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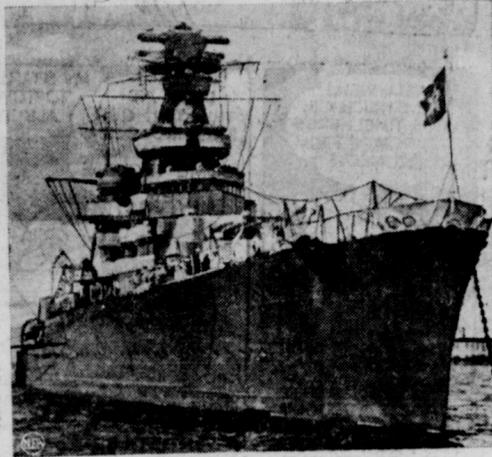
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Ranger Youth Confesses Big Spring Slaying

AMASSADOR D REMAIN IN SOVIET UNION

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The U. S. Ambassador Steinbock and his wife, in view of indications that the administration does not feel action would be advantageous, was stated semi-officially that the United States would not recognize the conquest of Poland. A decision against recall of the ambassador or a break in relations with Russia will be in defiance of a Republican drive to compromise the whole basis of U. S.-Soviet relations, since 1933. Republicans plan to carry the issue of Soviet recognition into the presidential campaign.

Report Soviet Cruiser Sunk



Finland drew blood in undeclared Russo-Finnish conflict when coastal guns at Russaroe Fort were reported to have sunk 8500-ton Russian cruiser Kirov, with 500 aboard. The ship was completed in 1937, one of three in her class.

SNOW AIDING FINNS RESIST SOVIET RAIDS

Foreign diplomats, including 13 Americans, fled Helsinki, the Finnish capital today, fearing that Russian fliers plan to cloud the city with poison gas at the first break in a raging snowstorm. The German steamer Donau sailed with German colonists and other foreigners. Its departure was considered an ill omen, because its presence was a guarantee that the Russians would not unleash the terrible bombardment they have threatened. Most of the civil population had fled, but the cabinet remained and President Rytta declared he would not leave the capital until it became most necessary. After four days of war there were prospects of a long struggle, bearing on other nations. Italy, warning the Soviets out of the Balkans, permitted thousands of fascists to stage demonstrations denouncing Russia and supporting Finland. The Scandinavian nations sending many volunteers to aid Finland, tightened their defenses. The allied powers sympathized with the Finns, but concentrated on a double blockade on German exports with which they hope to destroy Germany. Finnish armed forces continued to fight back. Dispatches said they were holding off the red army with the aid of snowstorms. One bulletin said 1,000 Russians had been killed by land mines near Terijoki and at Moscow the soviet press, while claiming steady gains, admitted that progress was difficult. Both sides claimed possession of Port Petsamo on the Arctic coast. Several arctic towns were in flames. In Moscow the government apparently was determined to have nothing to do with the Helsinki government and gave full recognition to the league of nations, summoned to consider Finland's charges of aggression. Britain and France reported they were making progress against Germany at sea. They claimed aerial raiders scored direct hits on submarines sunk or captured and only 12 allied merchant ships were lost last week.

Yale's Farewell to Browder Is Slightly Upsetting



Earl Browder, U. S. Communist Party head, gets boisterous send-off as he leaves New Haven after addressing Yale Peace Council on virtues of communism. Students who had packed the hall and overflowed outside took his car to cries of "Turn it over!" Browder got away safely amid jeers.

MEXICAN THEN HANGS HIMSELF IN JAIL CELL

Rafael Camacho of Ranger Confesses Slaying Big Spring Officer, Police Are Told.

The slaying, last week, of W. J. O'Leary, assistant police chief at Big Spring, was believed solved today by a note found on a 21-year-old Ranger youth who hanged himself today in the Weatherford jail. In the note Rafael Camacho of Ranger admitted slaying the Big Spring officer last Tuesday with an automatic pistol, state police reported. Camacho, who was jailed in Fort Worth last Saturday when he tried to steal a car he couldn't drive, also left a map showing that he had dropped the gun in Lake Sweetwater, the police reported. Capt. John Reed of the State Highway Patrol, left for Sweetwater with a magnetic instrument with which he hopes to locate the death gun. Capt. Reed also intends to compare fingerprints of Camacho with those found near the scene of the slaying. According to information received by Chief of Police Guy Pledger of Ranger Camacho confessed robbing a tailor shop, a hardware store, a filling station and a garage in Abilene last Wednesday. He obtained an L. C. Smith shotgun from the hardware store, then entered a residence nearby. While in the house a woman turned on the light, thinking she had heard her husband return home, and the Mexican fled. In Abilene, the report stated, he took a Dodge sedan, which he drove to Stamford, where it was wrecked. At Stamford he took a 1938 Buick, which he drove to Breckenridge and then to Caddo. At Caddo he picked up a woman and a boy, who were hitch hiking, and brought them to Ranger, letting them out of the car and explaining that he had to take the shotgun to the home of a friend. The Buick was abandoned at Thurber and he hitched a ride to Weatherford, where he burglarized two homes. Friday he was picked up by Weatherford officers and escaped while being taken to one of the houses he allegedly robbed, so he could be identified. He was later arrested in Fort Worth when two couples saw him pushing a car from a driveway at the home of a friend, and they parked their car so he couldn't get the other machine out. Officers came along and made the arrest. Stamford officers questioned Camacho at Weatherford, and had planned to take him back there for trial on Dec. 9, Pledger was informed today. Sheriff John Turner of Weatherford and Deputy Kirby were in Ranger last week, checking up on the description of the Mexican, in the hope that he could be found. He was later arrested near Weatherford.

