



*Springfield Mass* December 29, 1987

Mr. Tommy Rholes  
 P. O. Box 638  
 Van, TX 75790

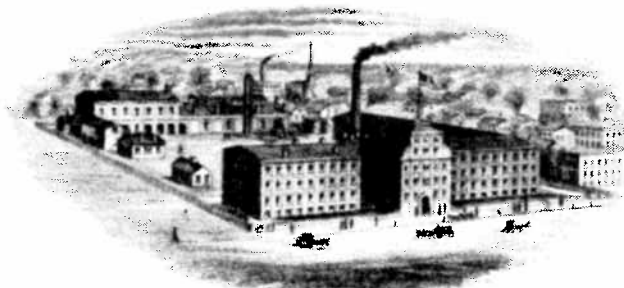
Dear Mr. Rholes:

We received your letter of recent date requesting information on one of the original .357 Magnums. The .357 Magnum was introduced in 1935, and was a custom manufactured revolver. It was available with a minimum barrel length of 3-1/2 inches and a maximum of 8-3/4 inches. Each revolver was manufactured to the individual's specifications. The revolver was stamped with a registration number and a card was enclosed with each revolver. When the gun was received and the registration card filled out and returned, the owner received a registration certificate, which included the owner's name, registration number, barrel length and trigger pull, both double and single action. The certificate was signed by Douglas Wesson, Vice President of our company.

Unfortunately, this practice proved too costly for a revolver that sold for \$60, and was discontinued after approximately 5,500 of the registered .357 Magnums were manufactured. We are sorry but we do not have any facsimile of the original certificates that we can send to you.

In 1942, the .357 Magnum was temporarily discontinued to allow Smith & Wesson to begin full wartime production. This model was reintroduced at the close of the war in 1946. All postwar .357 Magnums can be identified as they carry the prefix S in front of the serial number on the butt. This S also signifies the incorporation of the improved hammer block. All of the N frame .357 Magnums are serial numbered within our .44 Hand Ejector series. In 1958 when model numbers were assigned to all our Smith & Wesson models, the .357 became the Model 27.

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SMITH & WESSON



Mr. Tommy Rholes  
Van, Texas

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In 1968 the serial number series for the N frames was changed to a new numbering system. This new numbering system began with serial number N-1 and has continued through N950000. All of the N framed revolvers are serial numbered within this series, including the Model 27.

We have researched your Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum revolver in company records which indicate that your handgun, with serial number 53983, was shipped from our factory on September 13, 1935 and delivered to Headquarters, Texas Rangers, Bob Massengole, Austin, Texas.


The information found under Registration No. 2915 is the following:

- 1 - 4" .357, Blue
- Front Sight Baughman Quick Draw
- Rear Sight Square Notch Plain ramp
- Sighted @ 25 yds., Mag ammo
- Magna Stocks

We trust that the information furnished will be helpful as well as of interest to you.

Sincerely,

SMITH & WESSON

  
Roy G. Jinks  
Historian

RGJ/dsg

I, HARRY F. GOSS, am a nephew and closest living relative of my late uncle, Robert G. Goss, who was a Texas Ranger during the 1930's. Some of my uncle's Ranger activities are recorded in the book The Last Boom, an account of East Texas oil boom days.

One of my uncle's guns was a Smith and Wesson 357 Magnum with a 4 inch barrel, blue finish, Serial Number 53983, registered number 2915.

Harry F. Goss  
Harry F. Goss

STATE OF TEXAS    X  
                          X  
COUNTY OF GREGG   X

I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this the 24 day of November, 1987, personally appeared HARRY F. GOSS, who being duly sworn, declared that he signed the foregoing document, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 24 day of November, 1987.

Kim B. Smith  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

My Commission Expires:

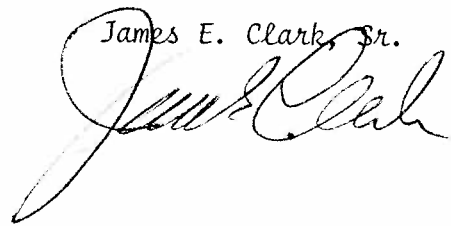
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# Clark Custom Guns, Inc.

September 14, 1987

*This is to certify that Smith & Wesson .357 Serial No. 11630, Registered #2915 is from the collection of Mr. Robert G. Goss who was a Texas Ranger in the 1930 and was active with the Texas Game department in the 1970s. He also was the Chief of Police of Kilgore, Texas in 1933, 34 & 35.*

James E. Clark, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Clark, Sr.", written in black ink.



# Clark Custom Guns, Inc.

July 26, 1989

Mr. Roy D. Collins  
609 Wisconsin, #53  
Pine Bluff, Ar. 71601

Dear Roy,

I sure appreciate your nice letter of June 22nd.

I was leaving for Camp Perry and the national pistol matches a couple days after receiving your letter and have just now found time to answer.

I could have used some of your information in my article if I had known; but I had no knowledge of your association with Bob.

The Merwin & Hulbert pistol was not in Bob's collection when I bought it. I purchased a total of 50 guns, but unfortunately Bob had given that particular gun to someone after you returned it.

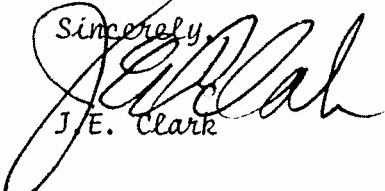
Mrs. Goss gave me his scrapbook which proves his value as a ranger. He was known as Gonzolez's shadow and often backed him up in his one man shows. Bob probably was the reason Gonzolez was so feared, but he received little credit.

The only regret I have is I failed to purchase the matched pair of fine single actions which he called his parade guns. Mrs. Goss did not want to part with them at the time I bought the rest of the collection and said she would probably part with them later. I messed around and did not get back to her until too late. I suppose some of the family now has this prized pair.

They also have the Colt Monitor which is a BAR made by Colt. It is illegal, but some of the family was peace officer connected and claimed they could get that streightened out. I hope so.

Yes, he always had "Shorty" in his right front pocket and would not hesitate to draw it if need be. I have this prized pistol and plan to display it in the future, along with many of the other Goss guns.

Next time you are this way please drop in.

Sincerely,  
  
J.E. Clark

# The Last Word

ONE OF THE most interesting friends I have had the good fortune to know and love was an ex-Texas Ranger named Bob Goss.

Bob devoted his entire life to police work, either with the Rangers, as chief of police of Kilgore, Texas, or as an agent for the Texas Wildlife and Fisheries Department. To put it mildly, he led an interesting life.

I first met Bob in 1957 when he came to my shop and asked if I would build him a .45 that would serve double duty as a working sidearm and a target gun for bullseye shooting. I built him that gun—and many others over the next decade. Bob was one of the best pistol shots I ever knew, but it was at an entirely different game. He could draw a .45 automatic, a single-action revolver, or a double-action revolver and fire it accurately and as fast as any one alive. I never saw him miss. (Another old friend expressed it a little differently. He claimed that Bob could draw and fire as quick as a minnow could swim a dipper.

I had never witnessed this, but I do know that a minnow can swim that distance about as fast as the blink of an eye.) His favorite firearm for this type shooting was the Colt Single Action Army .45 with a short barrel, but he could do as well with the .45 automatic. He also demonstrated his skills in handling the SAA. He could do all the old twirling tricks with a pair of Colts. The handgun was a tool of his trade, and he was a master.

In all the years I knew him, Bob never went unarmed. His constant companion was "Shorty," an S&W Chiefs Special. He carried it in the right front pocket of his trousers and could have it out and working in a fraction of a second.

Bob often told me of his extensive gun collection, but he never offered to show them. After Bob's death in the late '70s, I bought the collection from Mrs. Goss. I am now the proud owner of "Shorty," among many others. (Two I did not get were a pair of Colt .45 single-action revolvers that were highly engraved with gold and silver. The ivory grips featured a steer's head with ruby eyes and a gold ring in the nose. They were Bob's parade guns, and I am sorry I did not buy them from Mrs. Goss before her passing. I often wonder where they ended up.)

I accompanied Bob on numerous trips to pistol matches in Texas and Louisiana. On these trips, he told me stories and experiences, which, frankly, I took lightly. Upon his death, Mrs. Goss gave me his scrapbook that verified most of his stories.

When I met Bob, he was on loan to the Texas Wildlife and Fisheries Department. The locals in a small East Texas town were engaging in poaching. One game warden had been shot, and two more chose to leave for mysterious reasons. Bob was sent in to restore order and stop the poaching.

Bob's first move was to attend a meeting of the town council. He told them he did not make the game laws, but he had been sent to enforce them. He would appreciate their cooperation, but the law would be enforced in any event. After the

meeting, he was confronted by one of the local councilmen who informed him that they knew how to handle dudes like him. He then spit tobacco juice on one of Bob's highly polished boots. Bob informed him that whatever his game was to be sure and count him in.

Bob set up a ring of informers, and some time later, he was told of an upcoming deer "hunt." He stationed himself in the vicinity of the "hunt" and waited. The poachers came down the dirt road in a pickup truck and shot a deer a short distance from his hiding place. He eased up to the site of the kill where the three were gutting the deer. From a distance of about 35 yards, he fired three shots from a 12-gauge shotgun—with the desired effect in each case. And he made damned sure that little bastard that spit on his boot got the first charge. He then turned and went back to his vehicle and drove back to town. The three poachers showed up about three days later telling a story of how a farmer had mistaken them for watermelon thieves and had shot them.

Bob's answer to my question of what happened then was: "That ended the poaching." "What if you had killed one of them?" I asked. "Wouldn't have made any difference," he said.

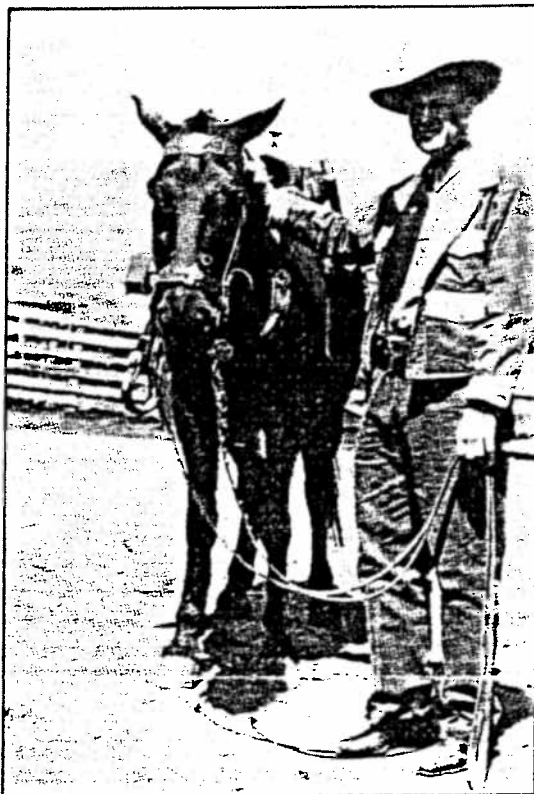
Another example of Goss justice: During his tenure as the chief of police of Kilgore, he spotted a pair of thugs who had just been released from prison. Bob knew them well; he helped put them in prison. He asked them what their intentions were, and they made the mistake of giving him a smart aleck answer. He informed them that if he caught them in town again, he would shoot them on sight. Driving to the office the next morning, he spotted the pair running along the railroad tracks. He stopped his car and dropped both of them with his Model 8 Remington automatic rifle in .35 Remington. The heavy bullet finished one and wounded the other. Other officers arrived, and one asked how he knew that this pair had just robbed the Safeway store. Bob had not known of the robbery; he was simply keeping his word.

I have never met a nicer, more polite gentleman, but he was as mean as a junkyard dog when the need arose. Since he was dealing with the rogues of society on a daily basis, that was often. He put it simply: The way to deal with a mean criminal was to just be meaner. Shoot first and ask questions later. (I'm sure that's how he was able to live well into his 70s and die in bed.)

Bob was a different breed. His type of justice would not be tolerated these days, but who is to say that this isn't the type we need to counter the violence associated with the modern dope-related criminals. He was one of the last bad men on the good side of the law.

I am proud to have been his friend.

By Jim Clark



HD

*Roy D. Collins*  
*609 Wisconsin, #53*  
*Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601*

June 22, 1989

Mr. Jim Clark  
11462 Keatchie Road  
Keithville, LA 71047

Dear Mr. Clark,

Your recent "Last Word" column about Bob Goss brought back memories from long ago and far away.

Bob Goss and Dad had been friends for several years before Mr. & Mrs. Goss began exchanging family visits with my folks in Kilgore during the late 1940's and continuing past the time when I drifted away from East Texas in the mid-fifties. As you might imagine, a boy in his teens---and even older---relished every word from that tough old Ranger. He was a good narrator.

In 1952, my senior year in high school, I took on a term project in History Class, a report on the Texas Rangers. After reading a book or two on the subject, I approached Mr. Goss (in my family, a youngster never even considered calling an adult of his years by his first name) for some solid first-hand information. That was the shortest two hours I ever spent. I'd gladly have listened much longer to his commentary about that elite group of men whose long shadows had stretched across the Lone Star State for more than a century. Needless to say, the school assignment was a success.

After a two-year stint at Kilgore College, I moved on to The University of Texas in 1954. From then on I saw Mr. Goss much less often and usually too briefly, to my way of thinking. I remember how he always looked so relaxed and easy when he was chatting with someone on the streets of Kilgore. He looked relaxed, that is, until you noticed that his eyes never stopped their endless sweep. And he kept a wall at his back.

His unflagging attentiveness saved his life more than once. There was the time he stopped to offer aid to a stalled motorist, only to find that the driver was a criminal with an old grudge that he decided to settle on the spot. They say that the undertaker appreciated the business. On another occasion he happened to meet a long-time enemy in the entranceway of one of Austin's elite hotels. Upon recognition, both men unlimbered their equalizers post haste, but the Ranger's equalizer was more equal than the other fellow's. Another mortician made happy.

But Mr. Goss was also an understanding man, aware of the value of a person's self-respect. Once he was transporting a convicted felon to the penitentiary, and it came time to eat. He offered the captive the option of walking into the restaurant without handcuffs, just as if they were friends---in exchange for the man's promise to behave himself. The prisoner agreed, and kept his word. Rehabilitation doesn't always start within the walls of a penal institution.

In the Goss gun collection (I assume it's still there) is an engraved .44-40 Merwin & Hulbert, a gift of appreciation from a "bad guy" who was treated honorably by the Ranger who brought him in. As I recall, the man made arrangements for the engraving while he was awaiting trial. Before accepting the gun, Mr. Goss wanted to know whether it had been stolen. The fellow gave his assurance that the six-shooter wasn't hot. That revolver was very special, one of those you just don't get rid of---but more about it later.

From 1954 'til 1961 my visits to Kilgore were mostly brief ones and usually on weekends. Dad and I often prowled around town on Saturday mornings, visiting old friends. It was always a special treat for me when we happened to time it right to catch Mr. Goss at one of the local coffee shops. Inevitably he

flashed that grin of his that was almost as wide as the Texas-size hat that he walked around under.

I again lived in Kilgore for a while in 1961, until Uncle Sam decided that he wanted me on active duty as a somewhat superannuated infantry lieutenant. During my sojourn in the City of Derricks, Mr. Goss undertook giving me some much needed instruction in NRA type pistol shooting. Asked for my preference, I opted for a wheelgun over an autoloader. He offered me the use of a Colt Officer's Model but encouraged me to use my own four-inch Colt Three-Fifty-Seven if it felt better. He showed not the slightest trace of disapproval when I chose to use my own gun. His coaching was patient, but pointed. I never won at Camp Perry, but there was a dramatic improvement in my marksmanship. Much of his teaching came back to me when I captained a battalion pistol team a year or so later.

It was during those last months in my home town that he began very tactfully correcting some of my opinions, which had been strongly colored by his opinions. The code by which he had lived had fallen into disfavor with the general populace. He made sure that I realized that we live in the present, not in dreams of the past. No matter how interesting history may be, it is still history. Some of the matters which he discussed pictured him as being more than a little out of step with today's marching bands, but he never let up on himself. He was a big man.

It must have been about 1948 that Mr. Goss let Dad have the .44-40 mentioned earlier. (he didn't like Dad's only handgun, a Colt Model 1895 in .41 caliber.) It was stipulated that it was a loan, not a gift, and only until Mr. Goss could come up with a Peacemaker .45 for him. It was along in the late 40's, as you may recall, that the Colt SAA started getting scarce and dear. In short, the thumb-buster Colt never materialized. Dad

kept the heavy .44 until he moved from this world to a better one in 1968. During my last visit with Dad he reminded me, "Don't forget; that gun in the desk is Bob's" When the time came, I unloaded the old-timer and returned it. After a twenty-year loan, it was back home.

As for the matched pair of engraved Colts, I believe they saw some active service before being retired to Parade status. I've been told that he was wearing them when he and Ranger Captain Tom Hickman were face to face with a very determined lynch mob. A thrown brickbat took Hickman out of the festivities, leaving it at one Ranger for one riot. Mr. Goss had, if memory serves, a .35 Remington as well as the .45's. By the time the mob was halted, there was lead to be removed from fourteen participants, not one of whom was fatally wounded.

Not long after that foofaraw, Mr. Goss retired the .45 LC's in favor of the .38 Super and the .45 ACP. Which ever caliber he chose on any given day of his Ranger tenure, he carried a pair of 'em.

He took up the two-gun practice, he said, because of an incident involving Captain Frank Hamer, whom he regarded very highly both personally and professionally. Hamer was knocked down from ambush, taking a bullet in the right shoulder. On the ground, he reached around behind with his left hand and pulled out his (if I'm remembering right) .44 S&W Triple-Lock. Hamer survived; the other fellow didn't. Mr. Goss didn't want to have to reach that far if he happened to get one arm put out of action. As it happened, he once did get an arm disabled; I'm sure you've seen the scar running from wrist to elbow.

During the more sedate years when I knew Mr. Goss, he carried only one gun at a time, a Colt .45 auto more often than anything else. The one time I saw him without a belt gun, I assume he was carrying "Shorty," but I didn't ask. I've seen his Chief's Special, but not as his primary armament. He must

have reserved the snubby for out-of-state travel and other times when it wasn't seemly to tote his hardware in the wide-open. I've seen him standing on the firing line with a .45 on his hip while practicing bullseye shooting with one of his target guns that had been worked over by some gunsmith in Louisiana. You may know the chap; I understand he's related to your son.

Yes, your article warmed a lot of recollections. Today we have law enforcement officers. Robert G. Goss was a peace officer---one of the very best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy D. Collins", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roy D. Collins







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August 22, 1988

Mr. Tommy Rholes  
P.O. Box 638  
Van, Texas 75790

Dear Mr. Rholes,

Thank you for visiting the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Gaines de Graffenried has asked me to see if I could find any information on Robert G. (Bob) Goss in our library, and send you a letter concerning it.

I have found some information on him in our library. One is an Enlistment paper (3 pages) when he was a Special Ranger, two (2) Enlistment papers when he as a Regular Ranger, and other various information about him. I am enclosing a copy of this information.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Janice A. Reece  
Librarian

A. G. O. Form 21.  
Authorized July 7, 1905.

# ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company "B" Ranger Force, Station Honey Grove, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Travis

I, Robert G. Goss, born in Fannin County  
in the State of Texas, aged 33 years and 9 months, and by occupation a  
Texas Ranger

do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 28th  
April, 1932, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,  
unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such  
bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear  
that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of  
the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the  
United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution  
of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted  
as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-  
more answer that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised  
to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appoint

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Company.....Ranger Force, Station.....

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THE STATE



OF TEXAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

*Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer Robert G. Goss.

Texas Ranger

in Company

"B"

Ranger Force, State of Texas, and his

bears Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 36th Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 31, 1919, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to

act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by

The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

Name Robert G. Goss.

Rank Ranger.

Age 33 yrs. 9 mo.

Where born Honey Grove, Texas.

Height 5 ft. 11 in.

Occupation Texas Ranger.

Weight 195 lbs.

Residence Honey Grove, Texas.

Hair Brown.

Enlisted Where Austin, Texas.

Eyes Grey.

Enlisted When April 28, 1932.

Complexion Fair.

Enlisted by Whom W. W. Starling,  
The Adjutant General.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Exp. April 28, 1930.

Exp. April 27, 1932.

LIST OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Robt. G. Goss

Private

Company B, Ranger Force

Hon. Honey Grove

4/28/32

Report dated April 28, 1930

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**Scope note:** This series contains photographs of Bob Goss and other personalities as well as photographs of the East Texas oil fields.

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1932

First Row (Feb. 12, 1932)

Gen. W. W. Sterling, Adj. Gen.  
 Gov. Ross S. Sterling  
 Capt. W. L. Wright (Co. A.)  
 Capt. Tom R. Hickman (Co. B.)  
 Capt. Light Townsend, (Co. C.)  
 Capt. P. B. Hill (Chaplain)  
 Capt. A. R. Mace (Co. D.)  
 Capt. C. O. Moore, (Quartermaster)  
 Sgt. J. A. Miller  
 Sgt. J. W. Smith  
 Sgt. J. B. Wheatley  
 Sgt. M. T. Gonzauillas  
 Sgt. John W. Sadler  
 Miss Inez Sterling (Sweetheart)

Second Row

Rgr. R. W. Sumrall  
 " Stewart Stanley  
 " **Robt. G. Goss**  
 " M. Burton  
 " Fred E. Griffin  
 " Earl McWilliams  
 " H. L. Johnston  
 " Edgar T. Neal  
 " Harold Slack  
 " Joe W. White  
 " W. A. Dial  
 " A. Y. Allee  
 " Earl B. Franks

Third Row

Ex-Rgr. A. B. Coffee (Com. Ex-Rgr. Assn.)  
 Rgr. W. E. Young  
 " Thad Tarver  
 " Elbert Riggs  
 " H. D. Glasscock  
 " H. B. Purvis  
 " W. H. Kirby  
 " W. E. Lowe  
 " Ted Lewis  
 " E. M. Davenport  
 " Tom L. Heard  
 " J. L. Rehm  
 " L. V. Hightower  
 " R. E. Pool

Top Row

Rgr. J. P. Huddleston  
 " Arthur B. Hamm  
 " Wm. R. Smith  
 " B. M. Gault  
 " O. T. Martin  
 " W. D. Cope  
 " G. M. Allen

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- Capt. A. R. Mass (Co. D)
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- Sgt. M. T. Gonzales
- Sgt. John W. Sadler
- Miss Inez Swearingin (Sweetheart)

*Texas State*

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- " Earl B. Franks

*Rangers on steps of  
Capital Austin, Texas,  
Feb. 18, 1932*

**M. T. GONZAULAS, CAPTAIN**  
**COMMANDING COMPANY "B"**  
**TEXAS RANGERS**

*PROPERTY OF  
M. T. Gonzalas*

Third Row

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- Rgr. W. E. Young
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Capt. W. L. Wright (Co. A.)  
Capt. Tom R. Hickman (Co. B.)  
Capt. Light Townsend, (Co. C.)  
Capt. P. B. Hill (Chaplain)  
Capt. A. R. Mace (Co. D.)  
Capt. C. O. Moore, (Quartermaster)  
Sgt. J. A. Miller  
Sgt. J. W. Smith  
Sgt. J. B. Wheatley  
Sgt. M. T. Gonzaulias  
Sgt. John W. Sadler  
Miss Inez Sterling (Sweetheart)

