

THE RANGER TIMES

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RANGER, TEXAS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1957

TURKEY MEET, JAN. 17

Ranger Junior College

Sponsored by Central Texas Turkey Growers Ass'n., and Texas Turkey Federation. Free Turkey Barbecue, 6 p.m. Dr. D. E. Davis, A&M College, speaker.

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WHAT'S...



COOKING?

By NORMAN WRIGHT

Today we received a catalog from one of the big mail order houses which reminded us of an incident that happened many long years ago when we were about 10 years of age.

During that ancient day and time it was fashionable for a youngster to learn how to play a guitar, especially in the Piney Woods section of East Texas where we were raised, and we had prevailed upon our dad to buy one.

We had pecked away on that thing for several weeks until finally a G-String broke and we hauled out the old Sears, Roebuck and Company catalog to order a new one.

Not knowing what a typewriter was, we got out a school tablet and pencil and started to write in our 10-year-old scrawl. "Dear Sir," we said. "We have a guitar No. so-and-so and so-and-so that came from your company. Enclosed find 10c for which you will please send a G-String for this No. so-and-so guitar."

In a few days Sears, Roebuck and Company sent us a brand new guitar, No. so-and-so and so-and-so as we had mentioned in our letter.

We got out the school tablet again and wrote, "Dear Sir: A few days ago we mailed you 10c for a G-String for a guitar No. so-and-so and so-and-so. Instead of sending a G-String you sent another guitar. We do not want the guitar but want a G-String to fit a guitar No. so-and-so and so-and-so. Please ship at once."

In due time here came another package from Sears, Roebuck and Company, a large one. We knew without opening it that it was another guitar, and at this point we took our problem to our father.

He gave us a lecture on boys our age not being able to handle correspondence on such business matters as the one at hand, and said that he would handle it.

He fed a piece of paper into an old Oliver typewriter he had in his drug store and wrote:

"Gentlemen: Some time ago my son sent you ten cents for a G-String for a guitar No. so-and-so and so-and-so, and instead of sending him a G-String you sent him another guitar and now he has two of them. Please send at once a G-String for a guitar No. so-and-so and so-and-so, for which you have already received ten cents, and advise me how I can return these other two guitars for a credit refund."

Time passed until one day the mail sack came in, and it was truly a sack, pulled by two little jackrabbit mules and driven by a man named Yates from the nearest depot which was ten miles away.

Our dad hit the jackpot. He got TWO guitars and a credit refund slip for ten cents!

We never did try any more after that. We were afraid to write any more letters for fear of getting some more guitars and we had them running out of our ears as it was. We appropriated one of the new ones for myself, complete with all the strings on it, and we remember trading one to another boy for a goat, but whatever happened to the others we don't know.

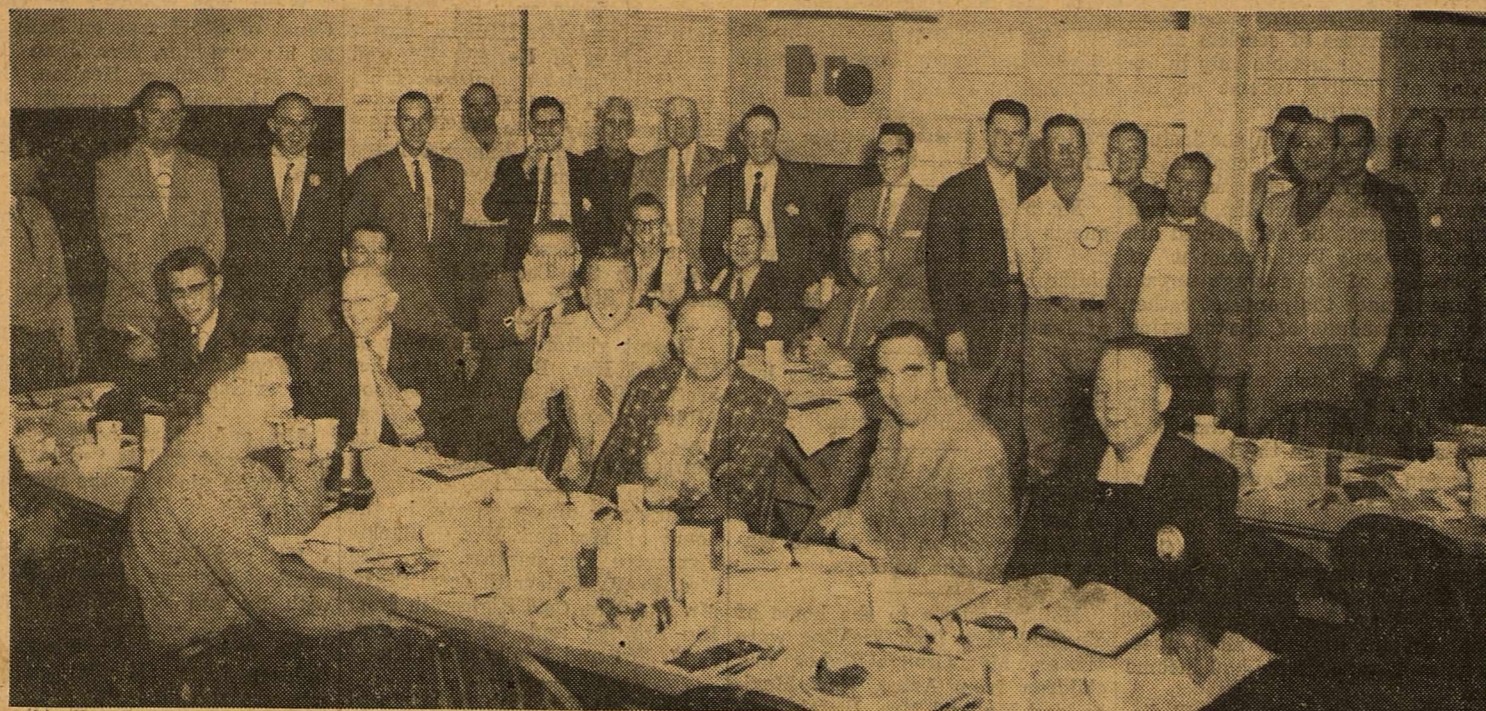
Come to think of it, we may still have that ten cent credit refund on Sears books somewhere. Wonder if that fellow could have made a mistake and entered it \$10,000, or something? Hmmm...

Weather Reports

Saturday mostly cloudy turning colder north portion. Sunday partly cloudy and a little warmer. High both days in 60s. Low Saturday night near 40.

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LIONS FIRST MEETING of the New Year was held Thursday at the new Ranger Junior College Cafeteria with an unusually large number of members present plus a lot of visitors. Lions feasted on roast beef, brown gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, combination salad, apple pie and coffee served cafeteria style by RJC Co-Eds. The East end

of the cafeteria was partitioned off to separate the Lions from RJC students who were dining at the same time in the other end. Ranger Rotarians will also use the cafeteria as their new meeting place starting Wednesday, Jan. 9. Chamber of Commerce President C. B. Pruet was chief speaker on the Lions program.

"Preparing Community to Attract Industry" Subject West Texas Conference at Abilene

Seven Die In County Wrecks In Past Year

Seven traffic deaths occurred in Eastland County during 1956, records of the State Highway Department in Eastland reveal. Five of the fatalities were recorded in the last two months to ruin what was hoped to be a record year here.

The seven deaths still dropped the number of deaths in the county as compared to a year ago. In 1955 13 persons lost their lives in county wrecks in eight fatal accidents. There were only five wrecks which resulted in deaths this past year, and only in two was more than one person killed.

