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in yourself." — Carlyle.

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HORSE RACING BILL IS KILLED BY THE HOUSE

Make-Shift Methods to Relieve Schools Oppose

Rotary Club Talks About School Need

New Building to Relieve Overcrowding Can Be Built Without Increasing Taxes Speakers Declare — Trade Extension Talk Made.

The Eastland Rotary club at its meeting today went on record as being unalterably opposed to building temporary buildings or the remodeling of the old high school building as a remedy for the congested conditions prevailing in the Eastland Ward schools.

The matter was brought up and discussed at length by the club. It was brought out by the school board had re-fundings of the discussions that since the outstanding bonds of the Eastland Independent school district, sufficient additional bonds can now be sold to provide a new Junior high school building without an increase in cost to the voters or the refinancing.

C. H. Cotvin, secretary of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and a brief talk, advocated that Eastland give more attention to the future growth depended largely upon the development of the adjoining rural communities and the bringing of the trade from such communities to Eastland.

The club spent much of its time singing appropriate Rotary songs. Mrs. Joe Gibson, who has charge of the musical programs of the club, has been having a number of the club members practice singing two or three times each week and a great improvement in the singing is noted.

John Mouser was chairman of today's program committee. Other members were Harold Smith and Rex Caldwell.

The program committee announced for next Monday's meeting is composed of Dr. J. T. Williams, chairman; I. Moldave, and J. C. Beard.

Chicago Bandits Secure \$225,000 In Cashed Checks

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 — Three overpowered the night watchman at the Pioneer Trust and Savings Bank here today, snatching with checks valued at \$225,558. The watchman stopped to the sidewalk and the men struck him. Two of them walked into the bank, seized a sack containing the checks and bank officials said the checks were worthless to the men as they had been cashed and merely were awaiting delivery to the clearing house.

Fingerprints Only Hope Murder Case

Police Baffled by Graveyard Slaying of H. B. Alston of Marshall— Expect Report on Fingerprints Sometime This Afternoon.

By United Press.
MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 18 — Developments of fingerprints taken from a blood stained iron pipe — more than the city will ever pipe were awaited by officers today in the belief that they may link one of the suspects held in jail in the murder of H. B. Alston, 42, found dead in a cemetery here Friday night.

The developments were being made by a Shreveport police expert and were expected to arrive this afternoon.

Meantime a new theory on the nature of the murder was advanced by city and county officers who continued investigation. They found an open vault near the spot where the pipe was found hidden beneath shrubbery. A hole, believed to have been recently made, was found in the brick wall of the vault.

Some thought that this indicated the murder was premeditated and carefully prepared in advance by persons who lured Alston, a Texas and Pacific coppermith, to the graveyard and there killed and robbed him.

A woman was brought into the case with the arrest of the mother of a four year old girl at whose home one of the suspects was located. She was questioned for several hours, released, later re-arrested and again released after being held in jail over night.

Officers admit they are baffled.

By United Press.
GREENVILLE, Tex., Feb. 18 — Despite discouraging progress made in their search for the slayers of John A. Coulson, 60-year-old Greenville capitalist, officers have not yet given up hope of learning the identity of the murderers.

Police and the county attorney announced this morning that no charges had been filed in the case and that they will resume their questioning of three suspects arrested shortly after Coulson was found shot to death in his hotel apartment Friday morning.

All three suspects, said to be strangers here, stood pat on their original claim they had nothing to do with the killing. Suspicion fell on the men when they were found fully dressed in their room directly under Coulson's apartment at an early hour Friday morning.

Besides the three strangers, several Greenville men have been questioned. Officers are convinced that robbery motivated the crime as Coulson was known to have carried large sums of money on his person.

BOND SALESMAN IS APPREHENDED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 18 — Henry T. Davidson, a bond salesman of Amarillo, Texas, was held here today for officers from Benssaloe, Ind., where he is wanted in connection with a robbery, involving \$200,000 in bonds. Davidson was arrested here for investigation when it became known he had attempted to sell coupons representing \$20,000 in bonds. None of the bonds were found on him.

Devil-Dog Butler Returns Home



Gen Smedley Butler is in Eastland visiting his mother and brothers. The general arrived yesterday morning and plans to remain here until Thursday.

He spent the day quietly Sunday, conversing with his mother and brothers. During the afternoon, he visited the Arab Gasoline corporation's plant of which his brothers are in charge.

Chiropractors Of the Oil Belt Organize Here

The Oil Belt Chiropractic Society was organized here Sunday afternoon when 29 representatives from more than a dozen West Texas towns including Abilene, Stamford, Ballinger, Munday, Hamlin, Sweetwater, Rising Star, Gorman, Comanche, Cisco, Banger and Eastland, met at the Connelley Hotel here and perfected the organization.

