

Ranger Times

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While financial ills are besetting the world, Mussolini has taken to motorcycling. But even in that he's got to keep his balance.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

No. 184

Illene Girl Questioned In Vardeman Death

OUT THIS AND THAT

By W. B. MAYES Jr.

The following passages are alleged to have been left in the office of the Breckenridge American, 1537 the Rev. Ben Parker, pastor of the Christian Church of Breckenridge. After reading it we decided that was so good we would run it. Then Gus came along with the same clipping and suggestion that it be run some day, so here it is:

THE LONG, LONG TRAIL

It is a few days and full of trouble. He labored all the days of his youth to pay for a gasoline pump, and when at last the task finished, he found the pump had been stolen. He planted a mine in the earth and tilled it diligently, he and his servants and his sons, and when the harvest came he found the pump had been stolen. He labored all the days of his youth to pay for a gasoline pump, and when at last the task finished, he found the pump had been stolen. He planted a mine in the earth and tilled it diligently, he and his servants and his sons, and when the harvest came he found the pump had been stolen.

PROBE TO FOLLOW BOMBINGS

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 31.—A nation-wide investigation of anti-fascist activities in the United States by government agents was indicated today by postal authorities following the bomb plot frustrated here at the cost of two mail clerk's lives.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 31.—

A dynamite bomb wrapped in a package was delivered today to Count C. P. A. Buzzi-Gradenigo, Italian consul in Cleveland.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—

A mysterious express package, possibly containing a bomb, was hauled back and forth among crowds today.

POLICEMAN WOUNDS A 'LEGGER

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 31.—Police Chief F. L. Barfield of Dania, Fla., warned from the leading car of an alleged run runner, motorcade to "put down that car and run," shouted back, "I don't know how to run," today.

MARKET

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FLOODS ISOLATE MISSISSIPPI TOWNS



Rackwater from the flooded Tallahatchie river in Mississippi has made the picture above a common scene in the northwestern part of the state. This shot, taken by a plane chartered for NEA Service shows a farm between Batesville and Glendora, Miss. It is completely isolated except by boat.



A street in Glendora, Miss., which has been cut off by high waters from the Tallahatchie river for days, is shown here. The auto fighting its way through the waves is one of the many unable to leave the little town, where many refugees have been concentrated.

TAILORING SHOP BURNS IN RANGER

Fire which broke out about 12:30 Thursday morning in the Rogers Bros. tailor shop, on Main street, Ranger, practically destroyed the establishment.

Job Cat Killed After Escaping From Zoo Cage

A large bobcat belonging to Ranger fire department escaped from his cage Tuesday night after killing a prize-winning rooster, also belonging to the department, killed several belonging to a neighbor.

Tariff Bill To Have Preference On Tax Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The probability that democrats will bring up a tariff proposition soon after the holidays and rush it through the house ahead of the tax bill was indicated today by Speaker Garner.

Japanese Enter Kowpangtze

KOWPANGTZE, Manchuria, Dec. 31.—Japanese troops entered this city late today on their drive across Manchuria and prepared for a final battle before reaching Chinese, last stronghold of the Chinese.

District Clerk Is Back From Meeting

District Clerk W. H. McDonald has returned from Fort Worth, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the County and District Clerk's association for the northern part of Texas.

ALL-STARS WILL PLAY ON FRIDAY

The weather permitting, the Ranger All-Stars and the Cisco All-Stars will clash on Lillard field Friday afternoon at 2:30 in a game that will be played for the benefit of the Cisco and Ranger fire departments.

High Wind Does Damage in Ranger

High winds, which began blowing in Ranger late Wednesday caused considerable damage in the city.

Suspect in Shooting of Farmer Suicides

CHIPPAWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 31.—Charles Usehman, 35, alleged assailant of a farmer, whose sister had refused to marry him, committed suicide today by hanging himself in his cell.

TEXAS HAS LYNCHLESS YEAR IN '31

DALLAS, Dec. 31.—The mob, whose murderous acts have brought such unfavorable publicity to Texas in past years, failed to exact a single life in 1931 in the Lone Star state.

The lynchless year was completed today—the second such year since 1882, when records of mob action was started. This record in the past half a century was equalled only in 1925, when no lynchings occurred in the state.

The 1931 record is a complete record of 1930 when the fury of the mobs which took three lives in Texas gained the state much publicity. The 1930 lynchings were that of George Hughes, negro, in the Sherman riot of May 9; the lynching of George Johnson, negro, at Honey Grove, May 18, and the lynching of William Hoane, negro, at Bryan, June 17. The Sherman riot, ending in the burning of the county courthouse, aroused a wave of sentiment against mob action.

