



Bureaucrat: "If we can't figure out a way to spend that two hundred and twenty million dollars, we lose our jobs."

Secretary: "How about a bridge over the Mississippi River—lengthwise?"

James Townsen, Junior Chamber proxy, told this reporter this a.m. that he'll announce his 1953 Jaycee committee next week. A meeting, he said, is scheduled for Monday night. There'll be plenty of talk at that session about the Junior Chamber's forthcoming Rodeo to be staged late in July. . . . If you haven't bought your new 1953 license plates yet—and most haven't—done so—we'd like to remind that they're on sale at the office of C. E. May in downtown Ranger at 21 Main Street. . . . Coach Sam Aills, Ranger High sage mentor, says interest is picking up in basketball in these parts. His Bulldogs now have many followers and a fairly large entourage is expected to follow Sam and his Maroon & Whites to Stephenville tonight. . . . On the same subject: There'll be a bang-up round-ball tonight here in Ranger at the Recreation Bldg. when the Ranger Junior College Rangers meet the Schreiner Institute Mountaineers in a Pioneer Conference contest. If you like good basketball, you'll like this game. . . . It now takes 6,300,000,000 "hog dogs" a year to appease the great American appetite. . . . Miss Rita Sanchez called us to say that she enjoyed a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hercules Sanchez and son, Tony, here over the weekend. Parents of the Ranger woman hail from Fort Worth and Papa Sanchez "cashed in" while here, winning the \$25 award at the weekly Trades Day drawing Saturday afternoon. . . .

A guy popped into our sanctum the other a.m. nattily attired in a brand new suit of clothes. We complimented him highly.

"The wool for this new suit was grown in Wyoming," he explained proudly. "The cloth was woven in Massachusetts. The thread came from England. The suit was made in Chicago and I bought it from Saule Perlestein in Ranger."

"So what?" we asked. "I don't see anything remarkable in that."

"But isn't it wonderful," continued our visitor, "that so many people can make a living out of something I haven't paid for yet?"

Gather round, men. You'll probably be interested in the following description of a woman, chemically speaking.

The chemist's analysis goes something like this:

Symbol—W.

Accepted Atomic Weight—120. Physical Properties—Boils at nothing and freezes at any minute; melts when properly treated and very bitter if not well used.

Occurrence—Found wherever man exists.

Chemical Properties—Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones; violent reaction of left alone; able to absorb great amount of food matter; turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen.

Uses—Highly ornamental, useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits and an equalizer of the distribution of wealth; is probably the most effective income reducing agent known.

Caution—Highly explosive in inexperienced hands!

Boss: "How is it that you are late to work this morning?"

Heavy: "I overslept."

Boss: "What? Do you sleep at home, too?"

Orchids to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for Mrs. Mae Carr, the very charming and courteous business agent of the Ranger exchange. We'd say that this veteran phone company employee is one of the best liked of the Ranger personnel. . . . Mrs. J. A. Bates of Ranger, chairman of the current 1953 March of Dimes drive, asks that all MOD collections be reported and turned in as soon as possible. "We'd like to know how we stand," Mrs. Bates said. "The Eastland County drive is far short of its quota—based on a per-capita giving goal of \$1 per person. A detailed church and club report will be published in Sunday's Times. . . . Attention, all of you gentlemen engaged in operating retail merchandising enterprises! Here are some figures you'll probably be interested in: . . ."

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14TH YEAR

RANGER, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1953

PRICE FIVE CENTS No. 182

Forecasters See Possibility Rain In Area Tonight

Optimistic weathermen, newspaper weather writers and radio forecasters were unanimous this morning in declarations that the Eastland County area may receive much-wanted rain late today or tonight.

The U. S. Weather Bureau forecast possible thundershowers in this section tonight, and also said there'd be "increasing southeast and south wind, ranging up to 30 miles per hour" today.

Friday morning reports also indicated that Eastland Countians may face a cooler-than-usual week end.

The weathermen said that this afternoon's high mercury reading would be around 70 degrees. But Saturday afternoon it'll be considerably cooler with the maximum temperature slated to be registered in the low 50s—perhaps 20 degrees under today's top.

Tonight, according to the Weather Bureau, the mercury will skid down into the low 40s.

The forecast for West Texas: Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday. A little cooler in the El Paso area Friday.

HEADS UP!
Here comes the New Rocket OSBORNE MOTOR COMPANY Eastland, Texas



CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY—Karen Carleton, of Lawrence, Kan., above, waited a long time for her Christmas party. The nine-year-old girl, who entered the hospital last October for treatment of a brain tumor, was promised that Santa would pay her a visit as soon as she was well enough. Sharing her belated Christmas is her hero, Kansas University's Charlie Hoag, who was in the same hospital for treatment of an injured knee.

10-AA Tourney Opens Tonight

Tonight's the night!

Coach Sam Aills' Ranger High Bulldogs, winners of the loop round robin, make their big bid for undisputed claim to the 1953 District 10-AA basketball championship when they begin play in the four-team circuit's two-day title tournament.

