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By Buying Here

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And Help Business

NESS SAYS MAYOR'S POLL TAX FINISHED HIM

By United Press
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 2.—R. L. Ness, whose poll tax allegedly was paid by Mayor Maury Maverick in violation of state laws, testified Saturday that he got the tax at the office of the City Garment Workers Union. He said that he got \$1.50 for the tax at the office of George Mason, a business agent for the Glass originally was indicted against Maverick, but the indictment against him was quashed. Ness said that he and several members of the union went to Glass' office together to get the money. Ness said he did not remember much about the poll tax transaction. He said that the prosecutor introduced evidence concerning a \$1,000 check purportedly sent from Ness to be used in Maverick's campaign for mayor. Ness said that Bertini, custodian of the money, testified that he got the money from Maverick's home on the night of Jan. 30, cashed it and gave it to Maverick but that he did not know who drew the check or who signed it.

EMBARGO ON SALE OF PLANES IS IN EFFECT

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Roosevelt today invoked a "moral embargo on shipments of airplanes to nations which bomb civilian populations." Mr. Roosevelt did not name Soviet Russia specifically in his statement, but declared it was issued in the "light of recurrence of such acts." "The American government and the American people have for some time pursued a policy of wholehearted condemnation of the unprovoked bombing and machine gunning of civilian populations from the air." "This government hopes to the end that such unprovoked bombing shall not be given material encouragement in the light of recent recurrence of such acts, that American manufacturers and exporters of airplanes and materials essential to its manufacture, will bear this fact in mind before negotiation of contracts for exportation of these articles to nations guilty of such unprovoked bombing," he said.

Dallas Selected For Baptist' 1940 Convention Site

By United Press
AUSTIN, Dec. 2.—Dallas was selected here today for the 50th anniversary convention of the Baptist Training Union. J. D. Riddle of Abilene was elected president. Earlier Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel took a stand against financing old age relief with liquor taxes, in an address before the training union. "A partnership agreement between the state and the liquor dealers, wherein the state's share of the raffle goes into the old age fund, is not what I would call good business," the governor said. "The liquor thus sold goes to wreck the lives of our boys and girls." Gov. O'Daniel advocated a streamlined religious method. "What we need today," he said, "is to streamline our religious teachings."

Country Club Will Meet On Thursday

A business meeting of the Rancho Country Club will be held at clubhouse Thursday evening, Dec. 7, at 8 o'clock. It was announced today. A number of business items will be up for discussion and the election of officers will be held.

L. K. Davis' Funeral Is Held In Abilene Service

Funeral services were held this morning at Abilene for Mrs. L. K. Davis, 58, former resident of Abilene. Mrs. Davis, a native of Erath who had spent most of her life in Stephenville, came to Abilene in 1927 from Eastland.

Church To Address Young Democrats

By United Press
DALLAS, Dec. 2.—E. B. Germany, chairman of the democratic state executive committee, Saturday cancelled plans to address a meeting of the Young Democrats in Austin Sunday. He said that other business would prevent him from making the trip, and that Marion Church would speak in his stead.

Sweden Calls Out Troops To Colors

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 2.—The Danish radio announced tonight that Sweden was calling up more men to the colors and was suspending all army leave.

K. Of P. Election Set For Tuesday

Election of officers for 1940 is scheduled for a meeting of the Eastland Knights of Pythias Tuesday night at 7:30 at Castle Hall.

Soviet War Machine Smashes Into Finland



Striking by land, sea and air, the mighty Soviet war machine is smashing into Finland in blitzkrieg invasion that rivals the Nazi putsch in Poland. While artillery forces bombard border towns, bombers raid industrial cities farther inland. The Red fleet is said to be headed past Hogland Island toward Helsinki, and Soviet troop landings are reported at Sieskari and Hangoe.

Speaker



Temperance Talks Scheduled Today

Mrs. Thomas C. Jensen of Austin, who is state field secretary for the Texas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will speak this week in Eastland at churches and women's organizations. Using as her subjects, "Texas Women in Action," "The Challenge to the Youth Today," and "Has Repeal Been a Success," Mrs. Jensen will speak today in three engagements. She will address the members of the Martha Dorcas class at the First Methodist church this morning and also speak at morning services of the First Christian Church and the First Baptist Church.

All Russians Are Driven From One Town In Finland

By United Press
SVANIK, Norway, Dec. 2.—Latest reports received at this north Norwegian frontier town Saturday said that the Finns have cleared Petsamo, Finnish arctic port, of Russians. The only Soviet forces in Petsamo, dispatches said, are 150 Russians who were taken prisoners. Petsamo tonight was reported quiet after heavy fighting which raged last night within sight of the Norwegian border. Petsamo was one of the first towns occupied by the Russians.

Increase Shown In Area Oil Production

The American Petroleum Institute reported Saturday that average daily crude oil production in West Central Texas the week ended Nov. 25 was 34,350 barrels, an increase of 6,000 barrels over the daily average the preceding week. For the four weeks ended Nov. 25 daily average was 31,100 barrels as compared to an average of 30,400 barrels the week-ended Nov. 26 last year.

Ranger Girl Wins Oratorical Contest

Dorothy Jean Bruce of Ranger won first place in the statewide oratorical contest of the State Baptist Training Union convention at Austin, competing with a field of 25 speakers, it was announced in Ranger upon her return. About 30 members of the First Baptist Church of Ranger attended the state convention.

