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PRICE FIVE CENTS No. 125

Hagaman Fishing Permits To Go On Sale Saturday

Lease of Hagaman Lake for another year by the Ranger Country Club was announced early today. H. H. Vaughn, service station and auto supply store operator on U. S. Highway 80 east, said that annual fishing permits for local anglers will be available at his store Saturday afternoon.

100 'Ranger Bucks' Offered Saturday

Ranger, the Best of Texas' friendly shopping center, will be host to hundreds of folks from a wide surrounding trade territory for Saturday's weekly Trades Day.

Final Rites For E. P. Kilborn, 80, This Afternoon

One of Eastland County's most colorful citizens, Edward Paxton Kilborn, 80-year-old retired veteran peace officer, died Thursday at 4 p.m. at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mallaqua Griffin, 496 S. Seaman, in Eastland.

Brown Trial Opens In Dallas Monday

State Will Ask Death Penalty For Accused Gun-Torch Slayer Of Joe Campbell, Ex-Rangerite

"We're absolutely convinced that Donald Hawkins Brown is the murderer of Joe Campbell," So declared District Attorney Henry Wade and Homicide Detective Capt. Will Fritz in Dallas at noon today.



JOE CAMPBELL
Only He and His Brutal Assassin
Knew What Really Happened

1. The pair of bloody bus driver's trousers, Wade told this newspaper that police lab tests show that the type blood on the garment is identical with that of the slain man. Brown's name also is on the trousers, the DA said.

It is expected, however, that selection of the jury to hear gruesome testimony in the bizarre case will require several days.

Today it appeared that the only hitch in the start of the sensational trial on the set date—Monday, April 20—may be an appeal of the defendant's legal counsel. Brown's attorneys now have less than 24 hours to make an application for appeal of the recent verdict of the Criminal Court of Appeals decision in Austin to uphold Judge King's earlier ruling denying Brown's release under bond.

District Attorney Wade and his aides, with the cooperation of Detective Capt. Fritz and his staff of ace sixths, are all set for the trial and are prepared to offer a strong and convincing case on "circumstantial evidence."

At the time of his violent death, young Campbell and his wife, the former Miss Helen Ruth Whaley of Cisco, and their infant son were new residents of Dallas having moved there from Corpus Christi in November.

The Ranger man's body—beaten, bullet-riddled, gasoline-drenched and aflame—was discovered by firemen in a blazing 1951 Ford sedan in a South Dallas residential section on New Year's Eve.

Most everybody in Ranger knew the young, slightly-built victim, who was reared in Eastland County and graduated from Ranger High School prior to entering Texas Technological College, Lubbock, where he received a degree in business administration. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Campbell, he had an excellent reputation, was popular and well-liked. He was known as a hard-worker, a non-drinker and a devout Catholic.

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A warrant for Brown's arrest was issued on Jan. 5 and a South-west-wide manhunt was launched. Nine days later—on Jan. 14—the husky, fiery-thatched Dallasite was arrested in Fort Worth on a tip from a taxi driver whom Brown had contacted for a job.

When questioned by Dallas detectives after he had been taken into custody and whisked over to Dallas, the defendant admitted that he knew Campbell "by name," that he and his wife and children had "decided" to move from Dallas suddenly—but denied any knowledge of the brutal slaying.

"It's all wrong!" he protested when questioned, and when asked by a reporter if he "remembered" where he was on New Year's Eve, Brown "dry-washed" his mangled

hands and studied the floor. "No, I don't," he finally said. And since his confinement in the Dallas County jail he has continued stoutly to affirm his innocence.

Detective Capt. Fritz, however, alleges that Brown, following an argument with Campbell over a three-month past due account on his 1947 Buick sedanette, beat the collector, shot him four times in the head with a .25-caliber revolver, drenched his body with gasoline and set the car, owned by Campbell's employer, aflame in the 3400 block of Gunter Avenue in Dallas.

Campbell's murderer rolled up all the windows and locked the car doors after flipping in a switch to

set the gasoline-drenched auto interior afire. Had the vehicle not been enclosed air-tight, detectives said, Campbell's body might have been completely destroyed in the ravaging inferno.

PROSECUTION READY
District Attorney Wade's case against Brown is built on—

Ironically, Brown's arrest here

There was no disclosure as to whether the important death weapon—a .25-caliber revolver—has ever been found.

8. Brown's hasty "moving" from Dallas. The woman manager of the apartment dwelling told detectives that the Browns moved "suddenly and without notice" during New Year's Eve night.

4. That Campbell, a persistent collector, had ferreted out the defendant's whereabouts and had visited Brown at the apartment house a few hours prior to the murder to collect the arrears payment or to pick up the defendant's automobile. Two tow-bars were in the trunk of Campbell's company car.

