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## R. WYATT IS GIVEN A TERM IN BOMB CASE

*By United Press*  
DALLAS, Dec. 16.—E. R. Wyatt, former school principal, was convicted today of trying to kill his sweetheart, Mary Joe Miller, by exploding dynamite in her bedroom. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison.  
Wyatt merely shrugged when the jury returned a verdict which he did not believe his attorneys would believe. He said that he was at the home of Mary Joe's room at the home of her brother in Dallas.  
"Oh, well," he said. "That just means another trial."  
Miss Miller was his secretary at Rockland, Texas, school before the bombing.  
Orin Parmeter, a lawyer, was arrested for contempt of court after he had argued the case. Patton, a judge, said he would send Miss Miller, now teaching there, not to testify.

## To War for Finland on Skis



Kullervo E. Wallenius, Finnish skiing champion, is one of 400 men and women sailing from New York aboard the liner Gripsholm to aid the defense of their homeland against the Russian invasion. Annikki Mikkola pins Finnish National Guard colors on Wallenius, who will be an officer in a ski patrol.

## GARNER HAS ANNOUNCED HE IS CANDIDATE

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—John N. Garner today formally announced his candidacy for the 1940 nomination for president. He made the announcement from Uvalde.  
The statement said: "I will accept the nomination for president. I will make no effort to control votes. A candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law and I sincerely trust that all democrats will participate in them."  
Garner's statement was dictated on the porch of his home as he prepared to leave on a four-day hunting trip in Webb County. The statement was sent to Washington for distribution.  
Immediately after making the statement he left on the trip with Ross Blumfield, an old friend.

## Musician's Child Adopts Tiny Spanish War Refugee



Youngest "foster-parent" known is Monika Fuermann, left 20-month-old daughter of cello Emanuel Fuermann, Austrian refugee who recently took out first papers as a United States citizen. Monika adopted Antonia Conesa Gara, right, 3-year-old waif of the Spanish civil war, who is now in a French refugee center. Through the Foster Parents Plan for Refugee Children, Monika will pay the fee for the support of her Spanish "foster-daughter."

## GRAF SPEE MAY MAKE A DASH LATE SUNDAY

*By United Press*  
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 16.—High German and Italian officials conferred here today on what was thought to be a plan for the Graf Spee to attempt a dash to sea while German reinforcements engaged British forces waiting for her.  
While the officials met to draft plans for the Graf Spee, which is ordered to leave port before 5 p. m. Sunday night, or be interned for the rest of the war, the United Press was informed the commander of the German ship has been assured aid is on the way.  
It was not clear where Germans expect to get reinforcements. Nazi submarines and the pocket battleships Admiral Scheer and Deutschland are ranging the seas, however.  
It was reported Germany would attempt to transfer ownership of the Graf Spee to Italy.  
Oil and other supplies for the Graf Spee were put aboard today. Sailors repaired the shell holes made by fire from three British cruisers Wednesday.

*RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16.—*The British battleship Renown, 32,000 tons, armed with six 15-inch guns, has requested permission to enter the harbor here. Three British destroyers stopped briefly at Recife, Brazil, before steaming south toward Uruguay.

*PARIS, Dec. 16.—*Naval circles said tonight the French battleship Dunkerque, 27,500 tons, was waiting for the Graf Spee of Montevideo.

*SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 16.—*The Chilean government today granted a British request that the German merchant ship Dusseldorf, 4,930 tons, captured by British warships Friday, be allowed to put into a Chilean port as a prize of war.

## Santa Claus Pays An Early Visit To The Governor

*By United Press*  
AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Santa Claus paid an early visit to the governor's mansion today, presenting cotton gifts to Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, Mrs. O'Daniel, Mollie, Pat, Mike, congressmen and other officials.  
Packages were wrapped in cotton fabric. Gifts ranged from a cotton mattress to a cotton apron.  
O'Daniel will extend Christmas greetings at the capitol next Thursday when state employees begin Christmas holidays.

## Elsie Knees Draw Better Than Santa

*By United Press*  
BARTLETT, Dec. 16.—Elsie Crabtree paraded her famous cribbed knees down both city streets in Bartlett today and took the town by storm.  
Bartlett has a population of 1873 but the fame of Elsie's knees caused the population to increase.  
Officially Elsie was just one attraction at the Santa Claus parade, a stunt thought up by merchants to boost Christmas trade. Miss Crabtree is the University of Nevada band majorette.

## Sea War Gains In Fury On Saturday

*By United Press*  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Allied-German war at sea gained fury today with mines, submarines, warships and fighting planes spreading destruction from the North Sea to the South Atlantic.  
In the past 48 hours nine merchant ships were sunk in British waters, all apparently in mine explosions. Three were British, the others neutral.

## Panama President Dies At Balboa

*By United Press*  
BALBOA, Panama, Dec. 16.—President Juan Arosemena died of a heart attack today at the home of a brother. He suffered a heart attack several weeks ago and was ordered to bed.

