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REGISTRATION NUMBERS POSTED FOR INSPECTION

The exemption board for the County of Runnels in the State of Texas has completed its first duty, and today a list of the names of all young men who registered in this county, together with the number under which the drawing will take place, hangs in the window at the Weeks drug Store. The list is attracting considerable attention, not only from those who registered but by the public in general, as practically every one is interested in who will be called from this county to make up the two million men to be drafted.

The men subject to draft who wish to know what number they are listed under can ascertain this fact by inspecting the list. There was considerable interest among some of the boys to learn who would hold the "lucky 13" or the "unlucky 1313". In numbering the registration cards with serial numbers, the exemption board shuffled the cards and then drew them from the stack one at a time, consequently the names do not appear alphabetically as arranged by the county clerk in making up the first list from the cards.

Maben Willard Armistead, of Ballinger, holds number 1, his registration card being the first drawn from the stack of cards. Horace Wade Ash, of Marie, holds the "lucky 13". George Sledge, a negro, is listed under the number 1313.

As soon as the local exemption board completed the work of numbering the cards, the list of numbers were forwarded to Provost Marshal Crowder at Washington, and as soon as the thirty thousand districts in the United States have sent in their list, the drawing will take place and those drafted will soon know their fate. After the draft the exemption board will again get busy and the one hundred men to be drafted from this county for the first call in the making of up the army of 687,000 men will be verified. It is presumed that each district, or county will be called on to furnish men in proportion to the number of men registering, and if such is the case Runnels county will be called on to furnish about 400 men. The first call will be for something like one hundred, and the others will be called as fast as the two million army can be organized.

While the drawing for draft will probably take place within the next week, it will be about September first before the men

are called on to report for duty. In the meantime the men selected will be busy arranging to leave home and loved ones and prepare to fight for their country. The war department is rapidly working out all details for perfecting the big army, and the work will be accomplished in much shorter time than was at first expected.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—With practically all arrangements made for making the draft of the first army under the selective conscription bill, it was announced today that the first draft will be for 687,000 men. The details for announcing the numbers drawn on the first draft is being rapidly worked out and it is expected that these will be given to the public within ten days.

Washington, July 8.—Another step in building up the selective conscription army was taken today with the distribution of a circular by Provost Marshal General Crowder, notifying the registered men to hold themselves in readiness for appearing before the boards which will conduct examinations and consider exemptions.

How or when the government will select the men to be examined is not detailed in the circular, but it is revealed that registration cards in each county or city jurisdiction are to be numbered with red ink and that "as soon as the drawing is complete lists showing the order in which these red ink numbers are drawn will be published in the press and will be posted at the office of each local board." It already has been announced that the selection will take place in Washington and the general presumption has been that some device similar to a jury wheel will be employed.

Regarding Exemption. Exemptions are to be determined by the local boards, the circular shows, only for the previously announced specified causes, such as are probably for the support of relatives and not for agricultural or industrial claims. Then there will be an additional allowance of ten days for filing proofs, and the board must decide within three days after the proof is filed.

As soon as quotas are assigned to each state and each board, each board will call upon persons whose cards are in its jurisdiction instructing them to present themselves for examination. You must report for physical examination on the day named in your call.

"If you are found physically

disqualified the board will give you a certificate which will explain to you your future duties.

"If you are found physically qualified and file a claim for exemption within seven days after your call you will be given ten days after filing your claim of exemption to file proof in support of your claim of exemption.

"If you are found physically qualified and if no claim for exemption or if you do not appear for physical examination, your name will be posted to the district board as one who was called for military service and was not exempted or discharged. On the eighth day after call or within two days thereafter copies of the list of persons so posted to the district boards will be given to the press with a request for publication, will be posted in a place at the office of the local board accessible to the public view, and notice will be mailed to you at the address on your registration card."

"Only the district board," concludes the circular, "can receive claims for discharge on the ground that you are engaged in industry, including agriculture. Only decisions of district boards on industrial claims for discharge can be appealed. If you desire to appeal the decision, of the district board to the president, you may do so within seven days of the date of mailing to you of the decision of the district board. As soon as your case is finally disposed of, the adjutant general of your state will notify you by mail that you have been finally selected for military service.

"Notice that you having been selected for military service will not necessarily order you into service. Notice to report for military service will come when the government is ready to receive you."

Bibb Gets 99 Years In the Pen

SAN ANGELO, July 11.—The jury in the M. H. Bibb murder case returned a verdict at nine-thirty this morning, fixing Bibb's punishment at 99 years in the penitentiary. The case went to the jury late Tuesday afternoon, after the case had come to a sudden end by the defense failing to introduce any evidence.

It was expected that the defense would place more than forty witnesses on the stand, and the failure of the defense to put a single witness on the stand, not even using the defendant, brought a surprise in the trial of the case.

Those called from Ballinger as witnesses in the case returned home Tuesday night. Bibb did not deny killing Stokes, but pleaded the unwritten law, claiming that Stokes had ruined his home.

Judge T. T. Crosson, who was summoned to testify for the defense, was not placed under rule, and after he reached San Angelo he was requested by council for defense to assist them in the case, and he was allowed thirty minutes in which to argue the case before the jury.

The case attracted considerable interests in Ballinger due to the fact that Bibb formerly lived here, as well as the man he killed was at one time commissioner of this county and lived in the Wingate country. Bibb was convicted of shooting Stokes to death with a shot gun while Stokes was in company with Mrs. Bibb, the two having attended a picture show together.

R. G. Smith and wife of Winters, came to Ballinger Tuesday, and will stay a short while.

YOUNG LADY DIES FROM AUTO INJURIES

Miss Biddie Fox, age 24 years, 1 month and 15 days, daughter of J. J. Fox and Mollie Fox, died at the Halley and Love Sanitarium Tuesday afternoon from injuries sustained when an auto in which she was riding turned over on July 4th. The young lady made a brave fight for life, lingering six days from the day she was injured. The young lady had the attention of the best surgeons, nurses and friends possible from the time she was injured until she died, but it was known from the beginning that her injuries were of such nature that there were little chance for her recovery.

The young lady was en route to a picnic at Talpa, traveling in car with her sister, Miss Annie and Chester Bowlin. The car turned over at a point about two miles east of Ballinger, the accident occurring about ten o'clock in the forenoon. The skull of the unfortunate young lady was crushed and she never regained consciousness, lingering for almost a week in an unconscious and paralyzed condition.

Miss Biddie was a member of a pioneer family of the Pony creek community. She grew from childhood in this county and was popular with her associates and those who knew her. Besides the father and mother, she is survived by three sisters, Misses Adline, Aggie and Annie, all of whom are living with their parents, and who were present when death relieved their sister from her suffering. She is also survived by six brothers, John Fox, of San Antonio; Mat and Gerome, of Talpa; Lon, Pat and Darby, all of the Pony creek country.

The remains were carried to the Fox home in the Pony creek country, following the death Tuesday evening, and at eight o'clock Wednesday morning a large number of friends gathered to attend the funeral. The funeral services were conducted by Father G. Gollbach, of St. Mary's church of Ballinger and interment was made in the Lon Mapes burying ground at ten o'clock. The pall bearers were: Ira L. Sims, R. A. Tillery, Frank Kre, J. W. Bigby, Geo. Kerley and R. E. George.

Many friends in Ballinger and throughout the county will join The Ledger in sympathy for the bereaved family.

ARMY GETS ONE; NAVY GETS THREE

Corporal Flick, the army recruiting officer here, signed up his third recruit Monday. Minyard Henson came to Ballinger from Midland, and enlisted in the infantry. He was sent to Waco, and from there will go to Fort Sam Houston to go into training.

Naval recruiting officer Reynolds took three men Monday, and sent them to Dallas to take further examinations before being accepted. Dave Davis will enter as third class fireman; Ray Compton as third class fireman, and Jim Smith as apprentice seaman.

Men's Clothes To Be Cut Shorter. Chicago, July 11.—American men may be wearing knickerbockers this winter and kilties next summer.

The advisability of so designing men's garments was discussed here by the Congress of the National Association of Clothing Designers, who declare clothes must be made to conform with the short wool crop.

Sam Baker left Tuesday for Marlin.

H. B. Trennick, W. B. Wilson and Joe Ward of Giddings, were in Ballinger Monday. They were hunting grass for their cattle.