A total of 108 accidents were investigated by Highway Patrolmen Les Strawn and Alfred White. A total of 68 of the accidents resulted in property damage and 35 injuries were recorded. In 1955 there were 43 persons injured and 55 wrecks involving property damage.

The first fatal accident of the year occurred Jan. 23 when Robert Jones, 44, of Big Spring died at 3 a.m. after a crash 1.6 miles east of Ranger on US Highway 80.

The second fatal accident took place July 14. Dessie Mae Gilmore Booth, 24, of Fiske, Ark. died in that crash, which took place at 3:40 a.m. on U. S. 80 3.7 miles west of Cisco.

Two persons died in the third fatal accident of the year. The wreck occurred 8.3 miles east of Ranger on Highway 80 Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Rosie Nevil Guzman, 44, and James Wright Farris, 26, both of Brownwood, died in the crash.

The fourth fatal accident took place Nov. 28. Bert Harris Agnew, popular 17 year old Rising Star High School football star, died when he was thrown from his car on State Highway 36 at 11:45 p.m. The mishap took place 1.6 miles west of Rising Star.

Final fatal accident in the county took place Dec. 23. Thomas Hamner, 24, and Reuben Phillip Hurley, 16, both of Cisco, died when their car overturned south of Cisco. The two deaths helped set an all-time record of Christmas holiday traffic fatalities in the nation.

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ARILENE (Spl.)—Program for the fourth annual West Texas Industrial Development Conference will be an A-to-Z presentation of community industrial development techniques, according to E. L. Buelow of Abilene, chairman of the industrial committee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The conference is scheduled for January 24 in the Wooten Hotel in Abilene. Opening session of the one-day event is at 9:30 a.m. Only two speakers are to be presented this year instead of the usual six to eight.

"So much time is consumed in introductions and acknowledgments of speakers, our time for actual discussion is reduced," Buelow said in explaining the planning committee's action.

"There is also the chance of omission of important aspects of the subjects and of duplication and overlap of others when we use a great number of speakers," Buelow said.

Dr. W. Paul Brann, associate director of industrial research at the University of Arkansas, will discuss "Preparing the Community to Attract Industry." The WTCC's conference planning committee expects this to be the "first half of the story" of community industrial development.

Fred H. Husbands, executive vice-president and general manager of the WTCC, will discuss the "second half" in presenting "Industrial Prospects—How to Find Them and What to Do With Them."

The entire afternoon will be devoted to questions and answers and to group discussions. Previous conferences have attracted upward of 250 persons each.

After downing Eastland in the game described below, the Bulldogs went on to defeat Carbon 54-23 and advance to the finals which will be played tonight (Saturday).

Ranger is scheduled to play the winner of the Scranton-Strawn game, and this contest will get under way at 9 p.m. Saturday.

Paul Hinds continues to set the tournament on fire with his scoring. He was high point man in the Carbon game, racking up a total of 21 with nine field goals and three free throws.

The Olden tournament has turned out to be one of major importance, and if you want to see some good basketball, attend the finals tonight and root the Bulldogs into the championship.

Trailing 25-31 as they went into the final period of play against the Eastland High School Mavericks in the Olden basketball tournament Thursday night, the Ranger Bulldogs, with Paul Hinds setting the pace, tied everything up by the time the final whistle blew, and then trounced the Mavs 43-39 as the two teams went into an overtime period.

Dale Slaton and Hinds took up their scoring race where they left off last season. Hinds ended up as leading scorer in the district last year, closely paced by Dale. The Ranger star got 25 points on nine field goals and seven free shots for honors in the game, while Slaton got 20 points off nine field goals and two free throws. Both players missed four free throw

shots.

In overtime play, Hinds proved his worth to the Bulldogs as he calmly played out the clock and then netted two points with seconds left. A jump ball situation with five seconds left in Ranger's end of the court flipped the affair, with Ranger controlling the jump and getting two more points to clinch the tilt.

The Mavericks scored 10 points in the game before Ranger made a single point. Hinds scored all seven of the Bulldogs' first period points.

Other Games

In other action Thursday night, Carbon's boys beat Putnam 45-37, Scranton's girls downed Strawn 40-18 and Carbon's girls swamped Putnam 62-26.

Donald Cook netted 18 points to pace Carbon, getting seven field goals and four free throws. Pete Mendez got 17 points for the losers.

Rosetta Parks got a lot of attention in the opening round of the tourney as she scored 32 points for Scranton as they beat Strawn's girls. She got 10 field goals and 12 free throws.

Getting the most attention for the night was Carbon's Ann Mangum, however. She swished 37 points through the basket in leading the Carbon sextette to the easy win over Putnam. Mary Bailey got 21 points for the losers, but she was no match for Miss Mangum.

BOX SCORES

Eastland	fg	ft	pf	tp
Lewis	7	1	2	4
Humphrey	2	0	3	4

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Propose Salary Raise For County Employees

C of C President C. B. Pruet Is Lion's Speaker

Chamber of Commerce President C. B. Pruet was principal speaker at the Lions Club Luncheon as that organization held its first meeting of the year Thursday at its new meeting place, the new Cafeteria at Ranger Junior College.

Pruet made an optimistic talk on the future of Ranger and outlined to his listeners the many assets enjoyed by this city including not only its present industries but a million-and-a-half dollars worth of water which is on storage at Lake Leon, and which is an ever beckoning invitation to more new industries to move to this area where there is no water problem.

Pruet said the goal of the Chamber of Commerce this year was to provide enough new industry to create at least 250 new jobs and he laid down a challenge to the Lions Club and all other civic institutions to join hands with the Chamber in bringing this program about.

The Lions enjoyed their new meeting place which was large, light and airy, and they laid into a big dinner which was served cafeteria style by a trio of charming Ranger Junior College Co-Eds.

Dr. Price Ashton, RJC President, attempted to serve a few cups of coffee but the Lions told him to stick with the "Old Men's Club", their pet name for the Rotarians, and they would stick with the Co-Eds.

The Rotarians are scheduled to hold their first meeting of the year at the Cafeteria next week.

Lions Pancake Supper Is Set For January 26

The Ranger Lion's Annual Pancake Supper which is held each year for benefit of the March of Dimes, has been set for Saturday night, January 26.

The supper is due to be held this year at the Gholson Hotel, as always, and it is one night in the year when Ranger citizens and everybody within reach of the city gorge themselves on hot pancakes, butter and syrup. It is usually a king-sized job keeping them cooked fast enough.

On the Pancake Committee this year are Charlie Milliken, Dr. M. E. Jolly, Pete Brasher and Les Crossley. According to Lion President Ronald Pruet it is up to this committee to appoint all other committees, including cooking, publicity and food, and to see that the supper goes off in the customary manner.

Gorman To Have Display In '57 Fat Stock Show

Gorman will have a display in the Texas Ranch and Farm Show at the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3, it is announced from Exhibition headquarters.

The exhibit will carry out the city's slogan, "Peanut Center of Texas," and one feature will be the actual making of peanut brittle.

The Gorman High School band will give a concert one day during the Stock Show. The booth is sponsored by the Gorman Progress and Gene Baker, editor, will be in charge.

Cities interested in having a booth should contact I. E. McWhirter, manager of the Texas Ranch and Farm Show, Box 150, Fort Worth.

Fruit Stand Is Being Rebuilt
The Fruit Stand, owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, which was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, Dec. 9, is being rebuilt. The new stand is located directly west of the old one, which was located on Highway 80 about two blocks west of the depot.

As the building goes up it has the appearance of being quite modern and has a better location than the old building, being higher up on the hill.