Second Row

Rgr. R. W. Sumrall  
" Stewart Stanley  
" Robt. G. Goss  
" M. Burton  
" Fred E. Griffin  
" Earl McWilliams  
" H. L. Johnston  
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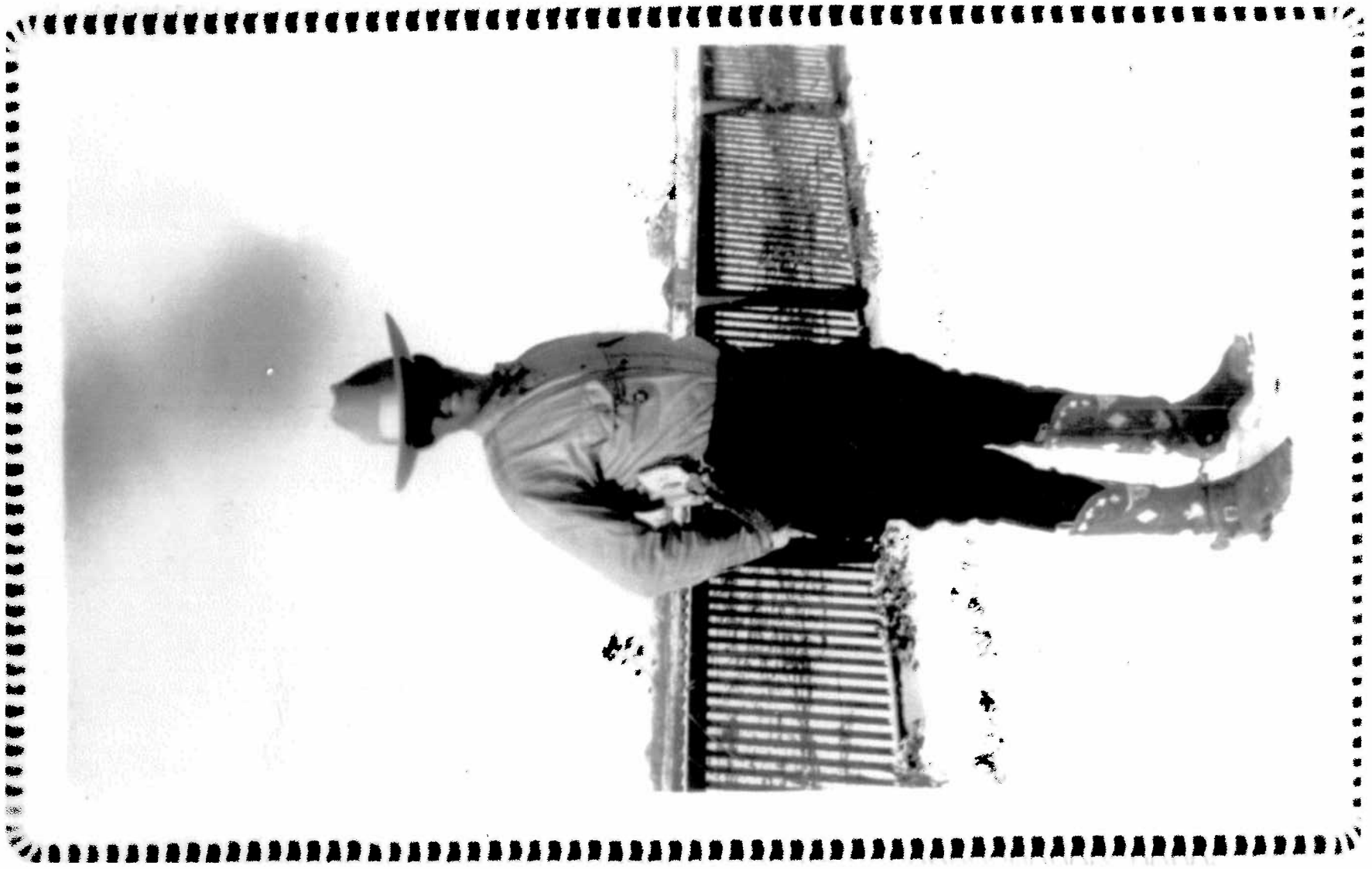
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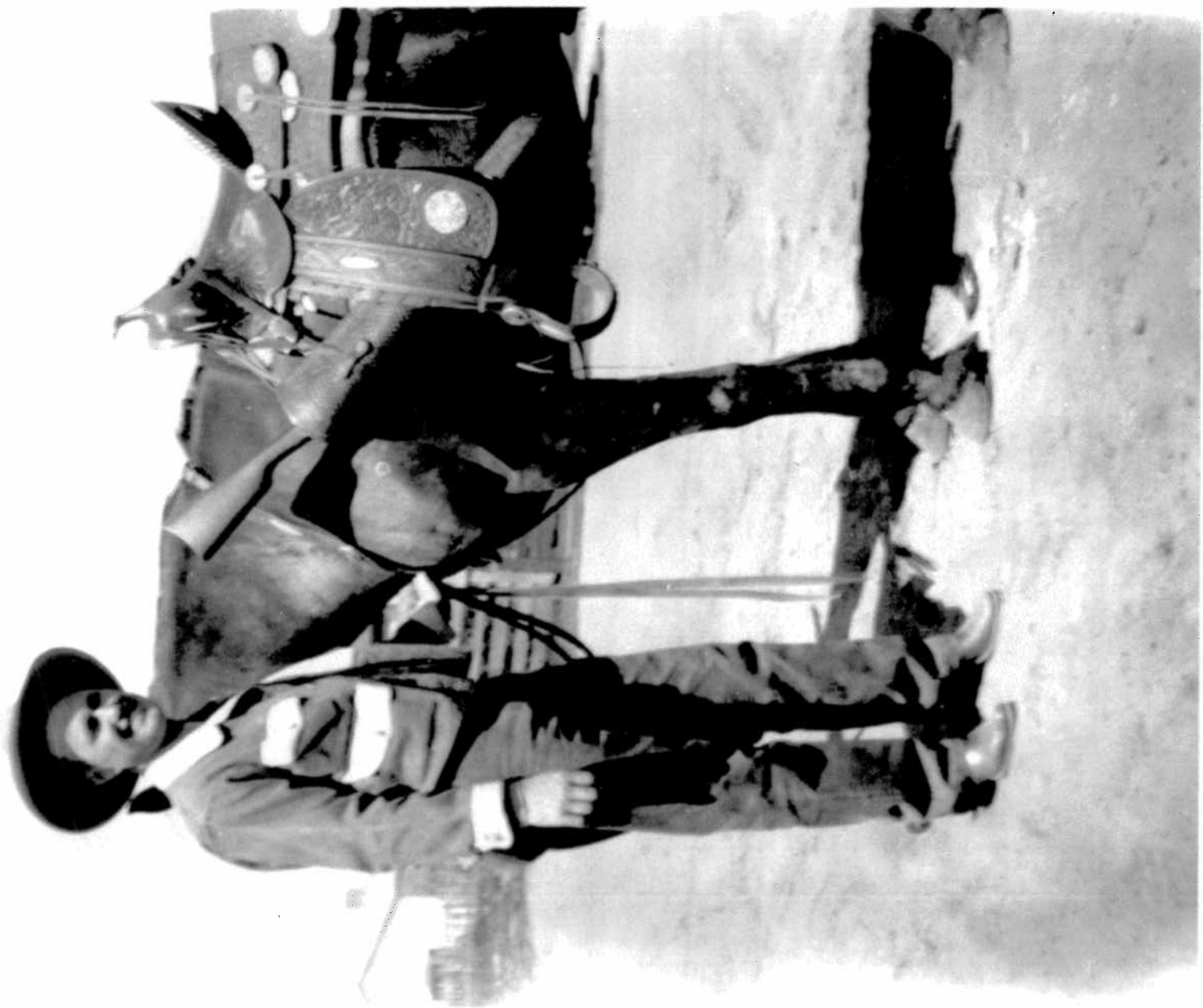
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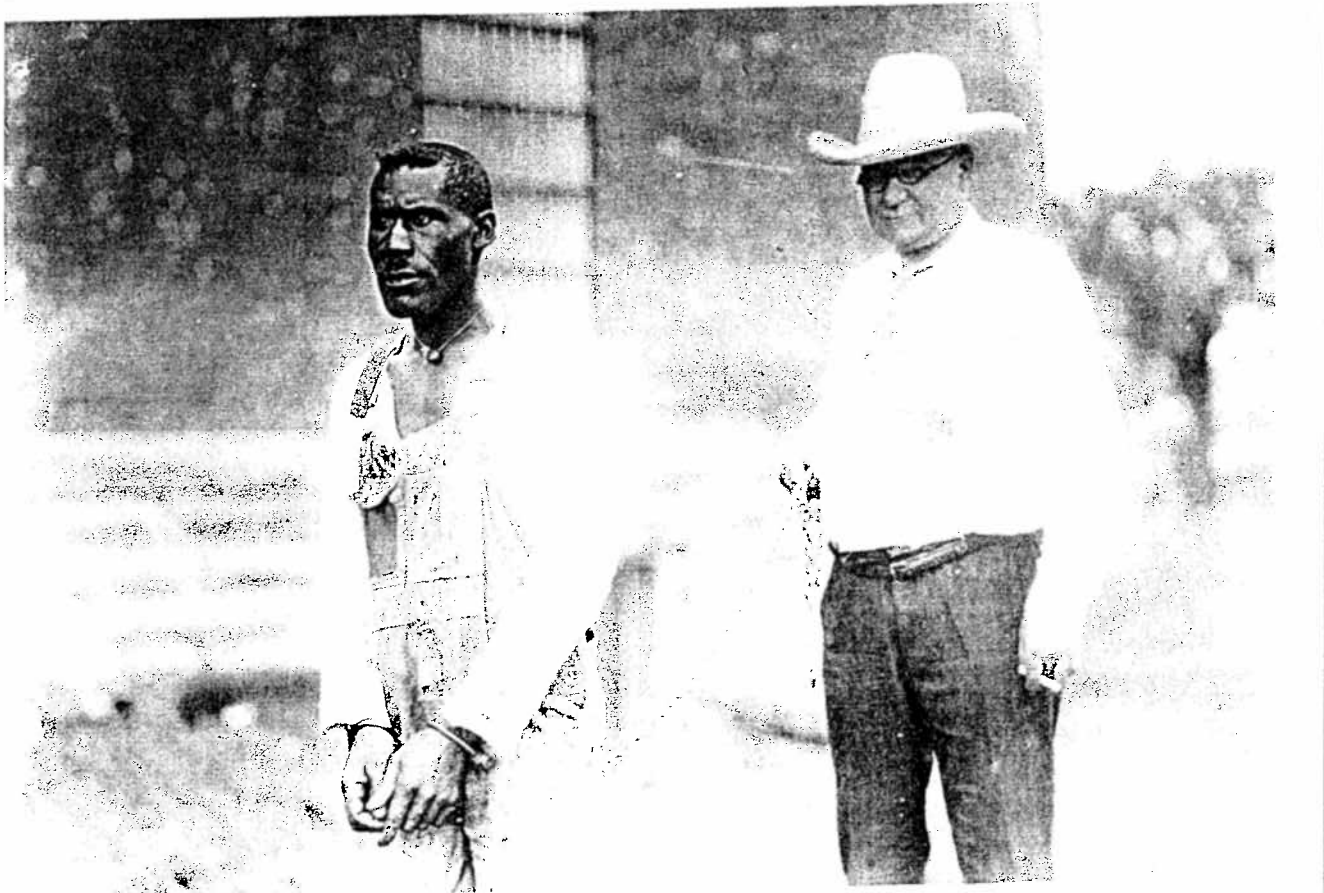


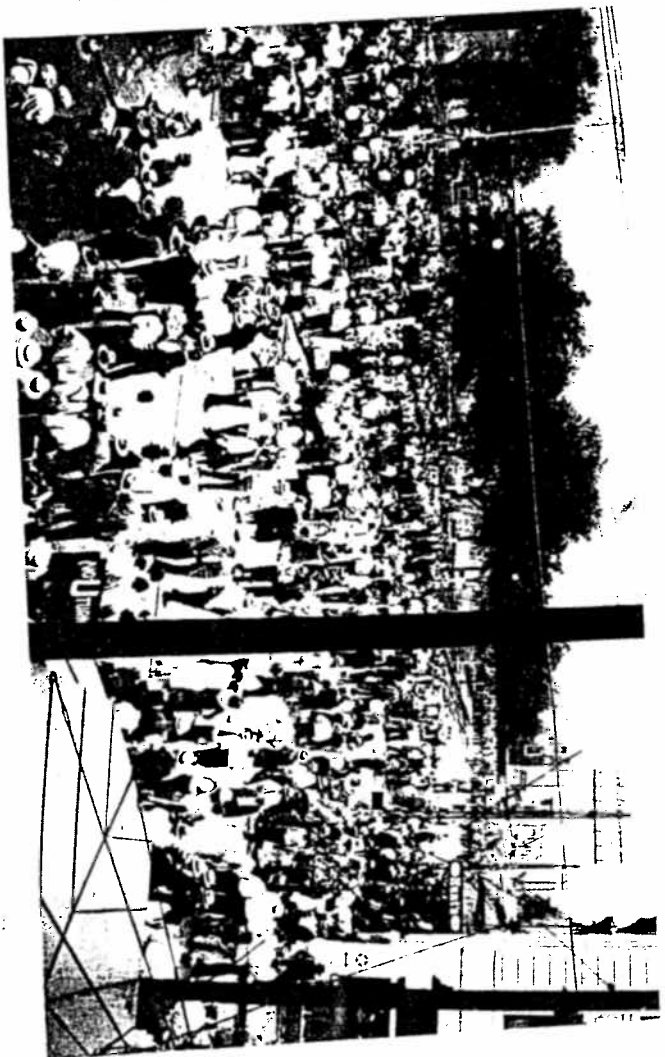
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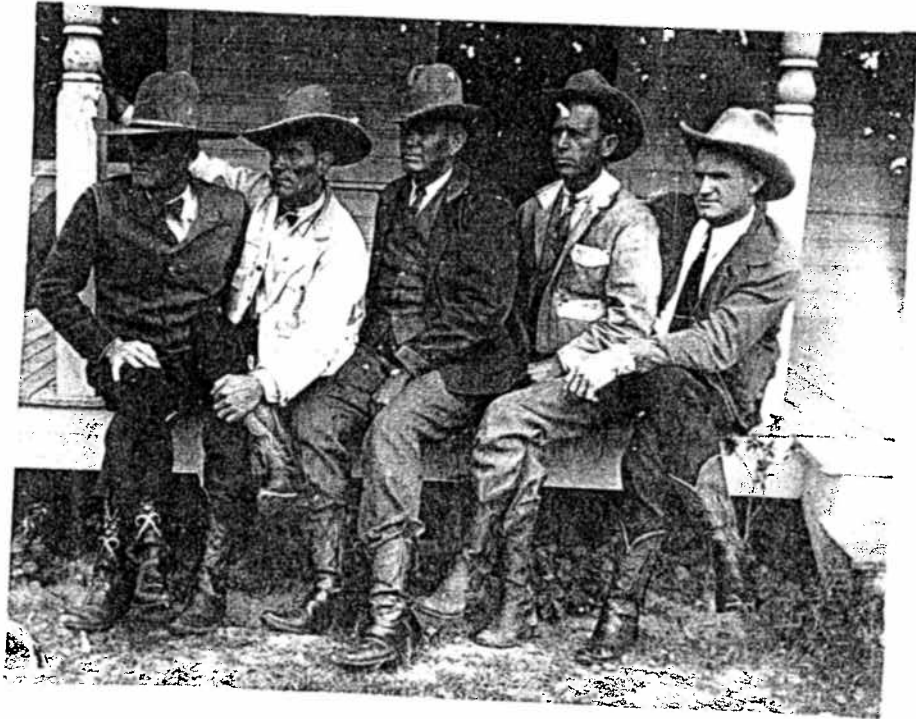


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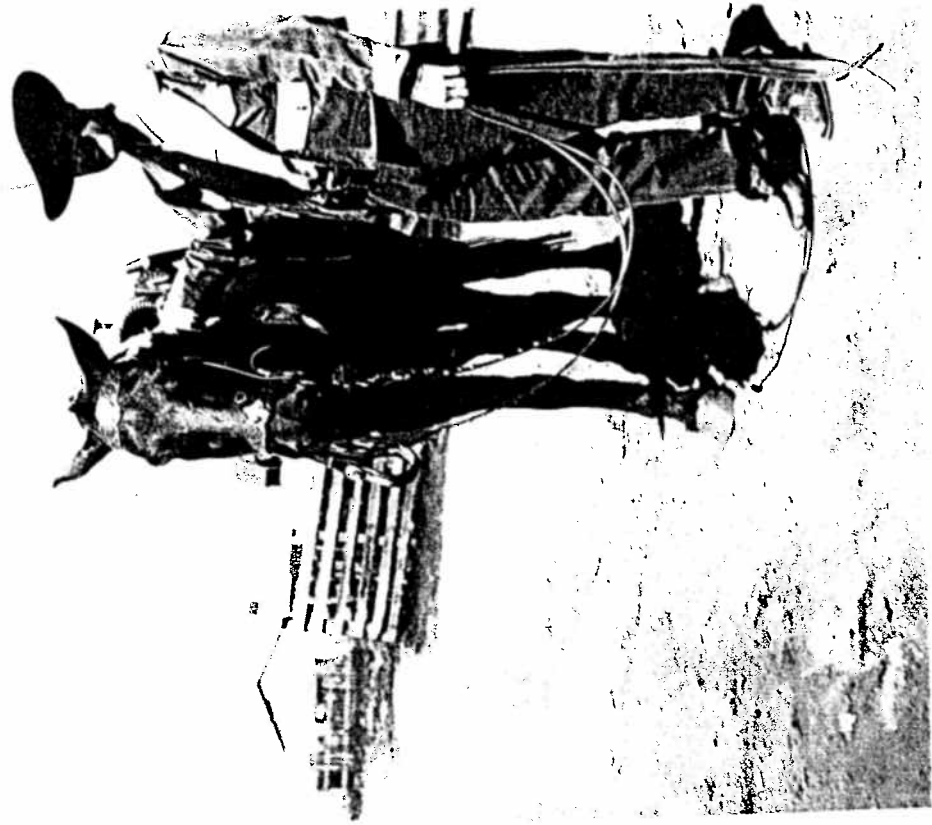




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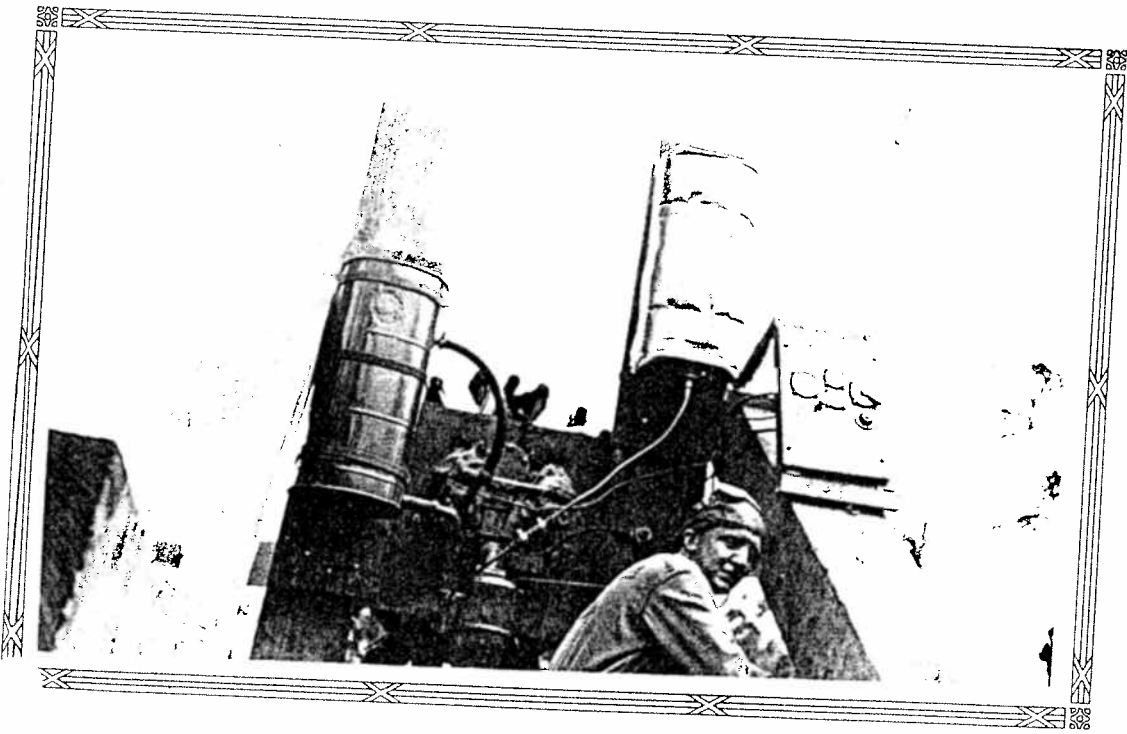
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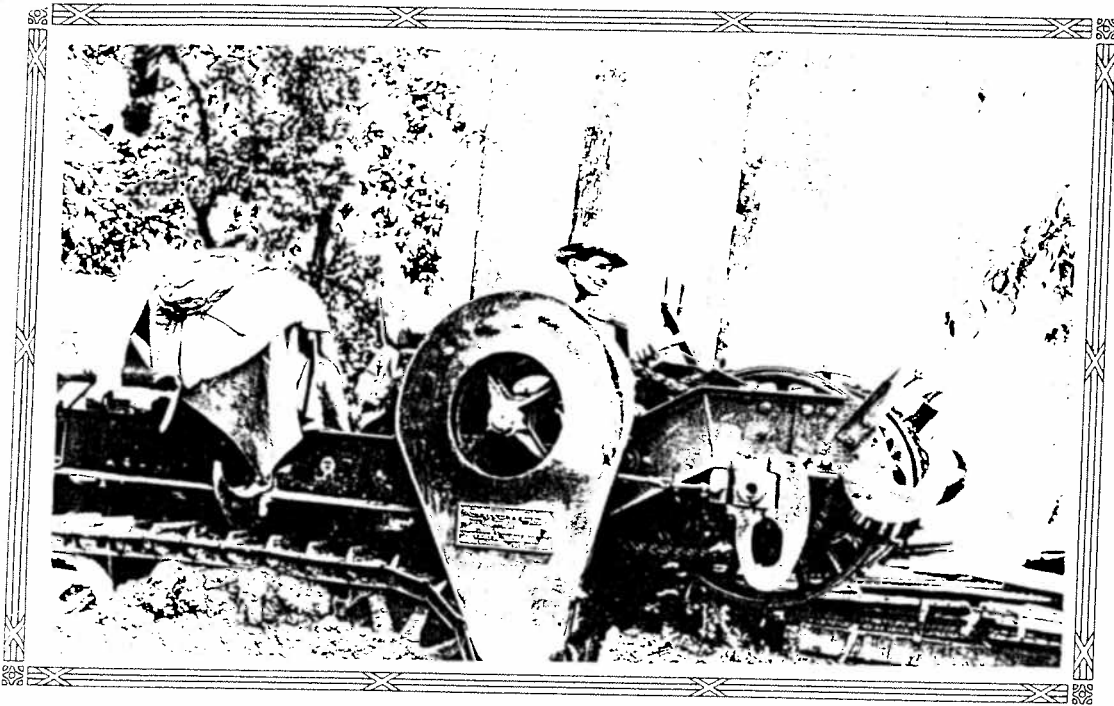


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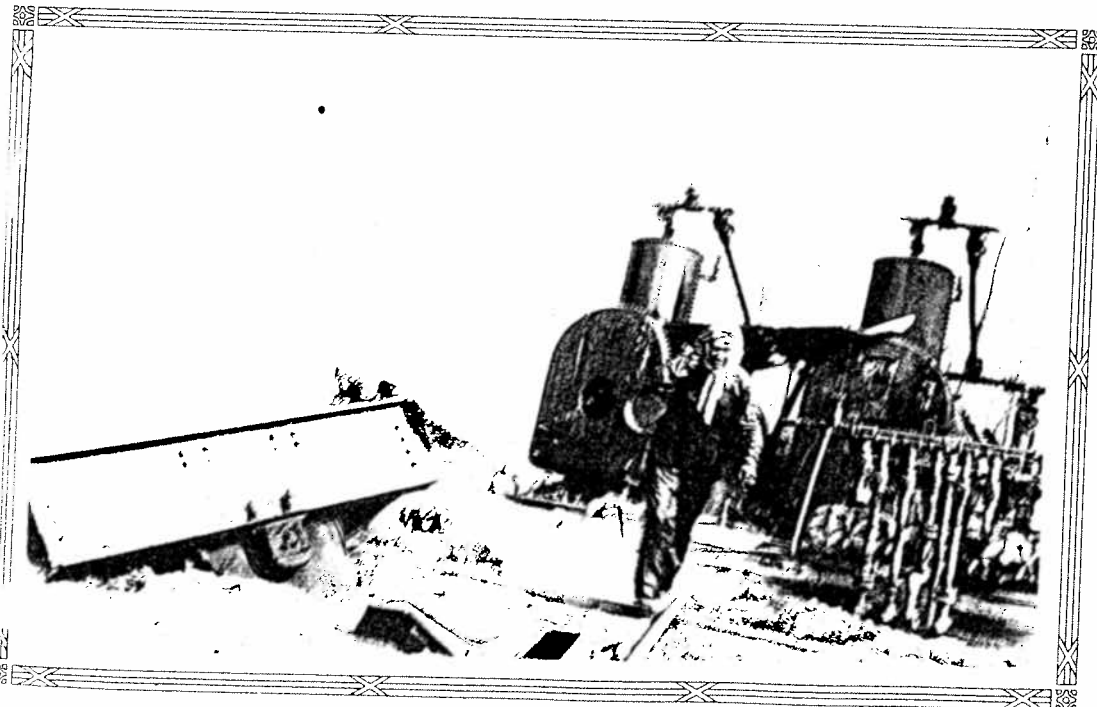


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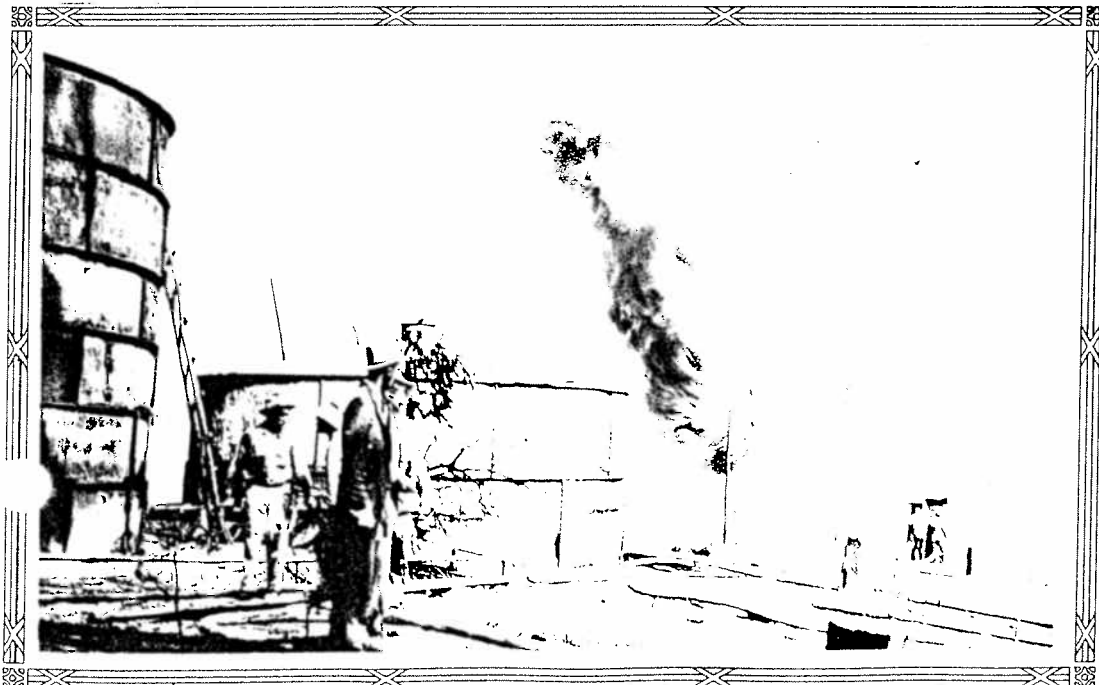
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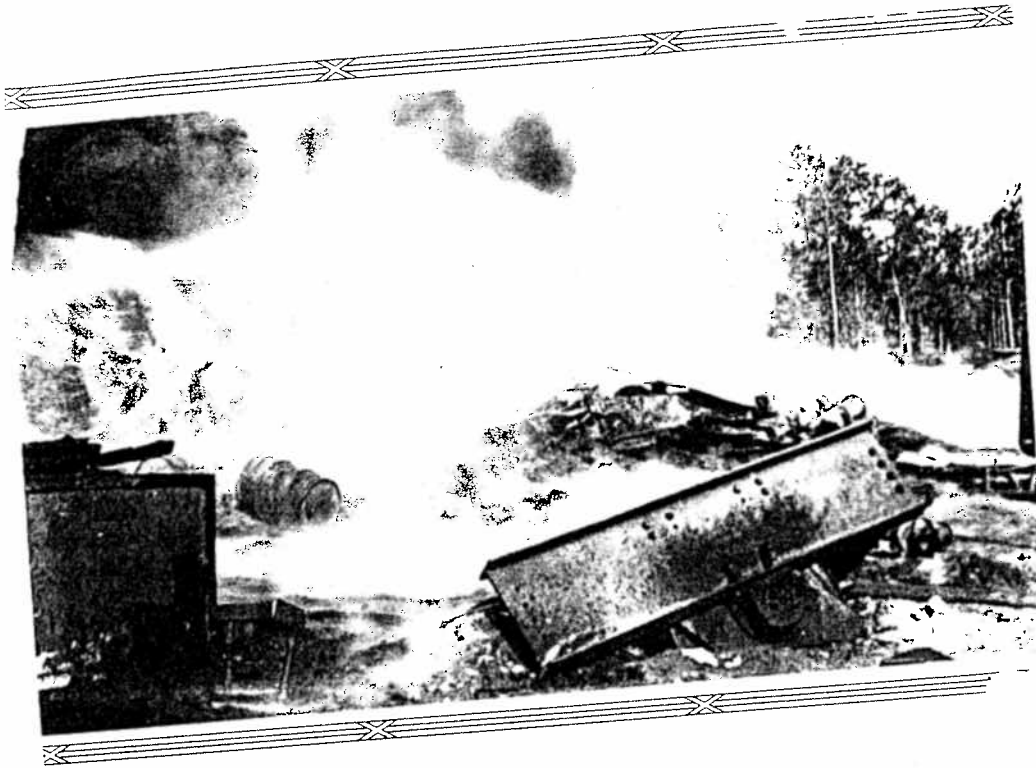
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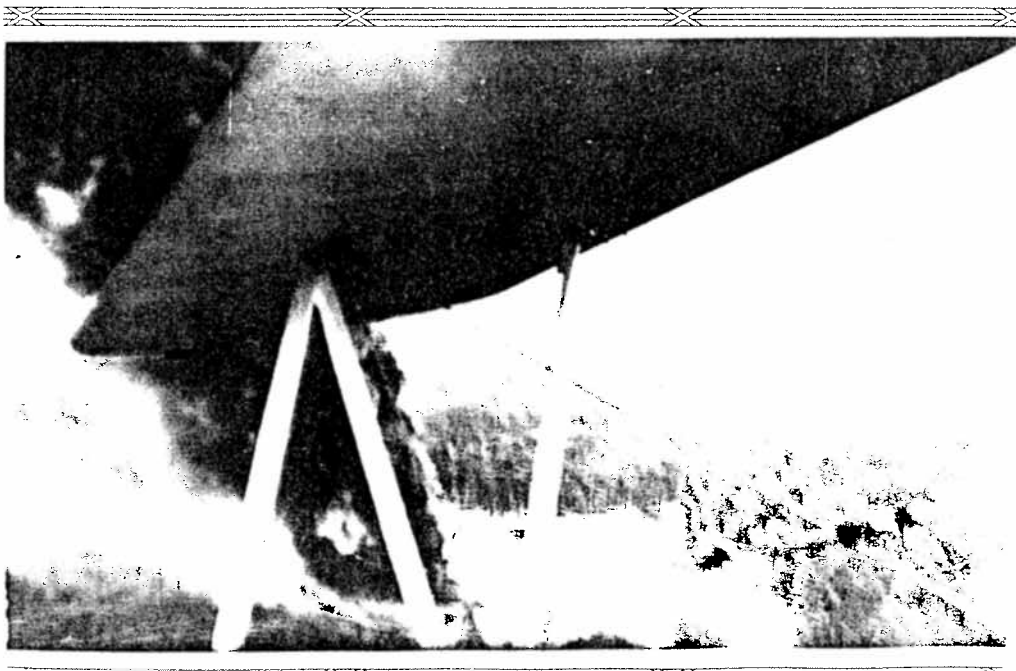
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## Pistols and Guns of Entire World Found In Varied Collection of Dallas Resident

A. P. Johnston's Hobby  
Unique; Work of 45  
Years.

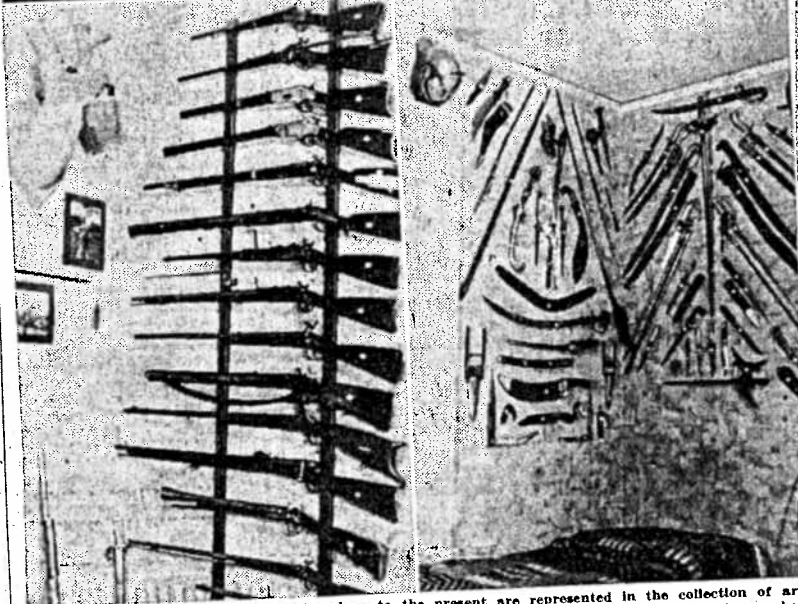
### Hamer Recruits Fifty Former Officers; Silent on Purpose

HOUSTON, Sept. 28. (UP)—  
Frank Hamer, former Ranger  
Captain, recruited 50 former offi-  
cers here today, but refused to  
give his reason for hiring the  
men.

