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W. W. Poe of the Winters Mrs. T. W. Robertson returned country, was here on business last Friday from an extended visit Saturday. to relatives in Waco.

## POINDEXTER CLUB PASS RESOLUTIONS

Call Meeting Endorse Candidate for Governor in Strongest Terms. New Members for Club.

A call meeting of the Ballinger Poindexter Club was held at the Ballinger opera house Tuesday morning at ten thirty o'clock for the purpose of discussing the gubernatorial campaign in matters of recent development.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. A. Traylor, who stated the object of the meeting, and called for business.

Judge M. C. Smith suggested that a committee on resolutions be appointed, and J. T. Dawson made motion that such a committee be named. The chairman named Judge M. C. Smith, W. W. Chastain, J. T. Dawson, Chas. Furgason and J. H. Kelly. The committee retired to draft resolutions.

While the committee was deliberating quite a number were called on for speeches. Judge A. E. Wood was the first to speak and stated that he had the pleasure of riding from Winters to Ballinger on the train with Mr. Colquitt, who spoke here Monday, and during the time Mr. Colquitt discussed politics very freely with him, and stated that he realized that Judge Poindexter was the man that he had to beat.

Judge Wood was followed by a number of others, who expressed themselves as being stronger for Poindexter than ever, since heard two of the other candidates speak.

Mr. Traylor stated that the membership of the Poindexter club had reached 254 and was growing. Three new names were added to the list at this meeting.

The committee on resolutions reported and offered as their report the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

### Resolutions.

WHEREAS, for nearly a third of a century the prohibitionists of Texas have waged what has been until recently an up-hill fight against the liquor traffic in this State; and

WHEREAS, during the early stages of the fight and ever since the cause of prohibition has had the benefit of the advice and active assistance of certain citizens of Texas of preeminent ability, intellect and moral standing, who were true to the cause of temperance when it was extremely unpopular and even at times dangerous, so to be; and

WHEREAS, under their wise leadership, the cause of prohibition has prospered until the time is now at hand when victory seems to be within our grasp; and

WHEREAS, it is known of all men that it is necessary for the good of the cause that the next Governor of Texas shall be a prohibitionist on whom we can rely under any and all circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a great number of life-long prohibitionists have induced Honorable William Poindexter, who has been one of their most preeminent and capable leaders for more than a quarter of a century, to announce himself for the office of Governor; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the prohibitionists of Texas, without reference to party creed, have organized an Anti-Saloon League of Texas, and individual citizens of the State have contributed their means to finance the League and make it an effective weapon in the fight on the whiskey traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Saloon League of Texas was organized as a non-partisan organization, its chief object and purpose being to wage an unceasing war against

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the liquor traffic in the State of Texas, and to thereby further the interest of the great cause of prohibition; and

WHEREAS, from the inner circle of that organization, certain partisan members, wearing its official toga, in violation of its prime object and purpose, have recently organized themselves into a dictatorship and are now presuming to dictate to the prohibitionists of Texas for whom they shall vote for Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Ballinger Poindexter Club that we condemn the action of said inner circle of the Anti-Saloon League in attempting to dictate to the veteran prohibitionists of Texas for whom they shall vote in the coming contest in the Democratic primaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this Club remain steadfast in their loyalty to Judge Poindexter, whom we know to be a sincere friend of the cause of prohibition, rather than commit ourselves to the fortunes of any candidate who has not proven by his works that he can be depended upon in the final struggle which is near at hand for control of this state.

M. C. SMITH.  
J. H. KELLY.  
W. W. CHASTAIN.  
CHAS. FURGASON.  
J. T. DAWSON.

### APPRECIATES THEIR HELP.

Through the columns of the Banner-Leader I desire to thank the many friends who have so kindly assisted me thus far in my race for the piano. While I did not win the special prize of ten dollars, given last Monday, yet I was not far behind the winner, and feel greatly encouraged by the good showing I was able to make. I am going to do my very best to win the next prize, and any assistance my friends may be able to give me in the way of subscriptions or merchant votes will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

MARY THOMPSON.  
Hatchell, Texas, May 4, 1910.

W. P. Cussembary came up from Talpa Monday to look after business and to hear Hon. Colquitt speak.

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A. L. Van Dyke and family, who have been living in Ballinger for a number of years, have moved to Bell county, where they will make their home.

