

This Week

by ARTHUR BRISBANE

A New Word, Banksters Bridge, or Starry Heavens We Are All Prisoners The Vatican Disaster

Cyrus H. K. Curtis receives from Paris information that American bankers are called "banksters" in high French financial circles.

A "bankster" is supposed to be a combination of banker and gangster, expressing French opinion of American bankers.

New York bankers may reply that in dealing with the more clever of the distinguished French bankers a little of the gangster quality would not come amiss for purposes of self-defense.

It is no secret that gentlemen came here from the bank of France with threats to withdraw all French gold from New York, as they had drawn all gold from London. They thought this would frighten American bankers and were surprised when told: "The sooner you take that gold out the better we shall be pleased. It doesn't mean anything to us."

Dr. Charles Gray Shaw, teacher of philosophy in New York university, who recently said those that whistle are morons, now tells the world he thinks little of bridge. The contract bridge match he calls "one of the most disagreeable features of the present depression," and adds that bridge "weakens life's emotions."

People play cards, he says, "to stimulate their limp nerves," and recalls that "cards were invented to amuse a jaded monarch."

Contemplation of the heavens that declare the glory of God is nobler than contemplation of four spades, three diamonds, two hearts and four clubs, with no "tops" among them.

But the French say, truly, "Chacun prend son bonheur ou il le trouve"—"Each takes his happiness where he finds it."

"The starry firmament and the moral nature of man" interest some of us. Others are interested in a "full house" or an "inside straight." We cannot all be alike.

The death of a guard in the government penitentiary at Leavenworth reminds us that we are all prisoners. William Suberkup, guard in the prison, was a free man, able to go out when he chose and do what he liked. Prisoners thinking only of the liberty outside prison walls were amazed to hear that the guard had killed himself, with freedom and the world before him.

But nobody is free. We are all prisoners, tied to this little earth by the power of gravitation.

A disaster, affecting the whole world, is the collapse of the Vatican library. The heavy roof, with its masses of lead, carried with it the two floors below, the 300,000 precious volumes, priceless manuscripts of great antiquity, many not yet completely classified or translated, and magnificent works of art.

Magnificent buildings that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is erecting in the heart of New York city will mean an expenditure of two hundred million dollars, fortunately for workers and contractors in these dull times.

This Rockefeller enterprise, parks with growing trees on the roofs of tall buildings, would have amazed ancient Babylon and its hanging gardens. It will be a city within a city, and tenants in the city will be glad to hear that Mr. Rockefeller has consented to the use of his name. "Rockefeller City" in business will be a name more valuable to them than "Radio City."

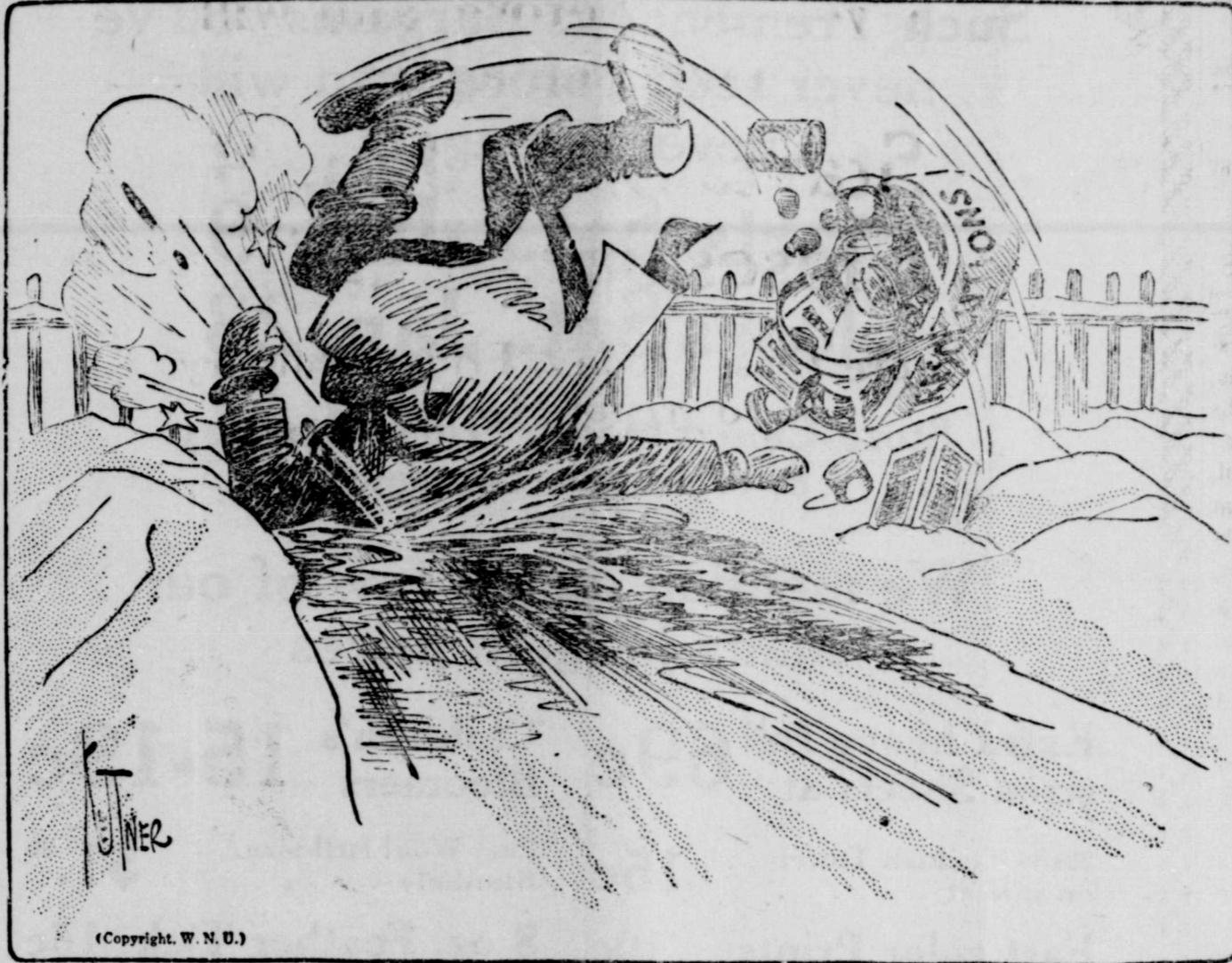
A late Associated Press dispatch from Basel, Switzerland, reads: "Germany will be unable to make the conditional reparation payment due at the expiration of the Hoover debt holiday, the Young plan advisory committee asserts in its final report, adopted tonight."

