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Heavy hasn't had much luck lately. Recently I dropped plenty in the market. Piggly Wiggly, it was. My shopping bag broke!

If you've been wondering what's been wrong with our boss, Joe Dennis, the part couple of days or so—well, it's simple. He's been champing at the bit to get away on a weekend fishing expedition with his big partner and angling chum, Oneous Dick of Eastland. The happy pair, well loaded (don't interpret that wrong, they're both staunch Baptists) with provisions including plenty of Beechnut and a large quantity of El Kops, were scheduled to get away about noon today. . . . Because of prohibitive excise taxes on U. S. cigarettes imported into Europe, a vast smuggling trade goes on over there. Despite the fact that some 30,000 illegal cigarette dealers were arrested in Europe last year and 134 tons of cigarettes confiscated, it is expected that \$30,000,000 worth of popular U. S. brands will be smuggled this year into Italy, France and Spain. . . . and also in case you're interested: A honeybee can pollinate a flower at the astonishing speed of 30 flowers a minute. . . . The drunk on the cruise (a pvt. yacht, no doubt) stood looking through a porthole the entire afternoon, and finally mumbled, "What a lousy television show!" . . . Hearty compliments to that tall Texan, Jim Ratliff, for his new Purina paint job on Ratliff Feed & Seed's home on Highway 80 east and also on his pickup truck. Very, very nifty. . . . understand that the brushes which are responsible for the eye-catching artistry were welded by that old master, Jack Williams. . . . Morris Caudle, our blind resident who is receiving so much grand help from so many of you swell folks, wears a size 16 1/2-32 shirt. His hat size is 6 1/2 (we think it'd be nice if he had a nice straw—already has a dandy felt) and his shoe size is 8 1/2. Yeah, and his waist measures 42 inches. . . . That dance last night for his benefit was a success and netted \$43 for the fund. Orchids to the Western Swingers for donating their services and extra big bouquets to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, Art Arterburn of Art's Tool & Supply, boss of the Ranger Elks Club, for being so wonderful. Isn't this grand old world full of fine people!

The infuriated Ranger wife waited until 5 a.m. for her hubby, and she was at the door when he stumbled in. "All right, come clean," she demanded, "where were you?" "I wish with a shik fren" he explained. "What was his name?" she asked. The lush rolled his eyes. "A m d scratched his head. 'Himm. Duomo. He wish too sick to tell me'."

Visiting in Ranger—and we know many, many of our readers will be glad to read this—is Roy Wilson, one of Ranger High's gridiron greats of about 30 years ago. Wilson captained the then very mighty Bulldog eleven of 1924 and 1925. Now an assistant engineer for the Continental Oil Co. at Lake Charles, La., Wilson is in Ranger helping his father, J. A. Wilson, a very spry gent of 80, to dispose of his property so that he may go back to La. with his popular son to make his home. The Wilson residence is at 519 Hodges. Another of Mr. Wilson's sons, J. A. of McCamey, has been visiting here with his father and brother. Ex-football star Roy has been with Continental Oil for about 20 years. . . . All the world loves a lover except her husband. . . . Nearly one in every 20 students now enrolled in American colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, can get a scholarship or fellowship ranging in value from less than \$10 to the complete cost of a college education. . . . The A. E. Garza Building, one of Ranger's old oil boom era landmarks, is coming down fast. The old and historic structure is being razed, and from its rubble will rise a beautiful new (Continued on Page 4)

SEE DON PIERSON—
Olds, Cadillac
Before You Trade
Eastland

Showers Due This Afternoon Says Forecast

Widely scattered showers this afternoon.

That was the promise of the U. S. Weather Bureau for the dry, sweltering Eastland County vicinity for today and Saturday.

Clear to partly cloudy skies were forecast for the area during the two-day period.

Continued torrid temperatures were slated with the high mercury readings for both days due to be around 100 degrees—and even higher.

The Friday night low—about 75 degrees.

For the North Central and West Texas regions the Weather Bureau predicted generally fair weather Friday and Saturday except for widely scattered thundershowers in the late afternoon. Not much change in temperature.

TEXAS STILL NEEDS RAIN

The High Plains of Texas benefitted from showers last week, but more rain is needed to break the long drought over the entire north-west, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said today.

The weekly crop report reflected widely varied cotton, feed crop and pasture prospects over the state.

Early dryland sorghums were again curling and much late feed which has just emerged in the northwest must have more moisture soon to survive.