Salary increases for elective and other employees of Eastland County will be considered at a meeting of the Commissioners' Court at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the courthouse, according to action taken Thursday at a special meeting of the court.

According to a legal notice published in the January 3 edition of the Cisco Press, the court proposes raises of 18 per cent for all employees of the county, including

the following elective officials: county judge, county commissioner, county attorney, county clerk, district clerk, tax assessor and collector, county treasurer and sheriff.

The notice said "also a similar salary increase of an amount equivalent to 18 per cent of the present annual salary for all official deputies and all other appointed employees of Eastland County; and be it further resolved that the salaries of jurors and grand jurors, in both the county and district courts and in both civil and criminal cases, be increased 25 per cent so as to make such pay the maximum allowed by law of \$5.00 per day."

Elective officials, except the county attorney and the county commissioners, have been paid \$4250.00 per year since 1920. Commissioners draw \$3570.00 and the county attorney, who is paid in part by the state for looking after district court affairs, draws \$4672.50. Deputies and other employees earn from \$160 to about \$200 per month at the present.

Under state law, the maximum salary allowed for county officials is \$8500 per year. After the increases, Eastland officials will be making 60 per cent of the maximum allowed them by law. Elective officials will be raised to about \$5,000.00.

Salaries of Eastland County officials have not been raised in 37 years.

L. H. Tapscott To Address Men of Baptist Church

L. H. Tapscott, secretary of the Brotherhood of Texas Baptists, will be the speaker Monday night, Jan. 7, at the regular meeting of the men of the First Baptist Church, according to Albert Koenig, program vice-president.

Supper will be served at 7 p.m., it is said, and an excellent feast is to be prepared under supervision of J. W. Warren with the work being done by the R. V. Robinson and H. G. Adams groups.

President Joe Houghton of the men's organization said, "We are just plain lucky to get the secretary of the Brotherhood of Texas Baptists to come from Dallas and speak to the men of our church. We ought to have a good turnout for this meeting. Let's start the New Year right with a good attendance."

TCU Admission Requirements Are Stiffened

Texas Christian University will tighten its admission regulations beginning next September, by requiring aptitude tests for high school graduates with grades below "C" average and by raising units in designated areas of study from 8 to 12, it has been learned here.

The announcement was made this week by President M. E. Sadler, after recommendation by Dr. T. F. Richardson, Dean of Admissions, and approval by the Deans' Council.

Under the new regulations all graduates of accredited high schools whose transcripts show a "C" average or above and who meet all other requirements will be admitted without condition.

Those whose average is below "C" will be expected to make a satisfactory score on the TCU College Aptitude Test, or the equivalent, if they live in a distant part of the country.

Present requirements for admission call for 15 high school units, including 3 in English, 2 in History, 2 in Mathematics and 1 in Science. The new regulations will require at least 4 other units either in the same subjects or in Foreign Language, the Fine Arts group or Social Studies, including Civics, Geography or Sociology.

Mrs. R. V. Galloway May Leave Hospital Wednesday
Mrs. R. V. Galloway, who suffered a severe heart attack shortly before Christmas, may be able to leave Ranger General Hospital Wednesday if nothing else develops, it was learned today.

Friends of Mrs. Galloway will be happy to hear this news.

Wildkittens Rap Ranger JC 99-64

The ACS Wildkittens ran roughshod over Ranger Junior College in the first game of the post-holiday slate, 99-64, here Thursday night.

ACS's Vic Allen paced the victory with 24 points but four Wildkittens got high in the double figure. Wayne Stell had 21, John Robbins hooped 18 and Bob Tisdell scored 14.

The Wildkittens led, 50-31 at halftime. Babba Canuteson was a high for Ranger with 22 points and James Tull had 17.

564 Old Cattle Brands Filed In Court House

Dreaming up an original brand in Eastland County isn't an easy job. Proof of that statement is the fact that 564 brands have been filed in the county clerk's office during the last 13 years.

You can imagine how many different odd looking brands that must be, and it would seem like a big job to keep them straight. In fact, just imagine that you wanted to file a cattle brand of your own. You decide what you want and then take it to the clerk's office. It would seem that you would have to look through all 564 of the present brands to make sure you didn't repeat one. But that's not the case. County Clerk Johnson Smith has all brands cross-indexed. Most brands either feature a letter or number, and therefore they are filed by that system. Then there are extra pages for the unusual brands.

The last brand filed in the clerk's office is claimed by B. W. Robertson and sons of Eastland. It is a cattle brand that looks like this: 3R. Robertson filed the brand only Wednesday of this week. First brand filed in this county, according to the present brand book, which dates back to Oct. 1, 1943, was that of L. H. Hagaman of Ranger. The brand is simply an "H" and it was transferred to Mrs. Hagaman in 1951.

When an owner files a brand he must specify if it will be used on cattle, sheep, goats, horses, hogs or what have you. He must also pinpoint what portion of the animal's body the brand will be placed on.

Branding is almost as old as the cattle business itself. Of course the term is accepted as meaning burning some distinctive letters, or other device, upon the skin of an animal as a means of identification or (Continued on Page Two)

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JOHN MINEO - SAXON - PATTEN
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Plus Color Cartoon

INCOME TAX AIDS

One of a Series of 12 Articles Prepared by The Internal Revenue Service

This is the fifth in a series of 12 articles prepared by the Internal Revenue Service to assist taxpayers in avoiding tax errors. Every year thousands of taxpayers send their returns in to the Internal Revenue Service containing questionable items. Approximately 60 per cent of our taxpayers are due a tax refund. When a taxpayer is due a refund, the Internal Revenue Service is required by law to make a "Pre-Refund Audit" of questionable items. Other tax returns are, of course, selected for regular audit. Many taxpayers are disappointed in having to wait several months for their refund check when the Internal Revenue Service has to select their returns for "Pre-Refund Audit" because their tax return contained questionable items. The "Pre-Refund Audit" program begins in January and lasts until September 30th each year. Taxpayers are notified when their return has been selected for a "Pre-Refund Audit" and can ordinarily expect to wait several months since many thousands of tax returns are selected each year.

The Internal Revenue Service feels that most taxpayers can avoid a tax audit by carefully studying the tax instructions and knowing how to prepare a correct tax return. Taxpayers having complex problems may find it advisable to consult a qualified tax practitioner concerning his tax returns.

Today we are presenting the four most common reasons for the Internal Revenue Service having to adjust the deductions claimed for INTEREST:

1. Interest payments for cash basis taxpayers are deductible only in the year paid, and then are deductible only if the interest payment was an indebtedness of the taxpayer for which he was legally liable, and the liability was not incurred to purchase or carry tax-exempt securities.

2. Interest on indebtedness to indicate ownership. Usually only cattle and horses are branded, although a number of brands for hogs, goats and sheep have been issued in this county. Laws, of course, provide for the registering of the brands and for their acceptance as proof of ownership of animals.

In the old days, branding of calves was done each spring. Those which were overlooked and escaped branding were known as "mavericks," a mighty familiar word around Eastland.

There are no famous brands such as the XIT in Eastland County, but there are plenty of brands to be proud of.

It would be hard to be very original in Eastland County since the 564 brands already recorded take on almost every shape and form. There are letters and numbers used in every form and shape. They are upside down, sideways, back to back, inverted and many have fancy lines curling from them. Many modern brands are copied from well known trademarks used in industry today. For instance, there is a perfect copy of Chevrolet's unusual trademark.

There are fish hooks, crosses, bars, half moons, circles, diamonds, stars and every other brand imaginable.