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County Offices Closed Today For Funeral

Offices in the Eastland County courthouse are closed this afternoon in tribute to the late Edward Paxton Kilborn, prominent Eastland County citizen and former county official, who died Thursday afternoon.

POLICE RADIO TRAPS TRIO OF TIRE THIEVES

Ranger's new police radio paid off again Thursday night. Tipped by an air flash from Weatherford, he began the lookout for a trio of tire thieves sought by Parker County officers, alert Ranger officers picked up the three men—all Negroes—in Ranger at 7:01 p.m.

J. M. Herrington Buried In Austin This Afternoon

Funeral services were held in Austin today for James Monroe Herrington, 62-year-old former Ranger resident who died of a heart attack Wednesday afternoon.

Pvt. Thames Is Headed To Far East With Army

Pvt. Arvin Thames, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Needham of Ranger, is enroute to the Far East with the U. S. Army, his relatives said today.

Fair and Warm But Very Windy Today, Saturday

Eastland County, swept by strong southerly winds today, was due for continued fair and mild weather Friday and Saturday, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Roberson Rites Stated Today At Strawn Baptist

Funeral services for A. J. Roberson of Strawn, 88-year-old retired farmer and ranchman, will be held this afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Strawn, at 4:30 o'clock.

Rep. Burkett Is Against 4-Year Terms of Office

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The Best of Texas is My Beat BETWEEN US... JAMES LEE

Topkick: "What's the matter with that goldbricking private?"
Corporal: "He's sick."
Topkick: "Aw, he's not sick. That guy just thinks he's sick."
Three hours later—
Topkick: "Say, corporal, how's that goldbricking private?"
Corporal: "He thinks he's dead."

BRECK GROGER BLASTS AWAY, WOUNDS BURGLAR THURSDAY

Over in Stephens County, Glen G. Vincent of Breckenridge who operates a grocery store, isn't very cordial when it comes to welcoming thugs in his food mart.

Dallasite Nabbed Drunk In Auto

Jack Walton Sawyer, 31-year-old Dallas man, was arrested by Ranger police Thursday at 12:28 a.m. on a charge of being drunk in his car.

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

Under present laws such officers are elected to two-year terms. Rep. Burkett was one of eight

Stage Set for Courtroom Drama



Accused Slayer—"It's All Wrong"



Will Bloody Trousers Send Brown To Death in Electric Chair?



Joe Campbell Died in This Fire-Gutted Automobile...

DONALD HAWKINS BROWN, above left, in custody of Dallas Homicide Detective E. R. Beck, continues to deny any knowledge of the brutal gun-torch slaying of Joe Campbell, former Ranger resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Campbell. But, above right, veteran Detective Capt. Will Fritz, who's solved many baffling homicides, and Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade examine the bloody trousers which they say links Brown with the bizarre murder. DA Wade will try to send the defendant to the electric chair. Below, the death car—a 1951 Ford sedan, owned by Campbell's employer—in which the young finance company collector's body was discovered last New Year's Eve in Dallas in a blazing inferno. Brown is scheduled to go on trial for Campbell's death next Monday, April 20, in Dallas.

SOCIETY

Young P-TA Met Tuesday

The Young P-TA met at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the school auditorium. A program was presented by the first grade pupils, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Eva Bobo. A number of pre-school children and their mothers were present for the program.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Ralph Perkins, who spoke on "Prepared for an Uncertain Future." Mrs. J. L. Smith, M. W. Herwick and Theo Ferguson, who were delegates to the annual conference of the first district, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, held in Cisco recently, gave their reports on the conference.

During the business session, Mrs. R. A. Britt resigned as treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Daskevich was elected as treasurer for the coming year. Plans were discussed for the spring round-up for

pre-school children. An invitation was received from Eastland, to attend a film on Cancer on April 21.

Refreshments were served to the first grade pupils and pre-school children in the first grade room.

Club Members Attend Luncheon At Club

A large number of P-TA members were present for the meeting.

Members of the 1929 Club, of Ranger, went to Fort Worth on Thursday to attend a luncheon in Waples Hall at the Woman's Club, in connection with the garden show. They also attended the Spring Flower Fiesta tea in Anna Shelton Hall, given by the Garden Club unit of the Woman's Club.

Those attending were: Meses. A. W. Branda, H. L. Coody, I. A. Fabian, M. H. Hagaman, M. L. King, A. N. Larson, C. E. May, Sr., Saule Perlestein, C. P. Pruet, G. B. Rush, W. W. Smith, H. X. Wallace, W. C. Lummus, and guests, Meses. Ronald Pruet, J. E. Matthews, W. F. Creager and Miss Beulah Harrison.

Don Norris, former Ranger Times employee, who is now attending Hardin-Simmons University, paid a pop call at the Times office Thursday. He is in Ranger visiting his father, E. L. Norris, who is a patient at Ranger General hospital.