In the blacklands area, moisture was adequate for cotton, but late feeds and pastures needed rain.

The critical area continued in South Texas.

Heavy showers along the Upper Coast assured continued development of late feed, hay and pastures. Over most of East Texas, cotton, late feed, hay and pasture prospects continued favorable.

Irrigated cotton on the High Plains made satisfactory development, and yields from this acreage are promising, said USDA.

Much dryland acreage on the High Plains and western L o w Plains has been abandoned already, with some remaining acreage barely surviving.

Late cantaloupe and watermelon harvest was active despite some leveling off from the generally higher-than-usual prices.

Excessive heat slowed growth of the few fields of transplanted crops and seed beds in the Lower Valley.

Rangeland and pasture grass greened up over the northwest but growth already has been checked in much of that area by the blazing sun and winds.

In the south and southwest, pastures were bare and stock was losing weight even with heavy supplemental feeding. In those areas, calves and lambs were being weaned at early ages.

Green range and pasture feed were adequate in East Texas, and cattle were making good gains.

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Today's Total—\$1181 Cemetery Road Fund Growing

Work is progressing rapidly on the new project to pave the much traveled road linking West Main Street with Ranger's Evergreen Cemetery.

More than 200 loads of chat have been hauled and are being spread over the route, according to a report this morning. Workmen are busy readying the bed of the road for asphalt primer.

The drive for funds to finance the project also is progressing highly satisfactory, according to I. N. Bryan and C. A. Dawson, drive leaders.

The project is being financed by contributions of citizens since the City of Ranger is financially unable to sponsor the project.

A special arrangement with the contractor on the four-lane Eastland-to-Ranger highway will make it possible for the cemetery road to be paved at a reduced figure.

In addition to the \$650.50 total quoted in the last published report, these new contributions were announced today:

Lewelle Motor Co.	\$ 25.00
H. G. Adams & Son	25.00
Grocery	25.00
W. B. Reeves	20.00
Mrs. Johnson	5.00
Mathews Supply	10.00
J. W. Simpson	2.00
C. D. Hartnett Wholesale	10.00
Grocery	10.00
C. E. May	5.00
H. C. Wilkerson	2.50
C. W. Blacklock	10.00
B. J. Orden	2.50
Porky Pig	25.00
H. H. Vaughn	5.00
M. L. King	15.00
Buck Wallace	10.00
Tom B. Miller	2.00
Morris George	5.00
Ford & Jones Ranger	25.00
Hill Cafe	25.00
C. D. Long and Mother	5.00
Joy	1.00
E. G. Head	5.00
Delbert Capps	2.00
L. E. Gray	2.00

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Ranger Eagles Battle Cisco Nine Tonight

Manager A. J. Estes and his Ranger Eagles are gunning for a win over a tough rival—the Cisco Indians—when the two youth nine's clash in Ranger tonight in a 7-inning contest.

The Eagles hope to make it three straight for the week, Monday night over at Woodson they hammered out a 12 to 6 decision over a Woodson nine, and Wednesday night they were hosts to an Albany diamond crew and topped the visiting aggregation, 3 to 1.

Eddie Morris, dependable right-hander, will be on the mound to hurl the initial heave for the Eagles at 8 p.m. sharp.

The public is invited to witness the Ranger-Cisco battle which will be waged on the diamond located adjacent to Bulldog stadium.

Other starters for the Eagles: Jerry Wharton at first, Bill Herrington at second, Larry Pruitt, shortstop, Paul Hinds, third, Jim Littlefield, left field, David Wharton, right field, Clifford Estes, center, and James Pruitt, catcher.

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Caudle's Fund Totals \$430.54 This Morning

The cash fund to aid Morris Caudle, 63-year-old totally blind Ranger resident, in securing a German Shepherd "seeing eye" dog out in Hollywood, Calif., totaled \$430.54 Friday morning.

Money being raised during the campaign—sponsored by the Ranger and Eastland Lions Clubs, the Ranger and Eastland IOOF lodges, the Eastland Daily Telegram and Ranger Daily Times—will be used to finance Caudle's trip, around Sept. 1, out to Hollywood where he'll receive a "seeing eye" dog from the International Guiding Eye Foundation.