Officers of the society, elected at this meeting, are: Dr. H. A. Hoy, Cisco, President; Dr. G. L. Newman, Abilene, Vice-President; Dr. Q. D. Gould, Stamford, secretary-treasurer.

Judge J. D. Barker of Cisco delivered the principal address of the meeting, speaking in interest of the passage of a chiropractic bill by the present Texas Legislature.

Dr. L. H. Thompson of Eastland presided at the meeting. The next meeting of the society will be in Abilene on March 3.

LINDY CONFERS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 — Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is expected to take off from Bolling Field for New York shortly after noon today. He has before him until that time a series of important conferences. It is understood among them are appointments with Speaker of the House Longworth; Paul Henderson, of the T. A. T.; and assistant Postmaster General Glover.

SANTONE HIJACKER GETS \$1,500

Prairie Stops 55,000-Barrel Production for One Day — T. B. Slick Will Follow Suit — Two Help Relieve Over-Production.

By United Press.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 18 — Major oil producers of the nation sent representatives to Oklahoma today to learn the results of the latest conservation plan put into effect by the Bernsdall Oil corporation and the Prairie Oil & Gas company.

These companies shut down all production in the Seminole field Sunday and will do this every Sunday until the over-production problem is settled, it was announced.

Barnsdall shut in about 19,000 of oil Sunday while Prairie shut in about 35,000 barrels.

T. B. Slick, independent producer who suggested the plan, is expected to shut in about 30,000 barrels next Sunday.

Ray Collins, State umpire for the operators, had experts on the two companies leases Sunday and today checking up on the results of the wells being shut in.

"The plan should solve the over-production problem and become general providing the wells which are making some water are not forced to shut down," Collins said. "I look for the plan to be accepted by other States. If it is and the operators abide by agreements, I expect the crude prices scheduled to remain steady. Otherwise another overproduction is probable."

"The next few days will complete our investigation of the shut-in wells and determine future policies of this kind."

The curtailment program was spreading through the nation today. Producers of the Muskegon area of Michigan agreed to drill in no more wells in the deep sands until a committee studying the proposed 90 day shut down has reported.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 18 — Despite the cry of over production, crude stocks in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas on Jan. 1, to Feb. 1, showed a decrease for the first time in many months. While the drop is not so large when distributed between so many districts, it is a decline and naturally makes the producer feel more hopeful.

For the first time in many months, stocks of crude in the North Central district of Texas, which includes West Texas, fell off from a total estimate of 73,000,001 barrels on Jan. 1, to 72,824,775 barrels on Feb. 1. Total estimated stocks in storage in the States of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas on Feb. 1, were 122,640,390 barrels as against 127,124,022 barrels on Jan. 1, a decline of 4,483,632 barrels.

Seek In Vain for 4-Year Old Girl

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 — A little hazel-eyed, 4-year old girl today was the object of the most concentrated police search seen here for many years.

SHUTDOWN ON SUNDAY IS STUDIED

Holding Night Watchman at Bay and Chisels Lock Off Strong Box — A Woman Drives Car In Which He Escapes.

By United Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 18 — Fifteen hundred dollars was taken from a strong box in the Merchants Transfer company station, operators of Yellow Cabs, here early today by a bandit who held Al Barrett, night watchman, at bay with a pistol and then chiseled off the lock.

After looting the strong box, the bandit escaped in an automobile driven by a woman, who picked him up two blocks from the transfer station.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 18 — William (Dagger) Pruitt, under five indictments for robbery with firearms and one of murder, was taken to Judge C. A. Pippen's courtroom in a wheel chair this morning to stand trial for the robbery of O. L. Buck of the Swiss Avenue pharmacy.

Pruitt is alleged to have held up Buck on the night of Jan. 3 and taken \$230 from the cash register of the store. He has not fully recovered from wounds received in a gun battle with officers at the time of his arrest in South Dallas.

Both sides announced ready when Judge Pippen convened court and selection of a jury was commenced.

Announce "Exams" For Certificates

Examinations for teachers' certificates will be held in April, June, July, August, September and December of this year. College entrance examinations will be held as usual on May 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Certificates of the second class may be obtained by examination only. Applicants who desire to take examination for certificates in any county must register with the county superintendent not later than the twentieth of the month preceding the examination which he desires to take.

Registration may be made by letter or by person. The applicant should give his age, sex, color, number of years of experience in teaching and should specify the subject on which he wishes to be examined. The examination fee is not paid until the applicant enters the examination.

Registration may be cancelled subsequently if desired.

Following are the dates on which examinations will be held this year: April 5 and 6; June 7 and 8; July 5 and 6; August, 2 and 3; September, 6 and 7; December 6 and 7.