The Maroon & Whites go into action at 7:30 p.m. at Stephenville, site of the playoff heats, when they tangle with the Cisco High Lobes in the tourney's first round of boys' play. The Stephenville High Yellow Jackets and the Comanche High Indians tangle in the night's other top attraction at 9 p.m. Winners of the games tonight meet at the same spot Saturday night at 8:15 p.m. in the tournament championship battle.

The Comanche High Indians girls' quint, which breezed through earlier round robin competition, is favored to win the femme division. They meet a spirited band of Cisco Loboettes in the 10-AA girls' feature tonight at 6:15 p.m., preceding the Ranger-Cisco tussle.

The Stephenville girls' five, which drew a bye in the Friday round, will play the winner of the Comanche-Cisco contest in the femme finals tomorrow night at 7 p.m.



DR. JOHN E. WHITE
Popular Physician, Family Left Ranger Thursday

Golf Tourney Rates Are Set

Ranger's annual invitation Golf Tourney will be held at the Ranger Country Club course on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31, it was announced Thursday.

T. C. Wylie, president of the country club group, said that Charlie Joe Owen is general chairman of the 1953 tournament.

A list of committees for the forthcoming event will be published in Sunday's edition of The Ranger Daily Times.

Dr. John White Leaves Ranger For Navy Duty

Dr. and Mrs. John E. White and family left Ranger Thursday for a short visit with relatives and friends in Taylor and Sweetwater prior to the physician's scholastic report to return to active duty with the Medical Corps of the U. S. Navy at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Feb. 25.

The popular young Ranger physician who formerly practiced at Eastland holds a rank of lieutenant (jg) and will be stationed at Camp Pendleton for several weeks before going overseas for Naval duty.

Dr. White's wife and their two children plan to make their home with Mrs. White's parents in Taylor while he is on overseas duty. The Ranger physician served as an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy during World War II, later received his medical training, graduating from the University of Texas Medical School, Galveston, in 1948. He served his internship at the Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colo.

He served in the Navy Medical Corps as an officer until 1950 and after his separation he entered private practice in Eastland. He came to Ranger in February, 1951.

Dr. White has been very active in civic and religious affairs. He is a member of the Ranger Lions Club, the area medical society, the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He and his family had been residing at 1111 Desdemona. Dr. White's wife is the former Miss Bernice Hiebner of Taylor. The couple's children are Leland, age 3, and Jackie, their 4-month-old daughter.

The Ranger physician is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White of Sweetwater.

Ranger 4-Her's Steer Sells For \$409.45 At Show

A prize-winning steer at the Houston Fat Stock Show paid handsome dividends to Lanny Sledge, 15-year-old Ranger 4-H Club boy, reports Robert K. Williams, assistant Eastland County agricultural agent.

"Playboy", a 765-pound hereford which won \$5.00 in a class of approximately 125, sold at the auction price of 63c per pound and brought a total of \$409.45. Lanny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Sledge of La Casa community and attends Ranger Junior High School. He was accompanied to Houston by his brother, Wayne, and Assistant County Agent Williams.

Lanny has been in 4-H Club work for three years and has been working with his beef calf since last summer. His steer was bred by Mr. Rufus Justice.

Texas Ranges In Slightly Better Condition Today

Texas range feed held its own this month in a struggle to overcome the drought.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today that ranges were 63 per cent of normal condition on Feb. 1, the same as reported a month ago.

Condition was two points above the rating a year ago, but still 13 points below average for this season of the year.

The USDA said rescue grass, clovers and winter weeds were coming along slowly in the eastern half of the state. In the west, most ranges were practically bare of feed.

Cattle and calves have been maintained in fair condition only by heavy supplemental feeding over much of the state. Many stock cows and yearlings are thin, particularly in the west. Close rationing during the fall and mild winter have held down losses.

Cattle were reported at 71 per cent condition Feb. 1, the lowest for this season of the year since 1935.

Sheep in eastern plateau counties are coming through the winter in fair condition, the USDA said. But in western counties breeding ewes were said to be generally poor.

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Stephens Countians Join In Protest Of Burkett's Court Bill

Breckenridge Daily Reports Developments

irate citizens of Eastland County were being joined today by protesting Stephens Countians in opposition to State Rep. Omar Burkett's House Bill 269 in which the state legislator advocates consolidation of the 91st District Court, Eastland, and the 90th District Court, Breckenridge.

The Breckenridge American reported Thursday that opposition to the measure is increasing in Stephens County.

"Local attorneys have signed a letter to Mack Allison, representative, to the effect that they want this, the 90th District Court, left as it is," The American said in a front page story Thursday after-

noon. "The bill, if passed, would consolidate the 91st District Court of Eastland with the court here, making this court comprised of Eastland, Stephens and Young Counties."

"Among reasons advanced here for opposing the proposed change is that the people here are satisfied with the court as it is," The American report said. "The judge already is kept busy and adding Eastland would increase the court load."

