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## PEOPLE FROM RURAL SECTIONS OBJECT TO SLAUGHTER ORDINANCE

### Gas Suit Moved to Federal Court

Attorneys for the Community Natural Gas Company filed a petition and bond in the 88th district court Wednesday morning at 8:30 for removal of the injunction suit, which was filed by four Eastland citizens last week, to the Federal Court at Abilene. The petition was granted by Judge Been. Hearing of the case had been set for 9:00 o'clock. M. E. Lawrence, attorney for the Eastland citizens, states that as soon as it has been filed in Abilene, he will file a motion to remand the case. Removal of the injunction does not affect the restraining order issued Thursday of last week. This order, however, is effective only in the cases of those who filed the suit, George Bryant, George Parrack, J. H. Cheatham and C. F. Shepherd. Contrary to the opinion held by many, it does not affect the entire citizenship of Eastland.

### WILLIAM ARMSTRONG DIED DECEMBER 27

William Armstrong, 33, of 510 Valley street, Eastland, died at 2:00 p. m. Sunday, December 27. Funeral services were held for him at the Baptist church at 10:30 Monday morning, December 28, with Rev. W. T. Turner officiating. Armstrong was a native of Eastland county and had been in ill health for some time. He is survived by his wife, his mother and father, and nine sisters.

### E. S. DAVIS ILL AT TAHOKA

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis were called back to Tahoka Thursday on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Davis' father, Mr. E. S. Davis, who lived at Desdemona for many years. He left there in 1919 to go to the plains. His many friends in this part of the country are hoping for his quick recovery.

Clint Craig of Colorado, Texas, and formerly of Eastland, was back in town this week visiting friends.

### YOU MAY BE INTERESTED

to know that every bit of type, all of the illustrations, stereotyping, type-setting, layout work, copy writing and press work necessary in producing the big four page circular on colored stock for the Wolf's store was done in the Weekly Record office at 109 South Mulberry street, Eastland. We ask you to take notice of the job. Many do not know that that is our regular daily routine work. It is the largest job of the kind we have put out but one and two page work of that nature is done almost every week. When the job was delivered to Mr. I. Wolf, the owner of the big store on West Main street, he said, "That is the best job I have seen done in Eastland in the ten years I have been here." Mr. Wolf was not alone in the belief that the RECORD is not equipped to turn out such work, but he along with others realize now that— The RECORD is the only shop in this section equipped to handle such work. The RECORD has a larger payroll in Eastland than all the other print shops combined that are doing business in Eastland. The RECORD is strictly an Eastland institution, being owned by two Eastland home owners. The Record also printed the Eastland County Fair Catalogs, one of the largest jobs of its kind which has been awarded in Eastland in the last year. RECORD prices are fair and tonnage is appreciated.

Much is being said unfavorable to the recent law which was passed by the City Commission requiring any and all meats sold in Eastland either to be butchered in a slaughter house which has been built here recently or in some sanitary and approved slaughter house.

These, along with many other requirements, according to many, are working a hardship on the farmer and driving him from Eastland.

Among those calling at the Record office and making such complaint were P. G. Wright and Sam Newcomb both of whom live a few miles east of town. They were positive in their beliefs that such an ordinance will kill Eastland. They stated positively that many in their neighborhood had exactly the same opinion.

Among other things, they stated that "Eastland is forcing the farmer to do his selling and naturally his buying elsewhere, which is not the desire of the people, but our settlement is turning against Eastland. We are sure all the country people are against this law."

Jim Wood, also of the same section, had practically the same thing to say regarding the new ordinance, and word has come to this office that there is much bad feeling in the Flatwood District over this ordinance.

Before leaving the office both Mr. Wright and Mr. Newcomb said that they think the Chamber of Commerce could do much to help the farmers, who would welcome an opportunity to join the organization and cooperate in the upbuilding of the county.

Editor's Note: The Record invites opinion from our neighbors and home-folks alike on this subject. If we have a bad law let us kill the law instead of our county.

### New Tax Law Is Effective

The act of the recent legislature exempting penalty and interest from all delinquent taxes was to have become effective last October 1, but in order to determine the constitutionality of the act it became necessary to have a test case tried in the courts. The courts have decided, after considerable delay, that the law is constitutional. Since the time is limited, I shall consider it a personal favor if you will give the matter as much prominence in your valuable paper as you consider its importance warrants.

Very truly yours, T. L. COOPER.

Back Taxes A law was passed at a recent session of the legislature and has been sustained by the Supreme Court of the State, which requires the tax collector to accept payment of all delinquent or back taxes for any and all years without penalty and interest, if paid during this month (January 1932).

This is an opportunity for those who have back taxes for any years to make a considerable saving and it is hoped that all who can possibly do so will take advantage of this new ruling while it is effective.

Extra hands are being added to the tax collector's force and every effort will be made to give the best service to all tax payers. However, those who have unpaid taxes for back years will confer a favor upon us if they will call as early as convenient to discuss and arrange to clear up these delinquencies while this saving is available.—T. L. COOPER, Tax-Collector.

### FOUR CASES TRIED IN CITY COURT THIS WEEK

Four cases have been tried in the City Court this week on vagrancy and drunken charges.



H. S. MOBLEY Farming



L. A. HAWKINS Farming

### Short Course Will Be Held Here Feb. 4-5

Local business men have been successful in securing a two-day short course in agriculture, horticulture and home economics to be held in Eastland on February 4 and 5.

Mr. F. J. Wolf, with the International Harvester Company, who is furnishing the two-day course and speakers free, was here Thursday morning and met with a group of local people, to whom he outlined a comprehensive plan for putting on the short course, helped to organize the local committees and outlined their duties, and made all preliminary arrangements.

Mr. Wolfe emphasized very thoroughly that all talks given by the speakers at the short course would be strictly of an educational nature.

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GRACE MARION SMITH The Home



JOHN M. BANNON Landscaping

### Justice of Peace Steele Died, Jan. 1

James W. Steele died at the Payne Hospital here Friday morning, January 1. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church, with Rev. Shearer and Rev. Franklin, officiating.

Mr. Steele was born in Alabama August 11, 1864. He was justice of the peace here at the time of his death, having lived in Eastland for a number of years. Pall bearers were his nephews, El-

mo Hill, Roscoe Hill, Steele Hill, Russell Hill, Francis Jones and Ned Jones.

Mr. Steele is survived by his mother, Mrs. Susan Steele, two brothers and four sisters.

J. H. Cole spent the last week end and the first part of this week in Dallas on business.

Stewart Nemir spent several days in Eastland, this week. Mr. Nemir is in the cafe business in Huntsville, Texas.

R. E. Grantham, of Cisco, was in Eastland Monday.

### WATCH YOUR STEP

YOU MAY BE THE PERSON TO RECEIVE

### Free Theatre Ticket

If the Watch Your Step editor notices you on the street; sees you do some act of kindness, an amusing act or anything out of the ordinary you will find the act described in this column the following week, and you will be entitled to a free ticket to the Lyric Theatre. Your name will not appear. Old folk, young folk, everyone alike, watch your step. Look over the list below and see if you are among those receiving a free ticket this week to see—

### "MATI HARI"

If the gentleman who was caught with his pockets full of silverware at the Connellee Hotel last Tuesday noon will he will receive a ticket.  
If the gentleman whose cousin left him a million dollars will call he will receive a ticket.  
If the gentleman who stood up for his home town will call he will receive a ticket.  
If the lady that had all the questions ready off the Record representative and the last and most important one slipped her mind will call she will receive a ticket.  
If the Miss who says she can read the French menus, yet when asked if she was married said WEE will call she will receive a ticket.

## RUMOR THAT SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE SOON IS UNFOUNDED

### Citizens Sign Petition at Mass Meeting

The court room of the 91st district court was well filled on Friday night of last week when a large number of the citizens of Eastland met in answer to a call of certain citizens for a mass meeting concerning the gas situation in Eastland. Nothing much was accomplished, but the matter concerning the injunction against the gas company restraining them from enforcing the new rate schedule effective as of December 20, was put before the people in a manner which they could understand.