Tonic So High- Powered that A Bottle Explodes

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Feb. 18 — While dressing his hair a tonic, Claude Lovell, 28, a barber, lighted a cigarette and the tonic exploded, searing his face and hands. The accident occurred Saturday night after Lovell had closed his shop.

THE FUTURE MRS. LINDBERGH

The family's Own Picture of Girl Who Is to Wed the World-Famous Flyer in the Near Future.



Here is the best picture ever made of Miss Anne Spencer Morrow, fiancée of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, a recent etching that was made for members of her family. This copy was obtained by The Ranger Times and NEA Service from Mrs. Charles Cutter of Cleveland, Ohio, who is Miss Morrow's maternal grandmother. Very few photographs of Miss Morrow have ever been taken and this crayon portrait, for which she posed only recently, is said to be the best likeness in existence.

WEALTHY PRINCE IS SUED FOR \$50,000 IS A HOT TOMALE VENDOR GIRL ALLEGES BREACH OF PROMISE

AMARILLO, Texas, Feb. 18 — Her sister, now in high school at Lawton, Oklahoma, would receive financial assistance to continue her education.

Miss Imogene Smith, pretty 17-year-old Oklahoma farm girl, believes that she suffered \$50,000 worth of humiliation and embarrassment last week when Khan broke off the engagement which would have made her a princess.

Khan is said to have been the first Afghan to take out naturalization papers in this country. He left his native land 30 years ago and enlisted as a soldier in the British army. Later, he claims, he gave up military life and exported silks from Japan, selling them in the Alaskan gold mining country.

A profitable side line for the erstwhile prince has been selling the fiery hot tomale. His two brass containers have been a familiar sight on downtown Amarillo streets for the past nine years, and he is reputed to have amassed a fortune of \$200,000 at this business.

Recently Khan announced that he planned to leave this country about March 1 to return to his native land to join forces with his boyhood friend, King Amanullah, in the latter's drive to modernize Afghanistan.

In her petition, Miss Smith charges that she met Khan in an Oriental rug shop in which she was working. Two months after they met, she says, he proposed to her and was accepted.

Legislature Might Meet In Houston

Lobbying in Austin Will Result in Resolution by Sen. Cousins for Lawmakers to Hold Special Session Away From Capitol.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 18 — The House of Representatives at noon killed the horse racing bill by a vote of 74 to 55.

The above vote was taken after the measure already had the betting features struck out by an amendment offered by the bill's supporters.

No opportunity to relieve the racing bill in any form at this session of the legislature exists. A parliamentary motion to reconsider and table was adopted. After such a motion the bill cannot come up again so long as a single member objects. Rev. B. J. Forbes of Weatherford, by a motion to strike out the enacting clause gave the bill its death blow.

All betting provisions are cut out of the fair association racing bill in an amendment offered today by Rep. Cecil Stor of Vernon after a conference with Rep. J. D. Avis of Wichita Falls, its author.

With these provisions stricken out, the right to hold contribution racing would be left to the courts. An attempt to make a test case of contributing racing last summer failed when the Court of Criminal Appeals held it had not been properly presented.

The House by vote of 91 to 20 decided to take up the racing bill today out of regular order. Previously the members killed a resolution calling for a public hearing tonight by a vote of 94 to 26.

Rev. J. Frank Norris of Potts Worth, who was alleged in House debate Friday to be instigator of the motion for a public discussion tonight, was seated in the gallery when the vote was taken.

Among the other spectators was former Governor James E. Ferguson.

Gov. Moody's attitude on the bill was brought into discussion. Rep. H. N. Graves of Williamson county was asking that the public hearing be held.

"Hasn't the governor said he would not sign the bill if it passed?" asked Rep. Jack Keller of Dallas.

Rep. Graves replied "There is not much probability of his signing it, though I have not heard him say what he will do about it."

Gov. Moody sent his expected message to the House and Senate this morning. It dealt entirely with prison legislation.

In his message, the governor clarified his stand and set forth his ideas that should be contained in a prison bill, to meet the situation.

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KNOW YOUR COUNTY
Eastland county's school population in 1928-29 was 2,205.
The number of income tax returns in this county in 1927 was 873.
There are 17 tracts consisting of 15,051 acres that have been set aside as State game preserves in Eastland county. (From Texas Almanac)

OUT OUR WAY



TAKING THE WATCH OUT OF WATCHMAN

J. R. WILLIAMS

LEGISLATURE TODAY

By United Press. SENATE: Special order day with preference on calendar for Senator Woodul's resolution for a State road bond issue.

Mr. Hagood of Moran, formerly county school board member, J. Grisham of Gorman.

Delay Opening of Air Mail Service

BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 18.—Opening of the Mexican air mail line from Mexico City to Brownsville, scheduled for Feb. 23, has been postponed to March 9 at the request of American postal authorities.