He advertised in several state  
newspapers, his notice reading:

"Will possibly want 50 men  
who have had experience as of-  
ficers available after Oct. 1. Com-  
municate with Frank Hamer, La-  
mar Annex, Houston."

Hamer who was in charge of  
special patrolmen on the Houston  
waterfront in 1935, denied that the  
men were wanted for duty in con-  
nection with the railroad strike at  
Greenville.



Weapons of warfare from primitive days to the present are represented in the collection of arms assembled by A. P. Johnston of 3708 Lexington Avenue. Pictures of parts of the assortment are shown above. In the top photo, Mr. Johnston, facing his display of pistols, points with a sword dated to the conquest of Mexico during the time of Cortez to a vest-pocket-size protector pistol similar to the one used to assassinate President McKinley. An old flint-lock blunderbuss is shown in Mr. Johnston's right hand. The lower pictures show the group of antiquated guns and the assemblage of knives and swords in the collection.



# Rangers Stationed Here Make Liquor Raid at Longview

# Ranger Goss Returns Here After Making Arrests at Paris

Swooping down on the Hilltop Garage at Longview Saturday afternoon in a surprise raid, Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss, assisted by members of the sheriff's department, seized 25 gallons of liquor and arrested three men who were charged with violation of the Dean Act. In addition to the three men charged with liquor law violations, Joe Chandler was arrested and charged with carrying concealed weapons. He paid a \$125 fine. Numerous arrests were made and the culprits charged with vagrancy.

Griffin, Gordon C. Clark and Pyra Scott for violation of the Dean Act. The liquor was found in an elaborately constructed and concealed air pressure tank, one of the most intricate devices for hiding liquor discovered in some time.

In addition to the raid at Longview the rangers, members of the city police force and members of the constable's department were busy Saturday and Sunday scouring the city and vicinity for the trace of the men who robbed the bank at Palestine Saturday morning. Rangers had a machine gun at hand ready for any emergency that might arise if the robbers were discovered.

Ranger R. G. "Shadow" Goss has returned to Kilgore to take care of some duties here after having arrested four men at Paris, Texas, suspected of having robbed a bank at Lake Charles, La., and possibly other places. He turned the four men over to the sheriff of Lamar county.

With the arrest of the four men at Paris, one of the most complete arrays of bank robbing equipment yet discovered was found in the stolen car the men were using. The car was stolen at Fort Worth in January.

It was said that Goss discovered an expensive electric drill, gelatin, guns and other equipment in the car, all of which is used in robbing banks.

Goss is working for a few days without his buddy, Ranger Sergeant M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, who is attending to some matters in other parts of the state. Goss and Ranger M. "Red" Burton will take care of crime conditions in the East Texas oil fields until his return.

# Rangers and City Force In Cleaning Last Night

Swooping down last night upon the numerous camps that dot the river bottoms in the eastern edge of the city in a surprise drive against undesirables, Ranger Sergeant M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss, together with members of the city police department filled the city jail with suspicious characters and arrested one man who was later identified by two victims as one of the men participating in the series of hijackings here last Sunday night. The man identified as one

of the hijackers will be taken to Longview today where charges of robbery with firearms will be filed against him. Other questionable characters picked up were being questioned throughout the day as officers are determined to break up the hijacking ring that has perpetuated ten known robberies here within the past three weeks.

The Rangers arrived in town Monday after three hijackings had occurred the previous night. They immediately began the interrogation of a number of suspicious characters. After two days of picking up and interrogating a number of well known oil field characters without finding the men they were looking for, the Rangers and city officers decided to spread the dragnet which would bring in the culprits if they were in Kilgore.

During the night city officers brought a woman to jail who is alleged to have been operating a beer joint near the Magnolia camp. She was brought in after a man reported to police that he had been drugged and robbed of \$80.

The News from Sherman. Sheriff Frank Reece and Floyd Everheart, deputy sheriff of Sherman, left Paris with their prisoner early Tuesday afternoon.

Charges of drunkenness were filed in Charles Parrott's justice court against Mahoney who told officers he made the statements relative to the bank robbery while he was drunk in an effort to convince the woman and two men with him that he was a "mean customer."

Mahoney is said to have been in Paris at least four days previous to his transportation to Sherman. The receipt for the veteran's loan bore the address of a town near the East Texas oil fields, it was said.

According to his statements to officers, Mahoney went to the hospital early Monday morning to recuperate from the effects of the liquor parties in which he had indulged during the past few days.

## ARREST FIVE IN SWOOP ON RESORT SPO

George Glover, Proprietor at Liberty Under \$1,000 Bond

TWO HOSTESSES BOOKED Bonded Whiskey and Beer Included in Seizure by Officers

**STUDIO RAIDED** Shortly after noon today, Ranger Sergt. M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. (Bob) Goss raided Gibson Studio of Music on the second floor, Conno Building, Fredonia street here, confiscating eight and one-half pints of liquor and arresting two men.

Homer L. Henning and Jack O'Brien, whom officers said operated the studio, were charged with possession of liquor for the purpose of sale.

After their tradition fashion of sudden swooping two of Texas' most famous Rangers Thursday night swept down upon the Florida Inn, flashy roadhouse the Marshall highway near Longview, arresting five people and seizing a quantity of assorted intoxicants.

George Glover, operator of place, was charged with possession of intoxicants for sale, while a negro, and two hostesses were booked on vagrancy charges.

Glover is at liberty under \$1,000 bond which he posted promptly. The raid was made by Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. (Bob) Goss, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Charley Gant.

Gonzauillas reported seizure of five bonded liquors and various other sorts, along with a quantity of beer. The seizure was not as large in size as it was varied in quality and kind, said the raiding rangers.

## Bank Robbery Case Suspect Is Taken Here

Arrested Monday because of statements he was said to have made while intoxicated, Ed Mahoney, who gave his address as 485 South Pearl street, Denver, Colo., Tuesday was taken to Sherman where he will be investigated in connection with the robbery of the Central State Bank of Sherman on April 7.

Mahoney was arrested at a local hospital by H. Ross Sniley, sheriff of Red River county, and Arthur Payne, deputy sheriff here.

Receiving information, he said, from men who were present at a liquor party near Paris last week, when Mahoney is said to have described his participation in the bank robbery which netted the robbers \$30,000, Sheriff Smiley on Tuesday morning arrested Mahoney.

Mahoney, according to Arthur Payne, possessed \$180 in American Railway Express travelers' checks and a receipt for approximately \$434 received on a veteran's readjusted compensation certificate. He refused to tell the deputy sheriff where he had been the past few weeks but said he had not worked during the past year.

Late Tuesday night it had not been established that Mahoney was connected with the bank robbery, according to a wire received by (Continued on Page Five)

**SHERMAN.**—Funeral services were held Sunday at Pottsboro for W. B. Gooda, who died at a sanitarium here Saturday. He had served as a peace officer and jailer here for years.

**Jail for Gladewater** GLADEWATER, Tex., April 21. (AP)—Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss conferred Tuesday with Mayor F. B. Phillips and Commissioners Carl E. Everett and U. C. Dunaway on construction of a jail here and general law enforcement. The town was incorporated Saturday. Sergeant Gonzauillas said he was assured of full cooperation of local officers.

**WS** Texarkana Red Cross Quota \$10,000—Don't Let Drive Fall Short

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

# ASSCOE

TRIAL SET

**LONGVIEW**

As a result of increased population due to oil development, Longview and Gregg county schools have doubled their enrollment and accommodation space is being provided as fast as possible.

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## Rangers, Sheriff

LOFTIS JOINS IN NEGOTIATIONS TO





## RANGER AUTO KILLS BOY NEAR VERNON WHEN LAD PLAYING UPON HIGHWAY DARTS ACROSS ROAD

*State Officers Were En Route To Huntsville  
With Negro Slayer—Accident Is  
Declared Unavoidable*

VERNON, July 30. (AP).—Uell Gaverne Barrett, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barrett, was instantly killed last night five miles northwest of Vernon when he was struck by an automobile driven by Texas Rangers taking Jesse Lee Washington negro, to the state penitentiary to be electrocuted for the slaying of Mrs. Henry Vaughan near Shamrock.

The car was driven by Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzaulas, who was accompanied by Ranger R. G. Goss. The child was riding a scooter on the highway when struck, officers said. Gonzaulas said every effort was made to avoid hitting the boy, who darted out in front of the car.

County and district officers were investigating the accident.

News of the accident in which the Vernon boy was killed by the Rangers car, was first learned in Pampa by J. M. Dodson, who talked to friends at Vernon in a business conversation. Mr. Dodson was told that the accident was avoidable. The boy stepped his scooter directly in front of the automobile. The lad's father operates a filling station at the point where the accident occurred.

Rangers Gonzaulas and Goss remained at Vernon last night, placing their negro prisoner in jail. Both regretted the accident deeply.

The Rangers left Pampa with the negro about 1:45 p. m. yesterday.

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Dallas County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON.....

**M T Gonzales, Texas Ranger,**

and **Mr. Goss, Texas Ranger**

*In the Case of Bill Smith alias Joyce Chippard alias Ray Miller*

to be and appear **Sept. 9th 1930** before the District of **Jones County,**

**Anson Texas**

Texas, now in session at the Court House of said County, in the City of ....., then and there to testify as a witness before the **GRAND JURY.**

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return endorsed thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

A DISOBEDIENCE of this Subpoena is punishable by fine not exceeding \$500.00 to be collected as fines and costs in other criminal cases.

WITNESS My Official Signature, this **8th** day of **September**, A. D. 19**30**.

**J. Spurgeon Reeves**

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

District Clerk, **Jones County** County, Texas.

I, H. A. HOOD, Sheriff of Dallas County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Original Subpoena.

**8th** day of **September** A. D. 19**30**

WITNESS My Hand, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19**30**  
By *Pearl Hood* Deputy.

H. A. HOOD,  
Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas.

## "Lone Wolf" of Texas Rangers and His "Shadow" Exemplify All Color of Famous Law Enforcement Branch

By EARNEST WATSON

Most stories tell of the famed "Two-Gun" Gonzualias, when the Rangers are riding.

Well, why not? He's a Ranger sergeant, on the force of state troopers for 14 years and renowned as one of its best officers, both feared and famed, with all his polite mannerisms and dapper style.

While doing his stuff alone, he gained a nickname as the "Lone Wolf" and it sticks still, but for the last seven years, Sergeant Ranger M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzualias has had a shadow.

That shadow is no lesser light than

the sergeant himself—equally as brave a man and a more renowned pistol shot.

We speak of Ranger Robert G. (Bob) Goss, state champion pistol shot. He not only is that now, but has held the title for five straight years—best pistol shot of all the hard-shooting Texans.

In 1926, he won the title. Through '27, '28, '29 and '30 he has retained it and today holds the crown.

"Two-Gun" Goss sounds just as good to us as "Two-Gun" Gonzualias, and is deserved by both.

These two Rangers, most neatly dressed and most dangerous of all the state troopers, are gentlemen withal. Both are Shriners. Both dress immaculately. Both are polite and genteel.

But both are poison with pistols—ambidextrous, equally as good shot with one hand as with the other.

Gonzualias carries two beautiful .45 automatics, highly engraved, with

deadly weapons, worn on a thick belt with highly engraved silver buckle and tip.

It's hard to get away from Gonzualias—he's a story every time. But about Goss, too, is a halo of hitherto unrevealed lore.

Carries Two "Rods"

Goss carries two revolvers especially made for him by the Colt factory. They are .45 revolvers. The barrels and all metal, even the screw heads, are highly hand engraved in intricate design.

Handles are of ivory, with a steer head on one side and a U. S. eagle and shield emblem on the other. The steer horns are of gold; the ring in his nose, is gold.

On the metal ridge of the handle, inlaid in gold, are the words, "Robert G. Goss, Company A, Texas Rangers."

The eagle's beak is of gold.

On the butt of the barrel, two Chinese dragons are inlaid in gold on either side of each gun, they being duplicates. The dragon figures are small, but very complete, so that the eyes and teeth may be distinguished by close scrutiny.

The barrels and all metal are highly engraved by hand.

Each pistol cost Goss \$250, or \$500 for the pair, and if you ever have the opportunity and want to see some beautiful representatives of death ask either Gonzualias or Goss

hardly true, for they don't pull their guns for bluff.

These two Rangers are a show wherever they go, but a real show when they treat friends with their stuff, which is on rare occasions. Once anybody had seen them toy with guns, twirl them, play with them, grab them in the twinkling of an eye for action, they would not wonder then why good gunmen, bad gunmen and indifferent gunmen fear the Rangers.

Both Goss and Gonzualias can do more with two guns than the eye can follow closely. Seems like sleight of hand work, so fast are they with their weapons.

But when you hear of Gonzualias, think of his shadow, Goss. For, in addition to his own merits, he has a mighty good man backing him up, as Rangers go.

Both Dapper

Both Goss and Gonzualias are noted for their dapper style in neatness—broad sombreros, nicely-fitting khaki-colored suits, high-heel, well-polished boots worn beneath the trousers.

On first sight, they seem like two well-dressed men. Their high heels give them away and cause closer scrutiny. Then their broad-brimmed hats have a hint of something unusual—say, a well-to-do cowboy or something like that. But the newcomer would never know they were Rangers until told.

Many people who have seen them without knowing them are still heard to say, "I'd give anything to see that man Gonzualias."

During the siege of fire at the Sinclair Oil company No. 1 Cole wild well, a woman drove all the way from Arkansas to see the blaze. Stopped by a cordon of guards, she asked someone who Gonzualias was. She was informed that the man she pointed out was the famed Ranger. "Well, that's all right. I don't care if I never see the fire. I've been wanting to see that man for years. I'm satisfied now. I can go home in peace, fire or no fire."

Such was the way the woman consoled herself.

It's a form of hero worship of men who wear that halo of adulation given them by those who admire daring.

Gonzualias and Goss are stationed in the East Texas oil fields indefinitely—the two best-dressed Rangers on the force, according to reputation.

The third man in the area is Rangers on the force, according to reputation.

When the Rangers raid, they raid and it's usually news—and by news.

WEA  
East Texas: Part  
Friday, with the  
northeast portion

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# Marion County Sheriff Murdered at Jefferson

## Officers Without Clues to Identity of Killer Who Shot Officer in the Back

Jefferson, Texas, March 19 (AP)—A soft-footed slayer slipped to the bedroom window of Sheriff Alex Brown early today and killed him with a shot in the back.

The death of the popular officer whose vigorous methods made him prominent throughout East Texas aroused a citizenry which launched an intensive hunt for the unidentified assailant.

Admittedly, however, the prospect of trapping the killer was slim. Of-

ficers reported no clues. The trail of the slayer was lost a block from the scene of the crime. No motive was advanced.

Brown was undressing for bed about 12:45 a.m. when a single charge of buckshot struck him. He fell before the eyes of his wife, with whom he had been talking seconds before.

Officers from several counties in this area converged upon Jefferson to begin what appeared a fruitless

# MYSTERY UNSOLVED AS FIRST SUSPECTS ORDERED RELEASED

## Former Sheriff Tom Taylor Applies For Office As Marion Commissioners To Name New Officer Saturday

News Messenger News Service  
JEFFERSON, Tex.—East Texas' most sensational crime puzzle, of

A solution of the case, termed a vengeance murder because of the officer's cleanup campaign against all forms of gambling, was predicted by District Attorney John Cook of Mount Pleasant, "within the next few days."

Cook, who was in Longview Thursday night, said "we expect to break the case very shortly" and intimated that definite developments would be released Friday. During the morning Friday, Cook could not be reached at his Mount Pleasant office and at Mount Vernon where he was said to have gone to attend a session of court.

In Longview, Cook intimated that more than one person was involved in the slaying, and added that "I can definitely put my finger on one of them." He declined to say, however, whether the actual killer was one of those arrested. He said no charges have yet been filed.

At Jefferson, the three rangers working on the case, Captain Hardy Purvis and Robt. G. Goss and Leo Bishop, were not in town Friday morning. Only local peace officers were here and they declined to comment on any new developments or progress.

recently—the slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown—went into its third day Friday regarded by some as much a mystery as ever with reliable reports the case was as far from being solved as the day the peace officer was killed.

Intimations that startling developments would be released Friday, made Thursday night, failed to come up to noon. Texas Rangers, prosecutors and peace officers in a half-dozen East Texas counties quietly continued their investigation and questioning of suspects arrested and held in unannounced jails.

Some reports are that the suspects were transferred from one jail to another in different counties overnight.

As the county commissioners court announced it would meet Saturday morning for selection of a successor to fill Sheriff Brown's unexpired term, the latest new lead in the case came from New Boston in Bowie county where the officers questioned J. C. Hartfield, one of two Negro prisoners who escaped from the Marion county jail last Friday.

Hartfield was arrested by Sheriff Henry Brooks of Bowie County at Carbondale near Texarkana and taken to the Boston jail. The Negro is said to have made a statement to officers detailing his whereabouts since his escape. He had been held at Jefferson on a chicken theft charge.

# SHERIFF SLAIN AT JEFFERSON, FIND NO CLUES

(Continued From Page One.)

Manhunt, Federal alcohol unit officers, who often worked with Brown offered aid and the state department of public safety dispatched Ranger Capt. H. B. Purvis from Austin. Bob Goss, former Kilgore chief of police; Sheriff Bush Beasley of Smith county; Sheriff Bill MacMurray of Bask county, and Ranger George Bishop aided in the investigation.

A. G. Spluter, county attorney, said his murderer must be taken. He was the very man we needed in the oil boom." T. W. Taylor, whom Brown had succeeded, said "It's a shame. Alex was a good sheriff."

What appeared to be the sole clue was furnished by O. B. Beard, held in jail here on a misdemeanor charge. He said he saw a man slink to the window of Brown's apartment on the ground floor of the jail shortly before the shot was fired and flee immediately afterwards. However, the investigators said he appeared unable to describe the man and his help amounted to little.

All available bloodhounds in the territory were set loose at the scene of the slaying but when they lost the scent a block away, officers theorized the killer escaped by automobile.

The authorities investigated the escape last Friday night of two negroes, Charley Brooks and J. C. Hartfield, who cut their way through the jail wall. Brooks, held on a robbery from person charge, was to be prosecuted as a habitual criminal. Hartfield was under a chicken theft charge.

Brown, 42-year-old former brick mason and contractor, amateur boxer, game warden and oil field worker, had inaugurated lasting drives against vagrants. He had participated in a roundup of stills in Marion county and had established himself as one of the toughest peace officers in the great oil belt in East Texas. Jefferson, a city of about 2,500

apprehend and convict "his dastardly slayer."

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### Chaffin Charged With Murder: In Longview Jail

E. G. Chaffin, local carpenter, made a full confession to Police Chief Bob Goss Wednesday night, admitting that he killed Mrs. Sidnie Price, local WPA worker, last Friday night on a lonely road west of Kilgore.

Chaffin, in his confession which was not made public by Chief Goss, described in detail the slaying of Mrs. Price and the events leading up to her death. He had been arrested last Saturday morning and had been held in the city jail here since that time. He was taken to Longview Thursday morning to be formally charged with Mrs. Price's murder.

When arrested by police at his trailer-house out the Gladewater Highway, it was found that Chaffin had apparently attempted suicide by slashing his wrist with a knife. Until Tuesday night, Chaffin had refused to discuss the case against him, maintaining an obdurate silence until Wednesday morning when he first admitted killing Mrs. Price. He was reported to have attempted suicide Wednesday morning by jumping from the top of his bunk in city jail to the cement floor. He sustained cuts about the head as a result of the attempt and received first aid treatment by a local doctor.

Chaffin was connected with Mrs. Price's death soon after her body was discovered about midnight last Friday night. Mrs. Price's children reported that their mother had left their home in Elder's

### Chaffin

(Continued From Page 1)

Camp at about 7:30 p. m. Friday in the company of Chaffin. One of the children also said that he awakened about 11:30 Friday night to see Chaffin put Mrs. Price's hat and purse inside the door of the Price home.

Mrs. Price died from a bullet wound, the bullet entering her

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### Carpenter Held In Connection With Slaying

Mrs. Sidnie Price, age about 39, was found dead from a gunshot wound beside a cross road about 100 yards from the Powderhorn Road about 3 miles from Kilgore just after midnight Friday.

E. G. Chaffin, Kilgore carpenter, was being held in city jail on investigation for the alleged murder of Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Price was found by a Kilgore man and two women who ran out of gasoline near the scene of her death. The discoverers of Mrs. Price heard a groan from the dying woman and called a Haney's ambulance. Justice of Peace Manley of Precinct 3 was also called. Mrs. Price was found to be still breathing and was rushed to Kilgore, dying en route in the ambulance.

#### Wound In Head

The wound from which Mrs. Price died was located just above the right cheekbone and the bullet was found in the left side of the face. When discovered, she was lying face down in a pool of blood by the side of the road. The side of her face and her right hand were powder-burned. There was no sign of struggle.

Identification was not made until morning when one of Mrs. Price's children came to the police station to report that his mother was missing. He was taken to view the body which he identified as his mother. Mrs. Price was the mother of seven children.

The children immediately gave city police information that their mother had left home about 7:30 Friday evening in the company of a man whom they identified as Mr. Chaffin. They reported that she told them that she was going to exchange a pair of shoes at a downtown store and that she seemed reluctant to accompany Chaffin.

One of the children also reported that he was awakened about midnight and saw a man whom he recognized as Chaffin put his mother's hat and purse and the shoes which were to be returned inside the door of the Price home in Elder's Camp.

#### Chaffin Arrested

Police found Chaffin at his trailer-house in West Kilgore, out the Gladewater Road. When the police entered, he appeared greatly perturbed and was at a loss to explain a cut on his wrist apparently made in an effort at suicide. After he was brought to the police station, the police searched his car and found a .41 calibre double-barreled derringer in a tool box under the turtle-back. The gun had apparently been recently discharged.

At a late hour Saturday night, Chaffin had made no statement other than to deny having killed Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Price is survived by her former husband, J. S. Price, of Magnolia, Ark.; seven children, A. L. Price of Dallas, Mrs. Ola McMahan of Magnolia, Edmond Price of Magnolia, Dillard Price of Kilgore, Junior Price of Kilgore, Ray Price of Kilgore and Glen Price of Kilgore; and her father, Gus Foster, of Hope, Ark.

Mrs. Price was employed in the WPA sewing room. The body was being held in state at Haney's Funeral Home Sunday with funeral arrangements not yet completed.

### Woman Is Beaten Shot, Body Hurlled From Automobile

#### Carpenter Who, Her Sons Say, Took Her Riding, Is Questioned

KILGORE, Texas, Oct. 3 (UP).—Police questioned a Kilgore carpenter Saturday night after Mrs. Sidney Price, 40, worker in a works progress administration sewing room, was found shot and beaten to death beside a highway several miles west of Kilgore.

Mrs. Price had lived here for three years. She is survived by seven children and her estranged husband, believed to be living at Magnolia, Ark. Police Chief Bob Goss said the carpenter was identified by two sons of Mrs. Price as a man who left the Price home at 8 p.m. Friday for a ride with Mrs. Price. The suspect said at first that he and Mrs. Price had been attacked by highwaymen, but denied later that he even knew her.

A motorist saw the body and notified police. Mrs. Price had been shot in the head. Investigators believed her body had been thrown from an automobile.

Goss said that the man he questioned had tried to kill himself by slashing his wrist. A pistol with two empty shells was found at his trailer home.

## WOMAN'S BODY FOUND ON ROAD

KILGORE, Oct. 3 (P).—The body of Mrs. Sidney Price, 40, a WPA sewing room worker, was found beside a lateral road four miles west of here early Saturday—a bullet through her head.

Police Chief Bob Goss said he had arrested a Kilgore man for questioning.

Two sons of Mrs. Price identified the man held as the person who took their mother from their home Friday night for a drive. The boys said they saw the man return to their home shortly after midnight and leave their mother's hat and gloves.

Goss said Mrs. Price apparently had struggled over possession of a gun. Powder burns on her left hand and right side of her face indicated the shot was fired at close range, Goss said.

The body was found beside the lane. The gun was not found.

Mrs. Price came here three years ago from Magnolia, Ark. She is survived by her husband and seven children. Four of her sons reside here.

# Estranged Woman Is Slain; Suspect Attempts Suicide

Estranged relations in two homes had come to a tragic and unhappy ending Saturday night as a Kilgore woman was dead and a local carpenter was being held in the city jail for questioning in connection with her roadside murder.

The woman was Mrs. Sidney Price, 40, who had been in charge of the cutting room for the Works Progress Administration sewing room here, and who resided in Elder's Camp with four of her seven children.