About the only design not in use is Russia's hammer and sickle. It just doesn't seem popular these days.

Second Class Mail Praised By Representative

"Next to the public school system itself," writes Rep. Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota in the January Reader's Digest, "second-class postage is the finest thing Congress ever did for the education of the American public. As one who believes that democracy cannot work without knowledgeable citizens, I should like to express my hope that this service will long continue unimpaired."

Burdick recalls that he learned his ABC's in the Sioux country of North Dakota from a magazine called Farm, Home and Fireside. It carried exciting stories, described new farming methods and provided tantalizing glimpses of the world beyond the horizon.

"We could get a Farm, Home and Fireside subscription for 25 cents because in 1879, the year I was born, Congress cut down postage rates for magazines and newspapers so more people could afford to buy them. Congress figured that the more the people read and learned, the better government by the people would work.

"And they were right. I finally went to college and got house-broken to books; but for me, as for most Americans, newspapers and magazines remain essential teachers. Many of these publications, so essential to the maintenance and growth of our freedom, simply could not exist without low second-class postage rates."

Around the Town At Olden

By Mrs. Dick Yielding

Mrs. C. C. Martin and Wanda left last Saturday morning by bus for Las Cruces, New Mexico to visit and spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joan McFarland. Enroute, they spent Saturday night with her son, Rex, in Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharp had as guests Sunday Willie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Squires and children of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanford and children of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Talley left Sunday for Denison to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Margaret Hair, of Olton, was a recent visitor in the home of her sister, Mrs. Joe McKelvin. Mrs. Hair was on her way to Waco to spend the holidays.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yielding were Mr. and Mrs. Gravel Nabors and children from Aztec, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Colburn of Fort Worth. Other visitors were Arthur Russell of Duncan,

Oklahoma; Mrs. C. U. Norton of Coleman and Mrs. Nettie Fox of Cisco.

Rose Marie Delezanne and daughter, Donna Kay, are spending the holidays in Houston with friends.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Bob Lester and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colburn over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Millard Bryant and children of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lester and family from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Colburn and baby from Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Colburn from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stark and son of Odessa spent Christmas here with the Lee McGuires and the Will Starks.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox was her brother, Sgt. 1c and Mrs. Lynooy Alldredge and family from Virginia. They were on their way to Germany for three years.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Fox were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Highsmith from Staff, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Highsmith from Big Springs and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fox and family of Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sellers and children spent Christmas in Wichita Falls, with her mother and sis-

ter, Mrs. Ruth Chancellor and Mary Bryant.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moffett Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Elders and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson and children of Rochell.

Word was received by Oliver Canet of Staff that on December 23 his daughter, Mrs. June Bond and Mr. Bond of Heaton, Oklahoma became the parents of a baby girl. Mrs. Canet will be at the Bonds home for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Falls, spent Christmas day in Knox City with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Duckworth.

Mrs. H. C. Mahaffey is visiting in Weatherford with relatives at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Adra Lee Fox have bought and moved to the E. A. Norton place on the new highway south of Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hendricks spent Christmas day in Ranger with Mr. and Mrs. William Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Weagle and children from Mankato, Minnesota are spending this week here with her mother Mrs. DeAlva Edwards and family.

Mrs. Viola Groves had as Christmas guests in her home, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heineman and children from Midland. Mr. and Mrs. James Hendricks and son from Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pipkin and son of Eastland.

Mrs. Nora Butler of Crane and Mrs. Charlie Spores of Odessa spent Christmas here with relatives.

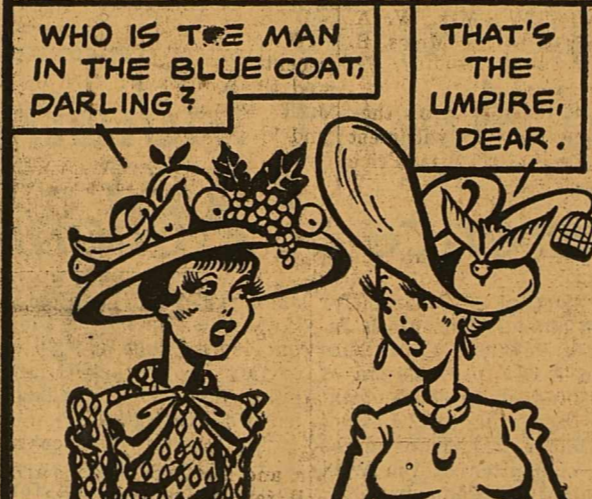
Mrs. Roy D. King and son of Mansfield, Ohio are visiting in the home of her father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Baker. King will join them here in February.

VISITS MRS CRABB
Visiting in the home of Mrs. Mary Crabb the first of this week were her two brothers, J. L. Hill and wife of Stephenville and Arthur Hill of Vernon.