SAYS IS GERMANY STILL FIGHTING FOR ANNEXATION

GREAT GAIN IN RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

PETROGRAD, July 10.—As a result of Russians driving toward Lemberg from the south, more than one thousand additional prisoners were captured and several more villages fell into the hands of the Russians. Three large guns, a number of small guns were taken with the prisoners by the Russians, and the Teutons are rapidly retreating to the river Lominka under heavy fire by the Russians. The Russians penetrated the line of the enemy for a distance of six and one half miles.

PARIS, July 9.—Suddenly assuming a strong offensive the French troops swept forward between Bovettes Ridge and Cheregny today and recaptured the first mine trenches on the front for a distance of more than one mile.

FRENCH FRONT, July 9.—America's first expeditionary army arrived close to the French battle front today and will go in training within hearing distance of the cannon roar. The American troops will soon be making up part of the fighting line along the French front, while their presence is creating much enthusiasm among the French soldiers.

AMSTERDAM, July 7.—It is believed in diplomatic circles in Berlin that a break between Germany and Argentine is imminent, if not already been formally noted, according to dispatches received here from Berlin. The Argentine minister conferred at length with Chancellor Hollweg and later visited the Spanish embassy and the Chilean legation.

BERNE, Switzerland, July 10.—The first account of German Chancellor Hollweg's speech delivered before the main committee of the reichstag was received here today in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. According to the quotations from the chancellor's speech as published in the Anzeiger, peace without annexation is not acceptable to Germany, and no terms of peace not carrying land grants will be considered. Hollweg told the German people through the reichstag that Germany can win if she holds out.

In referring to the report that he might retire from the chancellorship Hollweg said, "I consider it my duty to remain as chancellor for the protection of the fatherland."

AMSTERDAM, July 11.—Dispatches received here from Berlin quote German newspapers and according to the reports received the forming of a coalition cabinet in Germany is impending. It is believed that the coalition cabinet is forming for the purpose of bringing the German factions together, and to overcome the anti-war socialist element.

ALL GERMAN AGENTS MUST LEAVE U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—All German diplomatic agents must leave America. Those remaining here after the German ambassador and representatives were given their passports, will be deported. No former attaches of the German government or the German embassy will be permitted to remain in this country. This precaution has become necessary on account of the recent developments in spy work.



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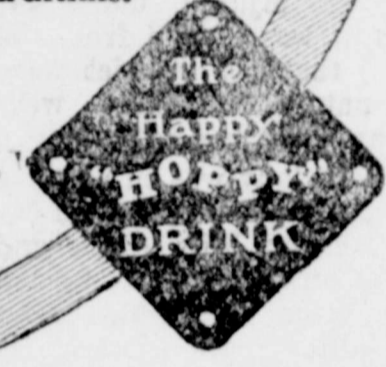
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ARRESTED AT WINTERS FOR FORGING CHECK

Two arrests for theft and one for forgery have been effected by San Angelo officers the first of the week, it was learned last night. Sunday, Wayne Green, deputy sheriff, arrested John Bankworth of Bradshaw, charged with the forging of a \$27.50 check upon Wylie Waldon of Winters. Bankworth was taken into custody at Winters and brought here in an automobile. It is alleged that he passed the bogus check on the E-Z Tire Co. when the purchased several auto casings. In an examining trial, Bankworth was released under a \$500 bond. He operates a restaurant at Bradshaw. Ed Williams and Gib Peevehouse were the other men arrested. There is a charge of theft from person lodged against Williams, while his companion is being held pending an investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Green, who arrested Williams, states that a watch, said to have been taken from a local man, has been returned to its owner. Constable Van Ketchum took Peevehouse into custody. Both men are still in jail. —San Angelo Standard.

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T. E. Brice and wife of Winters came to Ballinger Monday morning to take the Santa Fe train for Brownwood.

6 WINTERS BOYS GO TO NAVY THURSDAY

Six boys from Winters, after taking the preliminary examinations under recruiting officer Cooper of San Angelo, came to Ballinger Thursday to take the Santa Fe train for Dallas. Then if successful at Dallas, will probably be returned here on reserve until needed. Buck Elder helped Cooper in signing up the boys and in sending them on. The names of the Winters boys are as follows: Lawrence Lee, who goes as a third class fireman. Allen Lee, third class fireman. Tom Crow, third class fireman. Bob Riley, third class fireman. Hunter Williams, third class seaman. Hubert Holliday, third class seaman. On Wednesday afternoon, Elder sent Chester Owen of Coyote creek to Dallas. He will enlist as a third class fireman. Recruiting Officer Cooper was called out by the naval headquarters Wednesday, and it is expected that he will go to sea at once. Reynolds will remain in San Angelo, and another man by the name of Waldorf will take Cooper's place. Waldorf has been at Abilene for some time, doing recruiting work there.

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COLEMAN GIR LINJURED IN BOAT CATASTROPHE

Miss Fannie Fay Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, of Shield, Coleman county, was seriously injured in a boat catastrophe last Saturday. Miss Jones was a student in Chicago University and with a party of 400 passengers was returning from a boat trip to Milwaukee.

The first press dispatch announced that Miss Jones was suffering from broken legs and internal injuries and was probably fatally injured. Upon receipt of message her father, W. C. Jones, and son, Mark, left Coleman immediately for Chicago. A telegram received Wednesday from Mr. Jones assured relatives and friends here that Miss Jones would recover.—Coleman Democrat.

J. N. Cannon of Winters passed through Ballinger Sunday going to San Angelo.

ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR FARMERS MEET

July 18th will be open day for the District Farmers Union which meets here on 17, 18 and 19. The first day of the meeting will be a closed session or executive session, and none but members of the Union will participate in the proceedings. The second day has been designated as Ballinger's day, and open sessions will be held at which time efforts will be made to furnish prominent speakers. The local committee is sending out invitations and making an effort to list a number of good speakers for the Ballinger day.

The latest report from the secretary of the union says that there will be three or four hundred delegates here in attendance upon the meeting and in addition to these it is expected that a large crowd of local farmers will meet here on the 18th to attend the open meeting.

The Runnels County Farmers' Union held a meeting in Ballinger July Fourth and appointed a committee to receive delegates from the train and direct them to the various hotels of the city. The local committee will have charge of the work of furnishing entertainment on the 18th only, and the other two days will be business days for the union.

Are You One of Them?

There are a great many people who would be very much benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets for a weak or disordered stomach. Are you one of them? Mrs. M. R. Searl, Baldwinville, N. Y., relates her experience in the use of these tablets: "I had a bad spell with my stomach about six months ago, and was troubled for two or three weeks with gas and severe pains in the pit of my stomach. Our druggist advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. I took a bottle home and the first dose relieved me wonderfully, and I kept on taking them until I was cured." These tablets do not relieve pain, but after the pain has been relieved may prevent its recurrence.

NEW RULES FOR PARCEL POST

The post office department is always seeking to multiply and improve the service wherever possible. As evidence of this, two changes have just been made in handling parcels post mail. Heretofore \$50 has been the maximum limit for which parcels could be sent insured and collected under the C. O. D. act. The fee for this service has been 10 cent in addition to regular postage. Effective July 1st the amount for which parcels can be sent has been increased to \$100, the fee for the service and the automatic insurance being 25 cents for any amount between \$50 and \$100.

Again: heretofore, insured parcels have required that tags be attached at the sending post office and detached and receipted at the destination office when delivered. This has require much time in making and receipting these tags. Hereafter the attachment and the receipting of these tags will not be required.

When a parcel is received hereafter the usual receipt to the sender will be made out and delivered filled out numbered and filed as heretofore. And in delivering insured parcels care is required of post office employees to inspect them and see that they are delivered to proper parties.

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JOE OSTERTAG ACCEPTS POSITION WITH LANKFORD

Joe Ostertag has accepted a position with T. S. Lankford, and will again be engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Ostertag will have charge of the undertaking.

A. B. Lankford and Carl Guin left Sunday afternoon for Dallas and will drive the new horse back through the country.

Joe was formerly in the furniture and undertaking business in this city and his friends will be glad to know that he is back on the job.

WEST TEXAS A. & M. PLANS ANNOUNCED

Dr. Bizzell, president of the A. & M. College, gave out a statement while in Dallas this week concerning the plans of the new college to be built at Abilene, provided the court does not block the recent decision of the locating commission. The Dallas News published the statement given out by Dr. Bizzell, and says:

The West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College to be established at Abilene will be a cavalry institution of the first class, Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, said yesterday in the first authorized statement regarding his plans for the future of the school. Dr. Bizzell, by virtue of his presidency of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, will be president of the West Texas school. The Texas A. & M. board will be the governing board of the new college.