In jail was E. G. Chaffin, about 48, around whom

Police Chief Bob Goss expected to complete a web of evidence that would lead to formal charges of murder.

Mrs. Price's body was found early Saturday morning, lying limp beside the Powder Horn road, two miles west of Kilgore, with a bullet through her head. She was believed to have been shot about 11:15 p. m. Friday.

Chaffin, police ascertained, was the last person to be seen with Mrs. Price. He had gone at 6 p. m. to the Price home, remained until 8 o'clock and left with her. Two of Mrs. Price's young sons told Chief Goss that Chaffin had gone out with their mother.

Chief Goss said that he believed Chaffin had attempted to commit suicide. A suicide note, the contents of which were withheld, was found in Chaffin's auto-trailer home on the Gladewater highway. Further, Goss said the man's wrist had been slashed and was bleeding when he and Night Officer Bill Maddox arrested him early Saturday.

Another damaging bit of evidence was a .41 calibre Remington Derringer revolver, containing two empty shells, that was found in Chaffin's automobile, hidden in his carpenter's tool kit.

Mrs. Price's body was discovered by the operator of a roadhouse west of town as he drove into Kilgore. He reported seeing the body to Constable E. W. Rochelle. Judge H. B. Manley, precinct four justice of the peace, held an inquest. The body was brought to town in a Haney ambulance.

The woman was identified early Saturday by several women with whom she worked and by her sons. City police said they had determined that Chaffin and Mrs. Price, who had been associating for some time, had quarreled during the past few days, and had quarreled shortly before they left home.

Goss said one of Mrs. Price's sons told him he saw Chaffin steal back to the Price home shortly before midnight to leave a purse and hat there.

Mrs. Price apparently had been shot at close range. Powder burns marred her face and left hand, indicating that she had grabbed hold of the gun barrel when she feared that she would be shot. Due to the extensive burns, police believed she had been fired at twice, only one bullet hitting her. Death, they believed, was instantaneous.

It was believed that she was outside of the car, standing beside the road, when the fatal shot was fired. Tests were to be made to determine if the bullet that killed Mrs. Price was fired from the gun found in Chaffin's car.

Goss said that Chaffin, a large,

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bald fellow, had been "acting kind of crazy since he was arrested." When he was taken into custody, Goss said the man told him that he (Chaffin) and Mrs. Price had been hijacked.

Later, Chaffin told investigators that he did not know Mrs. Price and steadfastly maintained his innocence. A man for whom he had worked Friday was taken to Chaffin's jail cell and Chaffin declined to recognize him.

Saying that his evidence against the man was near completion, Goss indicated that he expected to file charges of murder early this week.

Both Mrs. Price and Chaffin came to Kilgore about three years ago from Magnolia, Arkansas. Chaffin, it was understood, has an estranged wife and two children in Magnolia, where Mrs. Price's husband, from whom she had been separated for about three years and from whom she never had been divorced, also lives.

J. S. Price, the dead woman's husband, was understood to be en route here, along with her other relatives. The seven children who survive Mrs. Price are: A. L. Price of Dallas, Mrs. Ola McMahan of Magnolia, Edmond Price of Magnolia, and Dillard, Ray, Glen and J. S. Price, Jr., all of Kilgore.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed Saturday night. The body was being held in state at Haney's Funeral Home.

## KILLER SUSPECT SLASHES WRIST

#### MAN HELD IN MURDER PROBE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE, OFFICER SAYS

Longview, Tex., Oct. 3 (INS).—A suspect, being held in the Kilgore jail for questioning in connection with the death today of Mrs. Sidney Price, slashed his wrist in an apparent suicide attempt, the sheriff's office reported here.

The man was taken in custody and lodged in the Kilgore jail after officers said he was seen with Mrs. Price several hours before her badly battered body was found on the Kilgore-Longview highway.

Officers pointed out, however, no charges have been filed against him.

Mrs. Price, the mother of three children, had been beaten, tossed from an automobile and then shot in the head, deputy sheriffs reported.

The slain woman, officers said, is estranged from her husband, now residing in Magnolia, Ark.



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## CARPENTER CONFESSES KILLING MRS. PRICE

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#### WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; slightly warmer Friday.

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# MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

## CHAFFIN ASSERTS SHOOTING OF GUN WAS ACCIDENTAL

Carpenter Breaks Silence Of 4 Days To Issue Statement On Slaying of Mrs. Price, Local Sewing Room Worker

E. G. Chaffin, 48, local carpenter, was in the county jail in Longview today charged formally with the roadside murder last Friday night of Mrs. Sidney Price, 40, WPA sewing room employe here.

According to the district attorney's office, Chaffin ended a four-day silence last night and made a statement to officers in which he said he accidentally fired the shot that killed Mrs. Price. Her body was found on the Powder Horn road three miles west of Kilgore.

Details of the statement were not available, and will not be given out until the Gregg County grand jury, now in session, has studied the case.

Officials said Chaffin, who had appeared insane for several days, made the statement voluntarily. He had employed an attorney. His bond was not set.

The carpenter was arrested by Chief Bob Goss of the Kilgore police department last Saturday morning shortly after the identity of the dead woman was learned. Chaffin was the last person to be seen with Mrs. Price, with whom he was said to have left from her Elder's Camp home last Friday night.

Police worked on a theory that Chaffin, who had quarreled with Mrs. Price several days prior to the shooting, possibly was jeal-

ous of her. Both had estranged mates in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Chaffin has lived in Kilgore for about three years. He was living in an auto-trailer house on the Gladewater road, where police arrested him.

It was believed that he was about to commit suicide when officers found him, for his slashed wrist was bleeding and a suicide note, the contents of which never was revealed, later was found.

# MOTORISTS COMPLIMENTED

## Chief Goss Says That Traffic Violations

### Speeding And Reckless Driving Are Sighted As Greatest Local Menace

Police Chief Bob Goss, who is responsible for the enforcement of traffic rules and regulations, paid a compliment today to Kilgore motorists. The number of violations, he pointed out, has shown a large decrease each month since the traffic regulations were inaugurated several months ago.

Speeding and reckless driving, Mr. Goss said, are the chief menaces to traffic law enforcement agents. They are the cause of most accidents and responsible for the largest number of motor wreck deaths each year.

Speeding and reckless driving, as defined by city ordinances, follow:

"Any person who drives any vehicle upon a street carelessly and heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution or circumspection and at a speed of any manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person

or property shall be guilty of reckless driving. Rates of speed in excess of the following are 'prime facts' evidence of violation of this section.

"1 - In the business district, 20 miles per hour.

"2 - In a residence district, 35 miles per hour.

"3 - Fifteen miles an hour when passing a school building or the grounds thereon during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours.

"Driving a vehicle with defective brakes shall be construed as reckless driving under the provisions of this section.

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"Any person who drives any vehicle upon a street carelessly and heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution or circumspection and at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless driving and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine or not more than \$100 or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not exceeding sixty days or both by fine and imprisonment."

Chief Goss pointed out that the purpose of signal lights is, essentially, to eliminate speeding and reckless driving and to expedite handling of traffic.

"We haven't erected stop lights just to make people stop," he added. "Those lights are there for the people's safety. They are injuring the observers of traffic laws and safety on our streets."

"The people of Kilgore are obeying our traffic rules better every day. The short time that we have had lights has been sufficient to demonstrate their real value, and to show motorists that they have a very definite place in Kilgore."

CHIEF OF POLICE



CHIEF BOB GOSS

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1936

# DOWN ON DRIVING HERE

## Violations Greatly Reduce



## Over 30 Coin Devices Taken In Local Drive

In an unexpected, concerted drive to rid the city of illegal coin-operated machines and punchboards, city police staged a raid of local drug stores, cafes and business houses Tuesday afternoon which netted 37 coin-operated machines of various types and many punchboards.

The slot machines varied from elaborate automatic pay-off machines to penny cigarette-vending machines. Some of the machines, notably a 25-cent dice machine and a 10-cent slot machine, were reported to have large amounts of money in them when they were confiscated.

The raid was arranged secretly and performed so suddenly that there was little chance of a tip-off. It is estimated that fully 90 per cent of the coin machines operating in the city of Kilgore were grabbed in the raid. Members of the local fire department were deputized to assist in the raid and all city policemen were employed. The police worked in groups of two, each group going to different places.

Speculation was heard Wednesday as to whether the raids on illegal coin machines could be interpreted as the beginning of a clean-up drive on gambling in Kilgore. No statement was forthcoming from city officials on the matter.

Thursday afternoon a brief tour of the city indicated that the slot machines were no longer being operated as none were in evidence.

No suits had been filed against the operators of the machines Thursday and no statement was available as to what would be done with the machines which have been confiscated. The machines had been stored, following the raid, in the city jail.

## RESIGNS AS CHIEF



ROBERT G. GOSS Effective As Of Today

## BOB GOSS TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION AS POLICE CHIEF

Robert G. (Bob) Goss, for more than three years head of the Kilgore police department, resigned today as chief of city police. The City Commission was to meet this afternoon to name Mr. Goss' successor.

Mr. Goss addressed his letter of resignation to Mayor Roy H. Laird and City Commissioners J. E. Bagwell and Ed C. Middlebrook. The letter follows:

"Please accept this letter as my resignation from the position as Chief of Police of the City of Kilgore, Texas, making the resignation effective as of today (November 1).

"I wish to state that my connections with you gentlemen have at all times been very pleasant and should you need my assistance at any time please do not hesitate to call on me."

Mr. Goss' only comment was words of appreciation to Kilgore citizens for cooperation during his tenure of office. He declined to discuss his plans for the immediate future.

According to current reports, Jack Freeman, Gregg County deputy sheriff, will be named as the new chief of police. Mayor Laird declined to discuss a possible successor to Mr. Goss until the city commission meeting.

Mr. Goss, a former Texas Ranger, became chief of city police on April 15, 1933, serving until the present time. His administration won letters of praise from the post office department, state officers, district attorneys and others.

Comparatively few crimes that occurred during Mr. Goss' term of office remain unsolved.

# No Unsolved Crimes On Books Of City's Police Department

With a near-perfect record to its credit over the past several years, the Kilgore Police Department is as complete in every detail as any organization in a city of 15,000 persons in Texas.

The record of the department, of which Robert G. Goss has been chief since April, 1933, shows that no

outstanding hijackings remain unsolved; only a very few burglaries are yet to be cleared up, and no murder cases lack solutions. There are two murder cases, however, in which the slayers are yet to be apprehended, but the slayers' identities are known in each instance.

The equipment of the local department is modern and complete. Fingerprint prints are taken, and the department has a special camera for "lifting" fingerprints from objects.

Chief Goss believes that the Kilgore system, eventually will become a member of the Gregg County police radio system. Broadcasting equipment with receiving sets in all cars, he believes, will add to the department's efficiency.

At this time, when night police are called, the desk sergeant flashes a light on the Industrial Union's water tower. Patrolling officers at the station from the nearest telephone.

City police had their duties doubled during the past few months with the installation of street signal lights and the inauguration of traffic ordinances.

Uniforms were secured for policemen, recently, giving the department a more "metropolitan" appearance. Continuous modernization activities are on schedule during the coming year.

Members of the police department at this time are Ivy S. Knox, Jack Ponder, D. F. (Red) McMullan and Rex Bell, on the day force, and Coke Wilkins, Joe Scroggins and Floyd Dickerson, on the night force. Cecil Carter is in charge of the city pound and Roy Spear is traffic officer at the school building.

## ASSISTANTS TURN TABLE

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## FACES TRAFFIC CHARGE

"There's no justice," declared Police Chief Bob Goss today.

He had just been hauled into the police station for parking his auto too long in the same spot. Chief Goss had ordered his policemen to enforce the traffic ordinance limiting parking on downtown streets to one hour. And he was among the first offenders.

Chief Goss protested that he hadn't been parked more than 30 minutes. But policemen declared he had left his auto in the same place one hour and 12 minutes.

"Tell it to the judge," said the desk sergeant, taking \$3 from Chief Goss as his bond. His case will be heard in regular city court next Thursday.

## POLICE CHIEF



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Pictured is Robert G. (Bob) Goss, chief of the Kilgore police department, who has been at the helm of city policemen since April 15, 1933. He came to Kilgore in February, 1931, as a Texas Ranger.

Chief Goss served in Company "B" of the Rangers, under Captain Tom Hickman, for seven years. He and M. T. Gonzalez, former county peace officer, were sent here shortly after the discovery of oil. Mr. Goss is a native of Honeygrove.

True to the traditions of a Texas Ranger, Chief Goss collects guns, boots, cow horns and other such articles. In his collection of guns, Chief Goss has several hundred pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotguns, representing every period in Texas history.

The Chief is regarded as one of the best pistol and rifle marksmen in the state.

# Negro Admits Killing

## NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER OF SHERIFF AT JEFFERSON

Charley Brooks, young Henderson negro, Wednesday confessed to the murder of Sheriff Alex Brown of Jefferson, who was shot in the back by a shotgun fired through a window as he prepared to retire in his living quarters at the Marion County Jail Wednesday night of last week. Brooks was arrested Tuesday by

Ranger Captain H. V. Purvis and Rangers Bob Coss and George Bishop. He was shot in the leg as he tried to run. In his purported confession, Brooks stated that he "hated" Sheriff Brown and feared that Brown intended to have him prosecuted as a habitual criminal and given a life term. A week before the sheriff's death, Brooks and another negro escaped from the Marion County jail where Brooks was held on a charge of theft from the person. It has been learned unofficially that Brooks returned to Jefferson two days before the killing and told it about that he was looking for the sheriff.

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### Escaped Prisoner Admits He Killed Sheriff He Hated

### Negro, Recaptured, Tells of Assassination of Marion County Officer

JEFFERSON, Texas, March 17 (AP).—Officers held Charley Brooks, 29, a Negro, in jail here Wednesday night after he had admitted, according to Ranger Capt. Hardy Purvis, the fatal shooting of Sheriff Alex Brown of Jefferson early last Wednesday.

The suspect, who had been held at Jefferson after his capture, was brought here through fears of mob violence.

Purvis said the Negro admitted shooting Sheriff Brown because he feared the officer would kill him for his part in an escape from the Marion County jail. Brown, known for his vigorous law enforcement, was shot in the back as he prepared to retire for the night in his quarters on the jail ground floor.

#### Threw Gun in River.

Purvis said the Negro, whose statement was taken here by District Attorney Steve Wells, admitted slipping up to the jail, assassinating the Sheriff and throwing the weapon in the Sulphur River.

"The reason for the act was because of his hatred for Sheriff Brown, who had jailed him for theft, and after he escaped went out to hunt him down," Purvis said. "The Negro had been told, he claimed, that Sheriff Brown would kill him on sight."

#### Held on Robbery Charge.

Brooks and J. C. Hartsfield, another Negro, broke jail five days before the killing, cutting a hole through the wall. Both later were recaptured. Brooks after officers fired a slug into his leg Tuesday. Longview officers said Sid Brown, brother of the slain Sheriff, who was made chief deputy by the Commissioners' Court when Mrs. Brown was named Sheriff, shot

## EX-RAILROAD PORTER SIGNS CONFESSION

SUSPECT RUSHED TO HENDERSON TO PREVENT MOB VIOLENCE

### HURLED GUN IN RIVER

Brooks Told How He Shot Officer Brown in Back, Ranger Declares

HENDERSON, Tex., March 17 (AP).—Ranger Captain Hardy Purvis announced today that Charley Brooks, 39-year-old Negro and former railroad sleeping car porter, had confessed he assassinated Sheriff Alex Brown of Jefferson early last Wednesday.

Purvis said the Negro slew the officer because he feared Sheriff Brown would kill him for his part in an escape from the Marion County jail.

The suspect, who had been held at Jefferson following his capture, was brought here because of fears of mob violence.

The confession was taken by District Attorney Steve Wells at Henderson.

#### Threw Gun in River.

Brooks, whose vigorous law enforcement had brought his prominence throughout the vast East Texas oil belt, was killed when a soft-treading slayer fired a shot into his back as he dressed for bed in his quarters on the jail's ground floor.

Ranger Purvis, Lufkin officer who directed the great manhunt which for several days appeared clueless, said:

"Brooks admitted he was the one who slipped up to the Marion Coun-

ty jail where Brooks was held on a charge of theft from the person. It has been learned unofficially that Brooks returned to Jefferson two days before the killing and told it about that he was looking for the sheriff. Brooks maintained in his confession that the shotgun which he used to kill the sheriff was thrown into the Sulphur River near Jefferson.

Sheriff A. A. King and District Attorney Oscar B. Jones, who are holding several persons in the Gregg County jail for investigation in connection with the case, have announced that they will continue to hold the suspects until they have assured themselves of the truth of the negro's statements.

It was at first believed that Sheriff Brown has been killed because of his uncompromising attitude towards a vice and gambling ring which was seeking to ride the oil boom into Jefferson and Marion County. Credibility was added to this theory when, several days after the killing, the Gregg County and Marion County district attorneys received notes threatening their lives if they continued their investigation of the case.

Brooks who had jailed him for theft and after he escaped went out to hunt him down. The Negro had been told, he claimed, that Sheriff Brown would kill him on sight.

Brooks and J. C. Hartsfield, another Negro, broke out of the Jefferson jail about five days before the killing, cutting out a hole through the wall.

Both later were recaptured. Brooks after officers fired a slug into his leg yesterday.

Brooks was held on a robbery from person charge and was to have been prosecuted under the habitual criminal statute.

The death of Brown as he talked to his wife brought a concentration of officers and friends to this region who vowed to capture his killer.

The beginning of the investigation brought no hopeful statements. Apparently no motive could be found for the ruthless slaying of the popular former oil field worker and amateur boxer.

A man incarcerated said he saw the assassin but could give no description. Bloodhounds traced the fugitive but a block. Numerous arrests were made but the trail apparently grew cold until Brooks was caught.

Brooks, father of two children, became sheriff last May. In the early investigation of his death, of-

Marion Sheriff

**WEATHER**  
 East Texas: Partly cloudy tonight.  
 Cooler in northwest and north central  
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 Local temperature: 73 (only 99 de-  
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 67 degrees.

**SATURDAY ADJOURNS TUESDAY**  
 Sheriff and Banker Holding Off Mob of Angry Workmen Here

Efforts Being Made to Raise  
 \$30,000 Due 400 Pipe-  
 line Men

**SITUATION IS ACUTE**

Armed Officers Assume Post  
 in Move to Deter  
 Violence

Sergeant Ranger M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzallas, Ranger Robert Coan, Sheriff Martin Hays and C. A. Loftis, president of the First National bank here, all combined in their efforts early Friday afternoon to pacify and control the more militant element of over 400 pipeline workers due about \$30,000 in payroll money from the Gregg Construction company, the situation becoming critical as the workers made open threats of violence to the officers of the law.

Nearly 200 of the unpaid men killed about the Connor building where the Gregg Construction company offices are located on the second floor, in a desperate mood, declared that if pay-off action did not loom during the afternoon, there would be violence.

Meanwhile, Mr. Loftis began negotiations with the Texas Pipe Line company, for which the Gregg Construction company has just completed a 44-mile stretch of a Longview-Port Arthur pipeline for which work the men are due money, for a transfer of \$30,000 so that the First National bank here could ease the situation by starting a pay-off.

Mr. Loftis instructed tellers to prepare change and bills in readiness for holding the bank open until at least 3 p. m. to cash checks issued by the Gregg Construction company in the event the money transfer was completed.

To calm the men storming the Gregg Construction company offices, Mr. Loftis talked by long distance telephone with a Texas Pipe Line official, describing the situation and stating that he was talking in the presence of the men in an effort to show them that something was being done in an effort to secure their money. The Texas official said that he would call back in 30 minutes, advising whether or not the transfer would be made.

An amount amply sufficient to meet the \$30,000 payroll is admitted due the Gregg Construction company, but

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# Peace Officers Join In Hunt For Slayer of Marion County Sheriff

## KILLER IS TAID BEFORE SLAYING OFFICIALS TOLD

Plot Overheard In Roadhouse Says Woman Informer; Held As Witness

### BULLETIN

LONGVIEW, March 15 (AP)

—A woman's story of a plot to kill Sheriff Alex Brown Jefferson, brought about the arrest of two suspects here today.

Held in jail as a material witness, the woman said she overheard the plan at a road house several days before Brown was slain.

A roll of bills changed hands. One of the men was described by the woman as a "trigger-man" and the other as the "pay off man."

District Attorney J. A. Cook, Mount Pleasant, professed his ignorance of any new developments in the Brown killing case at 10:30 o'clock last night, despite the fact that the arrests were reported to have been made earlier in the day.

East Texas authorities yesterday continued their search for a clue that will lead to the solution of the slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown, shot in the back as he prepared for bed early last Wednesday morning.

Pressing the investigation are District Attorney J. A. Cook, Mt. Pleasant, and District Attorney Oscar Jones, Longview, with the assistance of Texas rangers, and practically every sheriff's office in East Texas.

Both Cook and Jones received threatening letters, demanding that they cease the investigation Saturday.

Addressed to "Mr. District Attorney," Cook's note said, "Big Boy, you better lay off. You'll be getting it too." Mr. Cook said that the note was neatly printed, the only error in the content being the spelling of district.

He was inclined to discount the seriousness of the threat as the work of a crank, and called the threat "hokum."

The murderer is believed to have been either a member of an organized vice and gambling ring in East Texas which sought to remove the sheriff in an effort to operate in Marion county, or a bootlegger whom the sheriff had arrested in one of the raids made earlier this year with the assistance of federal and state revenue agents.

One theory that one of the two jailbreakers who broke out of the jail the Friday before the shooting may have been the killer exploded when J. C. Hartfield, Negro, was recaptured and was able to give a detailed account of his activities following his break. Hartfield had been held on a chicken theft charge.

District Attorney Cook said that they had released some of the suspects taken for questioning, but declined to reveal how many were still held or the place where they were in custody.

One man, a supposed leader in the gambling ring, is known to be still in custody, but no charges have been entered in the case. He was arrested the day of the sheriff's death.

Authorities appear to be optimistic of solution of the crime, although they maintained utmost secrecy about the theory upon which they pin their faith of solution.

## NOTES SENT AS SHERIFF'S DEATH PROBED

Gregg and Marion County District Attorneys Told to Keep Off Case; Letters Signed "XXX"

## SUSPECT TELLS OF HEARING FOUR TALK

Says Three of Group Made Offer of Money to Other Man to Get Jefferson Sheriff "Rubbed Out"

Longview, Texas, March 13 (LP).—Threats against the lives of Oscar Jones, district attorney of Gregg county, and J. A. Cook, district attorney of Marion county, spurred them to new activity tonight in investigating the assassination of Sheriff J. Alex Brown of Jefferson.

Identical notes, printed neatly with a pencil, were slipped under the doors of the Jones home here and the Cook home at Mount Pleasant.

### Two Notes Identical

The notes were addressed to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cook and warned: "You'd better keep your husband off of a certain case or look out for you and him, too." The notes were signed "XXX."

Both officials have been active in investigating the killing of Sheriff Brown, who was slain by a shotgun charge fired through the window of his apartment in the jail at Jefferson last Wednesday.

### Suspect Gives Clue

Oil field gamblers and bootleggers were suspected of connection with the killing because Sheriff Brown had warned them to leave Jefferson, which has been booming since oil was discovered near there in February.

Officers held a suspect tonight who professed to have heard three men bargaining with a fourth man to "rub out" the sheriff at Jefferson.

The suspect insisted he saw the three

## Fugitive Negro, Sought in Death Of Sheriff, Shot

JEFFERSON, Texas, March 16 (AP).

—Charley Brooks, Negro, sought as a suspect in the slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown, was captured Tuesday afternoon. He was shot in the leg as he tried to flee, according to officers.

Brooks and another Negro escaped jail several days prior to the slaying by cutting a hole through the wall. Brooks, held on a theft from person complaint, was to have been prosecuted under the habitual criminal act.

### Another Suspect Sought

LONGVIEW, Texas, March 16 (AP).—Another suspect, not in custody, was being sought Tuesday in the slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown of Marion County. The man was named in connection with a mysterious telephone call and a telegram, both from Jefferson to Kilgore, a few minutes after Brown was shot to death in his quarters at the Marion County jail.

"Come on back home, the job is done," said the telegram.

the darkness at the rear of the city hall, only a few doors west of the sheriff's quarters.

Officers considered the possibility that the assassin might have escaped into the tangled thickets of the forest surrounding Caddo Lake, east of Jefferson.

T. W. Taylor, Brown's predecessor as sheriff, joined in the hunt. He praised Brown as "a fine officer."

Public feeling was aroused and it was expected that the killer, if captured, would be taken to a jail in some other county.

Brown, serving his first term as a peace officer in his capacity as sheriff, had recently been leading an active campaign against all forms of gambling and bootlegging in Jefferson, which recently has been experiencing an oil boom. He took office in May 1936. Prior to this, he had served as a game warden and was formerly a building contractor.

It was reported that Sheriff Brown had received several threats recently but he had ignored them, since most of the charges of liquor law violations had been cleared up at a recent session of court.

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The case Wednesday was in charge of Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Morris, and other officers. Constable C. I. Bowles, Night-watchman Lemmons, J. W. Harizo, Justice of the peace, and Deputy Sheriff H. B. Hughes were working with him.

Immediately after the slaying, the officers telephoned Chief of Police C. M. Ezell and Sheriff J. H. Wilson of Marshall, who came here to assist in the investigation. Later, Ranger ~~Bob~~ Gos, veteran peace officer now stationed at Kilgore, and who was formerly chief of police at Kilgore, was notified and said he planned to come to Jefferson during the day.

Brown is survived by his widow and two children, Denny, 10, and Maralyn, 7; a brother, Sidney, and his mother.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Jefferson. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

## No Clues Are Found To Identify Killer Of J. Alex Brown

Sheriff Fatally Wounded By Buckshot Blast While Talking to Wife

### News Messenger News Service

JEFFERSON, Tex.—Peace officers from a half dozen East Texas counties, Texas Rangers and state highway patrolmen came here Wednesday night to join in an intensive hunt for the slayer of Sheriff J. Alex Brown, 42, of Marion county, who was killed as he stood by the side of a bed in his jail quarters shortly after midnight Wednesday.

Clues to the identity of the killer, who fired a charge of buckshot from a shotgun through a window, so far have led to a blank wall, it was announced. Twelve slugs from the assailant's gun struck the officer in the back and neck. He died instantly.

His wife, who sat on the bed saw her husband fall and narrowly missed being struck by the charge.

The shooting occurred about 12:15 o'clock as the officer prepared to retire. His assailant slipped to a south window on the ground floor of the jail, fired once and fled down a street two and one-half blocks, where, officers theorized, he escaped in an automobile.

Officers virtually had no clues to the slaying, they said, but were said to be of the belief that the sheriff was slain as a reprisal for his "clean-up" activities. He had recently conducted an active campaign against bootleggers and all forms of gambling as well as undesirables who have swarmed into Jefferson since an oil boom started several weeks ago.

Wednesday night officers were in Jefferson from at least six counties to aid in the investigation. Among them were Sheriff Rush Beasley of Smith county; Sheriff Bill MacMurray of Rusk county; Sheriff Q. T. Hardegrave of Cass county; Sheriff J. H. Wilson of Harrison county; Chief of Police C. M. Ezell of Marshall; Sheriff A. A. King of Gregg county, whose name was not learned. In addition were several deputies and two veteran officers in H. H. Little and Doug Thrasher who had served a short time under Sheriff Brown. Ranger Captain Hardy Purvis of Lufkin was expected to arrive sometime during the night to head the investigation.

Two other rangers, Robt. G. Goss and Leo Bishop of Kilgore, came during the afternoon as did two highway patrolmen from Tyler.

