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STATE IS URGING MODERN FARMING

AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—Greater diversification, more fertilization, more intensified farming and reduction of the cotton acreage are the chief activities which the state department of agriculture expects to see among farmers of Texas this winter. Independence for the farmer, such as he never had before, the department said, is expected to result from these activities.

The efforts to place before the farmers of the state the advantages of diversified farming probably will begin in earnest after the first of January, 1922, the department announced. As many farmers as possible, in all parts of the state, will be reached under plans of the department. The diversification plan includes the raising of more hogs, chickens, cows and garden products and less cotton.

"The farmer of Texas should endeavor to raise more than enough poultry, dairy, meat and garden products to supply his demands," a statement from the

department said. "The surplus can be sold in the local market, with independence from the effect of the cotton market as a result."

One farmer in Van Zandt county has three cotton crops on hand, according to George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture, but he has raised sufficient vegetables, poultry and meat products to carry him through the season.

Diversification, the department said, would "bring about an independence never before had by the farmer and at the same time help to raise the price of cotton."

During the winter many farmers, in addition to preparing their land for the next season, probably will engage in terracing, a method of reclamation, the department said. The last legislature made it necessary to end the terracing activities of the state department of agriculture, according to department officials but it is believed that the farmers of the state have become sufficiently educated in the method to continue it.

The financial situation facing the farmers this winter is believed by department officials "not to be encouraging," they

said. However, loans from the War Finance Corporation are expected to aid the agriculturist.

STOCKMEN ASK FOR PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A flat tariff duty of twenty per cent ad valorem on livestock, cattle, hides, fresh and prepared meats, was asked today of the Senate finance committee by Col. Ike T. Pryor, of San Antonio, speaking for the American National Livestock Association.

This duty, it is claimed would keep out cheap grown meat in competition to American grown meats.

MURDER TRIAL | DRAWS CROWD

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 13.—R. W. McNurlen went to trial here today charged with murder in connection with the killing of R. K. Thompson on January 7th of this year. Thompson was shot at McNurlen's home here and died on the following day.

The court house, as was the case in the Miller trial last week, was crowded to the limit at the beginning of the trial this afternoon, but there seemed to be absent the intense interest which was a feature of the Miller case from the start to the finish.

ROBBERS LOOT MAIL POUCH

WACO, Dec. 13.—A mail pouch containing a quantity of mail, most of it directed to Waco parties, was rifled last night at Aquilla. The pouch was found cut open and the letters gone, and other contents scattered over the floor.

QUADRUPLE PEACE PACT IS SIGNED BY THE BIG POWERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The new quadruple treaty designed to preserve peace on the Pacific, was formally signed today by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan. The signatures were affixed in the ante room of the office of Secretary Hughes. The incident was without formal ceremony and there was no one present except the plenipotentiaries, their secretaries and chief advisors.

The American delegates to the armament conference were the first to sign the treaty, the signatures coming in alphabetical arrangement, and after the delegates had signed the document then the seals of the various governments were affixed shortly after eleven o'clock.

The approval of the United States to the pact, however, was given subject to the written understanding with the Japanese government, providing that the American and Japanese treaty

regarding the Yap question, be consummated before the four-power agreement is made binding.

The British delegates began signing twice, once for the British empire and once for the Union of South Africa, which had no delegates at the conference. The French followed the British signatures, then the Japanese completed the formal approval of the treaty at eleven-twenty.

Except for the reservations, which are expected to be completed within a few days by the signatures on the Yap treaty, the new Pacific agreement now requires only the parliamentary ratification of the various governments to make it effective.

The American official copy of the document goes to the White House for transmission by President Harding to the Senate. It is believed among the delegates and Washington officials that the pact will be forwarded to the Senate soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The American reservations attached to the four-power treaty, which was signed today, contained provision for domestic questions of the various powers, and will not be considered within the scope of the treaty. The reservations are in two parts. The first which declares that the treaty shall in no way be binding in regard to the policy of the United States toward mandate of the islands in the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Declaring that the four-power pact had "all the iniquities of the League of Nations, and none of the virtues claimed for that

require a long drawn out discussion of the various plans before anything looking to a reduction of armaments could be brought about, while in one month's time a treaty acceptable to all nations, or sufficiently so to make it effective, has been agreed upon and it is predicted will be ratified by every nation.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A ratification of the four power treaty is believed to be assured when submitted to the United States senate, is the view of newspapers here. Today's Journal, which has been commenting favorably on the proposed treaty, today greeted its terms with enthusiasm and based their forecast on prompt ratification to the fact that it was Senator Lodge who presented the pact in Saturday's plenary session of the conference for the limitation of armaments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The four-power Pacific treaty was severely criticised in a statement today by Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas, who said that the pact would take the United States in to the League of Nations through the "rear door."

The controversy between the United States and Japan over the Island of Yap was settled on terms to be publicly announced later, Secretary Hughes told the Far Eastern committee today.

G. C. Murphy, a former citizen of Runnels county, but who has been living in Oklahoma for four years, has returned to Runnels county, coming in this week.