Latest contributions include: Eastland Order of Eastern Star \$17.00

Ranger Lions Club 25.00

Anderson Chevrolet Co. 25.00

Ranger 25.00

Hattie Garrett Ranger 4.00

Miss Faye Crabtree, Ranger 3.00

Cornelius Printing Co., Eastland 15.00

Rev. Finis A. Crutchfield, 1.00

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Town, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Town, 1.00

Towzer, Ranger 1.00

Benefit Dance 43.00

Clothing donations, reported Friday morning by Mrs. Jess Weaver of the Ranger Dry Cleaners, include garments from:

Mrs. Jim Crabtree, Mrs. Frances Blackwell, Carl Eakin, Pickett Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Weaver, E. L. Martin & Sons, Joseph's Department Store, J. C. Penney Co., Star Dry Goods, and The Globe Clothiers, all of Ranger, and Mrs. F. L. Drago, Eastland.

Another motorist, C. V. Wash of Forsan, was in Big Spring Hospital Thursday night, apparently in "satisfactory" condition. He suffered knee and head injuries.

Marshall was taken to Big Spring Hospital in an Arrington Funeral Home ambulance from Stanton. He died about 2 p.m., two hours after the crash. He suffered injuries about the head and leg.

Highway patrolmen said that Marshall was driving east on U. S. Highway 80 and Wash's car was headed west. The two vehicles crashed head-on about five miles west of Stanton.

Marshall's body was taken to Arrington Funeral Home in Stanton. It will be taken to Higginbotham Funeral Home in Comanche for burial services.

Mrs. R. T. Magness of Breckenridge is the only survivor of Marshall. She is visiting on the West Coast.

Marshall was reared in Comanche. He had lived in Breckenridge for the past few years, since his mother died four years ago in Comanche.

Guests at the session, both presented by R. V. (Rip) Galloway, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, included his son, Dr. Jack Galloway, member of the faculty of Texas Arts and Industries College at Kerrville, and Dr. Friece Ashton, new president of Ranger Junior College.

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FOR SALE

WHY DELAY? Use our convenient terms, repair or modernize now, pay later. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR SALE: One two-story frame school building, 36x48', eleven rooms, two long halls and three porches, one closed in. To be moved. Keys may be obtained at Rectory St. Rita's Church, Ranger, for inspection.

FOR SALE: Hereford Bulls, and a few heifers, highest type Herefords, at popular prices. C. B. Pruet.

WE WERE LUCKY to buy at distress prices some beautiful China Imports. Figurines, tea sets, China Planters at low prices. Come in and look. Horton Ceramics Pottery Yard, East Main, Eastland, Texas.

FOR SALE: Battery-fed fryers. One or one-hundred. Phone 330. Lonnie Baker, 203 Houston St.

FOR SALE: Nice heavy fryers, 75c. W. W. Needham, at City limits on Winsett Spring Road.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Experienced floor nurse and woman to learn nursing. Apply West Texas Hospital before noon.

Getting Up Nights

If worried by too frequent, burning or itching urination, Getting Up Nights, Backache, Pressure over bladder, or Strong Cloudy Urine, due to minute Kidney and Bladder Irritation, ask your druggist about usual prompt, palliative relief from CYTETEK. See million CYTETEK tablets used to save 25 years prove safety and strength. Don't waste time. Ask druggist for CYTETEK under money-back guarantee.

Quick Relief for HEADACHE NEURALGIA

Take STANBACK yourself... tablets or powders... against any preparation you've ever used.



Children's favorite!



FOR SNACKS-SANDWICHES

they love its rich, mild cheddar cheese flavor

NUTRITIOUS!

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Personalized Hair Trims

Have your hair cut just the way you like it—cut too long, not too short.



3 Chairs for Prompt Service
L. E. GRAY
Barber Shop

SOCIETY

Electa Class Has Luncheon

Members of the Electa Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday noon for a covered dish luncheon at the church.

Bill Bullock gave the devotional, reading from Isaiah 61. The business meeting was presided over by the class president, Mrs. W. C. Shufner. The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

Those present were Mmes. R. J. Taylor, J. U. Elrod, W. C. McDonough, M. Lee, H. E. Shipman, Lulu Sarrett, Shogner, Cora Pruet and guest, Bill Bullock.

Legion Ladies Meet Thursday

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary met Thursday night in the club rooms for a business meeting.

Mrs. John Usery was reported ill. Plans were made for the Auxiliary to serve a fried chicken supper for the legionnaires on the night of installation of officers.

The Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale on August 21—the rummage sale raised to carry out the work of the Auxiliary program for the year. They also voted to give \$10 for the cemetery road fund.

