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## SEEKS PERMIT TO BUY ROAD

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, January 6.—Figures illustrating the remarkable increase in railroad values were laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, in asking permission to pay \$900,000 cash for the common stock of the Dayton-Goose Creek Railway in Texas, although the par value of the Dayton-Goose Creek Railroad capital stock is only \$25,000.

The Southern Pacific company also asked the commission to approve its proposition to lease the Dayton-Goose Creek road to the Texas & New Orleans Railroad Company, one of its subsidiaries.

## EVOLUTION BILL IN MISSISSIPPI

(By Associated Press)  
JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 6.—The evolution issue was thrown into the Mississippi legislature today when Representative Robinson introduced House Bill No. 19 to prohibit the teaching of the theory of evolution in schools and colleges in Mississippi which are supported in whole or in part by state appropriations.

The proposed law is almost a replica of the Tennessee law, and provides for a fine of from \$100 to \$500 for a violation of its provisions.

## PROVIDES FUND FOR ARMS MEET

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, January 6.—The House foreign affairs committee today unanimously reported favorably a resolution to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 for American participation in the preparations for the disarmament conference which is being planned to convene at Geneva.

The committee rejected the amendment to the resolution to instruct the American delegates to present a resolution calling for consideration the advisability of outlawing nations that start a war of aggression.


H. K. Jones, who arrived here a few days ago and accepted a position with the Pearce drug store, received a phone message Wednesday morning notifying him that he was the father of a new girl. Mrs. Jones is with her mother at Lometa, and will join Mr. Jones at Ballinger as soon as she is able to make the trip.

## RUSHING AID TO CRIPPLED SHIP

(By Associated Press)  
GALVESTON, Jan. 6.—The Coast Guard cutter, Comanche, left port today under full steam in going to the aid of the Gulf Refining Company tanker in the Gulf of Mexico.

The tanker is reported to be in distress about 130 miles East of Southeast off Galveston.

**BILL BARBER SAYS**  
IT MAY BE THAT FRUITS FEEL PAIN, AS A FRENCH SCIENTIST MAINTAINS, BUT THE GRAPEFRUIT IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN HIT BACK.



## 3600 CARS PAID; 1600 ARE UNPAID

About two-thirds of the automobile owners in Runnels county have complied with the law by paying their 1926 registration fee, according to the collector's records. Up to Tuesday night about 3600 number plates had been issued, and it is estimated, taking last year's registrations as a basis, that there are about 1600 cars in the county upon which the 1926 tax have not been paid.

Parties driving an automobile now without the 1926 number plate are subject to a fine, and may not be surprised when the strong arm of the law swoops down upon them. They have had ample warning, and frivolous excuses will hardly get them by the law. The officers have been inclined to be lenient with the public, but there is a limit even in leniency.

Tax Collector W. L. Brown reports that poll taxes have been coming in at a lively rate, and it is believed that the voters are going to fortify against the loss of their franchise. This is election year, and judging from early political maneuvering it is going to be an interesting campaign.

Poll tax payments for the month of December exceeded the payments of December a year ago by about 300. This is a matter which must be attended to before the clock strikes the midnight hour on the last day of January.

## GRAPE JUICE KING IS DEAD

(By Associated Press)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 6.—Charles Welch, manufacturer of grape juice, died at his winter home here today. He was ill only a short time.

Mr. Welch's name is known in grocery stores and at cold drink stands throughout the nation.

Mr. Welch was a candidate for president of the United States on the Prohibition Party ticket in 1916.

## AWAITS OUTCOME BIG BOND ISSUE

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, January 6.—Archer county is marking time on its district road bond issues which were held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. E. M. Hooper, county judge of Archer county, said today. The court recently threw a bombshell into highway building in Texas by declaring the bond issue unconstitutional.

On last Monday night a very unique hold-up was recorded in Dallas. Three negro women held up a white man and took \$70 in cash from him. Another white man from a distance witnessed the affair and in turn held up the negroes, thus reminding one of the old story in which the owner of the house robbed the burglar.

## ONE DEAD IN PISTOL FIGHT

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 6.—Unfriendliness of long standing is believed to have caused a pistol fight near Elmdorf last night in which one man was shot to death and a youth seriously injured. The dead man is Adolfo Saucedo, age 25, and Joe Knight, age 17, has a fractured jaw and his condition is considered serious.