"I am proud of the record that Texas made this year, and hope that it will be equalled many other years," R. M. Woods, of Huntsville, director of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, said.

But the year had its moments of mob action. Perhaps the quick work of local officers or of Texas rangers or the fact that the mob was not whipped up to a murderous point prevented a "necktie party" even though crowds of infuriated men had collected.

Twenty-one times Rangers were hurried by train, auto or airplane to what were thought to be "lynching parties." Vigilance on the part of local sheriffs with cooperation of Texas rangers is given as the factors that gave the state its record.

"We figured out it was better to be on hand before a mob started, than after it had formed," said Adjutant General W. W. Sterling, lanky ex-ranger captain. "Give the sheriffs the credit. We only stood behind them and assured them we would back them up."

The southern commission on the study of lynchings listed among the "prevented lynchings" of 1931 protection by the National Guard of a negro charged with murder at Ft. Pleasant, two charged with murder at Comroe and one charged with a criminal attack at Marshall.

Only the spiriting away of Barney Lee Ross, 22, negro, at Dingerfield prevented a possible lynching late in the year. Ross, charged with criminally attacking a white woman, was executed in the electric chair.

Then what was thought to have been a lynching in December later was described by officers as an escape of Leah Edwards, 19, negro, from the Comroe jail. Ross, charged with criminally attacking a white woman, was executed in the electric chair.

Adjutant General Sterling wants it known that he has given instructions to his officers to shoot.

"The rangers have orders to shoot when necessary to defend a prisoner," he said. "That order will not be changed. If it comes to a show down, we will see whether the law or a mob is going to hold sway in Texas."

Mrs. Pinchot in Congress Race



Mrs. Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, above, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, has announced her candidacy for Congress from the 15th district, opposing Representative Louis McFadden, arch foe of President Hoover's debt moratorium program.

CASHIER IS ROBBED OF PAY ROLLS

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 31.—Two masked bandits today seized \$6,500 in cash from Bert Chronister, cashier of the Rosedale State Bank in a daring daylight holdup here.

Chronister told police he was returning to his bank from Kansas City, Mo., with the money when an automobile crowded his sedan to the curb.

A young man, a handkerchief over his face, leaped from the car, flourishing an automatic pistol. Using it as a club he broke a window in the car and shoved the muzzle into the cashier's back. His companions then opened a door of the sedan and took the bag containing the money, which was to have served for the payroll of the Frisco and Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad.

More Convicts Rushed To Scene Of Flooded Area

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 31.—Six hundred more convicts from the Parchman, Miss., prison farm were dispatched to flood threatened counties of Northern Mississippi today as heavy rains renewed the flood menace.

Eastland Men On Program of Ranger Lions

When the Ranger Lions club program unexpectedly fell through today, two visitors, also unexpected, filled in and furnished a program. They were Grady Owen, assistant criminal district attorney of Eastland and W. H. McDonald, president of the Eastland Lions club.

Guest Tickets to Ranger Show

The Ranger Times has guest tickets for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fletcher to see "LEFT-OVER LADIES"—now playing at the Columbia Theatre, or any other show.

OFFICERS FIND CLUE POINTING TO GIRL'S CAR

Piece of Glass Found Near Body of Youth Said To Fit Headlight.

PORT WORTH, Dec. 31.—Parker county officers today were questioning an Abilene high school girl, found injured in her car Christmas night, in the mysterious death of William Vardeman, 17, Weatherford high school athlete.

The girl was found east of Weatherford by a motorist and brought to Methodist hospital here for treatment.

Vardeman's body was found by a farmer near the Fort Worth highway the day after Christmas. His pockets were turned inside out and his shoes removed. It was first thought he had been murdered by a robber.

However officers checked up on a piece of headlight glass found near the body and on reports a girl had left two youths in Weatherford Christmas night and driven east of town in her auto.

The girl now being questioned here Christmas and were returning home when she let the boys out in Weatherford and drove her car off alone, officers say.

They said the boys became alarmed when she did not return for them and hired a car and made a fruitless search for her.

Officers said the piece of glass found near Vardeman's body fit a hole in a light of the girl's car. The girl denied striking anyone when questioned and said she had been injured when her auto struck a telephone pole.

Counsel Demands Writer's Eviction In Ambush Case

ST. TERLING, Ky., Dec. 31.—Trial of William Hightower for conspiracy to murder in the Evans Mine ambush, of last May, was interrupted here today by a second demand for the expulsion of John T. Moutoux, staff correspondent of the Knoxville, Tenn., News-Sentinel.