GIANT PLANE DE-ICER



Los Angeles—Enough heat to warm a dozen six-room homes is produced in this aircraft tail stub assembly, shown being trundled out of the Chrysler Motors California Plant at Los Angeles for shipment to the Long Beach, Calif., Plant of Douglas Aircraft. The two heaters in this section of the Douglas Globemaster C-124 transport plane de-ice the tail surfaces and warm the interior of the giant craft, which has a capacity of 200 fully equipped troops or 76,000 pounds of cargo. Chrysler Corporation's Los Angeles Plant makes wing, tail and fuselage assemblies which go to Douglas for final assembly.

Look Who's New



Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Arterburn of Albuquerque, N.M., are the parents of a five pound and one ounce boy, Michael Roy, born at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stevens, of Ranger. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn, of Ranger. This makes the fourth grandson for the Arterburns.

The Pioneer H. D. Club Meets

The Pioneer Home Demonstration Club met for an all day session at the Club House Wednesday April 16th.

The morning was spent in finishing the quilt that had been started. After the regular meeting in the afternoon, the newly enclosed back room was cleaned.

Mrs. August Gorlitz, vice president, presided at the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. Joe Fleming.

Council report was given by Mrs. H. C. Fridge. An all day training meet in basket weaving will be held in Eastland in May for all interested HD members in the County.

Club members will entertain their families with a county wide picnic supper and recreation at the Eastland City Park the night of May 8th, in observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 3-9th.

The Okra H. D. Club Meets

The Okra Home Demonstration Club met April 14th in the home of Mrs. Horace Witt.

There were 19 members and 2 visitors, Meses. Ed McCleskey, and Chuck Elliot, present.

Mrs. Carl Burns, president, had charge of the meeting and led in

Murder she yelled

By Joseph Shollit

As the rumba was petering out, I saw Midge come in one of the side doors leading from the porch. Leo Ritchie came in right after her. I couldn't tell whether they were together or just accidentally adjacent. Then he said something, and she looked up at him and said something, too, smiling a little. Had they possibly been out there on that porch together? It was dark out there.

"Let's sit this one out, Sally Ann," I said as a waltz came on. "Knees can't take it any more, hey, pop?"

I STARTED toward Midge but I was too slow. She was all clustered up with Ritchie's arms and moving across the floor in an easy waltz. I didn't get in. Hired help didn't do that. I just watched them.

Ritchie talked to her, looking down at the top of her head. Listen, I said to myself, you're supposed to be dancin'. Quit supposing. It spoils the music.

Midge was wearing a pale blue dress. It had long straps. It showed a good deal of her shoulders and back. It burned me up to see his big hand planted across her bare shoulder blades. It was all wrong. The hand was greasy. It had callouses. A delicate little lady had no business being within a mile of any hand like that.

As soon as the waltz started winding up, I was pushing my way across the crowded floor. Out of nowhere, Al Kemmer came in ahead of me. He said something to Ritchie. Midge looked startled. Al gave her a quick spiel. Before I could reach them, Al was leading her away toward the stage.

We didn't usually have shows on Thursday nights, but apparently Al was trying to do anything he could to pep up his slow season. He motioned to Eddie, and all three went up the steps, and the door closed behind them.

A minute later, Eddie came running onstage, fluttering his hands for quiet. Everybody looked up with grinning expectation.

"The little lady I'm going to introduce to you now," Eddie shouted, "is sought after from coast to coast. Those subpoena servers will catch up with her yet." (Laughter.) "She comes here direct from a six weeks' run at Leon and Eddie's—best little hat-check girl they ever had." (Laughter.) "She's had royalty at her feet, columnists at her finger tips, and bill collectors at her throat." (Laughter.)

"Listen to that!—Isn't he better than Sid Caesar?" a fierce voice burst at me.

"Sid and Julius both," I said, looking around at Roslyn Fields, who had materialized at my elbow.

Midge Burnett came fluttering onstage, holding out her skirt and curtseying like a well-bred filly. She smiled shyly, waited a moment, and then, almost imperceptibly, she edged into song.

YOU had to crank up your ears to hear her. But once you got adjusted to her volume, it was sweet going. She sang like a det at a coming-out party, a little trembly, hoping you'd like her, saying "I'm not very good but this is my best I'm giving you, my very best. She sang "Stardust," and encircled with "My Reverie," and the crowd loved it, and Al looked as if he were eating it up with a spoon.

I caught a glimpse of Kitty Lane in the far corner near the main door, joining viciously in applause. Oh, oh, I said. Blasted. Riot and revolution. What was the matter with Al—didn't he know the couldn't go anything his spotlight around like this? Did I have to tend him like a baby?

I squeezed through the crowd. Al was at the stage steps, waiting for Midge to come down. I clasped his arm. "If you don't want a war around here, you'd better get Kitty up on that stage fast."