## 8th Jurors To Report Wednesday

An industrial accident case, styled G. S. Dunn vs. Traders and General Insurance company, has been set for trial Wednesday in 8th district court.  
The list of persons called to report in Judge Patterson's court for jury service are: W. M. Bryant, Pt. 1, Gorman; W. M. Bryant, Gorman; Walter Wyatt, Carbon; Lester Vaughan, Carbon; L. R. Herring, Ranger; J. C. Jordan, Rt. 1, Gorman; C. E. Bonner, Ranger.  
C. C. Gilbert, Carbon; J. E. McEney, Ranger; Truly Carter, Carbon; Tom Key, Dossidona; Price Craley, Ranger; C. G. Shults, Jr., Rising Star; C. C. Cook, Gorman; J. P. McCandless, Cisco; Macie Hyatt, Gorman; J. S. McDowell, Ranger; Frank Dean, Gorman; John C. Penn, Cisco.  
D. Lewis, Gorman; A. L. Stiles, Ranger; Howard Gilbert, Carbon; R. S. Balch, Ranger; Jack Anderson, Cisco; Rufus Bean, Carbon; Milton L. George, Ranger; Amos Akers, Gorman; Guy Parker, Eastland; W. M. Medford, Carbon; Carley Bobo, Ranger; J. N. Jordan, Carbon; Ernie Todd, Gorman; G. W. Dixon, Ranger; Blair H. Clark, Cisco; R. L. Williams, Gorman; J. F. Mosley, Olden.

## Defendant Winner In Eastland Suit

Judgment in favor of the defendant was rendered Friday by 88th district court in the case of City of Ranger vs. A. K. Wier, land title, bank and trust company was intervenor. The case involved collection of paving licenses issued by the City of Ranger in 1928.

## Christmas Carols Through the Ages



**WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS**  
"While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around . . ."  
No Christmas is complete without the story and picture of shepherds tending their flocks as the Star of Bethlehem shines brightly overhead. Inspired in the late 17th century by such a tableau, Nahum Tate, friend of the poet Dryden, wrote the words to this widely sung English hymn-carol.  
**6 Shopping Days Till Christmas**

## FOLK FESTIVAL HELD BY CLUB DRAWS CROWD

The Eastland American Legion clubhouse was a scene of beauty and color Friday evening as the Civic League and Garden club staged its annual Folk Festival in its drive for funds for the needy in Eastland.  
The program opened with the grand march led by Pete Cullen, master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Earl Conner Sr., general chairman. Following were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen as Martha and George Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conner Jr., as Scarlet O'Hara and Rhett Butler, and a hundred more ranging from "Kilties" to the bundle and willow plumes. The march was followed by an old-fashioned waltz.  
Greetings were extended by mayor C. W. Hoffmann, followed by the floor show which consisted of a specialty dance by "Hill Bill Lily" from the studio of Nona Evans, dancing instructor; a "mellodramatic" skit directed by Miss Virginia Weaver, a scottish dance directed by Mrs. Jack Urban of Ranger; and the Barber Shop Quartet with their handkerchief moustaches and attired in the typical dress of that day. They sang their own version of "I had a dream" which was a feature of the evening.  
Mrs. Earl Conner Jr. was awarded first prize for her costume, Scarlet O'Hara, and Joe Stephen claimed first men's costume honors as "George Washington."  
The committee in charge of the Charity Benefit was composed of Mrs. Earl Conner Sr., general chairman, Mrs. Fred Maxey, Mrs. C. W. Hoffmann, Mrs. T. P. Johnson, Mrs. H. Pullman, Mrs. R. L. Davenport, Mrs. Joe Stephen and the president of the League, Mrs. E. E. Layton.  
All the proceeds from the festival will be used in the Christmas Cheer Fund to buy clothing, food and toys for the needy.

## Escaped Killer Is Held In Douglas On Texas Orders

*By United Press*  
DOUGLAS, Dec. 16.—Texas authorities today placed a hold order on Robert Lacey Cash, escaped killer from the Huntsville prison, who now is in jail here on a forger charge.  
Cash told the sheriff he was not sure if he would waive extradition.  
Besides being wanted in Texas, the sheriff said Cash was sought in connection with a \$400 robbery of an Amarillo store a week ago. Cash had \$350 when arrested.

## Accidents Take A Heavy Toll In State of Texas

*By United Press*  
AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—November's traffic fatalities totaled 163, state police reported today. The deaths were 19 per cent higher than in November, 1938.  
The 11-month total for 1939 was 1388.  
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 16.—Herbert Krebs, president of the Port Arthur Insurance Exchange, was unconscious today from head injuries suffered in an automobile collision.  
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 16.—Justice of the Peace L. W. McQuire ruled today that Robert Stansbury, 26, dairy employe, shot himself to death accidentally with a small rifle while climbing through a fence.  
ATHENS, Dec. 16.—John Eastwood, 59, prominent land owner, was killed today when his automobile crashed into a parked WPA truck. Several WPA workers were injured.  
DALLAS, Dec. 16.—John Lloyd Wineinger, Jr., 21, was killed instantly today when his bicycle collided with an automobile.  
AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Funeral arrangements were pending here today for David Knapp, 50, a farmer, who was stabbed to death Friday night.  
Furniture Needed For The Recreation Center Of Ranger  
The New Era Club drive to help supply the new community recreation center with magazines, books and furniture is progressing nicely, it was announced Saturday, though furniture is still needed.  
Several hundred magazines have been donated by the club membership and several people have promised to give books.  
No furniture has been offered and the center is in need of some. Any person having furniture they could give or loan to the center can contact Mmes. Vernon Deffenbacher, L. R. Herring, L. B. Cherry, W. H. Clarke, C. W. Blacklock or Bill Tipton.  
"We feel that the Recreation Center will be a very worth while place for all the people of Ranger," club officials stated Saturday. "We want everyone to help make it so. Any help given will be greatly appreciated."

