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PEEPING THRU THE KNOTHOLE

with BILL MAYES

This is the last of a series on the backfield men on the Ranger Bulldog team. Next we will take up the line and after a little about the men who are expected to make the backfield of the 1934 team. Today's story deals with an unusual player, Cole.

Raymond Cole
Raymond Cole is unusual, if for nothing else, because of the fact that he called the signals for the Bulldogs, acted as field general, but never called a signal during the entire season where he could stand out as a ball carrier. On a high school team, particularly, this is unusual, as most quarterbacks try to hog the whole show in the backfield.

At the beginning of the season, and even before that in the Amarillo game last year, which was Cole's first full game on the team, Coach Curtis saw that he was a splendid blocker, and since a blocker plays such a highly important part on any team, he was assigned to that position, a job that Cole liked and therefore did well.

He proved to be as heady a field general as any quarterback in the 90 Belt and his playing, punting and general all-around ability drew praise from the sports scribes at Temple, where outstanding men were the rule, rather than the exception. He was constantly outsmarting the defense and, when he was playing on defense, analyzed the enemy plays with unerring ability, adding materially to the defensive play, throughout the game.

In addition to calling the plays and blocking out players so that the ball carrying, could get somewhere with the ball, Cole was exceptionally consistent with his play, never being sensational in that department, but being steady and regular with his kicks that the Bulldogs always felt confident when he was kicking the ball out of danger.

Later in the season he proved to be a passer of no mean ability, and was used in this department of the game on several occasions. If memory does not fail us, he never had a punt blocked and only on one or two occasions did he get off kicks that did not carry well down the field. He was never outclassed as a punter, even on the highly advertised Temple team and some of the outstanding teams in West Texas.

Cole was partly responsible for the good record made by Aaron Anderson in accounting for points after touchdowns, which proved so valuable to the team this season, for it was Cole who received the ball on the snapback from center, placed it in the right position for the kick and held it there so Anderson could boot it over the goal.

Without a good man holding the ball, Anderson could never have kicked as many goals as he did this year, so Cole should share the honors with him on several occasions.

On the defense, Cole, like Bribery, was one of the mainstays, playing the right halfback position. He was exceptionally good in knocking down passing and showed good judgment throughout the season on passing, running and punting defense. He had several opportunities to intercept passes where it was better football to knock the pass down, and never slipped up. He accounted for several of the interceptions, also.

The only opportunity Cole had to show his ability as a ball carrier was when he would snatch one of Anderson's passes for gains, which he did on a number of occasions, probably completing as many passes as any other man on the Bulldog team.

Cole's place on the team will be hard to fill next year, even though there are several who will be eligible and will be working out for positions in the backfield. He is a good, steady player, who uses his head in any emergency, and does, it would be missed. The backfield men in the district have been called on to fill as important berths in one place as Cole and his reliability in a pinch was always to be counted upon.

He probably would have been a star at carrying the ball, but since he could play the blocking position so well he was never called upon to prove his ability in this respect. Like the linemen, his work was cut out for him and he did it regardless of whether he shared in the glory or not, and he should be counted as one of the most valuable players on the team.

Post in Roosevelt Cabinet for Him?



Reported slated for a post in the Roosevelt Cabinet to replace Homer Cummings as Attorney General is Martin Conboy, above, newly appointed U. S. Attorney for the New York District. Cummings was said to be ready to take the post of Governor of the Philippines, to which he was originally designated.

DISPUTE OVER MONEY PLAN MAY BE OVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The currency dispute appeared to have been postponed and perhaps resolved by an order by President Roosevelt for a limited volume of silver.

His plan, conditionally open the mints for the coinage of standard silver dollars for four years. The dollars will be coined from at least 24,421,410 ounces of silver taken yearly from mines in the United States and its possessions. Only silver mined after yesterday will be coined.

Miners who take to the mint an ounce of silver worth 45 cents on yesterday's market, will be paid 64 1/2 cents for it. The price of 64 1/2 cents an ounce is one half the statutory price of \$1.29 an ounce. It was established by the President's requirements that miners must consent to give the government half of their silver when offering it for coinage.

In a month or six weeks it will be evident whether the new deal for silver has achieved its objective.

CITY HALL BOX VOTE 10 TO 1 FOR 3.2 BEER

On the basis of incomplete returns at the City Hall box at 3 o'clock today it appeared likely that Ranger would vote wet in the beer election being held in the city today. From Cisco word was received that the indications there were for a wet victory, while no word had been received from the one box at Eastland.

Only 57 votes had been cast at the Young School box at 3 o'clock, when a check was made, and no count had been made, the judges waiting until the polls closed before beginning the count.

At the City Hall box a count was made of the 68 votes cast up to 3 o'clock and the judges announced that the vote was 10 to 1 one for beer at that hour. Late minute returns might change the vote, however, and the Young box was yet to be heard from.

The people will have until 7 o'clock tonight to vote, at which time the polls will close and a complete count made of all votes cast in both the Ranger boxes.

52 TAX APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The house today voted for a liquor tax bill of \$2 a gallon whiskey. The administration previously had recommended a tax of \$2.60.

CLINE CALLED ON TO TELL OF HIS CHARGES

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Texas relief director Lawrence Westbrook today called on Walter D. Cline, President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, to submit complaints about treatment of West Texas counties and to "be specific in so doing."

"Press reports state that you have severely criticized this office for alleged discrimination against West Texas counties and failure to secure a proportionate share of federal funds. You are invited to submit your complaints and requested to be specific in so doing," said part of a telegram to Cline.

A supplemental message to Cline advised that the continuation of extra civil works allotments in drought counties of West Texas depends upon instructions received from Washington. This is because of expected receipt by farmers in that area of wheat allotment checks.

South Texas Town Once Famous For Its Six Shooters

HEMPSTEAD, Texas.—Parking lanes have replaced hitching posts and old saloons have given way to drug stores, but Hempstead cannot outlive the fame it achieved when known by its sobriquet of "Six-Shooter Junction" and knew the cosmopolitan air of a European sculptress whose blonde bobbed hair and men's trousers startled staid nineteenth century maidens.

Articles have been written in the days when it was a recreation center for cattle kings and plantation owners of South Texas. Orations have defended it as a village of peace-loving citizens and derided mistaken conceptions of Hempstead.

But nothing obscures the testimony of old-timers who recall days when conductors on the Houston & Texas Central railroad called out, "The next station is Hempstead. Prepare to meet thy God!"