Structure Program of Church To Be Started At Church

The first of a week of lecture programs will be presented tonight at the Ranger Church of Christ, Robert C. Jones of Wichita, Kan., as the principal speaker. The week program will continue through Friday evening, with A-Cappella Chorus of Abilene Christian College being presented at the Recreation Building Sunday night. The subject for tonight's lecture is "The Church, Its Falling and Restoration." Outstanding speakers from all the state will be presented throughout the week. The public is invited to attend each program.

INSTRUMENTS FILED WITH CLERK LISTED

Instruments filed for record the past week in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway include the following: Barnett Petroleum Co. to R. J. Macbean, trustee, deed of trust; Mrs. J. Bogus et al to G. W. Gibson, warranty deed; Cisco N. F. L. A. to E. J. Reich et al, deed and resolution; City of Cisco to Mrs. N. C. Fowler, deed; O. D. Cunningham to J. J. Beavansette, warranty deed; W. J. Dobbs to W. J. McCorkle, trustee, royalty deed; W. T. Dunn to Continental Gin Co., partial release of abstract of judgment; T. H. Elliott et ux to Ruth C. Mobley, warranty deed; Eastland Investment Co. to Continental Gin Co., partial release of abstract of judgment; Federal Land Bank of Houston to W. H. Stephenson, et ux, release. G. W. Gibson to public, affidavit; G. W. Gibson to Mrs. J. A. Rapp et al, his penden notice; R. L. Kent et al to Smith Kent, warranty deed; J. H. Kleiner to R. W. Kleiner, release of abstract of judgment; J. P. Mills estate to public, certified copy of will; J. F. McMillan to W. T. Bolt, release of deed of trust; Mrs. M. L. McCoy et al to Gill M. Walker, warranty deed; J. L. Nunn to R. W. Mancill, warranty deed; A. V. Osburn to Francis Little, quit claim deed; L. D. Fair et al to G. W. Gibson, warranty deed. Lora Rounds et al to Mrs. Thelma Lois Berry, royalty deed; A. M. Thurman et al to A. D. Thurman, warranty deed; U. S. vs. T. E. Buey, F. W. Holder, Bearman Oil Co., Mrs. A. T. Bearman, J. A. Bearman, deceased, et al, notice of tax lien; J. H. Woodruff et ux to J. R. Holder, deed of trust; J. T. Woodruff to J. H. Woodruff, release of vendor's lien; Mrs. A. Louise Webber to W. E. Tyler, trustee, dede of trust.

Farmers Vote On December 9th In Cotton Meeting

If you produced cotton in 1939, you are eligible to vote in the 1940 cotton marketing quota referendum December 9. George Slaughter, chairman of the State Agricultural Conservation Association committee, announced at the State committee meeting this week. Slaughter pointed to the instructions for holding marketing quota referendums which set out that landlords, tenants and sharecroppers are all eligible to vote if they produced cotton in 1939. "They are not only eligible to vote but are urged to vote," Slaughter declared. "The important thing is to get as many of the eligible voters as possible to the polls, so the results will be really representative of the cotton farmers' wishes. "Any cotton farmer who fails to vote on cotton marketing quotas is not interested in his own business as he should be. The outcome of the referendum means a lot to individual farmers as well as farmers as a whole, and each vote will have its effect on the result." For cotton marketing quotas to be in effect in 1940, he pointed out, two-thirds of all farmers voting must favor them. Since marketing quotas are not applicable to cotton with a staple length of 1 1/2 inches or more, farmers raising such long staple cotton will not be eligible to vote, the chairman said. Each farmer, whether landlord, tenant, sharecropper, partnership, corporation, association or firm will be entitled to one vote only. The county ACA committee will be in charge of all arrangements for the referendum in the county, and the voting will be carried out just like any regular election. The committee will choose three local farmers to serve as election officers in each community and see that a ballot box is provided at the voting place. Voting will be by secret ballot, Slaughter said, with each farmer marking his ballot privately and casting it in the customary manner used in secret voting. Although urging all cotton farmers to vote in their home communities, votes will be accepted at the polls in any community, county or State, Slaughter said. Eligibility of all voters will be checked in their home counties.