Al looked blank—but only for a moment. "Yeah, I guess you're right."

(To Be Continued)

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Breakfast At First Methodist Honors College, High Grads

A breakfast sponsored by the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church, honoring the graduating students of the high school and Junior College, was held Thursday morning, April 16 at 7:30 in the basement of the church.

Old-fashioned bouquets of spring flowers decorated the table at intervals. The invocation was led by the Rev. Gariand Lavender.

After the meal, which was served by ladies of the W.S.C.S., Miss Dena Fulley, acting as mistress of ceremonies, welcomed everyone. She introduced Miss Nella Faye Colvin and Bill Blackstone who sang "Song of Love", accompanied at the piano by Miss Florence Ashcraft. Don Bryson and Socko Sulcraft presented two horn duets, also accompanied by Miss Ashcraft.

Miss Peggy Russell and Miss Cynthia Hull sang, "Doodle-De-De" accompanied at the piano by Miss Lida Jane Smith. The benediction was led by G. B. Rush.

Attending were Rev. and Mrs. Garland Lavender, W. W. Smith, dean of the college, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick, sponsor of the college group, Mrs. Leslie Hagaman, sponsor of the high school seniors, G. B. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coody, and Mrs. Roscoe Hopper, secretary of student work, and Mrs. J. D. Drennan, secretary of youth work, who were in charge of the affair. There were about fifty high school and college students attending.

Mrs. E. F. Arterburn is in Albuquerque, N. M., visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Arterburn, and her new grandson, Michael Roy.

Al Tume was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas, in serious condition, at 1:30 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Tume accompanied him.

Love Class Meets In Cole Home

Members of the Love Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their regular business meeting and social Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Odell Cole, with Mrs. J. H. Crabb and Mrs. Earl Horton as hostesses.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Earl Horton was elected second vice-president to fill a vacancy. The devotional on, "Zeal" was given by Miss Anice Locke.

During the social hour, refreshments were served to the following: Meses. Horton, Lem Rushing, Frank Hicklen, J. H. Crabb, D. C. Singleton, Cole, W. A. Lewis, and Meses Anice Locke and Anna McEvey.

Patients recently admitted at Ranger General hospital include: E. L. Norris, surgical of Ranger; Mrs. Joe McBain, medical, of Eastland; and Mrs. R. F. Hood, surgical, of Ranger.

Hospital News

New patients at West Texas Clinic are Harvey Miniard, of Mingo; Johnny Wilson, of Ranger; David Sullivan, of Ranger; Victor Osberta, of Ranger; and Santos Martinez, of Ranger.

Mrs. C. D. Barnett's sister, Mrs. Ruby Lee Roberts, formerly of Ranger, is a surgical patient to the Nazareth Hospital in Mineral Wells.

The average American woman purchases four brassieres a year, and this year the corset and bra industry predicts that one out of four will be strapless—to meet the vogues for strapless and low-cut dresses.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



VIC FLINT



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You Too Can Be A Reporter



EVERY NOW AND THEN SOMEONE TELLS US, "WHY, SO AND SO FROM SOMEWHERE VISITED US ALL LAST WEEK AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE A THING ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER!"

OR PERHAPS WE NEGLECTED A WEDDING ... OR A DEATH, EVEN ... OR A CLUB MEETING.

WE WANT THESE NEWS ITEMS IN THE RANGER TIMES

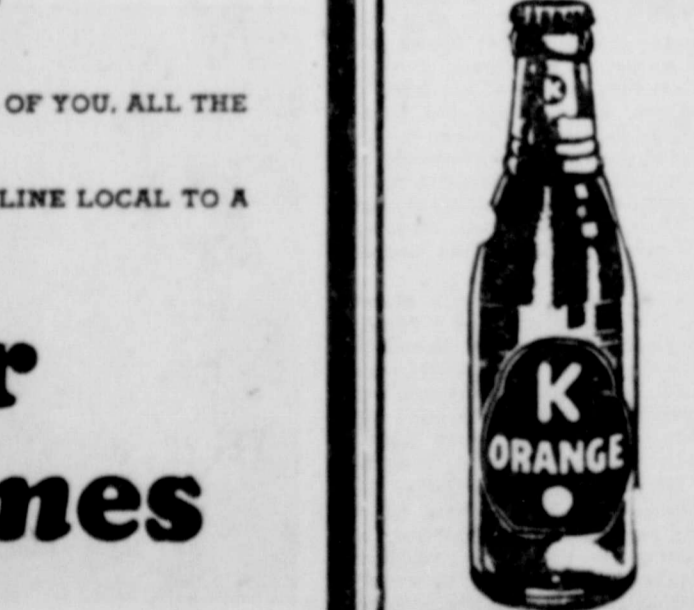
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