J. B. Snyder, defense attorney, objected to Moutoux's continued presence in the courtroom after Judge Henry R. Prewitz had refused the request for his removal on charges of contempt growing out of an editorial appearing in his paper.

Eastland Woman Dies in Ranger Wednesday Night

Mrs. Alleghany Bragg, age 50, died Wednesday night at the City-County hospital in Ranger. She had been a resident of Eastland for more than 10 years. Her immediate survivors are her husband, a daughter, Rosie Krugg, and a son, Charles Bragg.

Tack Dennis Lead Schoolboy Scorers

BIG SPRING, Dec. 31.—Though held scoreless in his last two contests, Itasca (Tack) Dennis, 180-pound Big Spring fullback, led the state interscholastic league in individual scoring with a total of 140 points for the season. He nosed out Wilson, Corsicana, Jack.

BANDIT ROBS STORE

KILGORE, Texas, Dec. 31.—A lone daylight bandit entered The Model store, at 7 a. m. today, found I. McGill, clerk, locked the door and escaped with \$485 from the cash register.

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FIRE FIGHTING—FIRE PREVENTION.

In comparatively recent years fire fighting has become a science. It is an organized activity, reaching into every department of community life. Adequate water supplies are demanded. Equipment has been developed to an extremely high level of efficiency.

It is a better thing to prevent a fire than to put one out after it has started. Today a good fire department makes prevention its most important activity. It inspects homes, insists the cooperation of businesses, suggests safeguards.

FUTURE OF THE HOUSE OF STEEL.

When the house of steel is doing business on a large scale business is excellent the country over. According to the magazine, "Steel," structural steel awards in 1931 will total approximately 1,000,767,000 tons.

This project on paper should interest Texans: among the pipe line possibilities is one projected by the Continental Construction corporation to carry natural gas from the Texas Panhandle to Buffalo. This would require 200,000 tons of pipe, the largest order of that kind ever booked.

EUROPEAN NATIONS MUST SHIFT FOR THEMSELVES.

Well informed congressional leaders, as well as financiers and Washington correspondents, agree that there is no expectation in informed circles that the United States will take part in the proposed reparations conference abroad or any general conference on war debts.

American government officials are agreed that the problems now-troubling world statesmen are almost altogether European; that the depression in the United States has had no great effect across the Atlantic; that the shocks have traveled the other way; that one European crisis after another has caused apprehensive vibrations throughout the economic structure of America.

Train of Cars Six Miles Long Plan Is Offered To Shake Dumps

BERWICK, Pa.—The equivalent of a train nearly six miles long will be ferried out of the Berwick shops of the American Car and Foundry company, in filling its order for 500 all-steel subway cars for New York city.

Speaking of "Yellow" Perils!



DAILY WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
WASH. Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Notes from our nation's capital. . . . Lucky for some people that they can revise their testimony at congressional hearings. Same way members can change their before publication in the Congressional Record.

LATEST "Hoover scandal book" tries to prove poor Herbert isn't an American citizen. People soon may get so sore at this sort of thing and so sympathetic with the president that they'll reelect him just for spite.

PUBLICLY, the progressive senators say they did not impede legislative progress and block election of Moses of New Hampshire as president pro tem simply because he called them "sons of the wild jackass" while he was chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON F. WAITE
Shawnee, Okla.

That every citizen should support the business concerns of the home city because they are active, alive, and doing the things that go to make the home city a better place to live in which to live and make a living.

Two Killed, Three Missing in Storm

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 31.—A woman and a small child were killed and another woman probably fatally injured and a family of three unaccounted for in a heavy wind which climaxed by a tornado in northern Mississippi today.

DISEASE OGRE MAY WIPE OUT UNITED STATES

By United Press

WASHINGTON.—An urge in the form of some hitherto unknown disease may some day wipe out the human race in the opinion of Dr. Charles B. Davenport, Carnegie Institution Department of Genetics.

Dr. Davenport, in the annual report of the Smithsonian Institution, pictures the whole complex mechanism of humanity being toppled by a disease which the human protoplasm cannot resist. He grounds his argument with observations on dangerous changes which man's germ plasma are now undergoing.

Fortune Hunters Are Active Near Cleburne

By United Press

CLEBURNE.—A story of fabulous wealth that has sent many a digger exploring in a family cemetery in a community north of Alvarado again has revived interest in the treasure hunt.

Prexy Anderson Picks An All State Football Team

By United Press
ABILENE, Dec. 31.—Prexy Anderson, sports editor of the Abilene Morning Reporter-News gives players from nine schools places on his annual All-State high school football team.