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PICTURES SHOW HOW KILLER SHOT SHERIFF ALEX BROWN



Upper right photo shows room in which Marlon County Sheriff Alex Brown was standing when he was shot to death. He was near the corner of the bed at lower right when he was slain. Lower right shows a man pointing to the buckshot-pierced window, with 16 holes from the shotgun charge. In upper left is Nightwatchman Sam Lemmons who was first to reach the murder scene, and lower left is a photo of the street down through which the killer fled.

# ASSASSIN FIRES BUCKSHOT BLAST THROUGH WINDOW

(Special to the News-Messenger)  
**JEFFERSON, Tex.**—Twelve slugs from an unidentified assailant's shotgun, fired through a window, instantly killed Sheriff Alex Brown, 42, of Marlon county shortly after midnight Wednesday.  
 The assailant fired once at Sheriff Brown as the peace officer was preparing to retire for the night in his quarters on the lower floor of the county jail. The jail is at the rear of the Marlon County courthouse and the city hall, in the business section of the city.

The officer was partially clothed when he was shot. Mrs. Brown, who was with him in the room and who was sitting on the side of a bed, saw him fall and narrowly missed being struck by the charge.  
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—News-Messenger Photo.



# The Houston Press

THE WEATHER: Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued warm

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## RANGERS STAGE RAID ON 'LUXURY SPOT' HERE

### Sunday Visit Kept Secret From Police

Jake Freedman Listed  
As Owner of Place;  
No Arrests Made

Moving quietly into Houston, apparently under orders from Austin headquarters, three out-of-town Rangers raided a South Main street luxury spot where about 150 men and women were assembled at 2 a.m. Sunday.

The raiders filed no charges in Harris County but made a report direct to Director Homer Garrison of the State Public Safety Department, where news of the raid was made available today to The Press.

The raid was conducted with such secrecy that local officers were unaware of it.

The Ranger headquarters listed Jake Freedman, operator of clubs in Houston at various times, as owner of the raided building.

Capt. H. E. Purvis of Lufkin and Rangers Bob Goss of Lufkin and E. D. Holliday of Livingston made the raid.

Captain Purvis' report to Mr. Garrison described the place as an elaborate arrangement in a large residence-type house a short distance off South Main street in the vicinity of the underpass.

#### Gaming Equipment Seized

The report said that the Rangers believed the house to be equipped with warning bells, apparently operating from an auto gate in the fence surrounding the place.

Captain Purvis' report did not go into details of the raid.

He reported that a quantity of poker chips and some dice game equipment were seized. These articles, he said were found in the yard.

#### None Arrested

"Captain Purvis said some men were leaving with the chips and game equipment when the officers arrived," Ranger headquarters reported. "The Rangers made them come back."

Other than to say that the case



**Louisiana  
Weather Outlook**

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MEMPHIS	Cloudy	34/29	Snow	33/28
Miami Beach	PI City	67/53	PI City	71/56
Midland Odessa	Rain	47/32	Cloudy	46/30
Minneapolis	PI City	16/00	PI City	15/00
Miss St Paul	PI City	10/-10	Fair	20/-10
New Orleans	Cloudy	46/40	Rain	50/29
New York	Cloudy	38/18	Snow	33/13
Newark Va	PI City	36/22	PI City	34/27
North Platte	Sunny	25/04	Cloudy	19/03
Oklahoma City	Rain	34/27	PI City	34/25
Omaha	Sunny	35/24	Cloudy	17/04
Orlando	Cloudy	60/48	Cloudy	42/48
Philadelphia	PI City	28/13	PI City	27/16
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Pittsburgh	Snow	18/03	Snow	22/10
Portland Me	Sunny	24/09	Snow	26/04
Portland Ore	Shers	47/38	Sunny	47/38
Providence	Sunny	28/12	Sunny	34/08
Raleigh	Sunny	34/20	Sunny	34/20
Rapid City	Cloudy	19/03	PI City	11/01
Revere	Rain	33/23	Sun	33/23
Rochester	PI City	34/14	PI City	34/14
St Louis	Sunny	25/13	Snow	23/10
St Pete Tampa	Cloudy	60/48	Cloudy	62/48
Salt Lake City	Haze	45/25	PI City	44/25
San Antonio	Cloudy	47/40	Snow	34/27
San Diego	Cloudy	43/38	PI City	43/34
San Francisco	Haze	50/45	Haze	53/45
San Juan PR	Shers	84/73	Shers	81/72
Si Ste Marie	Sno sh	15/00	Sno sh	11/01
Seattle	Shers	48/33	Shers	45/23
Shreveport	Pa Rain	34/28	Rain	40/23
Sixes Falls	Sunny	19/09	PI City	69/48
Spokane	Shers	29/21	Shers	29/20
Syracuse	Snow	20/08	PI City	20/08
Toledo	PI City	34/16	Cloudy	31/07
Tucson	Shers	53/41	Cloudy	61/42
Tulsa	PI City	32/21	Cloudy	31/21
Washington	PI City	30/18	Cloudy	29/18
Wichita	Fair	31/18	Snow	29/18
Evansville	Fair	31/18	Snow	29/18

Highest temperature extremes:  
High Monday 71 at Princeton, Texas.  
Morning low 24 below zero at Huron, S.D.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK**



**TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK**



**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

From Page One

as good a starting place as any. Here's his first definition: **Token**—"A small part, representing the whole, having semblance or serving as a sample of the real thing." That "real thing" phrase has a nice ring to it. I'll go along with that.

Try this one: "Something given or shown as a symbol or guarantee—as of authority, right or identity. I-M-P-R-E-S-S-I-V-E. I hereby guarantee that there are some 1.5 billion other women in the world."

There's one definition I'd rather skip. The one that means "furthermore" or "also," such as in the expression "more by token." This one was labeled "archaic." (Anyone with four children has had her fair share of being considered not with it, behind-the-times, i.e. archaic. Enough.)

I'm saving the best for last. A token: "Something given as a memento of regard or affection." And finally: "A divine or miraculous sign." Mr. Webster, you do have a way with words.



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noted. Usually the gunfire resulted from disputes concerning money or women, he pointed out.

One East Texas episode remembered by the octogenarian involved an oil field crew which felt the rising crime rate twice in the same day. The crew was walking down a trail to a nearby well one morning when the men were "hijacked." Returning to town that night, the crew was robbed again, Goss said.

During his assignment in East Texas, Goss became acquainted with H. L. Hunt, then on his way to amassing one of the world's largest fortunes. "I knew Old Man Hunt when I saw him; he was a gambler. But I didn't have anything he wanted and he didn't have anything I wanted. So there was a lot of room between us."

Goss now tries to downplay his years as a Ranger and refers to the special force in ways only a veteran member would dare. But, looking back at his career, he grudgingly admits "it was all exciting" after you got away from it. "Cause in those days you could get killed just walking down the street."

occupied the back portion of the building and received an undetermined amount of damage, although fire officials said it fared better than the seven-story front of the building. There had been talk of preserving the building as a national landmark.

**Knife-Wielding Man  
Robs Car Dealer**

By JAMES BURNS  
Journal Staff Writer

Shreveport police are searching for a knife-wielding robber who scuffled with a used car dealer before robbing him of a large amount of cash Monday afternoon.

The car dealer, L. M. Truly, received a minor cut on his hand in the fray at his 1919 Texas Ave. dealership. The robber fled with about \$200 in cash, police said. Truly told officers the man came into his office about 2 p.m. Monday and asked about a car. The robber then pulled out a small knife which he placed against the car dealer's throat and demanded his cash.

The scuffle ensued when Truly pushed the robber away. The men fell to the floor and Truly's right hand was cut in the struggle, police were told. The robber, who took the cash from Truly's wallet, fled from the building and escaped down an alley, police said.

The suspect was described as a black male about 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing 170 pounds.

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# President Wants to Prohibit All Nuclear Satellites

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Jimmy Carter said today there should be a total prohibition on satellites with nuclear material aboard.

At a news conference Monday, Carter said an agreement with the Soviet Union on banning such satellites "safe methods" are developed to prevent a recurrence of last year's incident in which a Soviet spy plane in Canada's far north.

Carter's officials were not for comment on Carter's

A Department of Energy specialist, Theodore Dobry, said that, so far as is known, none of the estimated 4,000 low flying satellites now in orbit carries radioactive materials.

Carter said with the development of solar power, such satellites are unnecessary.

U.S. officials said last week this country has one nuclear reactor in space that flies so high it will never pose the danger that the Russian satellite did.

Launched in 1965 to determine effectiveness of space power sources and other devices, the satellite should stay aloft at least 4,000 years. By then, the uranium-235 fuel will have burned itself out and be no threat when it re-enters the Earth's atmosphere and burns up.

Carter said, "If we cannot evolve safe methods, then I think there ought to be a total prohibition against Earth-orbiting satellites."

"I would favor an agreement with the Soviets to prohibit Earth-orbiting satellites with atomic radiation material in them," Carter told the news conference.

On his economic policies, Carter cautioned against congressional tampering with his mix of tax, jobs and inflation-fighting proposals.

"To modify one element of a balanced plan can often destroy the balance and can aggravate our economic problems," he said.

Responding to critics of his program, the president said his \$25 billion income tax cut plan would create one million new jobs and cut unemployment below 6 percent by the end of the year. The current rate is 6.4 percent.

Carter also defended the administration's decision to fire Republican David W. Marston as U.S. attorney in Philadelphia.

On other subjects, Carter: —Ruled out for the time being invoking provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act that would order striking coal miners to return to their jobs for an 80-day cooling-off period.

—Said that, despite widespread speculation in Mexico, he has no intention to reinstate the so-called "Bracero" plan under which Mexican laborers would be allowed to work temporarily in the United States.

—Rejected demands by some farmers for 100 percent parity which, he said, would cost the government an extra \$20 billion to \$25 billion and would create "extraordinarily high" food prices. Parity of 100 percent assures a farmer's profit will not fall below the rate that prevailed from 1910 to 1914.



Bob Goss ... recalls his Texas Ranger career



... when he chased bank robbers across the state



(Journal photos by Larry Hilton) ... and smiles while remembering his marksmanship

# Rangers' Appearance Ended Celebration For 2 Bank Robbers

By JAMES BURNS  
Journal Staff Writer

KILGORE — A pair of bank robbers were relaxing in their favorite Cotton County, Okla. bar after another lucrative heist down in Texas. But their celebrations abruptly ended with the appearance of two Texas Rangers who had tracked them north from Denton.

That story was just one of several the retired lawman, six months from his 80th birthday, remembered recently during an interview in his comfortable home in Kilgore, Texas. The former Ranger's memory is crowded with tales from 40 years with the legendary Texas unit.

Goss can recall more about the Oklahoma episode from the 1920s. According to the Ranger, he and his partner had planned to capture the two bank robbers and return them to Texas for trial. But the gun battle canceled that proposal and forced the two Rangers to retreat from the ire of the county sheriff, an uncle of one of the dead men.



A wrinkled hand of the ex-Ranger traces the path of an enemy's bullet.

"Oklahoma was way too damn hot for us then," he laughed. The Rangers just beat their pursuer across the Red River to their home state and safety. "We didn't want no business with him."

A native of Fannin County, Texas, where his father farmed 3,200 acres of land near the Red River, Goss became a Ranger because "I was foolish. I always wanted to be an officer." For the next 40 years Goss patrolled the Mexican border, chased bank robbers and murderers and battled crime in the rough East Texas oil fields.

He joined the Rangers when the unit offered no training ("I don't think they ever heard of it.") and issued little equipment ("You bought it if you had it. The Rangers didn't give you nothing but a hard time.").

The pay wasn't much either: \$45 each month. But in those times, Goss recalled, that salary didn't seem so small. "If you had \$45, you lacked a whole lot from being broke."

Law enforcement techniques were sharply different from today, too, the ex-Ranger noted.

"If we were after someone, we didn't holler 'Hey, fella. We want to see you.' Hell, no. We'd get in shootin' range and he knew we wanted to see him." And the unfortunate object of the Rangers' pursuit "had him a bad day," Goss proudly stated.

During his career with the Rangers, the Kilgore resident served throughout the state. He was with the Rangers when an angry mob stormed the courthouse in Sherman, seized a black man accused of rape and set fire to the court building. On patrol duty along the Rio Grande River, Goss once shot a Mexican off his horse from 1,000 feet away. "All we ever saw of him was his hat floating down the river," said Goss. "But he didn't need it then."

In 1931 Goss, who now seems to delight in deflating his Ranger career while proudly recalling his experiences, was assigned to Kilgore. At that time the small town was center for the East Texas bonanza, the eye of an oil field hurricane which blew robbers, gamblers and neer-do-wells, among others, to town.

Shootings then were "an every day occurrence," Goss

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# Cutting Taxes Require Big Breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter said Congress should not enact all the tax reductions unless it is also willing to try some compensating cutting tax breaks.

Carter, in a nationally televised news conference Monday, said that Carter considers his proposals a package.

Proposed a total of about \$34 billion in individual and income taxes and excise taxes, offset by about \$9 billion in increasing changes, for a net cut, Blumenthal said, is the centerpiece of Carter's overall program, reflected in a budget for \$500.2 billion and a deficit of about \$60 billion.

Whether the administration is on holding the net tax to \$25 billion even if it did not fully approve the cutting proposals, Blumenthal said. "We clearly do not want to add a \$60 billion deficit. If revenues are not available, the tax reduction portion) will not be made."

At his news conference program's success depends on balance between various priorities and "to modify a balanced plan can destroy this balance and can create our economic problem."

President Anastasio Somoza has been criticized for arresting and exiling dissidents and for ruling under what amounted to martial law until last September.

Indonesia and the Philippines both have been listed by the State Department as human rights violators.

strategically important in Southeast Asia, continues to receive U.S. support. One of the poorest countries in the world, Indonesia has been considered a U.S. ally since President Suharto came to power in 1965.

The Philippines are of similar importance. The Carter administration last fall endorsed a

five-year agreement to allow the United States continued use of two military bases in the Philippines in return for \$1 billion.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who declared martial law in September 1972 because of widespread Moslem and communist separatist movements, has announced a series of reforms he says will ease human rights violations.

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# Carter Cuts Off Aid to Nicaragua for Human Rights Violations

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*From New York Herald Tribune  
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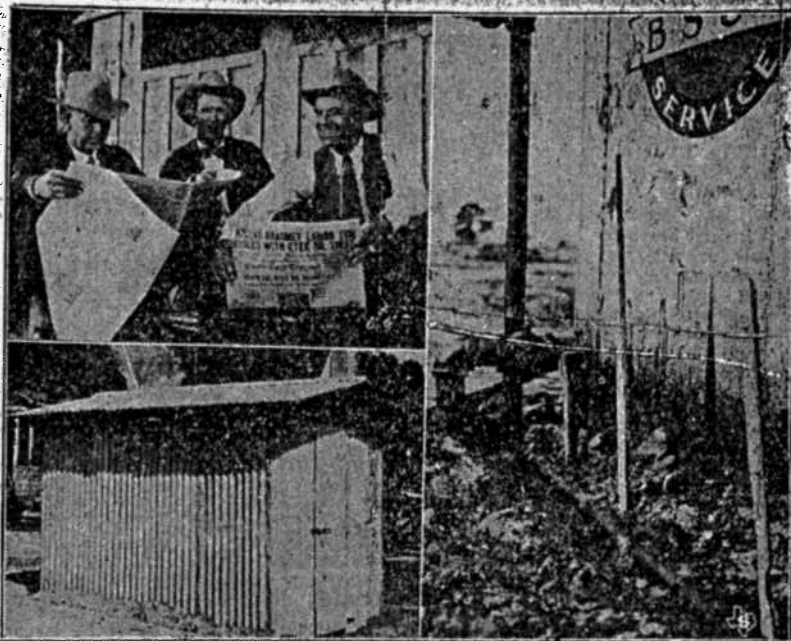
NEW YORK

**After Cleaning Up Tough Texas Town**



Herald Tribune photo—Amm  
Three of the Texas Rangers who overpowered 300 suspicious and belligerent characters at Kilgore, Tex. Left to right: Captain Tom Hickman, who was in command; Bob Goss, who holds the Rangers' title for marksmanship, and Ranger Heard, of the Border Patrol.

**First Pictures on East Texas Oil Theft!**



These scenes tell in part the story of the alleged theft of an estimated million barrels of oil in the East Texas oil area by underground bypass, secret drainage of storage tanks and hauling away of oil in trucks. Eighteen men have been indicted in Gregg county, and five in Rusk county, all charged with theft of the oil. Upper left shows Rangers Frank Hamer, J. B. Hightower and Tom Hickman, left to right, reading in the papers about how they aided in capturing some of the accused men. Lower left shows the sheetiron shack over the J. T. Harris No. 1 well at Gladewater, from which oil was running when a raiding party ordered the bypass dug up; right shows the bypass dug up on the Harris-DeMoss lease by a detail of National Guard officers and Rangers.

**RANGERS ARREST FUGITIVE HERE**

*Kilgore Daily News  
6/19/1931*  
Man Had Been Eluding Officers 3 Months

Apprehending a man who had been a fugitive from justice for the past 3 months Ranger Sergeant 'Lone Wolf' Gonzaulles and Ranger R. G. Goss arrested Clarence Smith, alias James C. Blair, at a local hotel late yesterday afternoon for violation of the national motor vehicle act. A department of justice agent was in Kilgore and the culprit made a written confession after being taken to the city police station.

The man was working in the kitchen of one of the leading hotels here when arrested by the rangers, and had been dodging officers for the past three months, after having left Detroit, Mich.

*Kilgore Daily News  
5/28/1931*  
**EIGHT ARRESTED IN LONGVIEW RAID**

Gonzaulles and Goss Stage Raid

Eight men and women were arrested Wednesday at Longview and were later charged with violations of the Dean law when Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzaulles and Rangers R. G. Goss, together with members of the sheriff's department, raided a filling station and cottage near the corner of Marshal Avenue and North Sixth Street. A quantity of liquor was seized in the raid.

Those arrested and charged were: Joe T. Griffin; Mrs. Joe T. Griffin; William Gordon Clark; Mrs. William Gordon Clark; Carl Eades; Cecil Scott; and Mrs. Kathryn Fitzgerald. S. M. Millio was charged with carrying pistol.

**Robbers Made Wholesale Cleaning Up In Field**

Two men, John P. Combs, and Emon Combs, were arrested last night by Ranger Sergeant Gonzaulles and Ranger Bob Goss and Jess Floury of the Constables department and charged with robbery with firearms. A pocketbook was found on one of the men in which there were cards bearing the name of a man robbed. A pistol was also taken from the pair.

A wholesale robbing spree which covered a wide territory and brought returns to two men, who are believed to be responsible for the entire night, took place during the night on Wednesday in the field area.

The first holdup was made at the business place of G. B. Mitchell and wife where about \$40 in cash was taken from the firm. A man in the place at the time was also re-

lieved of some \$51.

The Lanier and Huddleston boarding house was pillaged slightly and about \$23 made up the gate receipts at this place. At the Norris teaming camp a fine supply of groceries and household necessities were included in articles taken. It is also reported that a camp at Laird Hill added some cash to the ever growing resources of the thieves.

At the Horseshoe Camp a young girl was relieved of \$13.40 which her mother sent her to use as railroad fare to come home. Several places at Reed's Switch were also included in the visit made by the highwaymen robber.

Rangers Gonzaulles and Goss were called on the trail late Wednesday night and are making a very thorough search for the artists whom it is thought brought home something over \$500 in cash and merchandise.

**RUSE GOES AWRY, LOSES LEAD COINS**

Suspect Is Held Here in Connection With Counterfeiting Case

In a ruse which went awry, W. N. Cannady, arrested Thursday afternoon in connecting with passing counterfeit money, lost three long quarter-dollars secreted in one of his shoes.

Arrest of Cannady followed A. L. Womack's report to Sheriff W. A. Walters that a man claimed to have received a counterfeit quarter in change obtained at Womack's restaurant. The sheriff, together with Ranger Bob Goss, walked over to the cafe and arrested Cannady.

Actions Cause Search  
Suspicious actions of Cannady while in the sheriff's office led to a search which disclosed three counterfeit quarters concealed in one of Cannady's shoes.

A lead pipe and ladle of melted lead containing an unmelted lead dime were found at Cannady's house on East Houston street by Arthur Payne and John Collins, deputy sheriffs.

Previous to the arrest Mrs. Lillian Herndon, who owns a store on North Fifth street, telephoned Sheriff Walters concerning a counterfeit quarter which she refused to accept from a purchaser whom she later identified as Cannady.

**TWENTY-ONE ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING; ONE HELD AS OPERATOR**

Twenty-one men were arrested last night by Ranger Sergeant Gonzaulles and Ranger Bob Goss and E. P. Farrar and a group of Constables and deputies at a pipe-line camp west of Kil-

**RANGERS YOUNG AND SUMRALL JOIN GOSS AND PURVIS**

Texas Rangers W. E. Young and Bob Sumrall, who have been stationed at Presidio, Texas, near the Texas border, joined Rangers Bob Goss and Purvis here yesterday to aid them in the tick eradication work in the county. The rangers are working

# East Texas

## MONTE CARLO OF OIL AREA IS REVEALED

Rangers and Police Arrest  
123 Persons in Night  
Gaming Drive

### MANY PATRONS ESCAPE

Cleanup Drive at Gregg  
County Community  
Continues

A Monte Carlo of the East Texas oil fields, the largest gaming establishment yet found in this section and enjoying huge patronage was uncovered in a dashing midnight swoop by Texas Rangers and Kilgore police last night.

A total of 123 people, including 23 negroes and 10 white men, were arrested and many guns and knives and liquor and gaming paraphernalia were seized.

Led by the famed Ranger Sergeant, M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzauilas, dapper dare-devil of the Texas troopers, officers found several hundred whites and negroes huddled about the numerous schemes of chance set up at the field casino.

At the side of the veteran Gonzauilas was his noted working mate, Ranger R. G. (Bob) Goss, they having the close support of a large corps of Kilgore officers in the huge roundup.

Officers worked for five hours, into early dawn, after their midnight swoop, corraling the prisoners, many of the patrons, both white and dusky, escaping in the dark.

Completeness with which the attack was planned, along with co-ordinated effort on the part of the raiding corps, however, resulted in a final inventory that numbered noses at 123.

The big "strike" by the rangers and their conferees, followed many lesser sallies made in the Kilgore area.

# The Longview Daily Herald News

IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST OIL FIELDS

LONGVIEW, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11, 1931

# KILGORE GAMBLING HO



# RANGERS MAKE FIRST CLEAN UP

Rangers Who Led Kilgore Clean-Up



## RANGERS ARREST 73 NEGROES IN GAMBLING RAID

Gregg County Jail Opens Gates to One of Largest Groups

### GONZAULLAS AND GOSS OVERPOWER GUARDS

Officers Destroy Interior of Palace Royal Dance Hall

Gregg county jail opened wide its gates early this morning to receive what is believed to be the largest group ever arrested here in one resort, when Sergeant Ranger M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss, assisted by deputies out of Sheriff Martin Hays office surprised 73 negroes in a gambling hall on the south side of Ware street in what is known as the Old Field section.

At 1:30 this morning the work of registering the prisoners and pooling the contraband weapons and gambling paraphernalia taken from them was still going on at Gregg county jail. The jail yard was littered with the rapping forms of negroes, and the line filed steadily by the two rangers. Meanwhile John Henry (Fae Wee) Drew and Allen (Ollie) Leonard were charged with operating a gambling house.

Striving themselves in caps and civilian clothes to gain entrance to the resort, known as the Palace Royal Dance hall, Gonzauillas and Goss approached the entrance and overpowered the lookouts before the latter could sound the buzzer system and give the alarm.

The speculative 73 submitted to arrest quickly and were brought in a commanded cordon of automobiles.

Before the officers left they utterly destroyed the interior of the gaming establishment, which was partitioned.

### Kilgore Citizens Praise Work of State Rangers

KILGORE, Texas, April 4.—Work of officers and Texas rangers in enforcing the law at Kilgore was praised by Kilgore citizens at a meeting at the local high school. A number of talks were made commending the officers and rangers for the work they have done here in suppressing crime.

The Rev. George W. Wilburn presided over the meeting and called special attention to the work done by Rangers Sergeant M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss in prosecuting citizens from the disreputable element usually associated with oil

## RANGERS ARREST 73 NEGROES IN GAMBLING RAID

(Continued from page One)

off from the dancing hall. Axes quickly demolished chairs, tables and other furniture.

The contraband taken when the negroes were searched included the following: 38 pocket knives of various lengths, two revolvers, three razors, ten pairs of dice, one large crap table with layout, one blackjack table with layout, one 'cotch' (18 or bust) table with layout.

The raid occurred at 11 o'clock but the business of checking in the new guests and their baggage went on at the jail long after midnight with Rangers Gonzauillas and Goss and Deputy John Salvage officiating.

Bonds of \$250 were required of the negroes and indications were the jail's lawn would resemble the courthouse lawn in the matter of housing overnight guests.

### GONZAULLAS AND GOSS ORDERED TO OVERTON

Austin, June 25.—(UP)—Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss will arrive at Overton today to take charge of policing the area around the Tulsa Oil Company's flaming wild well. They were dispatched last night by request of officials of the company.

### GONZAULLAS AND GOSS RETURN TO KILGORE

Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzauillas and Ranger R. G. Goss have returned to Kilgore after an absence of several days, during which time they have been investigating the dynamiting of a recreation building at Malakoff. L. Tubbeville was arrested by the rangers and charged with white capping and arson by means of explosive

## RAID IS MADE AT GLADEWATER

June 2, 1931  
Seven Arrests and Get Quantity of Liquor

Seven arrests were made and a quantity of liquor was seized when Ranger Sergeant M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, Ranger R. G. Goss and Gladewater officers made a raid upon the Texas hotel at that place.

Charges were filed against Freddie C. Keys and wife for Dean Act. violations. The other five were charged with misdemeanors.

It was stated the rangers were working in co-operation with Gladewater officers in an effort to prevent any serious criminal disturbances at that place and that concentrated effort was being put forth to prevent un-

## Pockets Full of Money, Oil Field Roughnecks in Kilgore Saturday For Week-End of Reckless Spending

Staff Special to The Journal.  
KILGORE, Texas, March 7.—It was pay day at the rigs Saturday but the roughnecks from the oil fields, their pockets bulging with hard-earned dollars, will spend them tonight for little more exciting than a nickel extra catnip with their steaks and two dollars for a blood-and-thunder thriller at the picture show.

There are laws against vice in this town now, and selling "red-eye" is taking a long chance, so buying it is a problem. Chief of Police Pike K. McIntosh has at all times that boomers fear, The Lone Wolf.

Old Sergeant Manuel W. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas of Dallas commands the respect of the roughnecks and the boomers. That's him, riders will say. Sergeant Gonzauillas walks down this oil town's streets and alleys. "That's the Lone Wolf. He'd as soon shoot you down as let you live."

As a matter of fact, Lone Wolf is a mild-mannered and friendly fellow but they know he's hard if he has to be.

Sergeant Gonzauillas was left in charge of the ranger detachment serving to keep order among the East Texas oil field rougher elements when Capt. Tom Hickman and eight others withdrew a couple of days ago after a clearing drive that centered here. He has with him Ranger R. G. Goss.

At Merit, at Berger and other boom towns, the roughnecks got tough with the boomers. Sergeant Gonzauillas learned many of the boomers' ways and habits. And the boomers got acquainted with the Lone Wolf and his Texas law enforcements. The boomers in Kilgore's boomtown streets are three months' worth of boomers' lawlessness.

## Rangers Arrest Five In Second Raid At Kilgore

Liquor Seized; "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas Will Stay In Fields.

Kilgore, March 18.—(UP)—Texas Rangers resumed activities here today after two weeks' absence and arrested five persons this afternoon. Liquor was seized in the half dozen raids made with local officers.