The man who is believed to have done the shooting is at large, but his arrest is expected within a short time.



## THIEVES GET CAR AT MILES SCHOOL

Sheriff Earl McWilliams received a phone call from Sheriff Bob Hewitt, of San Angelo, shortly after noon Wednesday stating that the automobile which was stolen from in front of the school house at Miles Monday, had been located at Christoval. It seems that the thieves drove the car to that place and abandoned it. Mr. McWilliams had been using the phone freely in an effort to locate the stolen machine, and had just begun mailing out cards giving a description of the stolen auto.

Officers are broadcasting for a new Ford touring car which disappeared from Miles Monday morning about 11:00 o'clock, but so far have not been able to pick up any clue which would lead to recovery of the automobile.

The stolen car was the property of John O'Quinn, who resides about four miles Northwest of Miles. Mr. O'Quinn's children drove the car to school, and it was parked near the school building. The car was not missing at recess about 10:30, but disappeared between that time and the noon hour.

Two strangers were seen loafing in the vicinity of the school building shortly before the car was stolen, and it is believed they are the parties who got away with the machine. It was a bold theft, but with a couple of hours start, and even a longer time before the officers could be put on the case, and with a day light run, the thieves no doubt made a clean get-away.

Mr. O'Quinn had just paid his 1926 auto license but had not replaced the old number plate with the new one. He had the new number plate in the car. No doubt the thieves will make the change for him.

A portable tail light, including a shock absorber, has been invented to be placed on the end of long loads carried on trucks, being supplied with electricity thru a cable.

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"Sleepy Time Gal"  
"Bark Gal Blues"  
"Spanish Shawl"  
"Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue"  
"Santa Claus Blues"

**J. Y. Pearce**  
Drug Co.  
*The Rexall Store*  
Oldest - Biggest - Best

## OPPOSES COUNT SENATE CONTEST

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, January 5.—Objection to the Senate recounting the vote in the Brookhart-Steck Iowa senatorial contest was filed today with the Senate elections sub-committee by Senator Brookhart's counsel. The objection was filed on the ground that there were indications of irregularities in the way the ballots had been handled since the election.

J. G. Mitchell, counsel for Brookhart, declared that there were forty-seven contested ballots unaccounted for, and that the ballots from sixty-seven precincts had been received by the committee in unsealed mail sacks, and that an opportunity had been given for tampering with the votes.

Miles M. Caudle, of Route A out of Ballinger, was in the city Wednesday and in addition to buying The Ledger for himself for a year, he had it sent to P. M. Caudle at O'Donnell for a year. A good way to make the folks who move away from Runnels county homesick is to send the home paper.

## WITNESSES IN OSAGE MURDERS

(By Associated Press)  
GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 6.—Witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury in connection with the Osage Indian murder cases, and have been ordered to report to the jury at 1:30 o'clock today. A few liquor cases still remained before the grand jury when it convened today and further delay in taking up the murder cases resulted.

Among the witnesses called to testify in the murder cases was Mollie Burkhart, wife of Ernest Burkhart. Burkhart is one of the men under arrest for murder, and he is the sole surviving heir to a large fortune which has been described as the "stake" which the alleged murder ring brought about the deaths of seventeen persons.

The production of plate glass in the United States this year is expected to reach 115,000,000 square feet as compared with the 1924 output of 92,000,000 square feet.

**THE WEATHER—**  
Tonight fair, not so cold; Thursday fair.

**1926**

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Chickens will begin to gather here early next week.

The Temple Telegram has changed from a morning to an afternoon paper.

One person was killed by auto for every thousand cars registered in the United States last year.

This is the season when banks balance up and elect or re-elect men to handle our money for the ensuing year. Ballinger banks seem to be as solid as a rock.

Hammering down the acreage is about the only solution for hammering up the prices, but it is a hard rule to enforce in a good cotton country like Rinnels county.

A woman was arrested in Brownwood for hi-jacking in Dallas this week. The charges were robbery with firearms. The women seem to be determined to meet man in every walk of life.

Florida real estate dealers advertise Florida as the springtime paradise where it is spring all the time. One kind of weather all the time no doubt gets monotonous, and we feel sorry for those poor Floridians who have to stay there 365 days in the year.

Some writers are inclined to jest about the mailing of Christmas cards, and charge that it is a nuisance. No doubt these same writers are guilty of boasting about how many cards they received. We all like to get Christmas cards from our friends, and it is the most sensible way to remember our friends at Christmas time.

