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Attorney General to Aid Eastland County in Retaining Bandit

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 7.—The attorney general's department will aid Eastland county in its efforts to retain the custody of Marshall Ratliff, "Santa Claus" bandit convicted of participation in the robbery of a bank at Cisco, December 23, 1927.

The aid of the department was granted Friday at request of County attorney Joe H. Jones of Eastland county, and Will Sair, of Abilene, special prosecutor, who conferred with Presiding Judge W. C. Morrow of the Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt and Court of Criminal Appeals.

The death sentence was given Ratliff for the part he took in the robbery in which two police officers were killed. His case was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. A motion for rehearing was presented October 9, but has not been ruled on.

Application for a sanity hearing was filed in Walker county, Ratliff at that time being in prison at Huntsville. The district court of Eastland county issued an injunction against the Walker county court, holding a sanity hearing there and transferred Ratliff back to Eastland county on a bench warrant.

In a letter to County Attorney R. T. Burns of Walker county, the Attorney General's Department said: "We understand the judgment has not become final in the defendant's appeal

to the court of criminal appeals, but that a motion for rehearing will probably be passed on in the near future. If the motion for rehearing is overruled, the court having tried the defendant will, of course, pass on his sanity under chapter 1, title 12, of the code of criminal procedure."

Should the District Court of Walker county take jurisdiction of the case and the defendant be tried for lunacy and a jury declare him insane, it is the opinion of the attorney general's department that it would have no effect should the court of criminal appeals affirm the case from Eastland county now before it. After the motion for a rehearing is passed on by the Court of Criminal Appeals a mandate will be returned to the Eastland County Court and sentence will be pronounced.

The opinion was expressed that "there would be no question as to the court originally trying the defendant having jurisdiction to try his sanity."

County Attorney Burns requested that an Assistant Attorney General be sent to Walker County to assist in the lunacy proceedings.

A million-dollar cracking plant at Iraam, Pecos County, is being built by the Humble Oil Co., which already owns one such plant at McCamey, erected at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Trains on the Santa Fe's Orient extension from San Angelo to Sonora are operating as far as Christoval and will be to Sonora in December.

Brownwood Guard Commander is Held For Bank Robbery

BROWNWOOD, Nov. 7.—Investigation of bank robberies in this section, two of them in Brownwood, took on renewed intensity as Capt. Clyde A. McNeil, 47, was placed in jail here. McNeil, commanding officer of the service company, One Hundred Forty-second Texas National Guard, and former business man, was charged with robbery with firearms last March 13 of the First National Bank here, in which approximately \$25,000 was secured by two bandits.

McNeil, arrested in San Saba Friday, was brought to the Brown County jail Saturday by Sheriff M. H. Denman and Deputy Sheriff Norman Jacks. McNeil has been free under \$10,000 bond on a charge of robbing the Richland Springs, San Saba County, bank. Bond in the second case had not been made late Saturday.

McNeil was arrested following information obtained by District Attorney Walter U. Early.

Tom Bird Ervin, 21, a short, stout youth, also is in jail here charged with robbery with firearms of the Brownwood State Bank last week, the First National raid and the holdup of a pawnshop owned by W. H. Thompson.

Besides Ervin, a Brownwood youth, Bill White, 17, also of Brownwood, and Dave L. Cates, alias Kimes, 24, of Wichita Falls, are charged with robbery with firearms in the holdup of the state bank. Most of the alleged loot was recovered last week when Ervin, Cates and another man were arrested in Wichita Falls. White was taken into custody here. Raymond Blackburn, 24, Brownwood, arrested in connection with the state bank raid, was charged with robbery with firearms in the pawnshop holdup, and as an accessory in the bank robbery.

Ervin, as he sat nursing a wounded leg in a jail cell, was identified by the pawn broker and employees of the First National Bank as one of the bandits who robbed them. White and Cates were identified in the state bank raid.

MT. ZION NEWS

Albert Polnaek and family visited his parents Saturday night.

Miss Mable Polnaek visited home-folks the last of the week.

Dave Rhoades and family visited in Hico Sunday.

Dave Davis and family were in Port Worth Monday, also Mr. Hodge and family.

Mrs. G. D. Adkison's brothers of Cleburne visited her last Wednesday.

Miss Edna Crouch visited at Walnut Springs the last of the week.

We want to thank each and all for what they have done for us. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone in our prayer.

G. D. Adkison and family.

B. Y. P. U. Training School Next Week at Baptist Church

Beginning Sunday night at 6:15, there will be conducted in the First Baptist church the annual B. Y. P. U. Training School. The general director, Mrs. Clarence Allen Morton, will supervise the work. Five courses will be taught. The primary course, by Mrs. John Clark; the junior course, by Miss Beulah Mae Cox; the intermediate course, by Mrs. T. U. Little; the senior course, by Rev. D. D. Tidwell of Iredell; the adult course, by Rev. R. W. Bynum, Hamilton. The funologist will be Miss Christine Fewell.