That Germany admittedly cannot pay sums that she promised as a conquered nation is now plain even to those that were to get the money.

Slow going army and navy gentlemen who think the airplane would be "merely an auxiliary weapon in war" should hear the news from Manchuria. The Chinese send a large force marching on foot against Mukden, "60,000 regular bandits and irregulars."

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January Thaw



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Lambs Make Good Gains

The sixty lambs that are being fed by the Vocational Agriculture boys of the Sterling High School have gained just a fraction more than 40 lbs. per head daily for the last fifteen days. They were weighed December 16th, and weighed 4560 lbs. and again December 31st., when they weighed 4921 lbs.

The daily ration that these lambs have had consists of 30 lbs. ground bundle higrari, 60 lbs. alfalfa hay, 36 lbs. whole wheat, 36 lbs. milo head chops, 20 lbs. cotton seed meal, 1/2 lb. of limestone flour and 1/2 lb. of s.l.t. This makes 1 1/2 lbs. of hay and 1 1/2 lbs. of concentrates per lamb daily. These lambs are cleaning up all of this feed except a small amount of the coarse alfalfa stems. A. J. Bierschwale, who supervises the feeding says that the lambs would not consume any more feed than they are at the present time.

At present the daily feed cost per lamb at .75 cts. per pound is 2.25 cents and the value of .40 lbs. of finished lamb, if it were to bring 6 cents per pound, is 2.40 cents. This would be a profit of .15 of a cent per pound above feed cost. However, the feeder usually expects the cost of feed to be as much as the value of meat put on the animal, and he hopes to get his profit on the margin, which means the difference in the cost per pound of feeder animal and the selling price per pound of the finished animal. For example it one could buy a 60 pound feeder lamb at 3 1/2 cents per pound and finish it up right he should get 5 cents per pound for it, thereby making a profit of 90 cents on the original 60 pounds.

A car lot of 50 of these lambs the boys are feeding will be shown at the Fat Stock Show at San Angelo Feb. 29 and March 1 and 2.

Births and Deaths

Seventeen births were registered in Sterling county during 1931, nine males and eight females. Some births in families of this county were in San Angelo and so were registered there and reported from San Angelo.

Thirteen deaths were registered in the county during 1931, nine males and four females. No deaths in January, May and August. Three were babes and ten were old people. Four were Mexicans and nine were Americans. Two burial permits were issued for citizens who died elsewhere and were buried here, Mrs. Lillie Mann and A. D. Meyer, and one removal permit was issued for the Mexican who died on the Hull ranch.

Malcom Black, Registrar,

Early Morning Fire

Last Sunday morning about 6:30, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lowe was discovered on fire. The fire company was on the ground with the engine and quickly put out the blaze that had already been fought by Mr. Lowe and Larkin Longshore with buckets of water. They had the fire beaten down and almost under control when the fire boys arrived.

