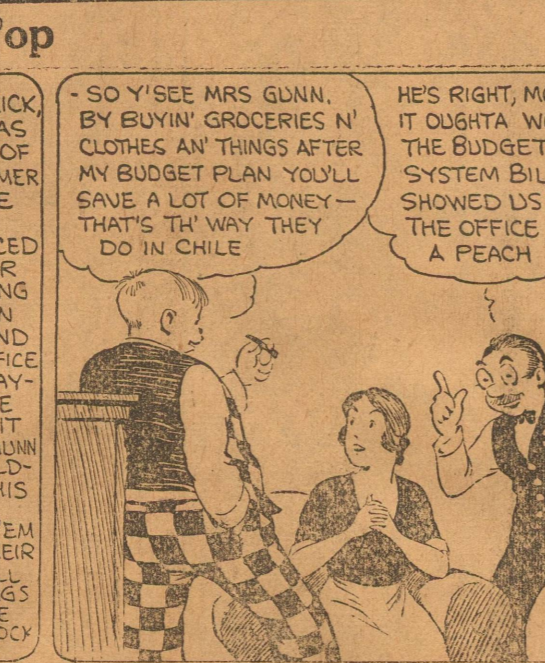
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Mom'n Pop



The Blazing Horizon by ERNEST LYNN

THE STORY THUS FAR: When Jeff Harrison, gambler, is killed in a poker game in Caldwell, Kas., his 13-year old son, Tony, is taken to the Bar K ranch in the Indian territory by Joe Craig, who appoints himself the boy's guardian. There Tony is welcomed by Titus Moore, owner of the Bar K brand, and his little daughter, Rita. Another who has befriended Tony is Gordon W. Lillie who later becomes known as Pawnee Bill when he teaches school at the Indian reservation in Pawnee.

advantages that young girls ought to have. "I reckon I can see her way of reasoning all right." He looked over toward the rude structure, half shack and half dugout, that he had dignified with the name of ranch house. "I guess it is sort of uncomfortable here for a woman who's been accustomed to luxuries most of her life. In Kansas it wasn't so bad; I had a decent house to live in and a barn that wasn't an eyesore. Here, half of the thing that I call a ranch house is dug in the side of a hill, and the excuse for a barn is just a few rough timbers thrown together for the express purpose of keeping the winter winds and snows off that Kentucky thoroughbred of mine."

Tony agreed with him. "I think it was mighty fine of her, considering. And it will be nice for Rita to go to school in the east." The colonel darted a quizzical look at the boy. "I'll miss her, though. Won't you?" Tony Harrison reddened and shifted uncomfortably. "Why, yes—sure," he answered hesitantly. "It won't seem natural around here without her. She—she's all the time in everything, kind of."

prevented him from pursuing further what Tony, in his independent way, might have construed as an offer too charitable to permit of acceptance. "I guess I was a fool, Fancy," he said to the mare. "The boy's got more education right now than most high school graduates, and more down-right sense than most people twice his age. He had the advantage of an intelligent father—which is what you have, Fancy. I guess human beings and horses are pretty much alike, after all."

protestingly—he thought of her and got constant reminders of her former laughing presence. Here it was that she had summoned him so peremptorily for their first ride together and Joe Craig had been afraid to come to his rescue; here it was that Outlaw had dragged his unconscious form the time she had taunted him into riding the vicious horse; here where they had sat together, his leg in splints, and he had told her about himself and Jeff Harrison, his father.

proud that day of his marksmanship and his coolness, and not a little contemptuous of her panic.