The killing of Congressman M. Pinckney, his brother and two others at a prohibition rally in 1905 is another difficulty the defenders of Hempstead's history encounter. The fight started when R. E. Tompkins, who was speaking, was struck by a wet leader. Six-shooters flashed and when the accounting was taken as the smoke cleared the "law and order" meeting had taken its toll of four dead and several wounded.

The most colorful era in the town's history is that in which the beautiful and talented Elisabeth Ney lived as mistress of a colonial mansion near Hempstead. A grand niece of Field Marshal Ney, close friend and aid of Napoleon Bonaparte, Miss Ney was educated in Berlin and attained continental prominence with her sculpturing.

At Berlin she married E. L. Montgomery, but even after they moved to their palatial home near here she insisted on being called by her maiden name.

Clad in men's attire, she would saunter a lathering horse in front of a saloon and call for a stein of beer. She was stranger to none and her flying blonde bobbed hair was a familiar sight as she raced her mounts through the streets.

Occasionally Miss Ney would show friends the gorgeous gowns she had worn in European courts but she was never seen in them here.

Her sculpturing, for which princes of Europe had sat, continued here and now her statues are exhibited in the rotunda of the state capitol and in the national capitol's Hall of Fame.

Famous Sports Cartoonist Dies

The artist whose sketches delighted hundreds of thousands of sports fans all over the United States has laid aside his brush. Werner Laufer, the brilliant young chap whose "Brushing Up Sports" was a popular sports page feature from one coast to the other, is dead.

Born in Minster, O., on Jan. 5, 1902, Laufer died in Cleveland on Dec. 20, at the age of 31, after a long illness.

Laufer studied at Ohio State University, and was a member of the university's S. A. T. C. corps during the final year of the war. Leaving Ohio State, he went to the Chicago Art Institute to develop his artistic talent, and in the early '20s he got his first newspaper experience on a Chicago paper. Nine years ago he began drawing "Brushing Up Sports" for NEA Service and this newspaper.

An unusually complete background of knowledge about sports, coupled with fine artistic ability and a keen sense of humor, speedily won for him one of the largest sports followings in the country.

He had many friends—in his chosen profession, among the sports fraternity, and in the public at large—and they'll miss him.



Werner Laufer

STRIKE TIES UP FOOD FOR PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Philadelphia's food supply and commercial activity were tied up today by a strike of about 27,000 truck and delivery wagon drivers. Efforts to enlist trolley, subway and bus workers were being made but so far had not succeeded.

Millions of dollars worth of merchandise, much of it intended to brighten Christmas in thousands of homes and produce were piled high on loading platforms.

The Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stabblers and Helpers sponsors of the strike, said it was called in the "defense of NRA."

Indiana Gangster Escapes Police

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Search for John Dillinger, notorious Indiana outlaw, was intensified today as results of the slaying of three gunmen tentatively identified by police as members of his gang of murderers and robbers.

The gunmen were cornered by 20 police in an apartment which police had been informed was Dillinger's hideout.

Police mounted machine guns to cover every exit of the apartment, but failed to find Dillinger.

Air Crash Blamed On Air Pockets

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—The fatal crash of Roy Rosenberger, 45, of Houston, in his airplane here yesterday, was blamed on an air pocket encountered while attempting to gain altitude. His plane dove when only a short distance up and fell four blocks from the airport.

Leading Jockey Off For Florida

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—Jackie Westrope, leading American jockey, will leave tomorrow for Miami, Fla., his contract owner said here today. The jockey was suspended for five days by track officials yesterday for rough riding in a race Wednesday.

Fort Worth Man Is Given Sentence

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22.—William R. Logsdon, 35, former Wichita Falls prohibition investigator, pleaded guilty of charges of assault with intent to rob and was sentenced to five years in prison here today by District Judge George Henry.

Stocks Close Steady After Big Advance

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—American Telephone and Telegraph, typical stock and tobacco shares were depressed and wet stocks held barely steady in an otherwise steady market.

The market responded to the silver buying plan at the opening. Prices shot up one to 10 points and large blocks appeared on the taper. Traders had been taken by surprise and buying orders came in in profusion.

Selling developed at the highs, however, and trading quieted down. A substantial rise developed at the close. When ATT declined and pressure came in tobacco, the streets began to unload.

Radical Policies Cause Hannold To Resign As Common Labor Head

Henry Hannold, who has been president of the Common Labor union of Ranger since the organization some months ago, announced today that he had turned in his resignation as head of the group.

No announcement was made as to who would succeed Hannold as president of the organization. Hannold stated, in announcing his resignation, that he could not agree with some of the radical policies of a few of the leaders in the organization, and stated that some of the actions of these leaders in the past had prompted him to resign as president of the group.

Hannold has acted as chairman of a number of the meetings in the past, but stated today that he would have no connection with the common labor union in the future.

Defends 'Parked Car' Killing



Fearing harm to Ruth K. Beiter, 19-year-old co-ed, top photo, Britton B. Young, 21, law student, left below, shot and killed Carl Meteling, 32, truck farmer, right below, when Meteling attempted to pull the girl from the car in which he found them parked at night along a road near Cleveland, O., Young said officers who held him for questioning.

Bombs Thrown In Cuban Rebellion

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—Cuba's troublesome political situation neared a crisis today with a portentous accompaniment of bomb explosions and gunfire.

Three members of the cabinet announced their resignation. Bombs exploded at intervals throughout the night.

The broad prado was the scene of the principal activity. One bomb exploded in front of the American club, another in front of a Spanish casino.

New Board Will Hear Oil Disputes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Oil Administrator Harold Ickes today announced organization of an impartial labor policy board and explained the change was prompted by "inability on the part of certain representatives of organized labor to participate in the board's activities."

The re-organized board takes the place of a board established recently with three members representing employees in the industry, three members representing labor and an impartial chairman.

Bookmakers' Shops Still Closed Today

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22.—Offices where race horse bookmakers operated until yesterday were under the eye of city and county officers today. The officers had instruction to report the first one that opened for business.

Although threatened with arrest and injunction proceedings the offices in the downtown area opened yesterday and paid off a few old debts, but accepted no new ones.

Newspaper Code To Go to President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Administrator Hugh Johnson said he expected to send the construction, graphic arts and newspaper codes to President Roosevelt today. Johnson said practical agreements had been reached on the codes and he hoped to put them through speedily.

APPEALS MADE TO TEXANS TO BUY BONDS

End of Relief Will Affect 450,000 People Over the Whole State.

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—State agencies made a fervent appeal to banking and private financial circles today to subscribe to the remainder of the first issue of the state relief bonds which lacked \$1,250,000 of being taken up yesterday.