While the damage is not considered serious, the loss has not yet been estimated. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A. D. Renshaw Died Saturday

A. D. Renshaw died at his ranch home three miles northeast of here last Saturday morning and was buried at the City Cemetery in the afternoon of the same day. Rev. Ezell, pastor of the local Methodist Church, assisted by D. C. Durham, and Rev. Thigpen, pastor of the local Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services at the grave in the presence of a large gathering of friends of the deceased.

He had been in failing health for several months, but the day before his death, he was able to be up and doing chores about the ranch.

Ambrose D. Renshaw was born in Kaufmann County, Texas, January 30, 1850 and resided in Texas all his life.

In 1880 he was married to Mrs. Dallie Garrett who preceded him in death in July 1926.

With his wife and two step sons, R. A. Garrett, and William Garrett (deceased), he moved to Sterling in 1890 where he resided until the day of his death. He is survived by his step son, R. A. Garrett of Sterling City, and one brother, S. D. Renshaw of Millers Grove, Texas.

Deceased was here and participated in the organization of Sterling County in 1891 which was then a part of Tom Green County. He served Sterling County a number of years as county commissioner and justice of the peace of precinct No 1.

He was an enterprising stock farmer, a kindly neighbor and a loyal friend. His rugged honesty commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was one of the few men who could bitterly oppose you in religion and politics and still be your loyal personal friend. He was our friend, and as such, we join the many who mourn his passing.

L. P. Allen spent Christmas visiting friends and relatives in Llano and Mason counties. While away he went deer hunting, and as proof of his marksmanship he presented the junior editor with a generous hunk of as fine venison as ever graced a king's table.

Lions Play Santa Claus

If any indigent man, woman or child in Sterling City failed to be remembered with a package of Christmas cheer, it was because he had not been discovered.

For more than a week before Christmas Day, every Church, Sunday school and Club began preparations to dispense sweet charity to the needy ones about town. Even the little Mexicans were remembered thru the tireless efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stratton, and if any of these little brown kiddies failed to get his Christmas package, it was no fault of theirs.

When the Lions met at their weekly luncheon on Wednesday before Christmas, after "throwing in" on "Shorty," their genial host, cracking jokes around the table until everybody was full of good eats and good humor, someone offered a Christmas package for some needy child, for sale at auction. The bidding was lively until sold. Then another and another was put up and bid in until about twenty five had been sold at a good round price.

These packages were delivered to the needy children of the town on Christmas eve. The money that was realized from the sale was invested in nine lots of groceries and delivered to that many needy families in the community. So if anyone failed to get a share of Christmas cheer, it was no fault of the big hearted Lions.

While the Lions are supposed to sponsor all civic measures, they stand shoulder to shoulder with open hands and warm hearts to bring sunshine and happiness to the unfortunate. This Club has done more to energize civic welfare and material improvement than any other organization. Our splendid fire department stands as a living monument to their efforts. Perhaps no town the size of Sterling can boast of a more efficient fire fighting equipment manned by a company of well trained young fellows, than Sterling City. Of course much of the money for this equipment came from outsiders, but the Club sponsored it.

Dr. H. T. Clark Is Dead

Dr. H. T. Clark died at his home in Garden City last Saturday morning, January 2, and was buried the following day at Foster Cemetery. Dr. W. B. Everitt conducted the funeral services at the grave.

Deceased was well known to the people of Sterling City, having resided here for a time.

Dr. Clark was born in Texas, June 10, 1847 and spent his entire life in this state. He was a Confederate veteran and a former Texas ranger. He practiced medicine for sixty years. He was a member of the Baptist Church the greater part of his life.

He is survived by one daughter and three sons. His wife preceded him in death several years ago.

San Angelo National Bank Opens

The San Angelo National Bank which closed its doors a few months ago, has been reorganized under the name of "San Angelo National Bank", opened up for business last Monday morning.

It was just as we predicted, the men who were at the steering wheel of this great institution could not be kept down very long. The hearty support given in the reorganization of this great bank reflects the loyalty, not only of the citizens of San Angelo, but of all West Texas. Hundreds of enthusiastic citizens were present to welcome the opening of the bank. Our good old friend, Charles B. Metcalfe was among the crowd with a handful of gold. To be first in all good enterprises, friend Charley was the first depositor of the bank. The deposit slip was No. 1, and marked \$100 gold.

You can't keep down such men as these long at the time. You may down them for a little while, but they will scratch out. Hurrah for those boys!

Sterling Stratton has as his guest his father, who lives in San Antonio.