PIONEER INDIAN FIGHTER NEARLY WORN OUT

Western pioneer, Indian fighter, soldier, preacher—such is the life of J. L. Havins, 84, who, according to his own version, is "nearly worn out."

MANY HERE ON SCHOOL MATTERS

The following people were in Eastland Saturday in connection with school business. Velma Johnson, teacher at Cottonwood, and her sister, Miss Johnson of Abilene.

CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE: Reed - Borah prohibition debate continues. Vote shortly after 4 p.m. on Jones prohibition bill.

FLASHES

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Patrick Crow, 60, who in 1900 kidnaped the young son of Edward Cudahy, millionaire beef packer, and held him for \$25,000 ransom, committed suicide here today by shooting himself in the head.

TUESDAY'S FEATURES

WABC and Columbia network 7 p.m. CST — Hank Simmons' Showboat, "The Moonshiner's Showboat," in four acts.

LEGISLATURE MIGHT MEET IN HOUSTON

(Continued from page 1)

most important administrative measures before the 41st legislature, had a hard time in committee. The original, calling for a bond issue of \$225,000,000 came out of committee out to the present figure.

WEDDING RINGS.

A soap company recently paid a famous artist a high sum for a painting of a proud mother and her child. Then the company spent a lot of money putting this painting in advertisements, accompanied by references to the kind of soap the mother used in bathing her child.

CRIME GOES UP.

Although the expense of policing American cities has doubled within the past 10 years, crime has increased in the nation during that period in history, according to an article by Howard McLehlan in the February North American Review.

NAVAL HEROES.

Heroism is one of the traditions of the American navy. Never was this tradition better fulfilled than on the other day, when two sailors tested the new submarine escape hatch by going to the bottom in the test submarine S-4, coming out through the hatch, floating to the surface, and then going down and re-entering the vessel again.

AL CAPONE SAYS HE IS NOT SO BAD

One Time Chicago Leader Has Retired to Enjoy Life as Millionaire Sportsman on Island—Entertains Lavishly.

By Frank Getty United Press Staff Correspondent PALM ISLAND, Miami, Fla., Feb. 18.—"If I were as bad as I'm reported to be, I'd be afraid of myself."

M'CLOSKEY TRIAL IS STARTING

Difficulty Is Found In Getting Jury to Try Congressman-Elect for Election Return Alteration Charge In His Race.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 18.—Shortage of men on the jury panel caused delay this afternoon in starting the trial of Democratic Congressman-elect Augustus McCloskey, charged with altering election returns in Bexar county.

Judge Davenport's Condition Serious

The condition of Judge George L. Davenport was critical shortly after noon today, according to information received by the Telegram from Ranger where the 91st District court judge has been in the hospital for several days.

CHRISTMAS TREE STILL BURNS FOR KIDNAPED CHILD



Mrs. Raymond Horst, with Melvin's little sister, beside the Christmas tree that is kept lighted for Melvin's return.

ORRVILLE, Ohio.—A wailing Christmas tree, all draped with silver trimmings and gay with bright lights, still stands in the living room of the home of Mrs. Raymond Horst—even though Christmas is a month and a half in the background.

slimmest hope that he is still alive. But Mrs. Horst is confident. "He'll Come Back" "Melvin will come home some day, and we'll be waiting for him," she says.

Legion Chaplain



Rabbi Lee J. Levinger, of Columbus, Ohio, is the new national chaplain of the American Legion, chosen to succeed Rabbi Herman Beck of Pottsville, Pa., who resigned.

has solved the problem of providing fuel for the Eskimo villagers. The outcropping of this coal, the department reported, occurs 10 miles down the coast from the village of Wainwright and promises soon to become an important source of Alaska which borders on the Arctic Ocean.

VICTOR HAS AN EXCITING DAY

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 18.—Although himself seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident here Sunday, Victor Benavides, 19, son of a wealthy Webb County ranchman, was charged with negligent homicide and failure to stop his car and render aid in the death of Marcelino Cano, 50, city employee.

Here Is Secret Of Skin Beauty

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SWANSEA, Wales, Nov. 29.—Ten miners were killed and two seriously injured by an explosion at Pwll Colliery at Penclawdd here today.

THE BLACK PIGEON

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Tim Howard and Sylvia Barker, 2, Ranger.

V. B. Squyres and Pearl Mitchell, 2, Ranger.

W. Rawson and Jewell Tennant, Eastland.

T. B. Bradley and Flalah Brocknridge.

Raymond Hunt and Aline Drake, 2, Ranger.

H. W. Minton and Aline Loveland, Eastland.

Crescipo Contrevis and Vastina, 2, Ranger.

Bo. Edward Parsons and Thelma, 2, Ranger.

Palmer Stokes and Lula Mae, 2, Ranger.