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CHRISTMASSPIRIT DISPLAYED HERE

Many Ballinger merchants are getting ready for the Christmas trade and are making window displays that attract the attention of passers-by and draw customers into their stores. Especially do the children seem to be attracted by the decorations and where there is a Santa Claus they linger long and gaze at the things so dear to the heart of a child. If all the merchants of Ballinger would get busy and make a window display of holiday goods it would help all to feel the Christmas spirit and would make this the "Christmas town beautiful." About four hundred teachers will be here Christmas week and as all strangers in a new town are accustomed to doing one of the pastimes will be "window shopping," and the merchant who has an attractive display in his window will no doubt reap a big reward for the small effort put forth. If you have a show window and have not already decorated it don't delay longer, but put somebody at work at once and help promote the spirit of Christmas and good cheer.

Van Pelt-Pyburn is showing two windows that many local people are making special trips to town to see. One window is arranged with things for the kiddies, as well as small gifts for the oldsters. This is very attractively arranged with Xmas decorations of crepe paper, with small fireplaces, and a light snow covering the articles displayed. The other window is attractive and is filled with ladies' ready-to-wear.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Maek has a special snow scene painted for one of their windows and are arranging a line of Christmas goods in that window.

The Ballinger Dry Goods Co. has two windows full of articles that will likely be a suggestion to anyone looking for a gift in the dry goods line.

J. Y. Pearee Drug Co. has a window filled with Pickard china and that is enough to say to make sure the window is an attractive one.

D. Reeder has two windows on Hutchings Avenue and two on Eighth Street in which are exhibited many different suggestions in the dry goods line for men, women and children.

Asa Cordill has a window of jewelry that shows a very high class selection, and another window consists of fine silverware.

Hall Hardware has a window of ovens and cooking utensils which is far more attractive than you would suppose, and with the decorations the window presents a very pleasing appearance.

The Ballinger Electric Co. is just completing a new window, and in a few days will have it full of electrical equipment that will make very useful and appropriate gifts for anyone.

The Fair and the Globe stores are showing the children the toys and making their places headquarters for Santa Claus.

The window in the men's store of Stone & Thorp is a beautiful one and right in line with the season. Vines, leaves, mistletoe, and baskets of gilded thistles are used for decorations. The line of goods displayed causes one to stop and look.

Brewer Jewelry Co. has two windows full of Christmas gifts and of such variety and taste that you want to buy.

Eggers-Higdon Co. has two windows which reflect the Yuletide season and in which you can see something for every member of the family.

The big show windows at Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and at the Hub are at present full of sale advertising, but no doubt in a few days will be full of Christmas things. John A. Weeks' window will also display holiday gifts next week.

There are still other windows in town which should be decorated and no doubt in a few days will be joining the others in making Ballinger a center for holiday shoppers. Get in line with your windows and when the teacher-visitors arrive here on the 18th they will at once get an impression of Ballinger that will last and an idea for Christmas gift-giving that will cause many to do a major part of their shopping here.

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 Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 2c.

COTTON GINNINGS ARE MADE PUBLIC

The government issued the ginnings report today, showing that 7,640,870 bales of cotton had been ginned this season as compared to 10,141,293 for the same date last year.

Slight reflection from the ginnings report was shown in the market, the market gaining 25 or 30 points during the early trading.

Gins in Runnels county were operating at certain places last Saturday, and it is reported that more than 200 bales of cotton were ginned at Ballinger and Winters. Where it came from is hard to tell, as the country was supposed to have been picked over good and clean some time ago.

U. E. Hartman went to Brownwood Thursday morning to attend the district conference of the Methodist church.

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Rowena Garage

A. L. Ruppert, Proprietor Rowena, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odum and Mrs. J. F. Currie are at home from a ten days stay in San Antonio, where Mr. Odum attended the Pioneer Cattle Trail Association meeting, being eligible to membership in that association on account of having driven cattle across Texas to market before railroads offered a better way of getting them to market.

TEACHERS WILL DRAW FULL PAY

Quite a disturbance was caused Friday among those interested in the success of the Colorado-Concho Teachers' Institute which is to be held here beginning December 19th, when the state papers carried a ruling by the attorney general to the effect that teachers attending institutes would not be allowed pay for the time. The law governing such institutes was changed lately and the attorney general in response to a request by State Superintendent Annie Webb Blanton issued an opinion in which he said that he could find nothing on the statute books that would allow teachers their pay, and this fact would repeal the old law which made it compulsory for teachers to attend some institute.

This announcement coming at this time only one week before the opening of the institute in Ballinger, was read by teachers all over this part of the state, and Prof. John J. Bugg was busy practically all the day answering phone calls from teachers seeking information as to the truth of the statements as published. He immediately called Miss Blanton over long distance telephone and was assured from the department of education that teachers would receive full pay and that it would be necessary for every teacher to attend or else be liable according to the penalty that has heretofore been in existence. This was good news to the many in Ballinger who are working so hard for the institute and they immediately went to work with more determination to perfect plans for the coming gathering which is only one week off.

The institute is a big benefit to teachers and something that would be worth their time even without pay, but cutting into their holidays and with the compulsory feature removed it was thought that the attendance would be very small. The expense of coming here and staying a week is considerable to the

teachers and to give a part of their Christmas and pay their expenses here and receive no pay was considered unjust, and when the news was received here that the order had been rescinded it was a relief to those in charge of the arrangements.