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TOO MANY TEACHERS

About a year ago Governor Roosevelt of New York, according to newspaper dispatches, warned the legislature that he would veto any bills purporting to establish new teacher's colleges or even extending the facilities of the present ones until at least a part of the surplus of teachers in that state had been absorbed. Last September the New York State College for Teachers limited the admission to the Freshman class to 300, due to the overcrowded condition of the teaching profession. About the same number were turned away. It is to be presumed that those admitted met certain high requirements.

Last year in Texas it was accepted that there was a surplus of 5,000 teachers. No doubt at least 7,500 are now idle. I know many of the best teachers do not have positions. It is no fault of theirs.

Teacher's colleges are maintained for the expressed purpose of training teachers. It is up to the taxpayers as to whether the colleges should continue to incubate teachers or curtail the output. Dr. J. D. Leona, for years a practicing physician at Bronte, Texas a leader in his town and secretary of the school board there, writes:

"I think it is high time that the legislature should eliminate about four of our state teacher's colleges. Shut down the mills that are putting an over-production of teachers. That is the way manufacturers do when there is an over-production of their goods." Dr. Leonard then suggests that the money thereby saved be used for the rural high schools of the state.

Dean Oscar A. Ulrich of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, says: "The above figures indicate that the institutions of higher education in Texas can turn out enough teachers in four years to replace every teacher now in service and have plenty to spare. The taxpayer may be pardoned for objecting to this wholesale and indiscriminate practice of training teachers at his expense.

"Does the State need 68 colleges offering work leading to teachers certificates? Does the State need eight State Teachers Colleges. The taxpayer pays the bill for training about 10 teachers for every one that is needed."

A conservative estimate of the cost to taxpayers for every degree issued is about \$2,000. Add to that the cost to the parents, say \$1,500, besides the loss of time of the student, and you have a nice little bill. Then after spending the public funds and \$1,500 of dad's hard-earned money, if the son or daughter can't get a position, can't pursue the profession of his choice, has any one been benefited? And if the son or daughter is forced to return home, disappointed and perhaps embittered, hasn't a distinct injury been done?

At least shouldn't high school students be told of this condition, that their parents might invest the

Unload Sale!!

Such Tremendous Bargains you've never seen before, and will never see again

**Starts Sat., Jan. 9
Closes Sat., Jan. 23**

Store Closed today, Friday January 8, to prepare for Sale

We mention only a few of our many bargain prices

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| Extra heavy full sized Sheets at 69c | Children's Bloomers 15-19c |
| 22x44 Turkish Towels on sale at 15c | Part Wool full size Blankets \$1.00 |
| Fast color Prints 10c | 8 oz. Feather Tick 15c |
| Fast color Gingham 10c | 36 in. Outing 10c |
| Men's and Ladies' Sweaters 69c | Kotex 29c |
| Men's Sox, per pr. 8c | All Shoes reduced |
| Ladies' full fashion Silk Hose, per pr 79c | Children's wash dresses size 7 to 14 25c |

These are only an intimation of the many bargains that await you

Come and See Them!

E.L. Bailey Dry Goods

price of degree for them? Do you not think the time has come for taxpayers to speak out? What do YOU think?

Very truly your,
W. A. BYNUM, Manager
Bynum Teacher-Placement Service
Abilene, Texas

WHAT IS WRONG WITH CHRISTMAS SEALS

Gilbert Swan of the NEA Service thinks he found a mare's nest in the picture on the Christmas seals of 1931. The picture represents a taleho drawn by four prancing horses with several people on the front seat and the driver with whip and checkreins on the extreme right.

Mr. Swan solemnly informs the public that the driver in the picture is sitting on the wrong side of the driver's seat because he is on the right side. He says they tried to make the change in the picture when it was too late.

It is real funny what a lot of misinformation the youth of today gets stored up in his think tank. The picture is all right. Every old timer knows that the right hand side of a horse drawn vehicle is where the

driver should sit. The brake lever of all farm wagons are on that side so that the driver can reach it with his right hand. Ask any old timer if the driver in the picture is not sitting on the proper side and he will tell you that he is.

The fact that the driver's seat is on the left hand side of an automobile has led many people to believe that it has always been thus, and that the custom prevailed in the days of the stage coach and horse wagon, but it is only a few years ago since the driver's seat was situated on the right hand side of an automobile. In a shed in our barnyard is a 1910 model E. M. F. Studebaker automobile in which the driver's seat is on the right hand side with the gear shift lever on the running board to the right.

The driver of an ox team always walked on the left hand side of his steers.

In mounting a horse you must always mount from the left side. If you try to mount an old ranch horse from the right hand side, you may need a doctor after the experiment. He will not stand for it, but don't ever try to milk a Jersey cow on the left hand side, because she may

kick about it.

