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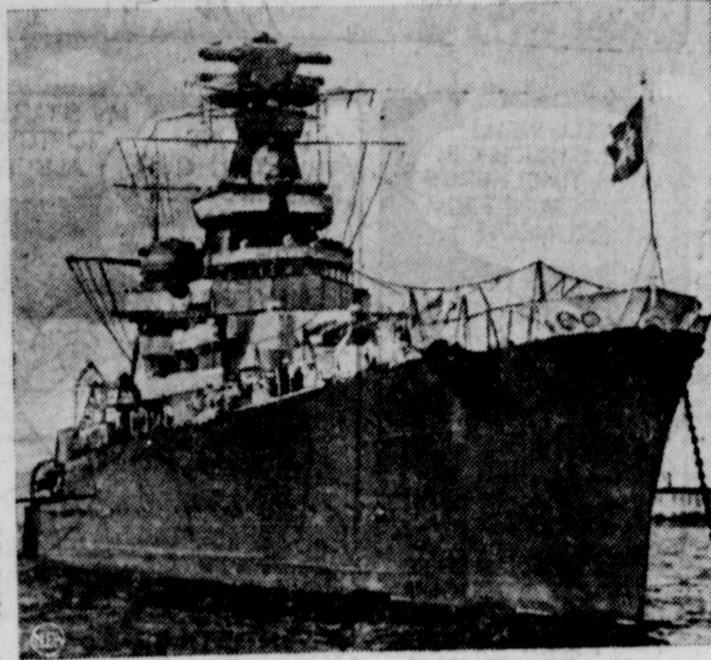
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## Ranger Youth Confesses Big Spring Slaying

### AMERICAN REMAIN IN SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The U. S. Ambassador Steinbock today announced that the U. S. government is in view of indications that the administration does not feel that action would be advantageous.

### 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.

### 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.

### Structure Program of Church To Be Started At Church

The first of a week of lectures will be presented tonight at the Ranger Church of Christ, Robert C. Jones of Wichita as the principal speaker.

### INSTRUMENTS FILED WITH CLERK LISTED

Instruments filed for record in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway include the following:

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Winnie Judd Is Still At Large After An Escape

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 4.—Winnie Ruth Judd, a murderer, eluded possession 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.

### 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.

### Paso High Is District Winner

DELTA, Dec. 4.—El Paso was awarded the football championship of District 4 today by the district executive committee.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Landele Island.

### 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.

### Christmas Carols Through the Ages

"Come, all ye shepherds, and be not afraid; See where all lowly the Christ-child is laid . . ."

### 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.

### Finishing 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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-eight 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.

### 40 Farm Program To Go To A Vote

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The administration placed its 1940 farm program, which will be a major issue in next year's election, before southern and western farmers today. More than 250,000 growers will vote Saturday on proposed restrictions on 1940 marketing.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### DISMISSED

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

### 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.



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Social Security Depends on Congress' Mood in 1942

A private insurance company, interested in remaining solvent, would scarcely approve the United States' social security policy. It is a noble gesture to set up a system designed to bring greater security to the aged and infirm. But, unless the federal government finds a sounder financial footing, the whole plan is likely to be like scuttling the steamship to save a lifeboat.

The regular session of Congress earlier this year revamped the entire social security system, increasing payments generally, but postponing increased payroll assessments on employer and employee. The amendments will go into effect Jan. 1 of next year, and during the course of 1940 it is estimated that 900,000 persons will collect a total of \$114,000,000.

Under the Security Act of 1937, the present 1 per cent payment made by the worker and matched by his employer would have been increased in 1940 to 1 1/2 per cent. This increase has been cancelled by the revisions; and, instead, it will be necessary for Congress to raise the payments to 2 per cent each for the worker and employer in 1942 and to 3 per cent in 1945.

The big trouble is that these increases are not assured. Congress simply told the Social Security Board to come back in 1942 and the legislators would see what could be done. At the moment, Congress is in no mood even to discuss further tax levies, much less pass them. And 1942 isn't so far away. The argument that the beneficiaries aren't really being taxed—they are just casting their bread upon the waters—falls a little flat. In these days you never can tell which way the tide will turn.