Entertainment features are being planned and practically all the details as to rooming and boarding the teachers have been worked out and when the visitors arrive the entire town is expected to join in helping to entertain them.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CAMPAIGN ON SOON FOR "CLEAN UP"

The next seven days in Ballinger will be "Clean Up" Week, and every citizen of the town is expected to start work Monday morning and put their alleys and yards in good condition, get all trash burned or hauled off, and by the end of the week the entire town is expected to be in perfect condition. On Wednesday a committee from the Civic League will make an inspection and those who have not started the work will be put in a bad light. On Saturday another committee will make final inspection and at that time the entire town should be clean and the work entirely finished.

Clean-up Week is coming at a good time this year and will help make a pretty city for Christmas time. In some places they look for snow at this time of year and that gives the earth a clean appearance, but in this part of the country a clean-up campaign is necessary.

Don't let your neighbor get ahead of you, but start Monday and be among the first to finish and thereby encourage some other friend or neighbor to do the same.



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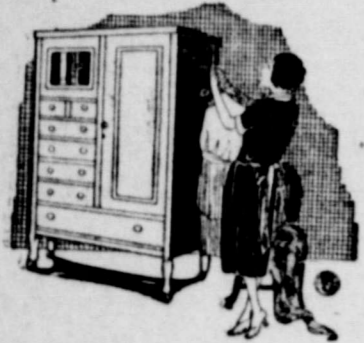
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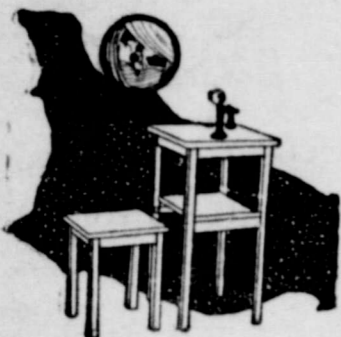
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LOST WOMAN CAUSES ALARM

Mrs. Laura Wooten wandered away from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hinkle, in the Western part of the city Thursday night, where she was spending the night, and her whereabouts were unknown for more than a couple of hours.

Mrs. Wooten was adjudged of unsound mind Thursday afternoon, and Mrs. Hinkle, who was a former neighbor of the Wooten family, volunteered to care for her in their home through the night and take care of the unfortunate woman pending preparations for carrying her to the asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle heard Mrs. Wooten when she left the room about ten o'clock Thursday night, and attempted to stop her, but before they could overtake her and place her under restraint, she escaped. After a brief search without success, the friends called for help by turning in the fire alarm, and for about two hours quite a crowd of men were out seeking for Mrs. Wooten. About twelve o'clock she returned to the Hinkle home, and it is reported that she told friends she had been out walking.

Mrs. Wooten was placed under guard for the remainder of the night, and arrangements are being perfected for taking her to the hospital for insane, where it is hoped that she will recover.

Following the death of her husband, County Superintendent Wooten, who was stricken down with appendicitis while attending a teachers meeting in San Angelo several years ago, and who died at that place, Mrs. Wooten has suffered a nervous breakdown, presumably brought on by the business cares and responsibility of raising a family so suddenly thrust upon her shoulders.

An effort was made by relatives and friends to restore her health, and she was carried to Lampasas and other places, where she spent a while with relatives, but the worst came this week, when for her own safety and for the safety of those about her the

authorities took steps to get her in the asylum.

In his life W. W. Wooten was one of the most popular men in the county, and the family has many friends throughout the county who will be grieved to learn of the tragedy which has befallen them, and trust that proper care and treatment will restore Mrs. Wooten to her good health and sound mind.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kunze will leave in the morning to accompany the Wooten boys with their mother to San Antonio, where Mrs. Wooten will be placed in an asylum. The boys have been rooming at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kunze, and it was at their request that Rev. and Mrs. Kunze go with them to San Antonio with their mother. The trip will be made through the county in a car.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio is a constitutional remedy is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggist, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

A nine pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore Wednesday night. Mother and baby are getting along nicely. Father is still on the job at the City Cafe.

Noel Penn and W. H. Schleyer returned home Friday at noon from Waco, where they attended the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting.

Use Ledger Classifieds

CLEAN UP WEEK FOR CHRISTMAS

The Young Men's Business League and the Civic League have set the week of December 12th as "Clean Up Week" in Ballinger, and are asking every citizen and householder in the city to co-operate with them in giving the city a thorough "house cleaning."

The following week is Teachers Institute Week, and there will be two or three hundred out of town visitors with us that week. During the following week there will be many Christmas visitors in the city. The city should be spotlessly clean for these reasons if for no other.

Every city, however, needs at least one general cleaning annually, if not more often. At this time most of the trees have shed their leaves, the grass is dead, and everything is all set to be cleaned and burned.

Another important phase of city cleaning is the removal of fire hazards. Dead material which accumulates during the fall should be raked up and burned, as it is a constant menace as long as it remains on the place. Ashes, containing live coals, are sometimes thrown in the yard, and in this way many fires are started. Trash of all kinds constitutes a fire risk, and its complete removal before winter sets in is almost a necessity.

It is to be hoped that every citizen of Ballinger will co-operate in the move, and assist the Y. M. B. L. and the Civic League in giving the city a thorough "clean up."

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks Special Agent.