DO I GUESS IT?

(Floyd Bailey on reading what Keet Dunn said to do after doctoring the Bull. Floyd wouldnt try it twice.)

What do you drink? Do you want to die? The thought of spitting in a mad bull's eye. It makes no difference, how well he's tied, I'd rather be running if I couldn't ride. Keet wasted time and words to tell, Any poor fool to run likeell.

I took his advice in days of yore. When I think of it now, I still get sore. We branded a calf right out on a flat. Keet told me to stand and wave with my hat, While he held its tail with both of his mis To see the wild demon throw thousands of fits. I hopped out in front with delighted joy

This man hating demon to tease and annoy. Keet grabbed its fly swatter to head it my way While I played matador in a heroic play. With only a glance 'twas plain to see What I needed was a horse or a tree. To tell what happened it aint no use, Keet stood laughing; the calf wild loose. With a frantic glance in search of a tree A husky catclaw was all I could see. I made for the bush with all my might; On came the calf, determined to fight. I reached the bush by doing my best. All out of wind and needing a rest With nothing to climb, so I must hop. And doing my best, this catclaw to top I made my last effort to make a high jump The calf he assisted by landing a bump.

Going up high, I did it with ease A way down below, I saw the trees. The distance across is where I did fail. Down in its middle I came with a wail. I lit on my head, my feet in the air With many a bruise, scratch and tear. While birds were singing in a off land I was making an effort once more to stand. I heard the departure of the ferocious calf Then I heard Keet with his breaking laugh. You fellows that know him take his advice I took it once, but I wont take twice.

Floyd Bailey
Paradise, California

THEY SAY

Dr. Swann says constipation often mistaken for piety. "Little" George McEntire says time to jerk is when your cork sunk.

Dr. Everitt says the man who grunts the loudest is not always the sickest.

R. P. Brown says strike while iron is hot. Rogers Heffy says the iron hot by striking it.

Sam Mahaffey says that the difference between thirty cents and half dollar is twenty cents.

J. S. Cole says that it is a mistake to take out notes making a lot of noise while drawing interest.

W. L. Foster says that every one he owns knows the value of a swatter and always keeps one handy.

Walter Mann says that the time when discretion is the better part of valor, is when you meet a pole in the road on a dark night. In that case, Walt says, right about face! March!

Jonathan Jerkbasket says that when he voted for Hoover, he realized that he might have to live on beans, but it never occurred to him that he would have to go barefoot while getting them.

Poorly Pupley says that if the republicans can pinch the tails of democrats and get them to fight oneanother over religion and prohibition, they have got them and with them.

Don't forget the special sale in progress in our town

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Local Items

Have pasturage for 75 head of cows.—Philip Thompson

Jno. Clark visited relatives at San Antonio during the holidays

W. B. Welch was one of our appreciated callers a few days ago.

Dr. A. C. Scott Jr. of Temple was the guest of friends here last week.

Miss Bertha Mendenhall of Dallas was a guest in the Claud Collins home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Young of San Angelo were guests of friends here last Sunday.

Mr. Longfield Stockton is spending this week end with his sister Mrs. Howard Story at Miles.

SAWED WOOD--Good, sound dry mesquite wood, sawed into stove lengths, for sale—H. L. Davis, Phone 3905.

A. No. 1 maize heads for sale at \$10 per ton at the barn. W. B. Welch, Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stockton of Big Springs spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Withers and family of San Angelo were Christmas guests of the Frank Glass family.

R. P. Ainsworth was one of our substantial callers last week. R. P. is one of the mainstays of the Spade Ranch.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kindred and family of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glass Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Story and little daughter, Marvlene, of Miles, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stockton.

Mr. Turner Cannon who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. G. A. Stockton returned this week to his home in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Stockton and her brother, Finis Guest spent the holidays in Abilene with her mother Mrs. J. M. Guest.

Mrs. A. E. Springer, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Louise Holland, spent the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker and little daughter, Louise Elizabeth, of Cleburne were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lowe last week.

J. R. Westbrook accompanied by his son, J. B. Westbrook of Ballinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson during the holidays. Mrs. Atkinson is J. B. Westbrook's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin of Iraan attended the funeral of A. D. Renshaw here last Saturday. Before her marriage, Mrs. Martin was Miss Ervy Britton who was well and favorably known here.

The local cannery operated by Roy Martin has canned during the season 35 beeves, 26 goats, 30 mutons, 28 chickens and a great lot of vegetables. The total output is a little more than 7000 cans, besides a quantity of pork sausage.

January Sale

We are placing our entire stock of Men's Furnishings on sale at the greatest reductions ever made here.