CENSUS SUPERVISORS APPROVED BY BUREAU

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett announced Saturday that appointment of J. C. Shipman of Abilene and Mrs. Royal Headrick of Sweetwater as district supervisor and assistant district supervisor, respectively, of the industrial census and general population census had been approved by bureau of the census officials. Headquarters for the census taking in the 17th congressional district have been selected at Abilene. The industrial census is to begin around Jan. 1 and the general population census April 1. Application for enumerators will be taken by the district supervisor at Abilene after the office is opened there. Enumerators will work throughout the district and there will be no county supervisors. The 17th congressional district is in the Amarillo area where an area office is located. The district supervisor and his assistant will be given instructions in all matters effecting the census at a training course to be conducted by Area Manager W. S. Ruffner at Amarillo. The office in Abilene should open around January 1, said Garrett. That the census bureau had approved appointment of Shipman and Mrs. Headrick was learned in a telegram from J. C. Capt. assistant to the director of the bureau of the census.

Local Church of Christ Plans A Lecture Week Program With Most Outstanding Speakers Present

A special lecture program, probably the most ambitious gesture of the Church of Christ in the history of the local church, will begin Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:15 p. m., and will continue each morning and evening through Friday, Dec. 8, it was announced here Saturday by W. Wallace Layton, minister of the church. At the conclusion of the lecture week the A-Cappella Chorus of Abilene Christian College will be presented at the Recreation building Sunday evening, Dec. 10, at 7 o'clock, in a program of classical church music. The public is invited to both the lecture week programs and to the musical rendition at the Recreation building Sunday evening. Outstanding speakers from all over the state have been secured for the lecture week programs, which will be held at 10 o'clock each morning through the week and at 7 o'clock each evening. At 2 o'clock each afternoon will be a period of discussion of the morning theme, in round table form. The program, as outlined by the minister of the church, is to be as follows: Monday, December 4th, 7:15 p. m.—"The Church, Its Falling Away and Restoration"—Robert C. Jones, Wichita Falls. Tuesday, December 5th, 10:00 a. m.—"The Mission Work of the Local Congregation"—Melvin J. Wise, Big Spring; Grover C. Ross, Cisco; John M. Burkhardt, Breckenridge. 2:00 p. m.—Round table discussion of morning theme—Melvin J. Wise in charge. 7:00 p. m.—"The Church and Its 20th Century Problems"—Fred McClung, Fort Worth. Wednesday, December 6th, 10:00 a. m.—"Church Finance: Giving and Spending"—Lyle Price, Denton; E. W. Stovall, Hamilton; Floyd Embree, Baird. 2:00 p. m.—Round table discussion of morning theme—Lyle Price in charge. 7:00 p. m.—"Effective Preaching and Training"—Roy H. Lanier, Ft. Worth. Thursday, December 7th, 10:00 a. m.—"The Church and Its Tendency Toward Compromise"—Glen Wallace, Cleburne; Herbert L. Newman, Brownwood; Edgar Furr, Goldthwaite. 2:00 p. m.—Round table discussion of morning theme—Glen Wallace in charge. Thursday 7:00 p. m.—"Pre-millennialism"—Homer Hailey, Abilene.

Plans Program

W. Wallace Layton, minister of the Church of Christ of Ranger, who has planned a week-long lecture program at the church, at which outstanding speakers from all over the state will participate. At the conclusion of the lecture program the A-Cappella Chorus of Abilene Christian College will be presented in the Recreation Building Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p. m. Friday, December 8th, 10:00 a. m.—"Training Our Young People for Service"—Don H. Morris, President Abilene Christian College, Abilene. "Recreation for Christian Young People"—James D. Wilford, Anson. 2:00 p. m.—Round table discussion of morning theme—Don H. Morris in charge. 7:00 p. m.—"The Mission and Work of the Holy Spirit"—J. L. Hines, Dallas. Sunday, December 10th, 7:00 p. m.—Classical Church Music Rendered by the A-Cappella Chorus, from Abilene Christian College at Recreation building.

Youth From County Joins The U. S. Army

The United States Army recruiting office at Breckenridge has announced that Buster Gene Reese, Ranger, Route 3, has enlisted in the infantry and has been sent to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, for training.

ACTIVITY FOR OIL AREA OF WEEK IS LIGHT

Routine developments constituted majority of the oil reports Saturday on activities this week in this sector. Horwitz and Odom No. 1 T. J. Hawley, J. T. Thomas survey, in the area west of Crystal Falls, in Stephens County, awaited potential production test. After having drilled 33 feet of lime to total depth of 3,582 feet, the well had flowed naturally and will be a commercial producer, one of several for the pool. George Fagg was running pipe to test a show of gas around 3,935 feet in his No. 1 Richardson, section 8, block 37, SPKR survey, seven miles north of Caddo, Stephens County. Also in Stephens County, about a mile north of the Horwitz and Odom Production, Stedman Petro Company was drilling at 1,450 feet on No. 1 Powers, George York survey. Operators were moving in material for the Pitzer and West and Bryson No. 1 N. G. Price and others, section 67, BAL survey, southwest section of Stephens County. In the Breckenridge townsite, C. J. West No. 1 Pierce, block 74, was shut down around 3,890 feet. In Eastland County, Dobbs Oil Corporation was understood as drilling deeper after failing to find production as expected at 2,700 feet. It is in the Hiram Walker survey, two and one-half miles southeast of Carbon. Two miles northwest of Scranton but in Calhoun County, Jim Lanning of Rockdale made location for No. 1 J. H. Shrader, a 1,750-foot project, 220 feet from the east and south lines of the 127 acre farm lease lines, in the M. Cherry No. 4 survey.