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ROWENA ADVERTISING IRRIGATION MEETING

Fred Kiechle, cashier of the First State Bank of Rowena, was here Thursday having advertising matter printed, which his bank will distribute throughout the Rowena country advertising the irrigation meeting to be held at Rowena next week.

The Rowena people have not been encouraging the big irrigation project, and that section of the county is declared to be the logical center of the irrigated area.

Chief Engineer C. C. Holder will attend the meeting at Rowena, and it is expected that facts will be laid before the people there which will make them come alive to their own interest. Land in the Rowena country which is not worth more than \$25 to \$50 per acre, can be enhanced to a value of \$500 per acre by placing it under the ditch. This can be

realized when one stops to consider what two inches of watering for crops in that section at the proper time last summer would have produced in the way of crops.

HUNTERS BRING BACK ONE BUCK

W. D. Seales, manager of the Maerov Theatre, H. G. Hodge and son, Homer, of Abilene, and Nee Smith, of Winters, returned home Thursday afternoon from a hunting trip to the jungles South of Mason county. They brought in one buck, which constituted the entire game bag for big game. Mr. Seales and Homer Hodge claim credit for killing the buck

both being on watch at a water hole and both fired at the deer at the same time.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

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Miller Completes Testimony; Mrs. Bengé Called to Stand

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 8.—In order that the large number of witnesses might be released and return to their homes, Judge Woodward has been holding night sessions in hearing the Miller trial, in which Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, is charged with the murder of Tom Bengé at Eden, last September.

The defendant went on the stand this morning, and related incidents leading up to the killing, testifying to threats communicated to him, and warnings brought him of a conspiracy on the part of Bengé and his friends to take his life. The conclusion of the evidence depends on how the state handles rebuttal. The testimony will probably all be in before court recesses this afternoon.

The state rested Tuesday afternoon late and the defense began offering testimony. Judge Howze was the first witness called by the defense. Before offering evidence the defense disclosed its plan of defense and established a predicate for its argument that there existed a well laid conspiracy to kill Bob Miller, and that the ring leader of the plot was Tom Bengé, and that this conspiracy was known to Miller, and that threats against his life by the conspirators had been communicated to him both by face to face talks and over the telephone, and that the presence of Tom Bengé in Eden at the time of his death was for the express purpose of carrying out the conspiracy to take Miller's life.

James Howze, of Eden, was the first witness called by the defense. Judge Howze testified that he knew Miller and Bengé, had known them for many years. He said Miller's character and reputation was good and that Bengé's was bad.

James Simpson, of Eden, offered practically the same evidence as Howze, and said that Bengé was a man who was known to be dangerous and would put into action any threats he made. Simpson said that the reputation of Malloy and Cochran, who testified for the state, was bad.

W. A. Ballard, a real estate dealer of Eden, made a good witness for the defense. Said he was in his office on the afternoon Bengé was killed. Saw man named Warring, friend of Tom Bengé, come to window and look in; heard remark made in office about Bob Miller going to be killed. Said he knew Cochran and Malloy to be men of bad reputations for truth. Knew Bengé to be dangerous man to deal with. Said he saw several men drive off in an auto after hearing Warring say Miller was going to be killed. This was about ten o'clock in the forenoon. Bengé was killed in the afternoon.

L. T. Cave, justice of the peace, said that he told Miller that he had heard that Bengé said he would kill him on sight, and he warned Miller not to move to Paint Rock, as he would get killed. This was some time before Bengé killed Bryant, Miller's son-in-law. Witness testified that reputations of Malloy and Cochran were bad, and he considered Bengé a dangerous character.

H. S. Gober swore that Bengé had a bad reputation and that Miller was considered a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. H. W. Gober and P. R. Williams offered the same testimony as H. S. Gober.

John L. Golden gave Bengé a bad name and Miller a good name, stating that he knew both men well. Said that he talked to Miller a few minutes before the killing and that Miller said, "I am not a bad man, but I do not want to be shot in the back." Witness said that he had on two different occasions advised Miller not to go to Millersview to look after business for fear that he would come in contact with Bengé and be killed. Said he heard that Bengé had threatened to kill Miller on sight. Said Miller had acted on advice of friends and sent deputies to Millersview instead of going himself, and had tried to evade meeting Bengé.

Frank Wood and J. D. McCollum testified that Bengé was a man of bad reputation and Miller had good reputation. J. M. Patton, Paint Rock banker, said that he was acquainted with the reputation of Tom Bengé and had always understood Bengé to be a dangerous man, while he

MILLER FREED ON FIRST VOTE

Sheriff Bob Miller, tried at Brownwood on the charge of killing Tom Bengé at Eden on Sept. 17th, was acquitted on the first ballot by the jury which passed on the case. The case went to the jury late Saturday afternoon and a verdict of not guilty was returned in one hour and a half.

The case consumed the entire week of district court at Brownwood last week, the trial being transferred to that county from Concho county on a change of venue. The defense established its claim that Miller acted in self defense in protecting his life against threats which it was alleged Bengé had made from time to time.

The defense attacked the testimony of the state's witnesses and attempted to impeach the most important witnesses called to testify for the state. The case attracted state wide attention, due to the fact that Bengé was a pioneer stockman of this country, and the defendant was a prominent officer and a member of the State Sheriffs' Association.