Ira Beard, of Winters, represented the Winters K. of P. Grand Lodge at the meeting at Beaumont.

Rev. Smith, formerly of Colorado, Texas, has accepted the work as pastor at large of the Brownwood Presbytery of the Presbyterian U. S. A. church. He will very probably make his home in Ballinger.

R. J. Queen, of the Crews county, was in town Monday.

### THE RABBIT HUNT

#### GREAT SUCCESS

The rabbit drive in South Ballinger was a great success last Friday and over three hundred rabbits were slaughtered. The people of the neighborhood thru which the drive was made did themselves proud in providing a spread for the hungry crowd.

Another drive was pulled off Saturday in the Benoit neighborhood and something over three hundred rabbits were put out of business, and another barbecue and picnic dinner made a pleasant feature of the occasion.

The farmers of the country surrounding Ballinger are thinning the rabbits out in a hurry by pulling off the annual rabbit hunts, and by so doing they are saving hundreds of dollars in damage to crops.

J. J. Martin, who was called home on account of the illness of Mrs. Martin, has returned to Martin, to dispose of a bunch of horses he has at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hart, of Abilene, passed through Sunday en route to their home on a visit to Houston. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Glascock.

Paul Michealis, of the Hatchell country, was in town Monday and was carrying his arm in a sling as the result of a scrap with a horse. The horse got the best of him by kicking him and breaking his arm.

Rev. E. O. Kerr, of Tom Green county, was a delegate to a call meeting of the Brownwood Presbytery, which was held in Ballinger Monday night.

Rev. C. W. Yates, of San Angelo, was here Monday to attend a call meeting of the Brownwood Presbytery.

John Hoffer, of Winters, was a visitor in Ballinger Sunday.

W. E. Duncan, of Winters, was here Monday.

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**SPRING IS HERE.**

The Ice King has called in his noisy, biting, messengers that moaned and sighed in the leafless trees through the long winter nights.  
He no longer hangs the icicle from the dripping eaves, or clothes the hill-sides and valleys in a garment of white, or scatters abroad his hoar frost, or lays icy fingers upon the waters. Lo! Spring with her soft breezes, whispering in the tall tree tops, with her bright sunshine dispelling the shadows from every corner, with her joyous songsters pouring forth sweetest strains from every leafy bower, and arrayed in a robe as varied as the many colored flowers, is with us again. Once more the merry song of the plow boy is borne to us upon the breeze, and at twilight is heard the song of the whippoorwill.  
All nature rejoices and exults in this happy change.  
"There's perfume upon every wind.  
Dew from the moisture loving flowers,  
Sweets for the sucking bee;  
The sick come forth for the healing south,  
The young are gathering flowers,  
And life is a tale of poetry  
That is told by the golden hours."

**SHAKESPEARE CLUB WITH MRS. DAN MOSER, JR.**

The Shakespeare Club, Ballinger's leading literary organization, held its closing meeting for this season at the cosy home of Mrs. D. P. Moser, Jr., Thursday afternoon, it being the close of the play Henry IV.  
The house was beautifully and appropriately decorated in the club colors of yellow and white, the color scheme being carried out with white and yellow roses, making a pretty scene amid the pleasant surroundings. Mrs. K. V. Northington, one of our most brilliant women and who has been president of the club for a number of years, in retiring from the presidency of the club, delivered a farewell address, which was replete with eloquence, her remarks

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Something can, and must be done for the puny, crying baby, for the child that refuses to eat and is restless in its sleep. And since the basis of all health is the proper working of the digestive organs, look first to the condition of the stomach and bowels.  
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being characterized by an earnestness that bespoke a deep consideration for the welfare of the club, and a keen appreciation of the incalculable benefit resulting from the study of Shakespeare, and thanking the club for its kindness and appreciation of her labors while president of this most worthy club. Though Mrs. Northington retires from the presidency of the club, she will still be an active member, and the club will still have her beneficent influence and genial hospitality.  
To her utter surprise Mrs. Dan Moser, Jr., who is one of our most literary lights, on behalf of the club, presented Mrs. Northington with a handsome set of solid silver tea spoons. Mrs. Moser's presentation speech was both impressive and beautiful, telling of the love and esteem in which Mrs. Northington is held by the club, and expressing the appreciation of the club for the services which she so ably rendered. Mrs. Northington with a heart almost too full for utterance, accepted the gift in a few well chosen words which proved all love and admiration was indeed reciprocated.  
The hostess served an elegant salad course with lemon ice.