The American's story continued:

Feeling against the measure is revealed as being much greater in Eastland County than here. The Ranger Times reports that petitions now are being circulated in Eastland County in opposition to the proposed legislation as carried in House Bill 269. That the feeling is "torrid" there.

Opposition Comes Swiftly
The wave of opposition in Eastland county was set off by the Cisco Daily Press in an account of the purpose of the bill.

The following was carried in the Ranger Times, a part of the report on the opposition in Eastland county:

"When contacted by Ted Mayer of the Press staff for a statement on the bill, Mr. Burkett said that the measure was in keeping with his pledge to do everything within his power to cut expenses in an all-out effort to keep from raising taxes. He said that a lengthy study of the situation in the 90th and 91st Courts showed him that the transfer would not overburden the 90th District Court in that neither office had sufficient work to merit a full-time judge."

Burkett Denies Penalty
Mr. Burkett explained his in-

tentions by saying that Eastland County would not be penalized by the consolidation because the presiding judge of the 90th District Court in Breckenridge would come to Eastland County to hear the cases due for trial. He further said that there were two retired judges living in Eastland, who could be called to sit on the bench at times when the docket might be heavy.

Under the new bill, the judge of the 90th District Court would preside over cases filed in Eastland, Stephens and Young Counties. He said that the proposal was in the form of a local bill and indicated that he thought it had a good chance of passing. Mr. Burkett said that the passage of the bill would eliminate the need for court reporters and other employees now used in court. He said that it would not effect the office of district clerk.

County Attorneys Oppose Abolishment Of 91st Court

Eastland County Attorneys may be expected to fight as a complete unit to oppose the abolishment of the 91st District Court as has been outlined in House Bill 269, and submitted by Representative Omar Burkett of Eastland County.

Voters all over the county are up in arms, and petitions similar to the one listed below are being circulated in every community in Eastland County.

The petition signed by Eastland county attorneys follows:

"We the undersigned attorneys of Eastland County, strongly oppose the abolishment of the 91st District Court. We respectfully request Honorable Omar Burkett, our Representative in the Legislature, and Honorable Wayne Wagenseiler, our Senator, to work to keep our Court, to cooperate with the Representatives and Senators of Districts adjoining us to this end, and to oppose any Bill that will destroy our 91st District Court."

(Signed)
Virgil T. Seaberry, Frank Sparks, Jack W. Frost, Virgil T. Seaberry, Jr., Charles E. Freyschlag, R. L. Rust, J. M. Nuesale, M. Collier, W. B. Wright, Willard K. White, Eugene Lankford, and Fleming A. Waters.

M. J. Smith, Beverly S. Dudley, George L. Davernport, Earl Conner, Jr., B. W. Patterson, Cyrus B. Frost, Jr., W. D. Owen, Billy C. Frost, Allen D. Dabney, L. E. Pearson, R. E. Gantham, Edward

Pipes Melted, Refrigerator Damaged

LIGHTNING PLAYS HIDE, SEEK WITH WHEAT HOME IN ABILENE IN THUNDERSTORM TUESDAY

Attractive Mrs. Joe T. Wheat, 33-year-old Abilene housewife and wife of a former Eastland County resident, was pictured in Thursday edition of The Abilene Reporter-News pointing to the spot where a bolt of lightning came through the wall and caused quite a stir in the kitchen of the Wheat home at 2363 Roosevelt Street, Abilene, early Wednesday morning. The photo showed her also holding a dish pan which the bolt also knocked out of shape.

Mrs. Wheat's husband is a nephew of C. E. Wheat of Ranger and Till Wheat of Marston Valley. His father was the late Britt Wheat of Ranger. The Abilenean and his wife visited relatives in Ranger during the Christmas holidays.

Said The Abilene Reporter-News: "The North Park home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Wheat, 2363 Roosevelt St., bore mute evidence Wednesday of being struck by lightning during Tuesday night's electrical display.

The bolt hit water pipes exposed on the exterior of the house under north the kitchen window and traveled into the kitchen sink.

The loud crash startled the neighborhood, the Wheat's neighbors reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheat were asleep in a bedroom adjacent to the kitchen and escaped injury.

"It almost scared me to death," Mrs. Wheat, 33, said. "My husband jumped up and shouted that we'd been hit by something."

Mrs. Wheat said she saw the kitchen flash up as if the room were ablaze.

The lightning literally jarred the house, knocking out all electrical power. An electric clock was stopped at \$50 a.m.

The sink in the kitchen bore the blunt of the strike. The bolt ran around the sink tearing up its metal stripping, hit the refrigerator, and then apparently went down the drain. A plastic soap dish was torn to pieces, and an aluminum dish pan was knocked out of shape.

"What's so strange is the refrigerator. It's been running and cutting off every few minutes—more than usual," Mrs. Wheat said. A light bulb inside the refrigerator was destroyed.

The bolt smoked the outside wall and along the wall above the sink. The metal pipes outside were literally melted together so intense was the heat.