Men's 1-2 Price Suits
 \$35 Suits for \$17.50
 30 Suits for 15.00
 27.50 Suits for 13.50

Dress Shirts
Wilson Bros. and Pool Shirts on Sale
 \$2.50 Dress Shirt on sale for \$1.90
 2.25 Dress Shirt on sale for 1.70
 1.95 Dress Shirt on sale for 1.55
 1.75 Dress Shirt on sale for 1.35
 1.50 Dress Shirt on sale for 1.15
 1.25 Dress Shirt on sale for 95c

Hats on Sale
Stetson Staple and Dress Hats Reduced

\$15 Stetsons on sale	\$12
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\$5.00 Florence Hat for	\$3.50

All Work Clothes at Big Reductions
1-4 Off on Shoes

SPECIAL From January 9 to 16, inclusive, we will clean and press Suits and Dresses, each, for **45c**

SALE BEGINS SAT., JANUARY 9

CONTINUES FOR 2 WEEKS

For Cash, Only

The Men's Store

W. M. S. Meet

Although the weather was disagreeable, the Missionary society met at the M. E. Church, Monday, with seven members present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the reading of the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Plans for the year were discussed. May this year's work be acceptable to our Father in Heaven. "Thy will be done."

Reporter

Auxiliary Meets

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met on Monday of last week with Mrs. Mamie Lyles. Mrs. Sam Mahaffey was leader of the Mission study lesson. Misses Evelyn Knight and Mary Ann Thompson pleased the circle with several musical numbers. Mrs. Lyles was assisted by her daughter, Thompson in serving a delicious plate of sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee.

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished house or apartment. See Mrs. Hoover.

Church of Christ

Sermons for Sunday that will interest are: "The Purpose of The Law" at the morning service and "The Benedictions of Our Lord" Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Bible school begins at 10 o'clock. Let everyone be on time. Young people's Bible class begins at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday evening. Young men's Bible class begins 7 o'clock on Wednesday evenings. Ladies Bible class begins at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

You are invited to these services. We welcome your presence. Visitors of last week, we want to thank for your interest and your presence. Come again!

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 By: Ted Norton.

Undertaker's supplies
 Ambulance Service
 Embalming on short notice
 Lowe Hardware Co.

CANNING—All kinds of meats, fruits and vegetables. See Roy Martin.

Let me wash your clothes rough dry 6cts. lb. for 15 lbs. and over if you bring them. Mens work shirts and under wear 10 cts. each.
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TRESPASS NOTICE

All persons are hereby notified that anyone found hauling wood fishing, hunting or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted.
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R. P. Brown, Agent

Posted All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by me.
 GEORGE McENTIRE

FOR RENT—Two apartments. See T. G. Fullick, at Valley View Inn

FOUND—Ladies gloves. Call at Butler Drug Co's.

Miss Lois Leach Is Married

The friends of Miss Lois Leach will be interested to learn that she was married at Fort Worth to Mr. Ernest E. Young on December 26, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Young are at home in San Angelo at 318 Twohig.

The bride is well and favorably known in Sterling. She was a member of the faculty of our high school in the department of Home Economics. Perhaps no teacher here was ever more popular and better loved than Miss Leach.

The groom is a member of the faculty of the San Angelo high School in the capacity of teacher of Vocational Agriculture. He is a young man of great promise.

The News-Record force join the many friends of the happy couple in congratulations.

Mrs. Kenneth Parker Entertained

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. R. L. Lowe entertained with a bridge party, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Parker of Cleburne. Four tables of bridge players assembled to enjoy this pleasant hospitality. After the series of games, tempting Osgood pie and coffee was served. Each guest drew a fortune for the New Year, which were enjoyed.

Those present were: Mesdames Templeton Foster, Vern Davis, Claud Collins, Elliott Mendenhall, Sam Mahaffey, Joe Butte, W. L. Foster, W. B. Everitt, Clyde Everitt, Rufus Foster, R. L. Lowe, E. B. Butler, W. E. Allen, Pat Kellis, and Miss Bertha Mendenhall of Dallas.

School Visitors

At the close of the fourth month of school 95 pupils had enrolled in high school and 187 in grammar school. The County Line school had enrolled 11 students and the Mexican school had enrolled 10. A total enrollment of 303 in the entire school.

The following visited the school during the fourth month. Several of these people visited more than one time

Misses Lois Stone, Helen McCabe, Mable Lee Blackburn, Bernice Hart of Simmons University, Gladys Copeland of Iatan, Myrtle Gregson of Iatan, Linnie Mathews of San Angelo Bess Caldwell Home Economics Supervisor, Mable Stone Health Nurse.