Funeral Services This Afternoon For Mrs. A. W. Cogburn

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Cogburn, 35, wife of Albert W. Cogburn, Eastland post office employee, are scheduled for 3:30 this afternoon at the First Methodist church in Eastland. Mrs. Cogburn died Saturday morning at Eastland. She had been in ill health for sometime. Rev. P. W. Walker, pastor of the church where the services are to be held, will officiate. Interment will be in a Eastland cemetery. Mrs. Cogburn had been a resident of Eastland for 10 years. She would have been 35 years of age Dec. 9. She was born in Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. Cogburn had been married 10 years. Mrs. Cogburn had been a member of the Baptist church for 20 years and she also was a member of the auxiliary of the county veterans of foreign wars post. Survivors are her husband; her father, N. J. Tarver, Dan Horn, two children, Pauline, 3, and Benjie, 4 1/2 months of age; two sisters, Mrs. Vida Loftin of Anson, and Mrs. Ely Roberson of Sinton; two brothers, O. J. Tarver of Eastland and Fred Tarver of Romney; one-half sister, Mrs. Cecil Jessop of Dan Horn and three one-half brothers, Walter Tarver, N. J. Tarver, Jr., and A. L. Tarver, all of Dan Horn. Hammer Undertaking company is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mexican Court In Ruling Upholds the Oil Seizure Order

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 2.—The Mexican supreme court, by a vote of three to one Saturday, upheld Mexico's expropriation of American and other foreign oil properties. Seventeen American and other foreign oil companies, 21 months ago, challenged expropriation of their properties valued at \$400,000,000. The companies contended the expropriation law was unconstitutional and that expropriation decrees issued by President Lazaro Cardenas, on March 18, 1938, was invalid.

Ranger Man To Be Chevrolet Guest As Club Prsident

Nath Pirkle of Ranger, president of the Chevrolet "85" Club for the Dallas Zone, will leave Thursday, Dec. 7, for Detroit, where he will attend a tool conference sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Company. While in Detroit Pirkle will be a guest of the company. Pirkle will go first to St. Louis, where he will buy a new automobile, and from there will go to Detroit, arriving Saturday. He will spend Monday and Tuesday at the Chevrolet plant and visit the Chevrolet proving grounds. Enroute home from Detroit Pirkle will stop off at Atlanta for a visit with his parents before returning to Ranger.

Mrs. Reeves Joins The N. Y. A. Staff

Mrs. Jewel Reeves of Olden, for several years case worker for Eastland County, has accepted a position with the National Youth Administration, with which she will do personnel work. She will be located in the area office at Eastland. Mrs. Reeves began her new duties Friday, Dec. 1.

THE WEATHER

By United Press
WEST TEXAS—Sunday fair.

Communist Moral Tone Irked Her



Home from Loyalist Spain came Mrs. William G. Ryan, shown above as she told her story to the Dies Committee in Washington, because moral tone injected into the Loyalist war effort by Communist leaders offended her. Mrs. Ryan, Milwaukee, said she was a former Communist.

PROGRAM FOR LEGION EVENT NOW SHAPING

Officials of the American Legion post at Eastland were busy Saturday making final arrangements for a program Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, to mark dedication of the clubhouse at the city park which has been leased from the City of Eastland. Henry Pullman, commander of the post, said \$1 will admit a person to all activities during the two day dedication ceremonies. The actual dedication will be Sunday afternoon. The program the first day includes a dance and floor show Saturday evening. Sandy Sandefer's orchestra of Ft. Worth will play. A floor show program that evening has also been arranged. The talent is composed of several girls who were in the last Casa Manana revue and will include solo and specialty acts. On Sunday at noon a banquet will be at the clubhouse. Speakers Sunday afternoon will include Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Sweetwater, district legion commander. The legion has written but has not heard from prospective speakers representing the state and national legion. The menu at the Sunday banquet will include turkey and dressings.

British Tanker Is Wrecked By Blast

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 2.—The British tanker San Calisto, 5,000 tons, was blown up off the southeast coast of England tonight. One member of the crew was known to have been killed and 39 to 40 survivors were picked up by a coastal lifeboat and a mine sweeper. At least four survivors were injured seriously.

Christmas Carols Through the Ages

DECK THE HALL WITH HOLLY
"Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Don we now our gay apparel,
Troll the ancient Christmas carol . . ."
In the Yule season, celebrated in Britain before the Christian era, a winter festival was held. Halls were decorated with holly, ivy and mistletoe, and the Yule log was lighted. This traditional Yule song reflects the spirit of these celebrations.

Eastland Youth Is 'Frat' Pledge

Bill Peters, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. W. J. Peters of Eastland, who is a student at A. & M. of Oklahoma at Stillwater, has pledged Alpha Gamma Rho, a fraternity, his parents have been advised.

FINNS HOLD OUT AGAINST SOVIET TROOPS

By United Press
HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 2.—Finnish troops Saturday evacuated five border villages, north of Leningrad, and fell back toward their rear fortifications the famous Mannerheim Line. After announcing that in three days of war they have shot down 19 Soviet planes, the Finns said they believe that the new 9,000-ton Russian cruiser Kirov was sunk in a battle off the island of Hangoe yesterday. The Kirov, it was announced, did not return to its base. The Finns said that a Soviet destroyer had been disabled and that a submarine chaser had been sunk. The Finns said that they evacuated several border villages in accordance with previously-prepared defense plans. The Russians, they said, on the third day of war, continued to assault the Finnish lines both north and west of Lake Ladoga, without result. The Russians, the Finns announced, were suffering heavy casualties. The American legation is preparing to evacuate from 40 to 50 American women to Stockholm by way of Abo Sunday. Abo is a port on the southwestern tip of Finland. Some of those to be evacuated are wives of members of the legation staff, some are tourists and others have been permanent residents of Helsinki. Finnish announcements emphasized their withdrawal from the frontier was orderly and in accordance with general staff plans.