Wheat, 34, is an employe of the city.

February Term Jury Of District Court Is Summoned For Monday

A new petit jury has been summoned to appear in the 91st District Court at Eastland, on Monday, February 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Several cases have been scheduled for trial. Following is a list of jurors who are expected to appear:

W. E. Pippin, J. C. Carr, W. L. Phippen, R. C. Massey, E. J. Fox, George Gafford, Karl Armstrong, Fred Gist, Amstan Flint, Paul D. Farrow, Kenneth M. Cooper, Kerby Smith, L. E. Booth, J. L. Stafford, H. A. Bible, R. A. Beardman, P. King, B. A. Butler, Roy Little, Joe Eberling, Jack Anderson, J. T. Elliott, Leon P. Cagle, Gene Abbott, Jack Rawson, Arch Bint, O. O. Odum, O. W. Keen, E. D. Farley, R. C. Crawford, all of Cisco.

Vernon Deffenbach, Lee Dockery, A. N. Larson, Deane Crawley, Roy

C. Lyon, T. D. Stewart, Delbert Capps, Nicol Crawford, C. E. Parrish and Gaston Dixon, all of Ranger.

Victor Cornelius, Joe H. Pool, John L. Earnest, Tom Lovelace, Buck Pickens, Carl Johnson and Waverly Masengale, all of Eastland.

W. H. Mitchell, Strawn and B. M. Campbell and Ben Weiser of Nimrod.

If you are inclined to be superstitious, maybe you'd better watch your step today. This as you know, is "Friday the 13th."

HEADS UP!
Here comes the New Rocket OSBORNE MOTOR COMPANY Eastland, Texas



CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S OVER—Still stunned by the fury of the great storm which swept Europe, this 84-year-old woman tightly clutches her pet as she is rescued from her home on Canvey Island, Essex, England. She and her 84-year-old brother were trapped without food, light or heat for four days, before crews searching for flood survivors chanced to find them.

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JUST RECEIVED, new shipment Bolens Garden Tractors and equipment. Free demonstration. Crawley & Tibbels.

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CLOSE-OUT Prices, on winter items. Gas heaters, electric blankets, etc. Crawley & Tibbels.

FOR SALE: Limited number Taylor Cross Chicks. Contest proven the World's highest egg record cross bred chicken. Also broiler type chicks. Fraisher Poultry Farm, Cisco.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Strictly confidential. Phone 821, Box 181.

LOOK at your floors, rent our sander... Run it yourself. Crawley & Tibbels Hardware.

MASONIC NOTICE
Call Meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge, No. 728, A. F. & A. M. 7:30 p.m., Friday, February 13. A Masters Degree will be conferred. All members are urged to be present. Visitors welcome. T. C. Weaver, W.M. J. F. Donley, Sec.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Two and four room furnished or unfurnished apartments. Phone 821. If no answer call 816. Joseph's Fireproof Apartments.

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FOR RENT: Furnished apartment, 501 Hunt Street.

Four room furnished apartment, 110 North Hodges, Phone 835-J.

FOR RENT: 3 room furnished apartment. Phone 259-R.



Big Attendance 1953 Sweetheart Banquet Thurs.

Eighty-six representatives from the Young People's and Intermediate departments of the First Baptist Church were present last night at the 1953 edition of the annual Sweetheart Banquet. The theme of the banquet was "Love Through the Ages." Decorations, program and speaker combined to keep this theme central.

After the meal a group of young people presented a "Panorama in Pantomime," the preparation of this program was made by Miss Bettye Parmelee and Mr. Walter Arterburn. The Stone Age depicted Gene Bagwell as a typical stone age man wooing Polly Raines, a typical stone age girl. His triumph came when he hit her over the head with his club and dragged her from the stage. The Ice Age, had Joe Young and Barbara Flowers in long sweaters and fur coats walking down Snowball Lane to Leoberg Circle. They took their places on a cake of ice and tried to make love to each other. Even though they could hardly reach each other they finally touched noses in a daring "Ice Age Kiss."

The Renaissance found Wynona Raines as Juliet and Jerry Cantrell as Romeo in the famous balcony scene. However, in this case Romeo postpones love making until later saying, "Forsooth, Juliet, I'll be back Thursday, if I don't rain." The Civil War Era found William Hart as a Southern colonel speaking to his lady, Laura Mitchell. Without the audience being able to see her face he is telling her how he can never forget her beautiful face, at this point she turned and the audience was able to see for the first time the false face that she had on.

Jim Cantrell was "ba", Ann Robinson the daughter, and Gerald Shockey the victim in the "Mountain Era." Pa tells daughter to go get herself a man and not to return until she does. Off goes the daughter and after a shot or two she returns with the victim that has made her very proud.

Then the "Age of 1953" at which time the King and Queen of Training Union 1953 were crowned. Miss Bettye Cox and William Earl Hart were crowned the queen and king, respectively, in the coronation ceremony, that also introduced other nominees for the honor: Cynthia Hull and her escort John Boyd Rush, Janice Carter and her escort Pete Jameson, Glenda Webb and her escort Gerald Shockey. The King and Queen were selected at the closing of a five week contest between the departments and unions of the Training Union.