Mesdames Shade Walraven, W. S. Ezzell, Marvin Churchill, Ab Merrill, John Blackburn, Fred Hodges, Bill Reed, Ben Findt, Laura Latham, D. J. Williams, J. Henshaw, Ben Long, Bruce Merrill, James McEntire, Pete Allard, H. B. Lane, Rhude Mathis, S. A. Mahaffey, J. S. Augustine, Bill Frieta, C. M. Sparkman, George Case, R. T. Foster, Joe King, Ray Knight, E. Keller, W. M. Key, Ben McWhorter, L. R. Knight, A. J. Bierschwale, W. W. Durham, A. L. Foster, H. W. Hart, J. R. Clark, I. B. Langford, J. C. Stansberry, W. M. Edwards, E. R. Knight, T. F. Conger, Messers L. A. Thigpen, Henry Radde, B. B. Hestir, W. S. Ezzell, Ted Norton, Will Durham, Malcom Black, John Reed, J. L. Glass, W. B. Atkinson, Rufus Foster, Claude Collins, G. C. Beauchamp of San Angelo.
 H. B. Lane

Every house holder and ranchman in Sterling County is interested in the upkeep and care of the fire truck. A fund is being raised for this purpose by voluntary contributions. If you feel disposed to donate a small sum for the protection of your home, please leave it with E. L. Bailey or F. M. Williams.

Private Freight Service

John C. Reed, was a substantial carrier of this office last Tuesday. Mr. Reed relates that a few weeks ago he was in a hurry to get a shipment on the Fort Worth market. Knowing the schedule of the Santa Fe on cattle shipments, he phoned the P. agent at Latan and asked if that line could get his cattle into Fort Worth at a certain hour. The agent replied that he could. So John loaded his cattle at Latan and left at 2:30 in the afternoon and arrived in Fort Worth at five o'clock next morning and was there waiting for the market to open up. He said if the Santa Fe would change its schedule so as to make a prompt delivery of stock into Fort Worth, all shipments from here would go over that line, but as long as the schedule remained as it is, much of the shipment will go to the T. & P. Mr. Reed says that long hours on a train greatly depreciates the weight and value of stock.

Rome Shield Dead

Gerome Shields, noted cattleman and former Sheriff of Tom Green county died while asleep last Sunday morning at his home in San Angelo. Deceased was 69 years old at his death. He came to Tom Green county in 1882. He was well known to every old time cattleman in West Texas.

Sam Pollock Dead

Sam Pollock died at his home in San Angelo on January 2 at the age of 85. He was one of the pioneers of Tom Green county, having gone there in 1873. He was prominent in Masonic activities. He assisted in the organization of Sterling Lodge No. 728 in 1891.

B. F. Brown for Judge

We are announcing in this issue the name of B. F. Brown as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Sterling county.

Judge Brown has been Judge of this County so long that it seems that he is a fixture to most of us. The public records will reveal to the inquiring mind just how well that this candidate has performed his duty more than we can.

The Judge believes in strict economy in the administration of the affairs of the county that is consistent with progress. He is always on the job and works faithfully in his office to keep the details straight.

His many friends believe that if re-election will be no mistake, and their loyalty to him in the past has not lost any of its force.

Mrs. Tiny Longshore for County Treasurer

This week we are announcing Mrs. Tiny Longshore a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer of Sterling County.

Mrs. Longshore has served Sterling County in the capacity of Treasurer for many years and during all that time we have never heard one word of adverse criticism.

She has kept the county's funds safely and at all times has been ready and willing to give an accounting.

Her numerous friends believe that her re-election will be a wise measure for the people. She solicits your support in the coming primaries.

C. M. Sparkman in Race for Tax Assessor

In this issue we are announcing C. M. Sparkman a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sterling county.

This candidate has been a resident of this county since he was a baby. Except the years he spent in college and a period as a teacher, he has been a fixture in this community most all his life where everyone knows him for his honesty, steady, sober, and industrious habits.

His numerous friends believe that he is eminently qualified and fitted for the office to which he aspires. Equipped with a fine education, keen perception, quiet and courtly bearing, they believe that if elected, he will fill that office with credit to himself and profit to his constituency.

THE CONCHO, YOU, AND I

How pleasant the banks of the Concho
Where beautiful, wild thistles grow,
With its stretches of beautiful country,
Where we two and our friends used to go.

How lofty thy hills! They look down upon thee;
Thy deeds they record; what a record 'twill be!

Flow gently, I'll sing a song in thy praise.
Flow gently, dear Concho, disturbed not by days.

For a day is a year, and a year is a day
With you who travel so swiftly and sure,
For day after day you will follow your course,
And in fancy turn back every stream to its source.

Flow gently, dear Concho, disturb not the song
Of the merry cricket that is skipping along;
Nor the bird, nor the bee, which are ever on wing,
And come oft to bathe in your bubbling spring.