Most people were of the opinion that the injunction granted from the 88th district court on Thursday of last week would operate for the benefit of all gas consumers in the city of Eastland, but as explained by Mr. George Bryant, one of the four original petitioners, and their attorney, Milton Lawrence, said injunction operates only for the benefit of those who signed the petition.

The purpose of this meeting was to explain this to the citizenship and to give all who desired to do so an opportunity to sign their names to the petition asking for the injunction and thus secure the benefits of same. It was explained that necessary bond had already been posted and that there would be no further attorney's fees collected. Twenty-six names were affixed at that time and a number of others added following the meeting and during the next day or so.

In addition to the talks made by Messrs. Bryant and Lawrence, attorneys Robey and Judkins made talks explaining some of the things that had been done in the fight for lower gas rates in Eastland and setting forth their opinions as to the best method of securing the desired results.

### Inquiring Reporter

What do you think of the new butchering law recently passed by the City Commission?

The law requires the farmer to have any meat he intends to sell in Eastland killed in specially prescribed slaughter houses and to have certain inspections.

I WOLF: It's a poor law. Crippled and diseased animals cannot be detected after they have been butchered. It will make it hard on the merchant but I think that they should be inspected.

F. M. KINNEY: I think that any farmer should be allowed to bring to town and sell, any products or meats that he raises or produces on his farm.

W. G. WILLIAMSON: 4 miles north. I think that it is injurious to both town and farmer. We must make a market for the farmers products.

R. J. CARMACK: 6 miles south. A farmer should be allowed to sell his products, free of interference, when he has them.

G. C. KIMBRELL: I am not familiar with the law, but I have heard much complaint from the farmers regarding it.

J. O. EARNEST: I feel that it is driving the farmer away from town.

G. M. HARPER: It seems that a way could be arranged to protect our farmers as well as the town people.

### Newman Appointed Justice of Peace

At a meeting of the Commissioner's Court Monday, Milton Newman was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of Jim Steele. Seventeen applications for the position were considered.

Denying a rumor that Eastland schools are to close January 20, Mr. K. B. Tanner, president of the school board, says:

"There is absolutely no foundation to the rumor that is afloat to the effect that schools will close January 20. We are going to run the schools. Several good people have paid their school taxes, but we are still in need of money."

Eastland schools are to be kept open as long as it is at all possible, and so far as is known now, no date has been set for their closing. The tax drive is still on, and people are urged to pay their school taxes, so that such measures will not have to be resorted to.

### Davis Replaces Crossley On Staff

Mr. H. C. Davis is now associated with the Weekly Record, handling both advertising and news.

Mr. Davis replaces Winniford Crossley, who has been with the Record since December 1. Winniford's many friends will be glad to know that he has bought an interest in a newspaper at Hamilton, and arranged to take over his duties there last Monday. The best wishes of all those connected with the Record go with him to his new business.

Mr. Davis, who was manager of the local United Dry Goods store for a number of years, has many friends in Eastland who are glad to see him back from East Texas, where he has been conducting sales. Mr. Davis' experience in sales has given him much experience in writing effective advertising copy. This, along with his merchandising experience, gives him an unusual advantage in the position he is now in.

### COMMISSION MET MONDAY

The City Commission held its regular meeting Monday afternoon with three commissioners, Messrs. McCullough, Moore and Clark present. Routine business was disposed of and several tax matters adjusted.

Forrest Wright was here from Cisco Tuesday.

### BANK OR NO BANK

A rumor is afloat that Eastland is to have a new bank within the next few weeks, which is very welcome news, if true.

But bank or no bank, a thing to be remembered by all of us at all times is that if the money is not in Eastland, Eastlanders can't use it to make payrolls by building, repairing, buying and selling. Many believe that Eastland is without a bank today simply because of buying stock and sending money out of Eastland. It is said by people who know that enough money to start two banks was taken out of Eastland on one such drive.

Let us resolve right now that if Eastland gets a new bank it will have our support 100 per cent.

It is easy to see, after going through the last few months, that we must have money in Eastland if we expect to carry on and expand our businesses. So let's get behind our Eastland institutions and give them every possible support. Our local building and loan company was organized to help home owners and prospective home owners, which in turn makes jobs for local people, but they can't make loans unless they have the money.

Things don't have to get better in the East for times to be better here in Eastland. One little building program of only a few thousand dollars would force expenditures and increased payrolls here right now. But if the money is not here, you can't get it at any rate of interest, regardless of the security you may have.

Such conditions are bad and the only remedy is to keep your money in Eastland.

# EASTLAND IS A LEADER IN DRY GOODS VALUES FOR JANUARY

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## STATIC



By J. L. Cottingham.

A. H. Johnson almost startled me into a crackup landing this morning with the announcement that he was getting married Wednesday. I had always figured that he was like Arl Williams and would balk before buying a license. Well—you can not be right every time.

Dr. Van de Venter says, "May God have mercy on his soul." I told him that A. H. was getting married not electrocuted but he said it was all the same. Doc told the truth the other night. I did not believe him and it cost me dear. He has always been threatening to tell the truth once but I thought he would never get around to it.

Want Ad: Wanted a Contract Bridge player who is equipped with mentality and experience to cope with Dr. Van de Venter and temperamentally fitted to overlook his cumbersome outbursts of humor. Salary probably nothing to start but advancement in accord with ability shown. Apply to Julius Krause, Men's Shop, City.

Stire denies that his car is as bad as mine—I leave it to the public to judge. It was Earl Harvey and not Big Boy Harris that took my car last week. Also it was Frank Bida that got the tail light glass—Frank claims it was absentmindedness and I cannot prove any different.

I see the gas fight is on again. I have been shown some clippings that indicate that the Gas Company is writing a column. If they cut that out I will stay out of the gas fight. Any attempt on their part to sell gas through a newspaper column instead of through iron pipes will be interpreted as a direct declaration of war. Mr. Chase please note.

Virge Foster went out Christmas week to solve a murder case and found only a bundle of clothes instead of a corpus delicious. He did not report the incident to the grand jury. Do not know whether or not Los Woods was with him, probably not or they would not have found the bundle of old clothes.

There was an important meeting of the Liars Club at the Corner Drug Store Sunday morning. Oscar Wilson and Johnny Burke were initiated. Kenney says for any one wanting drugs to come in the back door—he will try to keep the rear end of the store clear of liars—except maybe Sid Pitzer.

Len Hightower admitted that he was the hero of the big fire. Frank Castleberry wants business to get better. Joe Jones is going to compete with Blanton on the stump—that ought to be worth the money. What became of Earl Conner's (Jr.) flying boots? amilton McRae is cultivating a judicial appearance. Miss Carter objects to a statement some weeks ago to the effect that Miss Seabury and Miss Russell were the prettiest teachers—if Miss Carter will send us her photograph, we will give the matter due consideration and run a correction if merited.

There are two Fred Davenports here—we ought to call one of them Mutt and the other one Jeff. It is a comfort to see by the papers that the bridge experts make as many mistakes as the rest of us. I guess everyone will play Culbertson from now on. Mrs. Kenney says that Kenney takes an hour and a half to shave—maybe he has a sweetheart.

Further deponent sayeth not. I thank you.

George Bittle has returned to A. & M. College after spending the holidays here with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. P. B. Bittle.

## Murray Warns American People

William H. Murray, governor of Oklahoma, in an hour and a half address over radio station KWKH Friday night, January 1, warned the American people of the present system of government and expressed his belief that the Democratic candidate will be elected president.

His talk suggested possibilities of the announcement for the candidacy, although he did not refer directly to this. He stated, however, that the candidate must be someone other than a Wall Streeter.

"We must break that chain," he said, "that binds us all to Wall street through a vicious system of banking and credit. Unless we reverse our economic error, it will destroy the mansions of the rich as well as the huts of the poor."

"This winter will look like good times compared to 1933 and '34, for then the big banks of New York will have crashed down unless we elect this year a precedent defying president who is not afraid to invoke great economic reforms."