J. D. Files and Lalah Smith, 2, Ranger.

W. J. Walker and Lula Smith, 2, Ranger.

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REPAIRS: Service Corporation. Carbon Motor Co., Carbon.

REPAIRS: Well Filling Station.

REPAIRS: J. J. Raines.

REPAIRS: Highway Station, 4 miles west of P. Tow, 5 miles north.

REPAIRS: S. Seaman. Eastland Jones, phone 123.

THIS HAS HAPPENED

One Monday morning the body of "HANDSOME HARRY" BORDEN, promoter of dubious stock companies, is found by his secretary, RUTH WESTER, sprawling beneath the airshaft window of his private office. Ruth is engaged to JACK HAYWARD, whose office is just across the narrow airshaft from Borden's.

Ruth recalls Jack's angry threats on Saturday when Borden made a playful pass at her and her scream attracted him in the opposite office.

Ruth hurries to Jack's office to tell him of the tragedy, and, finding him out, searches for his pistol, which he had purchased at the same time he bought an identical weapon for her to keep in her desk. Ruth, fearing Jack shot Borden across the airshaft, hurries to shut the window above the body. It is already closed!

Ruth tells DETECTIVE McMANN of Borden's two Saturday morning visitors: RITA DUBOIS, night club dancer, and MRS. BORDEN, his wife and mother of his two children, who called for her monthly allowance check. Mrs. Borden comes into the office during the questioning. McMANN accuses her of the murder but she denies it. When McMANN finds tiny footprints of a pigeon in dried blood on the window ledge, and on the floor near the body, which indicates the window was open during the murder, he says the shot may have been fired from the inside, and the window closed by the murderer.

Suspicion fastens on Ruth until McMANN points to the office across the airshaft and asks who rents it. Jack admits it is his. McMANN questions the elevator boys and learns that Saturday afternoon passengers to the seventh floor were BENNY SMITH, Borden's office boy, Mrs. Borden, Rita and Jack Hayward!

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XVI

"Well, Hayward," McMANN opened the attack with his short bark of a laugh, "you've had plenty of time to figure out why it took you at least 15 minutes to find those theater tickets."

Jack flushed darkly, but his voice was steady. "I had no trouble finding the tickets. They were in plain sight on my desk. But when I entered my office the phone was ringing and I answered it, of course."

"And talked 10 minutes? Who was the girl?" McMANN was heavily sarcastic.

"The call was from an insurance company with which I do business," Jack answered, his flush deepening and his eyes involuntarily glancing toward Ruth.

"A business call at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon? Pretty thin," McMANN commented dryly. "I suppose you can give me the name of your caller?"

"I can," Jack answered reluctantly. "And also the substance of the conversation, though I had hoped to spare Miss Lester the bad news for a while longer. The call came from the branch manager of the Pinnacle Life Insurance company. He was still in his office, and took a chance on finding me in mine. He called to tell me that Mr. T. Q. Garnett, whom I had signed up for a \$50,000 policy, had been turned down after a medical examination, because of high blood pressure."

His handsome young face was very grim and pale as he acknowledged the collapse of his plans for an immediate wedding.

"Oh, Jack," Ruth reached for one of his tightly clenched fists and laid it tenderly against her cheek. "You should have told me! If you had—"

Jack checked the sentence that was tumbling out on the receding tide of doubt and fear which had made the last two hours a nightmare. So much was clear now—his worried, harassed manner on Saturday, his moodiness Saturday evening and Sunday morning, that overheard briefcase.

"Birdwell!" McMANN shouted, and the detective who had been stationed at the telephone in the outer office, in place of Patrolman Rand, appeared in the doorway. "Check up on this by phone. Pinnacle Life Insurance company. Ask for the manager. Find out if and when he called John C. Hayward Saturday afternoon."

"Any news, Birdwell?" Ruth asked, middle-aged, laconic, and permanently bored with life, answered tiredly. "Much ringing, little news. Clay's out to round up the Dubois woman."

McMANN consulted his notes, checked an item or two, then demanded irritably: "Hasn't that office boy blown in yet?"

"No? What's the last address you have, Miss Lester? We've got to pull him in."

Ruth got the information from her files and gave the memorandum to Birdwell without comment.

"I'll put Callahan on the job, sir," Birdwell volunteered wearily. "Anything else?"

"No, yes, wait! Hayward, you say you and Miss Lester lunched at the Chester Hotel?"

"Yes, Ruth answered concisely, coolly, but Jack, who had returned to his side, tightened his rigid arm. "All the manager of the hotel to send me the waiter who served this couple on Saturday, Birdwell, and tell him to make it snappy," McMANN directed.