Only \$1,500,000 of the issue was subscribed yesterday. The total bond issue was \$2,750,000. In the face of this, relief officers pointed out federal funds for relief will hardly last through Dec. 25.

State Banking Commissioner E. C. Brand was communicating with various state banks, urging them to subscribe. State Comptroller George Sheppard had a force of workers busy trying to get subscribers to agree to accept bonds of different maturity dates from the maturities specified in their offers sent to the Texas bond commission yesterday.

Former Gov. James E. Ferguson, who recently said offers for the bonds would show if the banks were "full of money or full of something else," was absent from Austin.

Why the bonds, which were first offered without any bidders on Dec. 1, have failed to attract investors, was a puzzle. J. T. Bowman, local bond dealer of wide experience, attributed the lack of demand to a low interest rate. The bonds are limited to 4 per cent interest.

Another reason offered was that some county, municipal and district bond issues from Texas have been left without meeting payments and that investors had not drawn a distinction between Texas state bonds and bonds of Texas sub-divisions. It was considered significant that there was not a single offer from outside the state to take any of the bonds.

Meantime, Texas relief headquarters made a survey of the situation. County administrators were notified the checks in the mail for their counties exhausted all available federal relief funds.

Notice also was given that Federal Administrator Harry Hopkins has declined to approve an advance of any more federal funds until Texas matches federal funds advanced since Oct. 20. The amount is approximately \$3,000,000.

Relief was expressed if the total bond fund is made available, Hopkins will relent as to the balance. End of federal relief funds will affect 450,000 persons, relief headquarters estimated today. It will not interfere with the civil works service projects, which is the designation now given projects on which persons formerly assigned to work relief have been placed.

The Story of Christmas



We, too, even as the shepherds who tended their flocks by night and the Three Wise Men journeying out of the east, pay homage to our Saviour, giving thanks on Christmas Day for his birth.

Last CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

WHO WAS GEN. MOSES CLEVELAND?
OF WHAT IS SACCHARIN A BY-PRODUCT?
THIS IS THE FLAG OF WHAT NATION?

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A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

GIVE GOD THE BEST: Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.—Proverbs 3: 9.

BANK SYNDICATE FORCED TO SELL HOME OWNERS LOAN SECURITIES

Home Owners Loan corporation activities are to be given a boost. New York and Washington announce the organization of a government bankers sponsored organization to aid home owners in foreclosures. In other words, the establishment of a national distributing agency for the purpose of arranging a market for the 18-year 4 per cent bonds. A reminder that the Home Owners Loan corporation, the capital stock of which is \$200,000,000 fully subscribed by the United States government, subject to call by the corporation, is empowered under the loan act of 1933 to issue up to \$2,000,000,000 of these bonds in exchange for existing mortgages on urban homes. A second reminder the government guarantees the principal. Now it is planned for a state and nation-wide selling group to distribute the bonds locally in each section of the country.

John H. Fehey, a Massachusetts publisher and an outstanding business leader, is chairman of the Home Owners Loan corporation. He is investigating reports of false appraisals for home loans in Chicago and many other places. There is an army of Americans who look upon the funds placed at the disposal of the various relief agencies as in the nature of a grab bag. They think that all that is necessary is to untie the strings of the bag and grab for its contents. Chairman Fehey has sounded the warning that no one has the right to make any charges against mortgagors on the grounds that they can obtain special privileges from the Home Owners Loan corporation. Moreover an investigation of the refusal of some mortgagees to accept corporation bonds in exchange for mortgages is also being undertaken.

False appraisal, or rather fraudulent appraisals, it is said, have been pouring into the state set-ups. "Eternal vigilance is said to be the price of victory." This rings all right but eternal vigilance on the part of those who represent the federal government in making these loans is the demand of all honest minded taxpayers who will be compelled to pay some of the freight in the future years.

No city will ever fully represent either the best or the worst of its citizens, but there is a general average which will always make its influence felt. Raising the standard of this general average will bring good results.

If you would like to know what wonderful effects the sun, a light wind and a bank or so of clouds can conjure, you should be out in the country at dawn when the sun is just getting up. Unfortunately, few city folks are up that early. If they are, it is by accident.

If some people spent half the time spreading information of the good things about the home city that they spend in spreading gossip, it would be a much better and busier city.

The selling public should place every inducement they have before the buying public, through newspaper advertising, and the buying public should show their loyalty to the home city by buying at home.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE, Shawnee, Oklahoma

THAT many people do not appreciate the stores of their home city as they should.

The careful housewife wants dependable merchandise at reasonable prices. YOUR STORES HAVE IT. It is not necessary to order my mail or go to some other city to trade, thereby helping to build the other city.

Your stores carry large stocks of seasonal merchandise and the quality of goods offered makes the purchasing power of your dollar greater than in any other city.

The owners of your local business concerns are public-spirited and progressive.

They always do their part toward the civic betterment of their city.

Their stores are filled with big values in merchandise. The business concerns of your city can satisfy your needs. They make it their business to give such service and have such stocks that will fulfill the wants of every customer.

No one should handicap the business and buying power of the home city by spending their money away from home.

Your business men realize that the good will of their customers is the greatest asset they can have; you should realize that successful business concerns are a great asset for your city.

Your home city merchants want you to know that they are intimately interested in your welfare and are trying at all times to do more than their share for the welfare of the home city.

WHAT'S THAT?



The UNKNOWN BLOND

By Laura Lou BROOKMAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY
DAVID BANNISTER undertakes to find out who killed TRACY KING, orchestra leader. Bannister is an author and former newspaper man. He works on the murder case with GAINES, star reporter on the Post.
Among those suspected are JULIET FRANCE, blond prettiest and known to have visited King shortly before his death; HEEMAN SCHLACH, who wrote King a threatening letter; and JOE PARROTT, down-and-out vaudeville actor. It is also known that MELVINA HOLLISTER, middle-aged spinster, had quarreled with King recently.
AL DRUGAN, friend of King's, is found dead in a wrecked automobile.
Bannister persuades the police chief to let Juliet come to his own home, ostensibly as a guest on the theory that if the girl believes her free they can learn more about her.
Juliet begs Bannister to "stop trying to find out who killed Tracy King." Later that day Melvina Hollister is found dead. Bannister rushes to the hotel where Melvina's detective brother-in-law tells him Melvina was strangled. Her brother, Mattie, is hysterical and demands that the police protect him.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXXVIII

MATTHEW HOLLISTER was a completely changed figure—whether from grief or terror Bannister could only guess. He seemed smaller, shrunken and his face was as colorless as his rather sallow skin could be.
"The police have got to protect me," he shouted.
McNeal stepped forward. "Just what are you afraid of, Mr. Hollister?" he asked.
"Whatever I'm afraid of, you ask me that, with my sister lying dead in the next room! This place isn't safe, I tell you. I won't stay here!"
"You don't need to stay if you don't want to," McNeal assured him. "You can go some where else."
"That's not what I want. I want protection!"
McNeal eyed him curiously. "You mean you want a bodyguard? Listen, Hollister, if there's anyone you're afraid of I want you to tell me about it. We'll do all we can to protect you but we'll have to know who or what you suspect—"
Matthew Hollister's voice rose more shrilly. "My sister's dead, isn't she? Someone murdered her. Right in this room! There was a man killed upstairs, too, less than two weeks ago. I tell you this place isn't safe! They're liable to walk in here and murder me any minute!"
"Who do you mean by 'they'?"
That line of questioning brought little satisfaction. It was obvious that Matthew Hollister was in the grip of hysteria.
It was finally settled that he should stay in the apartment that night and that McNeal would send out a man to guard the place.
When Hollister seemed quieter Bannister stepped to his side. "You remember me, don't you, Mr. Hollister?" he asked. "We had a little talk downtown a few days ago."
Matthew Hollister raised his eyes. "Why, yes," he said slowly, "I remember."
"My name's Bannister," the other reminded him. "I wonder if there's some place where we could go now to talk—"
Hollister glanced sidewise at McNeal who was speaking to a uniformed officer. "We could go in my room, I guess," he said.

opened off a narrow hall at the left. It was a small square room, simply furnished.
Hollister, apologizing for the lack of chairs, sat on the bed and Bannister sat beside him. "We'd like to hear just what happened this afternoon," he said. "I mean—so far as you know."
The wild look had gone from Matthew Hollister's eyes. They were pale and mild again. But his voice was not quite at its natural pitch and it was not quite steady.
"I told the police," he said, "but I can tell you over again. I don't know anything about how it happened. I was away most of the afternoon. I went for a walk. I usually go for a walk every day and I didn't get out this morning. I had a touch of indigestion."
"Melvina'd been putting around the kitchen, washing the dishes and doing some cooking. She told me she'd made a lemon pie for supper." He hesitated. "It's out there now," he added slowly. "I saw it a while ago."
"I told her I was going out and stopped to find out if there was anything she wanted me to get for her. She said there wasn't. Then she looked out the window and saw it had begun to snow. She told me I ought not to go out in the snow but I don't mind that so I said I'd go anyhow. If I hadn't—if I'd stayed here maybe this wouldn't have happened."
He paused and the room was perfectly quiet. "She was sitting at the writing desk when I left," he went on. "She didn't say so but I supposed she was going to write a letter. Just as I was going out the door she called and wanted to know if I had my rubbers and I told her yes. She said, 'Matthew have you got your rubbers on?' It was the last thing I ever heard her say."

AGAIN there was a pause and then Hollister continued, "I went down stairs and out on the street. The snow wasn't coming down very heavy and it wasn't cold so I decided to walk over toward the Heights. That's one of my favorite walks. I went down Kinsman avenue and turned into Forest."

"Did you meet anyone you know?" Bannister asked.
"No. Don't remember that I did. There were some people on the street but I didn't stop to talk to anyone. I just walked. After while I thought I'd gone far enough and started back. The snow was coming down faster and it began to look dark but I wasn't in any special hurry. I like to be out in the snow. When I got to the corner down the street I noticed the clock in the drug store window said it was five minutes to five. That wasn't right, though, because I always keep my watch right. I looked at it and it was exactly one minute before five o'clock."
"I came into the hotel and rode up to this floor in the elevator. It was dark when I opened the door and I wondered why Melvina hadn't turned on the lights. Then I saw her. She was in that big chair before the window, sort of fallen side-wise. I thought she was sick but when I touched her and felt her hands—His voice dropped and he turned away. "I knew," he went on brokenly.
"I ran down stairs and told the clerk something terrible had happened. He came back with me. There's a doctor in the building and he came pretty soon, but of

course it was too late. The clerk called the police, too I guess. Anyhow they came after a while. They've been going around asking a lot of questions."
He looked up at the three men who were listening. "Why don't they stop asking questions," he demanded bitterly, "and do something? Letting people be murdered in their own homes in broad daylight! Why don't the police do something about it?"
"I guess they're doing what they can," Bannister told him.
The older man did not seem to hear. "I can't hardly believe it," he went on, his voice catching so that the words were choked. "I don't see who could have wanted to harm Melvina!"
Bannister said, "Mr. Hollister, when we had that talk the other day you told me you were afraid your sister was worrying about something. You said you thought she might know something about the Tracy King murder."

HOLLISTER raised his eyes but his expression was dull. "No," he said. "I don't think she did. There wasn't anybody and any cause to harm Melvina. She and I—we were the only ones left. There's only me now. I can't quite realize it—"
"But you must have some idea who could have done such a thing? You must have some theory?"
Hollister shook his head. "No," he said. "I haven't. The police have the theories. All I know is Melvina's gone. I'm all alone. I'm the only one left. I—I hope you'll excuse me now—"

They left him alone. As the door closed behind them Gaines said, "Poor old duffer!" and Fleming added, "His sure is all broken up."
McNeal was not in the living room but another detective was there. Bannister asked if they could see the body and the detective nodded, motioning toward a door at the right.
The reporters entered the bedroom. They saw the bulky outlines of a figure on the bed, covered by a sheet. Bannister lifted a corner of the sheet, then dropped it. In life Melvina Hollister had been formidable. She was not formidable now.
"There's no reason for us to stay here any longer, is there?" Bannister asked gruffly.
Gaines said he wanted to see McNeal again and Bannister told him he would wait for him down stairs.
He used the stairs instead of the elevator this time and turned into the small parlor where he and the others had waited for McNeal. Bannister dropped into a chair, took a cigaret from his pocket and lighted it. Then he set himself to reviewing everything he knew about Melvina and Matthew Hollister.