## Radiation Rays Attack Cancer A Scientist Claims

*By United Press*  
BERKELEY, Cal.—The most powerful forces known to science are undergoing experiments in the radiation laboratory of the University of California in an effort to find a cure for cancer.  
Their findings are being reported to and checked by Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, director of the laboratory, recent Nobel prize winner, and inventor of the cyclotron, which through the breaking of atoms releases a degree of energy that proves them to be the most powerful forces in the world.  
To date, cancer treatment has met with its greatest success in the use of radium and X-rays.  
Experiments, however, have demonstrated that the neutron ray, which is formed when Lawrence's cyclotron breaks up an atom and releases an energy hitherto undreamed of, constitutes the most powerful radiation ray known.  
The experiments being made are to determine the full effect of these neutron rays not only on human cells but on cells from vegetable life as well.  
The life cells used for the experiments are ones that are taken from the human body and then developed in an artificial media.  
A cell-by-cell examination of the effects of the neutron ray on both normal and malignant human tissue is being made and it is hoped to demonstrate the precise effect which the rays have on cancerous growths.  
It has been found necessary as a result, the university has announced, to study in the most detailed manner possible the reactions of the neutron ray on both types of cells so that this new therapeutic force may be developed to the best possible advantage.  
It is explained that the cells still are in an active stage and are being grown in an artificial media outside the human body.  
Simultaneous experiments on the action of the neutron ray on vegetable cells are being conducted in an effort to round out the entire picture of neutron and X-ray radiation on cellular growth.  
The most powerful X-rays attainable have been established in the laboratory so that comparison in both types of radiation may be made.

## Children Warned Not To Shoot Fireworks In Business Section

Chief of Police Guy Pledger Saturday warned the young people of Ranger of the danger of shooting fireworks in the business section of the town, and urged their cooperation in keeping down the practice this year as much as possible.  
"We want the children to have as much fun as possible," the chief of police said, "but it is extremely dangerous to shoot fireworks in the business section."  
He pointed out a number of things that might happen, including automobile accidents caused when the driver became startled, injury to people who might be standing near where the fireworks were shot or even serious injury to elderly people or young children.

## Finns Are Needing Ammunition Badly

*By United Press*  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Henry McGrady Bell, former British diplomat, returned from Helsinki today, saying "Finland needs bombing and fighting planes and munitions."  
"Help must come very quickly," Bell said.

## Insurance Case Set for Monday

*By United Press*  
Case of J. H. Hardy vs. the Casualty Underwriters, a suit involving a protest of an award of the Industrial Accident Board, has been set for trial Monday in 91st district court.  
The case is the consolidation of two cases. The company also did not agree with the award of the board.  
The list of persons summoned to report for selection of jurors is as follows:  
E. L. Jackson, Cisco; L. E. Gauley, Tador; R. C. Eaves, Gorman; J. M. Lambright, Douthan; J. G. Medford, Oklahoma Key, Cisco; W. W. Ezzell, Nimrod; Reed Young, Cisco; D. M. Cooper, Ranger; R. C. Chapman, Rt. 4, Cisco; J. H. Mixon, Ranger; J. T. Poe, Carbon; G. F. Nunley, Gorman; L. R. Edwards, Okra; H. H. Monk, Cisco; T. C. Laster, Gorman; D. T. Martin, Carbon; E. H. Mills, Ranger; John R. Finton, Ranger; B. O. Speegle, Scranton.  
J. B. Elder, Cisco W. A. Lewis, Ranger; Harvey Thurman, Cisco; C. E. Bell, Ranger; Ellis Cooper, Ranger; Lane Gilmore, Cisco; E. F. Fenley, Cisco; R. Holloway, Carbon; S. O. Montgomery, Ranger; Ray Agnew, Rising Star; C. T. Underwood, Gorman; T. E. Pope, Eastland; J. E. Stansell, Nimrod; Aaron Bell, Ranger; Ray Campbell, Eastland; John Kirk, Gorman; Carl Hill, Route 1, Ranger; W. J. Davis, Ranger; J. E. Reese, Carbon; F. W. Roberts, Rising Star.

## T. & P. IS COMPLETING CASSER IN STRAWN FOR ESTIMATED 3,000,000

The Texas and Pacific Oil company this week-end was completing No. 5 Byrd, in the northwest edge of the Strawn townsite, for an estimated 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. Total depth of the well was 3,938 feet.  
Outside of the Palo Pinto well, activity was more or less light for the area.  
Reports on wells in the area included:  
Eastland County  
Hickok Producing and Developing company was testing by pumping No. 5 Grover Cleveland, seven miles northwest of Cisco, at a depth of 3,876 feet. It is in section 477, SPRR survey.  
Five miles northwest of Cisco, Hugh Ewell abandoned No. 1 Farmer, section 565, SPRR survey, at a depth of 750 feet.  
In the northwestern part of the county, J. O. Fox and associates No. 1 R. B. Weddington "H" lease, section 2054, TEAL survey, at 3,580 feet was drilling.  
T. S. Holder and others No. 1 J. F. Nichols, S. H. Hines survey, two miles southwest of Pioneer, was drilling at 2,850 feet.  
Stephens County  
Horwitz and Odum No. 1 T. J. Hawley, J. T. Thomas survey, west of Crystal Falls, still awaiting potential production test. It had drilled 32 feet of lime to a total depth of 3,582 feet.  
George Faye was casing at 2,944 feet on No. 1 Richardson survey, section 5, block 37, SPRR survey, seven miles north of Caddo. Spray of oil from the well had been reported.  
Stedman Petrol company was shut down at 1,900 feet on No. 1 Powers, George York survey, about a mile north of Horwitz and Odum production.  
Operators were drilling at 400 feet on the Pitzer and West and Bryson No. 1 N. G. Price and others, section 67, BAL survey, southwest section of Stephens county.  
C. J. West No. 1 Pierce, block 74, in the Breckenridge townsite, was attempting to run five inch around 3,890 feet.