**THE O. N. O. CLUB ENTERTAINS.**

Messrs. Bob Norman and John Ray were the hosts of a tally ho ride Friday evening. The drive was made to the Elm creek crossing near Runnels and an elegant supper spread which had been prepared by Misses Lois Crews and Nelle Miller. After justice had been given the supper, the party continued the ride, enjoying the fresh, West Texas atmosphere, and the pleasure of each other's company.

**MISS LEE PLUMMER ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.**

Tuesday night Miss Lee Plummer contributed an enjoyable social function to the week's gaiety by entertaining her Sunday School class of the Ninth Street Baptist church.  
While the affair was distinctly informal, it was as all entertaining, most delightful. There are some girls whose most simple effort is equaled with a graceful elegance and Miss Plummer heads that list in our city.  
After a most hearty and cordial welcome the guests indulged in a pretty and interesting game of "Flowers." Miss Lucile Adkins guessing the greatest number.  
A dainty salad course was served of chicken salad, olives, sliced tomatoes with mayonnaise dressing, sandwiches and hot tea.

**MRS. J. O. ROOTS ENTERTAINS J. F. F. CLUB.**

The "forty two" party given by Mrs. J. O. Roots at her hospitable home Tuesday afternoon complimentary to the J. F. F. Club, was decidedly the most attractive and enjoyable affair of the season.  
The decorations were exceedingly choice in plant and blossom, and most effective in arrangement everything being in harmony with the rosate happiness of the occasion, and the daintiness and dignity with which Mrs. Roots presides gave a charm of its own.  
Hand painted Dutch shoes were given as score cards. The guests wondered if they had been hurled into Holland when the counters were seen to be windmills, the most characteristic feature of this foreign land. Four tables were placed for forty two, the players chatted merrily and progressed through eight games of this popular pastime.  
During the games Misses Beulah Beal and Anna Van Doran as "Gretchens" passed wooden

steins of mints. The tables were spread with Dutch cloths and an elegant ice was served. The favors being little "Gretchens" with wooden shoes.  
It was the unanimous expression of all present that without a doubt this was one of the most pleasant functions that they had had the honor of attending.  
Those present were:  
Mrs. Ira Hobby, Mrs. D. P. Moser, Jr., Mrs. Geo. Holman, Mrs. R. O. Roots, Mrs. D. Reeder, Mrs. B. B. Stone, Mrs. Harry Thompson, Mrs. Baskin, Mrs. Jo Wilmeth, Mrs. Paul Trimmer, Mrs. A. F. Voss, Mrs. R. S. Griggs, Mrs. John Hopkinson, Mrs. T. W. Robinson, Mrs. R. L. Bennett, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Miss Van Doran, and Miss Beulah Beal.