If the increases in 1942 and 1945 were definite and assured, the social security system would pretty closely resemble sound actuarial management. The big difficulty is that practically the entire, gigantic scheme is based on these future rate increases—and if they're not forthcoming, there is likely to be a financial explosion that will be distinctly heard on the planet Jupiter. At the very best, the U. S. treasury would have to lay in a goodly supply of bright red ink.

As Bruce Catton recently pointed out in his Washington column, it is estimated that by 1944 the Social Security Board will have paid out about \$2,093,000,000 to beneficiaries. This is approximately \$1,500,000,000 more than was counted on under the original act. The annual payments are expected to increase year by year until some distant date when they will finally level off.

A program as tremendous as this can't simply be shelved after a few years if it doesn't seem to be working. And not even the United States can operate forever under a steady deficit. So, it appears that the revenue will eventually have to be raised through general taxation, instead of through payroll taxes.

GREEK DIVINITY

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured Greek god. 6 He was in charge of the posts of the sky. 12 A moment. 13 Bird house. 14 State of bliss. 15 Sloping ways. 16 Enormous. 17 Cow-headed.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid for Greek Divinity crossword puzzle with answers filled in.

- 18 bears his name. 21 Marble figure. 23 Midday sleep. 25 Eye tumor. 26 To exist. 27 Unit of work. 28 Sun god. 29 To perch. 31 Beret. 34 Eccentric wheel. 37 Upon. 38 Italian river. 41 Upright shaft. 42 To accumulate. 43 Fragment of bread. 44 Finish. 46 The cougar. 48 Data. 50 To penetrate. 51 Hurrah. 52 Gold quart. 53 Males. 54 Romanian coin. 56 Crime. 57 Possesses. 59 Southeast. 60 Senior.

VERTICAL

- 1 Preposition. 2 Footstep. 3 Covers. 4 Ketone. 5 Measure. 6 Drawing room. 7 Bugle plant. 8 Restricted. 9 Drinks dog fashion. 10 Musical term. 11 Railway. 16 Any or book of maps.

Grid for Horned Animal crossword puzzle with a picture of a ram.

Pests Cost Farmers Half Billion Each Year In The State

By United Press

AUSTIN, Tex.—Crop pests including insects, plant diseases and noxious weeds destroy more than the farmer salvages after a year round battle with them, the State Department of Agriculture has concluded.

Pests cost farmers half a billion dollars a year, according to the figures. Lined up in the battle against the pests are several organized forces. One group combats spread of pink boll worm that is damaging to cotton. Another fights the Mexican fruit fly to protect the state citrus crop. Some organizations work against the sweet potato weevil and the potato moth. Other forces combat diseases in the plants themselves.

Pink boll worm is listed as crop enemy No. 1. Strict quarantines are enforced in areas where the worm appears. No cotton can move from affected or nearby areas until it has been subjected to a treatment that will kill the worm.

Large quantities of sulphur are used annually in protecting the Texas citrus crop. To prevent spread of the Mexican fruit fly all the crop must be gathered by a specified time. Culls that fall to the ground must be destroyed. Besides permanent pests such as these and the boll weevil, the farmer is called upon to wage war against occasional visitations of the hoof and mouth disease in cattle, a grasshopper plague, drouth, flood or some other calamity.

A survey of cotton growing made under supervision of the national youth administration also paints a gloomy picture for the farmer. It cites a study of the state department of agriculture covering 10 cotton growing states with the resulting estimate that the average income from cotton and cotton seed was only about \$180 for each farm family in 1935.

Texas cotton farmers' costs were found to be less than the average costs for similar farming needs in other states. Plowing, preparation for planting and planting cost \$2.96 an acre in Texas and \$3.82 on an average for the United States. Cultivating costs were \$4.41 compared with a national average of \$5.20. Harvesting and transportation to local markets cost \$5.48 per acre compared with national average of \$8.15.

A recommendation that the state legislature authorize the agricultural department to turn over to county commissioners' courts the remainder of the state's once large supply of jacks and stallions, was made by Agricultural Commissioner J. E. McDonald.