\$112,000 In Past Due Wages Collected By Labor Commissioner

By United Press
AUSTIN.—Nearly \$112,000 in past due disputed wages was collected through efforts of the state labor department during 1931.

Commercial State to Have Holiday

Following the custom of banks throughout the country, the Commercial State bank of Ranger will be closed all day Friday, Jan. 1.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD The CALL of the WILD!



GRIPINGS By GUS

This column is published as a daily feature and may not be construed as representing the editorial views of this paper. What follows is merely what one man thought at the time it was written, and the writer reserves the right to change his mind concerning any subject, without notice, explanation or apology.

For the last time in dear old 1931, we sit down to ye old type mill in an effort to grind out a column. The wind is blowing 24.3 miles an hour velocity, the sun is breaking through a hazy cloud and Josie has her typewriter going at full speed.

Looking at 1931 in a retrospective way, the old year has made some rapid changes in the lives of many folks. What changes has it made to you, my dear customer? To me it's been a mighty valuable year. I've learned to get along without a lot of things I used to think were absolute necessities.

For 1932, we'll just sit back and see what happens. Whatever happens, it will give us something to put in the paper. This, you know, will be a campaign year. Candidates for the various late and early offices are already warming up and getting in condition for the race.

One interesting race will be for criminal prosecuting attorney. Grady Owens, present incumbent, Joe Jones, has his hat in the ring. Milton Lawrence is planning to give a New Year's present by announcing for the same office.

Interesting people I've talked to lately include Joe Cole. Joe and myself had a bull session last night in which we talked about famous night clubs in New York, Abe Lyman's dance band, Eddie Cantor, and his charities and his losses in the stock market.

Went over to the Chamber of Commerce this morning to see how many committee meetings we scheduled for today. Genevieve got started on the subject of dogs. She has one of these Chinese pest hounds named Ching. Fire Chief Murphy over in Ranger has two of them. It's nothing new to me to see one of those elongated lap dogs and it's nothing new to hear its owner rave over the cute things it does in the dog house.

Justice of the Peace Jim Steele has been removed to the Payne hospital for treatment. His condition is regarded as serious. The Justice has been in bad health for several weeks and has not been to his office in several days.

INGLEDIDE—Gregory cut-off grad. ARP—More than 1,000 feet of pipe added to water system of city during recent week.

A total of \$300,000 is being spent for citrus, fruit and vegetable packing plants in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

doxy to give everybody a square deal. We don't hold no ill will against nobody. We start 1932 with a clear conscience. Or maybe if our conscience is clouded a little bit at the present moment we'll try to straighten it up before the day's over.

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Probably this column should make a New Year's resolution or so. But no. Every time we resolve to do something or not to do something, something happens that places us in the middle of a combination of circumstances which makes the breaking of a resolution the only way out of a delicate situation. Therefore there'll be no resolving. We'll just try to run this outfit the best we can. We'll

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STILL FATE OF FREIGHTER

**THE MISTERY STILL
SURROUNDS FATE
OF FREIGHTER**

Scamers of many ships at their hangars have been discussing the mysterious Gilda Steamer, a freighter that sailed into no-where and never came back.

More than three years have passed since the 4,000-ton tramp steamer was last seen on the Pacific coast. On Dec. 28, 1928, with a cargo of scrap iron, 17 men and a woman on board, she was last seen.

The woman still is unknown. Captain Frank (Count On) Dooley said, "She's a scrap steamer with scrap iron and scrap iron on board."

Dooley said he accepted your go of scrap iron here, then he sailed across the Pacific. I mean nurse her. She's likely to be a nurse. Over there a Jap in Yokohama will take her to the junk shop.

"Think you can get her across?" said D. E. Webb, who served as first mate on the boat.

"Count on me!" said Captain Dooley.

The old boat attracted attention while longshoremen were unloading 10 days putting up iron in her stinking holds. Dooley admitted he had captured the woman who was part of Ram on the Atlantic. Six of the crew were dumped here and Dooley said Webb found replacement.

Through a dirty mist hung over the channel the day the ill-fated steamer departed she was maneuvered into the Gulf by Second Officer Tuben. Captain On Me remained in the cabin with the woman who had signed the night before for an un-own to the crew as Mrs. Mary Webb, stewardess.

Three days out the woman ran amok in Dooley's quarters. Dooley, the chief engineer saw her fought over her. Dooley carried her to Lane for a night and the engineer the next. To prevent a mutiny she was then given a cabin. Much battered she left Panama and returned to San Francisco with her story. Dooley spent the last night here in my house," she said. Dooley wanted to go to Panama and she talked me into coming here.