December To Have Fewer Pensioners But More Funds

AUSTIN, Dec. 4.—December will have fewer old age pensioners in Texas and those on the rolls will get a slightly higher average payment than in November. December rolls listed 121,341 pensioners compared with 121,647 in November. December average payment will be \$8.75 compared with \$8.61 in November. Gov. O'Daniel meanwhile abandoned his efforts to increase pensions until the state legislature meets in 1941 and turned his attention to an industrialization campaign.

PEANUT CO-OP BUYS TOTAL OF 10,147 TONS

Dick Weekes, manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers association, announced Monday that the organization has thus far bought 10,047 tons of peanuts. Paid to farmers for the peanuts was \$610,617. Weekes said biggest portion of the buying for the season is over although the buying season does not officially end for the association until April 1. Last year 10,307 tons of peanuts were purchased by the association. The amount this year will exceed the figure of last, said Weekes. Buying has been as follows at the warehouses of the association: Tolar, 1,080 tons; DeLeon, 1,471; Comanche, 1,518; Dublin, 1,193; Gorman, 2,012; Brownwood-May, 684; Ranger, 567; Rising Star, 514; Eastland, 284; Elkhart, 65; Katy, 175; Lexington, 45; Cisco, 118, and Fort Worth, 321.

Winnie Judd Is Still At Large After An Escape

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 4.—Winnie Ruth Judd, a murderess, eluded possemen today, broke into a minister's home to steal a coat and food and left notes explaining her second escape in six weeks from the state insane asylum. While bloodhounds trailed her the "tiger woman" who killed her two best friends seven years ago entered the home of Rev. Warren, a close friend of her father. She left a note for him and another for the governor. She took four oranges, some crackers, then fled. Mrs. Judd feared her daughter's escape was motivated by an impulse to end her life.

Oil Belt Union To Meet In Ranger

The Oil Belt Young People's Union of the Methodist Church will meet at the First Methodist church in Ranger, Tuesday evening at 7:30. Following the program there will be a recreational period which will be directed by Miss Leila Latch and Rev. J. I. Patterson of Cisco. The Union includes young people from Oiden, Eastland, Carbon, Cisco, Breckenridge, Putnam and Ranger. All young people of the Ranger church are urged to make their plans to attend.

Paso High Is District Winner

DELTA, Dec. 4.—El Paso High was awarded the football championship of District 4 today the district executive committee meeting here, thereby gaining the right to meet Sweetwater in Paso Saturday in a bi-district game. El Paso High was tied with Austin El Paso after the two schools played a 7-7 deadlock Friday.

Accidents Take Lives On Week End

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 4.—A verdict of accidental death was returned today in the death of Everett Maxey, automobile salesman, killed by a pistol he was cleaning. CLEBURNE, Dec. 4.—An "unloaded gun" an 11-year-old boy brought back from a hunting trip, killed Paul Looper, dairy employe. WEATHERFORD, Dec. 4.—Elbert Beckham, 58, oil mill employe, was killed Sunday west of here when his automobile overturned. AUSTIN, Dec. 4.—State police today completed a check of October accidents. The month had 127 deaths and 11,964 injuries.

Mildred McGlamery On WJC High List

Charlie Bond, registrar of Weatherford Junior college, has released the names of students who have made the honor roll for the first nine weeks of the first semester. The list includes the name of Mildred McGlamery of Eastland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McGlamery, who was one of five students at the school making five "A's".

\$49,902 Job Of WPA To Start

A WPA project providing for general improvements on 5.9 miles of road from the city limits of Cisco west on the Scranton road will begin Thursday. Sponsored by the county, the project provides for employment of 105 men for eight months. The government's portion of the total cost of \$49,902 will be \$41,989. Grading, surfacing and drainage structures are included in the project.

Motion Made To Quash Indictment Of Maury Maverick

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 4.—Carl Wright Johnson, attorney for Mayor Maury Maverick, filed a motion today for an instructed verdict of acquittal on charges Maverick violated the poll tax law. A ruling was expected this afternoon. Johnson argued that the state offered no proof that Maverick paid the poll tax for a man, as charged.

Eastland Woman's Funeral Is Held

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Eastland at the First Methodist church for Mrs. Lillie Cogburn, 35, who died Saturday morning. Mrs. Cogburn, wife of Albert W. Cogburn, postoffice employe at Eastland, had been ill for an extended period. Rev. P. W. Walker, pastor of the church, officiated at the services. Burial was in Eastland cemetery. She had been a resident of Eastland for 10 years. For the same period she had been married. Mrs. Cogburn was born at Scranton. Mrs. Cogburn had been a member of the Baptist church for 20 years and also was a member of the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Survivors are her husband, her father, two children, two brothers, one one-half sister and three one-half brothers. Pallbearers were Jess Richardson, Percy Harris, Henry and Charley Murphy, Ed Willman and V. E. Vessels. Hammer Undertaking company was in charge of arrangements.