**OUTRUNS TRAIN WITH TRUCK LOAD CALVES**

George Englert, drayman of Rowena, with his Chevrolet truck, says some times his friends accuse him of being slow, but he made a record this week which refutes the charge.

A man living eight miles South of Rowena, had engaged Mr. Englert's services to come to his farm and bring a truck load of calves to Ballinger to be loaded on the train. Mr. Englert did not know that the calves were to be shipped, and that they had to be here by a certain time, so he did not hurry. He made a trip to Ballinger, when the man notified him that the calves had to be here for shipment by train time.

Mr. Englert did not have any time to lose so he stepped on the gas, went eight miles South of Rowena, loaded the calves, and returned to Rowena and brought the calves to the loading pen at Ballinger, a total distance of 26 miles, in an hour and a half. He did not get the calves to Rowena in time to catch the train, but passed the train between Ballinger and Rowena, and got to the loading pen at Ballinger five minutes ahead of the train. But at that the calves came near getting left.

**WILL NOT PROBE FOREIGN CHARGE**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, January 6.—By a vote of eight to three the Senate foreign relations committee today killed the resolution offered by Senator James Reed, democrat of Missouri, proposing an investigation as to whether international bankers and foreign governments are seeking to influence the foreign policy of the American government. The resolution was killed by the more than two to one vote.

**BALLINGER MAN HAS A NARROW ESCAPE**

Frank Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, who live a short distance East of Ballinger, experienced a narrow escape at Houston a few days ago when he drove his car, a new coupe, into a large hole which was formed by the pavement collapsing. The Houston Chronicle carried a picture of the scene of the accident, showing the automobile upside down in the hole in the street.

Mr. Schneider had just returned to Houston from a visit to his parents at Ballinger when the accident occurred. The young man was fortunate in being thrown clear of the car when it flopped over in the big cave in. He is seeking damages and has made a proposition of settlement, as is shown by the following from the Houston Chronicle of Tuesday:

"B. F. Schneider, who narrowly escaped death Wednesday night when his light coupe ran into a seven-foot hole on McKinney Avenue, wants the city to buy him a new coupe, pay him \$500 and take care of his doctor bills.

"That was the substance of a letter received by the council from Mr. Schneider's attorneys Monday.

"The terms of settlement offered were for immediate acceptance, the letter set forth.

"The council referred the matter to Assistant City Attorney Harry Painter for investigation and recommendation.

"Mr. Schneider's car ran into a large hole, formed when the pavement collapsed at McKinney and Oakhurst, shortly after an East End bus had passed.

"A clerk in a nearby pharmacy ran out and warned traffic of the hole while police were getting to the scene. He was engaged in getting a bus safely past the cavity when Mr. Schneider, coming from the opposite direction, hit the hole."

**BEGINS THE NEW YEAR WITH TEN PRISONERS**

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams began the new year with ten boarders, but the number has been reduced to eight. The new jail has been pretty well patronized since it was opened early in the fall.

All the eight men being held in jail now are charged with felony offenses, and are being detained in default of bond to await the action of the grand jury, which convenes here next April. The charges consist of one for giving a bad check in the purchase of an automobile, one for car theft, two for burglary, and four for violating the liquor laws of the land.

**WOMAN ARRESTED AT BROWNWOOD FOR ROBBERY**

Constable Parsons of Dallas, this morning left for his home with Della Ashcraft, a woman arrested here Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Carl Adams and Policeman Cy Thigpen. The arrest was made following a telephone call from Dallas officers who wanted the woman on a charge of robbery with firearms.

Constable Parsons arrived in Brownwood last night in a car and returned to Dallas this morning. Charges of robbery with firearms have been filed against the woman in the Dallas courts, Constable Parsons said.—Brownwood Bulletin.

A recently invented combination wrench and pliers grips articles from the size of a pinhead to a nut an inch and a half square with equal firmness.

Aviators are searching an unexplored region of the southern part of Central Africa for rivers that may exist and that can be diverted to irrigate a dry region by filling old lake beds, now empty.

**"DOC" STEWART 30-YEAR CAGER**

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—Associated with the game 30 years as a player and coach, "Doc" Stewart, Texas University football and basketball coach, has seen basketball grow into the most popular winter sport in America, in which tens of thousands of players compete annually.