Teachers Battle Over Sales Taxes To Pay On Pensions

By United Press
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 2.—Delegates to the 61st annual Texas State Teachers Association convention here Saturday had battled to a draw on the issue of endorsing a sales tax to provide state funds for matching their retirement contributions. The matter came to a standstill during a stormy session of the association's house of delegates policy-making group. It was certain, however, that Charles H. Tennyson, Wichita Falls, who opposed the sales tax as a state legislator several years ago, would be the association's president in 1940.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Just Where Does the Girl Friend Fit?

Assorted and sundry experts continue to argue lustily over what to do with the women. In Buffalo, N. Y., recently, Will Durant, author of books on philosophy, warned that civilization would "decay" unless women put on aprons again and took up their old posts at the kitchen sink. He suggested that ladies have become "luxuries" instead of the "helpmates" they were divinely designed to be.

Springing nimbly to Mr. Durant's side is Dr. John Edward Brown, president of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark. Dr. Brown regrets that we are training our young ladies "for a man's world rather than a woman's world," and adds cryptically that we are "putting out twice as much dog food as baby food."

Both gentlemen are worried because the modern woman is more at ease over a comptometer machine than over a kettle of turnips. They hate to think of what might happen if that sort of thing were carried too far.

Down New England way, a woman who carved a comfortable niche for herself in this "man's world" is equally worried over what is happening to woman's status. Miss Sybil Holmes is the only woman member of the Massachusetts State Unemployment Compensation Commission, and she believes that girls should train themselves for business careers—especially if they want to get into public life.

Miss Holmes sees the fine hand of masculine jealousy in legislative measures designed to cut gals down a peg or two. Men, she says, who aim to put their feminine colleagues back into house dresses just want to get women's jobs for men.

Furthermore, Miss Holmes thinks, bills which would equalize hours for men and women are discriminatory against the ladies. The gals have consented—a little grumpily perhaps—to hang onto street car straps, but they'll be darned if they're going all the way in this equality business.

Anyone who knows anything about domestic affairs ought to know better than to believe the debate will ever be settled. Maybe the relatively new ideas on feminism are just whims, and maybe they're here to stay. But the battle between the sexes isn't new. It's just being staged on a new field.

King George and Queen Elizabeth relaxed from war strain by seeing an animated cartoon in a London theater. Mickey Mouse does his bit for the Empire.

A United States attorney says 95 per cent of all lotteries in this country are fakes. It seems the first bit of luck you must have is to get a genuine ticket.

A New York state resident went squirrel hunting and bagged a monkey instead. With everything else mixed up in the world, there's nothing mysterious about that.

WEAVER OF TALES

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Tremendously popular writer of last century.
- 12 Roof finial.
- 13 To spout forth.
- 15 Self.
- 16 Crucifix.
- 18 Some.
- 19 Flabby.
- 20 Suture.
- 22 Father.
- 23 Rodent.
- 25 To intrust.
- 27 Small island.
- 29 A gratification.
- 31 Lie.
- 32 Sphere.
- 33 It is.
- 36 Tennis point.
- 38 Falsehood.
- 40 Mister.
- 41 Scampered.
- 44 Mama.
- 46 Footprint.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

- 16 His well-known story.
- 17 Sorrowful.
- 19 Baseball stick.
- 21 Intersected.
- 22 Cavity.
- 24 Suring.
- 26 Preface.
- 27 Fur.
- 29 Each.
- 32 Dating machine.
- 34 Mauling.
- 37 Tube cover.
- 39 Fish.
- 41 Cold ton.
- 42 Cleave in cloth.
- 43 Secus.
- 45 Tree.
- 46 Slip-slip.
- 48 Mutton fat.
- 50 Indian.
- 51 Public auto.
- 52 Right.
- 54 Golf device.
- 56 Musical note.
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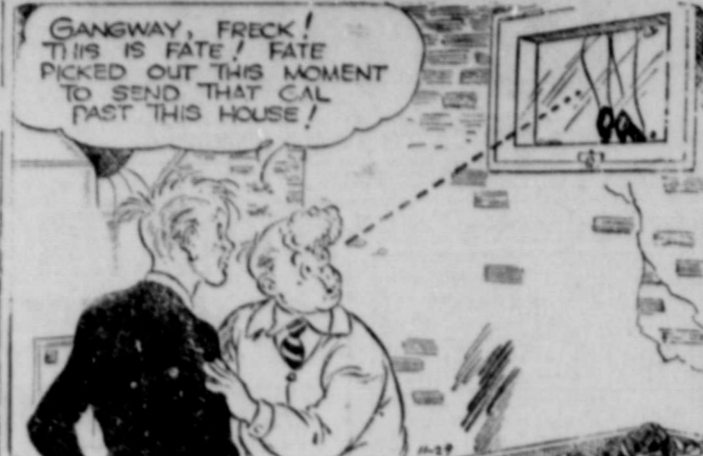
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FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



Reactions to the Good News

Text: Matthew 11:16-30

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of Advance

If a great teacher should come into a community, benign, kindly in his personal life, with good news for all, it might be supposed that the community would welcome him, and that everyone would listen to his words and accept at once the blessings that he offered.