The next meeting will be held on August 27 at the Legion Hall.

Alpha Class To Have Ice Cream Supper Tuesday

Members of the Alpha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church are having an ice cream supper next Tuesday evening in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Jolly, 515 Pine St.

Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Ronald Pruet will be hostesses for the occasion.

All members and their husbands are invited to be present. The nursery at the church will be open.

Johnny Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linden A. Williams of Fort Worth, has returned to his home after visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Addie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. B. Baldrree for two weeks.

Kitchen Range May Be Replaced By Specialized Cooking Equipment

The kitchen range may eventually be crowded out of existence by the very thing that brought it to its highest perfection—electricity — Electrical World, McGraw-Hill publication, observes.

Many specialized appliances such as the roaster, the hot plate, the grill, the deep fat fryer, the coffee maker and the rotisserie are rapidly taking over the job of the range, the magazine points out.

These specialized cooking devices have the added advantage of portability; cooking can be done anywhere that an outlet is available. They are also more flexible as to cost than the range. They can be bought as desired with relatively small outlays of money, do not require the paying of large sums necessary in purchase and installation of a range.

Priscilla Class Has Meeting

Members of the Priscilla Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday evening at the church for their monthly meeting.

Hostesses were Mmes. Wilson Guest, Geo. Malouf and Cecil Meadows.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to about thirty-five members and guests.

PERSONALS

H. P. Kay of Kerrville, visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kay on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and son, Jimmy, of Odessa, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ervin.

foods give to the body is not needed.

"Green leafy and yellow vegetables and all types of fruit which are plentiful during the summer months provide an excellent, low-cost diet for the person who is overweight," Dr. Cox said. "Many of these foods can be eaten raw provided the foods are carefully washed to remove all dirt and insecticides which may be present."

Dr. Cox stressed the importance of properly storing food during the summer. He explained that certain foods such as cold cuts, cream desserts, potato salad, and sandwich spreads have a tendency to spoil quickly during hot weather. Foods of this type should be kept in the refrigerator until just before they are served.

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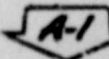


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'OLD RIP'S' STORY IS VERY UNIQUE, GETS WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY ACROSS NATION

(Editor's Note—Here's the story of the fabulous "OLD RIP", the famous horned toad who has brought Eastland and Eastland County wide spread publicity during the past quarter century. This story was first published in a pamphlet prepared by H. J. Tanner, secretary-treasurer of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, and thousands of copies have been distributed over Texas and to most every nook and cranny of the far-flung United States.)

Back in 1897, when the new Eastland County Courthouse was to be dedicated—Ernest Wood was a member of the band which played for the ceremony. He noticed his son, Will Wood, was playing with a horned toad. The idea came to him to place the horned toad in the cornerstone.

Time passed by with Eastland, Texas, growing until 31 years later in Feb. 28, 1928, this cornerstone was opened as the old Courthouse was demolished to make way for a new modern structure. Since it was known that a horned toad had been placed in the cornerstone years before, old-timers got to wondering if it might still be alive—upholding a tradition that a horned toad if placed in a secluded spot, even though hermetically sealed that all light and air might be excluded, will live for 100 years.

Three thousand persons were on hand to watch the opening of the cornerstone and see if the horned toad was alive. County Judge Ed S. Pritchard officiated at the opening. Beside him stood Rev. Frank S. Singleton, pastor of the First Methodist Church; Bro. H. W. Wrye, minister of the Church of Christ; and Rev. H. M. Sell, pastor of the Church of God.

Judge Pritchard removed the Bible a number of other articles, and at the bottom was found Old Rip. Eugene Day, an oil man, thrust his hand into the cavity and laid out a flat dust-covered toad which he handed to Rev. Singleton. The pastor handed the creature to Judge Pritchard, who dangled it aloft by a hind leg that all might see. Suddenly, the other hind leg twitched. The frog was

alive. The crowd cheered and cheered again as his body swelled with a breath of fresh air, the first presumable in 31 years. Old Rip has surpassed that achievement of the original Rip Van Winkle, who slept a mere 20 years. News of Old Rip's feat was spread rapidly by Boyce House, now noted author, who was editor of the Eastland Argus-Tribune at that time. Newspaper space given

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"Of course I'm going to put up tomatoes. Lots of them!" That's a familiar remark when home canning time comes around and home-makers talk about their plans. It's time to get your fruit jars and Dome Lids and Bands ready!