It was the same everywhere he rode; hardly a spot but conjured forth some poignant memory, and he felt as one who has suffered a great loss. She was gone now, and the ranch would not know her again as it had known her in the past. She might return at the summer's end but she would not be the same Rita again and she would go back after a brief visit, back to the east and the grief

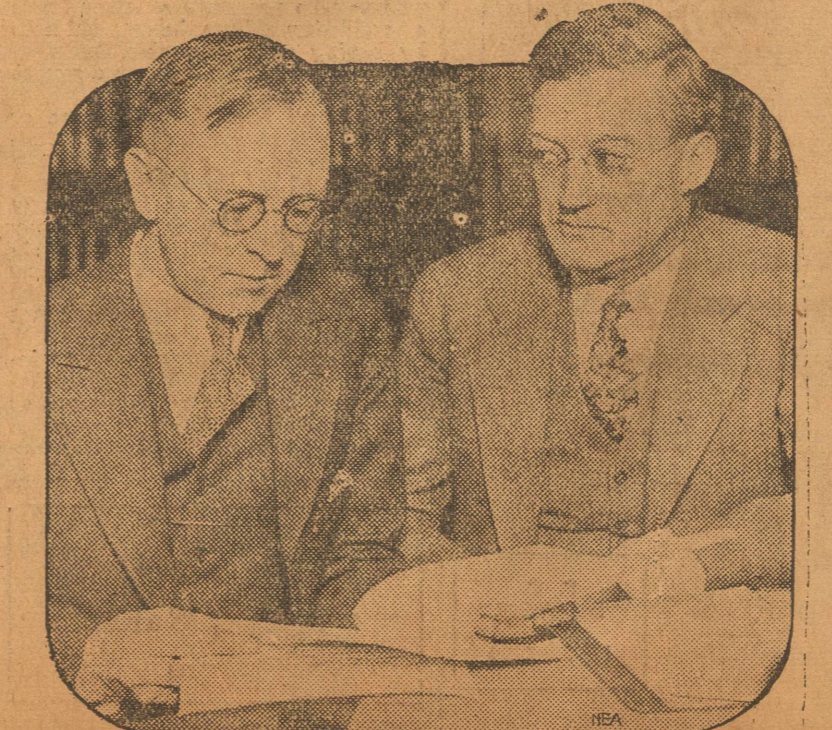


CHAPTER XX It was rather lonely at the ranch, advantages that young girls ought to have. "I reckon I can see her way of reasoning all right." He looked over toward the rude structure, half shack and half dugout, that he had dignified with the name of ranch house. "I guess it is sort of uncomfortable here for a woman who's been accustomed to luxuries most of her life. In Kansas it wasn't so bad; I had a decent house to live in and a barn that wasn't an eyesore. Here, half of the thing that I call a ranch house is dug in the side of a hill, and the excuse for a barn is just a few rough timbers thrown together for the express purpose of keeping the winter winds and snows off that Kentucky thoroughbred of mine."

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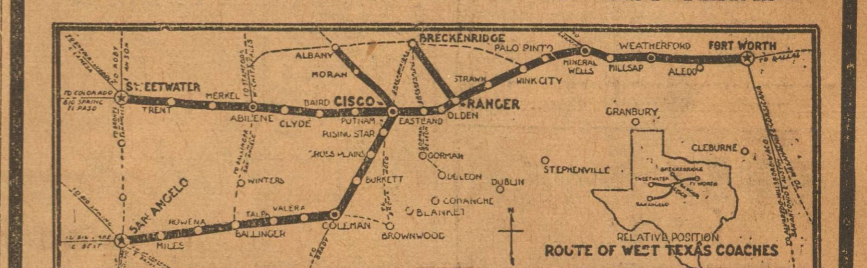
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Prosecutors of Harry Hill



These two men, State's Attorney Russell O. Hanson (left) and Special Prosecutor Andrew J. O'Connor, are prosecutors in the trial of Harry D. Hill of Streator, Ill., for the murder of his mother. The trial is being conducted at Ottawa, Ill.

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The Blazing Horizon

reared Virginians her mother and father had moved among.