Two years after Dr. Naismith and associates had invented the game in 1893 at the Springfield, Massachusetts Y. M. C. A., Stewart was playing professional basketball in Cleveland. For a number of years he was one of the few professional basketball performers in the country. He played in the Central Basketball League, which boasted teams from Cleveland, Pittsburgh and nearby cities.

Coaching in the winter of 1909 at Purdue University, Stewart introduced the dribble and the five man defence into the western conference. His five of that year made a notable showing and was nosed out for the championship in the final game of the season against Chicago University.

Stewart had noteworthy success as coach at Allegheny college in 1911-12-13. Other schools where he has had either championship teams or contenders are Oregon A. & M., Nebraska, Clemson, and Texas University. In 1924, Stewart developed a Texas University combination that went through an undefeated season. This team was rated the strongest combination of the Southwest conference basketball history.

The Longhorn mentor employs a passing attack, practically banning dribbling, and a man for man defence. In explaining why he believes a passing attack more effective than a passing and dribbling offensive, Stewart said, "I remember well when players were allowed to use the two-hand dribble. I have played against men almost impossible to stop as they dribbled their way down the court, employing the same dodging tactics now used by the open field runner in football.

"When the two-hand dribble was barred, I felt a most effective offensive weapon had been taken from basketball. My teams now rely on short passes to advance the ball, never dribbling unless the path to the goal is clear."

Stewart believes the fastest brand of basketball played is played by professional teams in the eastern part of the United States. "Most of the members of those professional teams have played basketball since early youth, and the way they handle the ball is astounding. The average college team would be helpless against such a professional outfit."

**HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD**

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Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates thru every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh.

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**BETHEL NEWS**

The past week has been moving week with folks around Bethel.

W. M. Jones and family moved to Norton Friday, January 1st. John Greenhill moved to the place vacated by Mr. Jones, Charlie Cleod and family moved to the place vacated by Mr. Greenhill.

Cecil Jones moved to Norton, Mrs. W. A. Hall, primary teacher in the Bethel school, moving to the place vacated by Mr. Jones and wife.

J. D. Tullos and family have moved to the place recently vacated by Mr. Ballard. Mr. Ballard and family moved to Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goodwin and children returned Wednesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in East Texas.

Mr. Seales and son, Lewie, returned the last of the week from Thorndale, Texas.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cotton has been quite ill but is improving.

Mrs. Davenport and children spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Vernon Webb of Ballinger.

Miss Leora McShan left Monday for Brownwood, where she will resume her school work.

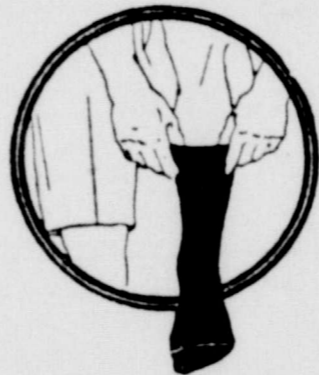
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Richardson and family visited Mr. Richardson's brother of Valley Creek Sunday.

Rev. Mitchell will fill his reg.

**WATCH YOUR DAUGHTER**

Dallas, Texas.—"I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at middle life and it was a wonderful benefit to me. Last summer my daughter was complaining all the time of pains in her side. I urged her to take the 'Prescription' and she finally did. It completely relieved her in a short time and we are glad to recommend it to any ailing woman as a wonderful tonic."—Mrs. J. M. Hammonds, 2117 Phelps St.

Girls, health brings beauty. Go to your neighborhood dealer and obtain Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in tablets or liquid or send 10c. for trial pkg. tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

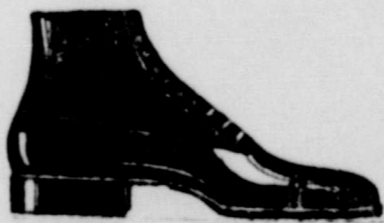


**Wool Hose  
Silk and  
Wool**

—There is a lot of comfort in these warm hose.

—Wool Hose are very necessary for comfort these cold days.

—Oxfords are quite the thing in shoes too.



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ular appointment at the Bethel Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 10.

All members of B. Y. P. U. are urged to meet promptly at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, Jan. 10. Important business will be attended to.

**Offer Reward to Filipino Who Doubles Retail Trade**

(By Associated Press)  
MANILA, Jan. 6.—To encourage Filipinos to engage in the retail business in Manila, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce has authorized payment of a reward of \$250 to any Filipino retail merchant who may double an original capital of \$2,500 within a period of five years.