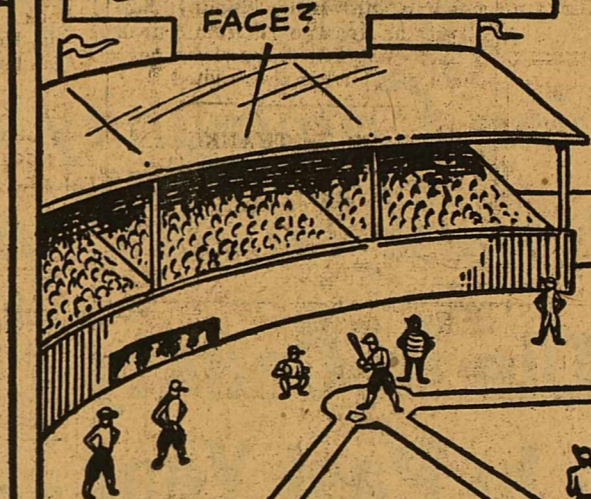
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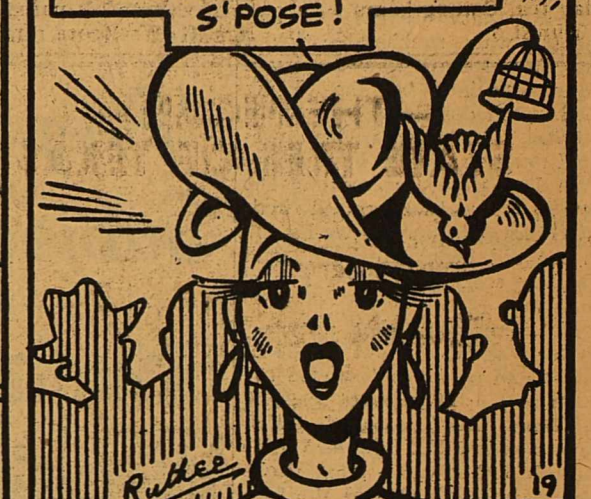
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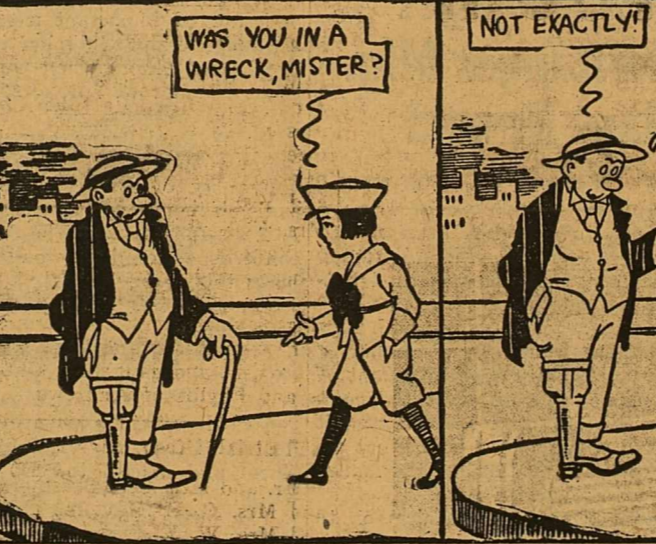
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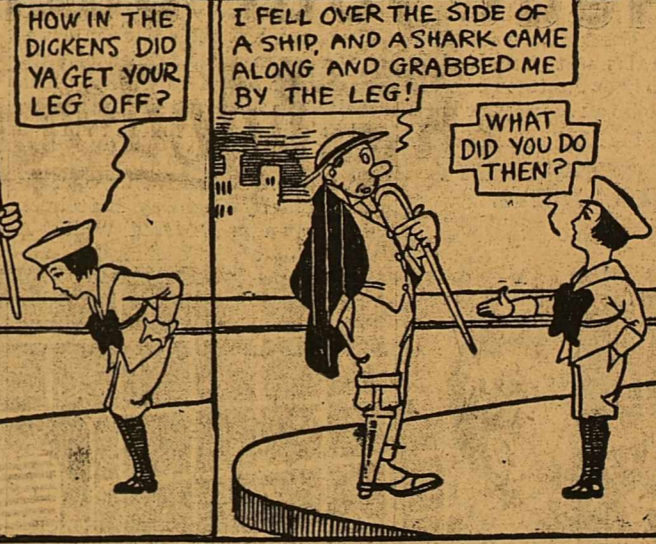
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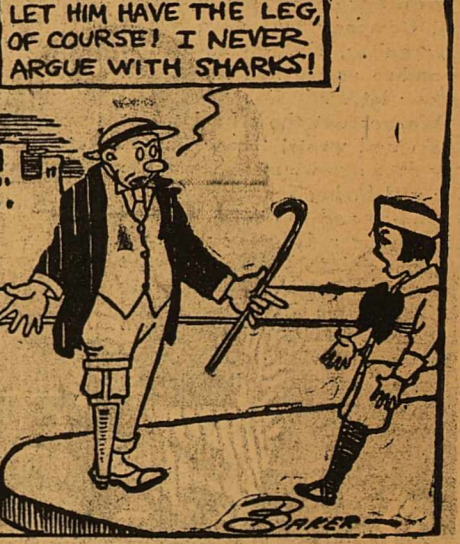
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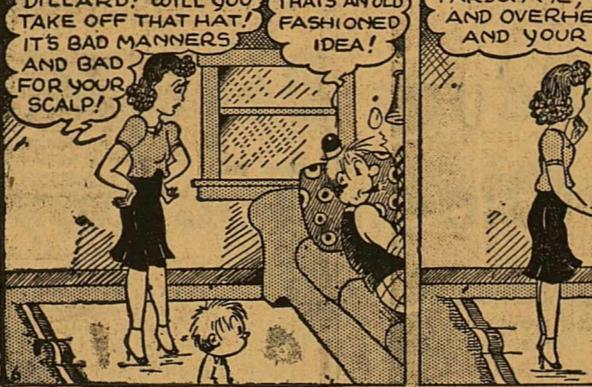
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LET HIM HAVE THE LEG, OF COURSE! I NEVER ARGUE WITH SHARKS!



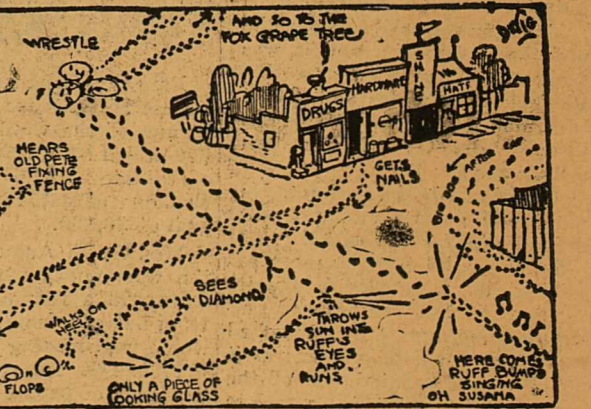
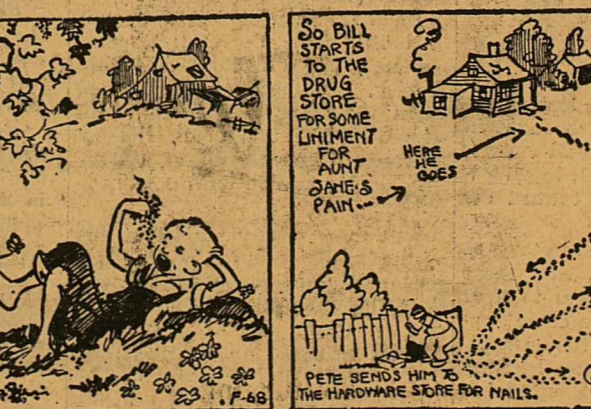
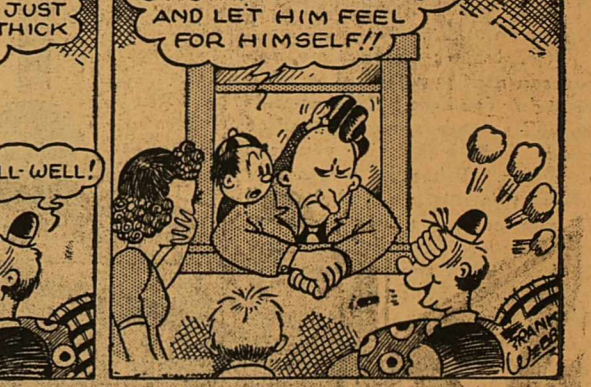
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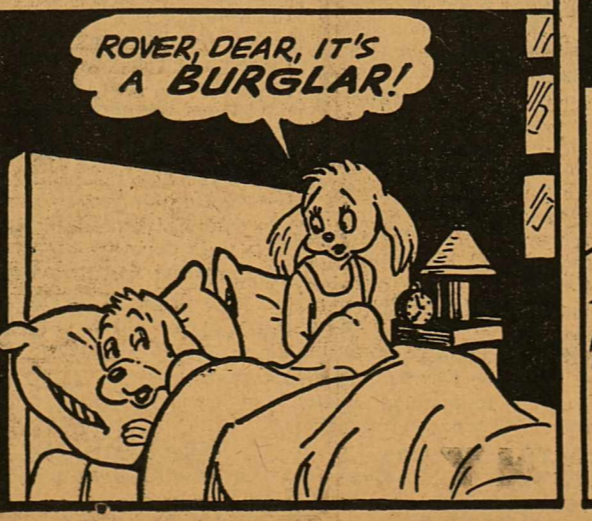
PARDON ME, BUT I'M YOUR NEIGHBOR AND OVER-HEAD YOUR DISCUSSION!