## Eastland W. P. A. Officials At Meet

Several area WPA officials of Eastland attended a district meeting of the WPA Saturday in Fort Worth.  
Those who attended were Floyd Gilbert, area timekeeper supervisor R. Towner, Dickson, area engineer, and Zenith Smith and Mrs. Gwen Padgett, social workers.  
The American Petroleum Institute announced Saturday that daily average crude oil production for the week ended Dec. 9 in West Central Texas was 35,150 barrels, which was 8,540 barrels more than the preceding week.  
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*By United Press*  
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## 300 Present At Four-H Program

Three hundred boys and girls attended the annual 4-H achievement day program Saturday at the high school auditorium in Eastland.  
Congressman Clyde L. Garrett presented 4-H pins to the youths and congratulated them on their success in 4-H work.  
Also on the program were J. W. Potts, assistant state extension service boys' agent; Onah Jacks, state girls' club agent; Ruth Ramsey and Elmo V. Cook, county agents, and A. C. Pratt and Margaret Blount, assistant county agents.

## Two Year Old Boy Burns Up Home And Baby Sister

*By United Press*  
SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 16.—A two year old boy started a fire which took his life and that of his baby sister, destroyed their home and left his mother in critical condition today.  
The mother, Mrs. Clara Belle Wiles, 24, was in the yard of their home when James spilled gasoline on the floor and drew a poker from the stove to spread it around.

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## Hijacking Report Called Fabrication

Police Chief Purdie of Cisco stated Saturday that a report of a hijacking Friday night of a service station in Cisco was the fabrication of a "goofy boy."  
"His imagination just ran away from him," stated the chief. "He phoned from the Humble station on Eighth Avenue and A street and said that the station had been robbed."  
The Chief said that the boy had just dropped in and decided to "fool the officers."

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## 'Such Men Are Dangerous

Somewhere in Poland, if recent reports are authentic, the bodies and spirits of 160 members of the University of Cracow are being despoiled in Nazi concentration camps. It was necessary for storm troopers to remove these educators as quickly and with as little fuss as possible to make room for Herr Hitler's private brand of civilization and culture.

Two eminent Polish authorities—Prof. Casimir Kostanocki, anthropologist, and Professor Zoll, international law expert—are believed to be among those interned, despite their advanced years.

Once the University of Cracow was a mecca for scholars. Now it is closed. So are all the universities in Czechoslovakia. Education is a dangerous thing in Nazi-dominated territories today because it is forever trying to get at the truth.

Culture has taken a terrific beating in Central Europe. If it is not dead, it is at least in a deep coma. The scientists, writers, artists, great teachers, who once drew students from all parts of the world to study at their doorsteps, have been scattered to the four winds.

Mathematician Albert Einstein was among the first to flee his native Germany in 1933, not long after Hitler's ascent to power. With what little of his belongings he could carry, he took up residence in the United States and is now studying quietly, teaching a few classes, at Princeton University.

Sigmund Freud, 83-year-old psychologist, was driven from Vienna in March, 1938, when the Nazis moved in. The psychologist lived peacefully in London until his death a few months ago. Thomas Mann, winner of the 1929 Nobel prize for literature, came to the United States in April of 1937 after he could no longer bear the cultural strangulation of Nazism. He is in the foreground today as a leader of the underground anti-Nazi movement.

Carl von Ossietzky was not as lucky. He barely lived through a term in a German concentration camp for his violent anti-militarist writings. He died in May, 1938, in Germany. Awarding of the 1935 Nobel peace prize to Von Ossietzky late in 1936 infuriated the Nazi government, was responsible for Hitler's edict banning acceptance of any Nobel prize by Germans.

It is not an easy thing to banish culture with troops and edicts. You can stir up the dust, but it will settle again. The dust of Central Europe's culture is in suspension now, but it will not always remain so. Some day the air will clear, and the pilgrims of culture will start trekking back to their old haunts. Herr Hitler won't be around to stop them then.

With both fairs closing and Congress talking about quitting again, Americans may have to resort to reading books for their entertainment.