It had been inevitable, of course. This country out here was certainly no place for a woman—not yet at least. Mrs. Moore had made many sacrifices, but denying her daughter the advantages that their money commanded, and letting her remain in a wild, uncertain country where the peculiar conditions of cattle ranching were so dubious as to forbid even the erection of a suitable home, were not included among them. Mrs. Moore was certainly not to be blamed.

What puzzled him was the thing Colonel Moore had said to him about school. Was it possible that Titus Moore, sensing a subtle change in him, had invited him to get away from a place that held the ghosts of happy memories. Or had the colonel had something else in mind?

He could find no satisfactory explanation.

Of one thing he was certain: he would not remain at the Bar K very much longer. During idle intervals he took to reviewing the events of the three years that had elapsed since his father's death, and at times he regretted bitterly that Joe Craig had brought him to the ranch and took to speculating on what might have happened if he had been left to shift for himself.

He worked like a Trojan and sought Craigs' companionship that he might not be left alone with his thoughts. He dared not admit to himself the truth; he was too ashamed; people, if they knew, would laugh at him.

(To be continued)

Paving of Ranger Streets Should Be Started Soon

Actual work on paving Ranger streets should be started within the next week or so as representatives of the contractors have announced that they will open offices here Thursday and start the preliminary work.

J. E. Burke, who was awarded the contract for the work, announced that he will open his office in the Hodges-Neal building Thursday and make final preparations for the paving.

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MECHANICAL INNOVATIONS NEW CHEVROLET APPEAL TO PUBLIC

Wildfire enthusiasm kindled throughout the country last week when the new Chevrolet line for 1928 went on display took particular account of the many mechanical innovations embodied in the new car.

Thousands who viewed the new models noted that the wheelbase was increased and bodies made roomier and more beautiful, also that the mechanical features had been developed to a measure heretofore unknown in the low price class.

Outstanding developments in the engine and chassis that received wide spread endorsement were the increased speed and power of the new car, easier steering, four wheel brakes of new design, shock absorber springs marking an advanced trend toward riding comfort, and smoother engine performance.

The last mentioned feature was achieved by the use of constant clearance alloy "invar strut" pistons which make for smoother, more efficient motor performance.

Further contributions toward this end are gained by raising the compression ratio and by stepping up the valve lifts. Through these changes maximum power is developed.

Other changes in the engine are the addition of a breathing system to eliminate the annoyance of engine fumes; a new two-port exhaust, and a silencing engine enclosure.

The four wheel brakes are of non-locking design—the product of Chevrolet laboratories plus the facilities of General Motors laboratories and proving grounds. Front brakes are two-shoe unenergized internals, while the rear brakes are the energized external, self wrapping type. Front and rear brakes have been proportioned to prevent side drag or pull. Each brake has an individual adjust-

ment at the wheels, while "stops" have been provided to make the adjustment process especially easy. Easy initial pedal application throws the front brakes into action. Further application throws the front brakes harder into action and also brings the rear brakes into full play, so that it is possible to slide the rear wheels on dry pavement by using full pressure, but not the front wheels.

The effect of this, according to Chevrolet engineers is to get uniform wear on the brake lining.