Lunch will be served by the W. M. S. of the church under the direction of Mrs. L. N. Lane, president.

At the closing session each evening a special revival sermon will be delivered by a visiting preacher. Monday night, Rev. R. W. Bynum of Hamilton; Tuesday night, Rev. M. A. Davis, pastor DeLeon Baptist church; Wednesday night, Rev. J. P. Gilliam of Carlton; Thursday night, Rev. D. D. Tidwell of Iredell; Friday night, Rev. Ben Milam of Brownwood.

The general public is most cordially invited to come and hear each and all of the visiting preachers.

METHODIST CHURCH

Choir practice this, Friday, evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Barrow, superintendent. We are working for the largest attendance Sunday morning ever at our Sunday school.

Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m., probably this pastor's final sermon.

Young People's church, 6:30 p. m., Miss Etta Mae Alexander, president.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monday, 2 p. m., Mrs. Lusk Randalls, president.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

PAUL W. EVANS, Pastor.

RURAL GROVE NEWS

Mrs. J. N. Martin and family came in Monday to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaw spent a few hours Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Kilgo. They had been to Valley Mills and were on their way home in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb spent Sunday with her brother, Cleveland Rhode of Black Stump.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Royal and family of Glen Rose visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Royal Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt and family of Walnut Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. Rhode.

Mountain of Salt To Be Developed

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 7.—A permit to sell more stock was given the Houston Salt Company by John Martin, blue sky commissioner, in order to develop what is described as a "mountain of salt" near Hockley, north of Houston. The company has a capital stock of \$25,000 and now may sell enough stock to reach \$600,000 in units of one share of common at \$25 and one share of preferred at \$100. Geologists report that a billion tons of merchantable rock salt are available.

Oil companies spent hundreds of thousands of dollars drilling wells at the salt dome and got no oil. It was their cores that showed gypsum and salt in large quantities.

We want your subscriptions to papers and magazines. We can meet the lowest offers.—J. C. Hutchingson.

Under the "calamity" clause of the State Constitution, Texas has given away tax money that during the life of the tax exemptions will probably total \$15,000,000. Every coast county except three—Harris, Jackson and Chambers—has either total or partial exemption from state taxes.

To shelter campers at White Rock the Dallas Railway and Terminal Co. has presented to the city ten old street cars.

Texas Marriages and Divorces on Increase

Washington, D. C., November 7.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 76,340 marriages performed in Texas during the year 1928, as compared with 74,042 in 1927, representing an increase of 2,298 or 3.1 per cent. In 1916, there were 54,103 marriages performed.

During the year 1928, there were 18,073 divorces granted in the state, as compared with 17,290 in 1927, representing an increase of 783 or 4.5 per cent. In 1916, there were 8,504 divorces granted. There were 155 marriages annulled in 1928, as compared with 115 in 1927.

The estimated population of the state of Texas on July 1, 1928, was 5,487,000, and on July 1, 1927, 5,397,000. On the basis of these estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 13.5 in 1928, as against 13.7 in 1927; and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 3.29 in 1928, as against 3.20 in 1927.

The number of marriages was furnished by the County Clerk and the number of divorces by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, of each county.

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26 Children's and Misses' Coats, values \$4.50 to \$6.50. Choice \$1.00	64x76 DOUBLE BLANKETS \$1.59	ONE LOT LADIES' NOVELTY SHOES, \$1.48	40-INCH FLAT CREPE \$1.49 Yard	Men's Heavy Winter Union Suits, 89c	LOOK---Part Wool Coat Sweater, 98c	Men's Dress Shoes, \$7.50 Crossett, \$5.95

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Local News

Mayor and Mrs. Ed Handley of Clifton were here Sunday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moffitt and children were visiting relatives in Clifton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lively were in Waco Sunday attending the Cotton Palace.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Looney of Rising Star were here a part of last week visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. J. Parker.

Miss Gertrude Livingston of Hamilton and Dick Belcher of Stephenville, were here Sunday, guests of Miss Margaret Shipp.

Mrs. E. F. Porter and daughter, Martha, were in Hamilton Sunday afternoon visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Phillips and children of Stephenville were week end guests in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison of Osceola were here Sunday, guest of their son, Earle, who is employed in the Hico National Bank.

L. H. Slimpin went to Palestine Sunday after his wife and son, who had been there for the past few weeks visiting her parents, and they returned home Sunday evening. They have moved into the Fred Wolfe home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe a few weeks ago, when they moved to Stephenville.

Mrs. W. M. Bellville, Mrs. Aften Aycock, Bill Elkins and Miss Pauline Driskell were in Fort Worth Sunday, where Mrs. Bellville visited Mr. Bellville, and the others were guests of Miss Marie Aycock, who is a student of T. W. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Welch and children of Stephenville, were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Susie Slone and Miss Mary Gandy were in Waco Sunday visiting Mrs. Slone's daughter, Mrs. Laura Williamson, mother of Mrs. Slone, who resides at Cameron, met them in Waco and accompanied them to Hico for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hopkins were in Alvarado Sunday visiting relatives.