There, oft the sun sweeps over the lea;
The sweet scented mesquite shades you and me;
Bob White's shrill whistle to his mate in his calls
Echoes and re-echoes through the valleys and walls.

Flow gently, dear Concho, disturb not our dreams,
One day we shall sleep by thy murmuring stream;
And rest in the shade of your grand old hills.

No wonder you're happy; you hear the red birds call;
No wonder you're happy; you attend the crickets' ball;
No wonder you're happy as you rush out to sea;

Why shouldn't you be happy, for every one loves thee!
Mrs. W. B. Everitt
Sterling City, Tex.

Tremon Revell has accepted a position with a lumber company at Van Horn.

Miss Ora Sproul, teacher in San Angelo schools is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hal Knight.

Mrs. Dudley Westbrook and Mrs. Mayhew of Brady were guests in the J. B. Atkinson home last week.

Mrs. Jno. Boyd and Miss Mona Rewsey, of San Angelo, were the guests of J. A. Revell and family last week.



Poor Home Lighting Will Affect Your Boy's School Standing

The kind of homework your boy is able to do is, to a certain extent, governed by the efficiency of your home-lighting—and largely determines his progress in school. Are you giving him the benefit of the good light he needs? If not, his education will suffer.

If he finds concentration difficult . . . if he becomes drowsy quickly . . . if he complains of headaches, or if his eyes become bloodshot easily—it is entirely possible that poor lighting is the cause.

Lamps must be of sufficient wattage to give plenty of light, and fixtures must be so arranged as to produce no glare—either direct or indirect. Check your lamps and your lighting arrangements. . . . Are you giving your boy a fair chance?

Lamps, fixtures and electricity cost but little—and they may mean the difference between success or failure. Check yours today—or ask one of our Trained Employees to inspect your home. There's no obligation, of course.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

West Texas Utilities Company

THIS WEEK

(Continued from first page)
Gen. Hoojo, Japanese commander in chief, sends a flock of airplanes roaring southward to meet the attack with aerial machine gun fire and bombs. Airplanes "raining death" and out of reach are discouraging to those on foot.

Mr. Hurley, secretary of war, will tell President Hoover that the Philippines are not yet ready, economically, for independence. We must hold on to them, for a while, until they learn to govern themselves.

The question is, also: Is the United States ready "economically" to "baby" the Philippines along, financing them, giving them access to our sugar and labor markets without restriction, or tariff, and let them go when they choose to say "Get out, we know how to walk alone now?" American economy should also have consideration.
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POSTED:—Hunting, or any other trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, is strictly forbidden. Offenders will be turned in to the sheriff whenever detected in any act of trespass. Keep out and save trouble.—R. E. Davis

Hauling: Let C. W. Smith do your hauling. Has 2 trucks. Will haul cattle, sheep, goats or anything you might wish hauled, long or short distance, day or night. Phone 149, Sterling City. 3t

Wm. J. Swann
Physician and Surgeon
OFFICE AT BUTLER DRUG COMPANY
Residence Telephone No. 167
Sterling City, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic party:

- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: V. E. Davis
- For County Judge: B. F. Brown
- For County and District Clerk: Prebble Durham
- For Tax Assessor: S. T. Walraven
- C. M. Sparkman
- For County Treasurer: Tiny Longshore

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More than twenty years in practice
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OFFICE IN ATKINSON BUILDING
Sterling City, Texas

Freight & Express
San Angelo to Sterling City daily, except Sunday
Will fill all orders for you
Leave orders at Hiway Cafe, Sterling City, or phone 383-02 San Angelo
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STERLING THEATRE

"Trying to do the impossible—Please Everybody"

Coming Soon—

John Gilbert in "West of Broadway"
Wallace Beery in "The Champ"
Norma Shearer in "Private Lives"

WATCH this paper for the dates of a special show—"My Sin"

New Prices 15 & 35c

Follow the crowd to Sterling Theatre

No. 9813

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

At the close of business on Dec 31, 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$440,002
Overdrafts	590
United States Government securities owned	15,000
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	4,800
Banking House, \$8,000; Furniture & fixtures	\$2,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	22,082
Cash and due from banks	28,018
Outside checks and other cash items	39
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	750
TOTAL	\$520,751

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000
Surplus fund	100,000
Undivided profits—net	44,455
Circulating Notes outstanding	15,000
Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks	1,786
Demand deposits	299,510
TOTAL	\$520,751

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling

I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. S. Cole, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January 1932.
Pat Kellis, Notary Public

CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. Davis
J. L. Glass
R. L. Lowe } Directors.

POSTED—Any hunting, fishing, wood hauling or other trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is forbidden and will be prosecuted.—Rufus W. Foster

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