Again he said, "An Eastern Democrat would win easily, but at the end of his term the Democratic party would be extinct. We need a president who knows what to do and has the courage to do it. We need to put in the White House a man who has worked for \$1 a day and lived on it. The East cannot give us such a man. He should be a man who has lived with the common people of the West."

He recommended reorganization of the Federal Reserve Banking System by establishing banks which would extend credit to producers on a basis of products of the soil. He also recommended bi-metalism, or the use of gold and silver as a combined base for currency, a law which would forbid a speculator from holding a position as secretary of the treasury, and enforcement of laws so that the biggest corporation would realize they were on the same footing as the least important private citizen.

## LETTERS

Weekly Record,  
Gentlemen:

Having been requested to write a statement of my views of our tax situation, I find delight in doing so.

Unjust, excessive and tyrannical taxes hover over our real estate like a vampire to suck the life blood away. It is generally conceded that the real estate owners are over burdened with excessive taxes, and when one asks our authorities the reason why, the substance of the usual answer is: Lo! The bond holder! If we do not pay him quickly, he'll appoint a receiver. Then of course the inquirer become afraid, and says no more. Doggone the bond holder and his receiver, to boot. We have learned that the receiver can not make the law. He can not change the law.

We have a remedy. The law is our remedy. The bond holder does not have a lien on our property, except it be in some cases, a paving lien. He can have a receiver appointed. He can sue out the writ of mandamus to compel the authorities to make provision for the payment of the debt. But he cannot change the RATE limit fixed by law, and he cannot require the authorities to place the assessment greater than the market value for cash, on the first day of January of the year it was assessed. Then our authorities should not become so frightened at the bond holder's threat. The bond is the bond holder's property. Our real estate is our property. He bought the bonds for speculation. We others took our loss when the slump came. We had to. Is it unfair to have that monster speculator take his prorate of the loss?

We should have our present county judge and commissioner's court, and city council give the over burdened tax payer some relief, and continue to elect officers who will do so. We all should pay reasonable taxes, but none should be required to pay an unreasonable amount. That is a wrong without a remedy. Our officers should represent and protect the home folks rather than discriminate in favor of the foreign corporation which has no flesh and blood and can not suffer pain as individuals do. You can bet your boots the courts will protect against arbitrary and capricious acts that raise the assessment above its market value for cash on January 1. But it is the duty of our officials first to protect the citizens against wrongful and unjust taxation, and when they do, people will quit saying "We don't want to own real property, taxes too high." When people again begin to want to own real property, commerce will enliven and we will become thrifty, prosperous and happy again.

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Respectfully,  
R. L. RUST.

## Short Course--

(Continued from page 1.)

Communities which have had these meetings are unanimous in their praise and appreciation, and strong in their appeal for a return short course this year. So you see, folks, we are indeed fortunate in securing the expert services of this crew of able lecturers to help us with our two day agricultural and community meeting. Only a very limited number of communities in our state are favored with this short course this year.

Further details will be announced from time to time. For the time being, just remember that on the above dates we will have a crew of capable speakers and demonstrators to conduct these meetings. There will be three sessions daily—morning afternoon and evening. The speakers use moving pictures, lantern slides and large charts to illustrate their talks. Everything will be free. There will be much to interest everybody—men, women, boys and girls from town and the farm. Make a note of the date, plan to attend with your family, and tell your neighbors.

Following are the committees selected to help with this two-day short course. Many good people were not placed on any of these committees, but don't let that keep you from working to help Eastland put this community meeting over better than any in the state.

C. J. Rhodes, general chairman.

Bert McClarmey, vice-chairman.

Dr. H. B. Tanner, chairman publicity committee.

Earl Bender, chairman finance committee.

J. C. Day, chairman arrangements committee.

Mrs. Jim Horton, chairman reception committee.

Mrs. Jos. M. Perkins, chairman program committee.

Prof. Bittle, chairman school committee.

Mrs. Jack Williamson, chairman woman's committee.

Several will be asked to serve on each of these committees, and there is much work to be done. So if you are called on and placed on any of these committees, get in and do your part. Every bit of help is needed.

## THE SALVATION PERIOD OVER KPFL AT DUBLIN

Dev. Ed Sanford is now preaching over KPFL at Dublin each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00 to 10:30. He is one of the home boys of Eastland. Hear him and enjoy God's Word.

## METHODIST PASTORS TO MEET HERE TODAY

The fifteen pastors, with laymen from each charge, of the Cisco District Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in Eastland at the First Methodist church at 10:00 a. m. Friday, January 8, for their annual Missionary Institute.

Dr. Cullum H. Booth will preside over the meeting. Rev. J. W. W. Shuler, of Itasea, will be present to address the body. The main address of the day will be delivered by Dr. J. E. Crawford, of Nashville, Tenn. He will speak at 11 a. m.

All of the people of the city are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hear these visiting speakers. The meeting will close at 10:00 o'clock and close at 12:00.

## FORMER EASTLAND BOY AND CISCO GIRL MARRY

Miss Virginia Fox and Mr. A. C. Williams were married in Pecos at 4:30 Monday afternoon, Dec. 28.

The bride wore a lovely green flat crepe frock with black suede accessories. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Boyd, cousins of the groom.

The couple will reside in Pecos where Mr. Williams is assistant manager of the Safeway Stores. Mrs. Williams, only daughter of C. V. Fox, 1910 Ash St., Cisco, was graduated from Cisco high school in 1930. Mr. Williams finished Eastland high school and attended John Tarleton at Stephenville.

## W. M. S. WILL HOLD INSTRUCTION SCHOOL

The officers of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Cisco District will meet at the Eastland Methodist church Monday morning, January 11, at 10 o'clock in a school of instructions.

The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. Barron, of Desdemona. Mrs. S. J. Rucker, of De Leon, Mrs. Hickman, of Eastland, Mrs. McGlamery of Eastland, and other leaders of the District, will instruct the officers. Each lady attending the school is

asked to bring one dish. Lunch will be spread in the basement of the church at noon.

## LEGION MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY EVENING

Twenty-nine members of the American Legion were present at a meeting held Monday night in the courthouse.

Frank Sparks was the feature speaker of the evening.

## MR. LEWIS SPEAKS AT ROTARY MEETING

The Rotary Club held its regular meeting on the roof of the Connelley Hotel at noon Monday, with Mr. F. V. Williams and Mr. James Horton in charge of the program.

Mr. I. R. Juda, of Cisco, furnished a very enjoyable program of piano numbers.

Mr. Lewis, representative of the International Harvester Company of Dallas, made a talk in the interest of the work of his company. Mr. J. C. Fatterson also spoke.

Mr. James R. Horton made a classification talk.

Mr. W. L. Gupton was a guest of the club at Monday's meeting.

## EASTLAND BUYER TO CALIF. STYLE SHOW

To insure Eastland a first glimpse of what is new for 1932, Mrs. D. Wolf of Wolf's Store, will leave the end of this week for Los Angeles, to attend the Los Angeles Spring Style Show. "There," said Mrs. Wolf, "selections will be made for our early Spring openings from thousands of garments to be displayed during the big fashion event in Los Angeles by all the leading manufacturers of style merchandise in this important market."

"Many radical changes in fabrics, patterns, colors, and styles are promised for 1932," said Mrs. Wolf. "To know what is newest and best, to have ample opportunity for comparison, and to be sure that we are bringing to Eastland the very cream of the smart new style ideas for 1932, we feel that it is necessary to be represented at the Los Angeles Style Show. Were we to wait for the manufacturer who will display their complete Spring lines at this show to bring these same lines to us, weeks would elapse before we would have anything like the complete information that we will secure in three busy days at the show. Only at the show will it be possible for us to see all the Los Angeles lines; only there can we have the same opportunity for critical comparison and careful selection."

"Important style information for our store will be announced immediately on my return from the Los Angeles Show," stated Mrs. Wolf.

## W. M. S. HAS FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

The Martha Stewart and Belle Bennett Circles of the Methodist Missionary Society met Monday, January 4, in joint session for the first meeting of the year, with Mrs. J. E. Hickman presiding.