From Panama the Gilda steamer sailed for San Francisco, Seattle and Alaska. There was a division in the crew. One deserted in San Francisco. Three quit at Seattle. All were replaced, however, and there were 17 men aboard when the ship sailed from Alameda in March after wintering in Alaska.

Since then there has been no word from the boat or Dooley or crew. When the Gilda was a ship over due at Yokohama a search was started without result. 1930, Lloyd's Registry officials listed the ship as lost. A sailor reported seeing a member of the crew at Honolulu but efforts to locate him were futile.

Old timers of the waterfront have two theories as to the fate of the ship. The most popular is that the cargo shifted and the Gilda went down with all hands. A few think she may be in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop)



THREE KINDS OF LOVE

BY KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Anne, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as "Rosalie" and "Grand."

Anne, 28, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to Philip Ecroyd, young lawyer, for eight years. They can not marry because Anne knows her sisters and grandparents depend on her to manage their home.

Cecily has a new admirer, Barry McKee, with whom she is falling in love though she has known him only a short time. Mary-Frances and her friend, Ermintrude Hill, strike up an acquaintance with Earl De Armount, stock company actor. To Mary-Frances he is an immensely romantic figure. She meets him secretly and promises to see him again.

Next morning Phil comes to take Anne to her office in his car. He begs her to set their wedding date. When she points out the obstacles they come near quarreling. Cecily's friend, Marta, tells her Barry McKee is a heartbreaker and not to be trusted. When Cecily and Barry have dinner together that evening the girl is moodily unhappy.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XX

"No," Cecily disputed brazenly. "That's like saying that the alphabet is more important than poetry. One has to be learned before the other can be approached—that's all. People have to be friends before they can be lovers. Love is liking—intensified, perfected."

"Wrong as wrong!" he declared. "But I'm glad you think so. Oh, boy, but I'm glad you think so!"

And with that, and nothing further except, "Shall we go?" he was up, and holding her coat, and in a great hurry to be out of the place.

They had left the red-and-yellow sunset on the other side, and here was a night-blue sky, with a few early stars and a clear white quarter moon. They climbed the rustic steps, and followed the cranky, stumbling path, and came to the car parked beneath some fir trees on the byroad.

Cecily looked up at the fir trees and the moon, and boldly and without warning Barry kissed her. The kiss was over her head, and under her own two feet she could feel the roll of the world, and she forgot Bea and Constance and her chauffeur; she forgot Cecily Fenwick; she forgot Barry, almost, until his arms drew her closer and he said, "Now you kiss me."

After that he said, "I love you," three times, rapidly, and stopped.

"Say it again, Barry. Just say it again."

"You say it."

"She said it, and added a 'dear,' for good measure, as generous women are prone to do."

"You'll marry me," he stated. "I mean—when? I mean, darling, you will, won't you?" No, he did not do so well with that. Rumor has it that men seldom do.

"Let's don't worry about marriage," she said. "At least, not now—not yet for a while."

"Let's you and I not ever worry about it," he said, and laughed his delight. "Let's you and I just say, 'Certainly. Tomorrow morning very early, and change the subject, if you like.'"

"Only—," she said—"I thought you didn't approve much of marriage."

His happiness could not encompass her gravity. "I don't. I stubbornly disapprove of all marriages except yours and mine, which is to take place tomorrow morning very early."

"But on the porch at Marta's, that first evening, you said—"

"There was nothing to do but stop that instantly with another kiss."

"Dearest," she said, and went on. "I was a fool that evening, Cecily—I love your name. An ignorant, opinionated fool. The less I know, the longer and louder I talk. It's a habit I've formed. I did have a down on marriage, because dad and mother made a mess of theirs. I wish I hadn't told you—at least, not until later. Does it make a difference, Cecily? Their being divorced, I mean?"

"Barry! How can you be so absurd! How could that make a difference?"

"But something," he insisted, "seems to be making a difference. Or is it—Well, is it that you just don't wish to marry me?"

"No, dear. No. I do wish to. But—"

"We're engaged!" He caught her hands and did some crazy dance steps and called to the trees and the moon. "We're engaged. We'll be married in the morning. It sounds like a song. It is a song. Let's both sing it. We'll be married in the morning. We'll be married in the morning. To that we both agree. Why don't you sing, darling?"

"I can't," she said.

"Well, then, why don't you clasp?"

She was glad that Barry had such a splendid singing voice. She was glad that he was so happy and silly; but she could not understand why he was. Her own happiness made her feel quiet and grave and almost solemn.