28 German Planes Downed By French

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4.—About 50 members of the crew were believed drowned today when a German mine layer was blown up in a German mine field off Landeland Island. The vessel was the third German mine layer blown up in the same field in two weeks.

Christmas Carols Through the Ages

"Come, all ye shepherds, and be not afraid; See where all lowly the Christ-child is laid . . ." This shepherds' carol originated in Bohemia, where peasants tending their flocks sang it to the accompaniment of flutes and reed pipes. The shepherd theme is found in so many carols because the singing of Christmas songs first began among devout peasant folk.



Eastland Girl On Program at T. S. C. W

DENTON, Dec. 4.—Edith Rosenquest of Eastland was presented on the Thanksgiving program at Texas State College for Women in the college auditorium last week when she appeared with the Dance Club, dancing selections based on Thanksgiving theme in a modern manner. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rosenquest, Miss Rosenquest is majoring in health and physical education and is a junior student.

Gambling Will Go Before The Arizona Voters Next Year

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Arizona voters, with an eye to lucrative resorts in the neighboring State of Nevada, will be afforded a chance to legalize gambling in the 1940 general election. The bill to permit gambling has been introduced in initiative form by Rep. Dr. Nelson D. Brayton of the State legislature and specifies that all revenue from the games go to the State Social Security Board and to county and municipal governments. Dr. Brayton charged that despite thousands of dollars spent annually in an effort to prohibit gambling, "it still flourishes and pays well."

Finnish Town Is Burned By Workers

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4.—Reports from Kirkenaes in far north Norway said today the Finnish nickel town of Salmijaervi was in flames, set fire by departing Finnish workers.

Austin Youth Is Seriously Wounded

AUSTIN, Dec. 4.—Raymond Dockal was in a serious condition today after he and his twin brother, J. B. Dockal, 25, were shot at Marshall Ford dam near Austin. The boy's home is at Mason. A cement worker at the dam was charged with assault on murder.

German Vessel Is Sunk By A Mine

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Twenty-eight German planes were shot down on the Western Front between Nov. 19 and 23, the air ministry claimed today.

Russia May Leave League Of Nations

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4.—The Argentine government today sent a message to the secretary of the League of Nations, urging expulsion of the Soviet Union from the league because of the invasion of Finland.

Pleas Sustained In T. L. Blanton Case

Eighty-eighth district court has sustained pleas of abatement of Clyde L. Garrett and J. W. Cockrill, a suit in which Thomas L. Blanton is plaintiff, to the plaintiff's second amended petition. The plaintiff was given permission to file his third amended original petition.

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Dismissed

Case of F. M. Spurlen vs. Illinois Pipe Line company has been dismissed in 88th district court due to lack of prosecution.

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Favorable Year For Oil Is Seen

AUSTIN, Dec. 4.—A favorable new year for the oil industry was forecast today by Col. Ernest O. Thompson, chairman of the Interstate Oil compact commission. Thompson expected 1940 oil demand to be eight per cent higher than this year.

Gymnasium Work At Scranton Is Resumed

After a shutdown of several months, a WPA project providing for construction of a \$25,000 gymnasium at Scranton school has been resumed, it was stated here today. The job was shutdown because of technical reasons. The gymnasium will be of the stone masonry type.

Man, 102, Fails To Reach Life Goal

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 4.—Ten years ago W. F. Sawyer's ambition was to live to be a hundred. He did and a week ago his hope was to live until his 103rd birthday, Jan. 3. He died Saturday, however.

17 Shopping Days Till Christmas

LONDON, Dec. 4.—King George is in France for a visit with the British Troops, it was announced. The king's departure was not announced until he had arrived safely.

THE WEATHER
EAST TEXAS—Fair tonight and today. Little change in temperature.

SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL

BY TOM HORNER

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Yesterday, Douglas searches the study, finds Ara's letters and notices hidden beneath the clock. He looks for a place to hide them. He goes out to the living room, then hears Benthorne's shout and at last the door. "I looked around the edge of the doorway, like this, and--" he says, and then he falls to the floor, dead.

CHAPTER XVII

DAWSON'S automatic flashed into his hand as he leaped over Ara's body and ran up the stairs to a time. "Krone!" he shouted as he ran. The door of Mrs. Benthorne's room opened as he reached the upper hallway, and Ara peered out. She had taken off her dress and shoes and apparently had been asleep--or almost so--when the shot was fired.

"What happened?" she asked restlessly. "Get dressed! Get downstairs!" Dawson roared, and ran on to crash into Alston's room. The man lay on the bed, as before, round asleep. Dawson shook Alston. "Wake up! Wake up, man!" Alston stirred and Dawson shook him again. "Damn sleeping pills!" he slapped the old man sharply across the cheek.

Alston's eyes opened, slowly. "Get up, get downstairs, at once!" Alston looked up blinking, as consciousness slowly returned. "You heard me get out of there?" And Dawson hurried from the room, turning toward the back stairs.