When it opens for public the West Texas A. & M. College will be the only land grant institution in the United States which will maintain a cavalry school. The Texas A. & M. has an infantry school. Dr. Bizzell expects the West Texas A. & M. to be as proficient in the teaching of the mounted soldiers as the Texas A. & M. is in the infantry branch. The high altitude of Abilene will be conducive to the rearing of horses. A feeding and breeding station will be maintained at the school.

The entire appropriation of \$500,000 carried in the West Texas A. & M. bill as passed by the Thirty-Fifth Legislature will be spent in the construction of buildings. Dr. Bizzell said he hopes to have work on the buildings under way within a short time. Before contracts are let, however, an expert landscape engineer will make a detailed study of the Abilene site and his recommendations will be followed, Dr. Bizzell said. The entire plant of the school is to be constructed upon a definite and well-laid plan, the same style of architecture being followed and materials, harmonizing in all the buildings, will be used.

"The administrative building will be an imposing structure," said Dr. Bizzell. "It will be ample and sufficiently large to take care of the administrative offices and needs of the college for all time. The Abilene site furnishes a very beautiful eminence, commanding the surrounding country, for the location of the administrative building.

"Grouped at the extreme wings of the administrative building will be two quadrangles.

"One of them will be for the accommodation of the agricultural, including animal husbandry, live stock, dry farming and related industries building. The other quadrangle will be the engineering group. Especial emphasis will be laid on hydraulics and engineering problems connected with irrigation and agricultural engineering.

"About 500 acres will be set apart for the drill grounds. This large area is to accommodate the cavalry units. The military department of the college will emphasize cavalry training."

Dr. Bizzell has let it be known to his friends that he looks upon the planning of the new school as

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the big task of his educational career. He pointed out yesterday that with the single exception of the Rice Institute it is perhaps the only institution in the South of its contemplated magnitude beginning with a comprehensive and definite plan of development. The landscape engineer the board of directors will employ will make up a unique campus scheme, and it will be comprehensive enough to accommodate any growth in size the institution might attain, he said.

"The tract of land at Abilene offers unusual opportunities for the department of dairying and in instruction in live stock production," he said. He does not know just when the school will open for pupils, but he expressed the hope that it would not be later than September of next year.

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Rev. R. M. Hammock, who had been in Ballinger over Sunday, returned to his home in Brownwood Monday.

Dr. W. B. Halley left Sunday afternoon for Galveston, where he will be with his brother who is sick at that place.

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Thickening the Muddle In A. & M. College Mess

Notwithstanding that a signed statement has been given out by the locating board of the A. & M. College, in which the five members say that Abilene received three votes on the second ballot, the mystery concerning the muddle will not down, and the people of Texas look upon the tangle with more or less suspicion.

After three of the members repeated time and again that they did not vote for Abilene, they now come out with a statement stating that Abilene received three votes. The commission was made up of only five members, and if three deny voting for Abilene and yet sign a statement that Abilene received three votes, we can only come to one conclusion.

To cap the climax, after signing the statement Speaker Fuller issued another statement fixing a string to his part of the first statement, and the question continues to remain a mystery with the people to figure for themselves whether somebody made an error or whether somebody just told a great big black lie. The people of Texas should rise up and demand that the guilty be exposed, and the honest men of the board not allowed to rest until they tell how this muddle came about.

Read the following statements and see if you can reconcile them with previous statements:

Austin, Texas, July 7.—Abilene was fairly and honestly selected as the site for the location of the new West Texas A. & M. College and the question is not to be reopened, according to an official statement made public today and signed by every member of the locating committee. This statement is the result of the conference held here Friday between the Governor and Speaker Fuller and other members of the locating committee. The Governor had nothing to add to the statement and Speaker Fuller has returned to his home at Cold Springs.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby did not personally inspect the sites offered or accompany the committee, but the statement bears his signature. This is the last statement:

"To Whom it May Concern: This is to certify that we the undersigned were members of the Board appointed by the Thirty-Fifth Legislature to locate the West Texas A. & M. College and that in pursuance of our duty under the law we inspected the various sites offered for the locating of said College and after said inspection we on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1917, met in the Governor's office at Austin, Texas, and after due deliberation a ballot was taken for the selection of a site for said College, and the City of Abilene, Texas, received three votes, or a majority of said committee and in pursuance of said vote upon motion duly made and seconded the said City of Abilene was selected as the unanimous choice of the committee for the location of the West Texas A. & M. College.

"Regardless of what has been said or done or is contemplated to be hereafter done we desire each and every one of us to state that said location and selection of the said City of Abilene was in all things regular, honest and square and it is beyond all human probability that there could have been an error, consequently we do not think it prudent to re-open the question, leaving it as it now stands, locating the West Texas A. & M. College on the site offered by the City of Abilene, Texas.

"Witness our hands this the sixth day of July A. D. 1917.
"JAS. E. FERGUSON,
"F. O. FULLER,
"W. F. DOUGHTY,
"FRED W. DAVIS,
"W. P. HOBBY."

Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby, over the long distance phone from Houston today authorized the following statement to be made in connection with the statement issued today: "I joined in the above statement upon the condition that three members of the board do not make affidavit that they did not vote for Abilene on the second ballot and excepting that portion of the statement relating to the inspection of the sites."

When questioned today Speaker Fuller said: "The statement is satisfactory to me and I have no additional statement to make." He said he did not care to go in

to any further details relative to the final settlement of the proposition.

Prof. W. F. Doughty, state superintendent of Public Instruction said: "The statement expressed the truth. Abilene was fairly and honestly selected. There has never been any trouble with the committee; the trouble seems to have been outside. My opinion is that this settles the question for all time."

When questioned for a statement Commissioner of Agriculture Davis said: "I signed the statement willingly and it is in harmony with my statement made at the beginning of the controversy. However, my signature was given with the reservation fully made and understood by the committee that in the event three members of the board made affidavits which show that an error was made in the count on the second ballot, which ballot showed three votes for Abilene, I stand pledged by previous promise and will favor re-opening of the case. My own affidavit as to my vote is already made."

Austin, Tex., July 7.—Despite the statement given out today by the locating board of the West Texas A. & M. college that Abilene had been regularly selected as the site of the new college and that all members of the board were agreed that the question should not be re-opened the situation remains unclarified tonight by reason of a statement by Speaker Fuller that he is now ready and has at all times been ready to file an affidavit that he did not vote for Abilene on either the first or the second ballot. When the statement of the board was issued today it was signed by all of the members. After the issuance of the statement Commissioner of Agriculture Davis and Lieutenant Governor Hobby made it known that they made the provision signing the statement that they agreed to it provided that three members of the board did not make affidavit that they did not vote against Abilene. Speaker Fuller in an interview tonight said he "would file an affidavit with the locating board if requested, or with any lawful authority, that he did not vote for Abilene." "I came to Austin in an effort to have the question reopened but failed," said Mr. Fuller. "After an informal conference with the commission, except Lieutenant Hobby, who was absent, it appeared to be the unanimous opinion that it would be to the best interest of the new school that we issue the statement signed by all members of the commission. If I had thought that these qualifications were to later appear, I would either not have signed the statement or put in my provision. It is fair to say that Commissioner Davis had stated to the commission at the informal conference that he made certain promises with reference to the filing of an affidavit and that in case they insisted in doing so he would sign with that provision."

Mr. Fuller exhibited telegrams and letters to show he had made efforts to reconvene the locating board. These showed that he had communicated with Lieutenant Governor Hobby and Commissioner of Agriculture Davis for the purpose of having the board reconvened.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

Tells how to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts off without pain

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

Freezone dries the moment it is applied, and simply shrivels the corn or callus without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but will positively rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or hardened callus. If your druggist hasn't any freezone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you.

GALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! ACTS LIKE DYNAMITE ON LIVER

tipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, a spoonful of "Dodson's Liver Tone."

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work!

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

doesn't straighten you right up, and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is a real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

ROY REEDER GOES IN SIGNAL CORPS

Another Ballinger boy is holding himself in readiness for call to training, and will be made ready for service in France, or at any other place Uncle Sam needs him. This was announced late Sunday afternoon when Roy Reeder returned from Sweetwater where he went to be examined and where he passed the final test and was sworn in for training in the signal corps of the officers' reserve. Out of quite a number of applicants gathered at Sweetwater Mr. Reeder was the only one accepted, and he made a good record in the examination.