Judges Doss & Baugh, of this city, represented the defendant.

knew defendant to be a peaceable man.

Sheriff Vaughn, of Marfa, testified that he did not know Tom Bengé, but knew Miller when he was in the ranger service on the border, and that Miller stood high wherever he had served as ranger, and people wanted to retain him when he quit the ranger service.

J. D. Perkins, former sheriff of Runnels county, testified that he knew Bengé and was acquainted with his reputation in Runnels and Concho counties, and that his reputation was bad. Said Miller's reputation was good. On cross examination he said he had heard of Miller having one fight. Deputy Sheriff Brownrigg, of Ballinger, testified along the same lines as Perkins.

W. O. Schultz, of Millersview, testified that he had known Miller six or seven years, and that he was generally known in Concho county as a peaceable and law abiding man. Said that he heard that Miller had a fight several months ago in Brady. Never heard Miller's reputation discussed until after the homicide.

Before the night session closed, Jack Clifton, a neighbor of Tom Bengé, was placed on the stand. He offered damaging testimony against the state. He related how Bengé talked when Bengé came to his house to borrow a plow. Clifton said that he remarked to Bengé that he looked worried. Bengé said "yes, but I will get out all right." Said he thanked Clifton for going on his bond for killing Will Bryant and said that Bengé stated that he expected to have to call on his friends in his trouble, but declared that he would get out by and by, "but there were two more ——— that he intended to get first," and said Bengé named the two as R. D. Shumate and Bob Miller, and said that Bengé told him that he intended to get both of them on the first opportunity. Clifton said that he advised Bengé to get out of trouble for killing Bryant before getting into more trouble. Witness Clifton told of another instance when he was passing Bengé's home and went in to get out of a hail storm. Said he found Bengé walking the floor, apparently drunk and he was cursing and using the vilest language including the cursing of Almighty God, whom he dared to come down from heaven and fight it out man to man. Said that Bengé was mad because the hail was injuring his crops. Clifton said that he remonstrated with Bengé and Bengé demanded him to "shut up."

This testimony was ruled out by objection by counsel for state. District Attorney Early characterized it as "hot air," and said that when Bengé was in that condition he was drunk and silly. Clifton said that this incident was conveyed to Miller. Counsel for defense stated that Bengé met Miller the following day, or pretty soon thereafter, and used the same language to him that he had used during the

hailstorm and that this would be brought out at the proper time.

Many other witnesses for the defense were examined and all testified that Bengé was of bad reputation and Miller had a good reputation. Rev. W. L. Wall, Methodist minister of Eden, and Rev. A. L. Mellan, Baptist minister of Concho county, testified that the reputations of Cochran and Malloy were bad. Rev. Wall said he warned Miller that Bengé would kill him, and in order to avoid trouble he advised Miller to resign as sheriff. Said Miller told him he was not a quitter, and that he felt that his duty was to the people of Concho county. Rev. Mellan said that he was in Eden the day of the killing and heard a Mr. Ballard say that he believed that a plan was being matured to kill Bob Miller that day.

Sheriff Flynt of Ballinger told of the arrest of Miller following the killing. Flynt said that he considered Bengé a dangerous character. On cross examination said that Bengé was a man who would tell a man to his face what he said to his back.

Dick Grimes, of Abilene, who formerly lived on the Bengé ranch, said that he heard Bengé say he would kill the "———" and that he was referring to Miller, and that this was after Bengé had killed Bryant. Witness said that he saw Bengé kill a Mexican, and whip another Mexican. Said Bengé went armed all the time and often carried two pistols.

Will Dunnan, another employe on the Bengé ranch, told of threats Bengé made against Miller, remarking one day when he saw Miller going down the road, that "there goes the —— that I will get."

Joe Osterberg, undertaker, of Ballinger, who embalmed Bengé's body, testified as to the wounds, stating that there were four or five wounds in the right shoulder, apparently made from buckshot, and that the shoulder was shattered.

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 9.—The Miller murder case which has been occupying the district court here since Monday, will not go to the jury before Saturday afternoon, or Saturday night, ac-



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according to counsel in the trial today.

The state began offering rebuttal testimony this morning, following a long story related by the defendant in his own behalf. Bob Miller took the stand yesterday afternoon, and a crowded court room heard him review the difficulties he and Bengé had, covering a period of about two years. Miller stated in the outset that Bengé had on more than one occasion threatened to kill Miller. The defendant went into detail in reviewing these happenings, finally leading up to the time of the killing.

Miller stated that he first met Bengé in 1904. They became friends and were good friends until about two years ago, when Bengé fell out with him while Miller was carrying the man because Miller would not bring him cases of extracts. Bengé accused him for declining to make such deliveries, and Miller said that he told Bengé that Mrs. Bengé and the girls objected to it. Miller told of a time when Bengé sent a check by him to town to get cashed, which Miller stated that he did and brought Bengé the money. Next day Bengé accused him of holding out part of the money, and they had some words.

On another occasion Miller hauled a negro to town from the Bengé ranch, as a passenger on his mail car. Bengé tried to make Miller pay him \$40 which he claimed the negro owed Bengé, and accused Miller of taking the negro off. This time the quarrel over the money shortage in connection with the check cashing came up again, and Bengé claimed it was \$11 short, while the first day he accused Miller of holding out \$30. After this Miller stated that he had as little to do with Bengé as possible and shunned him.