According to the plan, preference will be given those Filipinos who can thrive in the face of com-

petition of foreign retail dealers in the districts where the city's retail business is virtually all in the hands of the Chinese and Japanese.

**BLOOD PURIFIER**

**HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.** A Combined Treatment, both local and internal. It has given wonderful results in the treatment of Catarrh and Blood Diseases for over 40 years. Ask your druggist. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

**New Model of Spats for Men**

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 6.—Arbiters of men's fashion, spurred by the popularity of Russian boots for women, have designed new spats for men. These are made of rubber in varying shades, and besides being easy to clean, are claimed to be more close fitting to the ankles and shoes than the present cloth spats.

**FRIDAY IS EYE DAY**  
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**BALLINGER, TEXAS**

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

**First National Bank**

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1925.

**RESOURCES**

1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$564,137.79
Total loans.....	564,137.79
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	108.33
4. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds, par value).....	\$25,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums if any).....	3,000.00
Total.....	28,000.00
5. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, ETC.:	
6. Banking House \$20,000.00; Furniture & Fixt. \$5,000.00.....	25,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	24,500.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	55,527.61
9. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	172,954.19
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10).....	15,600.20
13. Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12).....	22,624.40
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	211,178.79
14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	7,285.58
b. Miscellaneous cash items.....	10,787.15
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$926,189.07</b>

**LIABILITIES**

17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits.....	\$12,982.28
c. Less current expenses paid.....	12,982.28
20. Reserved for taxes, interest, etc., accrued.....	3,281.37
21. Circulating notes outstanding.....	24,400.00
23. Amount due to national banks.....	38,719.44
24. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23).....	4,833.54
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26.....	\$43,552.98
DEMAND DEPOSITS (other than bank deposits) SUBJECT TO RESERVE (deposits payable within 30 days):	
27. Individual deposits subject to check.....	679,637.44
28. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	5,900.00
31. Dividends unpaid.....	5,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32.....	691,537.44
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
33. Certificates of deposit (other than money borrowed).....	435.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items 33, 34, 35 and 36.....	435.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$926,189.07</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:  
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1926.  
(Seal) HARRY LYNN, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—Attest: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

**RECAPITULATION**

<b>RESOURCES:</b>	<b>LIABILITIES:</b>
Loans and Discounts.....\$359,829.79	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Bankers' Acceptances.....204,308.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits.....62,982.28
Overdrafts.....108.33	Reserved for taxes, 1925.....3,281.37
U. S. Bonds.....28,000.00	Circulation.....24,400.00
Stocks and Bonds.....4,700.00	Deposits.....730,525.42
Banking House, F. & F.....29,000.00	
Real Estate.....24,500.00	
Cash and Exchange.....278,742.95	
<b>\$926,189.07</b>	<b>\$926,189.07</b>



**A Series of Christmas Parties**

The holidays were very full for Ballinger's younger social set. With the home-coming of the college boys and girls it seemed that each moment was crowded with more things to do than time could be found to do them in. Several delightful dances had been planned, and other informal affairs seemed to plan themselves. In homes, already festively decorated for the Christmas season unusually gay times were had.

On the Tuesday evening preceding Christmas day Miss Margaret Cordill was hostess at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill, in honor of her cousin, Miss Mabel Brewer, who was spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer. Miss Mabel is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown. An elaborate buffet luncheon was served and dancing was enjoyed to victrola music.

On the evening of December twenty-sixth Miss Maxine Russell entertained with a dance at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Russell on Eighth Street.

On New Year's eve Mr. Oscar Schott was host at his parents' home on Fifth Street. Dancing and games furnished happy diversion for this gala event.

Another delightful affair was sponsored Friday evening by Miss Frances Holman at the beautiful Holman home on Eighth Street.

And on Saturday evening the season's festivities were brought to a close by Misses Frances Trail, Verda Nell Trail, Naomi McWilliams and Mr. James Trail when they entertained with a dance and bridge party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Trail on Eighth Street. A unique feature of the evening's pleasure was the dancing to radio music.