"I know," he said. "You think I am making a joke out of the most stupendously serious thing in the world. It isn't that, Cecily. I'm not sure what it is. It seems to be that I've gone mad—drunk? Imbecile, maybe, it with happiness. But underneath I'm wholly and deeply serious. I love you, darling—and I want you to marry me. I'll wait, if you make me. I'll wait a week—even two. But I don't want

to wait? I'm not married. You aren't married."

"But it is much the same. Ann and I often have said so. You see, Ann and I love each other more than many married people do. I am sure. And we've shared everything, including responsibilities and clothes, and hopes, and work, and fun, and money, and everything, since—well, since mother and father died."

"Cecily, sweet," he objected, "you aren't going sentimental, are you, and self-sacrificial and all that?"

"If it is sentimental to pay the grocer and the butcher, and see that the family has a place to live, and that Mary-Frances has an education, I've gone already, years ago. Ann makes \$25 a week. I make \$30. It takes every cent of it—"

"But, darling," he interrupted, "never mind about that. It is you, Ann, in whom I'm interested. You don't love Ann more than you love me, do you?"

"It is entirely different," she said, and added irrelevantly, "Ann didn't rush off and marry Phil the minute he asked her. They have been engaged for eight years."

He simulated a shudder. "Hear me, you woman person. I'm not going to wait eight years nor eight months, nor eight weeks for you."

(To Be Continued)

SAN ANTONIO—M. W. Eisner starting new school well in southern Guadalupe county in Captos Hills district.

Candidates Are Predicted For State Offices

AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—Texas this year is to elect a governor. Leading actors upon this stage have not yet taken their roles.

From a cross-section of opinion and comment, in which this writer has learned the views of about 25 public men, including senators and representatives and those who hold or recently have held state office, it boils down to a majority opinion as outlined here—presented as a matter of news in the fact of its existence, rather than argument or propaganda:

Governor Sterling will be a candidate for re-election.

He will be re-elected.

James V. Allred, attorney general, is the only man in sight who might seriously endanger his chances, in view of the present officials held by himself and various other possible candidates, and the implied obligations to carry through—and the two-term tradition.

Mr. Allred will not run against Mr. Sterling for governor; but will seek re-election.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt is showing symptoms of a keen desire to enter the governorship race.

He probably will not run against Mr. Sterling; but would have a decidedly off-chance if he did.

Mr. Witt can be re-elected lieutenant governor.

Clint C. Small probably will not run against Mr. Sterling.

Tom F. Hunter will remain in the race.

As to the "if" views, in case Mr. Sterling should stay out of the race:

Then Lieutenant Governor Witt would be in the race.

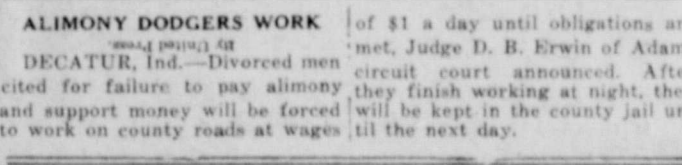
Attorney General Allred would get into it quickly.

Assistant Attorney General Grady Sturgeon, District Attorney William McCraw, Dallas, and several others, would run for attorney general.

Clint Small would announce for another governorship campaign.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



ALIMONY DODGERS WORK

DECATUR, Ind.—Divorced men cited for failure to pay alimony and support money will be forced to work on county roads at wages of \$1 a day until obligations are met, Judge D. B. Erwin of Adams circuit court announced. After they finish working at night, they will be kept in the county jail until the next day.

Institutions Are Digging For Data

PARIS.—The Smithsonian Institution and the University of Toulouse have just completed the formalities of a ten-year excavation agreement in the hope of bringing to light from the deep soil of southern France, relics of art and civilization carried on 20 to 40 thousand years ago.

The sites have been placed under the jurisdiction of the two institutions, and provisions in the agreement state that the rarest and most unusual discoveries shall remain in the Toulouse Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution being given the sole right to make copies of the objects for its own collections. All other discoveries of lesser value and importance are to be divided equally for the benefit of the Museum at Toulouse and the United States National Museum in Washington.

J. Townsend Russel has been appointed field director of the excavation work, and he will be assisted in an advisory capacity by Comte Begouen, celebrated French archeologist, who also will exercise the rights of supervision of the French university. Work is to begin at once and the expedition is to be known as the "Franco-American Union for Prehistoric Studies."

LIBRARY HAD FIFTY TONS OF PAPERS

BOULDER, Colo.—When the librarian at the University of Colorado did a little winter housecleaning during a vacation period, 55 tons of unbound newspapers were removed from the files and storage room of the library to other quarters.