After Miller was elected sheriff Bengé asked him for a deputyship, testified Miller, and he refused the request and told Bengé he was drinking too much to be an officer. Later Miller and R. D. Shumate, prohibition enforcement officer, went to the Bengé ranch to investigate drinking among the Mexican laborers on the ranch. They arrested a Mexican and put him in jail. They

had some words with Bengé on this visit.

Next day Miller and Shumate returned to the Bengé ranch, having been notified that they overlooked the booze. The officers met Bengé and told him their mission. Before going to the Bengé house they took a pistol off Bengé. This angered Bengé, and a few minutes later he snatched another pistol from a desk and held it against Miller while cursing him. Shumate disarmed Bengé again. Mrs. Bengé urged her husband to behave. Shumate arrested Bengé, and with an oath Bengé said "I will get both of you. This is Tom Bengé talking." The officers carried Bengé to Millersview, and at that place Bengé got hold of an axe, but Shumate made him drop it. Miller told how he captured a car load of tequila and four Mexicans. Said the Mexicans could speak good English and told him that the tequila was for Mr. Bengé, saying that Bengé had sent them after the stuff. From this time on relationship between Bengé and Miller grew more serious, according to the defendant.

Miller related incidents leading up to the killing, and stated he had been repeatedly warned by friends that he would be killed by Bengé, and that on the day of the killing when Bengé came to Eden, where Miller was living, that friends warned him to be on his guard that a well formed conspiracy had been laid for Bengé to kill him. The actions of Bengé and his friends caused the defendant to believe that his time had come, unless he left town.

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 10.—In a night session of the court Thursday night the defense rested and the state began its rebuttal testimony in the Bob Miller case, placing Mrs. Tom Bengé on the stand among other witnesses. One of the chief purposes of the state, it appears, in rebuttal testimony is to controvert certain phases of defense testimony relating to the probability that Bengé was armed at the time he was killed, and relating to the allegations of the defendant that there was a well defined conspiracy among Bengé's close friends

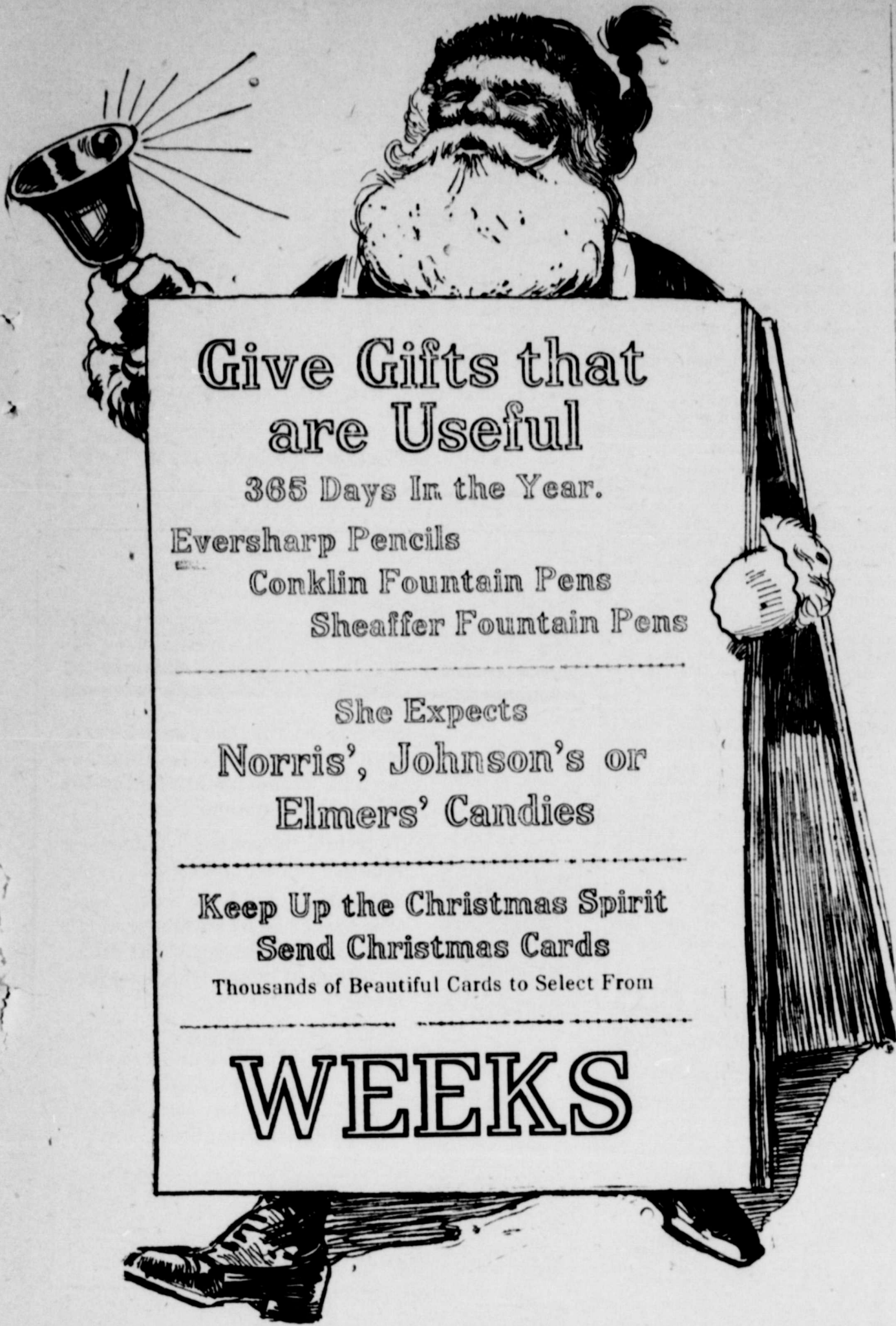
to kill him. Due to the importance of some of the testimony offered, there have been unnumerable clashes between attorneys in the case, and the court on more than one occasion has threatened to impose heavy fines on counsel in order to induce them to confine their activities to the proper rules.