The jacks and stallions were purchased out of a portion of the state's income from parimutuel horse racing. During the period the law remained in force, McDonald said, between 45,000 and 50,000 foals were produced with an estimated value of \$2,275,000. When the racing law was repealed there was no fund available for the state to replace animals no longer fit for service and it is only a matter of a short time when all the animals the state owns will be worthless. The supply has decreased already from 250 animals to 222.

Hunters Return From Rockport Trip

C. A. Hertie and J. E. Lewis, Sr., of Eastland have returned from a duck hunting trip at Rockport. They were accompanied by John Mouser of Houston and W. I. Clark of Fort Worth, both formerly of Eastland.

Whisky Creek Is Facing Another Of Its Ups And Downs

By United Press

SILVER CITY, N. M.—Whisky Creek, which has had its ups and downs, is facing another crisis in its half-century history.

There's a town growing up on its banks and the town needs a name, but Whisky Creek just doesn't fit the bill. Whisky Creek isn't all that the nomenclature implies. It's an arroyo, usually sandy and dry, which got its name honestly more than 50 years ago when a carload of liquor was carried away in a flood. First crisis in its history came in 1912 when the legislature officially changed the name to Rio de Arenas (River of Sand) but after repeal of prohibition, it became Whisky Creek again, though why is a bit hazy.

Now the town growing up on its banks on the highway halfway between Silver City and Fort Bayard, N. M., wants another name. Old timers tell this story of the way Whisky Creek got its moniker.

When Fort Bayard was a frontier army post, the halfway point between Silver City and the fort was a saloon where soldiers obtained the liquor denied them on the military reservation. In the 1880's a torrential rain swept down the arroyo, carrying away the saloon and its barrels of bourbon and rye. Part of the stock was recovered by a group of soldiers, one of whom is said to have remarked:

"It's the wettest flood I ever saw."

Grand Jury for Term Is Formed

A grand jury for the December term of 91st district court was organized Monday morning at Eastland as foreman.

Judge George L. Davenport did not give any particular charges when the jury was organized. Other members are: Earl Bender of Eastland, A. N. Larson of Ranger, Joe Tow of Eastland, W. T. Duncan of Staff, route, H. R. Gilbert of Carbon, H. C. Abernathy of Gorman, H. A. Bible of Cisco, F. S. Boland of Seranton, I. E. Ramsey of Carbon, Gene Day of Eastland and R. C. Mehaffey of Gorman.

CATS SPRING ALARM By United Press CLAYTON, Mo.—Its' the cats, says George Baker, St. Louis county deputy sheriff. He says they became a nuisance by setting off an electric eye burglar alarm in a grocery warehouse, waking the neighbors and calling him out on false alarms "six and seven times a week."

ALLEY OOP - - - - - By Ham

Comic strip 'Alley Oop' featuring characters in ancient Greek attire. Panels include: 'SAY, AIN'T THIS TH' SPOT WHERE TH' TIME-MACHINE DUMPED US IN TROY?', 'YES... NOW DON'T BOTHER ME--I'VE GOT TO WRITE A NOTE TO WONMUG!', 'IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER ROUTINE CONTACT WITH TROY, DOCTOR... SHALL I CUT IN?', 'WELL, WELL! WE STRUCK OIL THIS TIME! HERE'S MESSAGE FROM BRONSON', 'LOOK AT THIS, JON! OUR FRIENDS SEEM TO BE HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH ULYSSES!', 'MY STARS, DOC, I'LL HAVE TO GO TO TOWN IN THE TRUCK TO GET ALL THE STUFF HE'S GOT LISTED!', 'GOSH, DOC, I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO RESCUE THE OOLA FROM ULYSSES! WHAT ARE WE JUST SITTING HERE FOR?', 'HAVE PATIENCE! I'M WAITING FOR A SHIPMENT FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY... AH! GOOD OLD WONMUG! JUST WHAT I ORDERED!', 'NEVER MIND--JUST LEND A HAND HERE! WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS STUFF DOWN TO THE BEACH', 'WHEN OLD HOMER SAID ULYSSES WAS BESET BY DIFFICULTIES ON HIS WAY HOME HE DIDN'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT'.