**MISS JOHNSON ENTERTAINS BEAU NOT CLUB.**

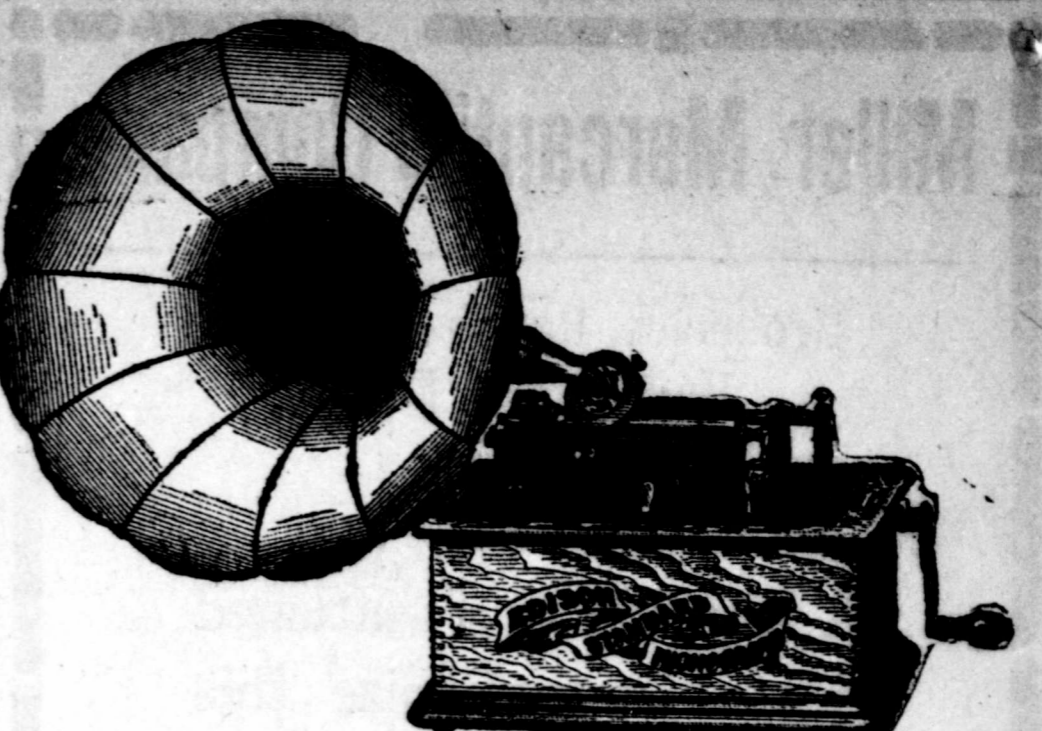
Miss Amelia Johnson, one of the most attractive of the younger set of society girls, held the ribbons on the Beau Not Club in a delightful way Tuesday afternoon, when she charmingly entertained the club at her pretty home in North Ballinger.  
Paper bags, tied with the club colors, were presented the guests and upon opening were found to contain dainty packages, neatly tied with the colors pink and green, and a number of beans.  
These packages were bought and sold, causing much merriment as each parcel was opened, some receiving dainty and pretty gifts, while others by their bad bargains were compelled to remain content with perfectly ridiculous and laughable gifts.  
For two hours this game of "buy and sell" was given a merry chase in rooms which had caught the spring sunshine and enshrined it in the hearts of the guests.  
Fruit ice cream and cake was served. The entire affair touched the pulse of all in a particularly delightful way. Those present were:  
Misses Lee Plummer, Lois Crews, Florence Westbrook, Kate Guion, Ellie Ward, Mamie Gregory, Willie Allen, Helen Miller, Francis Miller.

**MRS. H. ZDARIL ENTERTAINS**

Among the delightful doing of the week, was the entertainment given by Mrs. H. Zdaril Friday afternoon for a few friends. This clever hostess is always interesting for the reason she is always natural, and her individuality always leaves some pleasant upon her guests. For this occasion she had her home decked in April roses, and the afternoon was spent in brilliant conversation.  
The hostess served delightful refreshments and the afternoon will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present, who were Mesdames Abe Miller, W. E. Allen, A. H. Van Pelt, S. C. Royalty, L. C. Alexander, D. P. Moser, J. J. Erwin, W. N. Bonsall, Mary Sharp, W. E. Odum and J. F. Currie.

**MR. H. ZDARIL ENTERTAINS BIBLE CLASS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Mr. H. Zdaril, a most intellectual and spiritually worthy teacher of the First Presbyterian Bible Class, invited the members of the class to his ever hospital home Thursday evening for the purpose of perfecting the plans for an organized Adult Bible Class, that it might have the recognition of the International State Bible Class Association, and bring the class into touch with the world-wide Adult Bible Class movement. Rev. J. D. Leslie addressed the class meeting with the "Advantages of Class Organization," showing that "in union there is strength," and an organized class becomes a force at work thereby realizing an adequate christian service for every mem-



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ber, which is an assurance or permanent success.  
A motion for the nomination of officers was placed before the class and the following officers were unanimously elected: Mrs. C. R. Stephens, president; Mrs. John Bogle, vice president; Miss Hermia Smith, secretary; Miss Lucy Townsend, treasurer.  
The following most important committees were then appointed by the president:  
Membership Committee.—Maddams S. A. B. Hamilton and Besie Brown. Messrs. Claud Lynn and M. W. Leader.  
Devotional Committee.—Maddams Hamilton, Townsend, Bogle and Claud Lynn.  
Social Committee.—Maddams Zdaril, McVay, A. T. Turpe and Miss Hermia Smith.  
The name of the class is to be "Westminster Adult Bible Class" and the motto "The World for Christ."  
The constitution is brief but adequately provides for the future growth of the class. Mr. Zdaril will have charge of the lessons and be ex-officio of all committees.  
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**SOCIETY NEWS.**

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After completion of the business, the remainder of the evening was spent in interesting and amusing stories and enjoying an elegant salad course with ice tea, acefully served by Mrs. Zdaril. All departed carrying with them happy recollections of a most enthusiastic meeting, and inspired by the great and noble work which lies before them to be accomplished.