## WAR MARTYR

**HORIZONTAL**

1 Pictured martyred World War nurse.

10 To wander about.

11 Carpet.

12 Tennis stroke.

13 Single things.

15 Finger.

17 To profit.

19 To bow.

21 Wagering.

23 Female sheep.

25 Sooner than.

26 Form of "I."

28 Hawaiian bird.

29 Tree bearing acorns.

31 This staid or nurse was accused of helping soldiers escape.

34 Grain.

36 Fish.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

16 To leave.

18 Halo.

20 Pertaining to a geode.

21 She served in.

22 To require.

24 Custom.

27 Permeates.

29 Alleged forger.

30 She was by a firing squad.

32 English coins.

33 Epical events.

35 Kneapan.

38 Heathens.

40 Animal trainer.

41 To wash lightly.

42 To gaze fixedly.

44 Semi-diameters.

46 Writes.

47 Solar disc.

50 Halfpenny.

51 Ovum.

54 Volume.

56 Dye.

**VERTICAL**

1 Self.

2 Peril.

3 Conceives.

4 Hour.

5 Quid of tobacco.

6 Growing old.

7 To ignore.

8 Building site.

9 Pound.

14 To perch.

57 To drink up.

58 She was by birth.

39 Particles.

41 Russian.

43 Sea skeleton.

45 Octave of a feast.

46 Mourning virgin.

48 Prudent.

49 Silent.

50 Felt through the senses.

53 Father.

53 Citric fruits.

53 To recover.

**MODERN ROYALTY**

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

20 Circle making instrument.

21 Political party in his kingdom.

22 Grieved.

23 The Alps separate his land from France.

27 Sailor.

30 Thin transparent fabric.

32 That may be framed.

34 Debatable.

38 Urn.

40 Residue from pressed grapes.

43 Lawyer's charges.

44 Hour.

45 Auditory.

48 Nomarchy.

49 Cavity.

51 Unit.

54 Italian river.

55 Electric term.

56 South Carolina.

57 Verb ending.

43 Neuter pronoun.

49 Fly.

50 Also.

52 To exist.

53 Each.

56 Plum cake.

58 Ship's sailing measures.

59 He his father as king in 1900.

**VERTICAL**

1 Go on (music).

18 Digestive substance.

9 Like.

10 To combine.

11 Roof edge.

12 Pound.

13 Associates at mess.

18 Digestive substance.

2 Unoccupied.

3 Simpletons.

4 Sound of surprise.

5 Scepter.

6 Silkworm.

7 Spar.

8 Mitten.

9 Like.

10 To combine.

11 Roof edge.

12 Pound.

13 Associates at mess.

18 Digestive substance.

## City of Ranger Buys A Building In Heart of Town

Mayor Hall Walker announced Saturday that a deal by the city had been completed, whereby the City of Ranger acquired ownership of the old Elks building on Main Street.

Mayor Walker stated that no down payment was made, and that monthly payments were small, without interest, and that the contract and deed calls for cancellation of the remaining notes at any time the city does not need the property.

At the same time Mayor Walker announced that arrangements were being made to move the NYA wood shop out of the Masonic Building, which was borrowed more than a year ago in order that the program could be started here on time. At the time it was expected the building would be used but three or four months, Mayor Walker stated.

It is expected that moving the woodshop would begin immediately after the Christmas holidays, so that the Masonic building can be vacated by the first of the year.

In commenting on vacating the Masonic building, Mayor Walker said that the Masons had been very kind and considerate in letting the city and the NYA shop keep the building so long, without rent, and that he appreciated their attitude and cooperation very much. With purchase of the Elks building it is believed that the building can be used by some of the city departments, and room made available elsewhere for the NYA shop.

It is expected that final arrangements may be made at the meeting of the city commission next Tuesday.

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## Bonds Are Posted By Two Persons

E. W. (Tag) Underwood, deputy sheriff, reported Saturday the post of bonds by two persons.

E. T. Grant, charged with alleged theft of huge, posted bond of \$750. The bond was an appearance bond.

Tony Johnson, charged with alleged auto theft, posted bail bond in the same amount. The case in which Johnson is charged was transferred to Eastland county from Ward county.

## Colored Citizens Put On A Program Here Friday Night

A benefit program for the night class of Slaughter School, colored, was held Friday night, with the NYA Ramblers furnishing the music.

The program was presented by the colored citizens. Santa Claus was present and distributed candy and fruits. The night class extended their thanks to a number of local stores who helped make the benefit program a success by making donations.

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1938 FORD Coupe	\$375	1935 FORD Coupe	\$230
1938 Chevrolet Coupe	\$385	1937 Del. FORD Coupe	\$335
1934 Chevrolet Coach	\$185		

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# Society Notes

## W.C.S. and Martha Dorcas Class to Entertain Ladies at Methodist Church

The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Martha Dorcas Class of the First Methodist Church will entertain Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church with an old-fashioned Christmas party for the women of the church. A program has been arranged and gifts will be exchanged.

All women of the church are invited to attend and each is requested to bring a gift, cost of which shall not exceed 25 cents.

## Epworth League Entertains with Christmas Party

The Epworth League of the First Methodist Church entertained Friday evening at 7:30 at the church with a Christmas party. The lower assembly room of the church was attractively decorated with a tree, and a lighted Christmas tree, laden with gifts, stood in the center of the room.

After the guests assembled the group went Christmas caroling and returned to the church to enjoy table games. Following the games gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

## Ranger Youths Initiated to Agronomy Society

Engage Kribbs and Bill Mitchell, Ranger youths at A. & M. college, were both initiated into the American Society of Agronomy, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Some of the functions of this agronomy society are sponsoring the annual cotton style show, pageant and ball, the proceeds of which funds three students on a foreign tour, and fosters the spirit of friendliness and cooperation among students in agronomy and related fields.

## Epworth Star to Meet

The Epworth Star chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic hall for the regular meeting and Christmas party.

All members are cordially invited to attend and each is requested to bring a gift, the cost of which is not to exceed 15 cents.

## Country Club to Give New Years Luncheon

Officers of the Ranger Country Club announced Saturday that the club will entertain with a New Year dinner, Saturday evening, Dec. 30.

Special favors, fun makers and refreshments have been planned and everyone is invited.

## Dorcas Class Entertained in the Home of Mrs. Rawls

The Dorcas Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Rawls Thursday evening for a Christmas party.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas lights and the tree is laden with gifts for each member present.

After an evening of entertainment and fun, Mrs. Rawls and Mrs. Langston served refreshments to the following: Meses, Belle Langston, Ida Barten, Dolly Taylor, Ida Dahl, Cecel Adams, Bessie Tankersley, Fannie Kimbrough, Maud Falls, Cora Arrendale, Ruby Jones, Fern Long, Irene Gray, Mabel Williams, Lon Stewart, Irene Mitchell, Nora Thompson, Ethel Wilkerson, Bessie Judy, Pearl Parrish, Annie McGowan, Linnie McKelvin, Alta Murray, Sadie Rawls.