Those included in some or all of these pleasant holiday affairs were: Misses Margaret Vogel-sang, Olga Zappe, Griffie Atkins, Minnie Johnson, Mary Mann, Adda Ward, Katharine Penn, Maxine Russell, Louise Kirk, Malcomine Wardlaw, Margaret Cordill, Nola Mae Howard, Ruth Holliday, Evelyn Shepherd, Henrietta Guion, Frances Holman, Nettie Routh Sledge, Eugenia Baskin, Nell Russell, Frances Trail, Verda Nell Trail, Naomi McWilliams, Louelle and Bernice Hartzell of Winters, Frances Harvey, Ione Herring, Margaret McCarver, Mae Garlington, Helen Brewer, Mabel Brewer, Fay Clark, Kathleen Woods, Marguerite Kubela, Stubblefield of Bronte, Russell of Robert Lee; Messrs. Marvin Atkins, Homer Sykes, H. E. Fitzgerald, Newman, Hubert Zappe, Tom Penn, Gordon Thompson, Robert Kirk, Oscar Schott, Burton Reese, Otwell Layton, Maurie Cummings, Roy Mack, Herbert Sledge, Harold

Stubbs, John I. Guion, Curtis Reese, Nig McCarver, Carl Black, "Red" Reese, J. L. McWhirter, Everett Bartlett, Fred Atwell, J. D. Forman, Cecil Dickinson, Fritz Chaillette, Oscar Zappe, James Trail, Carl Carr, Wilbert Lankford, Weldon Watson, Dick Strawn, J. P. Rhuman, Russell Thomson, Frank Holliday, Robt. Lowe, Crews Alexander, Allen Mason, Neil McAlpine, Lon Woodson, Bill Cordill, Wilburn Hartzell of Winters, C. A. Dooze Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Hodge.

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**Skyscraper to Stand on Ground Given to Youth**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—In 1848 Adolph Gustave Russ was 20 years old and poor. Like all the others here then he was desirous of making a fortune so he wrote the Spanish government asking a land grant. In this casual way he came into possession of much of the land on which San Francisco's financial district later grew. Lots that belonged to him on Montgomery Street have been leased from the family for 99 years by a corporation as the base for an office building with eight acres of floor space, exclusive of a garage on the mezzanine floor for the tenants. It will be 30 stories high, the tallest building in California and the largest on the Pacific coast.

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Rainey Love, driller, and J. W. Glenn, tool dresser, were asphyxiated Monday night when gas was struck in an oil well at

which they were working in the Big Lake field. An explosion enveloped the well in flames shortly after the gas began flowing from the well.  
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**"Old Home Week" to Be Queen Feature**

"Old Home Week," the new Paramount picture, which opens today at the Queen Theatre for a two days' run, offers the rare combination of an exceptionally interesting story and a brilliant star.

It was written by George Ade, famous American humorist, and serves as a starring vehicle for that personable and popular idol of the screen, Tommy Meighan. Tom Geraghty, one of the best known scenario writers in the business, wrote the film adaption and Victor Heerman performed the directorial honors.

Meighan has a particularly sympathetic part in this picture—that of a likeable young chap who fails to make a success in New York and returns to his old home town. The fun begins when the local citizens get the mistaken impression that he is the president of a big oil company of New York. For a time Tom is a veritable hero, but his triumph is short-lived. Even "the only girl" turns against him when he is publicly exposed.

From that point the plot develops several dramatic complications, but in the end, Tom proves his business ability, when by a bit of strategy he turns the tables on a couple of crooks, who try to swindle the townspeople through a fake oil deal.

Wholesome, humorous and human "Old Home Week" is the type of photoplay that provides ideal entertainment. Lila Lee, Larry Wheat, Charles Dow Clark, Max Figman and Charles Sellen are among the prominent players who appear in support of Mr. Meighan.

**Students Get Realistic Peep Into Their Future Profession**

(By Associated Press)

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 6.—That the members of the department of architecture of Washington State College might have an insight into the conditions which await them when they leave school to practice their chosen profession, the class was held in session nine continuous hours. There was no interruption even for meals, coffee and sandwiches being served the classmen at their desks.

From 1 p. m. to 10 p. m. the students, without recourse to text books and only their acquired knowledge to depend upon, were required to work out a plan of architecture for each room of the department. The stress and urgency of a "hurry-up-time-is-precious" contingency were imposed on student architects and they met the situation successfully.