Mr. Reeder went to El Paso some time ago where he applied for a place in another department of the army, but was rejected. Determined to offer his service to his country he tried again and is justly feeling proud that he has been accepted. The young man is under oath to respond to a call to be made some time between the fifth and fifteenth of August and he will go in training at Leon Springs for a period of three months, after which he will be assigned to regular duty and will probably find himself in France by next spring.

War! War! War!

Conserve your resources. Scrap iron, bones, hides, rugs, paper and beeswax. In fact nearly everything there has a commercial value at I. O. WOODEN'S Hide and Junk House, 600 S. Eighth Street, Ballinger, Texas. 29-4tw

Miss Aileen Nibling returned to her home in San Angelo Sunday, after a visit here with Mrs. Schooler.

Jack Pearce went to Talpa Monday on business.

OFFICER HERE AFTER RECRUITS FOR NAVY

Recruiting officer H. M. Reynolds, from San Angelo, who was a boatswain's mate while in the navy, came to Ballinger Monday morning, and will remain over Tuesday. He expects to enlist several from Ballinger in the two days and a number of others from the towns around Ballinger. He says that Ballinger has the best record of any town in this part of the state for enlistments in the navy. More men have gone from Ballinger than from San Angelo. He says that eighty per cent of the men going from Ballinger have passed the examinations at Dallas. This is an exceptionally good record, when compared to the general average of other towns of about sixty per cent.

Mr. Reynolds says that the navy lacks only about thirty-five or forty thousand of being up to war strength, and that at the present rate of enlistment it will be filled up in a few weeks at most. Those who want to get on the water haven't very long to wait before enlisting.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

Phillips Wilson returned Monday morning from San Angelo, where he had been visiting for a few wdays.

Rev. C. L. Ewing of Brownwood returned home Monday morning, after filling his regular appointment at Paint Rock.

Do You Save?

Whether you are man, woman, girl or boy this company will cheerfully lend ear to questions you may wish to ask of the "whys and wherefores" about saving as a simple, plain wise move to make for self-protection.

And you can't start too soon to ask the questions.

Do You Save? Or are you drifting carelessly from day to day along the lines of least resistance and losing 3-1-2 per cent interest on your money into the bargain?

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The speed limit on the streets in the business section of any town is ten miles per hour. Watch out boys, you are exceeding the limit.

There is something funny about this A. & M. college muddle, and the more we think about it the more muddle it makes. If the locating committee can't explain it, who can?

A petition signed by Ballinger business men was wired to Congressman Blanton this week, asking him to vote for government control of cotton only upon the condition that all products manufactured from cotton were also included in the bill. In other words, if the government fixes the price of cotton the government should fix the price of cotton goods.

The money counters announce that there is more than \$11 for every man, woman and child in America than there was one year ago. Our per capita wealth has increased at a wonderful rate, yet the shoe of poverty is pinching in some sections of the country. European millions are pouring into America for supplies, and other nations are looking to America for food and clothing. It is the opportunity to keep business going.

Mr. Auto Driver, you must fix your lights to comply with the law by next Sunday, or you will be subject to a fine, and a warning has already been sounded that the law will be enforced. This law went into effect on July first, but the authorities were kind enough to extend the time until the fifteenth in order that the people might have time to fix their lights. It is a good law and all auto drivers considerate of the rights of others will comply with it.

We must admit that the feed crop of this country is a failure, but the admission should be no excuse for calamity howling. It is a long time until frost, and with the good rains that are sure to come there is time for late feed to make and mature, and with good fall rains making good grass and a mild winter the demand for feed will be cut in proportion to the supply. We predict a late fall and a mild winter, with plenty rain for growing grain.

PATRIOTISM GONE TO SEED. There are too many slackers among the fathers of this country. Young men are not responding to the call for volunteers because their father or mother is not ready to make the sacrifice, and will not consent for their son to become a soldier, or enlist in any department of the army.

As an evidence of this, a Rannels county boy was in a manner disinherited and looked upon as "the foolish son" because he volunteered his service to his country, and recently left for the training camp. He left home without those "God bless you" farewells from loved ones, and no member of his family came to the station to bid him goodbye and good luck.

We pity the man who will not advise with his boy, and help him in choosing for what is best, but we pity more the father who will cast off his son and treat him as the "black sheep" of the family all because the boy has burning in his breast that spark of patriotism that prompts him to sacrifice his life that the liberty established by our forefathers might be perpetuated.

COLEMAN REPORTS RAIN. A telephone message from Coleman at noon Wednesday stated that a good rain was falling at that place. Heavy clouds indicated that the rain extended towards Ballinger for a considerable distance.

Frank Pokorney of the Rowena country, was here Wednesday to bring Mrs. Pokorney to the train. Mrs. Pokorney was en route to Burkburnett, Texas, where she goes to visit her mother. While in the city Mr. Pokorney was a pleasant caller at the Ledger office.

W. J. Durham of Hill county, returned to his home Wednesday from Winters, where he had been for some months.

COULDN'T TAKE OFF COAT WITHOUT HELP

Had Rheumatism So Bad Couldn't Raise Arms—Tanlac Overcomes His Troubles

"I simply suffered torture with rheumatism for years and when I found out about this Tanlac I was so crippled up that I just could manage to hobble around a little by using a walking stick," said Will V. Jernigan, while in Kiesling's Drug Store at Houston, Texas, a few days ago. Mr. Jernigan has been an employe of the state government for several years. He is now located at the Ramsey State Farm at Otley, Texas, and is a well known citizen of that place.

"My troubles began in 1908," continued Mr. Jernigan, "and ever since then I simply suffered agony nearly all the time until Tanlac relieved me. The rheumatism was all through my entire system and my arms and legs, shoulders and back, were all so badly affected that I could hardly move. I spent a whole year at the Hot Wells of Marlin taking treatment, but got no relief. I left there and came home and for forty days I couldn't walk, and was just barely able to hobble around a little by using a stick. I couldn't undress myself—couldn't even raise my arms to take off my coat—and was completely down and out and absolutely helpless.

"I was all run-down and bilious and had no appetite. I was terribly nervous and felt so bad all over I could hardly sleep at all. I used liniments of all kinds, took every medicine I could hear of and spent, I don't know how much money, but I just kept on suffering. It seemed that my case was a hopeless one and I had just about despaired of ever getting anything to help me.

"When I read in the papers about the good Tanlac was doing other poor sufferers, I just wondered if it would help me too. I had my doubts about it because everything else had failed, but I decided to take a chance and try it any way. And believe me, I am mighty glad I did for it has made a well man out of me and I would take time day or night to tell anybody what it is that has gotten me out of my terrible suffering. I have taken three bottles and you can see for yourself how well I look and how easy I can walk. I haven't an ache or a pain about me now and I sleep like a rock. I can use my shoulders and arms just as well as I could when I was a boy and I'm entirely free from all nervousness. My appetite couldn't be better and I can eat anything and have gained seven pounds in weight, too. After Tanlac has done all this for me, I would be ungrateful not to tell others about it."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store; in Winters by Owens Drug Store; in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford; in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, and in Wingo by R. E. Finley & Co.

BALLINGER MEN MUST WORK THE STREETS.

A new street working ordinance has been passed by the city commission of Ballinger, and with its publication in this paper it becomes a law, and all able bodied men over twenty-one years of age and under forty-five years of age, except preachers, and volunteer firemen in good standing, are now subject to work the streets on the same basis as the man living in the country is subject to public road work. Every man within the age limit should read the new law. It can be found elsewhere in this paper.

All laws, whether good or bad, are severely criticised, and this one is no exception to the rule. The condition of Ballinger streets is responsible for this law. The streets are almost impassible in places. There are several hundred men in the city who must under this new law work the streets or furnish a substitute, which will amount to several hundred days work. This will help some, and with the street tax from property owners there should be no let up until Ballinger streets are put in good shape and the little rocks and big pebbles removed from every street in the city. Every citizen should support the commissioners in their efforts to improve street conditions.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 5c.

HERE IS LADIES' FOOD PLEDGE CARD

Ladies have been appointed in each school district in Rannels county to carry on the work of food economy, as outlined by Food Administrator Hoover and proclaimed by President Wilson. Registration of all housewives in Ballinger will take place next week, but any rural resident may also be registered in Ballinger on the dates mentioned below. This registration, while not compulsory, is very necessary and every patriotic lady in the county is urged to sign the pledge. Ladies will also be asked to sign the blanks for Volunteer Service of the National League of Woman's Service. These blanks may be secured from Mrs. Melton at Ballinger, and will be mailed to Winters, Miles, Rowena, and probably other smaller towns of the county if called for.