## Former Ranger Resident Married in Graham

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ross announce the marriage of their daughter, Norma Jean, to Mr. Ralph Bernard of Graham.

The ceremony was read Tuesday evening in the presence of a few friends, and the young couple will make their home in Graham.

## Fidelis Matron's Class To Entertain

The Fidelis Matron's Class of the First Baptist Church will entertain with a Christmas party Monday evening at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Alec Robinson. Mrs. E. V. Ingram will assist the hostess.

All members and associate members are invited to attend.

### SERIAL STORY

## SANTA CLAUS BROWN

BY MILDRED GILMAN  
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YESTERDAY: It is Christmas Eve, Jim Carter works late shoveling snow, hoping to earn enough to buy gifts for his children. At Donaldson's big store Santa Claus Brown gathers the children about him. Betty Carter is unhappy when her playmates taunt her for believing in Santa. She asks her teacher, Alice Banks, "is there really a Santa Claus?"

### CHAPTER II

THEY walked along the main street together, in silence for a moment. Glittering window decorations and street lights sent gleaming shafts through the darkness. The soft strains of a familiar Christmas carol came from one of the stores. Thoughtfully, Alice Banks weighed her answer to the child's all-important question.

"Betty, the Christmas spirit is almost as old as the world," she began. "It goes back almost to the time of Christ, when a good St. Nicholas helped the poor and gave generously to people who needed help. Maybe there wasn't a real saint, but so many people believed in him so hard that he had to be real."

"Ohhh!" Betty's eyes brightened. "Did he go all over the world?" Miss Banks nodded.

"And did he have a red suit then, and white whiskers and a round tummy, like Santa Claus Brown?" the child continued excitedly.

"No," said Miss Banks, "he really didn't have those things—or at least we didn't know about them—until a man right here in America wrote a poem about Santa for his own little children. That man was Clement Clarke Moore."

and he wrote the poem we all say every Christmas—'Twas the night before Christmas . . ."

"When all through the house, not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse. . . ."

"Hello there, Betty. Why so late coming home from school?" Betty said excitedly. "We had a tree in make believe Santa Claus in everything. Come on, Daddy," she begged, reaching to take his hand. "Let's go home together. Your hand's cold. You've shoveled enough snow."

Jim Carter shook his head, tried to look stern.

"Run along, darling, tell mother not to wait dinner. I'll be home as soon as I can. Betty's up now. Mother will be worrying."

She left him reluctantly and he resumed his shoveling.

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THE houses grew less impressive as she traveled down Park avenue toward the shabby end of the street. Only one house lay beyond the Carters' home, a grand, square old boarding house that put an abrupt termination to the meandering street.

Betty rushed into her home, straight to the arms of her mother. There was the smell of freshly baked cookies in the air, a warmth and hominess that belied the shabby furniture and worn rug. A fire crackled in the little fireplace.

"Cookie! Christmas cookies! Gingerbread men—for Christmas!" Betty sang out, hugging her mother. "Oh, I'm so happy, Mother. I'm almost bursting, I'm so happy."

"You're late, dear," Mrs. Carter said. "The school play must have been over long ago. I wanted to come, but I couldn't get away. Daddy—"

Betty's happiness faded suddenly. Mrs. Carter hugged the child close to her as if to protect her from disillusionment. She spoke tensely.

"I wish everything could always happen right for you—Betty. You're so little, and you believe so—hard."



Illustrated by Harry Grisinger

Mrs. Carter hugged the child to her. "I wish everything could always happen right for you. You're so little and you believe so—hard."

"I know," she nodded. "Daddy's shoveling snow, and shoveling. I saw him a few minutes ago. He just won't stop, Mother, and he's

all dark pine trees covered with snow, at the brightly lighted windows of the Donaldson home, each decorated with a wreath and can-

awful tired. Mother," she asked suddenly, "why does Daddy shovel snow, when he's a lectrical engineer, not a snow shoveler at all?"

"Somebody has to clear off the streets for us," Mrs. Carter tried to speak cheerfully. "Take off your wet shoes, Betty. I have to keep an eye on the stove, or the Christmas cookies will be burned to a crisp."

BETTY sat down on a stool and tugged at her wet shoes. "But remember what you promised, Mother—remember. If I'm good and help and get ready for bed extra early, you'll read 'The Night Before Christmas' to Joe and Pete and me—just before we go to bed—"

She stopped, breathless with excitement.

"And what, dear?" asked her mother, taking a tray of cookies from the oven.

"Just before the real Santa Claus comes," Betty finished triumphantly.

Mrs. Carter stood still in the middle of the kitchen floor looking hopeless and unhappy as her beaming, bright-eyed little daughter smiled up at her confidently.

It was cruel, thought Mrs. Carter, to let the child go on expecting all the things she obviously wasn't going to get, but—

She set the cookies down on the table and answered:

"All right, dear, you be good and help, and I'll read 'The Night Before Christmas'—only—only—"

"What is it, Mother?" asked Betty, jumping up and running to her.

Mrs. Carter hugged the child close to her as if to protect her from disillusionment. She spoke tensely.

"I wish everything could always happen right for you—Betty. You're so little, and you believe so—hard."

She turned quickly away, so that the child could not see the tears in her eyes.

(To Be Continued)

### Methodist Choir to Present Christmas Cantata This Evening

The choir of the First Methodist Church will present the cantata, "The Cradle of Bethlehem," this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Special decorations have been arranged and the public is invited to attend.