The members of the class are: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Turpe, Mrs. Claudina, Mrs. John Bogle, Mrs. C. Stephens, Mrs. Lucy Townsend, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Mrs. H. Zdaril, Mr. M. W. Leader, Mr. Morris Linkler, Miss Esteele Underwood, Miss Turpe, Miss Annie in Doran, Miss Irene Guion and Miss Hermia Smith.

**MR. AND MRS. F. C. MILLER ENTERTAIN.**

The entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller Friday evening, in honor of their popular and charming nieces Misses Helen and Francis Miller of Houston, was one of the most elaborate evening functions of the entire season. The "Flowery Kingdom" was drawn upon for the decorative setting of this pretty home. A wealth of beautiful blossoms were used in the reception hall, favor being given the Richmond rose, which was used in magnificent clusters and fete garlands.

This brilliant rose accentuated the daintiness of the Victoria rose that was charmingly treated about the mantels and cabinets, laces and chandeliers of library and parlor. The dining room was a mass of red roses, the side board and buffet being one solid bank of American Beauties, through which gleamed the lights of tiny incandescents, the effect being superb and dazzling.

The hostess who is one of our most elegant and well poised women, was becomingly gowned in a white French lace trimmed costume and Miss Helen Miller met the guests in a stunning gown of lavender crepe over taffeta, while Miss Francis Miller wore a dainty, girlish frock of white organdy.

After the guests had arrived dainty folders, to which were attached tiny pencils, were given as scores for a progressive literary contest, putting to test the intellectuality of the guests in geography, the games being "A Trip Through Texas," and "A Game of Cities." All proved to be apt scholars in the knowledge of our country.

After this severe test of mental skill, the guests were invited to the beautiful lawn which was brilliantly lighted. The pastel shades of the elegant evening gowns worn by the ladies, resembled a delicately tinted rainbow as they flitted about and coquet-

house where an appetizing two course luncheon was served, consisting of chicken and pimento ted with the handsome young men.

After an hour of enjoyment on the lawn a lprepared into the salad, cheese wafers, olives and Saratoga flakes. Second course being perfectly delicious frozen fruit with whipped cream, angel food and nut cake.

Those who had the honor of being present were:

Misses Helen Miller, Francis Miller, Amelia Johnson, Lee Plummer, Nelle Miller, Annie Van Doran, Katie Wray Ward, Ellie Ward, Minnie Lewis, Evadne Cady, Estelle Underwood, Florence Westbrook, Louise Orgain, Willie Allen, Hattie Hutton, Mary Glasscock, Kate Guion, Bertha Rasbury, Mae Penn, Mira Penn, Beulah Baker, Delia Day, Jimmie Riggins, and Hermia Smith. Messrs. Roy Sharp, Lee Malone, M. Kleberg, Ralph Erwin, Shaw, Dick Thorpe, Brice Wilmeth, Claud Stone, M. W. Leader, Lay, Weisendanger, Eugene Risser, Alec Saunders, Bob Norman, Hamil Ward, Jimmie Morgan, Arthur Wilson, Bogle, Hanks, Roy Reeder and Mrs. B. B. Stone.

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**MISS GUION ENTERTAINS SANS PARIEL CLUB.**

The "five hundred" party given by Miss Irene Guion Wednesday afternoon in honor of the Sans Pariel Club, was one of the smart affairs of the week. Though informal it was a prettily appointed and dressy affair, all the guests being out in their spring furbelows. Throughout the rooms, the crystals and porcelaines were filled with gorgeous roses, and the day being like "one astray from Paradise" added a charm to the pleasant event. Five hundred was the game played coming to a finale over delicious strawberries with whipped cream and cake. Those present were Misses Neil Guion, Irene Guion, Kate Guion, Katie Wray Ward, Ellie Ward, Mae Penn, Louise Orgain, Evadne Cady, Hattie Hutton, Helen Miller, Francis Miller, Beulah Beal, Anna Van Doran, Mrs. J. I. Guion, Jr., Mrs. Geo. Pearce, and Mrs. Callahan.