Sergt. M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, who has been appointed special ranger for the new oil field, and Ranger R. G. Goss will remain here several days, they said.

## TAKEN TO AUSTIN JAIL

### SHAKEDOWN COMES OFF HERE QUIETLY WHEN OFFICERS ENTER

RAIDS FOR LIQUOR, NARCOTICS AND CRIMINALS NETS  
MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED SUSPICIOUS  
CHARACTERS

Captain Tom Hickman of company D, Texas Rangers, arrived in Kilgore about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and with a group of 10 Texas Rangers started a complete clean-up of Kilgore.

By 6 o'clock 400 suspicious characters and a number of known boom-town criminals had been herded into the First Baptist Church, where they were being searched for firearms and finger printed.

The group was marched down the Henderson highway to the church building while several thousand local citizens looked on the parade with wide interest.

The clean-up was staged quietly and in a well-planned manner, the Rangers starting their work before local people knew they were in town.

No liquor was found and only a small quantity of morphine on one man.

Following the grand clean-up Rangers were patrolling the streets and picking up suspicious characters as the New-ent to press.

It was stated that the clean-up was being staged as a shake-down and in order to let all criminals know that lawlessness would not be tolerated in Kilgore.

The raid was planned by "Lone Star" Gonzales.

### STATE THOUGHT WORKING OUT CHARGE IN PROBE

Ranger Robert G. Goss and George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, returned to Austin today with Claude Ray, Upshur county district clerk, alleged to have forged witness fee certificates.

This was the third case of alleged forgery uncovered by state investigators. Two men had committed suicide and a third had been indicted here on nine counts in connection with the other two cases.

#### Prepares Charges

Bruce Bryant, first assistant attorney general, was preparing to file charges against Ray.

Sheppard discovered the alleged forgeries which led to Ray's arrest. Filing of charges was being held up pending the making of photostatic copies of some of the alleged forged certificates.

Assistants in the attorney general's department stated Ray had made a statement.

Bryant said the alleged forgeries totaled at least \$2000. He stated Ray had said they were committed over a period of three or four years.

#### Confession Claimed

Goss arrested Ray yesterday afternoon. He and Sheppard drove nearly all night returning Ray to Austin, reaching here about 4 o'clock this morning.

Ray was questioned all morning by Bryant. He signed a confession admitting several forgeries, Bryant said.

At the Travis county jail at noon, access to Ray was refused without instructions of State Ranger M. E. Gault, who had left the sheriff's office. Asst. Atty. Gen. Bruce Bryant was then waiting to go before the grand jury.

#### OFFICIAL ARRESTED AT GILMER

GILMER, May 14.—(AP)—Acting upon instructions from the state comptroller's office, State Ranger M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzauillas last night arrested Claude Ray, district clerk here for eight years, for questioning in connection with an

### Arrested By Rangers On Charges of Forging State Witness Fee Certificates

Austin, May 14. (By Associated Press)—Officers brought Claude Ray, Upshur County District Clerk, here today from Gilmer. Assistant Attorney-General Bruce Bryant stated he was preparing to file charges against Ray, who was alleged to have forged State witness fee certificates.

The grand jury was due to investigate the charges in the Ray case here today.

Two men in other counties, charged in recent months with similar deeds, committed suicide.

Sergeant M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzauillas, Texas Rangers, just as court adjourned Wednesday afternoon walked into District Clerk Claude Ray's office in the Upshur County court house and said to him, "You are under arrest; come with me."

He took Mr. Ray out and turned him over to State Ranger Robert H. Goss, who put him in an auto and left, for an unknown destination somewhere in Texas, where he will be held in jail for 48 hours for investigation, without a chance to make bond.

The State Comptroller's Department, working in connection with the State Auditor's Department and the Attorney General's department, have been investigating forgery charges, embezzlement of State funds, padding costs bills, forging costs bills, etc., for some time now, and as a result Jno. D. Morgan, ex-District Clerk of Crockett county committed suicide rather than face the charges, and right here close to us, Porter Barnes, deputy District Clerk, suicided at Winona, rather than face the charges of forgery, etc., in Dallas county.

Mr. T. M. Markham, assistant State Auditor, has the key to District Clerk Claude Ray's office, for further investigation

and an audit of his books and accounts since he went in office eight years ago.

Mr. E. E. Upshaw of the State Comptroller's office is also here from Austin, in connection with the investigation.

The charges against District Clerk Claude Ray will be for each separate offense, of forgery of witness script, embezzlement of State funds, false costs bills, and it was stated that a page would scarcely hold the charges.

District Clerk Claude Ray was one of the most popular County Officers, being elected over all opposition for the past eight years, and the news of his arrest for delinquencies in office, will come as a great shock to the people of Upshur county.

These investigations that have been going on over the state, and have caused suicides have impelled them to be more particular with prisoners, in an effort to prevent suicide of the prisoners when apprehended.

Mr. J. T. Jones was a deputy District Clerk and he is acting in place of Mr. Ray, with Mr. W. J. Bryson doing the work.

It was at first stated that a page would not hold the individual charges against Mr. Ray as they are estimated to probably reach one hundred.



## Running Afoul of This Ranger Is Like Signing Death Warrant

By Dub Furey

Bob Goss can shoot. That is our unanimous opinion after watching him shoot playing cards in half, with only the edge exposed, shoot spots off playing cards and make powder of a small brick which was pitched in the air.

And all this he did because a desire was expressed to "some day see him split a playing card."

Thursday while talking to him, the writer said he would like to see him take a pistol turn it upside down and split a playing card. Not that there was doubt he could but the writer just wanted to watch him do it. Having read of men doing such things with pistols he jumped at the opportunity of witnessing such a performance.

So the playing cards were obtained and to the fair grounds went Mr. Goss. Placing two cards in the ground at a distance of slightly more than 20 feet the writer stepped back to watch.

The ranger's pistol barked. We looked at the card. There it stood, just where we had left it, but minus its top.

"Golly" was about all we could say after seeing such a performance.

"Now we'll see if we can hit one with our gun upside down," he remarked.

Taking aim he fired, but his first shot missed. He leveled his gun. ("Was upside down, remember?") The gun spat again, this time cutting the card neatly in half. We gathered up the pieces and pocketed them.

Later he almost completely removed the figure from the ace of spades with five well placed shots from his pistol, connecting each hole with the bullets, made. At our request he had previously placed a bullet neatly through the ace of hearts.

Choosing another gun—a beautiful, pearl handled automatic with a gold plated steer head on the handle—he split two other cards for our entertainment. By this time the crowd had increased, and all were expressing amazement at his prowess with a pistol. "Find a brick. I have a few shots in my rifle here, and I'd like to see what I can do with it."

We found a brick and tossed it into the air. Three times did we hurl the missile upward and three times it fell to earth with a mark on it where the rifle's bullets had struck. We got another brick, a common clay one, and pitched it into the air. About half of the brick was his reward on his first trial, so we pitched it into the air again. We do not know where it landed the second time. The last we saw of it was a small cloud of red dust floating earthward.

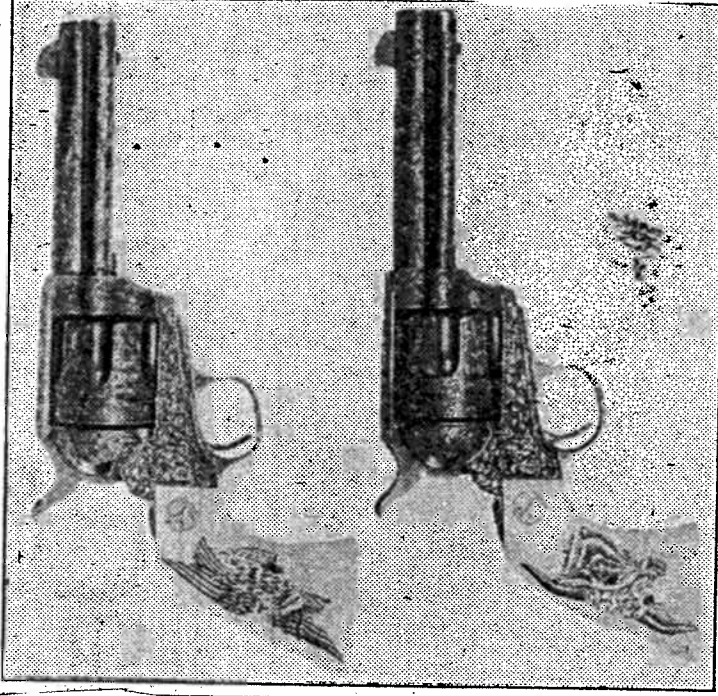
He then found a few of the clay pigeons used in skeet shoots, taking one in his left hand, he pitched it skyward, pistol in hand. He was forced to shoot twice before he was successful in hitting it, but he broke it. And then he chose a brick, which he shot with his pistol. No doubt he would have been there yet shooting things if his ammunition had lasted.

But we mustn't forget to tell you that he scored 89 of a possible 100 points with a pistol at 75 feet. But then he did that every day.

And yes, we have the playing cards and the target sheet for those who doubt our veracity.

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## Pistols of Texas Peace Officers Decorated Here



Robert G. Goss, state ranger and the champion pistol shot of Texas, has the distinction of owning one of the finest pair of pistols in the Southwest. The two guns, represented in the photograph above, exemplify the highest possible attainment in the gunsmith's art and in the engraving work of that type. The photograph was taken while the handles were jeweled and decorated by Guy S. Caldwell, Paris jeweler. No detail has been left untouched, even to the most minute, to insure the perfection of a harmonious decoration.

The guns were made especially according to the state ranger's specification, being 45 calibre Colt, single action, Frontier model. They were mounted and engraved in 1924 by the Hoffman Arms company of Ardmore, Oklahoma. The work done by the Hoffman company consisted chiefly in the intricate engraving of the entire metal portions of the guns, and also the inlaying of minute gold dragons on both sides of each gun. The name Robert B. Goss, Company B, Texas Rangers is inscribed down the back of the handle in raised gold letters was also their work.

The decoration of the ivory handles was done separately and after the guns had been carried for a while. The handle of each gun has on one side a reproduction of the American eagle and shield and on the other a Texas steer. The eagle is set with a ruby eye

and is colored. The steer is set with two ruby eyes and has a tiny gold ring in his nostrils. Also in each of the ivory handles is the trademark of the Colt Arms company inlaid in silver. The guns are carried by Goss in regular service, but are not adaptable to use in the contests. Goss is an expert at handling pistols and has won many contests throughout the state. He is champion pistol shot of the state, having recently won the state contest at Austin by a score of 98 out of a possible 100 at a distance of 25 yards. Goss is well known in this section of the state, having been reared at Honey Grove. He has been a member of the state ranger forces for the past seven years, under the captaincy of Tom Hickman.

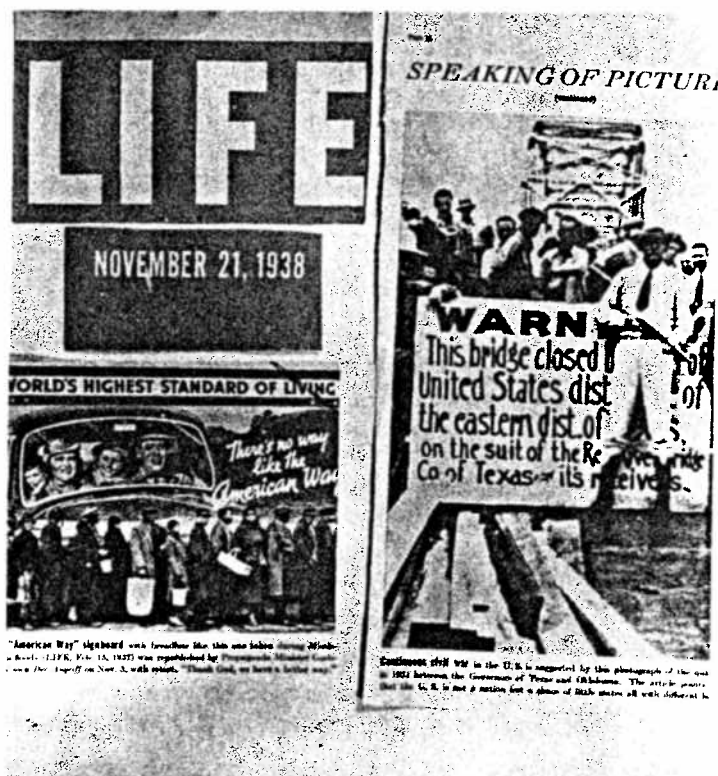
Captain Hickman, nationally known Texas ranger, has a pair of guns which are very similar to those of Goss. They differ from Goss' guns in that they have a silver finish and a gold plated hammer. They have ivory handles decorated in exactly the same manner as those on the Goss pistols. Hickman's pair of guns were on display here some time ago, and due to their unusual character and the history connected with them they attracted a great deal of attention. They were carried by Hickman at the time he and other rangers thwarted an attempt to rob the Red River National bank of Clarksville, resulting in the death of two bandits.

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Photograph taken immediately after the closing of the Red River Bridge between Texas and Oklahoma.

Closing the bridge led to a wordy war between Oklahoma and Texas. The telephone and telegraph companies proved that talk was not cheap. Both of them reaped a rich harvest in long distance tolls. Governor Murray announced that he was going to buckle on his horse pistol and lead the troops. Those who were best acquainted with Alfalfa Bill observed that a horse pistol would be the most appropriate weapon for his personal use. He further declared that the bridge was going to be opened if he had to use the entire Oklahoma National Guard.

The military phase had turned into a huge joke. All the fighting was done in the newspapers. I yielded to temptation and applied the old bromide "one riot, one Ranger" to the bridge situation. Adjutant General Barrett, of Oklahoma, and I were good friends. Both of us

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### *Red River Bridge Dispute*

had recently attended a National Guard conference in Washington. I sent him word that the Texas end of the bridge was being held by four Rangers. If he was sending a brigade to open it, I would keep all four of them there. If only a regiment was to be used, I would let a couple of the boys go home.

Newspaper reporters flocked to the scene, and sensational dispatches were sent to all parts of the country. Photographers wanted a picture of the Texas Rangers. In a spirit of fun, I picked up my saddle carbine and struck a warlike pose. When the Governor summoned me from the dance at Mineral Wells, I was dressed in a white linen suit. There had been no time to change clothes, so I still had on the light trousers. They didn't go very well with my cowboy boots. I certainly would have worn a more compatible outfit, if I had known the ultimate destination of the picture.

Seven years later copies of it turned up in Germany. There, they were given wide circulation. *Life Magazine* reproduced the picture in 1938. The accompanying article stated that the Nazis were using it as propaganda to prove that we were a very loosely knit nation. Hitler claimed that the states of the Union were often engaged in civil war. I could scarcely believe that my joke could have such far reaching consequences.

I returned to Austin, leaving the Red River dispute in the hands of Captain Hickman. He kept the bridge closed in spite of all threats by Governor Murray. One of his men, Bob Goss, was an exceptionally fine shot with a pistol. His marksmanship was outstanding, even among those who earned their living by carrying six-shooters.

In this game of watchful waiting, the Rangers had a great deal of time on their hands. They spent a considerable part of it on the banks of the river in target practice. Goss gave several shooting exhibitions. In one of his stunts he placed a playing card sideways, and split the edge of it with a forty-five calibre bullet. Captain Hickman saw that this feat was having a good moral effect on residents on both sides of the Red River. He said to the spectators, "Bob is just a new man we are breaking in as a Ranger."

When I arrived at the capitol it was eleven o'clock. My secretary reminded me that I was scheduled to make a talk at noon. This appointment had slipped my mind due to the excitement in North Texas.

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TRAILS AND TRIALS OF A TEXAS RANGER

There was no time for preparation, so I decided that my best bet would be to make a few remarks about the feud between Texas and Oklahoma. To my mind, the whole affair was a sort of comic opera war. An Austin paper reported my effort, and headed it, "Bill Sterling has a laugh at the bridge."

After recovering somewhat from the case of rattle-hocks I always get when starting a speech, I compared the Red River controversy to a bridge party. Inasmuch as the trouble stemmed from a contract between the Texas Highway Department and the Toll Bridge Company, I added that "it might be fitting and proper to call it a contract bridge party." Switching from bridge to poker, I told the audience that "Alfalfa Bill thought he had openers. When his hand was called, however, it turned out he was only bluffing and Texas won the pot with a pair of sixes." From this brand of humor, I was probably in more danger of being shot by my listeners than I had been in the encounter with the Oklahomans.

On one occasion, the State senator from the twelfth district called on me in his official capacity. He stated that he wished to discuss a matter of considerable importance, and that it involved one of my Rangers. The senator further declared that the purpose of the conference was to avoid bloodshed. "General," he began, "I believe it would be wise for you to move Ranger Red Burton from Somerville County. If he stays there his old enemies will kill him as sure as the world." I replied, "I will investigate the matter thoroughly, and take whatever action the circumstances warrant." In getting to the bottom of the trouble, I found some interesting facts.

Somerville County, the third smallest county in the state, is in North Central Texas. It lies almost equidistant from Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco. The terrain is rough and wooded and numerous springs of fine water bubble out of a limestone formation. Glen Rose, the county seat, has long been noted as a health and recreational resort.

During the prohibition era, the county became a headquarters for moonshiners and bootleggers. These sinister characters took full advantage of the woods for cover and the pure water for distilling their illicit liquor. They operated on a wholesale scale, and the area became the principal source of supply for the large cities in North and Central Texas. Professional whiskey makers from Kentucky, Tennessee and

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TRAILS AND TRIALS OF A TEXAS RANGER



My extensive oil field experience was turned to good account in these critical times. Many of the Rangers were veterans of boom town cleanups, and they knew just what to do under all circumstances. We had learned that the best way to handle high-powered criminals was to wage a direct and aggressive war on them. Thugs and hijackers are

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unable to do a great deal of harm when they are not given time to get set, or establish a base of operations.

Pursuant to this policy, Captain Tom Hickman, Sergeant M. T. Gonzaulus, Rangers Stuart Stanley, Hardy Purvis, Hale Kirby and Bob Goss of Company B were ordered to Kilgore. Captain Frank Hamer, Sergeant J. B. Wheatley, Rangers B. M. Gault, Oscar Martin, George Allen, Jim McCoy and Earl McWilliams of Headquarters Company joined them there. They were accompanied by the Ranger Chaplain, Captain P. B. Hill. Out of this group, Wheatley, Gonzaulus, Gault and Purvis subsequently became captains.

*Time* Magazine for February, 1931, under the heading, "National Affairs," carried a full length picture. They titled it, "Chief Ranger Sterling. His men booked crooks from a pulpit." The article continued:

Last week in Gregg County, the town of Kilgore and the nearby tent-town of "Little Juarez" had grown so rowdy, so full of wastrels and misconduct that the Texas Rangers had to take a hand. Five Rangers came up from the Rio Grande, five more converged on Kilgore from other parts of the State. Within two hours they had rounded up some 300 suspects and bad characters. The ten Rangers herded the lot of them into the Baptist Church, and booked them from the pulpit. They were a measley collection. Forty were cut out for detention, the rest were hustled out of town. Two of those detained were wanted for murder, three for bank robbery.

This was a sample of the early work done by the Rangers. On their editorial pages, several leading newspapers complimented us on the measures we had taken to head off a threatened crime wave.

The horde of underworld characters, who could readily be handled by the Rangers, did not constitute our worst threat to law and order in East Texas. Staring us in the face was a far greater hazard. While it did not come directly under the purview of the adjutant general, our department would be called upon for its enforcement.

The law of supply and demand had been grossly violated by the unrestricted flow of oil from hundreds of wells. Many of them, if allowed to run free, could produce five thousand barrels per day. The price went down to ten cents a barrel. Oil sands were being depleted, and the wells would soon go to salt water. Greed and ignorance caused some of the short sighted operators to "get theirs while the getting was good." If this suicidal practice was not halted, the entire field would

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# CHICAGO RODEO STILL A FEW PACES BEHIND FORT WORTH'S

BY FRANK G. EVANS, Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Thrilling as it was, the annual Rodeo which Tex fans here enjoyed in Soldier Field here did not surpass in any manner the Chicago Rodeo which is presented each year at Fort Worth's Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. However, the Rodeo given here by the owners of the famous Forked Lightning ranch was entertaining in every way and brought hundreds of thousands of Chicagoans to their feet in wild cheers.

The Chicago Rodeo's official program contained the names of 121 cowboys and cowgirls who tried for the prize money. The official program of Southwestern Exposition last year listed the names of 155 performers.

Average time made by the Chicago Rodeo compared favorably with the time made at Fort Worth. The bulldogging was just a bit faster at Fort Worth last March than it was at the Chicago show just closed.

### Crowds Increasing.

Austin believes that Chicago each year will take stronger to the Rodeo. The crowds are increasing. This year it was found that spectators are becoming more and more familiar with the Rodeo rules and have gotten the understanding of the game. The fact that the Rodeo is a contest of cowboy sports and not merely a circus or wild west exhibition is becoming widely known.

One of the new horses which Eddie McCarty of Chugwater, Wyo., brought here is WBAE. The animal, which promises to become a mean one to those who try to conquer him, was named after The Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram radio station. He was used in some of the Rodeo events here in cowboy and cowgirl contests. He was bad enough to disqualify one cowgirl and keep her from some of the big prize money. He threw a cowboy and caused misery for those who managed to stick on his back.

"School Girl" Has Colt. "School Girl," the bronc that threw several at Fort Worth in past years and recognized as one of the best in the McCarty string, surprised his owner the morning the show opened at Chicago. "School Girl" was occupying one of the stalls over which an armed cowboy stood to prevent a repetition of the poisoning, believed to have been done by an anti-Rodeo fanatic, and which cost the lives of several good broncs. But when Eddie McCarty went to the stall on the opening day of the Rodeo he found that "School Girl" had just given birth to a colt. In the event the colt takes after his mother and becomes of Rodeo talent, he will be named "Ookey" after the famous colt owned by "Spark Plug" of comic page fame.

"Now I'll have to pay freight on two animals taking them back to the ranch," laughed McCarty.

John B. Davis, manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, was a guest at the Chicago Rodeo. He entered negotiations for hucking broncs for the next show. Many of the cowboys and cowgirls here told him they would be back to Fort Worth in March. Davis witnessed the Sioux Indians in action. He may bring some of them to Fort Worth.

### Fort Worth Stars Entered.

Among those whom Davis saw was "Louise Singing Cricket," "Louise Many Stars," "Sophie Big Lake," and "Stinky For His Grandma." The Indians appeared in the grand entry and also gave relay races.

Frank H. Warren and William H. Mann, directors of the Chicago Asso-

ciation of Commerce, the organization which sponsors the Rodeo here, don cowboy togs and take part in the grand entry parade. They were in Fort Worth at the Exposition in March, 1924. They went there to gain ideas on how Fort Worth's Rodeo was conducted.

Among the performers at Chicago who are well known in Fort Worth were Shorty Kelso, Chester Byers, Leonard Stroud, Ruth Roach, Fox Eastings, Nowatta Slim, Mabel Strickland, Tad Lucas, Mike Hastings, Chief Correlles, Mike Stuart, Newman Cowan, Florence Hughes, Roy Quick, Ike Rude, Claire Beicher, Red Sublett and Tad Lucas.

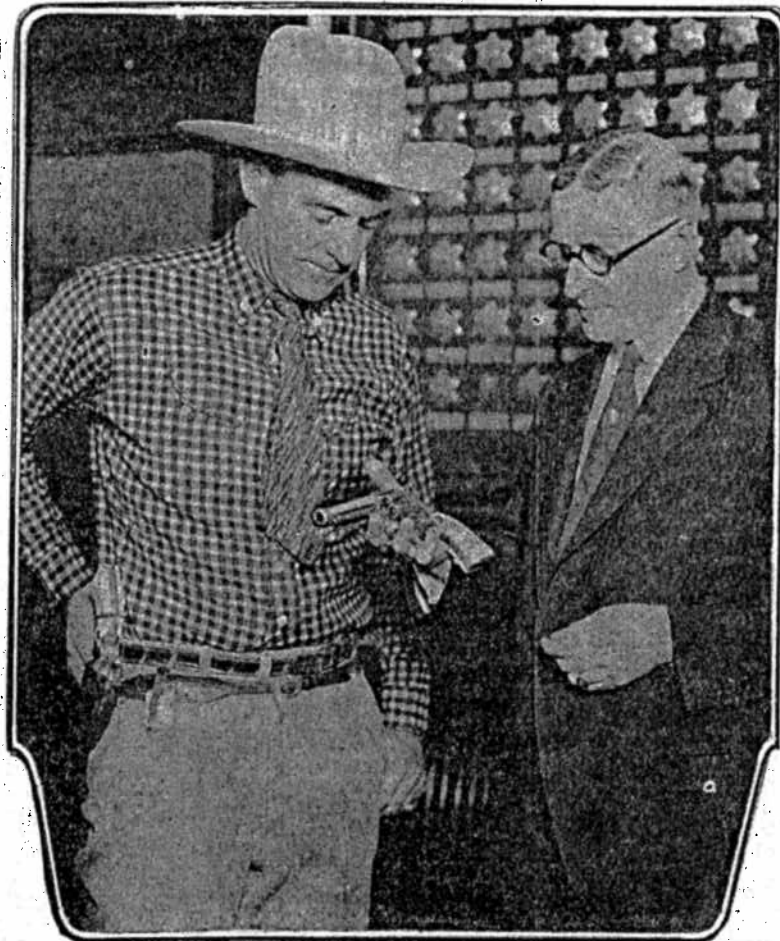
# Ranger Hickman Coughs Up Fine After Fighting

Gainesville, March 19. (AP)—Ranger Capt. Tom R. Hickman paid a fine of \$1 and costs in justice of the peace court here last night on a charge of simple assault.

County Attorney William C. Culp prepared a complaint charging the assault of Ate Reece, former Cooke county sheriff.

County officers said that a fight on the courthouse lawn preceded charges.

## Captain Hickman and Chicago Chief on Common Ground



Chief of Police Michael Hughes, Chicago, likes guns, and when Capt. Tom Hickman of Company B, Texas Rangers, who was one of the judges at the Chicago Rodeo, held last week in Soldier Field stadium, came into his office to discuss a murder case, he examined Captain Tom's layout.

# SOUTHERN PERSONALITIES

## Captain Tom Hickman, *Texas Ranger*

By Thomas Blanc

THE main street of the inland cotton town of Clarksville, Texas, was slowing up its usual bustle, following the noon hour. Cars were parked leisurely along its curbs. Pedestrians were sparse and desultory. Here two men sat quietly in a touring car, conversing in brief words and phrases, watching the street scene with interest. There a negro field hand sunned himself against a lamp-post.

Down the street, a blue car pulled up in front of the Red River County National Bank, and two men got out and entered the building. The negro looked after them apathetically. No one along the sidewalks paid them particular heed. Only, half a block from the bank, the first two men quietly stepped from their touring car, on the side of it opposite the bank. No one noticed the action; but when the negro field hand looked in their direction, he saw two rifles in their hands. His duskiness faded, and he went away from there.

Seconds passed. Passers-by threw puzzled looks at the two watchers and their weapons, and paused curiously in the background to await developments.

They waited but shortly. The doors of the bank swung suddenly open and two men ran from them, and in the arms of one man was an apparently heavy bag . . .

"DROP IT!" The roar came from the tall, square-shouldered man behind the touring car; and spectators looked at him, a quick chill about their hearts, and saw that he and his comrade had crouched by the car and were sighting along leveled rifle barrels.

The words cracked against the eardrums of the running men as though charged with electricity, and with a like effect. The unburdened one, short, wiry, darted behind his laden companion; a revolver was in his hand; and the drowsy somnolence of the peaceful little town reverberated to the barking of the gun. Lookers-on dived for cover.