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Recit. for tenor: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," Arthur Deffenbach.

Chorus: "Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God," Duet, "The Zeal of The Lord of Hosts," Francine Hatley and Lillian Ruth Carter.

Chorus, "Of The Increase of His Government,"

Recit. for soprano: "And When Jesus Was Born," Max Williams.

Men's Trio and Chorus, "We Three Kings of Orient," Gaston Dixon and Mr. Clark.

Soprano solo: "There a Song in the Air," Mrs. I. N. Griffin.

Carol for Chorus: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Offering.

Recit. for Tenor: "And There Were In the Country," Gaston Dixon.

Soprano Solo: "Fear Not, For Behold," Mildred Balch.

Chorus for Women: "Glory to God In the Highest."

Tenor Solo: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Arthur Deffenbach.

Finale, Chorus: "Break Forth Into Joy."

### Mrs. B. S. Lemma Hostess

The Gleamers Class of the First Baptist Church met Friday evening in the home of Mrs. B. S. Lemma for a short business meeting and Christmas party. Miss Ann McEver acted as president in the absence of the president, Mrs. Nath Deaton, who is ill. Following the business meeting, games were enjoyed by the group. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the class presented the teacher with a lovely satin robe.

The hostess served refreshments consisting of combination sandwiches, date nut cookies, candy favors, and coffee, using the Christmas color theme of red and green.

Those enjoying the social were: Miss Ann McEver, Meses, Roy Baskin, G. W. Warden, Sig Faircloth, Roy Payne, Herman Kelley, R. L. Crafton, Onis Littlefield, Alvin Baker, Frank Haynie, E. R. Anderson, Ruth Musick, W. H.

Gay, Chas. Bell, H. B. Grace, E. Hise, W. H. Dean, E. F. Pennington, T. Tally, Jr., A. N. Bradford, E. H. Jenkins, A. L. Stiles, B. S. Lemma, Jno. Tibbles at Carl Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swoveland were Dallas visitors Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Matthews of Monahan are visiting in Ranger.

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### Engagement of Miss Mavis Murray and F. J. Smith Is Announced At A Party For The Couple, Given at Austin

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Mavis Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Murray of Ranger, and F. J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith of Corpus Christi, was made Thursday evening at a party in Austin. Both people are students in the city and the wedding will be at St. Austin's Chapel on Thursday morning, Dec. 21.

Miss Murray is a senior in the University from Ranger. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, attended Hockaday Junior College, and will receive a bachelor's degree in August. She was a Bluebonnet Belle nominee in 1938 and 1939 and a member of the University Press Club, serving one year as secretary.

Smith will receive his law degree in February. He was graduated from the School of Business Administration in 1936 and is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, honorary business administration fraternity.

Well Complimented Bobby Powell, a recent graduate, was complimented Friday when Mrs. Price Crawford, Miss Nelma Robinson and a morning coffee party in the home of Mrs. Branton. Calling hours were from 11 o'clock to 12 o'clock.

Woodman Circle Holds Regular Meeting Members of Julia Alexander Grove No. 1954 Woodman Circle met Wednesday afternoon at the I. O. O. F. hall, with Edna Earl presiding over the regular business meeting.

Girls' 4-H Club Entertained The Ranger Girls' 4-H Club was entertained with a Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 14, at the home of Lillian and Nelda Bishop.

Christmas Banquet Is Given at Church Friday night at 7:30 the primary department of the Sunday School held its annual Christmas banquet in the banquet hall of the First Baptist Church.

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carried out the Christmas scheme. James Varner was toastmaster, assisted by Mrs. E. N. Varner. Mrs. Varner announced the program as follows: Soft Christmas, was rendered by Miss Ruth Hazard, Frances Lee Bankston and little Miss Bond. The primary children depicted the Christ story, using the angel garments and shepherd's robes. Mrs. T. J. Anderson brought a message to the children on the "Christ Child." A solo by Miss Frances Lee Bankston was rendered. The "Spirit of Christmas" was delivered by Mrs. C. L. Jackson. A duet, "Valse Realistic," by Miss Hazard and Miss Bankston. Rev. Chas. T. Tally, Jr., brought a message on "Life." Dr. C. L. Jackson closed with prayer.

Young School to Present Mrs. Hagaman in Book Review The Young School P-T. A. will present Mrs. Leslie Hagaman in a book review, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. Mrs. Hagaman will review Edna Ferber's "A Peculiar Treasure," and everyone is invited to attend. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Hanrick's choral club.

Young Business Women's Class Entertained The Young Business Women's Class of the First Baptist Church entertained Friday evening with a social in the home of Miss Mona Robinson. A color scheme of red and green was used in decorating the home and the tree from which gifts were distributed. Refreshments were served to the following: Misses Eunice Preslar, Dorothy Neville, Ora Mae McGee, Odell Jay, Thelma Acuff, Olita Pounds, Claude Fay Acudue, Meta Mae Woods, Mildred White, Dorothy Bush, Cuba Crabb, Velma Brown.

Bank Officials Serve 150 Years By United Press GIRARD, Pa.—C. F. Webster and W. C. Kibler, of this quiet town in Erie county, probably are the two oldest active bankers in the United States.

Between them, Webster and Kibler, cashier and teller, respectively, of the R. S. Battles private bank, have spent 150 years in the Girard bank. Webster passed his 93rd birthday this month. Kibler is 86. Both are still active in the affairs of the bank. The Battles bank has operated through panics and depressions since its establishment in 1859. It was one of the few banks in the country that did not obey the summons of President Roosevelt in 1933, when the Chief Executive issued his famous "bank holiday" order.