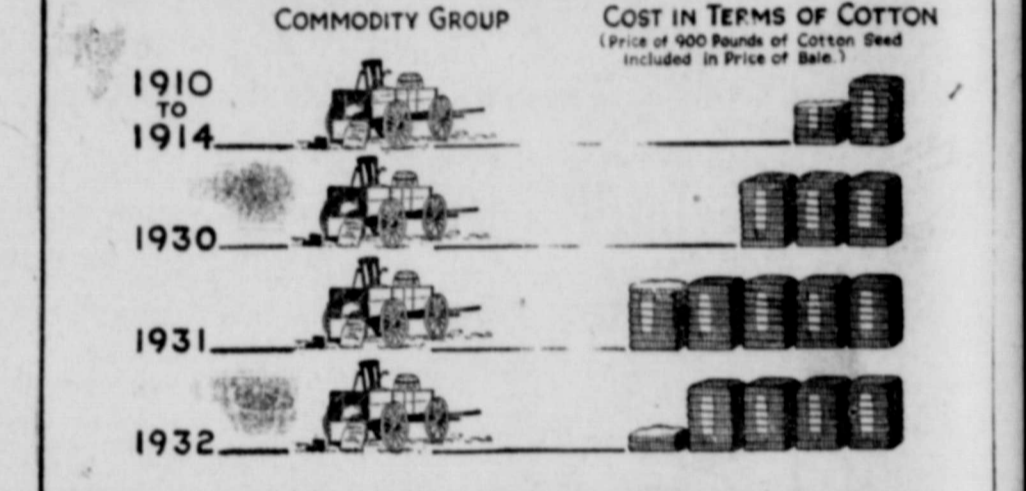
But the mind sometimes plays strange tricks. Bannister, trying to remember just what Melvina had said on the only occasion they had talked to her, was halted by a curious thought. He saw Juliet France again, as she had looked across the breakfast table that morning. He heard her saying, "Something's going to happen. I'm afraid it will be something terrible."
How could she possibly have foreseen that?
(To Be Continued)

OUT OUR WAY



THE WAITING ROOM

BUYING POWER OF COTTON AND COTTON SEED



THE articles that cost a farmer slightly over one and one-half bales of cotton in the period from 1910 to 1914, cost him three bales in 1930. The large crop of 1931 caused cotton prices to fall still lower, and in that year the farmer had to pay five bales of cotton for the same list of articles. Large surpluses increase the "disparity" between cotton prices and the prices of things the farmer buys. The way to restore the buying power of cotton is to eliminate the surplus. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration's program of production control provides a means to do this. Growers who cooperate with the Government will be helping to bring about the adjustments necessary to bring back the buying power of their crop.

LETTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS

This paper will print any letters addressed to Santa Claus received from the youngsters of this part of the country. Just send or bring them to this office addressed to Santa Claus and they will be printed as soon as possible.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy about 8 years old. I want a BB gun Christmas and a lot of candy. Be sure you bring it. Yours truly, RAYMOND BRYAN.

Dear Santa—This is Don and Frank Ford. We live in the Lone Star gasoline camp. We want you to bring us one bicycle and one airplane coaster wagon. You will find these at Killingsworth, Cox & Co., at Ranger. We want one truck and chief car, too. You will find these at Burr's store at Eastland. Hope you can bring what we want. Love to Santa, FRANK and DON. P. S. Santa, please bring Ray a rattler. Put it on our

MASSACHUSETTS HUNTER LETS DEER HUNT HIM

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—J. H. Fredericks doesn't hunt deer. He lets the deer seek him out. Each year for the past four years he has waited a certain point near the Holland-Granville road until a deer appeared and then bagged him. This season he got an eight-point buck that weighed nearly 500 pounds.

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LEGAL RECORDS

Filed in Justice Court: Ben Hanner vs. A. R. Lant more, note. Farm and Home Savings and Loan association vs. P. H. Duff forcible detainer.

Marriage License Issued: Laroe Jenkins and Grace Hallett, Rising Star. P. S. Sirls and Junia Burr Cipeo, colored.

Release of Lien: T. A. Marshall Land Bank commissioner, vs. W. N. Kiser to T. A. Marshall, \$50.

TRANSIENT CAMP BUILT: ST. LOUIS.—A camp for transient citizens has been established by the citizens committee on relief and unemployment here. The camp, converted from an old public farm, has 31 men and more will be added within a few weeks. When completed, the camp will accommodate approximately 500 men.

Fords See New Cars Thrill Pre-view Crowd



Thrills were provided for more than 125 newspaper correspondents and special writers when Henry and Edsel Ford first put their new Ford V-8 cars on display at a pre-view at Ford Airport, adjoining the Ford Engineering Laboratory at Dearborn, Mich. Guests put the new cars through their paces over mile-long concrete runways and over rutted dirt roads in the airport. They rode over a giant ramp surmounting the Airport Terminal building and watched test drivers put the new cars over the ramp at high speed with all four wheels off the ground. Photos show Henry Ford and Edsel Ford watching one of the test cars coming over the ramp at high speed with all four wheels off the ground.

PLANS CONNECT 46 STATES
By United Press
NEW YORK — New York now has direct airplane service to 46 states, the only two commonwealths not having daily air mail-passenger plane service being

Rhode Island and Delaware, each of which, however, is served indirectly through proximity to airports in other states. There is direct airplane service from this city to 178 cities in the 46 states, and over this network the planes

of all companies fly approximately 150,000 miles a day.
If the pure food and drug bill is passed as drawn up originally, maybe we'll find out what there really is in the baloney dollar

HOOKS and SLIDES

BY BILL BRAUCHER

Wagon's Off-Day

SIX days of that squirrelly whirl known as bicycle racing a man must take a little time to rest up and learn to walk. Bike riders do not spend their days pedaling around on other fellow's wheel.

Peter Peden, young star of the racing bowl, recently completed six days in Cleveland, all of which he did to recuperate. "I'm going to have some fun up in my home country riding target practice at black hills. Hiking through those British Columbia woods is a lark after these whizzes."

Rolling Wood

THE WEEK of that would be great recreation, of course.

"A week of it! I'm going to ride five, six, seven weeks of it. I won't read Peden's name in my entry lists until February may when they throw the legs over their saddles in Madison Square. These bikes are some-thing you have to get away from in a while. The old eyes get used to seeing wood rolling up front of you."

How was the hunting eye, after those weeks of circling a pine saucer? "Not too good. Can't always bring down the first bear I get a head on. But I don't bring 'em back unless I drill 'em through the head. And I expect to get a couple, at least."

Nears Record

SINCE October Peden has been wearing the number on his back and pushing the pedals with his feet. Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, New York, Cleveland, all like a sentence of 20 days at hard labor, 30 days of hard labor of 24 hours each, with frenzied sleep snatched at intervals!