HORNED ANIMAL

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Animal allied to the sheep. 5 The male animal is or whiskered. 12 Reverberated sound. 13 To deprive of force. 14 Sooner than. 15 Pig pen. 16 Eternity. 17 To graze. 19 Pronoun. 20 To query. 21 Light blows. 22 Meekness. 24 Goddess of discord. 27 Falstieffer. 28 Box. 29 Sloths. 31 It belongs to the genus. 32 The deep. 34 Encountered. 35 Warbles. 38 Spheres of action.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid for Horned Animal crossword puzzle with a picture of a ram.

- 20 Gold-colored. 21 It frequents or mountainous regions. 22 Mace bearer. 23 Blenishes. 27 Roll of film. 28 South American. 30 To confide. 33 Disease. 34 Artist of great skill. 36 Coin. 37 Cotton drilling. 39 Female relative. 40 To mock. 43 Measure of area. 44 Electrical term. 46 Prickly cover for a nut. 47 Four plus six. 48 Mineral spring. 50 Circular fortification. 52 Note in scale. 54 Neuter pronoun.

Grid for Horned Animal crossword puzzle with a picture of a ram.

Advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes featuring a man in a hat holding a cigarette. Text includes: 'THE ALL-AMERICAN CHOICE FOR Real Mildness AND BETTER TASTE IS CHESTERFIELD'S RIGHT COMBINATION of the world's best cigarette tobaccos. When you ask for Chesterfields you're buying something no other cigarette can give you at any price... the RIGHT COMBINATION of the world's best cigarette tobaccos. All over America millions of smokers find that Chesterfields give them a cooler, better-tasting and definitely milder smoke. "Any All-American Selection," says GRANTLAND RICE, "must have the right combination to give top performance all the time." That's just what Chesterfield with its milder better taste does... gives more smoking pleasure in each and every one smoked. Make your next pack Chesterfield THEY REALLY SATISFY' Copyright 1939, LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.



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 window, Joey is Dawson how he is in the living room, then heard Benthorne's shout and at last the door. "I looked around the edge of the doorway, like this, and--" he shot into the study. He falls to the floor, dead.

CHAPTER XVII

DAWSON'S automatic flashed into his hand as he leaped over the 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 room, 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." "Get the coroner's office and

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.

"That's right, Captain," Krone broke in. "I gave him the last one not more than 15 minutes ago. And I stayed there with him until he went to sleep. . . Mrs. Benthorne asked me to. . . " "I'm hardly awake yet," Alston went on, yawning. "Please excuse me if I appear frightfully dull. . . " "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?"

"I HAD gone to Jameson's quarters to use the telephone there. . . " "There are other telephones more convenient. . . " "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. . . " "How long were you there? Where was Jameson?" "I was there about five minutes. I had talked to Jameson and the cook in the kitchen. I left him there. . . " "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 my room, then up again, as I was doing. What I mean is, I was arousing some attention. That's silly!"

"Not as silly as you imagine. . . Now, Douglas, where were you?" "Right in the study, where you left me. Haven't moved out of the chair. . . And Captain, I'm sure the shot was fired from above. I would have heard anyone who went by the study door." "So you haven't been out of the chair, huh? Just sitting around waiting for things to happen." Dawson's voice turned dangerously soft. "Then how do you explain that damp mud on your shoes?"

"(To Be Continued)

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

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

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.



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Yesterday, Joey di Torio hunts for a reason why Dawson should want to take his cigars. Then he rushes to admit to Dawson that he was in the house when Benthorne was killed. Mrs. Benthorne brings cigarettes and then laughs as they light three on a match. She arranges for Ara to get a little rest.

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,

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 . . . passageway. 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.

How about the wall panels? He tapped several, cautiously, afraid that the detective might hear him. No hollow sounds there.

The fireplace? He pulled at its projections, pushed its ornaments, hoping against hope that one might give or snap open a concealed strong box.

The clock ticked on, above his head. Dawson might return any minute now.

That damned clock! Did it have to tick so loud? It was getting on his nerves. Imagine, John Douglas, with nerves. Tic-tac, tic-tac, tic-tac!

And it was getting louder with every stroke. He'd fix it, stop it. Maybe Dawson would not notice. Anything to stop that infernal racket. Tic-tac, tic-tac, TIC-TAC!