Following the coronation ceremony Roydy Carter, Toastmaster for the evening, introduced Rev. Alfred Woodard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Gordon, who spoke to the group of young people using the title "Love Through the Ages", bringing out the love of God for all ages. Rev. Perkins closed the evening of activity with a prayer.

Walter Arterburn, Training Union Director, was general chairman for the event. Mrs. R. V. Robinson, chairman of food committee, Mrs. Hugh Smith and Mrs. Homer Coody in charge of decorations. Mrs. Twyman Hale, chairman of the program committee.

Christian Women's Fellowship Thurs.

The regular monthly meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship was held on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Church annex.

After the luncheon a business session was held and presided over by the president, Mrs. O. K. Ervin. The minutes and the financial report was given by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bob Allen.

Program chairman was Mrs. B. S. Dudley. Mrs. L. E. Huckabay gave the devotional "Awake to Richness". Mrs. Dudley gave a review of a recent article by Miss Jessie Trout on a recent visit to Japan.

These present were: Misses E. T. Matthews, E. M. Glazner, Fort Worth; Bob Allen, Virginia Higdon, L. E. Huckabay, Eastland; R. A. Jones, Dick Jones, Love; Wallace, B. S. Dudley, Lynn Robbins, O. K. Ervin, Lottie Davenport and Leola Martin. Also present were Marylynn Huckabay, Mary Robbins and Stevie Robbins.

Hearts, Flowers Valentine Party

The Nursery, Beginner and Primary departments of the Training Union of the First Baptist Church are having a Valentine party Saturday, Feb. 14. All members of these departments are invited to come and bring all the valentines they would like and to whom they want. The time is 4:00 p.m. and the place is the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the crowning of the King and Queen. The Queen is Kaye Perkins and the King, Terry Arterburn. Denise Huling, Denny Ray Ewing, of the Beginner department; Jerry Arterburn, Patty Pittman of the Nursery department will be the attendants.

J. D. Johnson and H. M. Bagwell were business visitors in Freckenridge Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Covington and children are spending the day in Dallas.

ing Union. After the King and Queen were announced the entire group sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

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Rebekah Lodge Meeting Held Tuesday Night

Noble Grand, Edna Huffman, presided over the regular weekly business meeting of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 223 Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Routine business was transacted and the sick reports were made. Those having quilt scraps, stamped scarves and assorted threads are asked to bring them to the hall, where they will be packed and shipped to the Home for Aged Mothers at Ennis.

Degree Team Captain, Laura Todd, requests all members who wish to work in the team to be at the hall for practice Tuesday evening, Feb. 24.

The penny prize, furnished by Louie Calder, was won by Gertrude Gideon. Sixteen members were present.

Ranger FHA Represented At District Meeting

The Ranger FHA was represented by Gay Nell Lopez, Jackie Bowen, Wanda Johnson, Janis Carter, Pettie Woods, LaVerne Ainsworth, Leavette Herring and Miss Miller at the District 3 FHA meeting held in DeLeon, Saturday, Feb. 7.

A very entertaining program was presented to some four hundred homemaking students and sponsors from various chapters in this district.

After the election of the new district officers at the morning session, a short skit, "Ladies of the Man" was given by the DeLeon FHA chapters.

That afternoon the Valley Mills chapter presented a skit entitled "It's in the Book." The Hamilton High School boys had a good jazz band. In closing the new officers were installed in the traditional all white costume. Each new officer presented an old officer with a red rose, the flower of the FHA organization.

Child Study Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Child Study Club was held in the home of Mrs. Alton Redwine Thursday evening at 7:30.

The meeting was called to order by the club president, Mrs. Norman Huffman. The roll call was given and the minutes were read by the secretary, and the treasurer gave her report. A nominating committee was elected to elect the new officers. Those on the committee are: Mrs. Glenn Covington, chairman; Mrs. Lynn Robbins, and Mrs. Alton Redwine. The committee will make their report at the next regular meeting.

After the business session the program was turned over to Mrs. Glenn Covington who gave a very interesting article on "Genesis of Citizenship."

A lovely plate of refreshment was served to the following members and visitors present: Misses Keith Langford, Glenn Covington, Paul Bullock, Lynn Robbins, Charles Cox, Norman Huffman, Fred Lamb, Alton Redwine, Dwaine

Charles Mahaffey will return to his home on Young Street Saturday, Feb. 14, from the veteran's hospital in Dallas, where he has been since June 13, 1952. Mr. Mahaffey has been having surgery on his foot and under treatment for a broken leg. He is reported to be doing fair. Mrs. Mahaffey, his wife, and Hugh Mahaffey, his father, will go to Dallas after him.