Still regarded as a "boy rider," Peden has won 11 of these cruel grinds, and before he is very far along the road of his career the Big Torch will sweep past all records—Pete Van Kempen's proud 16 victories—the veteran Reggie McNamara's 13 wins.

MODERN NURSERY RIMES



Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner
Reading this paper thru;
He turned to his wife
Said, "Not once in my life
Have I seen bargains so true."

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Tonight

Community Christmas tree for children of Eastland, 6 p. m., all children invited.

Senior department R. Y. P. U. Christmas party, 7 p. m., Baptist church.

Booster Bible class, Methodist church, Christmas party, 7:30 p. m., residence Mrs. W. E. Brasher, co-hostesses Mmes. Joe Coffman, Carl Johnson, Joe C. Stephen, and Miss Jessie Lee Ligon.

Saturday

Junior Missionary auxiliary, 9:30 a. m., Baptist church.

Public library, 2 to 5:30 p. m., community clubhouse.

Ladies' Bible class, Christmas tree party, Saturday night, Church of Christ.

Junior Thursday Club

Delightful Party

The Junior Thursday club held a lovely social meeting in the community clubhouse, Wednesday afternoon, with Miss Aline Walker as club hostess for the Christmas celebration.

Beautifully decorated Christmas trees with their gleaming lights and lighted candles were artistic in the dusk of the early evening.

Guessing games and contests, led by Miss Walker filled the happy hour, climaxed by the exchange of Christmas gifts, when names were drawn for the toys and 15 or more books for children.

After looking over the gifts and noting their novelty, the toys and books were sent to the community Christmas tree to be added to the big store already gathered for Santa's distribution among Eastland's children, this evening.

Miss Walker served Christmas refreshments of popcorn balls, Christmas candies, nuts and apples.

Mrs. F. M. Kenny, president of the sponsoring club, was an honored guest and members present were Mmes. Frank Hightower, Harry B. Sene, J. Whately, Dewey Massner, Orville Brothers, H. L. Hassell, J. F. Collins, and Misses Ruth Dancy, Sadie Brewer, Edna Day, Nell Caton, Mary Pearl Judkins, and Miss Joyce Johnson, president of the club.

Adjourned to Jan. 3, with Miss Edna Day, as leader and hostess for the meeting.

Intermediate R. A. and G. A. Christmas Party

The Intermediate Royal Ambassadors and Girls Auxiliary of the Baptist church held a lovely Christmas party Wednesday afternoon in the church classroom under direction of Mrs. L. G. Rogers.

The program opened with the hymns, "Silent Night," "Little Town of Bethlehem," and the merry carol, "Jingle Bells."

A pretty prayer was offered by Miss Beulah Drake, that all little boys and girls would have a nice Christmas day.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree had exchange gifts piled about the base, which were delivered by L. J. Lambert Jr., chairman for the entertainment.

Among the gifts were a large number presented their director, Mrs. Rogers.

A nice sack of oranges and apples was brought by the members as their gift to the community Christmas tree.

Those present: Misses Wanda Laster, Jane Ray, Fern Lee Frost, Catherine Garrett, Geraldine Terrell, Pauline Bargesley, Fay Taylor, Frances Norton, Dora B. Wil-

iams, Joy Coplen, Della Webb, Beulah Drake, Annabelle Arterburn, Angeline Meredith, Etta Faye Warren, Edna Ray Drinkard, Mary Shepherd, Marzelle Wright, Katrina Lovelace, Neoma Reed, Lorene McCoy, Frances Thomas; Curtis Terrell, Travis Cook, Jim Taylor, Frank Shepherd, Chester Alford, Ernest Webb, L. J. Lambert Jr., Ancil Owen Jr., a guest, and Mrs. L. G. Rogers.

High School Parent-Teacher Association

The Parent-Teacher association of Eastland high school held a business and social session, Wednesday afternoon, in the auditorium, opened by their president, Mrs. A. J. Campbell, with minutes submitted by their secretary, Mrs. D. L. Childress.

The association was grieved to have to accept the resignation of Mrs. Campbell as president.

Mrs. Campbell leaves soon to make her home on the Campbell ranch.

Mmes. J. LeRoy Arnold and L. C. Brown were appointed as nominating committee, and will present the slate for election of president at the next meeting.

The association voted to agitate the payment of taxes, and endorsed the movement, with the statement that unless taxes were paid, the faculty members declared the schools would positively close Jan. 22, and if this happened the schools would lose all affiliation with colleges and other schools.

The social period opened with a group of pretty readings by little Julia Brown.

Beethoven Junior Music Club

Miss Josephine Murphy assisted by Miss Joyce Newman, was hostess to the recent meeting of the Beethoven Junior Music club.

The session was opened by the club president, Miss Geraldine Pirkle and minutes were read by their secretary, Miss Josephine Murphy.

The election of officers was held, resulting in Miss Joyce Newman for president; Miss Gladys Larson, Ranger, vice president; Miss Catherine Carter, secretary; Miss Esta Ivon Smith of Ranger, treasurer; Miss Josephine Murphy, pianist; Miss Nona Fay Ervin of Ranger, critic; Miss Ruby Lee Pritchard, Eastland reporter; Miss Hazel Ervin, Ranger reporter.

The program opened with the assembly singing of "Silent Night" with Miss Catherine Carter at the piano.

"Oratorio" was the study theme, introduced with a paper on this form of music by Miss Gladys Larson.

Miss Geraldine Pirkle, piano solo, "Tumbleweed" (Bliss).

Miss Esta Ivon Smith, piano, "Gypsy Gavotte."

Three interesting games were played, in one of which a prize was awarded, Miss Josephine Murphy.

A beautifully trimmed Christmas tree held the gift exchange, and pretty gifts were presented the students by Mrs. Taylor.

A dainty refreshment was served of sandwiches, cake, hot chocolate with marshmallow topping, and Christmas candies in cellophane bags, fastened with candy canes.

Those present: Misses Gladys Larson, Esta Ivon Smith, Geraldine Pirkle, and Mrs. N. Pirkle, of Ranger; Misses Catherine Carter, Anna Jane Taylor, Ruby Lee Pritchard, Joyce Newman, Mrs. A. F. Taylor, Josephine Murphy, Mrs. Milton Newman, and Mrs. Murphy of Eastland.

SIAMESE TWINS SPLIT VOTE

By United Press

HOLYOKE, Mass.—When Mary and Margaret Gibb, 21-year-old Siamese twins, voted for the first time recently in Holyoke's municipal election, Mary voted wet and Margaret voted dry as regards local option.