Here is the pledge to be signed by the ladies who register under the Hoover plan:

Mrs. U. P. Melton, chairman of the Food Conservation League for Rannels County, has asked The Ledger to publish the following blank and requests all those who will do so to fill in the form from the paper instead of registering at the registration stations. A serious shortage of pledge cards and delay in getting any cards at all, is the reason of this request. Simply fill in the blank as indicated and mail to Mrs. Melton in Ballinger. Enclose ten cents if you wish and later a button and shield insignia of the food administration will be sent you.

Registration Card. Name..... Address..... Number of Household..... Do you Employ a Cook?..... Occupation of Breadwinner.....

Will you take part in authorized neighborhood movement for food conservation?..... (There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home).

"I am glad to join the service of food conservation for our nation, and I hereby accept membership in the United States food administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the food administration in the conduct of my house, in so far as my circumstances permit."

"The woman who is watchful in her home, careful of every bit of food used, is serving her country just as truly and just as effectively as the nurse in the Red Cross tent or the man at the front or the sea."—Ladies Home Journal.

This is the spirit that is guiding the ladies of Ballinger who will register next Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th of July. It was previously announced that the ladies would register this week but due to the delay in receiving the Hoover pledge cards, Mrs. U. P. Melton today announced the date for the 17th and 18th. The hours for registration will not last all day, but will be from 9:00 to 11:00 in the morning, and from 4:00 to 7:00 in the afternoon. If any one is prevented from registering on account of sickness or otherwise, a substitute may be appointed who will carry the card to the registrant's home for signature and return. Ladies may register at the box nearest them or at the most convenient place. The Carnegie Library will be the central station as a matter of convenience to those on the way to and from the business section.

The following ladies' homes have been designated by the committee as registration boxes. These ladies have volunteered their homes and their services to the cause: Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, Mrs. Dan Moser, Mrs. J. M. Skinner, Mrs. R. O. Walton, Miss Velma Walker, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and the central station at the Carnegie Library.

Any rural resident may also register in Ballinger if she so desires. A South Ballinger box has been secured at the home of Mrs. W. A. Taylor, who will have charge of the work in that ward.

The first list of directions sent out, to be posted in the kitchen of women who have joined the administration, are:

"One wheatless meal a day. Use corn, oatmeal, rye or barley bread and non-wheat breakfast foods. Cut the loaf on the table, and only as required. Eat less cake and pastry.

"Beef, mutton or pork not more than once daily. Use freely vegetables and fish. At the meat meal serve smaller portions and stew instead of steaks. Make made dishes of all left overs.

"Save the milk. The children must have milk. Use buttermilk and sour milk for cooking and making cottage cheese. Use less cream. Save the fats. Use butter on the table, but not in cooking. Reduce use of fried foods.

"Use less candy and sweet drinks, but do not start sugar in putting up fruit and jams; they will save butter.

"Save the fuel. Use wood when you can get it.

"Fruits and vegetables we have in abundance. As a nation we eat too little green stuffs. Double their use and improve your health. Store potatoes and other roots properly and they will keep. Begin now to can or dry all surplus garden products.

"General rules: Buy less, serve smaller portions, preach the clean plate; don't eat a fourth meal; don't limit the plain food of growing children; watch out for the wastes in the community; full garbage pails in America mean empty dinner pails in America and Europe."

BALLINGER BOY WRITES OF CAMP LIFE

E. J. Vorbeck, who enlisted in the navy from Ballinger some time ago, and who is now in the training camp at Great Lakes, Ill., writes this interesting and breezy letter to his friend, Buck Elder, in which he tells something of the life at the camp:

Great Lakes, Ill., June 1. Mr. Erwin Elder, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Friend:—Thought I would write you a few lines today. I have been thinking of doing so sooner, but never got to it. I am still at the Great Lakes and like it fine. I am glad I joined the navy when I did. I could not get in as yeoman on account of my age, so I entered as fireman. We got a twelve dollar raise in pay June 1st. That puts third class fireman's pay about thirty-six dollars a month. That is pretty good wages. They have about 8,000 men at this station now, really more than they can handle very well.

Buck, if you would re-enlist I believe you could soon have a pretty good job. They are wanting men with military training for instructors, to take out the rookies and drill them. They have petty officers and commanders here that have not been in the service six months, because they are need them so bad.

They have only shipped about 500 men from here since I came. I guess I will have to stay here quite a while yet. I hear Ballinger has made another shipment to the navy. What station are they shipping them to now?

They are not near as strict here as I always thought they would be. We get up at five o'clock in the morning and take a bath before breakfast, at seven o'clock. At seven thirty we have roll call, and after that if we are not working or drilling, we have all day to go wherever we want to. We get a forty-eight hour shore leave every Saturday. Louis Hale is in the same regiment I am in. He is fireman now, but is going to change his rating to hospital apprentice. We have bands, baseball, boxing and other sports here, and I am having a good time. Just now I am in the hospital with the measles. What are you doing now? Did you ever persuade John Eisenhuth to enlist? Write me a letter soon.

Your friend, E. J. VORBECK. Camp Paul Jones, Co. G, Second Reg., Great Lakes, Ill.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

MORTUARY. J. W. Duke.

J. W. Duke died at the home of his son, R. E. Duke, south of Ballinger, Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The funeral was conducted at the residence where the death occurred at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Bost, and interment followed in the City Cemetery.

Mr. Duke lived to be 80 years, 7 months and 27 days old, and enjoyed fairly good health up to

For The Mother

Maternity is a crisis in a woman's life that should be safe-guarded with extreme care. The safe, penetrating external preparation, "Mother's Friend", has been prepared for over three generations, especially for expectant mothers. By its use stretching pains are avoided. The abdominal muscles relax easily when baby is born and this naturally makes for in-

initely less pain and danger at the crisis. Ask for a bottle at your drug store today and write for interesting free book, "Motherhood and the Baby". Simply address The Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. D, 300 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga. Do not go a single night without applying "Mother's Friend"; it is the greatest kind of help to nature.

within the past few months when he began to fail, and gradually weaker until death relieved him of a worn out, but well spent life.

Deceased spent a good part of the time in Ballinger during the past few years, and has many friends here who will join with the relatives in sorrow. He is survived by a number of married children living in this county, and to these friends extend sympathy.

J. N. Tipton Died at Ft. Worth.

C. C. Schuehard received a telegram Monday morning stating that his son-in-law, J. N. Tipton, was dead. Mr. Tipton died in a sanitarium at Fort Worth at nine-thirty Monday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Deceased became ill at his home in Menard, being afflicted with a severe headache which gradually grew worse. He was carried to Fort Worth for treatment, but instead of getting relief he became unconscious and lingered for several weeks with his mind affected, and death came as the only relief.

Mr. Tipton was well known in Ballinger, as well as throughout this section of the state. He was numbered among the prominent stockmen of the Menard country. Mrs. Tipton and the two boys, Charley and Lincoln spent a good part of the time here with Mr. and Mrs. Schuehard during the past few years, Mrs. Tipton having recently spent some time here. Besides the two sons which are nearly grown a baby boy, about one year old survives.

Mr. Schuehard will leave for Menard Tuesday morning, where the remains will arrive some time during the early part of the day and the funeral will be held at that place and interment made in the Menard cemetery.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head. Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

COTTON HOLDING UP WELL.

Farm Demonstrator Eaton reports that while cotton is needing rain in many places the crop is holding up well, growing and fruiting. According to Mr. Eaton's report that feed crop is "blowed up." About half of the county offers pretty good prospects for cotton with rain soon, while in some sections the farmers were hailed out, or failed to get a stand of cotton, and a complete failure is reported. The feed crop will be the shortest in many years, with prices the highest in history of the country.

26 CENT COTTON.

A. J. Voelkel sold his cotton holdings to Dan Moser Monday, receiving a check for \$575.90 for four bales of cotton. This represented Mr. Voelkel's own making on his cotton patch at his home just across the Colorado River from the City. The four bales weighed 2215 pounds and sold for the high price of 26 cents per pound.

MANY PEOPLE TRAVELING AUTOMOBILES.

Quite a number of families are away from Ballinger on trips to different parts of the state. H. G. Hays and two sons, Blair and Marion and daughter, Miss Helen, left Tuesday morning for an overland trip to Knox City.