The defendant, Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, was on the stand during the entire Thursday afternoon session, completing his evidence late in the afternoon.

Miller's testimony, which commenced shortly after noon Thursday, continued throughout the afternoon and closed just at 5:00 o'clock. One or two recesses were taken in order to give the counsel on both sides opportunity for a brief breathing spell, and this was the only break in the work of the afternoon. Several times Judge Woodward admonished the jury to pay no attention whatever to the wrangles going on between counsel for the state and counsel for the defense and especially when the lawyers were addressing their remarks to him.

According to the defendant's testimony the fateful day of September 17th came: Tom Bengé went to Eden; Breece Cochran, Charlie Malloy, a man named Warring—all enemies to defendant, were in town that day. Miller drove from his home in his car and stopped it in front of the Lee land office; during the morning he met and talked with Breece Cochran; told Cochran that he, Cochran, had taken off another run of whiskey and that this practice had to stop as the people were getting heartily tired of it and they expected him to enforce the law. Defendant told Cochran he had him dead to rights now and was going to arrest him if the matter was not stopped at once; Cochran replied that if he did arrest him anybody else. Miller went to Lee land office for a short while to attend to fixing some repairs as he was busy getting his list of jurors and grand jurors ready for the next term of court which was near at hand. He saw Mr.

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WEEKS

MILLER FREED ON FIRST BALLOT

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Ballard in office; Ballard said "they are going to kill Bob Miller today." While at this office a man named Waring came to the office and looked in at the window then went away; from the land office Miller went to a drug store to get an aspirin tablet and Waring looked in while he was there. Miller then went to a tailor shop to summon a juror who was there and again Waring looked in and went this way. These actions of Waring alarmed defendant and he began to think seriously that he had better be very careful.

Defendant had conversations with two or three other parties during the forenoon but nothing was added to the information that had already been given him from parties already mentioned. He left the streets and went to his home for dinner about 12:00 o'clock. It was about 2:30 when he came back and during the afternoon pursued his various official duties, summoning jurors. He had not seen Tom Bengé as Bengé had not as yet come to town; while at the garage to see about his car which had been left there for repairs, it being about 4:00 o'clock, somebody remarked, "There goes Tom Bengé," and on looking up defendant saw a car going by but owing to the top being up could not see who was in the car. Finally his car had been repaired and defendant got in it and drove down the street towards the land office; met George McGuffey and asked him if he knew if the Widow Putnam was at home as he had certain papers to serve upon her in regard to a civil suit. McGuffey answered that he did not know but would stop and telephone and find out; he did so and soon came back with the answer that Mrs. Putnam was at home. In the meantime defendant had talked with man named Caruthers; defendant had not seen Tom Bengé as yet. Defendant's car had been stopped in such way that it was impossible to see in the alley between the drug store and warehouse, or to see anybody that might be standing in the alley. He was standing by the car when George McGuffey came from the alley, stepped on the sidewalk in front of the drug store and catching eye of defendant jerked or nodded his head in a backward direction. Looking in that direction defendant saw Bengé coming towards him, one hand in his pocket in a threatening manner. Defendant at once jumped back picked up his gun, a pump shotgun that lay in the rear seat where it had been left by some of the men at the garage when the repair work had been done on the seats of the automobile, stepped quickly forward, and as Bengé was still advancing, shouted "Stand back, gentlemen," and in the language of defendant it was "all over."

Bengé fell; defendant stepped backward several steps; a man named Thomas came to him, took hold of the gun and tried to take it but defendant threatened to hurt him unless he turned loose and he turned loose. Defendant saw Charles Malloy start to the body of Bengé and he shouted to him to stand back, because as he stated, he was afraid Malloy might get a gun off the body of Bengé and open up on him. He saw Malloy take something from the body of Bengé which he thought looked very much like a large pistol. Malloy walked away. Defendant got in his car and drove home.

W. R. Dickey, Eden postmaster, testified Thursday afternoon that Charlie Malloy, subsequent to the killing of Bengé, had told him that for ten thousand dollars he could produce the gun that Tom Bengé wore on the day of the killing.

In the beginning of the night session Charlie Humphreys went on the stand for the defense. He said Bob Miller was in his store to buy some groceries shortly before the killing, but he, Humphreys, was busy, and didn't wait on him. Later in the afternoon some of Miller's family came to the store and bought bacon and matches.