Margaret, explaining her negative vote, said she was afraid Sister Mary might go out and celebrate while she (Margaret) would be the one to get the hangover.

NEW IDEA SEEN

By United Press

BELLINGTON, Wash.—The possibility of a new industry in

Bellington was foreseen with the discovery of sponge iron, known as the Cinderella of the iron and steel industry, in large quantities here.

Recently two gas wells, with a great capacity, were discovered. H. C. Diers, expert on metals, said with the natural and the discovery of the iron probably would be the beginning of a new industry.

Arkansas Will Break Precedent In Centenary Game

By United Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.—This is the year of history making at the University of Arkansas. And the uncrowned Southwest Conference football champions are the ones the grid historians can thank.

When the Porkers play in the annual Dixie Classic at Dallas New Year's Day against Centenary College, a bugaboo to Southwest Conference teams, it will mark the first time a Razorback eleven has ever donned moleskins on January 1st.

This will be the first time the Porkers have ever played in Dallas without meeting the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University.

This will be the first time the Razorbacks have ever attempted such a "suicide schedule" of 11 tough games.

This will be the first time the Razorbacks have ever played a post-season game.

This will be the first time one single school has played in this Dixie Classic—and to Arkansas goes the honor of being the first eleven in the Southwest Conference to uphold loop honors against Louisiana's famed Gentlemen.

Last, but by all means not least, this match will give Fred Thomson's red-shirts a chance to prove they are rightful first place winners in the Southwest Conference, even if the past season records are not enough.

For example: Centenary played four Southwest Conference members, Baylor, Texas, T. C. U. and S. M. U. So did Arkansas. The Gentlemen defeated Baylor 19 to 0. Arkansas beat Baylor 20 to 6. Centenary was held to a scoreless tie by Texas; Arkansas beat the Longhorns, 19 to 6. Centenary was held to a scoreless tie by T. C. U.; Arkansas defeated the Horned Frogs, 13 to 0. Centenary humbled S. M. U. and Arkansas pulled the same trick 3 to 0.

Last season, the Gentlemen had rolled through an ambitious schedule undefeated. The Porkers came from out of the nowhere to hold

BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam himself is going to make rum. That's the plan, endorsed by President Roosevelt, for rescuing the Virgin Islands from their status described by Hoover as an "effective poorhouse."

The islands went to economic wreck when prohibition wiped out production of their famous St. Croix rum. Sugar and its more important by-product, rum, were all they had.

Lying idle is the big Bethlehem Sugar Co. plant. A Danish bank which owns it owes this government \$70,000 in taxes and wants to pull out.

The Public Works Administration, unless important minds are changed, will allot money for purchase of that plant and erection of a distillery to convert the blackstrap molasses into rum.

FEDERAL employees whose jobs make them travel say they'll be more comfortable under repeal. When they need to write "Washington" on a hotel register there was frequent suspicion that they might be prohibition agents.

GENERAL JOHNSON has had nothing but abuse out of the hotel code. It's hard to tell who is madder over the labor provisions—the hotel men or the Labor Advisory Board staff.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins squawked in vain to Roosevelt. The code imposed a 54-hour week and a 10-hour day. No minimum wages were set for service employes.

A 20 per cent wage increase was provided, but employes weren't protected against excessive reductions for meals, rooms, etc. An increase of but 5 per cent in employment was estimated; a compromise 48-hour week would have meant 15 per cent.

Now the hotel men yell blue murder, insisting the code was imposed without their consent, after promise of further conferences.

ONE of the sadder cases here is that of Ernest C. Ropes, Russian expert in the Department of Commerce. Ropes opposed Russian recognition for years.

During the Hoover administration he frequently predicted that the Soviet system would collapse and even made bets on it.

IF the present Cuban government is recognized, there'll be only two countries left whose existence we don't admit—Afghanistan and Salvador. Afghanistan hardly counts, since we never had diplomatic relations with her.

About three years ago, Vice President Martinez of Salvador became president as a result of a coup d'etat. He said he hadn't anything to do with the coup, but the State Department didn't believe him.

We have a charge d'affaires in Salvador who acts just like a minister, but isn't one.

The treaties under which we and the Central American republics refuse to recognize Salvador run out in 1935. Meanwhile, the Salvadoran government is recognized by other countries.

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of Texas

Meat, Potatoes and Gravy--

MANY a meal is built around three standbys—meat, potatoes and gravy. Invariably they are the first dishes that come to your mind as you plan your dinner.

But in spite of their hunger-satisfying and nourishing qualities, this time-honored triumvirate can become monotonous unless it is supplemented by other dishes.

However, it is often a problem to find these "side dishes" in your own head. Of course you can quiz your neighbor, or ask the members of your family what they would like. But even this source of information is often lacking in ideas.

The thing to do is read the advertisements in your newspaper. Every day your local markets display their foodstuffs on those printed pages. You'll read of new vegetables and fruits that have "just arrived." Your appetite will be aroused by the tasty creations of national food manufacturers. With pencil and paper you can make your market list and menus before you step out of the house.

Speaking of monotony, consider this. There are 11 different cuts of beef, 9 cuts of veal, 7 of lamb, 10 of pork; there are at least 20 different breakfast cereals sold in every store, 16 different canned vegetables, 6 canned fruits, a dozen or more canned meats and fish, numberless varieties of cakes and crackers. Why should there be monotony in meals with such a variety of foods available at your store and so many of them advertised in your paper?

TRY A WANT AD

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



The Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop)



By Cowen

Galveston to Have Two Racing Tracks

By United Press GALVESTON.—Galveston will have two horse racing tracks if present plans materialize.

STUDENTS CUT BOARD BILLS

By United Press MINNEAPOLIS.—University of Minnesota fraternity members are paying less for board and room this fall than a year ago, a survey of the Interfraternity council showed today.

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Surprise Party Honors
 Mmes. P. E. Moore and Bill Barnett

Mmes. P. E. Moore and Bill Barnett were the honorees at a surprise birthday party at the home of the former Thursday evening.

The guests gathered at the home, each bearing a gift to place on the Christmas tree. All house decorations emphasized the seasonal theme.

Bridge furnished the diversion for the evening. Miss Frances Glazner cut high for the prize of the affair.

Gifts were presented the honorees by H. C. Anderson, appointed master of ceremonies. The presentation was followed by the lighting of tapers and cutting of the cake of honor, bearing the names of the honorees and a "Happy Birthday" greeting.

Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mmes. E. M. Glazner, H. C. Anderson, Lee Galley, C. A. Smith, Tom Rawls, O. B. Denny, J. S. Reynolds, Bill Barnett, P. E. Moore and Miss Frances Glazner.

Spent Holidays in Ballinger
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maddox, teachers in Ranger high school and junior college will spend the holidays in Ballinger with the father of Mr. Maddox.

Leaves for Dallas
 Miss Gladys Pensen, instructor in the Ranger schools, leaves today for Dallas where she will be the holiday guest of her mother.

Here From South America
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Urban have had as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lamprich of Maricabo, South America. They returned to Breckenridge Thursday where they will be guests of friends.

Public Speaking Class Has Christmas Box
 The public speaking class of the high school was entertained this morning at the school with a Christmas box at which time gifts were exchanged between members of the class.

All gifts presented were made by members present.
 Mrs. Hal Hunter directs the class.

1920 Club Observes Annual Christmas Luncheon
 The 1920 club was entertained with a Christmas luncheon at the home of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman Thursday.

The house was elaborately decorated with roses and chrysanthemums, with luncheon tables centered with miniature trees. The two-course turkey dinner was served in the sun room of the house.

First Baptist Church To Give "The Joy of Christmas"
 "The Joy of Christmas," a Christmas program, will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday night, Dec. 24, at 7:15.

There will be special music by the choir, under the direction of J. F. Connell.

Recitations will be heard from the Sunday school, directed by Miss Baskin and Mrs. G. W. Thomas.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Birthday Party Honors Kathryn Britton
 Kathryn Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Britton, was named honoree at a party celebrating her eighth birthday Thursday afternoon at her home, 821 Spring road.

The house was decorated in the Christmas theme, gifts for the honoree placed about the tree. Indoor and outdoor games furnished the diversion for the afternoon.

A birthday cake, topped with candles, was served. Geraldine Williams, Colleen Williams, Jean Jeter, Herbert James Stafford, James Howard Williams, Geneletta Stafford, and Jack Basham, and the honoree.

Central Baptist Church To Present Christmas Pageant
 A Christmas pageant will feature Sunday evenings' service at the Central Baptist church.

The church will be elaborately decorated, the theme of the pageant predominating in the setting. Members of the young people's Bible departments will be presented throughout the program.

Quartettes will be features between acts, accompanied by special music.

This is to be, according to reports from those in charge of the preliminary arrangements, one of the most unique and individual programs given at the church in some time.

The pageant will be followed by the personal appearance of Santa Claus, who will present each child present with a gift.

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125 Disappointed Little Girls Monday!
 Unless the public co-operates with the Child Welfare organization between now and Monday, there will be approximately 125

home. Appropriate cards marking guests' plates were made and presented the club by Miss Mary Edlo Davenport.

The program opened with greetings from Mrs. Hagaman. Mrs. R. F. Holloway offered prayer. "Silent Night" and "Brightest and Best" were sung by Mmes. Warren, Griffin, Kuykendall, Allison, May, Harwell, and Misses Dorothy Outlaw and Mary Dalton.

Mrs. C. Q. Smith of Cisco, robed, read "The Other Wise Man." The program was under the direction of Mrs. C. E. May.

Places were laid for 32 club members and guests.

Ranger Guest
 Mrs. Jennings Lee of Austin was a guest of Mrs. Hershel Angus Thursday at her home, Sue street.

Visits Daughter
 Mrs. J. F. Lester of Hico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Landroop. She will be here over the Christmas holidays.

Home From Texas University
 James Smith, Nichol Crawford, and Saunders Gregg will arrive Saturday evening from Austin where they are students in the University of Texas. They will be guests of their respective families throughout the Christmas holidays.

Lewis Gregg, who went to Austin to visit the first of the week, will return with them.

Leaves for Waco
 Miss Virginia Acree, Ranger Junior College student, left today for her home in Waco. She will return to Ranger following the holidays.

Presbyterian Ladies Honored With Covered Dish Luncheon
 The mission society of the Presbyterian church was honored with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. S. P. Baker Wednesday.

The house was decorated with all Christmas colors culminating in an elaborate tree. The table, laid in white linen, was centered with clusters of roses and fern.

At the close of the informal affair, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Gray, pastor and wife of the church, were presented a potted plant in Christmas wrappings.

Places were laid for Mmes. Saunders Gregg, Max Orr, S. W. Thompson, L. H. Gray, E. L. Fontaine, Hattie Gray, Raymond Doyle, J. J. Kelly, and the hostess.

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 Despite the pleas for dolls, only 30 have been received by the club. The local firemen are willing to mend broken toys, and the club members will distribute them to Santa-expecting tots on Christmas morning, but someone must furnish material to mend and distribute.

It is a very small thing that the club is asking of the public. Countless attics are littered with one-time idols of little girls, now discarded for something new. Countless little unfortunate ladies are wistful and confident: Santa will visit them Monday morning.

Will you let 125 little girls be disappointed?
 See Mrs. Saunders Gregg or the men at the fire station. Start some little lady on the 1934 road.

"The White Gift Service" To Be Presented Sunday Night
 "The White Gift Service," a playlet, will be presented at the First Christian church Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

The choir will sponsor the program, and a member from each Bible class will give their white gift at the manger. The program will be followed by a special service.

The public is invited to attend.

P. G. Club Entertained With Tree
 The P. G. club of the Ranger junior college was entertained Thursday evening with an informal party in the clubroom at the high school.

The room was decorated with Christmas colors and a lighted tree.

Candy making furnished the diversion for the evening, followed by a "possum hunt."

Names were drawn and gifts exchanged between Misses Mary Jane Dreinhofer, Verna Castleberry, Claire Dyar, Jewelle Judd, Ruth Hearn, Lovene Harrell, Debra Shirley and Mrs. T. E. Ward.

Mrs. Ed Dixon Hostess To Class At Party
 Mrs. Ed Dixon was named hostess to the Martha Dorcas Bible class of the First Methodist church

Thursday afternoon at her home. The house was an array of Christmas decorations, with attention centered on the lighted tree.

A brief business session opened the affair, followed by a free will offering to be devoted to Christmas cheer boxes.

The program opened with "Silent Night" by Imogene Dixon. Beverly June Smith read "The Night Before Christmas," followed by a vocal solo "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Miss Marguerite Adamson at the piano. Miss Marguerite Harmon sang "A Song in

the Air," and Gladys Larson was presented in a piano solo.

A pantomime by three little girls, "We Three Kings of the Orient Are" closed the program.

Refreshments, blending in the Christmas theme, were served to 18 class members and guests.

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