J. F. Curry and wife, C. P. Shepherd, wife and little daughter, were joined by Misses Lena Bell Doss and Mamie Gregory, and the party left in their autos for a trip to the coast, Tuesday morning.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of expressing our gratitude to those who were so faithful in helping us wait on our father during his long illness and to all who ministered in any way, may the Lord bless every one.

Mrs. C. E. Hildreth and Children L. D. Duke and Family. W. L. Duke and Family. Ms. W. A. Tyson and Family. R. E. Duke and Family, L. A. Duke and Family, L. D. Duke. 1tw

CHINESE TAKE ON A DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Dispatches received by the state department today brings good news of the spread of democracy and the principles of the American government. According to the dispatches China has established a democratic form of government, and it is reported that the Chinese emperor has been driven out. Former Vice President Keng Kue Chang, has been selected as the president of the provisional government which has been established at Nanking.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Advices from China to the state department today says that General Chang Hsun's appointment as provisional president of China has been confirmed at Nanking. According to the official reports of the conflict the emperor, Hsuan Tung, has retired to Peking and Peking is surrounded by republican forces. The new president has provisioned the republican forces and strengthened their defense. It is freely predicted that the new government without any great loss established without any great loss of life.

YOU CAN AFFORD IT. FACTS AND FIGURES ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S EARNING ABILITY.

From \$100 to \$150 pays for a complete life scholarship, including books and board, in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy, or Business Administration and Finance in our school. When one or more of these courses is finished, we will place the graduate in a position where his first two or three months salary will reimburse him for all necessary tuition and board paid for the course. The graduate seeing that he can earn \$3.00 where before he could earn but \$1.00 will soon admit that if he had had to borrow every cent of the money to pay board and tuition, that it was the best investment he ever made.

Traffic is unusually heavy on all railroads, which means additional help in all departments. All the railroads, as well as the U. S. Government, is urging young men and women to learn Telegraphy. They are calling on us daily. We are unable to fill them owing to the great demand for help. Enroll now for a course of Telegraphy and help us supply the demand for operators.

With the famous Byrne Short hand and Practical Bookkeeping, and our practical way of teaching Telegraphy and Railway Station work, we give the student a more thorough training, in half the time and at half the usual cost of a course in other schools teaching other systems. This is conclusively proven by the endorsements in our catalogue from those who have attended other schools and studied other systems. We conclusively prove every statement we make, and that is why we have the largest business training school in America. Our catalogue is free for the asking, and it will give any parent or young person just the information they desire in helping them to make up their mind as to the school to patronize, the course to take, the cost, and the increased earning capacity.

Fill in name, address and course interested in, and mail to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. Name..... Address..... Course..... B. F. Allen returned Tuesday from a business trip in Concho county. Bob Wallace and children of Blanket returned to their home Tuesday, after a visit here with Mrs. Savoy.

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Killman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me... but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. 71

was found that no charge could be lodged against Jones and he was released.

Mack is still in jail at Hugo, awaiting trial. When the indictment against Felix Jones was announced in press dispatches, and illustrations of Jones reproduced the sheriff's forces here immediately declared that Felix Jones and F. R. Jones were one and the same. In view of the fact that one automobile was obtained by a member of this same clique, and the near deal put over in this city the Jones case will be watched with considerable interest here.

MAKING ROAD TO WINGATE STRAIGHT

Commissioners Kirk and Smith are busy getting some crooks in the Ballinger-Wingate road straightened out. At the W. P. Jones and W. T. Padgett places about six or seven miles from the city, the road has been straightened by cutting across the corners, a deal having been made with the land owners that made this possible. Considerable distance will be saved and a better road bed secured by making the change.

The commissioners are feeling good over the success of the new road building machinery. Both Messrs. Kirk and Smith say that the Wingate road will be the best in the county as soon as completed and that it is a regular pike highway. Of course the fresh grade makes traveling a little rough at places over that road now, but as soon as a good rain comes the light graders and drags will put the finishing touch to the road and in the future all that will be necessary to keep the road in perfect shape will be busy drags after each rain. At the present rate of road building and with the splendid co-operation between the four commissioners this county will be supplied with good roads much quicker than the people ever hoped for.

The Wingate road will be completed in a few days and the road building crew and machinery will be transferred to the Crews road, and the work on that road rushed.

IS BALLINGER SATISFIED?

The Evidence is Convincing. The Testimony Open to Investigation.

Before a statement can be accepted here, it must be supported by local testimony—by the evidence of someone residing in Ballinger. Statements from unknown people in remote places may be true, but we cannot prove them. Here is a statement by a Ballinger resident:

W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., relieved all this trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

MR. AND MRS. WIGLE LEAVE FOR SWEETWATER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle left Wednesday morning for Sweetwater, where Mr. Wigle will be checked in as agent for the Santa Fe at that place. Mrs. Wigle was relieved of her duties as manager of the Western Union office here and Claude Rush is in charge temporarily, and Charlie Hetrick is in charge of the Santa Fe agency until a successor for Mr. Wigle has been appointed. Mr. and Mrs. Wigle leave many friends in Ballinger. They put in a good part of the day Tuesday telling their friends good bye. Mr. Wigle stated that he had not disposed of his home here and would not move his furniture until he either sold or rented the house, and until he secured a home at Sweetwater.

Judge M. C. Smith and wife left Wednesday for Denver, Colo., going by way of Gainesville, where they will be joined by Miss Maryatt and Master Clarence Smith. Mrs. F. H. Turberville and son will also accompany them. They are planning a family reunion on Pike's Peak.

H. C. Parramore returned to his home in San Antonio Tuesday.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN

All Dread of Red Bugs or Chiggers Banished With Dr. Tinkle's Healing Oil.

Red Bugs or chiggers are a constant source of annoyance to people who go fishing or picnicing.

The pleasure of those who enjoy outing is often marred by these troublesome insects.

This annoyance can be entirely overcome by applying Dr. Tinkle's Healing Oil to the affected places. It kills the Red Bug instantly, prevents itching and heals the bite.

It is highly recommended for all kinds of insect stings and bites.

Rub some of Dr. Tinkle's Healing Oil on your hands, arms and face and mosquitoes will let you alone.

Ask for Dr. Tinkle's Healing Oil, Liver-eze, Baby Bowel Remedy, Stomach Remedy, Dusting Powder and Screw Worm Killer, if you want the best. They are sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. in Crews by J. W. Rainwater, Hatchel by J. T. Branham; Miles by Palace Drug Store, City Drug Store, in Pony by Pat Mapes, in Rowena by Shillers Pharmacy, in Token by J. W. Bright, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, City Drug Store, Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., in Maverick by T. L. Todd.

CORPORAL FLICK GOES TO STAMFORD.

Corporal Flick, who had been in Ballinger for about six weeks as a recruiting officer, left Wednesday for Stamford. He will stay there for several weeks, and from there will go back to Waco.

MISS RANKIN WOULD COMFORT WIVES AND CHILDREN OF TROOPS.

Washington, July 11. — Dependent wives and children of all soldiers would be granted federal allowances during the war by a bill introduced today by Representative Rankin of Montana. Wives with no children would receive \$30 a month; those with one child \$46 those with two children \$60 and those with more than two \$75.

R. S. Sanders of Bradshaw and Mrs. L. B. Prater of Corpus Christi passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Corpus Christi.

GROCERIES—GROCERIES

We are again open for business in clean, fresh groceries and will appreciate your patronage in our line.

We will help you solve the problem of the high cost of living by giving you more goods for the same money. Highest prices paid for all kinds of produce.

Next door to Wood & Son old stand. W. A. GUSTAVUS & SON. 14d-14w Grocery Co.

RATES FOR Classified Ads

THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion. Black face type double vertical rate. Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular office account with us. Call Telephone No. 17.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good mesquite cord wood cheap, at my place 9 miles up the Colorado river. Antone Mika, Route A, Ballinger. 8-2tw 5td

LOST.

LOST—Between Ballinger and Rowena, a black grip, two handles, containing clothes and stationary by which it can be identified. Reward for return to J. B. Miles, Brownwood, Texas. 7-5td1w

LOST—Two mares, one sorrel and one bay, about 15 hands high, both wild, lost near W. T. Nichols place. Will pay liberal reward for return or information leading to recovery of same. W. T. Nichols, Route 1, Rowena, Texas. 7-1td2wtd.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Bay mare, branded "O over A" left thigh. Black filly, no brand, 3 white feet, long blaze face, bring to or notify, Thos. A. Rape, Ballinger. 13-1tw

BABY RECOVERS FROM DRINKING GASOLINE

The Little 18 Months Old Boy of Mr. and Mrs. Bird Seay Came Nearing Death Wednesday Morning as the Result of Drinking Gasoline.