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SOCIETY and CLUB NEWS
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Julia Alexander Grove Meets in Last Interesting Session of Year

The Julia Alexander Grove No. 1954 of the Woodman Circle met at the hall Wednesday afternoon for the final meeting to be held this year. The interesting session was presided over by the guardian, Mrs. C. C. Cash, under whose leadership much has been accomplished during the year.

The guardian gave a splendid talk summarizing in detail the many accomplishments made by the organization. She also expressed her appreciation for the splendid cooperation given by the body of members.

There were 12 adult and six junior members in attendance. The next meeting hour announced for next Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour 2:30 o'clock, there will be installation of officers for the ensuing month. A full attendance is asked for this opening session.

Dues must be paid by the first of each month in order for the secretary to mail her report to headquarters immediately following the first meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Wichita Falls Are Honored With "42" Party

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robinson entertained a number of friends at their home, 1108 Foch street, the week, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Woods of Wichita Falls, who have been guests of Ranger friends during the holidays. Five tables were arranged, decked in harmonizing appointments, where games of "42" were played.

Notes of red and green sounded in the beautiful decorations throughout the rooms. Punch was served during the evening. Special music was given by one of the city's most talented musicians, Miss Faye Sidham. Refreshments served at a late hour carried out the colors of the chosen motif. Places were marked for the honey guests, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Anderson, Mrs. Gladys Clayson, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Driskill, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clardy, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blacklock, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell and host and hostess.

Dances To Feature Closing of Old Year and Bringing in of New
This evening as the clock chimes in there will be many who have completed preparations to spend the evening in dance with their honey life to be enjoyed during 1931.

Just a second after the striking of 12 the usual "Happy New Year" will be exchanged among friends celebrating the arrival of 1932.

At the Ranger Elks Club, Clayton Hunt and his seven piece orchestra will be playing for the best of guests who look forward each year to the Elks annual dance.

A party of Ranger guests will be numbered among the dancers attending the formal annual dance to be given at the Thurber club this evening. Breckenridge, Eastland and Cisco, Ranger's neighboring cities, also have an entertain program scheduled.

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HOKY AND SLIDES
Henry L. Farrell

On Handshaking
JOHN JACOBS and James J. JOHNSON shook hands the other day. The manager of Max Schmeling and the matchmaker at Madison Square Garden have cherished mutually a lifelong enmity. But now that Mr. Jacobs has a commodity called Max Schmeling, which commodity Mr. Johnson would like to market, why not shake hands? Ah! Life is beautiful, after all.

Mr. Mack's Team
CONNIE MACK took pen in hand the other day, and picked an all-star ball team based upon his observations of 47 years in baseball. And in the outfield were Messrs. Cobb, Spinker and Ruth. But Al Simmons will ask for a raise again for next season just the same.

Not Lefty Grove
THE pitcher on Mr. Mack's team would be Christy Mathewson. In a few years more Mr. Mack probably will change his mind about that one, too. Mathewson was a great pitcher. But how about Groves?

Not Mickey, Either
THE catcher selected by Mack was Buck Ewing. Giant's back stop in ancient days in making that choice, do you imagine Mack was thinking back to the last world series when Pepper Martin made Mickey Cochrane look like Rodin's Thinker?

Honors Eddie
THE only present member of Athletics staff chosen for the team was Coach Eddie Collins, nominated at second base. Isn't it rather odd that no player on the team which won three straight pennants and two world championships for Mack was deemed good enough for an all-time team?

Blah! Blah! Blah!
AMONG the season's least interesting challenges was that South-takin' 4-6 hurled into the path of lack Dempsey by the terrible awful, ferce, violent, shakley man, Ho-hoo!

Burglar Used a Chapel For Home
By Const. Press.
LIMOGES, France.—A chapel in a cemetery on the outskirts of the town served as a snug little home for a burglar until raided by police.

On the altar, the thief kept his shaving mug, a piece of soap and a wash basin, which he apparently filled from a hose used to sprinkle graves. He utilized two suitcases full of loot for a bed.

CARRIZO SPRINGS—New woman's club rooms opened.

AT RANGER HOSPITALS
West Texas Clinic.
Truman Reeves, who has been a patient for the past few weeks, was removed to his home today.

V. Fessell, who sustained injuries in an automobile accident two weeks ago, was removed to his home this week.

HOUSTON—Plans completed for city-county hospital here to cost about \$1,500,000.