How seldom has such a thing happened among men! The proverbial stories of history are of the stoning of the prophets, and of the ways in which both individuals and masses of people have reviled and rejected those who have come among them with the purest motives to offer them grace, mercy and truth.

In our lesson Jesus complains of this attitude of the people of His time. He compares them with those sitting in the market places, saying, "We piped unto you and ye did not dance; we wailed and ye did not mourn."

He points out that John the Baptist came as an ascetic, neither eating nor drinking, and the people said, "He hath a demon." And Jesus came, both eating and drinking, and the people said, "Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!"

Then Jesus, in plain and rather terrible words, pointed out that it is not opportunity that makes character and destiny. He turned to the towns of His own day, and He pronounced we upon them, saying that had been done in them had been done in Tyre and Sidon (cities that had been destroyed for their iniquity) these cities would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

YET in life, even today, we meet with this persistent claim that character is a matter of opportunity and environment. Nothing could be fundamentally more untrue, for out of the same environment have come saints and sinners, heroes and cowards, saviors and destroyers of their fellowmen.

Character depends on choice; destiny is a matter of self-determination. Even contact with the Master did not make men good or make them Christian disciples.

It was only definite choice and the willingness to follow Jesus that brought to men the blessings of salvation. But it is the true function of the prophet and the teacher and the Savior to bring to men the opportunity and the environment of grace, whether they respond or not.

MOLOTOV, STAMMERING FORMER RUSSIAN EXILE, BECOMES LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO JOSEPH STALIN

Revolutionist at 17, Premier Is Alter Ego to Russian Dictator; Resembles Late T. R.

By Prof. Thomas J. B. Wenner
Written for NEA Service

SOVIET RUSSIA is currently looking at the world through the pince-nez glasses that perch on the nose of her kowtow-faced foreign commissar-premier, Viacheslav Mikhailovich Molotov.

His recent harangue at the democracies for prolonging Europe's war and the "war of nerves" clamped against Finland for refusing Russian military demands, throw light on the personality, background and outlook of the man who since last May has been directing affairs at the Soviet foreign office.

Many informed persons in the Soviet Union now consider Molotov the logical successor to Stalin, now approaching 60.

Viacheslav M. Molotov: Through his eyes, Stalin looks out on the world. Molotov and Stalin: Together as they bore the ashes of Maxim Gorky in 1936, united in the handling of international affairs.

Molotov is Stalin's alter ego. Forty-nine years of age and son of a clerk, he won his spurs by becoming a revolutionist at 17 and a Siberian exile in his twenties. Ever since he has been stumping for Soviet "ideology" in general and Joseph Stalin in particular.

CAREFUL GROOMING DOESN'T FIT

In personal appearance he is not unlike the late Theodore Roosevelt. He is pale, rather thick-set with heavy shoulders, and seems out of place among most of his colleagues because of his Anglo-aristocratic bearing and careful attention to grooming. Like Rykov, whom he replaced as chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, he speaks with a noticeable stammer.

During my recent trip to the Soviet Union, I found his picture everywhere, often beside those of Lenin and Stalin. Sometimes entire top-stories of Soviet office buildings are covered by canvas poster-portraits of the Soviet quadrumvirate: Lenin, Stalin, Molotov and Voroshilov, commissar for defense.

The foreign commissar is popular and personally capable, but is destined to remain a figure-head so long as Stalin is master in the Kremlin. Close observers of long experience in the capital refer to him as the Georgian's "good man Friday."

HASN'T FACED SINGLE FIRING SQUAD

For 8 years he has been the immediate assistant of Stalin and has escaped the successive purges which have depleted the ranks of the Old Bolsheviks.



Viacheslav M. Molotov: Through his eyes, Stalin looks out on the world. Molotov and Stalin: Together as they bore the ashes of Maxim Gorky in 1936, united in the handling of international affairs.



Molotov and Stalin: Out of step as they bore the ashes of Maxim Gorky in 1936, but in unison now in the handling of international affairs.

CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
G. Alfred Brown, Pastor
The First Methodist Church School will begin this morning at 9:45, with all ages invited to be present.

At the Morning Service, beginning at 11:00 o'clock, the worship service will include a vocal solo by Mrs. Helen Shaw. The pastor will bring a short sermon on the subject of "Help from the Sanctuary," which will be followed by the Communion Service.

The Epworth League services will begin at 6:30, and the Evening Service at 7:15. At the latter service, the pastor will preach on the question, "What Is Sin?"

Everyone is invited to attend these and other services of the week.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
H. B. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m., with Lawrence Brwyan, Supt. Golden Rule Bible Class, taught by pastor.

The morning service will be in the hands of the ladies of the church. This will be a most interesting service. Communion will precede this service.

Christian Endeavor will meet at 6:15 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. Johnson.

Preaching, by the pastor, 7:00 p. m. Subject, "Behold, a Sower Went Forth to Sow."

Announcements will be made this morning regarding Missionary meeting.

Come and worship with us in all the services of the day.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARETH
Corner Oak and Main Street
Rev. A. G. Pool, Pastor

Sunday Bible School 9:45
John Doughas, Supt. Adult classes taught by our pastor. Be there that you go to Sunday School morning.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Come hear the old time message preached in the old fashion. You are welcome.

Midweek prayer meeting every Tuesday night, 7:30. Special services every Sunday night at 7:30.