The little 18 months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Bird Seay came near dying Wednesday morning as the result of drinking gasoline. Mr. and Mrs. Seay are here from Lampasas visiting Mrs. Seay's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McWhirter and other relatives. They were all at the home of Jim McWhirter five miles in the country and were preparing to come to town when the little fellow got hold of a cup containing a quantity of gasoline, and swallowed a sufficient quantity to seriously affect it.

Fortunate a car was standing nearby and the child was hurriedly brought to a doctor and within a short time a stomach pump had done its work and the child revived. The child would no doubt have died before the parents reached the city with it, had not the gasoline strangled it and prevented the drinking of a larger quantity.

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IN RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

PETROGRAD, July 10.—As a result of Russians driving toward Lemberg from the south, more than one thousand additional prisoners were captured and several more villages fall into the hands of the Russians. Three large guns, a number of small guns were taken with the prisoners by the Russians, and the Teutons are rapidly retreating to the river Lominka under heavy fire by the Russians. The Russians penetrated the line of the enemy for a distance of six and one half miles.

PARIS, July 9.—Suddenly assuming a strong offensive the French troops swept forward between Bovettes Ridge and Cherregny today and recaptured the first nine trenches on the front for a distance of more than one mile.

FRENCH FRONT, July 9.—America's first expeditionary army arrived close to the French battle front today and will go in training within hearing distance of the cannon roar. The American troops will soon be making up part of the fighting line along the French front, while their presence is creating much enthusiasm among the French soldiers.

AND SO

Sec. 3. Any person liable to work on the public streets, and who has been legally summoned to work, shall have the privilege of furnishing an able-bodied substitute to work in his place; and said substitute shall be accepted by the street overseer if in his opinion he is capable of performing a reasonable amount of work; and every person warned to work on the streets, by paying to the street overseer at any time before the day appointed to work on the streets the sum of sixty-cents for each day he was so summoned to work, shall be exempt from working for each day paid for, and shall also be exempt for the time for which he has paid from the penalties for failing to work.

Sec. 4. Each person summoned to work on the streets of this city shall take with him such an implement or working tool as the street overseer may direct; provided that if he have no such implement or tool, he shall take such other implement or tool as he can procure, and if he is unable to procure any tool, he shall be furnished with same by the street overseer.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of each street hand to perform his duty as required by the ordinances of this city, and to do a reasonable amount of work and to do the same under and in accordance with the directions of the street overseer.

Sec. 6. Whenever instructed so to do by the Board of Commissioners, it shall be the duty of the City Marshal to call out and summon for street duty all persons liable to work on the public streets, and shall cause the said persons to work such number of days as he may be directed by the Board of Commissioners; provided, that no person liable to street duty shall be compelled to work more than five days in any one year.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the street overseer to give three entire days' previous notice by summons in person or in writing

OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.

To be stronger when older, keep your blood pure and rich and active with the strength-building and blood-nourishing properties of Scott's Emulsion which is food, a tonic and a medicine to keep your blood rich, alleviate rheumatism and avoid sickness. No alcohol in Scott's. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

to each person liable to street duty, of the time and place such person will be required to work. If the summons be in writing, it shall be served by leaving same at the usual place of abode of the person summoned, with some one residing at such place who is not less than ten years of age, or if no person ten years of age or over can be found at such place of abode, the street overseer or person summoning shall serve the same by posting notice on the door of such place of abode. The street overseer shall have power to appoint some one to summons the hands to work on the streets,

livered before the man committee of the reichstag was received here today in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. According to the quotations from the chancellor's speech as published in the Anzeiger, peace without annexation is not acceptable to Germany, and no terms of peace not carrying land grants will be considered. Hollweg told the German people through the reichstag that Germany can win if she holds out.

In referring to the report that he might retire from the chancellorship Hollweg said, "I consider it my duty to remain as chancellor for the protection of the fatherland."

AMSTERDAM, July 11.—Dispatches received here from Berlin quote German newspapers and according to the reports received the forming of a coalition cabinet in Germany is impending. It is believed that the coalition cabinet is forming for the purpose of bringing the German factions together, and to overcome the anti-war socialist element.

ALL GERMAN AGENTS MUST LEAVE U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—All German diplomatic agents must

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seer, to report to the Board of Commissioners, under oath, at its first regular meeting in April of each year, the number of street hands and their names, also the number of days he has caused the streets to be worked, the condition of the streets, the amount of money collected by him and from whom, in lieu of performance of street duty. The City Marshal, in his capacity of overseer, shall also turn in to the city secretary, within three days after same is collected, all moneys collected by him in lieu of street work under the provisions of this ordinance, shall take the secretary's receipt therefor, and shall make a monthly report to the Board of Commissioners at the regular monthly meetings, covering the points mentioned in the said annual report provided for, to which monthly reports shall be attached the secretary's receipts for money so collected and turned in by him.

Sec. 11. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed, but this ordinance shall be cumulative only for all other ordinances not in conflict which appertain to the financing of street workings and to the working, building, grading and repairing of streets.

The fact that some of the streets of the city of Ballinger are in such bad condition as to render them almost impassable, and the further fact that there are now no funds available for the working and repairing of same, creates an emergency and public necessity for the passage of this ordinance, and the rule requiring more than one reading before final passage is hereby dispensed with and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved in regular meeting, this the 10th day of July, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) E. F. KREBS, Mayor Attest: J. R. Lusk, 11-3td1tw City Secretary.

FARMERS UNION TO HAVE BARBECUE

The delegates to the district convention of the Pecan Valley Farmers' Union will be entertained here with a barbecue on the 18th. The convention meets on the 17th. The first and last day will be devoted to business of the union while the second day will be an open session.

Mr. Jost and Mr. Booth, two of the members of the county union, and who were appointed by the union to co-operate with a committee of local citizens, have been busy arranging for the coming convention. Plans are being made to entertain about three hundred delegates, and the barbecue will be for the delegates only and visitors to the convention here. An auto drive some time in the afternoon will also be on the program for the entertainment of the delegates.

Not Well Enough Known

We cannot accomplish much in the treatment of dyspepsia, however much we may temporarily relieve its symptoms, so long as the blood remains impure. It is a fact not well enough known by people generally that when the stomach, liver and other digestive organs are supplied with impure blood, the digestive process is impaired, so as to cause faintness and loss of appetite and sometimes a deranged state of the intestines, and in general all the symptoms of dyspepsia.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is of great service in dyspepsia, because it purifies the blood, making it the healthy stimulus the digestive organs must have for the proper performance of their duties. Hood's Sarsaparilla, especially if taken in a little hot water, has "a magic touch" in dyspepsia. Get it today.

INSURANCE RATE ALMOST DOUBLED

Austin, Tex., July 7.—The state fire insurance commission has announced an increase on the charge on combustible shingle roofing, effective July 15. The present charge is 15 cents and the increase is to 25 cents, making a net increase of 10 cents. The commission is of the opinion that the immense conflagration losses are due largely to combustible shingle roofs. The present charge of 15 cents for shingle roofs applies to dwellings, apartment houses and flats, churches, schools, colleges, convents and public libraries.

Material changes in the schedules applying on cottonseed oil mills have also been made by the commission effective on July 15, which means in most instances an increase in the present rates. It is pointed out that the average cottonseed store house at a mill, at this time, has a capacity of seed valued at about \$300,000. It has been found that the average store house is 80 by 200 feet and accommodates 4200 tons of seed now valued at about \$80 per ton. The commission has caused the rate to be increased where values are not segregated and where improvement is not made in the risk.

FELIX R. JONES HAS FRIENDS IN OKLAHOMA

HUGO, Okla., July 10.—With the arrest of Felix Jones in connection with the murder of Thos. Lyons on May 17 and his indictment by the Dallas County grand jury for the murder of Miss Florence Brown in Dallas on July 28, 1913, revived interest is being made manifest in the case of J. W. Mack, now in the Chotaw County jail here, charged with attempts to obtain property under false pretenses.

It has been pointed out that about April 12, J. A. Mack and one F. R. Jones, came to Ft. Towson, a small town 15 miles east of here and opened negotiations with Sears & McGhee for the purchase of the H. T. Wright Mercantile Company stock there. It was stated at the time that Mack was purchasing the stock with the expressed purpose of reselling to Jones.