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## W. T. U. BUYS JUNCTION PLANT

The Junction Eagle reports the sale of the light plant of that town to the West Texas Utilities Company, and the utilities company have started a crew of highline men to work extending the line from Menard to Junction. In reporting the sale of the Junction electric properties, the Eagle says:

"On Wednesday morning of this week, the West Texas Utilities Company became owner of the local light plant, when negotiations that had been under consideration for several months were completed.

"Mr. E. V. Sellers, personal representative of Mr. Geo. W. Fry, vice-president and general manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, was here Tuesday and Wednesday, and upon completion of necessary transfer papers, paid the local concern, the Llano River Irrigation and Milling Company, \$9,000.00 for the plant, equipment and water right for electrical energy production.

"Preparatory to building a high line from Menard to Junction, the company's engineers had been looking over the ground for several days and actual surveying had already been done.

"Thursday morning a party of eleven men, including several local workers, started on the proposed route between here and Menard, and route will be surveyed and designated as quickly as possible."

Mrs. Ben Smith returned from Abilene Tuesday, where she went to carry her son George to his home. George had been down to consult the doctors. It will be remembered that he suffered an injured foot and was in the hospital for several months and has been crippled since last spring.

## 2 MILLIONS FOR NEW COURTHOUSE

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 6.—Expansion of the Bexar county court house has been made possible through the issuance of a \$2,050,000 bond issue and work on an addition to the building is to be started in the near future. The final bar to beginning work was removed a few days ago when the bonds were registered in Austin by the state comptroller.

Besides the improvements to the courthouse, several bridges and an addition to the Boys' Training School will be built from the funds obtained through the issue.

Land in the rear of the present site has been purchased for the courthouse addition and a deal is pending for another tract. A fifth story will be added to the old structure, which will continue to serve as a courthouse proper, and the fourth court of civil appeals and a county law library will be located on this fifth floor. Larger quarters will be provided for the 94th district court.

Two stories will be added to the county jail, doubling its capacity and the sheriff's office will be moved to the first floor of the courthouse. A subway, through which automobiles can move, will connect the office and the jail.

The new addition which will cost 1,040,000 will be devoted entirely to offices which are only indirectly connected with the courts. Two new elevators will double the "lift" service.

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John Pechacek came down from Abilene Tuesday to spend a few days looking after business.

## HANDBALL IS POPULAR GAME

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 6.—Handball is so popular a game among Texas University students that four new courts are now being built. Their completion will make available nine courts in the men's gymnasium, capable of accommodating a maximum of 36 players. As the game has at least 200 regular devotees, even the addition of the four courts will not take care of the demand.

While there are some capable handball players among the student body, the most expert players are in the faculty. Unquestionably the three ablest players in school are L. Theo Bellmont, athletic director, generally conceded the best player in Austin, if not in the state, Roy Bedichek, director of the Texas University interscholastic league, and Roy Henderson, athletic director of the league.

For years, Bellmont's hobby has been to take on the university student champion and administer a sound defeat. He has been playing the game for 15 or 20 years, and his anticipation of opponent's shots and general court strategy are masterful. Bellmont, Bedichek and Henderson are not young men, but they can outlast and outspeed athletes many years their junior.

Berry Whitaker, intramural athletic director, Clyde Littlefield, varsity track coach, and "Shorty" Alderson, assistant football coach, are all capable players who compare favorably with the trio first named.

Some of the hardest fought games played on the university courts are played by Walter Fisher, a Texas University three-letter athlete of 20 years ago, and Luther Stark, Orange, chairman of the Texas University board of regents. They are both splendid

players and bitter rivals on a handball court. The chairman of the regents thoroughly enjoys the game, and whenever he and Mr. Fisher enter a court a large crowd gathers to watch the fierce play and laugh at the loud, good-natured squabbling.

## STOP RHEUMATISM WITH RED PEPPER

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## SAN ANTONIO IS AFTER TOURISTS

(By Associated Press)  
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 6.—San Antonio is making preparations for a larger winter tourist crowd as the New Year begins. A feature of the preparation is the new Tourist club which the chamber of commerce is opening in the Texas hotel, opposite the new Y. M. C. A. building. Spacious reception and game rooms, outdoor croquet and horseshoe

pitching courts will be provided. Mrs. Henry Reigler, who has been hostess at this club for two years, will be in charge of the new club.

Although the influx of winter visitors does not begin until after the holidays, there already are three times as many tourists here as ever before at this time of year, Fred. M. Herndon, publicity secretary of the chamber of commerce, said.

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