He collided with Helen Benthorne, running up the steps, at the landing. He grabbed her arms and together they struggled to keep from falling headlong. She screamed and Dawson muttered a few choice observations as women running without looking where they were going.

"What--what's the matter?" Helen Benthorne panted after she had regained her balance. His face was flushed and she gasped for air. "You gave me quite a fright, Captain. I thought I heard a shot."

"Sorry I bumped you, Mrs. Benthorne. I was in a hurry." She was staring at his revolver, still clenched in his hand. "I wanted to see you and Douglas and all the rest. Will you come with me, please?"

"My father--he's all right?" "He's been asleep," Dawson reassured her. "Come, now, let's get back to the front hall." "Captain, what is the matter?" But Dawson ignored the question. When he reached di Torio's body, he found Krone standing near. "Just like Benthorne, Captain. A well placed shot, in the center of the forehead," Krone explained. "He was dead when he hit the floor."

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CHAPTER XVI

JOHN DOUGLAS waited until he could no longer hear Jameson's voice as the butler led Ara upstairs, then swiftly went to work. Ara had said Benthorne put the letters and the photographs in a book. In a hurry, a man would select a book within easy reach, Douglas reasoned, and replacing it on a shelf, he'd pick out one of the middle rows.

That eliminated the two top shelves. Too high. And the bottom row too. Douglas knew that the book he sought was not on the left of the fireplace. He turned to the right, hurriedly pulled volume after volume from the cases, flipped through the pages.

He could hear Dawson's voice, and the Italian's, just outside the door, but he couldn't make out the words. That Dawson should come back! That was a chance he had to take.

As he worked he pondered Ara's reaction to the detective's accusation. Had she actually planned to blame Benthorne's murder on him? He recalled, unpleasantly, that she had suggested coming out to Benthorne's although he had insisted the idea was his own.

But Ara was in love with him. He was sure. Her kisses, back in Salt Lake, when she thought--before she knew her father wasn't the real John Douglas. It didn't add up.

Even if she had put him on the "spot," he couldn't stop loving her. He'd loved her from the first moment he spoke to her, in the coffee shop. They were planning to be married, too, as soon as she saw her father.

Her bags were packed. The porter at her apartment had told him she had wanted to catch a train. Did she really intend to run away, never see him again? Love battled doubt as his thoughts raced on. He couldn't hope to go through every book in the room. There were hundreds. If only some of them were dusty,

tell someone to come back," Dawson ordered. "Where's hell is Flynn? Did he think I wanted him to take a vacation?" The captain looked up. Douglas was framed in the door of the study. Mrs. Benthorne was standing nearby, terrified and awe-stricken.

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"You were pretty sound asleep when I tried to awaken you, Alston," Dawson looked at Benthorne's partner speculatively, and his glance led it to be known that there was much left unsaid. "You had to be, to miss a revolver shot, not 20 feet from your door." He went on to Helen Benthorne. "And you, Mrs. Benthorne?"

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"Yes, Captain. But with so many people in the house, I preferred using Jameson's. It is on a line separate from Mr. Benthorne's. It is also possible to cut off the upstairs extensions from Jameson's room."

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"Could you have made it, without being seen by either the cook or Jameson, from the butler's quarters to the rear stairway?" Mrs. Benthorne eyed him icily. "I don't know just what you mean, Captain. I suppose, as you suggest, that I could have sneaked upstairs without being seen. But I could hardly have run back to Mrs. Benthorne's room before I started up? What I mean is, was there a sufficient interval between the shot and the instant I topped the stairs, for you to have made it back to the room?"

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he might have had some indication of where to search. But that all-efficient butler evidently saw to it that the maids didn't miss dusting the study regularly.

That passageway to the street. Why hadn't Ara told him about it? That would have simplified the whole thing. Had she kept silent about it because she intended using it herself? If he had been 30 seconds quicker. . .

That passageway. . . passage-way. He couldn't forget it. If Benthorne had built his house with that--why--?

There was the answer to the whole thing, Douglas realized. Benthorne had some secret hiding place here in his study. A sliding panel, a hidden safe. Benthorne had had plenty of time to take Ara's proofs out of the book, put them safely away. But where?

The desk? Dawson had probably searched it thoroughly. Modern desks weren't built with secret drawers any more--at least, if they were, Dawson would know where to look for them.

have heard the gun if it had been shot under your pillow!" The older man smiled, a bit wanly, almost condescendingly. "To tell the truth, Captain, I didn't hear the shot. This whole affair has exhausted me. I've taken three sleeping tablets--"

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He glanced around the lawn below him. That watering can, half hidden behind a clump of evergreens.

He raised the window, slowly, silently, slid his leg over the sill and dropped to the ground.

"I WAS just coming in the doorway here, when I heard the cop's whistle," Joey was explaining to Dawson as they stood at the street entrance of the passageway. "I knew something was wrong and I thought the cop had seen me duck in here. I tossed away that cigaret Alston found and ran to the hall."