Everyone wants to be sure to have plenty of tomatoes canned whole, to be served in salads or as a main dish, and canned as juice, for cocktails and making aspic. Tomatoes are needed for so many dishes—soups, casseroles, goulash, sauces in which to cook meats. The more you have, the better!

Fortunately, tomatoes are one of the easiest foods to can and one of the easiest to grow in home gardens. Also, they can be bought in quantity during the tomato season and canned at prices which will save a considerable amount on the grocery bill. One of the easiest, most inexpensive ways to serve your family Vitamin C is in your own home-canned tomatoes. Those who set out tomato plants can "grow their own" Vitamin C.

To can whole tomatoes, choose fresh, firm, sound, ripe fruit and discard any with decayed spots or fungus growths. One such tomato can spoil a whole jarful. Wash and drain, then scald the tomatoes, a few at a time, to loosen the skins. Dip into cold water and drain. Cut out all the core. Slip off the skin and drop the tomato into a hot fruit jar. When the jar is full enough, add one teaspoon salt to the quart and cover the tomatoes with boiling hot tomato juice made from pressing hot tomatoes through a sieve or food mill. Put Dome Lid on jar, screw band tight, and process 40 minutes in boiling water bath.

Instead of adding tomato juice, you may if you wish press the fruit down into the jar until the juice



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runs from it. This is a tight pack which requires 45 minutes in the boiling water bath.

To can tomato juice, use firm, red-ripe freshly picked tomatoes. Discard any that have become bruised or specked with decay. Wash carefully and cut out cores. Leave the tomatoes whole and steam them, or cut them into small pieces and cook until soft. Then press the hot tomatoes through a fine sieve or food mill. Add salt to taste. Reheat to simmering, then pour into hot fruit jars. Put Dome Lids on jars. Screw bands tight and process 15 minutes in boiling water bath.

If you want something specially delicious that will add zest to your meals, make ketchup and chili sauce. Recipes for these may be found in the Hall Blue Book of more than 300 home canning recipes. Send 25¢ in coin for your copy to Bell Brothers Company, Department PB, Muncie, Indiana.

to the frog was exceeded only by Lindberg when he flew the Atlantic. Old Rip was placed on display in the window of an Eastland drug store in order that all might see that he was alive.

The story of Old Rip's 31 year sleep immediately raised a storm of controversy among scientists, the press and citizens throughout the United States.

Dr. Julius Olsen of Abilene, science teacher at Simmons University, said, "I think it is quite probable the frog could have lived that long under the conditions, although I have never heard of a similar case before."

Andrew J. Volstead, of St. Paul, Minn., former Congressman and father of prohibition enforcement act, exclaimed: "Thirty-one years without a drink. I think that toad should be heartily commended."

Barry Miller, of Austin, acting Governor of Texas, said it was a hard to believe, but he vouched for the endurance qualities of the ugly little reptile generally.

Dr. D. B. Castell and J. T. Patterson, of Austin, University of Texas professor, would not comment definitely, but leaned toward skepticism.

Dr. Raymond L. Dittmars of New York, curator of the New York Zoological Gardens, and Dr. William H. Mann of Washington, D. C., directors of the National Zoological Park, both said "absolutely impossible."

While the experts were skeptical, various citizens in the nation recalled other instances of toads living for a long period of time sealed in cavities, and the editorial pages of the press were filled with the "Toads" and "Anti-Toads" comments.

Paramount News Reel Co., came to Eastland and had the scene of Old Rip brought out of the cornerstone re-enacted for distribution throughout the United States. Ripley featured Old Rip twice in his "Believe It or Not" feature.

Eastland citizens rallied to the defense of Old Rip, and persons connected with his release from the cornerstone re-affirmed the authenticity of the report.

In May 1928, Old Rip was exhibited by Will Woods in various parts of the United States, including a visit to President Coolidge. To get a glimpse of the toad, President Coolidge broke several other engagements.

In his travels Rip spent most of his time in a gold fish bowl which had sand in the bottom. When he

got sleepy or bored with all the fuss being made over him, Rip would simply burrow in the sand by way of retreat. His appetite, undiminished by riding on trains and stop overs in hotels, ran to small insects. He got his drink by absorbing water through his skin.

At one time Old Rip was placed near an ant bed and by actual count, he ate 67 ants in five minutes. A real sportsman, he would not seize an ant that was still in motion, then his tongue would dart so swiftly that the eye could hardly follow and Mr. Ant would vanish from view.