The meeting was opened with a song, "O For a Thousand Tongues," after which the society repeated the Lord's prayer in unison. The program for the first quarter of the year was written on a blackboard by the president, as follows:

Jan. 11, Officers Training Day, 10 a. m.

Jan. 11, Visiting Day, 3 p. m.

Jan. 18, Literary, Business.

Jan. 25, Circles, Bulletin and Stewardship.

Fed. 1, 8, 15, 22; Mission Study.

Fed. 29; Circles, Bulletin and Stewardship.

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF EASTLAND,

To L. W. Lisher, Wm. G. Cummings, and all other persons claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in the property hereinafter described, notice is hereby given as required by statute, that on the 25th day of January, 1932, at 2 p. m., at the front door of my place of business in Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, I will sell under my statutory warehouseman's lien the following described at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, said goods having been stored with me by L. W. Lisher for Wm. G. Cummings and the Green Flag Inn No. 2:

One barrel turpentine, twelve (12) paper cartons paint, thirty-two (32) five gallon kits paint, hand tools, electrical supplies, one (1) gas heating stove, two (2) wheelbarrows, two rolls reinforcement wire, five (5) doors, one (1) set steel door track and miscellaneous builders hardware; plumbing and electrical fixtures.

TOM'S TRANSFER & STORAGE COMPANY.

By (Signed) Tom Lovelace.

ardship.

March 7, 14; Mission Study.

March 21; Literary, Bulletin, Stewardship, and Harvest Day.

March 28; Circles.

After all business was transacted, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Wayne Jones, leader for the devotional.

The subject of the lesson was "Not Mine But Thine," and a most interesting program was rendered.

Misses Eda Lindsley and Margaret Hart played a violin duet in their usual expressive way, with Miss Virginia Weaver accompanying them.

Mrs. Ed Willman presented the work of the past year. She began by saying "How We Made the Honor Roll Last Year."

1. Fifty per cent of members at business meetings. 2. Net increase of auxiliary members. 3. Finance in full.

4. Ten per cent increase in connectional funds. 5. Twelve program meetings. 6. Week of prayer observed. 7. Bible Study. 8. Home Mission Class. 9. Foreign Mission Class. 10. Net increase in Voice subscriptions. 11. Organization and cultivation of juniors and primaries. 12. Organization and cultivation of babies. 13. Missionary cultivation of new societies. 14. Organization and cultivation of young women. 15. Christian Stewardship presented each quarter. 16. Social service committee and activities. 17. Quarterly executive meetings and reports mailed promptly. 18. Supplies sent each quarter. 19. Representative at Conference, District and Zone meetings. 20. Local work.

Each new officer told why she considered her office the most important.

Introductions were made of the following new members: Mmes. John Burk M. B. Griffin, F. D. Robertson, and the following visitors: Mmes. Marlow, Sandeford, F. M. Jones, Webb Deenham and J. A. Johnson.

The following twenty-seven members answered roll call: Mmes. J. A. Harris, June Kimble, Coleman, L. A. Cook, R. M. Collier, W. P. Leslie, F. J. Sparks, J. C. Stephens, B. E. McGlamery, Jobe, Ed Willman, Iola Mitchell, F. L. Dragoo, C. G. Stubblefield, Wayne Jones, J. E. Hickman, Castleberry, Mackale, Elliott, O. O. Mickle, M. H. Kelly, W. W. Kelly, T. J. Haley, G. W. Shearer, R. E. Sikes, F. M. Kenney, and Ed Graham.

The society was adjourned with a prayer by Mrs. Graham.

Frank E. Smith, of Abilene, was an Eastland visitor Tuesday.

Julius Krause, of the Men's Shop, returned from San Antonio Wednesday, where he has been for several days.

## NOTICE

All newspapers in Eastland county are requested to publish the following notice:

We, the undersigned depositors of the Texas State Bank of Eastland, respectfully call a meeting of all the depositors to be held in the county court room on the second floor of the court house at Eastland, on Monday evening, January 11, 1932, 8:00 p. m. This meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of appointing a depositor's committee to represent all depositors and cooperate with the Commissioners of Banking and the Liquidating agent in handling and disposing of the assets of the bank.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)—W. S. Michael, County Auditor of Eastland County; Chas. C. Robey, G. W. Fisher, Depositors.

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January 6, 1932

12th Semi-annual Dividend Declared by the  
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in favor of stockholders of record on December 31, 1931.

**EASTLAND BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION**

**MISS BESSIE MARLOW HONORS MISS WOLLEN**

Miss Bessie Marlow entertained Saturday night with a bridge party honoring Miss Ina Louise Wollen, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley.

High score was won by Miss Floy O'Neill, and low score went to Mrs. Hawley.

Guests were Misses Ruth O'Neill, Hassie Graham, Floy O'Neill, Ruth Bagley, Neil Caton, Mona Pritchard, Ina Louise Wollen, Messrs. Berry Williams, J. C. Brewer, Waymon Mason, Bert Karklix, J. T. Cooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Hawley.

**B Y P U ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

The senior BYPU met at the usual hour at the church Sunday, January 4. The program was on the higher ideals for the New Year; and work for the Standard of Excellence. The Buce Bee group had charge of the program.

Those on the program were Aurelia Hunt, Irene Williams, Lucille May, Merle Crockett, Ruth Butler and Bruce Butler.

Resolutions were made by each of the members to try hard during 1932 to make our Union better than it has ever been and in this way we will reach the Standard of Excellence, which is our goal, that is set for the BYPU by our State BYPU workers.

New officers were elected for the New Year as follows: Opal Hunt, president; Foy Thomas, vice-president; Lucille May, secretary; Irene Williams, corresponding secretary and reporter; Allan Williams, treasurer; Ruth Butler, Bible reader's leader; Aurelia Hunt, group captain; and Merle Crockett, group captain.

There are three kinds of members of BYPU; the drifter, the emotional or partly interested member, and the faithful member who is always present and ready to do his part at all times. Which kind of a member are you?

**PERSONAL**

Mr. Walter Gilbert, of Carbon, was in Eastland Friday.

R. E. Grantham was a visitor from Cisco Friday.

L. R. Pierson, of Ranger, was in the City Friday.

Messrs. Jake Ross and C. F. Sheperd went to Gorman Thursday night to a Knights of Pythias meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Burette Brummett, of Scranton, were Eastland shoppers Saturday.

Weldon Ussery, teacher of Scranton, was here Saturday.

Mrs. E. R. Yarborough and Misses Blanche Yarborough and Itasca Hamilton, of Carbon, were Eastland visitors Saturday.

Miss Fannie Wilf left Sunday to return to the University of Texas after spending the holidays at her home here.

Kivie Wolf left Sunday for A. & M. College, after spending the holidays here with his parents.

Miss Frankie Davis, of Rising Star, returned to her home Sunday, after visiting relatives in Eastland.

D. H. Godwin, who is attending school at John Tarleton, returned to Stephenville Sunday, after spending the holidays in Eastland and Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith, formerly of Eastland, have moved to Electra. Mr. Smith, former vice-president of the Exchange National Bank here, has been with an Abilene bank for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Keasler had as their recent guest Mrs. Keasler's aunt, Miss Wilbur, of Austin. Miss Wilbur is in charge of a sorority house at the University of Texas.

Airey Bendy is on a business trip to Austin.

Tillman Stubblefield left Sunday for the University of Texas, after spending the holidays in Eastland.

Miss Bernice Johnson left Sunday for Weatherford, where she is attending Weatherford Junior College.

V. T. Seaberry has returned from a business trip to Indiana.

Mr. Mack Pelfry, of Rising Star, was in the city Friday.

Mrs. E. A. Hill, house hostess for the Delta Zeta sorority at A. & M. College, Stillwater, Okla., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Brelsford, 701 S. Daugherty.