"It was dark, but there was a light upstairs. I figured Benthorne was in his study then, but I didn't want to see him right away. So I ducked around the foot of the stairs and into the living room. Come on, I'll show you."

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Ford pickup, E. E. Flayer, Eastland; King-Ball Motors.

Pontiac sedan, Virginia L. Bonter, Olden; Muirhead Motor Co., Eastland.

Chevrolet sedan, Lene Star Gas Co., Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co., Eastland.

Chevrolet sedan, O. L. Stamey, Cisco; A. G. Motor Co., Cisco.

Ford sedan, W. C. Smith, Gorman; Clemons and Morton, Comanche.

Chevrolet sedan, H. Sterling Drumright, Cisco; A. G. Motor Co., Hudson sedan, Mrs. R. J. Taylor, Ranger; C. J. Moore Auto Mart, Ranger.

Suits Filed

91st district court: Ora C. Campbell vs. Neva Ann Campbell, divorce.

88th district court: Mrs. Sue Beach et al vs. Melvin Shell, damages.

CONVICT IS AIR-MINDED

By United Press

JACKSON, Mich.--An inmate at Southern Michigan prison has built nine gasoline-powered model airplanes and looks forward to entering model races when he is discharged. One of his planes remained aloft 24 minutes, little short of the national record.



Large advertisement for 'Electrify YOUR FRIENDS WITH Electrical Gifts' featuring a cartoon character and a cityscape at night.



A modern electric roaster and stand is one of those "special" gifts for a "special" person. It is a gift of new ease in cooking and new flavor to foods.

• Reddy Kilowatt can help you answer the question of "what to give" for Christmas. Just look over the many electrical appliances below and see how many are practical and useful gifts that will be appreciated all year--just the thing for Christmas.

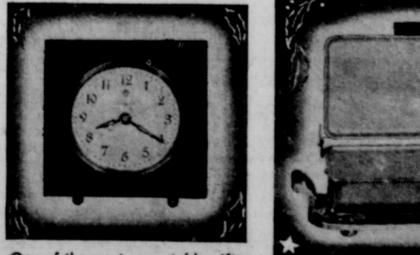


A new automatic electric iron is a practical gift that will be appreciated for many months.

- List of electrical gifts: \$1 to \$2 (Table Lamp, Wall Lamp, Toaster, Iron, Percolator, Heating Pad, Stocking Dryer, Decorative Lamp), \$2 to \$5 (Table Lamp, Waffle Iron, Percolator, Toaster, Iron, Floor Lamp, Heating Pad, Electric Clock), \$5 to \$8 (Table Lamp, Waffle Iron, Floor Lamp, Toaster, Egg Cooker, Heating Pad, Electric Clock, Decorative Lamp), and ELECTRIC TOYS FOR CHILDREN (Novelty Lamp, Electric Train, Electric Stove, Electric Iron, Electric Motor, Electric Airplane, Woodburning Kit, Electric Caster Set).



When you give an electric heating pad, you are giving many hours of comforting warmth on cold nights.



One of the most acceptable gifts is a modern electric clock. There is always a place for this timely gift.



A combination sandwich grill and waffle iron is a gift that will be appreciated on many occasions.

Electrical Gifts are Sold by Most Stores TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

A WANT AD IN THIS PAPER WILL BRING QUICK RESULTS!

Society Notes

CALENDAR TUESDAY
P. T. A. call meeting at South Ward School at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.
Junior Las Lealas Club will meet at 7:30 Tuesday evening at clubhouse.
Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 in Masonic Temple Tuesday evening.

CALENDAR WEDNESDAY
Music Study Club will meet at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Women's Clubhouse for yearbook program. All members urged to be present.
All church conference, 7:30, Wednesday evening at Baptist church. All members are urged to be present.

Fidelis Matron Class Report
The members of the Fidelis Matron class met in regular session Sunday with Mrs. Paul McFarland presiding.
During the short business period the class party plans were completed with the date set for December 12 at 7:30 in the lower assembly room of the church.

Present: Mmes. A. S. McCord, O. A. Cook, Paul McFarland, O. C. Terrell, W. A. Stiles, Joe Pearce, Leo Campbell, J. P. Booles, A. D. Correll, Angie Crawford, E. D. Richardson, C. M. Van Geem, C. M. Pettit, D. F. Phillips, J. H. Hodges, A. P. Pentecost, James Drake, Alfred Payne, Jess N. Taylor, C. C. Peaks, Bourland, Della Harbin, H. C. Swindell, Albert Wright, Barrett, B. W. Taylor, J. W. Williams.

Eastland Personals

Thomas Dabney, student of Abilene Christian College in Abilene, was an Eastland visitor during the Thanksgiving holidays.
Miss Barbara Blythe, who is attending Texas State Teachers College in Denton, was in Eastland over the week-end.
Miss Margaret Gibson, student of John Tarleton College in Stephenville, was in Eastland during the holidays.
Miss Wanda Looney, student of John Tarleton, was also an Eastland visitor the past week.
Miss Doniece Parker, John Tarleton student, visited in Eastland over the holidays.

Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Bronchitis, acute or chronic, is an inflammatory condition of the mucous membranes lining the bronchial tubes. Even if other medicines have failed you may get relief now with Creomulsion. Chronic bronchitis can develop if your chest cold is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.
Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.
No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to take the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. See that the name Creomulsion is on the bottle and you will get the genuine product and the relief you want. (Adv.)

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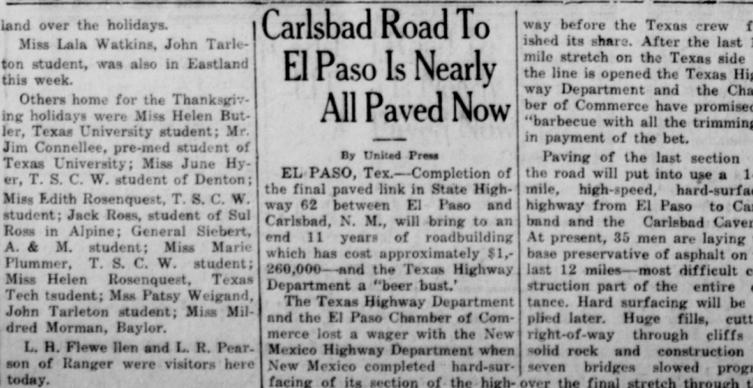
FOR SALE or Trade: 1940 Ford Deluxe Plymouth Sedan.—A. L. POYNOR, 606 Mesquite St., Ranger.
WASH AT GARY'S with brand new Maytags. Plenty hot water. Back of Gary's Sandwich Shop, West Commerce.
FOR RENT: Nice large southwest bedroom with private entrance.—WADE THOMAS, 515 S. Lamar street.
FOR RENT:—Three room furnished apartment with bath and refrigerator. See Mrs. C. T. Lucas, 300 East Main.
FOR SALE:—Antique solid walnut furniture, 12 pieces, good condition. Daniels Hotel Bldg., Cisco, Texas.
WHY NOT try my meals. During week 30c; Sundays 35c.—MRS. A. M. STOKES, 305 North Daugherty.
FOR RENT: New duplex, unfurnished apartment, 3 rooms and bath, well located, on pavement. Apply 207 N. Seaman.
FOR SALE or Trade:—Brand new 1940 Ford, also Pontiac sedan.—P. L. CROSSLEY.
WANTED:—Man with car for route in Palo Pinto, North Erath counties. Experience preferred but not necessary. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXK-221-MB, Memphis, Tenn., or see T. A. Bendy, 507 S. Walnut St., Eastland, Tex.
PROF. THOMAS, psychologist, astrologist, covers all affairs of life. Guaranteed readings 50c. Maverick Hotel, Eastland.

"OUT OUR WAY"



RED RYDER

By Fred Harman

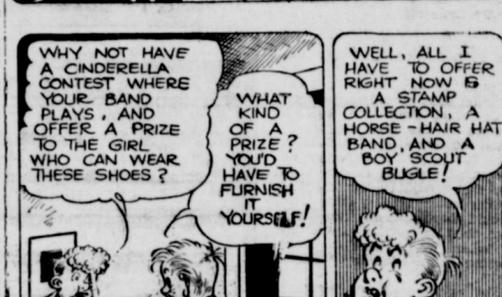


Carlsbad Road To El Paso Is Nearly All Paved Now

EL PASO, Tex.—Completion of the final paved link in State Highway 62 between El Paso and Carlsbad, N. M., will bring to an end 11 years of roadbuilding which has cost approximately \$1,260,000—and the Texas Highway Department a "beer bust."
The Texas Highway Department and the El Paso Chamber of Commerce lost a wager with the New Mexico Highway Department when the latter completed hard-surfacing of its section of the highway before the Texas crew finished its share. After the last 12-mile stretch on the Texas side of the line is opened the Texas Highway Department and the Chamber of Commerce have promised a "barbecue with all the trimmings" in payment of the bet.
Paving of the last section of the road will put into use a 140-mile, high-speed, hard-surfaced highway from El Paso to Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Caverns. At present, 35 men are laying the base preservative of asphalt on the last 12 miles—most difficult construction part of the entire distance. Hard surfacing will be applied later. Huge fills, cutting right-of-way through cliffs of solid rock and construction of seven bridges slowed progress over the final stretch through the

Guadalupe Mountains. Cost of the highway was approximately \$9,000 a mile.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



Cotton Growers Vote, Dec. 9

PRODUCTION!

1937	No Marketing Control	6,000,000 bales
1938	Marketing Quotas	6,000,000 bales
1939	Marketing Quotas	6,000,000 bales

5940 COTTON MARKETING QUOTA REFERENDUM BALLOT

Do you favor cotton marketing quotas for the 1940 crop?