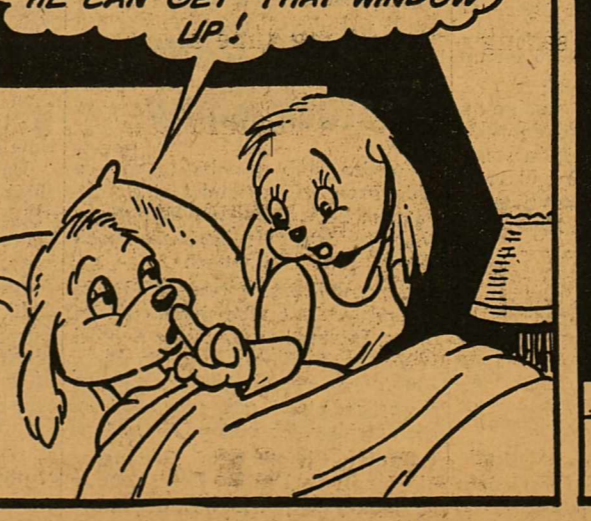
WEARING YOUR HAT NECESSANTLY WILL CAUSE BALDNESS! JUST LOOK HOW SOFT AND THICK MY HAIR IS



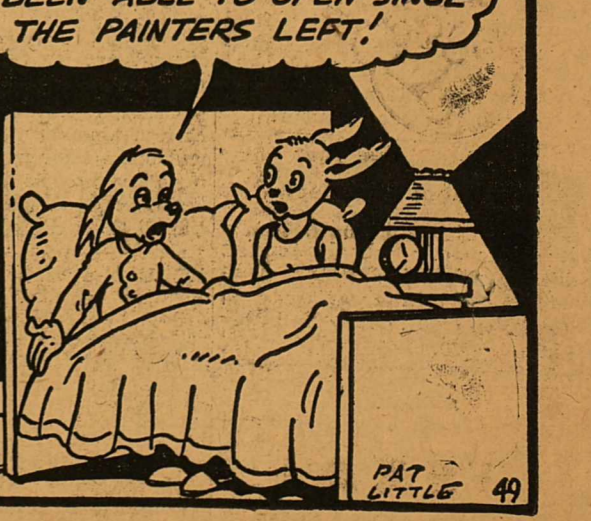
PUTTIN' ON THE DOG



SH-H, DON'T MOVE, MAYBE HE CAN GET THAT WINDOW UP!



IT'S THE ONE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO OPEN SINCE THE PAINTERS LEFT!



Shirley Hogan, Leroy Nabers Wed In Gorman

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hogan was the scene of the wedding of their daughter, Shirley, and Leroy Nabers, son of Mrs. Doris Nabers of Gorman December 21. Rev. Marion Dennis, pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a ballerina length dress of white embossed taffeta and carried a white Bible and white handkerchief trimmed with blue lace. Her white coronation corsage was tied with blue ribbons. She was given in marriage by her brother, Dan G. Hogan of DeLeon.

Miss Glenda Sue Clements of Gorman was bride's maid and Mrs. Cordie Newton of Fort Worth served as her sisters maid of honor. Floyd Redwine of Fort Worth was best man.

Miss Jean Parten played the wedding march and accompanied

Birthday Tea To Honor Mrs. Ponder

Mrs. Maggie Ponder will be honored on her 92nd birthday, Saturday afternoon, January 5, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Harris with a birthday tea. Calling hours will be from 3 until 5.

Miss Lou Ann Qualls of DeLeon sang "Love You Truly." Immediately following the wedding a reception was held in the home. The three tiered wedding cake was trimmed with blue lilies and served with punch.

The couple will make their home in Fort Worth where the groom is employed.

Former Ranger Girl Marries In Jacksboro, Dec. 22

Miss Mary Louise Keener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keener of Jacksboro, was united in marriage to John C. Hardee, son of Mrs. Mary Hardee of Bridgeport, December 22.

Rev. Clay Frasier performed the ceremony which was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a blue suit with rhinestone trim and accessories of white.

Mrs. Helen Williams, sister of the bride was her only attendant. Joe Hardee, brother of the groom, was best man.

After a short trip the couple will make their home in Bridgeport, where he is employed by the Acme Co.

The bride had lived in Ranger until three years ago when she moved to Jacksboro. She is a graduate of Jacksboro High School.

G. W. Moore, Jr., of Dallas has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, Sr.

Martha Dorcus Class Meets For Luncheon

The Martha Dorcus Class of the First Methodist Church met at the church Thursday noon for their monthly luncheon. The invocation was given by Mrs. Herman Boyd followed by the lunch hour and a short business session presided over by Mrs. E. L. Danley, president.

The opening prayer was given by Mrs. F. C. Williamson. Reports of the visits to the sick and shut-ins were made.

A very interesting devotional, "Peace Within Our Lives" was given by Mrs. F. S. Pearsall. Mrs. J. L. Turner gave a short talk entitled, "Food for Thought."

Mrs. A. J. Ratliff led the closing prayer.

The following attended: Mmes. Melton, Woods, Hummel, Weaver, Love, Danley, Williams, Killingsworth, Wolfe, Mills, Turner, Balch, Ratliff, Sides, Smith, Baker, Ivy, Boyd, Moore, one guest, Mrs. Pearsall and the hostesses: Mmes. Ramsey, Brown, Williamson, Strong and Johnson.

The Mary Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. E. L. Hargrave Tuesday evening, 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

The 1947 Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Morris Campbell at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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Gordon Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bridges of Gordon are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 6, with an open house from 3 until 6 p.m. All friends and ex-situents of Thurber are invited.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and beautiful floral offerings received from our many friends during our sad bereavement in the death of our loved one, Homer Squyres. Especially do we thank Dr. P. M. Kuykendall for his many kindnesses.

Mrs. Lola Willcox.

Women's Activities

January 8
The Ruth Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. W. E. Herweck, Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. for a business meeting and social. Each member is urged to be present.

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Bareback Cotton Beach Fashions

Fashion says bare your back to the sun—and resort cottons go along with fashion, Claire McCardell anticipates summer beach excitement and designs the halter bareback with a button-down shirtwaist front and a wide belt. She uses the same top for a window-pane checked gingham beach dress and a companion playsuit with little girl bloomers.

PERSONALS

VISIT HERE
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown recently visited with his sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Belpap in Irving, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendal Surles in Dallas.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL
Al Tune has returned to Texas Tech after spending the holidays here with his mother and aunt.

VISIT RELATIVES
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton visited Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Kunkle in Jourdanton and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kunkle in Weatherford during the holidays.

HOSPITAL NEWS

HOLIDAY GUESTS
Mrs. Mary Wheat had part of her family home for the Christmas holidays: Lee Wheat of No-trees; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheper and two daughters Barbara and Vickie from Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Finis Wheat, Pat and Rickie of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wheat and daughter Cathy of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Her-rington and daughter Tyanna of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wheat and daughters, Charlotte and Phyllis of Andrews.

ATTEND SUGAR BOWL GAME
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brashier, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Watkins attended the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans New Years day.

Gorman Gatherings

By Mrs. R. E. Boucher

Ray Duke returned to his home in Abilene Friday after spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. D. G. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer of Stephenville, attended Mrs. Pat Peak's funeral Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moates of Houston visited with Mrs. Mattie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Joy Wednesday.

Mrs. DeOla Moates of Houston is visiting her cousin Mrs. Florence (Butler) Joy who is critically ill at the Blackwell Hospital.

Mh. and Mrs. W. L. Garrett are

visiting at his sisters, Mrs. S. E. Lindes.

Miss Sora Beth Breer of Lubbock visited with Linda Speck the week end.

Jackie Lon Wheeler and Neil Gilbert will return to Texas Tech Wednesday to their school work after spending the holiday with their parents.

Miss Floy Dean Gilbert will return to Abilene Christian College after the holiday with the home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parker, Judy and Don attended church at the First Baptist Church Sunday. Parker is with the Baptist Mexican Orphan Home in San Antonio. He gave us the highlights of the work that is being done in that home. He says you have to see it to ever realize just what a wonderful work is being done there.