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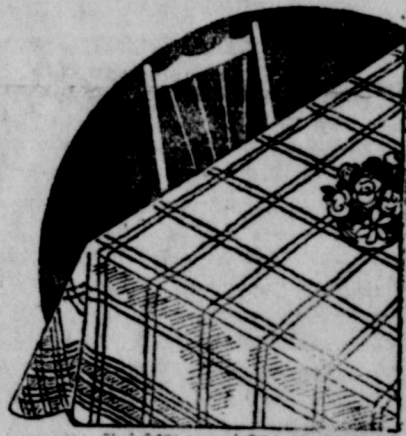
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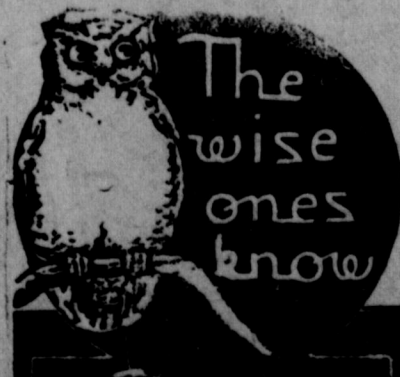
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# High School News

BOB McGLAMERY, Editor

## SPORTS

The following is the basketball schedule for the Eastland Mavericks for 1932.

- January 5, Eastland at Brownwood.
- January 7, Albany at Eastland.
- January 9, Eastland at Breckenridge.
- January 12, Eastland at Abilene.
- January 15, Eastland at Eliasville.
- January 19, Cisco at Eastland.
- January 22, Eastland at Ranger.
- January 26, Breckenridge at Eastland.
- January 29, Brownwood at Eastland.
- January 30, Eastland at Albany.
- February 2, Abilene at Eastland.
- February 5, Eliasville at Eastland.
- February 9, Eastland at Cisco.
- February 12, Ranger at Eastland.

Eastland has a good team this year and I believe that if we receive some backing from the town as well as the backing of the school we will go far in basketball. We want everyone to come to our games and fill the gym. Let's get behind our team and back them in a big way.

## CHAPEL NOTES

By FLORENCE PERKINS

There was no Thursday assembly just before the Christmas holidays.

The holidays are ended and everyone is back with varied feeling. The mid-term tests are not far off. The Monday chapel hour was opened by the student body singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," and "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mr. Bittle then led the students in prayer. Principal Palm gave a very fitting talk. His subject was "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." He also spoke of the importance of starting the year 1932 off in the right way. Coach Gibson made an announcement concerning the basketball team and the schedule. The assembly was then dismissed.

## Some Miscellaneous Data

Roger Moorehead says if people could focus each eye on one object it would be possible to read two pages of a manuscript at one time. However, don't forget it is only possible for the human mind to concentrate on one thing at a time.

Most people have pet sayings. When anyone amuses or flatters Carl Le Claire he usually says "Aw, shucks." It doesn't mean anything when printed but when heard sounds both odd and individualistic.

Many students taking physics declare it to be the most difficult subject they have ever experienced. Nevertheless its application in radio and everyday science is very useful. About everything one learns in school proves to be of benefit at one time after finishing school.

Why do a large per centage of boys always think they want to be some type of engineer? Before they have finished high school they usually alter their opinion.

Especially interesting and educational is a visit to a broadcast studio. The writer has had the pleasure of visiting five during the last two weeks in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Here is where some of the high school pupils and teachers have spent all or part of their vacation. The list is not complete:

Joe Collins, Strawn; Bill McElroy, Fort Worth and Graham; Mr. Phillips, Pittsburg, Texas; Miss Powell, Waco, Texas; Conard Reeves, Ft. Worth; Edward Pritchard, Dalhart and Wichita Falls; Zack Meek, South Texas.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Happy Hightower had as his guest during the holidays Charles Hickman. Doris Zweifel was the guest of Dot Day.

Shirly Farrell had Adelaide Keefer as her guest.

R. S. Harris visited in Commanche. Carl Garrett, Conard Reeves, Delbert Myres, Joe Simmons, and Bobby Dwyer attended the football game at Ft. Worth on Christmas day.

Dixie Miller visited friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Weatherford during the holidays.

Wanza Thomas visited in Oklahoma and Arkansas. She liked it so well that she went back.

Nel Sikes visited Ruth Hearn and other friends during the holidays. Nell, a former student of E. H. S., is now a student of Weatherford.

Beth Judkins went to Fort Worth during the holidays.

Edith Wood got a hair cut. Santa Claus brought R. S. a new sweater.

Miss Belle Wilson spent Christmas holidays in Eastland grading papers. Miss Johnson spent the holidays in Eastland also.

Mr. Brothers spent the holidays in Paducah with Mr. Gibson. Annie Currie, former student of E. H. S. with her cousins Currie and Bula Been, visited friends in rela-

tives in Eastland. Hazel Paford rode on the train for the first time during the holidays. Billie Shoopman had a visit from Santa Claus.

Ray McGee visited friends in Eastland during the holidays.

Jack Heath went to sleep in the show. He snored so loud A. G. Gary had to awake him.

Miss Word spent the holidays with her mother in Fort Worth.

Annie Laurie visited in Mineral Wells.

Jaunita Harper, Gus Moore, and Gwendolyn Jones went to Fort Worth during the holidays to visit friends.

Jo Woods, Katheren Lankford, Wilson Hart and Victor Hand went to Fort Worth.

Virginia Neil Little visited Betsy Dee Hillyer in Brownwood, and Mrs. K. R. Little in Commanche.

Mr. Taylor spent Christmas in San Angelo visiting friends and family.

Mr. Phillips spent the holidays in Pittsburg and Linden bird hunting.

With a little help D. L. Childress made a grand slam in bridge.

Imogene Robason visited relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Kathleen Cotingham gave a party during the holidays.

Dot Day came one better by giving several.

Gwendolyn Jones gave a theater party New Year's Eve.

Miss Johnson gave a party for her 4A English class, and took them to see the midnight pre-view of "Frankenstein."

Mr. Palm spent the holidays in Eastland entertaining friends. Mr. R. A. Palm, father of our principal, visited in Eastland. The day after Christmas the daughter of Mr. Palm was heard crying and after investigation it was found that Mr. Palm was playing with her toys.

Bob McGlamery spent Christmas Day visiting his grandparents in Gorman.

Ed Pritchard informed me that he heard he had a good time over the holidays.

Estes Burgamy enjoyed week end in Fort Worth. Runt helped him enjoy it.

Truett Been got some riding boots for Christmas.

We have a new pupil from De Leon, Red Timmons, and he is some football player.

Miss Carter spent the holidays in Eastland.

Mr. Elliott had all his children home for Christmas.

Elmer Liles craves some publicity. Daus Simmons spent his holidays with his mother and father in Oklahoma City.

Douglas Jones went to Missouri. Don William visited relatives in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

## OBSERVATIONS

Owing to certain exerted pressure the name of this column is hereby changed from "Personals" to "Observations."

We hope that the janitor will tell us the next time he is going to grease the hand railings on the stairs. We almost broke our necks the first time we went down stairs Monday morning (Isn't it a pity we didn't).

Mr. Brothers wonders how Boyd Tanner ever got to be a freshman.

We thought that we were going to have a change in our faculty Monday morning when our friend Mrs. Fagg took Mrs. Beard's place, but on Tuesday Mrs. Beard came back and things ran on as before.

Miss Belle is certainly getting suspicious of the students who go out of study hall on permits during seventh period.

Guess we had better close and study the diary of Samuel Pepys and other such things.

## West Ward School News.

Work in West Ward has been resumed after the holidays, and the enrollment is steadily increasing.

The girls of 4A and 3A conducted chapel this week. The entertainment was in the form of a short musical play entitled "The Pineville Baby Show."

The lower grades chapel exercise was directed by Miss Sue Dean. Songs were sung and the greater part of the period was spent in story telling and the playing of musical games.

## 9:49 CLASS HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Eighty-five members and visitors were present at the Sunday morning meeting of the 9:49 Men's Bible Class at the Methodist church.

Misses Margaret Hart and Eda Lindsley played two beautiful violin numbers.