If you are for quotas put "X" in this box

If you are against quotas put "X" in this box

YES NO

Agricultural Adjustment Administration

Formers in this county will vote December 9 on whether marketing quotas are to be made effective for the 1940 cotton crop. Sample ballot to be used is shown above. American farmers have a market for around 12 million bales of cotton per year. Production during the last 3 years is shown in the chart: In 1937, without any marketing control measures available, producers planted a large acreage which, with high yields, resulted in a record crop of nearly 19 million bales. Cotton growers approved marketing quotas for handling their 1938 and 1939 crops, and production in each of these years was approximately 11,900,000 bales, yet the surplus produced in 1937 is still hanging over the market. Marketing quotas are provided in the farm program to forestall further increases in our already large cotton supply and to guarantee that the non-cooperator does not get an unfair share of the market for American cotton.

Mystery Of River Which Disappeared May Be Solved

EL PASO, Tex.—Bones found recently in a sand pit east of El Paso near the Carlsbad, N. M., highway may aid scientists in answering the mystery of what happened to the big river which once flowed through the area.
A leg of a prehistoric horse, the jawbone of a camel, and an elephant's anklebone—all found in the sand pit—were turned over to the College of Mines museum for study by Curator W. S. Strain. He hopes they may add information toward ultimate solution of a problem unanswered by science.

Sweetwater Seeks Hereford Stock To Auction On Feb. 19

SWEETWATER, Tex.—Committeemen today sought about three more head of prize Herefords to add to the 32 already chosen for sale at the annual auction of the Sweetwater Hereford Breeders Association Feb. 19.
County Agent K. E. Tate, chairman of the committee, promised that the Feb. 19 offering "will be one of the choicest lots of Herefords placed in the sale ring since the Sweetwater association began holding its annual sale years ago."
The animals selected this week will be inspected again about Jan. 20 previous to publication of the sale catalog, Tate said.
Assisting Tate in sifting the herds were W. T. McGee, Albany, Shackelford county agent, and Charles Green, Sweetwater, formerly with the American Hereford

Fort Worth Police Will Get Pensions

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Tex.—When Fort Worth policemen grow old and their feet get flat, \$75-a-month pensions will take care of them the rest of their lives.
Officers expect the retirement phase of the pension program to go into effect early next year. By Feb. 1, the pension fund will amount to \$36,000 of which \$24,000 was contributed by the city government and \$12,000 by the force.
The fund has not been touched since there have been no deaths or cases of total disability since these phases went into effect.
Since last Feb. 1, 1,200 policemen have paid \$5 monthly per man into the fund. This money was earmarked for retirement. With \$36,000 in the fund, members of the pension committee believe this will carry all phases of the program for a year. At the end of that time, they will know the amount to be required in annual contributions to continue the retirement benefits on permanent basis.
The present ordinance on death and disability provisions sets the maximum benefits at \$75 per month. Similar limits is seen for the retirement payments.
Retirement eligibility requirements are set at 25 years service and the minimum age of 50 years, but because many veteran policemen could not meet the retirement it is thought the pension board will exercise discretion for individual cases.

Dairy Herds Are Greatly Improved Throughout State

FORT WORTH, TEXAS. There is a definite upturn in dairy herd improvement and feed conservation throughout the State in recent months as indicated by reports received by the Texas Dairy Products Association at its Fort Worth office. These coming from dairy committees and agricultural workers in 37 counties show a total of 6943 dairy animals added to existing herds. Among these are 4658 mature cows, 1479 heifers, 527 mature sires 279 bull calves.
The fact that farmers and dairymen are coming to realize the necessity of conserving home grown feed for existing and added herds is also reflected in the reports when it shows that in the same area 5038 trench silos were filled during the year. Of these, 2382 were of new construction, representing an approximate increase of 48 percent in feed storage. Reports from the 37 counties are thought to be indicative of general increase throughout the State when the entire report is received and tabulated.

TWINS ARE BORN
Richard Clayton (colored) of Eastland announced Monday the birth of twin sons, each weighing six pounds. The father works at the Connellee Hotel.

CARD OF THANKS
We sincerely thank the many people who were so kind during the recent illness of our small son who is now recovering nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Odie L. McDonald

More than \$1,000,000,000 in gasoline taxes will be paid this year by motorists to the federal and state governments.

MY TONGUE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN WHAT TESTS SHOW—PRINCE ALBERT SMOKES COOLER...GIVES RICHER-TASTING YET MILDER 'MAKIN'S' SMOKES



In recent laboratory "smoking bowl" tests, PRINCE ALBERT burned 86 DEGREES COOLER than the average of the 30 other of the largest-selling brands tested... coolest of all!

HERE'S a good tip to put you on the track to real joy in "makin's" cigarettes: Prince Albert is the COOLER-SMOKING TOBACCO—free of parching excess smoking heat. Enjoy the rich taste, ripe body of Prince Albert's choice tobaccos... and mildness too. P.A. is "no-bite" treated. Easier-rolling, slower-drawing—it's "crimp cut." Get P. A. today. (Try P.A. in pipes too!)

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