According to reports of the bank's activity at the time, the Battles house received a wire from Washington saying it would have to conform to the closing order.

Refreshments were served to the following members from Ranger, Mingo, Cisco, and Desdemona: Misses J. R. McLaughlin, Sr., J. R. McLaughlin, Jr., B. E. Rigby, G. C. McGowan, G. L. Bowen, W. F. Haynie, R. J. Stephenson, J. G. Black, C. B. Clemmer, A. A. Simmons, F. S. Bellinski, E. V. Ingram, H. E. Angus, W. R. Thomas, H. E. Bundick, J. L. Richardson, B. F. Weekes, W. M. Obel, G. J. Rex, W. L. Seymour, W. J. Coffin, A. E. Lyons, M. Wilson, A. H. Allison, Ted Rogers.

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order whether it was a private bank or not. The following reply is said to have been sent: "We're minding our business. You do the same." Kibler believes the bank holiday was one of the hardest financial blows ever struck in this country. It caught the banks at their lowest ebb, he said, and many of them, since closed, would have been able to pay in full had they been left alone. Venezuelan baseball umpires are gentlemen, reports an American baseball manager after a tour. So are Americans, if you happen to be on the right side.

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# Society Personal

Mrs. O. G. Lanier has as her guest for the holidays her father, W. L. Mason of Guthrie, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ingram have had as their guest, Mrs. C. C. Ingram of Houston.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport and Mrs. C. C. Cross were in Mingus Friday visiting Mrs. Davenport's mother, Mrs. Stewart.

Miss Mavis Murray and Mr. Farrell Smith of Austin are guests of Mrs. Bianche Murray.

Mrs. Howard Collie of Odessa is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Martin.

## The Child and the Kingdom

Text: Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15

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

CHRISTMAS is the festival of the world's Redeemer. But it is also the festival of the Child. What is there about this story of the first Christmas that makes it, and keeps it, ever new, although it is the most often repeated story that the world has known? Its chief interest is because of the man, Christ Jesus, whose birth it celebrates. Among all those born of women He has been the incarnation of supreme goodness, the man whose perfect devotion to God, the Father, and whose unselfishness and love of His fellowmen revealed Him as the Divine Being in whom we see the incarnation of God.

The world has not always had at every time and in every place the sense of sacredness of life that is so much an essential part of the religion of Jew and Christian. Even in an enlightened non-Christian world, the exposure of infants was common, and the conception of a love life between man and woman who overclouded with the subjection of woman and the disregard of mother instinct and mother love. Even in a modern time Napoleon could describe as the ideal woman "the one who had the most sons," with the interest of a soldier in boys for his battlefields and with a ruthless disregard of either the pangs of motherhood or the love of mothers for their children.

The sentiment and interest that attaches to the birth and childhood of every great man has peculiar significance in relation to Jesus of Nazareth, and this alone would always keep the story of Bethlehem fresh and new.

THE so-called Christian world has fallen deeply enough into the abyss of similar paganism, but not deep enough to blot out or destroy the finer feelings that relate to love and home. Even rough men have tenderness for little children, and the tiny fingers of a babe have often been firmly clasped around lives otherwise evil and sordid.

BUT there is another reason which, even though it be a minor one, would be sufficient also to keep this story ever new. It is the story of the festival of the Child. It glorifies motherhood and babyhood, and for this reason, if for no other, it would have interest with every succeeding generation of mothers and children. It touches the life of home and family at its tenderest and most sacred place. It reaches into all the innermost places of romance and love and devotion, and it enriches all these with a sanctity and divinity that is even greater than that which these things inherently have in human life.

The birth of the Babe of Bethlehem is not unrelated to the after life of the Man of Nazareth, who came into the world that He might give it to them more abundantly. If we could bring this story of Bethlehem more vitally to bear upon the world of men and women who are most responsive as they cherish their children, we could do a great deal to make more effective the gospel of redemption and the appeal of the Master to men to live lives of holiness, honesty, and love.

Miss Opal Young who recently underwent an operation at the West Texas hospital, is improving rapidly.

A Michigan convict builds model airplanes which fly. Authorities discourage construction of real planes.



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Preaching service 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:00 p. m.

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Rev. George W. Fender of Arlington will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Every member is needed at each service. Visitors are welcome.

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Rev. A. G. Pool, Pastor  
Sister Hudson will preach both the morning and evening services. Come hear the old time gospel preached.  
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A group of outstanding pre-Christmas Services are in store for those who attend the First Methodist Church today.  
The Church School will begin at 9:45 with the various classes and departments making preparation for their own particular Christmas observance.  
The Morning Service will begin at 11:00 o'clock, with the choir singing the beautiful anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," with Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Allison taking the solo parts. Rev. Roy A. Langston, the district superintendent, will bring the morning sermon.  
The Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues will meet at 6:30.  
At 7:30, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Donald Minnich, will present their annual Christmas Cantata. This year they are presenting "The Cradle of Bethlehem." Preceding the Cantata, a series of Christmas Carols will be rendered by a Violin Trio, composed of Messrs Jack Pearsall, Charles Osteen and Billie Ross Hodges. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Liquor Often Stops Suicide Attempts

By United Press  
BOSTON—Persons who attempt suicide while drunk don't have as much success as those who try to take their own lives while sober.  
Dr. Merrill Moore, a psychiatrist, reports that at one hospital only 5 per cent of alcoholic would-be suicides died. During the same period 11 per cent of the persons attempting suicide while sober were successful.



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