Hospital Notes
Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hess announce the birth of a baby boy, Friday at the West Texas hospital.

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Charity Show Will Be Given Saturday To Aid The Needy

A benefit show, for underprivileged children of Ranger, will be presented at the Arcadia Theatre Saturday morning, Dec. 9, at 10 o'clock, just one hour after Santa Claus makes his personal appearance in Ranger. The price of admission for adults will be 10 cents, with tickets being sold in advance, and for children will be one can of groceries of any kind.

The picture to be shown will be "Hawaiian Nights," featuring Johnny Downs, Mary Carlisle, Constance Moore, Eddie Quillan and Matty Malneck and his orchestra and Sel Hoopii's Hawaiian band.

A committee, to have charge of the charity show, has been named. It is composed of Dave Cooper, chairman; R. E. Garner, show manager; R. H. Hansford, publicity; Mrs. Saunders Gregg, child welfare chairman; Mrs. F. M. Kaye and Mrs. Lee Dockery. The committee is to meet at the chamber of commerce office Monday, Dec. 4, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Moscow Radio Is Urging Finns To Overthrow Rulers

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The official Moscow radio appealed directly to the Finnish people to join the army of the revolutionary Finnish government and to "overthrow their traitors and oppressors."

The appeal was read by a member of the Soviet military academy. It said: "We are sending our greetings to the Finnish people which rose to free themselves from slavery. The hour for paying back has come. Your first corps will gradually grow as workmen from all Finland flock to its standards until the whole working people are fighting under this flag of liberation."

There is one track for every seven families in the United States. Taxes on these trucks add \$15 to the annual cost of living of the average American family.

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SERIAL STORY

5 WOULD KILL

BY TOM HORNER

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Yesterday John reveals that the old prospector, known as "Big Red," was robbed of a rich mine claim by a gambler, whom he believes to be Benthorpe. Dawson is puzzled by Ara's return to the house after her first interview with her father, and by her efforts to get Douglas involved. He believes Ara might have wanted to trap Douglas, blame him for a murder she intended to commit.

CHAPTER XV

DAWSON waited as his question struck home. Douglas was on his feet at once, to deny the detective's charge, but it was evident that his faith in Ara had been shaken. "That's crazy," he shouted. "Tell him, Ara. I know you could never even think that, much less... I wanted to come here. It was all my idea..."

"Miss Johnson has just told us that she debested you when she first met you, but she pretended to fall in love with you," Dawson argued. "She came here tonight with the intention of killing her father, but Mrs. Benthorpe's unlimely intrusion prevented her. Can't it be logical to believe that she might have changed her plans, and you to believe you suggested coming here, sent you to Benthorpe's study and then returned through the secret entrance?"

"No! No!" Ara almost screamed the words. She turned to Douglas. "You couldn't—you wouldn't believe I could do that to you?"

Joey stared at the wall. He tried changing his position so that he might be able to sleep, but the step was too narrow. "Match your dimes against your pennies, Krone," he suggested, flipping a coin.

Krone won the first toss, then lost three in a row. Intent upon the game, he failed to notice Mrs. Benthorpe's approach. Only when she stood beside him, did he look up, then scramble to his feet. "Sorry to disturb you, officer," Mrs. Benthorpe said. "But Mr. Alston is quite upset. He's demanding another sleeping tablet. Will it be all right to give it to him?"

"Maybe I ought to ask the Captain," Krone ventured, then took matters into his own hands. "Sure, Mrs. Benthorpe, I'll see that your Dad gets his pill. Where are they?"

She handed him a small box. "I thought you'd prefer to give it to him yourself," she explained. "With the one he's already taken he should sleep soundly for several hours." Di TORIO watched Krone disappear into Alston's room, then stood to one side as Mrs. Benthorpe started down the stairway. "I'm sorry to interrupt your game, Mr.—Mr.—"

"Alston!" Joey spat out the name. "Why that old... He stopped as Krone came down the stairs. "Alston's sound asleep, Captain," the patrolman reported.

"Gave him another sleeping pill. The old man was pretty wild for a bit there. Crying and carrying on. Mrs. Benthorpe was afraid it might affect his heart. Mind if I get a bit of air? Stuffy in here and I might get sleepy." Dawson nodded. "You were saying, Joey—"

"I'll say plenty before I'm through, Dawson," Joey answered. "I got a alibi—airtight—but I'll forget it. I left the Chateau at 11, not 12, like I told you. I did want to see Benthorpe, and you know why. It was easy, with this doorway opening right on the street. That was the way I always came in. Benthorpe oughta told you about that."

"I was there, all right, and I remember tossing away that cigarette, and stepping on it as I came in out of the rain. And then—" He stopped as Helen Benthorpe returned from the living room. "I found you a cigaret, Mr. Di Torio," she said pleasantly, offering the box. "Care for one, Captain?" "Thanks," Dawson searched his pockets for a match. "Got a light, Joey?"

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



Retail Sales Due To Show Increase

AUSTIN, Tex.—The Texas laborer, with more money in his pocket, may be expected to begin spending and thereby raise the volume of retail sales, a University of Texas business analyst predicted today. Increased employment and payrolls—up 2 and 4 per cent, respectively over September—together with a 2 per cent gain in the volume of oil refining, Texas' largest manufacturing industry, caused Dr. F. A. Ruechel, University business research statistician, to anticipate more favorable tendencies in consumption of various commodities. All bureau indices reflecting consumer-tendencies slumped during October, department store sales dropping nearly 8 per cent, miscellaneous freight loadings, nearly 3 per cent, and electric power consumption nearly 3 per cent.