"Bigger is holding off a swami

McMANN rose. "As you say, Birdwell, I'm open-minded! I'll have a look at the gun, and then, still open-minded, I'll wait for Pederson's report on whether it's been fired or not. Pederson's our firearms expert, and if he says it's never been fired, I'll take his word for it—but not yours. Pretty clever of you to admit possession of a gun, but you knew damned well the record would show when and where you purchased it."

He strode to the communicating door, opened it, flung it wide, and addressed the detective who was talking over the telephone: "Back in a minute, Birdwell. Keep an eye on the couple for me, won't you? Come on out—both of you!" and he motioned to Ruth and Jack, who still stood beside Borden's desk.

Flushed, but with heads held high, they obeyed, silently taking seats at the large table in the center of the reception room, where every word they uttered could be heard by Birdwell, who had taken possession of the unaccountably missing office boy's desk.

"I haven't scattered the reporters yet, sir," Birdwell volunteered. "Been busy on the phone. The waiter's coming right over."

"Well, guess I'll have to give 'em a minute," McMANN conceded, with resigned reluctance, smoothing his hair and adjusting his tie, as he opened the outer door.

A barrage of questions halted him on the threshold.

"No, nothing for you yet, boys," the massive detective told them, raising his hand impressively for silence. "Just say the murder of Henry P. Borden, known as 'Handsomer Harry' Borden, promises to be one of the biggest crime sensations of the year, and that Detective Sergeant Thomas H. McMANN, in charge of the investigation, expects to make an arrest before the day is over."

Just say the murder of Handsome Harry Borden promises to be one of the biggest crime sensations of the year, and that Detective Sergeant Thomas H. McMANN, in charge of the investigation, expects to make an arrest before the day is over.

of reporters out there in the hall," Birdwell volunteered uninterestedly. "Ready for 'em yet, sir?"

"No!" McMANN barked. "Just tell the boys that Detective Sergeant Thomas H. McMANN expects to make an arrest within a few hours. And that's no lie. Be sure they get my name spelled right."

"And Birdwell, bring Rita Dubois to me as soon as Clay drugs her in."

McMANN waved his subordinate away, then concentrated upon Jack Hayward again. "So it took you 10 minutes to answer the phone and pick up a couple of theater tickets. That's right?"

"Not exactly," Jack answered evenly. "I was pretty well knocked out by the bad news from the insurance company, since I'd counted on the commission to get married on, so I sat at my desk for two or three minutes, trying to get hold of myself before seeing Miss Lester again. I didn't want to spoil her day—the first after our engagement."

He drew a quick, sharp breath, then smiled down at the girl who was clinging to his arm.

"Needed money pretty badly, didn't you, Hayward?" McMANN interrupted significantly.

"I was sorry to lose the commission, because it might mean a postponement of our marriage," Jack admitted curtly. "Then it occurred to me that since I'd lost the commission I'd better get going on other business, so I packed my briefcase with work to do over the week-end. It took me several minutes to find a list of prospects I wanted to work on, for I'm not familiar with my secretary's filing system. When I had found it I left the office and rejoined Miss Lester at the hotel."

"At what time?"

"At 10 minutes past two."

"You've got the time down pretty pat, haven't you?" McMANN inquired, grinning crookedly as he made a note. Then, more directly, "You were already thinking in terms of alibis, weren't you, Hayward?"

"You're certainly open-minded, McMANN!" Jack laughed contemptuously. "First you sum up a magnificent case against Mrs. Borden, until the poor woman herself must have half believed she did it. Then you make an equally strong case against Miss

Birdwell's weary but watchful eye was upon her. She knew then that it was useless to try to warn Jack. Totally unprepared, he would have to face McMANN when the detective returned—empty handed, gloating over the disappearance of his latest suspect's gun."

(To Be Continued)

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OUR LITTLE GIRL HAS BEEN SICK AND I WAS AWAKE. IT WAS ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK WHEN I HEARD STRANGE NOISES AND WOKKE POP UP AND—

—I LOOKED ALL OVER THE HOUSE AND FOUND NOTHING BUT JUST AS I WENT TO GET INTO BED AGAIN THERE WAS A LOUD CRASH—AND THE PIANO—LIKE SOMEONE HAD FALLEN ON THE KEYS

THEN IT WASN'T UNTIL THIS MORNING THAT YOU MISSED THE \$500. HOW WAS THAT?

WHY THE MONEY WAS IN THE ROOM WHERE WE WERE SLEEPING AND IT NEVER OCCURRED TO US THAT THE NEGRO HAD BEEN IN THERE

THE DRESSED DRAWERS WEREN'T EVEN OPEN

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

KEEP GOIN' FELLAS—WE'RE GAINING ON IT!

GEE—WERE WAY ONER ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN—THEY CERTAINLY ARE GOIN' A LONG WAY TO TAKE FRECKLES HOME!