The usual announcements were made, and an interesting lecture was presented by Judge Hickman, teacher of the class.

Those inattendance were L. W. Forgeson, A. L. Agate, J. A. Watson, Walter Gray, G. H. Kinard, J. E. Hickman, M. L. Kessler, T. J. Amis, J. C. Patterson, T. M. Collier, Mack O'Neal, A. J. Treadwell, Jno. W. Turner, F. M. Jones, P. B. Bittle, C. L.

Knox, T. M. Johnson, J. S. Butler, R. R. Hardwick, V. H. Mullings, Ward Mullings, W. C. Campbell, G. O. Reynolds, W. Couza, Earl Bender, H. C. Davis, N. A. Moore, A. E. Herring, Ed Graham, W. E. Jarrett, Wayne Jones, J. C. Stephens, Russell Hill, W. Turner, J. W. Harrell, C. B. Wellman, W. W. Kelly, J. E. Williams, I. N. Poe, Ken Wingate, O. L. Duckett, Dr. H. B. Tanner, J. R. Edmison, R. E. Sikes, J. E. Rawson, W. W. Hyer, L. B. Jones, Mrs. W. T. Root, Wilda Drago, Margaret Hart, Eda Lindsley, J. J. Mickle, Thomas Alford, F. O. Hunter, R. O. Hunter, J. B. Steele, W. A. Martin, Jno. D. Seale, Ben E. Hammer, Joe H. Jones, F. W. Blatt, M. E. Lawrence, Howard Miller, Erle Mayo, Frank Judkins, J. W. Turner, Tom Amis, F. D. Robertson, T. L. Overby, C. J. Rhodes, W. F. Greiger, Elan Reaves, Bruce Butler, O. O. Mickle, W. B. Collier, G. M. Harris, C. B. Harris, L. B. Lippard, F. L. Drago, F. E. Day, F. L. Michael, R. N. Grisham and Earl E. Harvey.

## PERSONAL

M. S. Sellers, editor of the Rising Star Record, was in Eastland Friday.

Howard Gholson and Jack Clements of Ranger, were here Saturday on business.

Miss Lois McAnnally left Monday morning for Texas Tech at Lubbock, after spending the holidays here.

The following were among the out-of-town people in Eastland Saturday to attend the funeral of Justice of the Peace, Jim Steele:

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bedford, Justice of the Peace White, and Constable Floyd Daniels of Deademon.

Justice of the Peace J. N. McFadden and Deputy Sheriff John Barnes, of Ranger.

Justice of the Peace J. H. McDonald and Constable R. L. Wilson of Cisco.

Miss Doris Johnson left Sunday for Texas Tech at Lubbock, after spending the holidays here.

Miss Mary Gustafson, of Cisco, was in Eastland Monday.

Miss Mona Pritchard left Sunday for Simmons University, Abilene, after spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Elizabeth Isbell left Sunday for Austin, where she is a student at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gillespie, of Mineral Wells, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Samuels.

Word has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bean and family, formerly of Eastland, have moved from Granbury to Kennedale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson, formerly of Eastland and now of Littlefield, are visiting relatives in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Terry, of Cisco, brought their little daughter here for medical treatment Tuesday.

D. K. Scott of Cisco was in Eastland Tuesday.

L. H. Fluellen, of Ranger, was an Eastland visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Kimbrough and little daughter, of Pleasant Grove, were in the city early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tucker, of Byrds, brought their children here for medical treatment this week.

## METHODIST PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

The following is the program for services at the First Methodist church Sunday, January 10. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Piano Prelude, Mrs. Gibson. Call to worship, choir.

Pastoral Prayer. Hymn No. 193, "Holy Spirit Faithful Guide."

Responsive reading, Ps. No. 103. Gloria Patri. Offertory.

Anthem, choir. Sermon, by pastor. Hymn No. 317, "More Love to Thee"

Benediction. Postlude, Mrs. Gibson. Evening Worship, 7 p. m.

Organ Prelude, Mrs. Gibson. Song service, led by Miss Drago. Special, choir.

Offertory, Mrs. Gibson. Sermon, pastor. Benediction. Postlude, Mrs. Gibson.

## W. M. S. HAS MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon in their regular monthly business meeting.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. S. C. Walker. The program was opened with the song "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," which was followed by prayer by Mrs. T. J. Pitts. Mrs. Don Brewer brought a beautiful devotional. Mrs. Ghent Sanderford led in prayer. Splendid reports were given by each of the chairmen. Mrs. L. V. Simmons, Personal Service Chairman, announced the attendance contest would end January 30th. Mrs. J. B. Overton, Benevolence chairman, urged that more food be brought in for the shower for Buckner's Orphan Home. Mrs. T. J. Pitts, young people's chairman, gave an interesting report from Young People's work and urged the cooperation of the W. M. S. in securing more young people for the R. A.'s and G. A.'s and Sunbeam band, which meet on Saturday mornings at 9:30.

The following members were present: Mmes. W. A. Owen, Don Brewer, Frank Lovett, W. J. Herrington.

Lee Bishop, Jim Drake, Campbell, Terrell, Gann, Ghent Sanderford, Claude Maynard, Joe Neal, C. P. Springer, F. V. Williams, S. C. Walker, Jno. Williams, J. B. Overton, L. V. Simmons, T. J. Pitts, O. A. Cook, and Miss Gretchen Overton.

Little Miss Pauline Strickland, of San Antonio, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Funderburk, left

Saturday morning for Fort Worth, where she will visit friends.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our son and brother.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you.—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Armstrong and children.

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Ladie's COATS 9 90	Boy's PANTS 59c
Ladie's Wash DRESSES 1 95	All Wool Sweaters 1 59
Child's wash DRESSES 25c	Boy's Sheep COATS 1 98
Outing GOWNS 49c	Men's Dress Shoes 1 59

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# SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART



There was, on the contrary, a definite place beyond which the medium could not go.

She did not know who had killed Arthur Wells.

To my surprise, Sperry and Herbert Robinson came together to see me that morning at my office. Sperry, like myself, was pale and tired, but Herbert was restless and talkative, for all the world like a terrier on the scent of a rat.

"Hawkins will be here soon," said Sperry, rather casually, after I had read the clipping.

"Here?"

"Yes. He is bringing a letter from Miss Jeremy. The letter is merely a blind. We want to see him."

Herbert was examining the door of my office. He set the spring lock. "He may try to bolt," he explained. "We're in this pretty deep, you know."

"How about a record of what he says?" Sperry asked.

I pressed a button, and Miss Joyce came in. "Take the testimony of the man who is coming in, Miss Joyce," I directed. "Take everything we say, any of us. Can you tell the different voices?"

She thought she could, and took up her position in the next room, with the door partly open.

I can still see Hawkins as Sperry let him in—a tall, cadaverous man of good manners and an English ac-

cent, a superior servant. He was cool but rather resentful. I judged that he considered carrying letters as in no way a part of his work, and that he was careful of his dignity.

"Miss Jeremy sent this, sir," he said.

Then his eyes took in Sperry and Herbert, and he drew himself up.

"I see," he said. "It wasn't the letter, then?"

"Not entirely. We want to have a talk with you, Hawkins."

"Very well, sir." But his eyes went from one to the other of us.

"You were in the employ of Mr. Wells. We know that. Also we saw you there the night he died, but some time after his death. What time did you get in that night?"

"About midnight. I am not certain."

"Who told you of what had happened?"

"It told you that before. I met the detectives going out."

"Exactly. Now, Hawkins, you had come in, locked the door, and placed the key outside for the other servants?"

"Yes, sir."

"How do you expect us to believe that?" Sperry demanded irritably. "There was only one key. Could you lock yourself in and then place the key outside?"

"Yes, sir," he replied impassively. "By opening the kitchen window, I could reach out and hang it on the nail."

"You were out of the house then, at the time Mr. Wells died?"

"I can prove it by as many witnesses as you wish to call."

"Now, about these letters, Hawkins," Sperry said. "The letters in the bag. Have you still got them?"