LOOK WHO'S NEW



Mr. and Mrs. George Hazard, Jr., of Ranger, are the parents of an 8 pound 2 1/2 ounce girl born at 2:31 a.m. Jan. 3 in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thomas of Fort Worth are the parents of a 7 pound 14 ounce girl born at 4:27 a.m. Jan. 4 in the Ranger General Hospital.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Billy Ewing of Ranger is a new patient in the West Texas Clinic.

Leslie Hagaman is a new patient in the West Texas Clinic.

New patients in the Ranger General Hospital are: Mrs. J. M. Yancy, Ranger, medical; Charles Bonney, Ranger, medical; Mrs. Earnest Ott, Cisco, medical; Mrs. Emmett Miller, Weatherford, medical.

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THE RANGER TIMES

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Southwide Bible Study Week Jan. 7-11

January 7 through the 11th, is Southwide Bible study week, and will be observed in some thirty thousand Southern Baptist Churches. In the First Baptist Church the first class will be Monday night at 7:15 with the pastor teaching the book of Romans, with the Bible and a text book, "The Gospel According to Paul," by Clifton J. Allen. The class period will close at 8:46. Each evening Monday through Friday.

This is a Bible study for everyone in the city who might be interested in an intensive study of God's word. Sponsored by the Sunday school department under the leadership of Supt. Lonnie Stephens, and with the support of all departments and the 55 Sunday school classes.

Bring your Bibles and come study the greatest of all the books

Church of God Services Set

The following is the weekly schedule of services for the Church of God, Strawn Road and First St. as announced by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Atkins.

Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Services, 11 a.m.; Evening Evangelistic, 7 p.m.; Y.P.E., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

in the Bible as far as Pauline theology is concerned.

Monday night will begin with the Introduction to Romans, and Man's plight in sin. These two discussions will be based upon the first three chapters of Romans.

Throughout the week these questions will be raised and answered:

1. How can man come into right relationship with God?
2. How can he achieve inner peace and experience moral victory?
3. What is there to giving meaning to life in the midst of suffering and to give certainty to faith in the world of evil?

The nursery will be open for the little ones.

Eastside Baptist Announcements

The Eastside Baptist Chapel extends an invitation to everyone who does not have a church home in Ranger to attend their Sunday services. Sunday school beginning at 9:45 a.m. provides Bible study for every age group. Unions are also provided for all age groups in the raining Union from 6:30 until 7:30 Sunday evening.

The pastor, Rev. Jackie Heath, will preach both the morning and evening sermons. The morning worship begins at 11:00 and the evening at 7:30.

An invitation is also extended to all to attend the mid-week prayer service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Earl Payne of Sherman visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payne over the week end.

First Methodist Announcements

Sunday school for the First Methodist Church starts at 9:45 a.m. Start the new year right by coming to Sunday School. We have good teachers and a class for everyone. Come and learn more about your Bible and the Christian way of life.

Worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with the pastor speaking at both services. The morning message will be: "Enduring the Cross, Gaining A Crown." The Chancel Choir will sing the anthem, "Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God." The evening sermon will be "Taking Inventory."

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. Sunday. We are looking for a fine group of young people.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Monday at 3:30 p.m. in homes as follows: Circle No. 1, Mrs. W. M. Brown

Nazarene Church Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule for the Church of the Nazarene, as announced by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Hagar, is as follows: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; NYPS, 6:45 p.m.; and Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held at 7 each Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Study club for the high school students Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Study club for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Religion class for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

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The Business Women's Circle will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in the home of their leader, Mrs. Jess Weaver.

The Chancel Choir will meet for rehearsal at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. Every choir member is needed in the rehearsals.

Beginning Sunday we will register the names of everyone who attends church. We want to see your name recorded as a churchgoer in 1957. The Church can be a blessing to you only if you will come and take part in the worship.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with the Methodists.

First Baptist Announcements

The first Sunday in 1957 brings the First Baptist to a fuller realization that victories, success, past glories will not mean for the new year the same unless a "prayer bathed, Holy Spirit led Christ centered" program is maintained.

We must look towards the future, we must depend upon the Lord, we must "launch out", and "go" in His name if we expect to be "pleasing and acceptable unto the Lord."

Sunday morning at 9:45 will find eight departments ready to serve several hundred souls who come for Bible study and spiritual feeding. Fifty-five Sunday school classes will be ready to teach God's word. There are hundreds of boys and girls, men and women in Ranger and the area who could be enjoying life's blessings if they were to "bring their families to Sunday school and stay for preaching."

At the 11 o'clock worship hour the pastor will bring a special message, "The New Covenant." The theme is taken from the words of Jesus. As Christians we need to hinge, base, depend upon words from Jesus, instead of words that are pleasing to "itching ears."

Jesse Sutton, music director has for both services sacred hymns and special numbers that will thrill the soul of all who hear these godly hymns. If you love to sing, and love good music, you'll enjoy our services. Training Union parallels Sunday school, and at 6:30 p.m. departments and unions are prepared for special "training for everyone." All ages have a place on Sunday night.

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Announcements For Eastside Church of Christ

Robert L. Craig, preacher for the Eastside Church of Christ, and the entire congregation that meets at Strawn Road and Young St., invites your presence Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock, when "Does God Hear the Sinner's Prayer," will be the topic under consideration. This subject, like all others, will be dealt with from a Bible standpoint. What does the Bible teach on the subject. The public is invited to all the services of the Eastside church of Christ among which are Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. Sunday; Morning worship at 10:45; evening worship at 6:00; a mid-week service at 7:30 Wednesday evening; a ladies Bible class at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

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Christian Science

The divine answer to human needs will be brought out at Christian Science services Sunday.

Readings from the King James Version of the Bible and correlative selections from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will comprise the Lesson - Sermon entitled "God."

From Philippians (4:19) the following will be read: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Merriman Baptist Announcements

The following is the weekly announcements for the Merriman Baptist Church. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; church services, 11 a.m.; evening service 7:30 p.m., Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8.

Rev. Jack Walker will do the preaching. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hood of Breckenridge spent New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shockey.

Mrs. Irene Merideth and sons, David and Rickie of Ft. Worth spent the week end and the New Years holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sides visited in Abilene, New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. Merideth Sides and Merian.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Swinney of Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards of Ft. Worth spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport of Midland visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Wolford.

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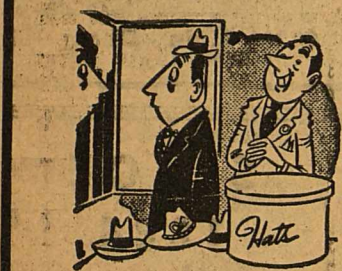
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STORY NO. 4

Buy, Scare or Kill Him - - That's The Duval Rule For Successful Bossism

By-FRANZ ROSENWALD

SAN DIEGO, TEX.--The first thing any smart dictator does is destroy the freedom of the press. Dictatorship, whether it be called Nazism or Bossism, and a free press cannot exist together.

In a later article I want to tell you how the press played an indispensable role in the collapse of the Duval Duchy.

But right now I want to talk about Manuel Marroquin, who was beaten because his little newspaper published things the boys didn't like. It's a lot like other beatings I've seen in other places, halfway around the world.

The first Nazi storm trooper I ever saw was at a Hitler birthday rally in the Berlin Sports Palast. He was a smiling, affable fellow, booted, wearing a Sam Brown belt over his neat khaki shirt. On his left arm was a swastika, emblem of good luck. At his side hung a dagger in its sheath.

Hundreds of his fellows were scattered about the huge hall, all smiling, all good natured, selling photographs of Der Fuehrer and copies of "Mein Kampf."

My storm trooper worked in a bakery not too far from my home. I knew him well. He was a bit on the rotund side, jolly, and he wouldn't hurt a fly.