**REPORT OF THE WEDDING FACTORY.**

The marriage license man reports the granting of the following permits since our last issue:

A. F. Cunningham and Miss Blanche Mason.

Dee Miller and Miss Anna Self. P. J. Wuesternburg and Mrs. Lula Wuesternburg.

H. G. Tyson and Miss Ida Reese.

Mr. Vannatta and Miss Edna Roberts.

G. M. Kearney who has been attending school in Dallas has returned and accepted a position with J. Y. Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Aart left first of this week for Dallas to visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Miss Mary Phillips, Deputy County Clerk, has resigned her position in that office and will solicit for the Ballinger Business College.

**HOG NOTES.**

Generous treatment of brood sows always pays in the increased thriftiness of the pigs.

Nothing will stimulate a pig's appetite more than a variety of good, wholesome food.

All pigs, in a sense, are one purpose animals, and that purpose is make meat for the human family.

A great deal of a sow's future usefulness depends on how she is cared for and fed until bred for the first time.

A hog will eat almost anything and turn it into meat, but this does not imply that anything is good enough for a hog.

A sow will farrow more and better pigs if she is in a good gaining condition when bred. She should be kept thrifty during gestation.

A radical change in feed of any kind given hogs will often produce a bad result—get them off their feet—if nothing worse.

It is best to provide a separate place for young pigs. If fed with older hogs the weakest ones get crowded out and consequently their growth is retarded.—Star Telegram.

**SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FARM & RANCH HERE.**

Chas. W. Holman, special Staff Correspondent of the Farm and Ranch was here the first of the

week looking over this section getting data for a series of articles that will appear shortly in that paper. The prevailing conditions of this western country are being studied by this popular and valuable farm paper and they are going to make an effort to give its readers in every section something of a direct importance to fit the local conditions.

The Farm and Ranch is doing a good work in its preparation of this special series of articles on Southwestern Development.

Mr. Holman is secretary of the Cotton Growers' Association of Texas which stands for cooperation along various lines of mutual benefit and especially between the business man and the farmer. He is working for the general interests of both the producer and the purchaser.

We found Mr. Holman to be a genial young fellow with energy and enthusiasm for his work. It also developed that in days gone by we knew him rather intimately in a vastly different capacity. We pitted strength, skill and butted heads together on the football field on opposing teams.

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## MISS DORRIS WYNNE GETS SPECIAL PRIZE

First Official Count in Our Great Piano Contest Made Monday Night and Golden Prize Awarded.

Monday was a busy day with the girls who are contesting for prizes in the Banner-Leader piano contest.

A score or more were as busy as bees throughout the day soliciting subscriptions and collecting merchant votes, and the contest manager had his hands full in receiving and recording the ballots.

The interest taken in this subscription-getting campaign is indeed remarkable. It is today the most interesting thing going on in Runnels county.

The value of the prizes offered is an inducement rarely offered in contests of this nature, and as a consequence the incentive for earnest effort has put our girls to hustling for subscriptions in every section of Runnels county.

Six hundred dollars in prizes is something worth working for, and the young ladies are going after votes in a way that means that we shall have at least two thousand new subscribers before this campaign closes.

The ballot box was closed at four o'clock Monday afternoon, and turned over to the counting committee. On account of the large number of votes in the box the count was not completed until almost midnight. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a complete report of the standing of each contestant.

Miss Dorris Wynne, of Ballinger leads in the contest, having received a grand total of 38,545 votes, and was awarded the special prize of ten dollars in gold.

Miss Pearl Sandlin is a close second, being a little over a thousand votes behind Miss Wynne. Third in the race is Miss Mary Thompson, of Hatchell, who is within less than three thousand votes of the winner. A number of the other contestants are but a few thousand votes short of the goal, showing that the race is indeed yet to be won by those who do the genuine hustling for ballots.

### Another Ten Dollar Prize.

On the 4th day of June will occur the next official count, and at that time another prize of Ten Dollars in Gold will be given to the contestant who makes the greatest gain in votes between the two counts. This will give every contestant an equal chance. The winner of the prize given last Monday will not be permitted to take part in this special prize. Of course her votes will count just the same for the piano and the other prizes to be given at the close of the contest.