He half rose—we had given him a chair facing the light—and then sat down again. "What letters?"

"Don't beat about the bush. We know you have the letters. And we want them."

"I don't intend to give them up, sir."

"Will you tell us how you got them?"

He hesitated. "If you do not know already, I do not care to say."

I placed the letter to A 31 before him. "You wrote this, I think?" I said.

He was genuinely startled. More than that, indeed, for his face twitched. "Suppose I did?" he said. "I'm not admitting it."

"Will you tell us for whom it was meant?"

"You know a great deal, already, gentlemen. Why not find out from where you learned the rest?"

"You know, then, where we learned what we know?"

"That's easy," he said bitterly.

"She's told you enough, I daresay. She doesn't know it all, of course. Any more than I do," he added.

"Will you give us the letters?" en't admitted I wrote that one on the desk. Suppose I have them. I'll not give them up except to the District Attorney."

"By 'she' do you refer to Miss Jeremy?" I asked.

He stared, and smiled faintly.

"You know who I mean."

We tried to assure him that we were not, in a sense, seeking to involve him in the situation, and I even went so far as to state our position, briefly:

"I'd better explain, Hawkins. We are not doing police work. But, owing to a chain of circumstances, we have learned that Mr. Wells did not kill himself. He was murdered, or at least shot, by some one else. It may not have been deliberate. Owing to what we have learned, certain people are under suspicion. We want to clear things up for our own satisfaction."

"Then why is some one taking down what I say in the next room?"

He could only have guessed it, but he saw that he was right by our faces. He smiled bitterly. "Go on," he said. "Take it down. It can't hurt anybody. I don't know who did it, and that's God's truth."

And, after long wrangling, that was as far as we got.

He suspected who had done it, but he did not know. He absolutely refused to surrender the letters in his possession, and a sense of delicacy, I think, kept us all from pressing the question of the A 31 matter.

"That's a personal affair," he said. "I've had a good bit of trouble. I'm thinking of going back to England."

And, as I say, we did not insist.

When he had gone, there seemed to be nothing to say. He had left the same impression on all of us. I think—of trouble, but not of crime. Of a man fairly driven; of wretchedness that was almost despair. He still had the letters. He had, after all, as much right to them as we had, which was, actually, no right at all. And, whatever it was, he still had his secret.

Herbert was almost childishly crestfallen. Sperry's attitude was more philosophical.

"A woman, of course," he said. "The A 31 letter shows it. He tried to get her back, perhaps, by holding the letters over her head. And it hasn't worked out. Poor devil! Only—who was the woman?"

It was that night, the fifteenth day after the crime, that the solution came. Came, as a matter of fact, to my door.

I was in the library, reading, or trying to read, a rather abstruse book on psychic phenomena. My wife, I recall, had just asked me to change a banjo record for "The End of a Pleasant Day," when the bell rang. In our modest establishment the maids retire early and it is my custom on those rare occasions when the bell rings after nine o'clock, to answer the door myself.

To my surprise, it was Sperry accompanied by two ladies, one of them heavily veiled. It was not until I had ushered them into the reception room and lighted the gas that I saw who they were. It was Elinor Wells, in deep mourning, and Clara, Mrs. Dane's companion and secretary.

While I am quite sure that I was not thinking clearly at the opening of the interview, I know that I was puzzled at the presence of Mrs. Dan's secretary, but I doubtless accepted it as having some connection with Clara's notes. And Sperry made no comment on her at all.

"Mrs. Wells suggested that we come here, Horace," he began. "We may need a legal mind on this. I'm not sure, or rather I think it unlikely but just in case—suppose you tell him Elinor."

I have no record of the story Elinor Wells told that night in our little reception room, with Clara sitting in a corner, grave and white. It was fragmentary, incoherent, but I got it all at last.

Charlie Ellingham had killed Arthur Wells, but in a struggle. In parts the story was sordid enough. She did not spare herself, or her motives. She had wanted luxury, and Arthur had not succeeded as he had promised. They were in debt, and living beyond their means. But even that, she hastened to add, would not have mattered, had he not been brutal with her. He had made her life very wretched.

But on the subject of Charlie Ellingham she was emphatic. She knew that there had been talk, but there had been no real basis for it. She had turned to him for comfort, and he

gave her love. She didn't know where he was now, and didn't greatly care, but she would like to recover and destroy some letters he had written her.

She was looking crushed and ill, and she told her story nervously. Reduced to its elements, it was as follows:

On the night of Arthur Wells death they were dressing for a ball. She had made a private arrangement with Ellingham to plead a headache at the last moment and let Arthur go alone. But he had been so insistent that she had been forced to go, after all. She had sent the governess, Suzanne Gautier, out to telephone Ellingham not to come, but he was not at his house, and the message was left with his valet. As it turned out, he had already started.

Elinor was dressed, all but her ball gown and she had put on a negligee, to wait for the governess to return and help her. Arthur was in his dressing room and she heard him grumbling about having no blades for his safety razor.

He got out a case of razors and searched for the stroop. When she remembered where the stroop was, it was too late. The letters had been beside it, and he was coming toward her with them in his hand.

She was terrified. He had read only one, but that was enough. He muttered something and turned away. She saw his face as he went toward where the revolver had been hidden from the children, and she screamed.

Charlie Ellingham heard her. The door had been left unlocked by the governess and he was in the lower hall. He ran up and the two men grappled. The first shot was fired by Arthur. It struck the ceiling. The second she was doubtful about. She thought the revolver was still in Arthur's hand. It was all horrible. e went down like a stone, in the hallway outside the door.

They were nearly mad, the two of them. They had dragged the body in, and then faced each other. Ellingham was for calling the police at once and surrendering, but she had kept him away from the telephone. She maintained, and I think it very possible, that her whole thought was for the

children, and the effect on their lives of such a scandal. And, after all, nothing could help the man on the floor.

It was while they were trying to formulate some concerted plan that they heard footsteps below, and, thinking it was Mademoiselle Gautier, she drove Ellingham into the rear of the house, from which later he managed to escape. But it was Clara who was coming up the stairs.

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**W. M. U. NEWS**

**W. M. U. Girls Enjoy Party**

Mrs. Elizabeth Creager entertained New Year's Eve with a slumber party. The girls played flinch, forty two, and rook until 12 o'clock. Refreshments of sandwiches, olives, cheese niblets, and coffee were served to Mrs. H. T. Reynolds, Mrs. C. H. Kardatzke, Mrs. H. A. Perry, Mrs. E. O. Bailey, Misses Frances Ward, Grace Bailey, Minnie Drake, Nora Ferguson, Mildred McDowell, Nina Smith, Ellen Abernathy, and hostess, Mrs. Elizabeth Creager and Mrs. Barney Shoemaker.

Games and stunts followed refreshments. Afterwards some of the party left, and those remaining made candy. About five o'clock the girls "slumbered" a little until about 6:30, and then breakfast was served.

The party dispersed after having had a splendid time.

**W. M. U. On the Air**

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock a group of 25 persons met in the home of Professor H. T. Reynolds to enjoy the splendid radio program broadcast from station KPPL at Dublin, Texas, by representatives from W. M. U. The program was as follows:

- Song, "Glorious Things," by Male Quartet.
- Song, "Oh Keep Me Holy," Male Quartet.
- Prayer, Dr. W. B. Goodner.
- Song, "Lord, Give Me Love," by Ladies Quartet.
- Piano Solo, "Nearer My God to Thee," Miss Grace Bailey.
- Song, "His Wonderous Love," Male Quartet.
- Address (about Warner Memorial University), Dr. J. T. Wilson.
- Cornet Duet, "Star of the East," Mr. I. F. Parker, Mr. C. H. Kardatzke.
- Song, "God's Book," Male Quartet.
- Piano Solo, Miss Grace Bailey.
- Octet, "Happy Day."

**Sports**

W. M. U. met the Eastland high school in their first encounter this year. The score was very close until the last quarter when the Stags rallied and ran up the score to 30 points. The high school was able to garner only 17 points in the game. The Stags were handicapped in this game for two of the first string men were away on their vacation and those who played had enjoyed the New Year's dinner only two hours before the game.