Dublin Winner Of District 12-A Title

HAMILTON, Dec. 2.—Beating the Hamilton High Bulldogs 13-0 in a muddy football game here, the Dublin High Lions won the championship of District 12-A by being undefeated through the season. They scored on line plays in the first and last quarters. Looney scored both touchdowns and carried an end run for the extra point. In their campaign for district championship this season the Dublin Lions have defeated Hico 60-0, DeLeon 19-6, Eastland 32-0, Comanche 18-6, Gorman 20-0 and Hamilton 13-0. In one non-district game they beat the AA Stephenville High Yellow Jackets 14-7 and in their other they beat Granbury 25-0. The Lions play the Brady High Bulldogs in a bi-district game next Friday.

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Society Personal

Mrs. Sidney Smith and young Mrs. of Palestine are visiting in Austin with friends and relatives in Ranger. Mrs. J. F. Butler of Gordon is spending the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ashcraft. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn and as their guests for Thanksgiving, Mrs. Arterburn's brothers, W. Ellison and family of Javis alley, Okla., Bradford Ellison of Paula Valley and a sister. Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Griffin have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bertha McDonald of Stuart, Okla.

Failures In State Show Big Decrease

AUSTIN, Tex.—October was a relatively safe month for Texas business, University of Texas business research officials said today, pointing to a drop of 32.3 per cent in the number of commercial failures from October, 1938, and of 56.5 per cent in liabilities. A total of 21 bankruptcies occurred, with total liabilities of \$214,000 as compared with 31 failures and liabilities of \$492,000 in October last year. Assets of the failing firms dropped from \$366,000 to \$123,000. In September, only 17 failures occurred, with liabilities of \$37,000 and assets of \$104,000.

District Postal Chiefs to Honor Garrett Dec. 9th

Clyde L. Garrett, congressman, will be honored by postmasters of the 17th congressional district at a banquet Saturday night at 7:30, Dec. 9, at the Laguna Hotel in Cisco. A district meeting of postmasters has been called for 6 p. m. the same day for the purpose of electing officers of the association for the coming year. Congressmen from adjoining districts have been invited in honoring Congressman Garrett. Speakers will include E. T. Brooks of Abilene and Dr. Earl Lightfoot of Mineral Wells. Over 100 are expected at the Cisco meeting.

New Court Term Opens On Monday

December term of 91st district court will open Monday morning, it was stated Saturday in the office of District Clerk John White. Organization of a grand jury for the new term is scheduled Monday morning, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the docket will be called and cases assigned.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



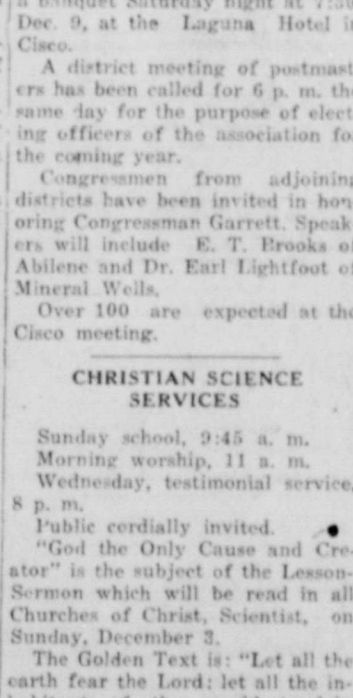
Officers Called Before Accident

PORT WORTH, Tex.—Deputy Sheriff Max Frank and J. G. Garrison received a call to investigate an accident at 28th and Sylvia streets. They arrived at the designated intersection, but found no signs of an accident.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Wednesday, testimonial service, 8 p. m. Public cordially invited. "God the Only Cause and Creator" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 3. The Golden Text is: "Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalms 33:8,9). Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created" (Psalms 148:5). The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind" (page 331).

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Society Notes

Mrs. Price Crawley Complimented at Gift Tea
 Mrs. Price Crawley, the former Miss Gladys Larson, and a recent bride was complimented Wednesday afternoon with a gift tea in the Blue Room of Gholson Hotel from 3 to 5 o'clock. Hostesses for the affair were: Meses. Leslie Haganman, B. A. Tunnell, S. P. Boon, J. T. Killingsworth, Harold Durham, W. M. Brown, J. A. Johnson and W. F. Creager.

The tea room was decorated with a profusion of fall flowers and was lighted by candles. Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by Mrs. Weldon Webb, Gwendolyn Tunnell and Jack Pearsall who was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. F. S. Pearsall.

Receiving the guests with the bride, who wore a powder blue taffeta tea gown with tulle head-dress, were Mrs. Mat Lindloff of Dallas, aunt of the bride, Mrs. A. N. Larson, mother of the bride, Mrs. Roy C. Lee of Dallas, Mrs. A. E. Crawley, mother of the groom, Mrs. Vergel Perry of Gorman, sister of the groom, Mrs. S. P. Boon and Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth. Miss Louise Vaughn and Mrs. Bruce Harris greeted the guests as they arrived.

Tea was served from a lace covered table which was lighted by four tall white tapers in crystal candelabra. A crystal bowl filled with red rose buds was placed in the center of the table. Mrs. B. A. Tunnell, Mrs. W. F. Creager and Mrs. Harold Durham presided at the silver tea services. Assisting in serving were Mrs. J. Floyd Killingsworth, Mrs. W. M. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Mrs. K. V. Robinson presided over the shower of gifts and Mrs. Leslie Haganman had charge of the bride's book.