### Special Prize of 10,000 Votes.

A special prize of Ten Thousand votes will be given to the contestant who makes the second greatest gain in the next thirty days. All the contestants will be permitted to enter for this special prize.

Now, girls, is the time to get busy in this free voting contest. Nothing worth while is ever obtained without an effort. Don't wait, but determine right now that you are going to be a winner.

A. C. Homan came down from Rowena Monday to attend the Colquitt blow out, and to boost Rowena.

W. M. Smiley, of Winters, was in Ballinger Monday to hear Mr. Colquitt speak and remained over until Tuesday and attended the Poindexter meeting. Mr. Smiley made a short talk at the Poindexter meeting and stated that Mr. Poindexter had a strong following at Winters.



"**B**REAKING to harness" is pretty lively work sometimes; but if it's well done, the results are usually good. We've broken a lot of high-spirited fellows to our clothes; and expect to keep on doing it. The man we especially like to "tackle" is the fellow who thinks we can't persuade him that these fine clothes, made for us by

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are better than any he gets made to measure; better for him; economy for him; better style, better quality. We're convincing a lot of just such skeptics right along. The clothes do it; all we have to do is to get them tried on. Men are sometimes a little stubborn about that, but once they get into the clothes, that settles it. They're the best, the most economical, the most stylish and about the only clothes that you know are all-wool.

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E. F. Krebs returned from Beaumont last Friday, where he attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the K. of P's.

Mrs. Weed, of Brownwood, visited Mrs. E. C. Moore this week, and went on to Abilene to visit relatives.

John Norman went to Dallas Saturday to carry his little son and place him under the treatment of a specialist.

B. B. Cobb, of Claud, was the guest of Paul Trimmier a couple of days this week. Mr. Cobb was an applicant for the superintendency of the Ballinger schools.

Mrs. J. P. Flynt and children visited relatives at Winters Sunday and Saturday.

### WORKING IN CONTEST.

The first count is over in the piano contest, and I learn that Miss Dorris Wynne won the ten dollars. I happened to not be below zero, for which I feel very grateful.

I am a little girl thirteen years old, and I am going to school, and can only work evenings and Saturdays. I have my lessons to learn, and help about the housework, and cannot put in as much time working for votes as I would like to be able to do.

If the kind editor will send a lot of sample copies of the paper to some of the East Texas people I believe they will become subscribers, and will find out something about this beautiful and healthy country of ours. Mr. R. A. Risser says he was getting along splendidly in business at

Calvert, but preferred health to wealth and came to Ballinger. And apparently Mr. Risser is doing well from both standpoints in good old Ballinger.

When we came to Ballinger three years ago papa was thought to have some dreadful disease that would soon take him from this earth, but now he is able to do good work. My mother's health is also greatly improved.

Now, I will be very thankful to all my friends for anything they can do for men in the piano contest, either by trading with the merchants who give free votes, or getting their neighbors to give me their subscriptions to the Banner-Leader. Will also appreciate all the free votes they will clip out of the paper and save for me.

Yours truly,  
OLA McMILLAN.  
Ballinger, Texas, May 4, 1910.

### FREE PAPER VOTES.

Our contestants should bear in mind that the free paper votes will not count in the piano contest unless they are voted before the 15th of May. See that your friends all understand this rule. It would be well to remind your friends that they will not be given merchant votes unless they call for them at the time they make purchases in the stores giving these free votes.

Jim Wood, of Jefferson, is here visiting his brother, A. W. Wood, of the West Texas Telephone Co., and will very probably make his home in Ballinger.

Mrs. Geo. Pearce, of Fort Worth, is here on a visit to her father, Postmaster Cady.

### PICNIC PROGRAM.

Program of Joint Picnic between New Home and Eagle Branch schools to be held on Elm Creek midway between the two schools.

Welcome Address—Prof. O. L. Parish.

Response.—Hon. R. S. Griggs. Educational Address.—Rev. M. E. Hudson.

Qualifications of a Teacher.—Dr. T. G. Brandon.

Noon. Needs of the Rural Schools.—Supt. E. L. Hagan.

The Rural School as a Factor in the Development of a Country.—Prof. W. W. Wooten.

Everybody invited to attend.

Mrs. Wilmeth of Dallas is visiting relatives in Ballinger this week.