Miss Etoile Diltz and Mary Webster were in Fort Worth Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Davis of Clifton were here the first of the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Connally and little son, H. C., spent Sunday in the J. T. Connally home in the Camp Branch community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Medford of Waco were here Sunday visiting his father, S. W. Medford, who was ill.

J. L. Deering of Iredell was in Hico Monday shopping and visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shipp of near Hamilton were here Saturday having photographic work done.

Mrs. J. Oliver Rosamond and little daughter, Patricia Annette, returned to their home in Dallas last week after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Driskell.

Miss Annie Pierson has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Big Four Packing company here during the turkey season.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fox of Walnut Springs were here Wednesday visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. C. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fairry and daughter, Miss Marguerite, spent a few days this week in Dallas, guests in the Will Vickrey home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Duncan were in Clifton Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dellis Seago, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Pittman, and Mrs. Jim Thomason were called to China Springs Saturday on account of the death of their uncle, G. O. Harris. They returned home Sunday night.

L. L. Hudson was in Dallas and Fort Worth the first of the week on business.

Mrs. H. H. Nance and Mrs. A. N. Pike of Iredell were here last Friday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. Katherine Proffitt, Misses Sue Snyder and Norene Lovelady of Clifton, and Mrs. Martha Burch of Meridian, spent Sunday afternoon here in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McFadden, and Mrs. Anna Driskell.

Sam Looney, who spent the last few months in Houston with the M. K. & T. bridge gang, has returned to Hico to be with homefolks for an indefinite time.

Mrs. L. L. Hudson took her daughter, Lucy, to a clinic in Dallas again Saturday for another examination of one of her knees, which she injured some few months ago. The attending physician pronounced the injury as being completely healed. Misses Sara Lee Hudson and Margaret Shipp also accompanied them to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Colvin of Blum were here a few days this week in-

stalling gas in their residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Adair in the north part of town. Their son, Charles, who is a student of S. M. U. at Dallas accompanied them here and spent one day.

Miss Deffie Lackey left Tuesday for Conway, Arkansas, to join her brother, Oscar, to make her home. The latter has a position as instructor in a school there. John Lackey, another brother, accompanied Miss Deffie on the trip. Miss Lackey was practically raised in the Hico vicinity and will be missed very much by her friends and associates.

S. E. Blair was in Waco last Thursday and Friday on business.

J. E. Burkett left Monday for Palo Verde, Arizona, to spend several weeks with his son, Grady and family, who reside there.

Mrs. Jessie Duncan, Miss Zella Mirn and Haldor Duncan, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Duncan were in Fort Worth Sunday visiting in the home of Mrs. Duncan's brother.

Cleo Elkins of Fort Worth accompanied by eleven other business men of Fort Worth, were in this vicinity on a hunting trip the first of the week.

Roscoe Purdom, who spent the last week in Whitney working in a newspaper office, was a week end guest of his mother, Mrs. R. W. Purdom. He left Sunday for Kaufman to work for the Kaufman Herald.

Miss Zella Mirn Duncan left this week for Ada, Oklahoma, to spend a week in the home of her uncle. While there, she will have her tonsils removed.

During August 20 Texas cotton mills, representing 85 per cent of the textile industry of the State, produced 6,672,000 yards of goods from 8,248 bales of Texas cotton, a substantial increase from the 5,122,000 yards and 7,331 bales of August, 1928.

Presbyterians Meet in Hico; Delegates Served With Lunch

Forty delegates were present for the meeting of Central Texas Presbyterian, which met in Hico last Friday at the Presbyterian church. Hamilton, Gatesville, Austin, Clifton and Waco were represented.

Following devotional exercises, the delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Frank Mingus, with Mrs. John Maxwell of Waco responding in behalf of the visitors. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to reports on various church activities, which revealed substantial growth.

At the afternoon session Dr. C. T. Caldwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Waco, delivered an interesting and highly instructive address on evangelism.

Delegates were guests of Hico Presbyterians for lunch at the Bluebonnet Country club. The menu, which brought many compliments from the visitors consisted of turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberries, salad hot rolls, pie, cake, hot coffee.

During the noon hour a musical program was given by the pupils of Mrs. C. L. Woodward's music class. Many congratulatory expressions were bestowed on the young musicians as to the excellence of their renditions.

Both the church and the club house were profusely decorated with chrysanthemums.

There are more telephones in one New York office building than in the entire Republic of Greece. The Standard Oil Building, 120 Broadway has 7,290 telephones.

The first shipment of what is expected to be 5,000 carloads of Texas grapefruit was shipped from Laredo on the opening day of the season, two carloads, both destined for North Texas points. Each car netted its producer better than \$1,250, according to reports.

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