He reached up to the mantel, pulled the clock away from the wall, reached around to stop the pendulum.

A MOMENT later he was reading through Ara's letters, her pictures and the marriage certificate were in his pocket. Clever of Benthorne to have the clock over that recess in the mantel. There were other papers too. Re-

ceipts. Notations. Memoranda. And almost on the bottom of the pile, a letter from the Great Northern Mining company.

Douglas shoved the clock back in place, gently started the pendulum once more. Tic-tac, tic-tac. Funny, how soft it sounded now. Where could he hide this stuff? Mrs. Benthorne might know of the mantel hiding place, but he doubted it. No use taking any chances. Better get it outside. He moved over to the window, slowly raised the shade.

A policeman was still at the gate. The window was in full view, but Douglas would have to take that chance. If the cop just went on talking to Nick Smith and didn't turn around.

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."

Dawson followed Joey into the hall again. It would have been simple for Joey to have stepped to the study door, killed Benthorne and dashed back down the passageway. But Joey had said he thought Flynn had seen him enter the house. Better hear Joey's story out.

"I knew I could go out a window as soon as the cop got away from the gate, so I crouched down here in the dark," Joey went on, when the detective followed him into the living room.

"Then, while I'm waiting here till things quiet down and I can get out, I hear Benthorne shout: 'You!' and someone answers him, very soft-like. Then, after about half a minute, the shot!

"I already had my gun out, and I stuck my head out around the edge of the doorway--just like this--to get a look and--" A shot ended Joey's story. With a queer look of surprise he swung around to face Dawson again. He fell full on his face. (To Be Continued)

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.



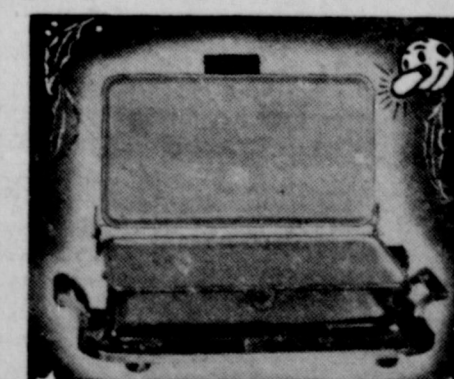
A new automatic electric iron is a practical gift that will be appreciated for many months.



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.

Look Over This List for the Things You Would Like to Give

- \$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. ELECTRICAL TOYS FOR CHILDREN: Novelty Lamp, Electric Train, Electric Stove, Electric Iron, Electric Motor, Electric Airplane, Woodburning Kit, Electric Caster Set. (The price groups above are only approximate.)

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, Lee 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.)

## CLASSIFIED

**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.

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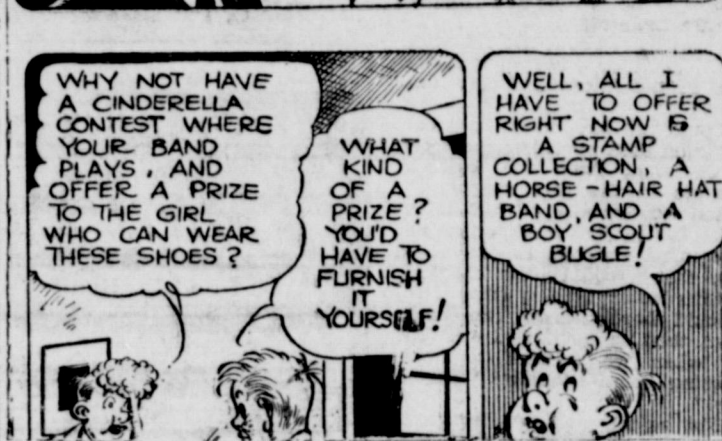


### RED RYDER By Fred Harman



**Carlsbad Road To El Paso Is Nearly All Paved Now**  
By United Press  
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	Production: 11,000,000 bales
1938	Marketing Quotas	Production: 11,500,000 bales
1939	Marketing Quotas	Production: 12,000,000 bales

Each = 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: YES

If you are against quotas put "X" in this box: 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 11,500,000 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**  
By United Press  
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**  
By United Press  
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



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At 7:00 and 9:00 P. M.  
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