On Saturday night the Stags met the fast Morton Valley five. Although the Stag's were tired and sore from the game on the previous evening, they managed to win by a score of 36 to 26. Red Miller was high point man with 12 points to his credit. This week the boys are going to get down to training again and we look forward to their winning many games before the season is over.

**Campus Notes**

Noise, confusion and plenty of work have again started at W. M. U. All of the students except one, Mr. Sherman Simpson, have returned from their Christmas vacation. Oh, yes, the teachers all came back ready to interest the poor students' day dreams of the past two weeks and put them down to hard work. We students are perfectly willing to start the New Year off right if too much hard work

is not included in the program.

The students and faculty of W. M. U. enjoyed a fine New Year's dinner at the University dining hall Friday night. After the dinner all were entertained by the Eastland vs. Warner basketball game.

During the vacation our dining hall was blessed with another generous donation. Three bushels of oranges and about 20 bushels of grape fruit, together with a supply of canned goods, was brought from congregations of South Texas by Rev. J. D. Harmon, Prof. and Mrs. Ward and Prof. and Mrs. Kardatzke drove to Beeville, to meet Rev. Harmon and bring the trailer.

Dr. J. T. Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Batdorf spent a few days in Houston during the holidays. They were attending the Texas Ministerial Assembly, of the Church of God.

Mrs. W. R. McLaughlin has returned to her home in Porterville, California. Her daughter, Nora Ferguson, has moved to the girls' dormitory.

Mr. Henry Miller, the girls' basketball coach, and Russel Barber, visited the Randolph College coach and got some new ideas for the girls' team. Mr. Miller is doing his best to have a good girls' team.

Miss Mildred McDowell and her mother, Mrs. Louise McDowell, drove to Ballinger, Texas, on the afternoon of New Year's Day and visited at the home of Miss Beatrice Smith, professor of English and Math at W. M. U. Miss Smith returned with them to Eastland Saturday.

The cast has been chosen and practice started on the play "A Wild Flower of the Hills," which is to be given probably early in February. This play promises to be good and full of thrills and interest. Watch for further announcement!

Dr. Wilson left Monday evening for Oklahoma City to attend the State Ministerial Assembly there this week. He expects to return Saturday.

Miss Luella Warren and Miss Sybil Smith returned Saturday afternoon after spending the holidays at the Smith home in Ballinger. They were accompanied by Miss Lydia Couvisier who spent her vacation with her parents in Ballinger.

**WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS STUDIES 76th LESSON**

The Church of Christ Woman's Bible Class met Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the church for a study of the 76th lesson of their course.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was sung as the opening song, followed with a prayer led by Mrs. Moore. The discussion of the lesson was led by Mrs. Herring, teacher of the class. Mrs. Sherrill dismissed the class with prayer.

Those present were Mes. Rowe, Snyder, Todd, Moore, Harbin, Brawner, Harris, Sherrill, Coplin, C. F. Fehl, Robertson, Lawrence, Herring, Childress.

The class will meet again next Monday at the church. All members are urged to be present.

**Rev. Darby Will Preach Here Sunday**

The Pulpit Committee of the Baptist Church has invited Rev. O. B. Darby, of McKinney, to preach at both the morning and evening services Sunday, and the invitation was accepted.

Rev. Darby is said to be one of the best preachers in the state. Mrs. Darby, who is said to be an accomplished musician and singer, was invited to be here also to have a part in the services.

The following members of the Eastland Baptist church attended the Worker's Conference in Ranger Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Simmons, Miss Gretchen Overton, Mes. B. T. Patterson, S. C. Walker, J. B. Overton, John Matthews, O. A. Cook, Joe Neal, W. J. Herrington, Claude Maynard, Jack Weatherford, F. V. Williams and Don Brewer.

**Lions Sponsor Essay Contest**

"What Our Service Club Can Accomplish for Our Town That Has Not Already Been Accomplished," will be the subject of an essay contest for high school students that will be sponsored by the local Lions club in connection with an international contest that is being sponsored by Lions International on the same subject.

Students of the local high school will be invited to enter papers in this contest, the winner of first place to be awarded a suitable prize. The papers that win here will be forwarded to a district judging committee and the prize winner for the district chosen, the prize being a trip to the state Lions convention that meets early in the summer in Dallas, all expenses paid. The papers of district winners are then judged for the International prize, and the winner in this event will receive as a reward a trip to the International Convention at Los Angeles, California, next summer, and with all expenses paid.

At the regular meeting of the Lions Club at the Connellee Hotel Tuesday, Supt. Bittle of the Eastland High School, was appointed chairman of a committee to complete plans for this event.

The club also went on record as approving a move to obtain a farmer's short course for Eastland to be put on some time in February. Curtis Kimbrell, local merchant, and J. C. Patterson, County Agent, brought the matter before the club, stressing the plans and possibilities of the course and the benefits that the town and farmer would derive from it. Mr. Lewis of I. H. C. was in town Thursday and a committee from the Lions Club and the Rotary Club met with him and County Agent Patterson to perfect plans for the short course.

The club had one of its largest and best meetings this week. Two visiting Lions from Ranger brought optimistic reports from their club, saying that they were confident of winning the contest now going on, but last reports show Eastland to be holding her lead by a good margin.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ARE CONTINUING WORK**

The Knights of Pythias met Tuesday evening at the Elks Hall, which is being used, through the courtesy of the Elks Club, for meeting purposes since the K. of P. hall was destroyed by fire recently.

No rank work was put on Tuesday night, but a business meeting was held. All grand lodge officers will meet with the local chapter next Tuesday, when first rank work will be given to a class of five.

Repair work on the lodge hall was begun Tuesday morning. An excellent settlement was obtained through the insurance company Saturday.

**EASTLAND COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION MEETS 9-10**

The Eastland County Singing Convention will meet at Long Branch, seven and one-half miles west of Carbon, Texas, Saturday night, and all day Sunday, January 9th and 10th.

Several quartets that attended the last convention have promised to be with us again at this session. Mr. Combs, with the Stamps & Baxter Music Company of Dallas, quartet from Hamlin and Stephens counties, Ripeto quartet from Dublin and Abilene quartet are all expected. No better music can be rendered than by these singers.

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**COURT RECORDS**

Suits Filed in 88th District Court—George Parrock, et al vs. Community Natural Gas Company, injunction. H. W. Oldham vs. Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc., personal damages. May Dorothy Keys vs. John H.

**Keys, divorce.**

Suits Filed in 91st District Court—Frances Jones vs. Lloyd Jones, divorce.

John H. Fry vs. Home Benevolent Association, collect insurance.

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**MARRIAGE LICENSES AND INTENTIONS FILED**

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**MRS. REYNOLDS IS HOSTESS TO AUXILIARY**

The Church of God Ladies Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. H. T. Reynolds on the Cisco highway Tuesday for social service day.

Misses Frances Ward and Irene Smith had charge of the meeting. Both ladies made a very interesting talk on their work among the Negroes and Mexicans, which was enjoyed very much.

The ladies have planned a few things to do in connection with this work. After this part of the meeting closed, there was a short business session. It was decided to have our next meeting at the church for the convenience of those who do not have cars. It will be decided later whether to continue having the meetings in the church building or at the homes of the members.

The next meeting will be at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday, January 12, at the Church of God, corner Lamar and Valley streets.

Those present were Mes. J. W. Batdorf, Jim Atchley, H. T. Stiffler, E. M. Bridges, the hostess, and Misses Irene Smith and Francis Ward. Mes. Atchley and Bridges are new members.

**Local Institution Declares Divident**

The Eastland Building & Loan Association declared its 12th consecutive semi-annual dividend at a meeting of the Board of Directors in the offices of the Association on Wednesday of this week.

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**P. T. A. WILL MEET TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

The South Ward Parent Teachers' Association will meet Tuesday afternoon, January 12, at 3:30, at the school building.

L. L. Bruce of Ranger was a visitor in Eastland this week.

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