Thousands thronged to Eastland to glimpse the frog and 16,000 souvenir post cards were sold within a few months after he was brought out of the cornerstone.

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There developed throughout the country such a growing business of collecting horned toads and selling them to tourists that a special communication was released by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture as follows:

"The specimens so rendered as a rule are taken far from their native homes, maintained in their captivity for a time and in most cases finally starved to death. In any event, they are certainly removed as possible breeders of their kind. Fear has been expressed that the horned toad business is making too great inroads on the stock in some regions and there is a demand that the business be controlled.

"Friends of the horned toad have reasons for their demands for protection, because these animals are valuable allies in the never ceasing warfare between man and insects, according to the Biological Survey by the Dept. of Agriculture. They feed almost exclusively upon insects and take such destructive kinds as grasshoppers, caterpillars, wire worms, blister beetles, weevils, and chinch bugs. They are prey especially upon ants, pests of man which are troublesome in temperate and tropical countries. Horned toads make ants a considerable proportion of their whole food, and have been known actually to exterminate a whole colony of ants of the large and destructive

type. Horned toads give birth to living young, and have the extraordinary power under certain conditions of ejecting fine jets of blood from the eyelids. Horned toads occur in the states from Missouri to Idaho and south and west. They are interesting as well as useful members of the native fauna, and states should be interested to that they are not commercialized out of existence."

Time rocked along with the fame of Old Rip continuing to increase until one Sunday morning, Jan. 20, 1929, Eastland citizens picked up their Daily Telegram and were startled to read as follows:

DEATH ENDS OLD RIP'S CAREER.
"Old Rip is dead."
"The horned frog who brought world-wide fame to Eastland has breathed his last."

"His lifeless body was found protruding from the sand, earth and leaves in the bottom of the glass bowl in which he had been hibernating. Apparently the recent sunshine had lured him from protection of the earth and sand, and he was chilled to death."
"Mrs. Will M. Wood observed the frog's staring, sightless eyes and notified her husband who found that Old Rip, the frog that

met the President of the United States, has passed from a world of more lasting than the 31 years of slumber within the cornerstone.

Plans for disposition of the body have not been made. "It is likely that the body will be preserved, however, that thousands in the years to come may see the form of Old Rip, the most famous resident that Eastland ever had."

Preparations were made the next morning for the body of Old Rip to lie in state at the Barrow Undertaking Parlor for several days in order that the people who had never seen him, or who wished to see him might view the body. Ben Hamner, undertaker for the Barrow Undertaking Company, stated that special instruments had to be secured with which to embalm the frog's body. A specially built casket was secured from National Casket Company as a final resting spot for Old Rip.

A constant stream of people filed in and out of the undertaking parlors to view the frog. Old Rip in death looked very much as he did in life, except that his eyes were sunk in his head and had a cold, glassy stare. The official cause of his death was determined to be pneumonia.

A stunned nation paused to pay

tribute to the famed frog. Special poems were written by poets everywhere in honor of his memory.

There was a brief flurry of controversy whether Old Rip's body should be sent to a museum as a final resting place or to keep him in Eastland, the home he loved so well. His body was autographed in a handsome marble and glass container and placed in the lobby of the Eastland County Courthouse, where it remains to this day. During the passing years, thousands have visited to pay homage to the miscellaneous frog and Old Rip has become one of the favorite tourist attractions of the Southwest.

The exploit of Old Rip has never ceased to be a source of wonder in the minds of American people as is evidenced by the many requests to this day for information about this venerable horned toad, who made a piker out of Rip Van Winkle.

NEW MENU ITEM
HARTFORD, Conn.—When she ran into the kitchen to see what was burning, a mother found the answer in the oven. There, neatly toasted, were her son's sneakers which he had put there to dry after a rain.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Merrill Blosser



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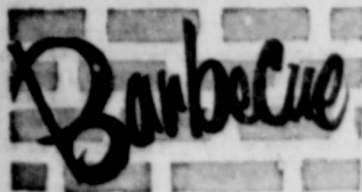


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In our mail this a.m., this very heartening news note from Paul D. Marable Jr., director of infor-

mation for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce:

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has estimated that Texas taxpayers will save \$338,020,000 in Federal taxes that they will not have to pay because of the \$12.6 billion in appropriations cut by the Administration and Congress from the Truman budget.