Like echoes, the rifles of the two men behind the car crashed almost in unison; and the holder of the heavy bag dropped it, then, and folded up beside it on the pavement. More shots from the small one's pistol; an answer from the rifles; and he, too, slid suddenly down. And two more bank robbers were serving their Long Stretch.

Tom Hickman, captain of Company B, Texas Ranger Force, his face grim, his clear hazel eyes expressionless, rose with the sergeant of Company B from their joint ambush and walked forward, cautiously and with rifles still pointed circumspectly ahead of them, to investigate.

THUS coolly, calmly, did one of the quietest, most modest, and most colorful figures in the Texas Ranger service today rise to a situation that all but took him by surprise, if anything ever took Tom Hickman much by surprise. Thus did he put an emphatic crimp in the flood of bank robberies that had swept over his beloved state—a flood that had swelled until Texas depositaries were being held up at the alarming average of three a week, and constantly increasing. Thus did he give basis, all unwittingly, to the much-discussed, much-cussed, and altogether effective reward of the Texas Bankers Association of \$5,000 for each *dead* bank robber. And thus, in the spring of 1927, did he reach what was for him a unique climax to eight years of continuous service as a member of that body of law enforcers whose name is one to conjure with from coast to coast, and from Mexico to Hudson's Bay.

For Captain Tom Hickman, of the Rangers, that day pulled his first trigger in his enforcement of the law. And that day, for the first time in many years, the



Captain Tom Hickman

Photo by Reid

And yet today, when I see the six-foot-one of bone and rocklike muscle that is Tom Hickman looming up in a hotel lobby, at the luncheon table, on the street, every legendary, fanciful word that has grown up concerning his prowess and his supposed miraculous conquests seems easily believable. I know that nine-tenths of those words are inspired by the reputation of that group of hard-riding, straight-shooting, fearless men who have helped to keep order in Texas since Oliver Jones and Bartlett Sims organized their first companies for the protection of Texas colonies in 1829. I know that not one word in ten is true. I know that Tom Hickman did not want to annihilate those two misguided men in Clarksville; that he would have much preferred seeing them surrender sensibly and quietly.

"It wasn't that they were shooting at us, and might kill us," he said, talking reluctantly but honestly about the incident; trying to put into words his feelings and his belief and his attitude. "That's our job and our risk, and the state pays us for that. But—" the black brows, high-arched above the hooded hazel eyes, came grimly into a straight ebony line—"the state doesn't pay us to risk the life of even a negro cotton picker who may be passing behind us, in line with the shots from the other men's guns. And that one negro cotton picker, I don't care how humble he might be, is worth more to the State of Texas than a whole corral full of criminals!"

"That," he went on, his brows rising again, "is why I haven't regretted for a minute having to knock those two over. I gave them a chance to drop their loot, and they started shooting. The next time—any time—I happen to run across anybody holding up a bank, and I know he is armed, I'm going to let him have about

boyhood, his life has prepared him for the rôle he plays today; for he was born, forty-five years ago, on his father's ranch in Cook County, Texas, near Gainesville, and he cannot remember when he first began carrying a rifle—in those first, early days, for four-legged wolves that infested the ranch and threatened the stock.

Long, hard hours and days and years in the saddle, on the range, at the round-up, at once forbade him any more schooling than was granted to most boys of that pioneer day, and gave him the granite muscles and flesh that clothe his great frame and enable him today "to handle almost anybody without a gun."

So he passed the first twenty-five years of his life in the hard school of the gentleman; watching the rapid development of his state from a pioneer country to the mother of a modern civilization; seeing the wildness and the lawlessness of an older day fade, and a new type of banditry take its place. And inside him grew the desire to have a hand in the thwarting of this outlawry and in the protection of life and property and justice and right.

IT WAS but natural that he should become, as he did in 1911, a deputy sheriff of the county of his birth; and he wore his responsibility gravely and with a full sense of its charge. But always before him was the premier service of his state—the Texas Rangers, whose history was Texas' history for nearly one hundred years; whose hands, often singly, had brought the rule of law to a raw country, and had supplanted Judge Colt with courts of so-called justice; and whose fame had spread so far that a member of that other famous body, the Royal Northwest Mounted Police of Canada (now, simply, the Canadian Mounted Police), stated publicly upon one occasion that "The only body of men in the world to whom we'll take off our hats are the Texas Rangers!"

But young Tom's goal was not so easy to attain. Several times, in the eight years of his deputyhood, did he try unsuccessfully to obtain admission to Ranger ranks before he finally was accepted in June, 1919, following his service in the Army—during which he polished up his already considerable skill with the .45.

He was assigned immediately to border duty, on which he served for six months. This was followed by service with Headquarters Staff and in the Red River oil dispute, during which latter work he was in sole charge of several hundred million dollars' worth of oil for the United States Government.

In October, 1920, he was made sergeant of Emergency Company D, and for two months rode through the streets of Galveston at the head of thirteen mounted Rangers, clad in the official full leather regalia of the Rangers, and with rifle under leg. The bitter longshoremen's strike was settled—and still Ranger Tom Hickman had not fired a shot at a man.

In December, he was appointed captain of Emergency Company E, on duty in the Breckenridge and Ranger oil fields; and here he served until the following April.

And in August, 1921, he was placed in charge of Company B, which post he has held continuously ever since, save for service with Headquarters Company during the Ferguson administration.

AND during these dozen years—the longest continuous service of any present Ranger—the nearest he has come to using a gun in upholding the law, with the exception of the Clarksville incident, was when, in the middle of a mob during the Denison railroad strike trouble, in 1923, he "had to knock a man down with one shot and finish the job with a knife."

## Southern Personalities

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the banquet table; on the avenue—clad more often than not in a conservative blue or gray business suit, soft imported crush felt hat, soft collar, and modest tie. An average picture of the average American man. A picture of a man to whom, as to most American men, his work is of paramount interest and importance, and who for the furtherance of that work and the benefit of his state, will make any personal sacrifice within his power.

You are apt to see him anywhere. Twice he has been in England. In 1924, he went with Tex Austin's rodeo performers to Wimberley; there received the Prince of Wales's check for a cow pony; visited the House of Lords; and later testified before the British humane society that bulldogging did not harm the outlaw steers used in the rodeo. Again, in 1930, he accompanied the Simmons University Cowboy Band to the British Isles; appeared with them at leading theaters there; paid a fraternal visit to Scotland Yard; called on a London paper and corrected its mistaken ideas concerning mob violence in Texas; grew a Van Dyke beard for the double purpose of hiding a temporary skin infection and to satisfy the wild-and-woolly conceptions of British audiences as to how a Texan and a Ranger should look; and then ambled on through Europe, attending Rotary Club meetings. In addition, he has been five times in New York and twice in Chicago as a rodeo judge.

He doesn't know how many arrests he has made, and doesn't precisely care. "Several," he will tell you dryly. He has a deep and genuine scorn and dislike for any attempt to portray him or any other peace officer as a strange, particular breed of human being; as a killer or a "dead shot."

"The average peace officer," he will tell you earnestly and with conviction born of long experience, "cannot hit an object the size of a man at thirty paces with a pistol. I'm excluding specially instructed police and the state highway patrol, of course. All those wild yarns about the miraculous shooting of such men as Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, and the rest are—well, they're just lies!"

His words will hesitate a bit, for no genuine Texan passes the lie easily.

"No man who ever lived," he goes on, "could shoot even a good, finely rifled modern pistol like those men were reputed to shoot old smooth-bores."

As I said, Tom Hickman has only contempt for such glamorous and legendary tales. Not only does he consider them entirely imaginary—and he has much knowledge on which to base his conclusions, for shortly he will have served for a longer continuous period than any Ranger in the history of the organization—but he frankly and honestly doesn't believe they "do a peace officer any good."

So Captain Tom Hickman, Rotarian and Ranger, goes his reserved and quiet and friendly way; liking the men he meets and receiving their good will, even to the most hard-bitten criminal, in return; walking softly while carrying the biggest stick of its kind that Texas can give him; gloving the heavy hand of that law which he seeks so earnestly to make and keep inflexible; smiling warmly, even while delivering an ultimatum to resisting law violators; and hoping always, in his big and kindly heart, that they will use good, sound, ordinary common sense, and "drop it" before he has to hurt them.

Captain Tom Hickman  
Honey Grove.  
Captain Tom Hickman of the Texas Rangers, Guy Waggoner, Paul Waggoner and Travis Daniels of Fort Worth spent last Sunday and Monday here as guests of Texas Ranger Robert G. Goss, having come over from Fort Worth on a little hunting expedition on the river. These gentlemen are all well known Texans, Captain Hickman being probably one of the best known detectives in the nation, being a typical Texan with a reputation extending from the Lone Star State to Europe. Messrs. Waggoner are likewise well known, being the owners of Arlington Downs, near Fort Worth, and are known throughout the nation as sportsmen and financiers. They are identified with many of the larger business institutions in Fort Worth and the Southwest, and two years ago built the finest racing plant in the South, and are endeavoring to bring the "sport of kings" back to the Southwest. Mr. Daniels is in the wholesale hardware business in Fort Worth, and also holds a special commission on the State Ranger force. They reported a most enjoyable visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Goss.

## Rangers' Race Is Featured At Arlington Downs Today

Texas Rangers and women fans will have their day at Arlington Downs today when the nine-day annual race meet draws toward its close.

Women will be admitted free as guest of W. T. Waggoner, owner of the Downs. Their day will be a repetition of last Wednesday, when all women were admitted free to swell the total attendance of that day to 18,813. Success of Ladies Day last week brought the decision to repeat the invitation to women again today.

A real treat for the spectators awaits the beginning this afternoon of the Texas Rangers race as the fourth event of the day. The Rangers, riding as they never rode before even in the "wild" days of Texas, frontier life, will provide the thrills. It is a

quarter-mile race and must secure their own saddles.

Entered in the Rangers Ranger Capt. Tom Hickman, M. T. Gonzales, W. H. G. Ross, G. L. Waggoner and Waggoner.

Another attraction of the day will be the "Texas A. & M. Col. cap," fifth race on the program. Mary Garden, opera singer, present when Ladies Day was first observed last Wednesday.

The races will begin this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The second annual race meet will close Tuesday with the Arlington stakes being in the offering.

Seven races are billed for today.

## Thrilling Episode in Waggoner Racing Serial





highest possible. The work of that type. The photograph was taken while the handles were jeweled and decorated by Guy S. Caldwell, Paris jeweler. No detail has been left untouched, even to the most minute, to insure the perfection of a harmonious decoration.

The guns were made especially according to the state ranger specification, being 45 calibre Colt, single action, Frontier model. They were mounted and engraved in 1924 by the Hoffman Arms Co., of Ardmore, Oklahoma. The work done by the Hoffman company consisted chiefly in the intricate engraving of the entire metal portions of the guns, and also the inlaying of minute gold dragons on both sides of each gun. The name of Rober C. Goss, Company B. Texas Rangers is inscribed down the back of the handle in raised gold letters, is also their work.

The decoration of the ivory handles was done separately and after the guns had been carried for a while. The handle of each gun has on one side a reproduction of the American eagle and shield and on the other, a Texas steer. The eagle is set with a ruby eye and is colored. The steer is set with two ruby eyes and has a tiny gold ring in his nostrils. Also in each of the ivory handles is the trademark of the Colt Arm Company, inlaid in silver.

The guns are carried by Goss in regular service, but are not adapted to use in the contests. Goss is an expert at handling pistols and has won many contests throughout the state, having recently won the state contest at Austin, by a score of 98 out of a possible 100 at a distance of 25 yards. Goss is well known in this section of the state, having been reared in Honey Grove. He has been a member of the State Ranger forces for the past several years, under the captaincy of Tom Hickman.

Captain Hickman, nationally known Texas ranger, has a pair of guns which are very similar to those of Goss. They differ from Goss' guns in that they have a silver finish and a gold plated hammer. They have two ivory handles decorated in exactly the same manner as those on the Goss pistols.

Hickman's pair of guns were on display here some time ago and due to their unusual character and the history connected with them they attracted a great deal of attention. They were carried by Hickman at the time he and other rangers thwarted the robbery of the Red River National Bank of Clarksville, resulting in the death of two bandits.

# Murray Will Ignore Order Enjoining Bridge Barricade

Free Span Open as Houston Judge Dissolves Injunction Forbidding Traffic.

Bill Is in Command

Oklahoma Executive, as Chief, Packs Ancient Pistol.

DURANT, Ok., July 25 (AP).—While Gov. W. H. Murray, commander of the State's soldiery, supped on liver and onions with a group of buck privates in the Red River "war zone" Saturday night, one of his aids, Lieut. Col. John A. MacDonald, gave notice the Governor would defy a Federal Court order issued at Muskogee during the day.

Colonel MacDonald, confronted by Joe W. Bailey of Dallas, attorney for the Red River Bridge Company, seeking to open the now blocked highway to the toll bridge that has been the heart of the battle front, told the attorney he would accept the service of a Federal Court order handed down by Judge Colin Neblett, of New Mexico, sitting at Muskogee, but would "pay no attention to it."

"You mean to say you intend to defy a Federal Court order?" asked Mr. Bailey.

"Yes. I am taking orders from only one man, and he is the Governor of Oklahoma," replied Colonel MacDonald.

Mr. Bailey then returned to the Texas side of the river, accompanied by two Deputy United States Marshals who brought the order.

Citation Indicated: AMARILLO, Texas, July 25 (AP).—Indicating he would cite Gov. William Murray for contempt of court if he broke the Federal injunction issued Saturday on the Denison-Durant toll bridge, Judge Colin Neblett arrived here by plane Saturday en route to his home in Santa Fe, N. M.

Judge Neblett heard the suit at Muskogee, Ok. The injunction restrains Oklahoma from barricading the toll bridge of the Red River Bridge Company.

MUSKOGEE, Ok., July 25 (AP).—Simultaneously with announcement from Durant that the free bridge connecting Durango, Texas, had been opened to traffic, a Federal Court injunction granting an injunction against the Red River Toll Bridge Company restraining the State of Oklahoma from barricading the north approach to the parallel toll structure. Word was received here that Governor Murray intends to maintain the barricade.

The temporary injunction granted by Colin Neblett, Federal Judge, who by order of the court, presided here in the case, was reported at the time.

## Barriers Removed on Free Bridge



The top picture shows the first official car reaching Oklahoma soil after the barriers were removed from the Red River free bridge north of Denison. The car belongs to B. J. Lindsay, stockholder in the toll bridge company, but a booster for the opening of the free span. Mr. Lindsay is on the right of the car. Captain Hickman, on the left, shouted he was "glad the war was over."

In the lower panel, the State Rangers are breaking camp. Left to right: Captain Hickman, Ranger Bob Goss, Ranger A. J. Allen.

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Use on the Red River Front - By Knott

Sooner Scampers To Safety

...have met the enemy, and their n. could have been report carried back to Oklahoma by a pedestrian who crossed the free bridge one week to look the Rangers over.

...ing them over would have been all right with Captain Tom Hickman and his that had been all the danger did. Likewise, he would never have been if he had satisfied with this perfectly harmless pastime.

But the Sooner state citizen decided that he didn't like the of the Rangers after he ed them over; he also decided that he didn't like Governor Sterling, anyhow, even though the executive was absent.

So he proceeded to inform Captain Hickman of his feelings more than that, he used language both vigorous and adapted to use in polite society.

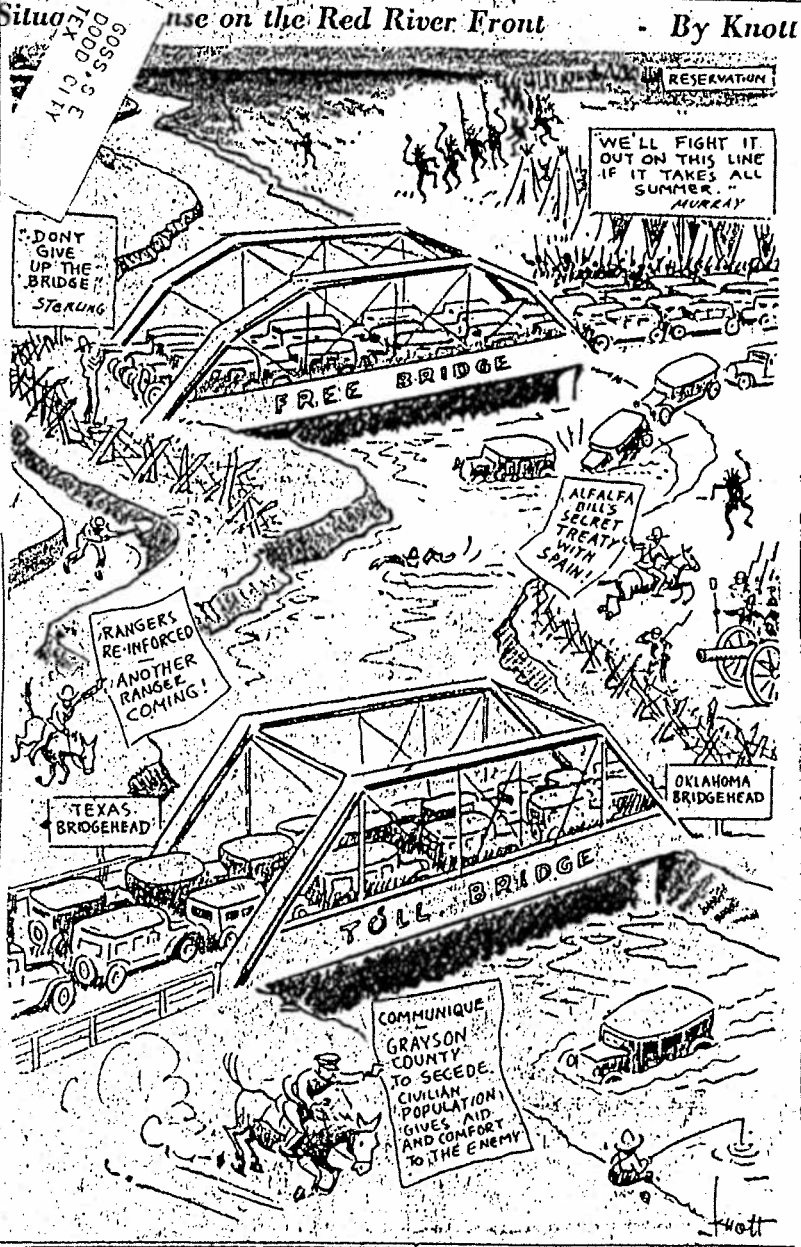
...warning that women were present did not check his tirade.

But Captain Hickman did with a few well placed salutes on the chin—and in other places.

The visitor had correctly gauged the numerical strength of the guard at the bridge, but had overlooked the formality of sizing up the physical punch.

Consequently, when he finished the return journey to the Sooner state, he reported as above quoted—and the correctness of his report was attested to by the map which he carried on his face.

The punch of the enemy was underrated," he is reported as having said.



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...of the Oklahoma...  
...Guard...  
...with Ranger Bob...  
...the military headquar...  
...of the toll bridge...  
...Captain Hickman was fr...  
...ing an official call from...  
...tenant-Colonel McDonald, com...  
...manding the troops on martial...  
...law duty. He took Goss...  
...Before the trio was appe...  
...a feast of fried chicken, string...  
...beans, corn on the cob, and...  
...other edible delights with big...  
...plates of blackberry cobbler...  
...on the side, with iced tea, etc...  
...Of course they were "frien...  
...ly enemies," Captain Hickman...  
...and Ranger Goss arrived at...  
...mealtime. They had to be...

At Oklahoma's Door

With the signing of the emergency bill permits the Red River Toll Bridge Commission obtain a court decision as to its rights under the contract signed with the Texas Highway Commission the tempt in the Bill Murray teapot...  
...down. The Governor of Oklahoma...  
...ceeded in discommoding traffic by his gallery...  
...By refusing to let motorists use the toll bridge...  
...the Federal court injunction denied passage...  
...new crossing, the Governor saved traffic toll...  
...at the cost of an irritating detour of many...  
...the Murray theory was that highway irritation...  
...place pressure on the Texas authorities...  
...absurd. Texas is as anxious as Oklahoma...  
...the bridge, but realizes that there are right and wrong...  
...ways to do it.

The greater probability is that Alfalfa Bill counts on credit coming his way in the eventual partial opening of the bridge. In the manner of the...  
...fly on the chariot wheel, he can now point to...  
...dust he has raised. It is only just to...  
...Governor Murray's noisy passing of the buck to...  
...that he is obscuring his State's entire responsibility...  
...for the disagreeable situation.

Cone Johnson's review of the entire controversy...  
...The News Sunday makes the reason clear. For...  
...the Commissioner had Oklahoma carried...  
...agreement made through Chairman Wentz...  
...Oklahoma Highway Commission, the present...  
...city would never have arisen. His belief is...  
...well founded that had Oklahoma joined with...  
...Texas in supporting the request, the War Department...  
...would have permitted restoration of the old toll bridge...  
...pending opening of the free bridge...  
...would have been avoided. The Denison-Durant bridge...  
...would have been opened on completion and Okla...  
...homa would not be paying services wages to a...  
...National Guard detachment, used to prevent...  
...toll bridge whose owners' rights were certain to...  
...be protected by the courts.

Texas has been in agreement with Governor Mu...  
...ray throughout that the completed bridge should...  
...used. But Texas is not willing to refuse the exercise...  
...of legally granted rights, either to its own citizens...  
...those of Oklahoma.

# Ranger Captain Hickman Accompanies McDuffie's Effects to New Boston



CAPTAIN TOM HICKMAN

LONGVIEW, Texas.—(P)—Ranger Captain Tom Hickman Wednesday investigated the slaying of Ranger Dan L. McDuffie, shot to death at Gladewater Tuesday night by Jeff Johnson, former city jailer.

After ordering the seven other members of company "B," Texas Rangers to be prepared to attend McDuffie's funeral in full ranger regalia, Hickman proceeded to New Boston with McDuffie's personal effects.

McDuffie's body was sent to his former home at New Boston Wednesday.

Hickman was assisted in his investigation by Ranger Sergeant M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gousaullas and Ranger R. G. Goss.

Police Chief W. A. Dial, who shot Johnson, was found Wednesday to have fired in self defense. He was riding in the automobile with McDuffie and two other officers when Johnson fired with a rifle.

The bullet struck McDuffie in the leg, causing him to bleed to death. Dial shot Johnson seven times through the body, fatally wounding him.

The officers had been called to investigate a complaint that Johnson had been firing his rifle recklessly in Gladewater. As they drove up, Johnson stepped into a doorway and fired.

## AUSTIN RANGERS ATTEND CEREMONIES

AUSTIN.—(P)—Three rangers from Austin headquarters left to attend the funeral of Ranger Dan L. McDuffie at New Boston Thursday.

McDuffie was shot to death at Gladewater Tuesday night. The three were Captain C. O. Moore, and Rangers B. M. Gault and G. M. Allen. They expected to join rangers from other companies at the funeral.

# PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES OF FEE FORGERIES

Sentences on First Two  
of Four Indictments  
to Be Cumulative.

## BOWEN TRIAL PENDING

Deaths of Two Former  
Officials Believed  
Over Charges.

AUSTIN.—(P)—Claude Ray of Gilmer, former district clerk of Upshur county, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on each of five indictments charging forgery of state witness fees when he pleaded guilty to the indictments in Travis county district court, Wednesday.

Sentences on the first two indictments will be cumulative with the sentences on the last three to run concurrently with the cumulative terms. Under this arrangement, Ray will serve a maximum of four years. The minimum sentence was assessed in each case.

Ray's indictments on the forgery charges followed investigation of fee claims made against the state by county and district officials. Nine indictments charging John W. Bowen of Dallas with forgery of witness certificates and passing forged certificates, are pending with Bowen's trial set for October 19.

The investigation is being continued by a special committee of the senate and a mass of additional information recently was presented to a special grand jury in Travis county, but no indictments were returned. The grand jury recessed subject to call in event the committee uncovered additional information to warrant a session.

The death of two former officials was attributed to suicide brought about by alleged connection with witness fee certificate forgeries.

# SLAIN RANGER IMPORTANT IN KIDNAP PROBE

Blow Suffered in Case  
as McDuffie Killed  
at Gladewater.

The fatal shooting of Texas Ranger Dan McDuffie in the East Texas oil fields Tuesday night struck a hard blow at the state's investigation into the kidnaping of R. W. Hanks, Redwater bank cashier, last December, District Attorney Eimer L. Lincoln revealed Wednesday.

At request of the district attorney Ranger McDuffie had been assigned by the attorney general in June to work on the kidnaping case.

At the time of his death he was in the oil fields in search of two men in connection with the Hanks' investigation, having gone there July 2.

James Glasgow was convicted in connection with the kidnaping several months ago and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Travis Norwood is scheduled to go to trial at the same time in connection with the kidnaping. Others believed implicated in the plot have evaded arrest.

Lincoln's statement: "I am inexpressibly shocked and grieved over the untimely death of Ranger Dan McDuffie. Law enforcement has lost a courageous champion and defender. Ranger McDuffie was a fearless but a wise and cunning officer and investigator.

"He has rendered valuable assistance in a number of matters in this county, the most recent of which was the Hanks kidnaping and the attempt of robbery of the Redwater bank. The officers fear that they have not obtained all the facts about the Hanks kidnaping. We are sure others than the one convicted had a prominent part in it. Those who know about it are widely scattered over the state of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. In order to carry the investigation forth, in the month of June I requested the adjutant general to assign Ranger McDuffie to work on that case in this county.

The adjutant general sent him here, Texas, and he worked under my direction during the time he spent in this county. He made a very full investigation. He left here on July 2 to go to the East Texas oil fields in search of two men in connection with the Hanks kidnaping. I have been daily expecting a report from him on the results of his investigation. His death evidently leaves the mystery unsolved. We have left no stone unturned to discover and bring to trial every person implicated in the Hanks kidnaping.

"It is a matter of deep regret that we have lost so brave and efficient an officer as Ranger McDuffie."

EIMER L. LINCOLN,  
District Attorney

# WILL ATTEND BURIAL

(Continued from Page One)  
up with a grin, and speak about as follows:

"Buddy, I've got a warrant for you. Now I've nothing against you, but I have to do my duty under the law, and I'm going to treat you nice." Then officer and prisoner would walk off congenially toward the lock up. New Boston residents say McDuffie handled many a drunk or desperado in this fashion, requiring no violence.

The "boy constable" served a year New Boston and then became a deputy sheriff under Bob Cannon, until 1903. He served under Sheriff J. F. Rochelle, T. B. Morris, J. E. Edwards, and J. D. Baker, "out of the time as chief deputy."

As a prohibition agent, he was used in undercover work by the government all over the country, helping to work up evidence which resulted in several seasonal round ups, including one city wide raid at New Orleans.

He also served a year as deputy United States marshal six or seven years ago, with headquarters in Texarkana.

Here are some of the tributes paid Wednesday to Dan McDuffie: "Of J. D. Baker, former sheriff—"Of all the peace officers that ever worked for me, McDuffie is the best. In fact, he was the best peace officer I ever knew. We ran against each other for office three times; but he was always clean and honorable and we never had a falling out or misunderstanding. He did more good work than any officer I have ever seen. I can't say too much for him as an officer and a man. He was the first officer I ever employed, and he knew he could always have a job with me whenever he wanted it."

Ennis Bryan, former chief deputy sheriff—"He was an efficient an officer as we have ever had in Bowie county, showing favors to none in law enforcement. I worked with him lots of times and found him always ready and willing to help any peace officer."

Active pallbearers will be: M. A. Hart, Jr., A. B. Barfield, C. W. Burgess, R. J. Hart, F. J. King, R. M. Hubbard, Dan Merridith and Hugh Carney.