CALL 224 FOR CLASSIFIED AD SERVICE

Dennis, R. V. Robinson, A. G. Koenig, and visitors, Mrs. Fred Lamb and Mrs. James Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Newman of Abilene are here visiting their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins and children.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to thank each and everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown us at the death of our husband and father. We also wish to say thank you for the lovely floral offerings and food. The Reddell Family.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY AT LEAST THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE EVERY WEEK. READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

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The Peacock Path

THE STORY: Jim Orth, private detective, guided as a friend of Dolly Cravath, is attempting to solve the murder of Ames Warburton, partner of Dolly Cravath, the stockbroker. Jim already has discovered that Cravath is quite fond of Eve Wheeler, a widow, who is one of the guests. The same evening Maxine, the Philadelpha Reporter, appears very excited and tells Cravath from his apartment. Cravath, assuming his other partner, Jack Dumont, saying "there appears to be trouble."

stood, gaily-colored peacocks had pressed and strutted. An instant later I was conscious of Williamson, slowing his steps. And I could just make out the fence posts, stubby white spectres in the enveloping gloom. Williamson stopped altogether. The three of us behind him stopped too, a bumping excited little huddle of men, falling over each other, swearing, apologizing briefly, and straightening up. Williamson's flashlight oared a tunnel of radiance through the damp and sticky dark.

We saw it, indistinctly but horribly. A big mishapen bundle, beaten by the rain, draped limply and pitifully over the sagging chains that guarded the end of the Peacock Path. "Dolly!" Dumont's stricken cry came back to us through the monotonous patter of raindrops.

Cravath grabbed my arm and we moved slowly forward. And I had to force myself to look. Dolly Dumont, lying across that cold wet iron, was an even more grotesque and awful spectacle than the broken body of Ames Warburton.

Her head, hanging so low that it almost touched the ground, faced the cliff. Evidently she had been moving in that direction when someone, or something, strung her over the chains. Cravath snatched the light from Williamson, played it upon her sagged figure. The beam showed a crimson patch at the back of her head.

Jack Dumont lifted dazed eyes. "Who could have done this thing?" And when Cravath shook his head helplessly, he kept repeating that phrase, as if it were a kind of litany.

The big chauffeur put a hand on Dumont's arm, drew him gently aside. Cravath bent over the body. The next second a low exclamation broke from him. "Orth! She's not dead. At least, not yet."

I did as he had done, put the back of my hand down close to her lips. I felt breath, faint but warm. We had manifestly been deceived by her dreadfully lifeless look.

"What?" The news snapped Dumont out of his stupor. His voice rose in a clear ringing shout. "Are you sure, Marney?"

"Absolutely sure," Cravath cut in. "But she's in bad shape. We've got to get her inside at once. Orth and I can manage that. Go to the house, Jack, and phone Dr. Dreeves at Port Linton. If you can't get him, get somebody else. In a hurry. Williamson, you help us lift her. Then bring a car up to the house. We may have to take her to the hospital."

Dumont, all trace of dazedness vanished, was off even before he finished speaking. Then Cravath and I made a "chair" of our hands. Big Williamson lifted Dolly as if she were a baby, eased her into it, putting a slack arm around each of our necks. She was a dead weight, of course, and her head rolled lolling, drunkenly, between Cravath's shoulder and mine. But when we started back along the Peacock Path, she suddenly gave a little moan. It was a weak pathetic sound, but one of the most welcome I have ever heard.

WE made the house slowly, but without too much difficulty, went in by a side door. There Dumont met us.

"How is she, Marney?" He clipped it out anxiously.

Cravath's reply came in puffs. "I've a hunch she'll be all right." We carried Dolly up to the rooms occupied by the Dumonts. She moaned again as we laid her on the bed.

"Get Ring, Jack," Cravath said. "She'll know what to do before the doctor gets here."

Dumont disappeared, but returned almost immediately with the grim-lipped housekeeper. When Mrs. Ring took over, she took over. She asked no questions. Only a momentary flicker of surprise and shock crossed her sharp face. Then she issued orders.

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NEWS FROM CARBON

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Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Phelps and children of Clouderoft, N. M., visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Phelps, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Negriss, last weekend.

Mrs. A. C. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Underwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stubblefield in Bartlesville, Okla., last weekend.

Judge Turner Collier was in Carbon on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murray and family of Midland, visited her mother, Mrs. Pearl Snodgrass over the weekend.

Mr. O. Stone has been recovering from an attack of influenza, in the Eastland hospital.

Mrs. W. M. Medford and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield and son, visited Mrs. W. J. Stacks in Fort Worth, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris of DeLeon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmondson Friday.

Kenneth Powell of Kermit, spent the weekend here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield and son, visited Rev. and Mrs. Gene Krueger in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Foley has returned from an extended visit with her daughter and family in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Underwood have returned to their home in Morenci, Ariz., after attending the funeral of his father, A. C. Underwood, and visiting several days with his mother.

Carroll Hogan and George Allen Johnson went to Abilene last week where they were to have been inducted in the army.