WHAT'S THAT BUNCH OF KIDS CHASING US FOR?

I GOT ME—THEY'VE FOLLOWED US FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY BLOCKS—BETTER STOP—LET'S SEE WHAT THE TROUBLE IS

FRECKLES? WHY HE ISN'T IN OUR AMBULANCE— YOU KNOW THERE'S ANOTHER AMBULANCE JUST LIKE THIS ONE IN TOWN— WE'RE JUST ON OUR WAY TO LUNCH, BOYS!

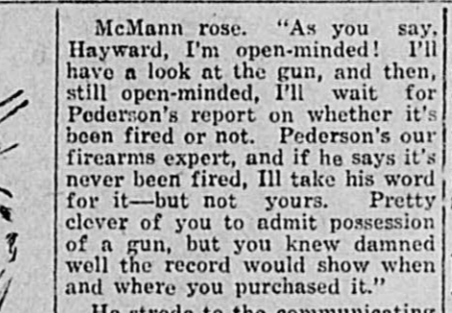
I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS FUNNY THAT THEY CAME WAY OVER HERE BUT NONE OF YOU'D STOP!

FOR PETE SAKE!

CAN YOU BEAT THAT? HERE WE CHASED TH' WRONG ONE!!



McMANN pointed to the door, opened it, flung it wide, and addressed the detective who was talking over the telephone: "Back in a minute, Birdwell. Keep an eye on the couple for me, won't you? Come on out—both of you!" and he motioned to Ruth and Jack, who still stood beside Borden's desk.



McMANN rose. "As you say, Birdwell, I'm open-minded! I'll have a look at the gun, and then, still open-minded, I'll wait for Pederson's report on whether it's been fired or not. Pederson's our firearms expert, and if he says it's never been fired, I'll take his word for it—but not yours. Pretty clever of you to admit possession of a gun, but you knew damned well the record would show when and where you purchased it."

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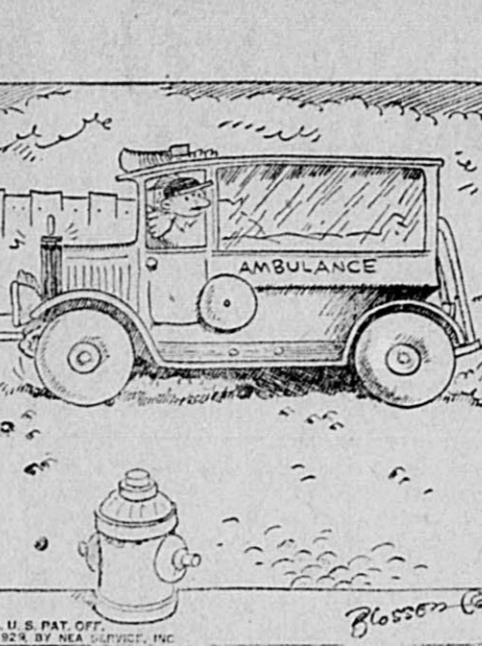
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Tell-tale wagon tracks led from the dank South Georgia swamp in which lay the mutilated body of Ira Byrd, a farmer, back to Byrd's own home. Officers discovered first the "death wagon," then crimson stains on a porch, and later blood spots on an axe. With these as a nucleus they built up a murder case against the slain man's widow, with whom he had quarreled, and four neighboring farmers. The quintet of defendants in this "most brutal killing in Georgia crime history," shortly to come to trial, are pictured above, left to right, at top: Powell Brandon, Lawton Dixon and Levy Smith; and at bottom, Dan Tyre and Mrs. Byrd, the widow.

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having throughout the United States in fact, a Renaissance, and introduced Mrs. Lexie Dean Robertson, Eastland County poet who gave three very beautiful readings, "The Whipporvills," "Red Hoels," and an encore.

The entire afternoon was exceedingly original, and displayed much of the talent in the Federation.

The Community Clubhouse was filled by clubwomen. This was one of the largest attended meetings in several months.

SUNBEAM BAND: There was a rousing and enthusiastic gathering of the sixty little folk of the Sunbeam Band, Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was conducted by their teacher, Mrs. W. T. Turner and opened with the songs, "Booster," and "Smiles," with Grace Williams at the piano.

The collection was \$1.69 which brings the amount to date for the stried glass window, the Sunbeams will install in the new church to \$24.06.

Interesting stories were told by R. J. Lambert, Juanita Bensley, Herbert Salisbury, and Winston Allison.

The strange predicament of a foreign girl in this country was described.

Junior Lovett told the story of "The Newcomers," and Ralph Liles gave a reading, "Little Playmates."

A very attractive flag drill was put on by thirteen boys, each of whom stated what his flag stood for. The drill was led by Mrs. Turner.

Rev. W. T. Turner held them very intent as he described the first flag, and told about Barbara Fritchie.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by the pastor.