The deal was closed and in payment of the consideration Mack gave to Sears & McGhee, commercial paper issued by the Commonwealth Trust Co., Houston, Texas. Included in these were some time deposit slips issued by the Commonwealth Trust Co., to one J. A. Brown, but Mack proved satisfactorily that the accounts had been transferred to him. The Fort Towson bankers wired the Commercial Trust Co., and they notified the bankers that the slips were genuine and were covered by the deposits.

No more was done on this deal until April 24 when Mack and Jones came to Hugo and both registered at the Webb Hotel. Jones gave his residence as Ft. Worth, Texas, but Mack never inserted his home town name, leaving the register blank. On April 25, both men called at the office of W. C. Henry, local agent for the Mitchell Motor Co., stating they wanted to look at a car with the intention of buying. Henry spent some time in demonstrating the car and Mack, who was the spokesman, told Henry that he would purchase the car. Henry demanded cash payment and Mack offered the excuse that on account of his purchasing the Wright stock at Ft. Towson he could not pay all cash but offered him the same kind of deposit slips that he had given the Ft. Towson merchants.

Henry told them they might have the car if his bankers would approve the paper. The slips taken to J. H. Jackson, president of the Hugo National Bank, who examined them and wired the Commercial Trust Co., and they again approved the paper.

Jackson, however, was suspicious and wired the First National Bank at Houston. His reply was that the Commonwealth institution was a state chartered institution "whose reliability was questionable." Immediately following this message came one from Oklahoma City bankers that several thousand dollars worth of this paper was in circulation in Oklahoma and the men were accordingly arrested.

On search of their luggage several thousand dollars worth of the paper was found as were also several blank warranty deeds, acknowledged by notaries but not filled out. Mack claimed all the paper and after investigation it

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"Made In Texas" claims your FAIR TRIAL of its Merits, on its Merits.

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Gum, Spearmint Flavor, is the equal of any gum on the market. It is a Pure Chicle Gum, delicately flavored and it LASTS.

Tell the Clerk You "Want That Temple Gum"

Made In the Largest Gum Factory In the South, at Temple, Texas. By The

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shall do so and so when the time comes, or I should get in the quartermasters department or I shall drive a truck. My God, have we Texans come to the point when we want to "pass the buck" to some one else. Some say, Oh! I am giving up a bright future, but we are all alike, I drill, dig, renches, day by day with men who have unselfishly given themselves to their country. In one rench to my right, is a college professor, in one to my left is a New York Jew, on one side is a millionaire and on the other is a pauper.

I say to my friends, its time to fall in, all of us alike and fight shoulder to shoulder for a common cause. And if the delusion is in your minds that the war will be over soon, may you think as never before and realize that our firing line is already on the French front and we shall be next. I do not mean to urge those whose duty it is to remain at home to follow the flag, but I believe that our state should awaken more to the common duty. I believe that carelessness and thriftlessness would cease, that not far in the future he must our grand old nation settle down to the low whisper of determination to win.

As for the training camp for officers, there are about 2500 who are earnestly devoting all energies to obtain the military way of thinking in the quickest way. Out of each company of 170 men there will be issued some 70 commissions and with half of the camp over, I am thoroughly convinced that those who pull through will have a working basis upon which to depend for further duty to his country, and each one realizes that not far in the future he must show in actual warfare his ability and its costly to lose one life through an officers inefficiency, besides unpardonable, and realizing such possibilities the seriousness of the camp is only outweighed by their eagerness to learn.

I should be glad to visit home again and talk with many of you, but if a fellow makes good in the camp, he never knows where we will be the next day. The world is wide open to him and he has as good a chance to land in Hong Kong as Berlin.

If there should be any one who would like to have any definite information concerning our army, I should be glad to answer such if I could.

Respectfully,
WALACE HAWKINS.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

HOW WE'LL GET OUR SHARE AUTO MONEY

AUSTIN, Tex., July 9.—The state highway commission has adopted a resolution providing that that part of the automobile license fees remitted to the counties from which such fees were collected shall be first used for the maintenance of the state designated highways, if any, and that the remainder of such funds shall be used in the maintenance of other improved roads in such counties. In this connection the commission gave out a statement quoting section 23 of the state highway act and also the text of its resolution on the subject. This is the section and the resolution:

"State Highway Fund.—All funds coming in the hands of the highway commission, derived from the registration fees hereinbefore provided for or from other sources, as collected, shall be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of a special fund designated as 'the state highway fund,' and shall be paid only on warrants issued by the state comptroller upon vouchers drawn by the chairman of the commission and approved by one other member of the commission, such vouchers to be accompanied by itemized sworn statements of the expenditures, except when such vouchers are for the regular salaries of the employees of the commission. The said state highway funds shall be expended by the state highway commission for furtherance of public road construction and the establishment of a system of state highways, as contemplated and set forth in this act; provided that, semi-annually, on the first days of September and March, respectively, beginning with September 1, 1917, one-half of the gross collections of registration fees from all motor vehicles and motorcycles received from the several counties of the state by the state highway department, as provided in this act, shall be remitted to the county treasurer in the counties from which such collections were respectively made; and, provided further, that such allotment of registration fees to the counties shall constitute a special fund to be expended by and under the direction of the commissioners court of the respective counties in the maintenance of the public roads of such counties in accordance with plans approved by the state highway department.

"Therefore be it ordered by the state highway commission that the part of the automobile license fees remitted to the counties from which they are collected shall be used, first, for the maintenance of the state designated highways, if any, and that the remainder of such funds, if any, shall be used in the maintenance of the other improved roads of such county.

"The word 'maintenance' as used herein, shall be construed to mean the making of needed repairs and the preservation of a reasonably smooth surface, considering the type of road, and such maintenance shall also include the keeping of the bridges and culverts on said road in a proper condition of repair."

LEMON JUICE IS FRECKLE REMOVER

Girls' Make this cheap beauty lotion to clear and whiten your skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion and complexion beautifier, at very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT BETHEL CHURCH

Rev. T. C. Jester returned to Fort Worth Monday. He had been here for a week assisting Rev. Cornelius in a revival at Bethel, eight miles south of Ballinger. The revival was held under a tabernacle prepared for the purpose and the Baptist church as well as other churches represented in the Bethel community were greatly benefitted by the revival.

HARRY J. SPANELL MAKING BIG SHELLS

(San Angelo Standard)
At last free from the cares which attended two rapid trials in Texas, upon charges of murder, Harry J. Spanell of Waco is now doing "his bit" for his country. He is engaged in moulding huge five-inch shells in a munitions factory near Hazelton, in his native state of Pennsylvania.

This information, perhaps of interest to thousands of West Texans, was imparted in San Angelo last night by Lud T. Williams of Waco, attorney who defended Spanell in both charges against him. Judge Williams is in the city on legal business.

In the first trial in San Angelo in January, Spanell was acquitted upon the charge of having murdered his wife at Alpine on July 20, 1916, at which time Lieutenant-Colonel Malcom C. Butler was shot to death. Three months later at Coleman, Spanell was convicted and given a five-year sentence in connection with the death of Butler.

His lawyers immediately entered an appeal, which is now pending before the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin. It will likely be heard sometime in November or December. Spanell, in the meantime, is at liberty under bond, and it is understood, has in a measure regained his health, which was all but wrecked in the incidents which followed the Alpine tragedy.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION.

For Special School Tax

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 21st day of July 1917, at Elm Creek School in the Common School District No. 18 of this county, as established by order of the Commissioners' Court of this county, of date the 12th day of February, 1907, which is recorded in Book 4, pages 353-354, of the minutes of said court, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to increase the special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property now being levied and collected in said district for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, to and of a rate of not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property and to determine whether the Commissioner's Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually, a tax of, and at the rate of not exceeding fifty cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district, for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County, and who are resident property tax-payers in said district, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county, by order made on the 27 day of June 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 27th day of June 1917.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. 29-6-13w

HERE FOR FAMILY REUNION.

The children and grand children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McWhirter are gathering here for a family reunion, and as soon as they all arrive a camping outfit will be chartered and several days spent in camp on the Coneho river. Those arriving Friday night were Mrs. S. L. Yeates, of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Sea and children of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McWhirter and four children, Mrs. Lula Stewart and two children, Mrs. A. R. Votaw and son, W. L. Whirter, all of Fort Worth. Four of the party are visiting at Brownwood and will arrive in Ballinger within a day or two.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

P. S. Roush and wife of Yoakum who had been in Ballinger, left Sunday for points in West Virginia.



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