Mrs. S. L. Craighead has returned home after a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self and family of Gorman, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rhyma Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Butler and Mrs. Sam Richey of Gorman, visited Mrs. J. S. Davis Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Yearborough visited her mother, Mrs. J. M. Bruce in Weatherford, last week.

Wade White visited his sons, Edgar and Basil White and their families in Odessa last week.

Mrs. R. E. Jackson of DeLeon, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McGregor, last week.

NEWS FROM Desdemona

Health in this community is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abel of Oil Center, N.M., left Tuesday for their home after spending the

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BY THE CARTON



SPARROW THINKS HE'S 'PEOPLE'—Pee Wee thinks a sparrow's life is for the birds. He much prefers to live with the Ray Summers family in Kansas City, Kan. Mrs. Summers is shown, above, as she gives the house-happy sparrow a bath in the kitchen sink. Rescued when he fell from his nest when a fledgling, Pee Wee answers to his name, loves to be petted, and is acquiring a repertoire of tricks. So far, he's shown no desire to resume a normal sparrow's life.

weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Abel and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joiner.

Hugh and Robert Abel visited in Alexander with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. R. R. Abel.

H. H. Williams has accepted a maintenance job in Blum.

Passing of M. J. Keith After an illness of long duration, during which time he spent 35 days in the Gorman hospital, Major J. Keith, passed to his reward, Wednesday, February 4th. He was a retired farmer, and has been in ill health for many years. In early manhood he joined the Baptist Church at Victor, and never moved his membership.

He was born near Victor, Dec. 14, 1882 and was 70 years, one month and 29 days of age at the time of his death.

Beside his wife, Ethel Keith, he is survived by three sons, Cagle Keith of Henderson, Bernard and Mac Keith of Odessa; six daughters, Mmes. Mattie Newton, DeLeon; Laura Partin, Chuta Vista, Calif.; Velma Clements, Wright City; Corrine Clements, Rodessa,

La.; Vonnice Rae Guthrey, Kermit and Avie Taylor of Odessa. Also one step daughter, Mrs. Alta Mae Wilcoxson of Odessa; eighteen grand children and seven great grandchildren. Two brothers, Alf (Tude) Keith Clairette, and Gabe Keith of New Mexico. Two sisters, Mrs. E. Eppie Carr, Ranger and Mrs. Minnie Egan, Dublin.

Trichinosis Is Explained By Health Officer

"Trichinosis is a disease caused by eating raw or partly cooked pork which contains the trichina worm. This disease as a rule causes several deaths and an undetermined amount of illness in Texas each year," states Dr. Geo. W.

Cox, State Health Officer.

De'nite symptoms and signs of illness are associated with trichinosis. In the beginning there are abdominal pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, lasting about a week. Migration of the embryos in the blood stream causes fever and severe muscle cramps, especially in the diaphragm and the muscles of the arms and legs. The third stage, during which cysts surround the larvae in the muscles, is the critical one. If infection is severe, there may be edema, or swelling of the eyelids and elsewhere, marked loss of weight, weakness and delirium.

The prevention of trichinosis depends primarily upon the thorough cooking of all pork. Most cases follow the indigestion of wieners, sausage or other pork products, eaten in raw or partly cooked form. The hazard of this disease is greater in connection with home butchering, unless safeguards are exercised. Rats should be exterminated because they play an important part in the spread of infection among swine. Prolonged refrigeration, as carried out under federal supervision, destroys trichina larvae. Thorough cooking and the use of meat which bears the stamp of federal inspection are safeguards against trichinosis.

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THE STORY: Jim Orth, private detective, is posing as a guest at Windsor, home of the wealthy stockbroker Marney Cravath, after two attempts were made on Cravath's life. Soon after Orth's arrival Anna Washburn, Cravath's partner, is pushed off French Park to his death on rocks below. Next there is an attempt to murder Orth himself, wife of Cravath's second partner, Jack Dumont. Daily in found lying unconscious across the guard chains at the end of the path. At Windsor are two other guests, Holly Cravath's charming niece, and Eve Wheeler, a wealthy widow and one of Cravath's clients.

MARNEY CRAVATH and I found Sally, Eve Wheeler and Sladen finishing dinner downstairs. Briefly Cravath described the finding of Dolly Dumont. "Why didn't Williamson carry her in himself as soon as he found her," Sladen asked. "I haven't had a chance to ask him," Cravath told him "I suppose he thought she was dead and he's heard that bodies aren't supposed to be moved before the police arrive." Manila brought us a light meal, and Mrs. Ring came into the dining room as we worked on the brandy. "You'll be glad to hear," she said, eyes on the brandy with disapproval, "that Mrs. Dumont isn't as badly off as she seemed at first. The doctor wants to see you." Dr. Dreeves, a tall straight man with grizzled black hair and dark serious eyes, waited with Dumont in the hallway above. Cravath greeted him, introduced me, and led the way to the den off my room. We sat down. "Mrs. Dumont," he said then, "will be perfectly all right, if she's kept quiet. She is suffering from shock and a slight concussion. The concussion was caused by a blow on the back of the head." He paused, his eyes sweeping our faces. "I took the liberty, Marney," Dumont said at once, "of sending