Many guests called during the afternoon and presented the bride with a shower of crystal and china.

Former Ranger Man Weds in Plainview

Word had been received in Ranger of the marriage of Martin Sneed of Plainview, formerly of Ranger, to Miss Vera Padgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Padgett of Littlefield. The couple will make their home in Plainview.

Mr. Sneed was reared in Ranger and attended the public schools here. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft.

Ruth Class to Have Luncheon Tuesday

Mrs. N. G. Martin and Mrs. O. U. Merriman will be hostesses for the Ruth Class of the First Baptist Church, Tuesday at 12:30 when the class meets for a covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Martin on Spring Road. All members and associate teachers are invited to attend.

P.-T. City Council To Meet Wednesday

The Ranger City Council of the Parents and Teachers will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the Young School.

Mrs. A. O. Hinman will be leader for the afternoon. A special program will be presented by Miss Lolita Connelly.

L. C. Thomas will discuss "Major Problems Confronting Public Education in Texas."

Mrs. Downtain Hostess To Child Welfare Club

Mrs. W. L. Downtain was hostess Wednesday to the Child Welfare Club when it met in her home for luncheon and a business meeting.

Those attending were: Meses. L. H. Fiewellen, J. H. Holt, Saunders Gregg, John Thurman, P. M. Kuykendall and Blanche Murray.

Child Study Club No. 2 To Meet Thursday

The Child Study Club No. 2 will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Ernest Latham, Gulf Camp. Mrs. T. J. Powell will assist the hostess.

Recent Bride



—photo Courtesy Dallas News
 Mrs. Price Crawley, who was recently married to the former Miss Gladys Larson, Mrs. Crawley is being entertained with a series of parties.

Mrs. Ross Staton will be leader and Mrs. Finis King will speak on "Spiritual Grace." Mrs. J. D. Johnson will bring a Christmas message and Mrs. Edwin George will give a report of the state convention held at Galveston, recently.

W. M. U. to Observe Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at which time they will observe the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.

Mrs. R. J. Taylor will be in charge of the meeting.

Wednesday the women of the Union will have charge of the mid-week prayer services.

Tuesday members will attend an all-day workers conference in Moran. Blanche Rose Walker, a missionary from China, will address the conference Tuesday morning and will speak at the First Baptist Church in Cisco Tuesday evening.

True Blue Class Organized

The True Blue Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church was organized Wednesday afternoon when the members met in the home of the teacher, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick, for a business meeting and social.

After the name was selected, blue and gold were chosen as class colors. "True Hearted, Whole Hearted" named their song and the following verse was selected, "Here am I, send me."

At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served to the following: Meses Nona Pugh, Merline Miller, Elizabeth Barker, Pauline Acuff, Retha Jones and Mary Lou Hal.

Mrs. Crawley Entertained At Breakfast

As a compliment to Mrs. Price

Crawley, a recent bride, Miss Nelma Robinson and Mrs. Bruce Harris entertained Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Harris with a breakfast.

The autumn theme was carried out in the decorations and a clever arrangement of autumn leaves formed the centerpiece for the breakfast table.

The bride's place at the table was marked by a gift of lingerie. A two course breakfast was served to the following: Miss Louise Vaughn, Mrs. Garvin Chastain, Jr., Mrs. Roscoe Hopper, Mrs. Bruce Maddox, Mrs. Crawley and the hostesses.

Young P.-T. A. Meeting Postponed

The Young School P.-T. A. meeting which would normally be held on Tuesday afternoon has been postponed until Wednesday afternoon at which time the group will be host to the City Council of the P.-T. A.

Miss Sullivan Becomes Bride of Mr. Wedekind

Miss Leona Sullivan and Mr. James Wedekind of Mineral Wells were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. C. C. Cross, 1201 Desdemona Boulevard.

The bride wore a teal blue dress trimmed in gold, with blue accessories and a gardenia corsage.

Dr. G. Alfred Brown performed the ring ceremony and the couple left immediately for Rule, Texas, where they will make their home.

Mmes. Champion and Cross Compliment Miss Sullivan

Mrs. C. C. Cross and Mrs. F. M. Champion entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cross with a shower complimenting Miss Leona Sullivan who became the bride of Mr. James Wedekind that evening.

The home was attractively decorated with winter flowers and delicious refreshments were served at the close of the social hour. Clever favors for the refreshment plates were made by Mrs. R. C. Carwile.

Guests present for the affair were: Meses. Lottie Davenport, H. E. Angus, E. P. Mills, Josie Harrell, J. R. Finto, Howard Elwood, Charles Eyley, R. C. Carwile, L. E. Fray, V. V. Cooper, Jr., Jack Blackwell, Annie Laura Jensen of Abilene, W. L. Downtain, Gus Cooper of Strawn, Christine Mills, Margaret Wedekind of Mineral Wells and Meses Norene Cooper and Vera Vivian Cooper.

Miss Cecelia McDowell, who is a student at S. M. U., is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell.

RED RYDER By Fred Harman



University Student Steals Automobile

By United Press
 DALLAS, Dec. 2.—An 18-year-old University of Texas student was in jail here Saturday after being arrested at gun point in the coupe he allegedly had stolen a few hours earlier from Mrs. Edward F. Lee, of Detroit.

bullets through the rear of the car and one into a tire before the youth stopped.
 Mrs. Lee, a niece of Amos Carter of Fort Worth, said the car thief was "nice looking."

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