BARN DANCE THURSDAY NIGHT: Everyone will be given a genuine treat in the beautiful and harmonious strains of music to be provided for the Washington Eve, "Barn Dance," in the Elks Club, Thursday night, 9:30 to 1. Clever decorations are planned in keeping with a dance of this character, and all guests are requested to be attired in aprons and overalls. Music by Charles Gamble and his orchestra "Nuff Sed."

T. E. L. BIBLE CLASS MEETS: The T. E. L. Bible Class of the Baptist church has resumed the once a month social sessions, that of Saturday, held at the home of Mrs. John Matthews, being the first meeting for this season.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. L. J. Lambert, their president. Following the usual routine, a style show was presented, each one present having to declare the newest thing bought and worn and exhibit same.

A judging contest in pictures was a delightful feature, some of the pictures, being tin types, taken in early infancy. Mrs. McWilliams showed an interesting photograph of herself, taken in Canada, within recent years, and sent to her brother in California, which he reproduced by telephone, this copy being the unique one exhibited.

A history of the T. E. L. Class, organized in 1923, was presented by Mrs. G. W. Dakan, who was its organizer and preceptor for four years.

Eight ladies present were charter members. The membership now numbers thirty-five. Mrs. McWilliams gave a talk on the duties of officers, and Mrs. Matthews told an original story, showing an oil painting in connection, which was her own work, and very effective called "Memory."

Cherry pie with ice cream topping was served, and hatches and cherries were the plate favors.

Those present: Mmes. Linnie R. Grisham, G. W. Dakan, Bishop, Pentecost, Nora Andrews, John Williams, Nora Vaught, J. M. Wilson, D. B. Roark, John Norton, Pritchard, P. L. Parker, Frank Lovett, E. T. Cox, John McWilliams.

L. J. Lambert, Miss Sallie Morris, Mrs. John Matthews, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Turner and their two guests from Abilene, here for the week end.

NOTES AND PERSONALS: Miss Geraldine Dabney of T. C. U. was a week end home visitor.

Mrs. George A. Davison accompanied by Mrs. W. S. Poe, motored to Roswell, New Mexico Saturday. They spent the week end with their sons George Davison Jr., and Garland Poe, students Military Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Johnston and family leave today for their new home, a big country residence, near London, Ohio. They made many friends during their several years' Eastland residence, and friends are loathe to lose them. Mr. Johnston represented the Magnolia Co.

Again, Eastland is called upon to give up friends. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pilling, leave today for their new home in Los Angeles, California, after a few years' here where Mr. Pilling was associated with the Arkansas Natural Gas company. Both the Johnston family, and that of the Pillings took a prominent part in the life of the Presbyterian church and they will be missed.

Allen Dabney, student Abilene College, was a home visitor Saturday and Sunday.

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DECISIONS OF APPEALS COURT

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals for the Eleventh Supreme Judicial District:

Affirmed: Stephens County vs. V. H. Moore, Stephens County.

Texas Employers Ins. Assn. vs. W. L. Lawrence, et al, Stephens County.

Cases Submitted: L. D. Head, et al, vs Texas State Bank, Stephens County.

J. C. Curry, et ux vs The Texas Company, Stephens County.

A. A. Hutton, et al vs L. A. Burkett, Eastland.

Motions Submitted: M. A. Gaither vs R. E. Gaither, for rehearing.

Brown Burch vs Benton McMillin, for rehearing.

D. F. Largent vs Joe Etheridge, for rehearing.

Motion Granted: W. H. Fuqua vs James Shaw, Banking Comr., et al, to Certify to Supreme Court.

Motion Overruled: Cisco Bldg & Loan Assn., vs Mrs Grant Mason for rehearing.

For Submission February 22nd.: H. W. McGee vs Clark Cunningham, Eastland County.

W. J. Halloran vs Abilene State Bank, Taylor County.

R. C. Jones vs Texas Indemnity Ins. Co., Nolan County.

Several Thousand Barrels Pour Out

Gorman, Texas, Feb. 16 -- The Magnolia Pipe line running only a short distance west of town broke on Monday morning just a short distance from Fayette Halle's place and the oil escaping from the line ran down from there to below Bass Lake before the pressure was taken off the line above Cisco.

Several thousand barrels of oil escaped before the break was found and as a result the pipe line company has had a crew here this week pumping up the oil that was caught behind dams and in holes and then burning off the waste that could not be pumped up.

There has been a big cloud of smoke over the western sky all this week, making this section look like a real industrial center. The extreme cold weather for the past week caused the break.

ALAMEDA FORMS COMMUNITY CLUB

The members of the Alameda community met at the school house recently and organized a community club on the plan offered by the Eastland county farm bureau. Officers elected were:

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