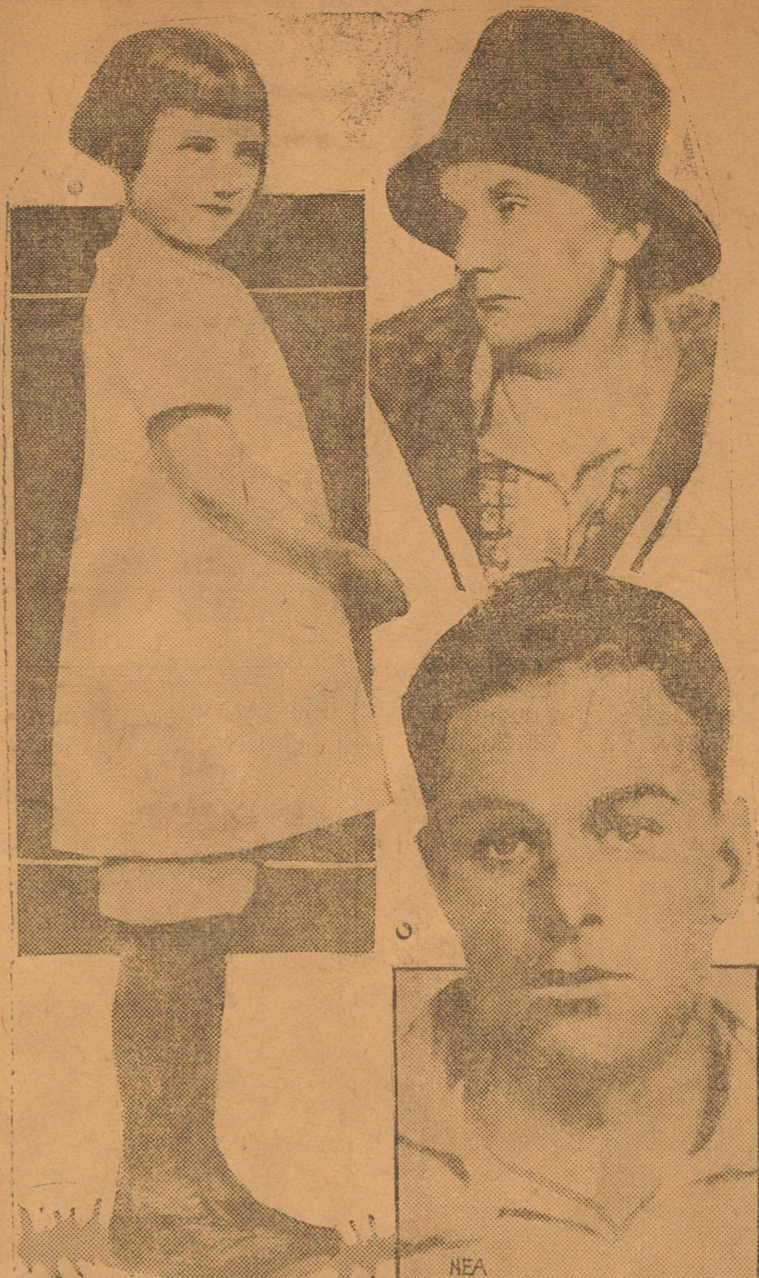
The springs also are of extraordinary interest. Realizing that all uncomfortable spring action is the result of rebound after striking a bump Chevrolet engineers set about to increase the friction of the springs and thus check the rebound.

This end was achieved by equipping the springs with special rebound checks. Two checks are on each spring located half way between the center spring shackle and the spring end. These rebound checks are inverted bow shaped steel leaves assembled under high pressure against the top of the spring leaf, the ends pressing against the top of the leaf, increasing the resistance.

So much has the spring friction been increased by this new device that the car is said to ride 50 percent better than with old type springs. The rebound checks also offer greater resistance to bumps.

Greater ease of steering was made possible by adopting a ball bearing worm and gear steering mechanism, including ball bearings in the steering knuckles, and by increasing the steering ratio from 8 to 9.5 to 1. The four inch increase in wheelbase contributes greatly to the riding quality of the car, with less pitching and better road holding ability.

New 'Kidnaping' Puzzles Police



Details of the alleged "kidnaping" of Wilhelmina Evelyn Smith, 11, of Oakland, Calif., have been given to the police of Redlands, Calif., by Mrs. Emma J. Spence, welfare worker. Mrs. Spence said Robert McClellan, convict she had known in prison, had brought the girl to her home and that the two had lived there part of the time since the girl left her own home three weeks ago. The girl did not try to escape from the "kidnaper," Mrs. Spence said. Above are shown Evelyn, her mother and McClellan.

Tomorrow in the World of Fashion

By LUCILLE BUCHANAN, Fashion Editor of Harper's Bazaar

Written for United Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Hats are becoming more original and more amusing by the moment. Paris is taking bits of felt, molding them to sleek heads, snipping them here and there, and calling them hats.