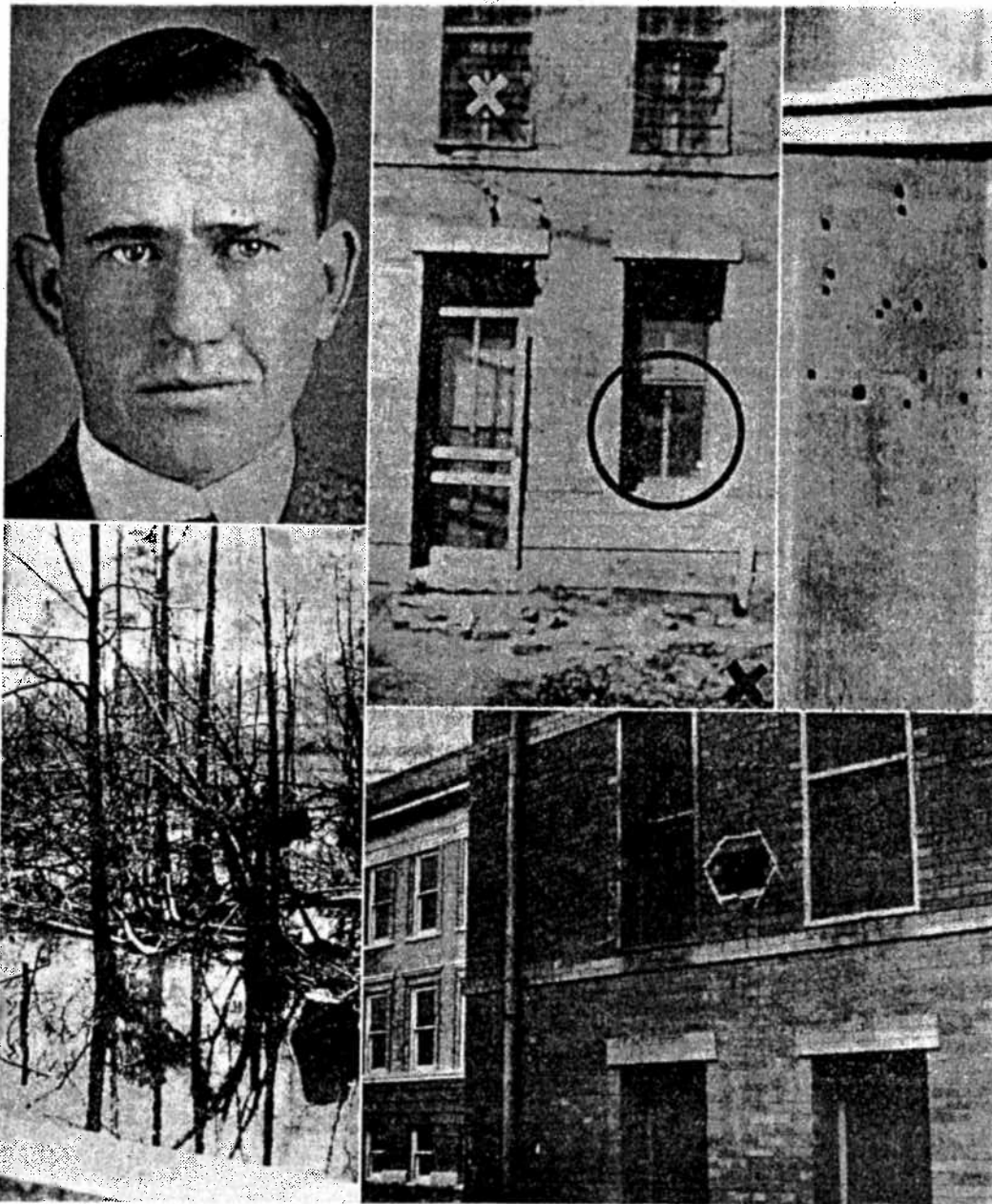
Honorary pallbearers will be: James H. Simms, Simms; J. F. Rochelle, Texarkana; J. F. Crump, Texarkana; J. D. Baker, Texarkana; A. L. Simms, Simms; C. A. Berkshire, Texarkana; M. A. Hart, Sr., New Boston; J. F. Walker, New Boston; T. H. Lenox, DeKalb; A. G. Crump, Sr., DeKalb; C. C. Crump, DeKalb; T. P. Trimble, New Boston; W. L. Hall, New Boston; J. C. Traou, New Boston; Harvey Miller, New Boston; Joe Ellis, New Boston; C. R. Pirkey, New Boston; Leon Missildine, New Boston; Captain Tom Hickman, Fort Worth; Senator J. W. E. Ryeck, DeKalb; W. S. Tyson, New Boston; E. L. Lincoln, Texarkana; E. T. Faze, Redwater; R. W. Hanks, Redwater; J. S. Jouts, Redwater; Joe W. Traou, New Boston; Toke Johnson, New Boston; G. D. Missildine, New Boston; C. W. Jones, New Boston; O. W. Lanier, New Boston; John Tidwell, New Boston; W. C. Mitchell, New Boston; W. C. Barfield, New Boston; J. C. Missildine, New Boston; General W. W. Sterling, Austin; R. H. Hall, DeKalb; D. C. Johnson, Atlanta; Lee Tidwell, Fort Worth; M. E. Merrill, New Boston; L. R. Atkins, New Boston; G. S. Bostick, New Boston; J. C. Sturgeon, New Boston; W. O. Looney, New Boston; W. M. Bloxham, New Boston; O. W. Blocker, New Boston; J. W. McAnulty, New Boston; W. A. Simpson, New Boston; W. J. Goodman, New Boston; D. E. Wyatt, New Boston; Webster White, New Boston; T. A. Sanders, New Boston; D. A. Chambers, New Boston; S. H. Ball, Texarkana, Ross Perot, Texarkana; W. H. Lynch, Texarkana; Julian Frieled, Texarkana; Arlie Rochelle, Texarkana; T. S. Irby, Maud; Roy Fomby, Maud; J. M. Smith, Hooks; J. R. Gwinn, Hooks; W. D. Smith, Hooks; H. Jones, Hall, DeKalb; O. B. Perot, Waco; Pat Hudson, Dallas; Fletcher Albright, Marietta; J. B. Feas, Dalingertield; Jack Dalby, Springs; E. R. Joiner, New Boston; G. E. Abe Mabone, New Boston; Judge Owens, DeKalb; Gus Hubbard, Texarkana; George W. Morris, Texarkana; G. S. Leachman, Dallas; Phil E. Paris; James T. Trigg, Lubbock; M. Banes, Dallas; J. R. Crawford, DeKalb; J. M. Tidwell, New Boston; Judge Randolph Braxton, Sherman.

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# The Marshall Morning News

## No Clues, No Motive in Slaying of Sheriff

OLD NEWS COVERAGE



Above are scenes that tell what is known of the brutal slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown, 42, at his home in Jefferson, Texas, early Wednesday. Top—Sheriff Brown and screen showing buckshot holes. Bottom, (in circle)—window through which assassin shot Brown. (X) at the bottom of the same scene is where assassin is believed to have stood. (X) in upper window of same scene is where a prisoner in the Marion county jail was standing as he saw a man approach in the darkness, fire a shot and flee. Second scene—Portion of jail building showing a hole cut in the wall by two negroes who escaped last week. Third scene—Big Cypress swamp area which extends to within a few yards of the jail, into which the assassin may have escaped. (Photos by courtesy

(Associated Press.)  
JEFFERSON, Texas, March 11. Sheriff G. H. Barrett of Camp county said today he had found no clues, no motive and no suspects in the shotgun slaying yesterday of Marion County Sheriff Alex Brown. Capt. W. J. Elliott of the state

highway patrol, however, said a gaming device operator, recently run out of Marion county during Sheriff Brown's vigorous drive against gambling and bootlegging, was being sought at Tyler and Kilgore. Posses of East Texans with

whom Brown had been a popular sheriff reported no success in their hunts over Marion and surrounding counties. Brown died of a shot in the back, fired by a stealthy slayer who slipped up to the sheriff's bedroom window as the officer made ready for bed.

# The Girl

# Never Drilled In

By TUCKER & LASCHINGER

GILMER, UFSH

# CLAUDE RAY

UR COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON MAY 14, 1931.

# TAKEN TO A

### SHAKEDOWN COMES OFF HERE QUETLY WHEN OFFICERS ENTER

### RAIDS FOR LIQUOR, NARCOTICS AND CRIMINALS NETS MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

Captain Tom Hickman of company D, Texas Rangers, arrived in Kilgore about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and with a group of 19 Texas Rangers started a complete clean-up of Kilgore.

By 6 o'clock 400 suspicious characters and a number of known boom-town criminals had been herded into the First Baptist Church, where they were being searched for fire-arms and finger printed.

The group was marched down the Henderson highway to the church building while several thousand local citizens looked on the parade with wide interest.

The clean-up was staged quietly and in a well-planned manner, the Rangers starting their work before local

## STATE THOUGHT WORKING OUT CHARGE IN PROBE

Ranger Robert G. Goss and George H. Sheppard, late comptroller, returned to Austin today with Claude Ray, Upshur county district



# S ORDERED TO HOLD EAST TEXAS FIELDS

## 56TH CAVALRY IS INSTRUCTED TO HOLD FOR IMMEDIATE DUTY

### Fort Worth Guardsmen Are Ordered to Depot; Martial Law Imminent

Adjutant General Bill Sterling Says Martial Law Is "Pretty Good Guess" When Queried on Governor's Action; Sterling Says Troops Ordered to Sleep With Pants on and Guns at Side

AUSTIN, Aug. 15.—(AP)—THE 56TH CAVALRY OF THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD STATIONED HERE WAS ORDERED TO HOLD ITSELF IN READINESS FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON. THE UNIT PROBABLY WOULD BE THE FIRST ORDERED INTO THE EAST TEXAS OIL FIELD SHOULD MARTIAL LAW BE DECLARED.

"SLEEP WITH THEIR PANTS ON, GUNS AT THEIR SIDES."

HOUSTON, Aug. 15.—(UP)—"Have you had the state troops mobilized?" the governor was asked.

The governor grinned. "I told them to be in readiness," the governor answered.

"What is readiness?" the governor was asked.

"Well, when they tell 'em to be in readiness in the army, that means for 'em to clean up their arms."

There was any possibility of martial law being declared in East Texas today. He replied that there was nothing definite that he could say at present and that he was leaving this afternoon for Austin.

The governor said he knew nothing of a reported mobilization in Fort Worth.

"I don't look after the individual units, you know," he added.

"I have simply told the adjutant general in Austin to have the National Guard held in readiness. I don't know yet whether they will be used or whether I will declare martial law in East Texas. There may be something later."

#### LONGVIEW'S COMPANY IS AT ENCAMPMENT

Captain A. V. Goypé and Company, A. 144th infantry, Longview's unit in the state national guard encampment, which was scheduled to break up Saturday and the troops return to their respective homes Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Governor Sterling's order to mobilize the militia and hold it in readiness for East Texas oil field duty, was interpreted here as being an order to hold the state guard unit at the encampment intact before the troops disbanded.

DALLAS, Aug. 15.—(UP)—Major S. J. Haughton, acting commander of the 112th regiment of the 56th cavalry brigade, Texas National Guard, said this afternoon that all of the local cavalry units, numbering 969 men and 73 officers had been ordered to report to the Achuman's Dam armory at 5 p. m. today ready for duty in the oil fields.

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## TEXAS MILITIA LEAVE FOR E

night, it was understood.  
Each troop is composed of three officers and 55 men. Mobilization was taking place at the cavalry headquarters, 2200 Montgomery street.  
A train of guardsmen from Mineral Wells was expected here this afternoon.

### MARTIAL LAW IS A "GOOD GUESS"

AUSTIN, Aug. 15.—(UP)—Adjutant General W. W. Sterling conceded at 4:20 p.m. today that "it's a pretty good guess the governor is going to declare martial law for the East Texas oil fields."  
He said he had not received orders from Governor Sterling mobilizing the troops, but that the troops are already mobilized in summer encampment at Palacios.  
General Sterling was at his home when he made the comment. He said he was returning to his office in a few minutes to see if Governor Sterling had sent orders there for troop movements.

### GREAT FEELING OF ETEX UNREST

(AP)—Governor Ross Sterling

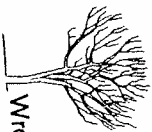
achment of the 11th Cavalry  
the unit number about 2125  
He refused to reveal the source of  
the troops.

By The Associated Press  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.—Norman Lind  
says Australia has decided to emigrate  
to the United States. He says  
Australia and British people generally  
generally grow weary of "wowers."  
This was after he was prosecuted  
because of some of his pictures in  
the nude and after the authorities  
suppressed his book.



### Ron Kestenbaum bemoans the Gents' latest loss.

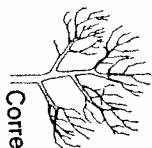
Andy Sharp Photos, In Sports, Page 1-C



Wrong

### A home fruit supply calls for annual training, pruning.

A PM feature by Dr. Joe White, Page 1-B



Correct

### Occasional Rain

Cold with occasional rain through Wednesday, possibly freezing tonight and early Wednesday. High..... mid-30s. Low..... upper 20s. High Wednesday..... near 40. Low this morning..... 29.

Weather Details Page 6-A



### column ONE MARGE FISCHER

### Token' Columnist In Great Company

As far as I'm concerned being asked to write a Page One column is about on par with being invited to the White House. Why would I be asked? And, why would I be asked? Well, golly gee, what shall I wear? In this case, the latter question should be switched to "What'll I say?" (The answer is simple enough, I could praise the on and on and on. Just ask anyone who knows me.) If it needs to be something worth reading, complications arise. However, you have to have a certain amount of audacity (gall, nerve, ego — call it what you will) to write for a newspaper in any capacity. The feeling that deadness flows from your articles through the

# Shreveport Journal

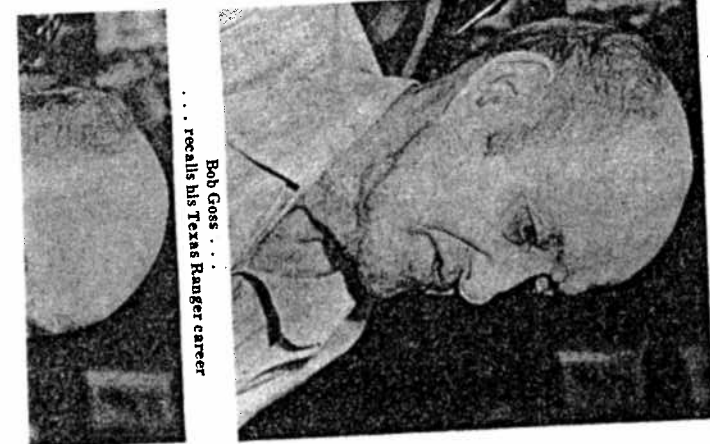
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## President Wants To Prohibit All Nuclear Satellites

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, warning of possible nuclear disaster, says there should be a "total prohibition" on satellites with nuclear material aboard. Carter told a news conference Monday he favors an agreement with the Soviet Union banning such satellites until "falsafe methods" are developed to prevent a recurrence of last week's incident in which a Soviet spy satellite fell in Canada's far northwest. Soviet embassy officials were not available for comment on Carter's proposal.



Bob Goss . . . recalls his Texas Ranger career

## Rangers' Appearance Ended Celebration For 2 Bank Robbers

By JAMES BURNS  
Journal Staff Writer

KILGORE — A pair of bank robbers were relaxing in their favorite Cotton County, Okla. bar after another lucrative heist down in Texas. But their celebration abruptly ended with the appearance of two Texas Rangers who had tracked them north from Denton.

That story was just one of several the retired lawman, six months from his 80th birthday, remembered recently during an interview in his comfortable home in Kilgore, Texas. The former Ranger's memory is crowded with tales from 40 years with the legendary Texas unit. Goss can recall one about the Oklahoma episode from the 1920s. According to the Ranger, he and his partner had planned to capture the two bank robbers and return them to Texas for





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# ASSCOE

## TRIAL IS SET NEXT MONDAY IN KIDNAPING

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Cashier's Shooting.

Jess Glasscoe, charged with kidnaping and shooting R. W. Hanks, Redwater banker, pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in Bowie county district court at Boston.

His trial was set for Monday.

A special venire of 75 men was ordered drawn for the jury.

The other charges against the defendant are kidnaping and assault to murder, both of which are punishable by comparatively light prison terms.

Glasscoe is said to have no funds with which to employ counsel and it will be necessary for Judge George W. Johnson to appoint an attorney to defend him.

The district attorney Tuesday questioned Della Mae Warren, Texarkana girl who was quizzed Saturday, and took a written statement from her. The girl told newspapermen Saturday that she knew nothing of the kidnaping or events leading up to it. Waters declined to reveal the nature of testimony in her statement.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend court at Boston is expected when Glasscoe goes to trial—a throng which may even exceed those which packed the courtroom to hear the Dave Goodwin murder trial.

Two Texas rangers, Dan McDuffie and Bob Goss, are on hand for the trial, although officers insist that they fear no disturbances. McDuffie and Goss are known as two of the best revolver shots in the state service.

It was McDuffie, who has been a member of the rangers only about three weeks, who headed the investigation which resulted in the indictment of Glasscoe.

Glasscoe was in the Bowie county jail Tuesday, having been removed to Boston from the Paris jail Monday by Sheriff Henry Brooke and James

fore the election of criticisms levelled at my administration, especially the law enforcement department, I did not care to dignify such statements by a denial previous to the election. Politics is entirely foreign to me, and I preferred to rest my campaign on my past record, rather than pre-election statements; but I am moved to issue this statement now because there are numerous law abiding people here who have been grossly misled and misinformed on several matters.

"I want the co-operation of all citizens in promoting the best interests of the Kilgore city government. I am anxious for them to call at my office and call to my attention any matters they think are not right. So long as I hear no complaints, evidence points to everyone being happy.

"Before the election, reports came to me of criticism of the law enforcement department. On one hand, I would hear criticisms to the effect that Kilgore was a victim of "over law enforcement," and then I would hear reports to the effect that with enforcement in charge of the present city officers, conditions here would soon rival those of other notorious Texas oil towns.

"As regards the criticism of "over law enforcement" so long as I have any authority and can do anything to assure it, lives and property are going to be secure in Kilgore. There are too many people here who do not realize how terrible conditions can become in an oil town unless officers are eternally on the job. The criminal ele-

common in some Texas oil towns and specific instances can be cited; but Kilgore has a group of officers who will never tolerate such conditions.

"Texas Rangers have been working here in co-operation with local officers, but they have been to Texas oil towns where they were put to the necessity of locking up all local officers before any progress could be made toward making a clean town for decent people to live in.

"The critics ask the Rangers what they think of our officers. They are unanimous in their praise of work done by the local officers. Chief P. K. McIntosh served three years as chief of police at San Angelo and has one of the cleanest records of any law enforcement officer in Texas. Marvin Wooton, assistant chief, served at both

Mexia and Borger as assistant chief after martial law was lifted at those places, and was installed in that position at the request of Texas Rangers. U. S. Huntsman served as a nofficer for seven years in his home county. All of these officers came here with the best of recommendations.

"I publicly state Kilgore has the best law enforcement of any oil town Texas has ever known, and I will fight to the last minute to keep conditions here clean and decent where honest people may live in peace and safety."

Tax bill of American public utilities is \$400,000,000 a year with owners of their stocks and bonds estimated to pay \$200,000,000 more.

Longview Journal April 18th 1931

# Tough Guys Arrested In Longview Raid Yesterday

Ten customers in a roadhouse three miles from Longview on the Kilgore highway sustained a severe shock at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon when Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzaballas and Ranger R. G. Goss walked into the establishment and arrested three men and two women. The ten customers were held for a few minutes and allowed to depart. Five pistols were taken off the people arrested and several gallons of liquor were seized. They were later placed in the Longview jail.

Witnesses state the owners of the liquor had boasted they were "tough" and would not submit to arrest, but evidently changed their minds.

Soon after the roadhouse owners were placed in jail a domino parlor in Longview was raided by the rangers and 40 people found in the place were marched down a main business street of Longview to the jail. One escaped convict was found in the domino hall. He had been sent to Huntville from Beville. Three narcotic addicts were found, and five men are being held for investigation.

## "Lone Wolf" Aids Gladewater Mayor Plan His Bastile

GLADEWATER, April 21 (AP)—Ranger Sergeant M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzaballas and Ranger R. G. Goss conferred Tuesday with F. B. Phillips, mayor of this newly incorporated town, and Carl B. Everett and G. C. Dunaway, commissioners, in regard to establishment of a jail chain gang method of law enforcement.

Officials of the town, which was incorporated last Saturday, assured the rangers their cooperation in enforcement in this booming oil center, Gonzaballas said.

## Mayor Grim Thanks Voters And Issues Statement On The City Administration

Prefacing his remarks by thanking the voters for re-electing him to the office of mayor and declaring their confidence in him would not be betrayed, J. Malcolm Grim issued a statement today in militant defense of his administration, and answered the critics who have been assailing the city government, especially the law enforcement department. Following is the mayor's statement, which is complete and speaks for itself.

"I am deeply grateful to those who expressed their confidence in me by re-electing me to serve my first full term as mayor. Those who have known me for the most of my years know that I will

ment only ask a little let up in law enforcement, and it is not long until they are in full power.

"I will back the officers to the last ditch in enforcing the law here. How would those critics of 'over law enforcement', appreciate living in a town where if they were to complain to officers of a roughneck insulting a wife, that within 24 hours they would be beaten up by a gang of ruffians on the main street, and officers would arrest the victim and fine him, while the roughnecks went free?"

"How would they like to live in an oil town where all complaints to officers against criminals were met by vio-

# High Praise Given Peace Officers For Good Law Enforcement Here

Highest praise for the all law abiding citizens work of local law enforcement officers was sounded at the resolution adopted at a mass meeting of citizens meeting.

and students held at the school house Wednesday afternoon with Rev. George W. Rusk oil area view with Wilburn presiding. Not a much satisfaction the gener-word of criticism was spok-al quiet and orderly condi-en at the meeting directed tions which have prevailed in toward the work of the of this territory since the be-ficers. A number of citizens ginning of the oil develop-spoke at the session and all ment; and whereas, these were unanimous in praise of the officers. The meeting citizens are interested in the was climaxed by unanimous continued welfare of our adoption of a resolution call-older residents and all the new-comers who have come to ing attention to the splendid develop the resources of this work of the officers, and district, and hope to see our pledging the co-operation of several communities grow into safe, pleasant inviting places in which to live; and whereas, it is believed the unusual order which exists with us today is very largely the result of the intelligent and efficient service of our public officers, with the co-operation of the Texas Rangers, be it resolved:

"First, that we express our appreciation of the work done by these officers and commend their service in behalf of public safety and welfare.

"Second, that we express our thanks to the governor

of the state, the adjutant general and others who have sent and kept the Texas Rangers among us for vigilant service to this section.

"Third, that we promise our co-operation in the promotion of their service and in every effort for the general civic and social welfare of this oil territory."

The resolution was introduced by Miss Virginia L. Kelly, prominent in Longview civic work.

Rev. Wilburn praised the work done by the Kilgore Daily News in developing a better community in Kilgore. When he called more than half of the audience signified they were subscribers. Wilburn, also, called attention to the splendid work done by Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzaballas and Ranger R. C. Goss. The speaker emphasized the point that officers alone could not keep crime suppressed in Kilgore, and that it could only be done with the sincere co-operation of the citizenship.

E. C. Elder, superintendent of the Kilgore schools, pledged the earnest co-operation of the schools in promoting law observance.

## Huge Mass Meeting Will Be Held Here Wednesday

A special East Texas-wide mass meeting will be held at the Kilgore High School at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Every citizen of the new oil section of East Texas is urged and invited to attend this meeting which will be addressed by prominent speakers from this section.

The meeting will be held in the interest of law enforcement and church work in this section.

Among the speakers on the program will be Ranger Sergeant M. T. Gonzaballas, Miss Virgie Kelley of Longview, a leader in church and civic affairs; Mrs. A. A. Latham, a social worker of Longview; Miss Cora Mackey, superintendent of education for Gregg county. It is also stated that District Judge Reuben Hall of Marshall will speak on the program if he can get away from his court duties.

Pastors of all the churches in this section are especially invited to attend the meeting.

The announcement of this great gathering was made over radio station KRLD

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# RANGERS MAKE FIRST CLEAN UP

Rangers Who Led Kilgore Clean-Up

## RANGERS ARREST 73 NEGROES IN GAMBLING RAID

Grege County Jail Opens Gates to One of Largest Groups

## GONZAULLAS AND GOSS OVERPOWER GUARDS

Officers Destroy Interior of Palace Royal Dance Hall

Grege county jail opened wide its gates early this morning to inmates what is believed to be the largest group ever arrested here in one lot. Sergeant Henry G. Goss, Gonzauillas and Ranger K. G. Searles assisted by deputies out-ripped Martin Hays' office and placed 73 negroes in a gambling hall on the south side of West street in what is known as the Old Field section.

At 1:30 this morning the work of releasing the prisoners and pooling the contraband weapons and gambling paraphernalia, taken from them was still going on at Grege county jail. The jail yard was littered with the remaining forms of negroes, and the line filed steadily by the two rangers, Menawhile John Henry Gee, West

## RANGERS ARREST 73 NEGROES IN GAMBLING RAID

Captured from past one lot from the dancing hall, arrested quickly demolished chairs, tables and other furniture.

The contraband taken when the negroes were released included the following: 30 pocket knives of various brands, 25 pocket knives of various brands, two revolvers, three razors, an belt of dice and large crap table with top of one, one black and white table with one, (color) (D or B) table with layout.

The raid occurred at 11 o'clock this business of checking in the new guests and their baggage went on at the jail long after 11 o'clock with Rangers Gonzauillas and Goss and Deputy John Savage assisting.

Bonds of \$2500 were posted of the negroes and indications were the jail was in the matter of housing overnight guests.



Ten rangers started a surprise raid on the center of the newly discovered East Texas oil field, Kilgore, a small town of 800, has jumped to 1,500 in January, beginning 500 rangers were caught in their attempt to throw out by the rangers. It was necessary to convert the First Baptist Church into a temporary

Pockets Full of Money, Oil Field Roughnecks in Kilgore Saturday For Week-End of Reckless Spending

STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBER  
RANGER FORCE

Name Robert G. Goss  
Rank Private  
Company A  
Station Kilgore

Enlisted November 3, 1936  
Assigned May 1, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE AND DESCRIPTION  
THE TEXAS RANGER DIVISION

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger Force, Station \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gragg \_\_\_\_\_

I, Robert G. Goss \_\_\_\_\_, born in Fannin County \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of Texas \_\_\_\_\_, aged 38 years and 4 months, and by occupation a Peace Officer do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 3rd day of November

1936, as a Private in The Texas Ranger Division, Department of Public Safety of this State, for the period of two years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of The Texas Ranger Division according to the best of my ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and that I shall not engage in or take part in any political campaign, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. I do further solemnly swear that I do not have a wife or single unmarried child who is drawing compensation from the State of Texas in violation of Sect. 2 of the General Provision of the laws of the 44th Legislature. And I furthermore answer that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my appointment. So help me God.

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me, this~~ \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of November A. D. 1936.



Fill in description below. Notary Public, Gregg County, Texas \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that Robert G. Goss \_\_\_\_\_, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 38 years 4 months of age. Height 5 feet 11 inches. Complexion Fair Eyes Gray Hair Brown Born at Honey Grove County of Fannin State of Texas Weight 195 Residence Kilgore, Texas Occupation Peace Officer Married or Single Married Previous Service \_\_\_\_\_

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