This was long before Hitler came to supreme power in Germany.

Hitler made his grand entrance—and a man near me laughed at the strutting little bantam rooster with the funny moustache.

My mild-mannered baker was on him in a second, beating him in the face with his fists, tearing his glasses off and flinging them in the aisle. Another storm trooper moved in, deliberately crunching the glasses under his heel, his dagger drawn and pointed at the man who was being beaten.

Nobody in the vicinity moved, and the ovation for Der Fuehrer roared on. The storm troopers hustled the man out. My mild-mannered baker returned in a few minutes, jovial, smiling, selling his pictures of Der Fuehrer.

The first pistolero I ever saw was just the other day in the Windmill Cafe in San Diego, Texas.

He was a smiling, affable fellow, booted and wearing a neat khaki shirt. Belted to his side was a .45 in a holster.

That same day I tape recorded the story of Manuel Marroquin, publisher of a little political paper called "New Duval," a paper dedicated to the destruction of the dictatorship of George Berham Parr.

The incident, the parallel with

the peace and resisting arrest. He was acquitted in court. A Jim Wells County court.

Let's take one more parallel case—and there are literally hundreds that might be cited. We'll consider Manuel Sanchez, a grocer. He's a Latin-American and his name is Spanish. The name is curiously close to that of Don Quixote's roly-poly squire in the famous Cervantes satire. But this Sanchez, also a roly-poly man who weighs over 400 pounds, isn't tilting at windmills.

Manuel Sanchez' name might have been Schultz and he might have lived in Berlin. His experience would have been the same. Sanchez' sin in San Diego was to vote—and talk—against the machine of George Berham Parr.

Sanchez' business was placed under a strict boycott. He was threatened. People on relief (and these are many in Duval, particularly at election time) were ordered not to trade with him. His business was ruined. He might just as well have had "Juden" scapped on his window and storm troopers posted at his door.

In Hitler's Germany the terror hours were at night. It was a favorite sport of the storm troopers to route suspected enemies of the Reich out of bed, line up the family and glare powerful flashlights into their eyes. The troopers would say nothing, just stand back of the lights. Sometimes this would be repeated night after night for weeks. Eventually some member of the family would crack and blurt out a confession. The next stop would be a concentration camp.

Manuel Sanchez and his family were subjected to the same treatment in a modified form. Parr's bully boys would drive up to the Sanchez home at night and throw the blinding beams from strong flashlights into the faces of Sanchez and his family, into the frightened eyes of Sanchez' mother, who was ill. Sometimes George Parr took a personal part in these expeditions.

Hitler's storm troopers didn't bother to get search warrants when they pulled a raid. Parr's men at least went through the motions. Parr's sheriff obtained an illegal warrant and ripped Sanchez' store apart in a search for alleged narcotics. Sanchez was smart enough to get witnesses. No narcotics were found.

The story of a dictatorship cannot be fully told except in terms of living people—and we could go on and on with stories of Duval, each story with a counterpart in the Germany that I knew, the Germany from which I escaped. There's the story of Cristobal Ybanez who was personally beaten by Parr who swung a rifle at his head. But why go on?

Manuel Marroquin's story illustrates the pattern. A smart dictator and a spunky newspaper don't mix. That's one of the big reasons why the Duval machine broke down, as I'll tell you about in another article.

The next day Marroquin was formally charged with disturbing

Second Baptist Announcements

The morning message for the Second Baptist church will be, "Facing This New Year." Every soul is born a new at sunrise. A new year with its many opportunities and responsibilities is ours. Come join with us as we give all the glory to our God for the past year and the thanks to Him for the present and prayer to Him for the future.

"You Are of Infinite Value" will be the Sunday night message. Don't underestimate yourself. You are worth more than you think you are. Regardless of who you might be.

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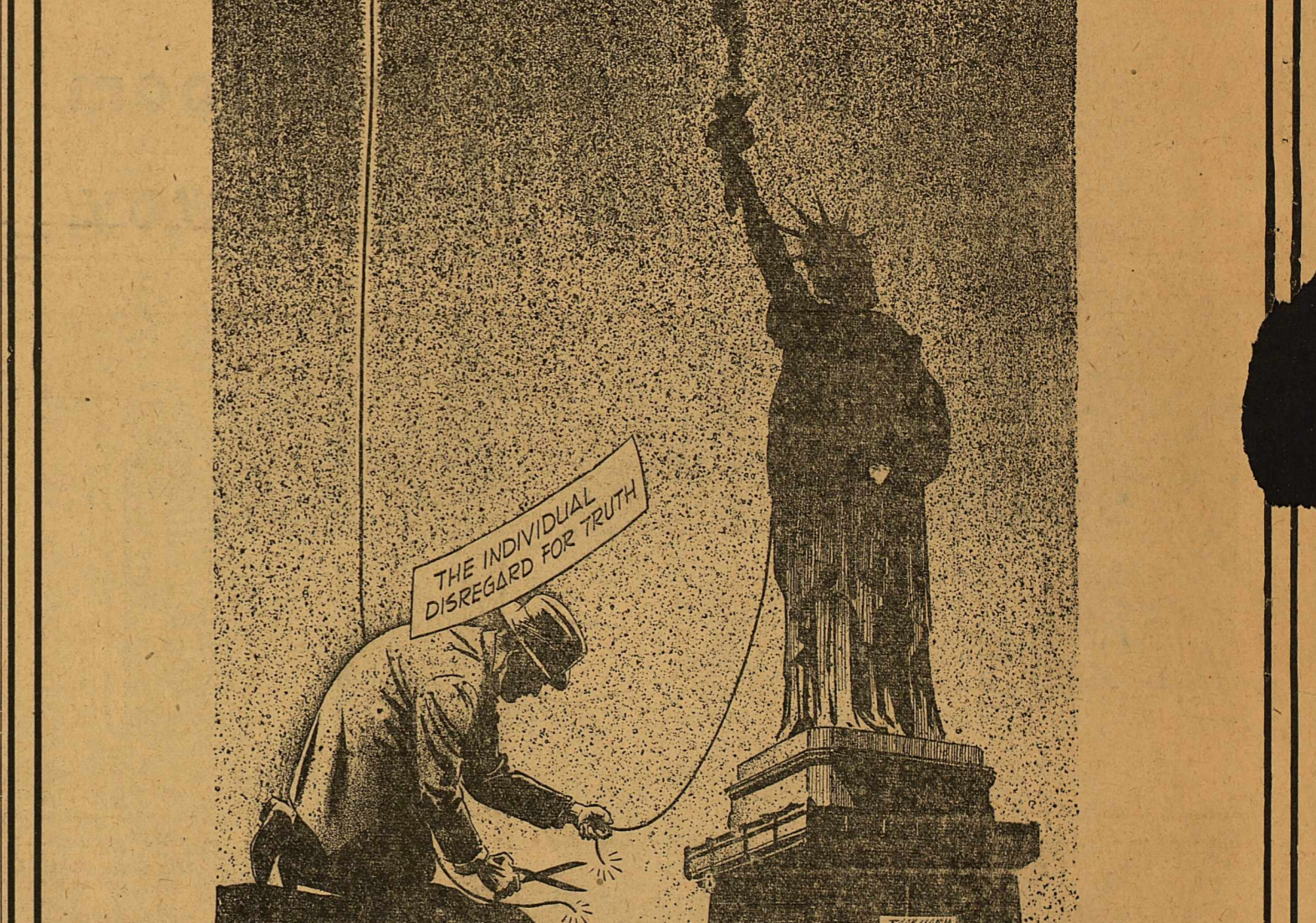
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