Tiny caps are cut away from the forehead at exciting angles and dipping down over one eye according to the disposition or eyebrow of the wearer. Some of these caps have a forward movement produced by projecting points over the ears—the rounded ear-flap is not so new. Others have a tiny brim slit over each ear and turned flatly up in front and flatly down over the nape of the neck in back. One favorite tiny hat has two "ears" that cross over one eye-brow. Patou made a hat of this type for Ruth Elder to wear back to America.

One of the smartest small hats I have seen was of gray felt worn with a gray ensemble. It was practically a skull-cap, fitting down over the eyes and close to the back of the neck. Three points beginning at the crown of the head formed the side "ear-laps" of the hat, and these were painted a darker gray than the hat, in modern graduated handling of tone.

Sometimes the new tiny hat with little or no brim has a brush of aigrette over one ear—aigrette or glycerined ostrich.

Paris sent out to the races recently some extraordinary effective and amusing hats. An example of these is a small brimless hat, really a crown fitting down over the back of the neck, completely encircled with crosse feathers that formed a sort of halo around the small head. Re-boux sponsored a strange little one-sided hat, cut away over one eye-brow to display quite a quantity of hair, in exactly the fashion that we are trained to believe that no French woman ever wears her hat. From over the right ear on this amusing affair shot a small explosion of feathers, a sort of aigrette pom-pom. This hat is characteristic of what is going on in Paris this minute.

Ornaments for these small hats are extraordinarily ingenious. Flat bows of dull gold, geometric designs of crystal, silver and crystal "modern" ornaments, fine marcasite and paste birds. Real jewels, such as emeralds and diamonds, set simply in modern designs also are used. In fact hat jewels are an important note in the mode are selected to harmonize with or match one's actual jewels. The woman who possesses a remarkable emerald ring, echoes the emerald note by having small emeralds, set with diamonds and black onyx on a square pin in her hat.

The small black hat, of taupe or soleil is still as smart as possible, although the careful matching of shade for shade of hat, costume gloves, and hose is still done, and is extremely effective, too. Fashion advisers may tell you that the meticulously matched costume is passe but when you see one, you are conscious that the result is entirely satisfactory and that the lady looks well dressed.

Hats and bags always seem to influence each other. When hats become tiny, bags become enormous as if to make up for lack of fabric. It is amusing to see a tiny-hatted woman

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Many Frozen Pipes In Ranger After Near Zero Weather

The cold spell that has prevailed in Eastland county for four days has taken its usual toll of frozen water pipes and bursted water pipes, if activities of anger plumbers can be taken as an indication.

The plumbers are being rushed to death with frantic calls from over

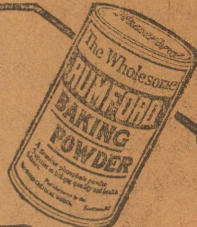
half of the homes in anger that are suffering from broken pipes. Long lists of calls repose in all of the plumbing shops in Ranger and the city force has its usual share also.

Most of the pipes are those outdoors that were not buried deep enough to escape the near zero weather, although quite a few are in the houses.

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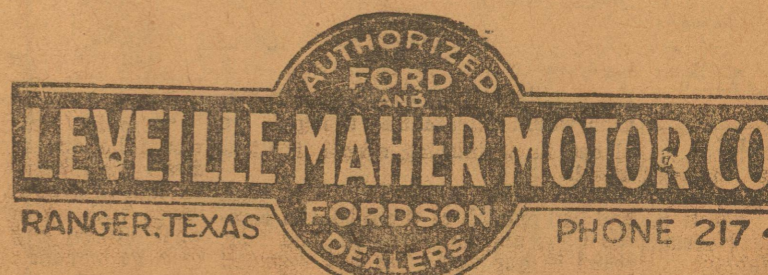
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