Calculating that Texas taxpayers bear 4.27 per cent of all Federal taxes, the Regional Chamber applied this percentage to the \$12.6 billion figure to derive its estimate.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce said, "In cutting \$12.6 billion of appropriations from the Truman Budget for 1954, the Ad-

Politicians Fear Death Penalty May Rebound

MEXICO CITY — Fear that a firing squad or electric chair would be used as a political weapon is keeping the death penalty out of Mexican courts.

The death penalty debate flared anew recently when half a dozen men, among them army officers, were accused of participation in an insurance time-bomb plot which killed three airport employees.

Protests that the death penalty was "too inhuman" led the opposition.

However, many top Mexican newspapermen and observers privately admit that "the big boys are afraid to enact the law; they're afraid their enemies will find a way to sit them in an electric chair."

Execution of criminals is legal in the states of Sinaloa, Sonora, Mexico, Puebla, Hidalgo and Oaxaca, but firing squads haven't been called out in years.

Mexico had a federal death penalty from 1917 to 1931. Of the 481 men condemned to die, only one—Jose de Leon Torral, the killer of President Alvaro Obregon—was executed.

Some Mexican officers energetically apply the "ley fuga" when dealing with known killers. They report the criminal "was shot while attempting to escape."

"What else can we do?" a secret service agent asked recently.

"This type of criminal isn't human. The brains of most of them have been diseased by syphilis since birth, and they know nothing other than the most depraved tendencies. There is no hope of rehabilitation."

"They think it is easier to stab 10 men in the back and take 10 centavos from each, rather than plan a robbery to get one peso."

"The ley fuga" solves many of these problems," he added.

Many Mexican jurists strongly favor legal execution, claiming it is the only way to deal with "the thousands of criminal degenerates in the Mexico City area."

Sentences Lenient

But Mexican courts are remarkably lenient in passing out sentences in some cases.

Count Your Blessings, Milady



It takes pictures like those above to remind us how far we've gone in emancipating women from household drudgery. At left is a woman going through the back-breaking travail of home-dyeing before the development of modern dyes and machines. At right is a typical American woman today—engaged in effortless tinting with aid of washing machine and ready-to-use all-fabric dyes.

In so-called "good old days," dyeing meant long hours of muddering, perspiring drudgery over tubs and steaming kettles, the Tintex Home Economics Bureau of New York City points out. It was messy, fraught with uncertainty and limited in color selection. Today, the washer is used to dye bulky things like curtains, drapes, sheets, bedspreads and shag rugs. And low-cost all-fabric dyes come in 50 true colors. Directions for dyeing in the washer are simple. A leaflet of instructions is obtainable gratis from the Tintex Bureau.

ably lenient in passing out sentences in some cases.

Jacques Mornard, alias Frank Jackson, received a 30-year sentence for the assassination of Communist leader Leon Trotsky in 1940. Prison officials think Mornard might be released within the next two years, however.

Singer Paco Sierra and Emilio Arrellano, still haven't been sentenced for last year's unsuccessful plot to blow up a crowded airliner to collect insurance on six of the passengers. There has been some agitation that the two be executed, but most Mexican police re-

New Right Hand Drive Car Will Be Given Trial

The first American car in 30 years to feature a right-hand drive has just come off the Willys Motors assembly line.

It's a Jeep-type vehicle, specially made to order for the U. S. Post Office Department, and is now in active service on suburban mail routes.

Through the convenience of a right-hand drive, the postman doesn't have to leave his seat to drop off mail into the letter boxes along the roadside on these suburban residential routes.

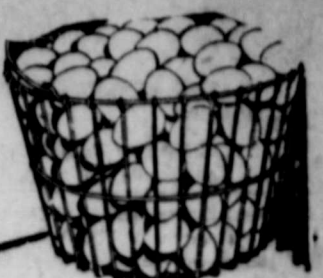
Used experimentally by the Toledo post office, it has already proved a great timesaver in delivering mail. Eliminating the need for the carrier to get out of the left-hand driver's seat of the conventional car, walk around the vehicle to the mailbox and then return to his seat, this new mail "Jeep" cuts in half the time for the average residential delivery.

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When the Jeep has finished its trial run, it will be sent to Washington for examination by top post office executives.

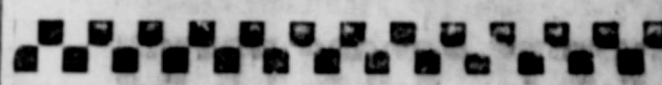
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