Personal
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brimberry have had as guests during the holidays Mrs. Brimberry's sister, Mrs. Charles Murphy of Abilene and Miss Marguerite Brimberry of Clovis, N. M.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller and young son of Thurber were visitors with Mrs. Miller's sister, Miss Kate Kramer, this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robinson and family have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Woods of Wichita Falls.
Miss Omer Crawford of Fort Worth, former associate of the Texas Electric Service company, will be the New Year's day guest of Ranger relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speed of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Speed of Plainview are visiting in Ranger, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Packwood.
Miss Stella and Frances Robinson are visiting at guests of Misses Laura and Justita Smith.
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County School News
B. E. McGLAMERY,
County Superintendent

I believe that in the last school notes given to the press I intimated that I might attend the conference on rural education for the southern states as called by United States Commissioner of Education William John Cooper. This meeting was held in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 14 and 15, and I was privileged to attend each meeting held during the two days of the conference. There were in attendance some 275 county superintendents and rural school supervisors representing all the southern states. The program for the first day was sponsored by the department of education of the State of Alabama, headed by Dr. A. F. Harman, state superintendent of instructions. The second day's program was arranged by the bureau of education of the national government. The meetings were held in the convention hall of the Jefferson Davis hotel. The very name of the hotel is enough to remind one that Montgomery is "The Cradle of the Confederacy." Everywhere throughout the city there is a tablet or a monument calling attention to the fact that at this point some historic fact connected with the Confederacy took place. It was our privilege to stand on the spot where Jefferson Davis took the oath as president of the Confederate States of America. All of this was intensely interesting to one whose grandfathers were the Confederate gray.

As I look back over the meetings and recall the things said by the various speakers there are some things that stand out more than others and I should like, in a brief survey, to give you some of the outstanding comments. The keynote speaker was Dr. Lois Coffee Mossman of Teachers college, Columbia University. In her address entitled, "Some Suggestions for Progressive Teaching in Public Elementary Schools," she laid down the following basic considerations: (1) That the goal of education is desirable conduct, conduct which adequately meets the many situations involved in living. (2) That we learn a thing by doing it. Better education implies greater pupil effort and good teaching implies ability to call forth a maximum of pupil effort. (3) The work of the school should deal with the common place things of life through experience that

give them more meaning. It implies a program of living one's daily life more fully and richly. (4) A thing is well learned if it can be readily brought into use when the need arises. (5) Learning, as conducted in school, should further both individual and social development. (6) School learning should be a cooperative enterprise in which all the children in the class engage under the guidance of the teacher whose leadership they recognize and respect. This means that in order to be competent leaders of children in the adventure of education teachers must have richness of knowledge and understanding.

In the course of her address Mrs. Mossman made, among others, the following suggestions for the conduct of work as to develop a progressive type of school: (1) The class should develop into a mode of group living in which common objectives should be recognized and a program set up to accomplish these objectives. (2) The classroom should come to be regarded as the home base, the center of the group life. Its arrangement and equipment indicate the life going on in it. (3) The class work should consist of a series of rich experiences which reveal to the children the greater meanings and possibilities of their ordinary daily living. (4) The school enterprises should continue to include some of the nature processes at work, through direct observation, and if possible, participation in the processes. (5) The school work should continuously include some attention to current happenings in the world. This means getting acquainted with the people, how they live and what they do. (6) School work should be carried on in such a way that it will help children to understand work as variously carried on to contribute to human living, and throughout all our teaching, means should be used to reveal to children the progress they are making in learning. (7) Finally, school work should give attention to the hygienic aspects of everything the children do, and should aim to see that aesthetic qualities permeate all that is done.

Miss Norma Smith, state supervisor of elementary education in Alabama, in speaking of progressive practices in the supervision of rural schools, said that her studies led her to believe that the states of North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama were leading in progressive practices.

Dr. Howard A. Dawson of the Arkansas state department of education, thinks that the entire cost of a minimum program of education should be paid by the state.

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After this is done, if the taxing power of the most lucrative school units in the state has not been exhausted, they should be permitted to levy additional taxes for the purposes of exceeding the minimum program.

Mr. Ed McCuiston, associate high school supervisor for the state of Arkansas, in an address deploring the fact that so few rural teachers attended district, state, regional or national meetings of teachers. He thought that a south-wide movement, embracing a program of consolidation, county unit, transportation, professional supervision of the chief difficulties in rural education, and believed that we were in fact well on the road with such a program.

As I have read over what has been written I am sure that I have been largely for the teacher or written directly connected with the development of our school system, rather than for the average reader. I trust that it may be worth while in giving to those interested an enlarged conception of the program of education.

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