Williamson for a nurse. She's a Miss Burroughs over in Port Linton."
 "Quite all right, Jack," said Cravath. "Naturally. But about this business, Doctor? Mr. Dumont will have told you that none of us actually know what happened to his wife. I mean by that the—circumstances of the thing."
 Dreeves nodded. "So I understand. And the circumstances seem a little—well, peculiar. For one thing, in my opinion, the blow could not have been self-inflicted."
 "But why should she want to knock herself out?" Dumont asked. "I couldn't answer that," Dreeves shrugged. "Except to say that I don't believe she wanted to. Or did. But for another thing, she was . . ." Again his eyes sought Dumont's.
 DUMONT said resignedly: "Oh, tell them, Doctor. Might as well call the spades. Everybody around here knows about it, anyhow."
 "Very well," the doctor spoke quickly, as one trying to get an unpleasant chore behind him. "To make a bald statement, Mrs. Dumont had been drinking heavily."
 Which put it, perhaps, as charitably as possible.
 "When do you think she'll be able to tell us what happened, if she can?" asked Cravath.
 The doctor pursed thin lips. "Not tonight, certainly. We'll see about it in the morning."
 He hesitated. There was something delicate, subtle about the hesitation.
 "Go on, Dreeves," Cravath invited. "We might better hear everything."
 "Well," the doctor spoke slowly, "I said that I didn't think Mrs. Dumont's wound could have been self-inflicted. But there is some slight possibility that she may have had a fall."
 "Fall!" Dumont looked both startled and sceptical. "You mean

she could have slipped, hit the back of her head, got up, wandered around the grounds and finally barged into those chains?"
 "Something like that. I'd bet against it, mind you. But I've been a physician for a long time, Mr. Dumont. Long enough to avoid making a positive statement that such-and-such a thing absolutely could not have happened. Queer things, very outlandish things, do happen to people. Especially, if you'll forgive me, when they're—ah, when they're taken too much."
 Nurse Burroughs was a small dark female who moved efficiently in a swish of starch and wore a no-nonsense expression. Williamson arrived with her while we were talking. Dreeves left us to give her instructions, then took his departure.
 As if by tacit consent, everybody went to bed early. Personally, I thought it a good idea. I'd been afraid that we'd sit far into the night, hashing and re-hashing a matter for which no person had even the foggiest explanation.
 I GOT into pajamas, slippers and a light robe. Then I fetched a book from Cravath's den and stretched out on the bed. I thought I'd read for half an hour or so. After that, I was sure, I could knock off eight solid hours of shut-eye without moving a muscle.
 Well, I couldn't read or sleep either.
 Questions, completely unanswerable questions, moved in on me the moment I was nicely settled.
 Finally I slung the book into a chair and stopped trying. Then everything just seemed to sweep over me like an avalanche.
 The unsuccessful attacks on Cravath! The tragically-successful one on Ames Warburton. Now Dolly Dumont, another non-success.
 I'd assumed that we had to deal with a clever and competent killer. Someone with a genius for careful planning and neat execution. But . . . three failures in four tries. Clever killer? Clever killers didn't miff it, at least not more than once.
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NEWS FROM OLDEN

Mrs. Everett Matlock is recovering after an appendectomy in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Max McCotter were in Houston on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Patterson and son visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Patterson, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Elders are the parents of a baby boy, born last week at Chickasha, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Moffett and Johnny visited them over the weekend.

Mrs. Ford Reed of DeLeon, visited with Mrs. Lee McGuire Monday.

Edward Sharp was admitted to the hospital in Ranger, Tuesday morning for medical treatment.

Miss Peggy Matlock spent the weekend here with her parents.

J. W. McKelvin of Cisco is recovering nicely from a broken arm sustained last week when he fell from a tree.

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The doctors, associated with the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Harvard Medical School, reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association that armchair promoted rapid recovery from acute coronary thrombosis.

Strict bedrest is injurious to patients with congestive heart failure, they said.

They based their conclusions on a study of 81 persons suffering from acute coronary thrombosis. Eight of the patients, or 9.9 percent, died. But the doctors said the deaths could not be attributed to any complications arising from the armchair therapy.

Lying mobile in bed, they said, encourages the pooling of fluid in the chest and increases the heart's work. The sitting position permits gravity to mobilize fluid.

Study Of Music Gains Rapidly In N.Y. State

Music education is on the increase in New York state's public schools.

Joseph G. Saelveit, music education supervisor in the state's secondary education division, says all schools have some music activities, although these vary widely with the different schools.

A survey showed "a remarkable renaissance in music education in our schools since the close of World War II," Saelveit said. Ninety-one per cent have bands with a membership of more than 66,000 players, almost all have choral organizations with a membership of 108,000 and about 17,000 pupils play in 559 junior and senior orchestras.

Other States Find Small Loan Laws Work Well

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