Jim Clifton was not allowed to testify on objections by the state. Henry Findley was called for the purpose of laying a predicate for impeachment. Due to objections of defense, however, the impeachment was not permitted to continue. Clay Hargis, a son-in-law of Tom Bengé, was next called,

and testified that on May 1, 1921, Miller ate dinner at the Bengé ranch, at the table with the family, including Bengé.

Henry Barr testified that on May 4th he was at the Bengé ranch, with Miller, and made arrangements with Miller and Bengé to take two Mexicans to Abilene for the federal court. Barr left the ranch about noon, just before dinner was served, and left Miller at the ranch. He was cross-examined, and testified that he and Bengé were on a \$2,000 bond of the Mexican who escaped after killing another Mexican on the Bengé ranch. After the killing of this Mexican, Miller sent deputies to the ranch to investigate not going himself because he did not want to run into Bengé and find trouble. He said that on the night of the killing Bengé telephoned him and told him about the killing of the Mexican. He said two weeks later he had a conversation with Miller and told him that in his opinion Bengé had not given the officers sufficient co-operation in trying to catch the missing Mexican.

Mrs. Bengé, widow of the deceased, was called to the stand by the state. She appeared calm and self-possessed and made simple answers to all questions. She said Miller ate dinner at her table in her home and with her family, including her husband, on May 4th, last. She said that on the day when Shumate and Miller went to the ranch Shumate did not snatch a gun from her husband's pocket, but that Mr. Bengé willingly handed him the gun when asked for it. She said the other gun, mentioned by the defendant in his testimony, was in another room, on a desk, and her husband picked it up and said "Here is another one. Do you want it too?" She said this gun was unloaded and her husband told the officers it was unloaded. They gave both guns to her a few minutes later. She said her husband owned only two pistols; one a .32 automatic and the other an army special .32-20. The .32 automatic she said is still in the possession of Sheriff Miller, he having taken it on the day when Bengé was disarmed in the courthouse and the other gun was at home, lying over a doorway and rusted and out of order on the day of the killing. She has since had it fixed. Her husband, since his younger days, never carried a pistol in a scabbard, but

had had such a scabbard some years ago.

A note was introduced which Mrs. Bengé had written to Miller and Shumate immediately after they had taken Bengé to town, following the pistol episode at the ranch. This note was read to the jury. In it she had made an earnest plea for the "good, kind" officers not to make a case against her husband, and thereby help finish the "wreck" he had started. When questioned she said by "wreck" she had reference to his drinking.

On the day of the killing her husband left the house after dinner, going in his shirt sleeves and leaving the .32-20 pistol at home. He was not drinking when he left home that day. He had not had a pistol scabbard in two or three years.

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PREACHER GETS GOOD POUNDING

Rev. C. E. Simpson's home on Tenth Street underwent a heavy pounding Wednesday night. Members of the Methodist congregation as a means of expressing their appreciation for their pastor, gathered at the parsonage and all carried armfuls, and auto loads of good things to eat. As is usually the case the pastor was stormed by his members and surprised, but needless to say that it was a pleasant surprise, and no doubt makes Rev. Simpson feel that the lot of a Methodist preacher is not so hard after all.

PUMPHREY SCHOOL REPORT

Pumphrey school opened Oct. 3rd, with forty-nine pupils in attendance. As all the work in the cotton fields was not finished, the number has steadily increased until now we have 81.

The school work is progressing excellently, but one would expect this as the teachers take a wonderful interest in the progress of their pupils. Miss Florence Adams has charge of the primary grades; Miss Ruth Rich has charge of the intermediate grades, while Prof. T. J. Justice, former principal of the Winters high school, has charge of the high school grades.

We have hardly a chance in the boys' basketball unless our juniors pull us through. We have not played any games yet, but we hope to get to action before long.

The girls' basketball team has organized and gone to practicing and we feel confident that they shall have at least a few victories to their record.

The patrons have hauled gravel and covered our playgrounds. Now we hope that when it rains we can leave the playgrounds in its place and not bring it in the house as we come in.

On Thanksgiving Day we all met at the Baptist church and had a good dinner on the ground for everyone. The Reverend Quinlan offered thanks and after dinner we all enjoyed an excellent program rendered by Miss Adams' and Miss Rich's rooms, followed by an excellent sermon by Rev. Quinlan.

The people of Pumphrey met Sunday, Nov. 27th, and organized a B. Y. P. U. and in order to help us along the Winters B. Y. P. U. came out and entertained us at this place, Sunday, Dec. 4, and everyone enjoyed the program rendered. We hope to have as good a program to offer next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Everyone takes a great interest in it and we know it will be a success.

Mr. Albert Forbus and wife have sold their farm here and intend making their future home on

the O. L. Parish place in the Puckett community.

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NEWS NOTES FROM BLANTON SCHOOL

Blanton is progressing nicely on the third month's work. Several new pupils have been enrolled in both rooms.

Blanton pupils enjoyed two holidays the past month, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.

Our school was represented by Miss Eagan at the T. S. T. A. which met in Dallas Nov. 24-26.

Blanton pupils are busy this week selling Christmas seals, and hope to sell more than their quota.

A box supper will be held at Blanton Saturday night, Dec. 17th, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase desks and playground equipment. Everybody is cordially invited to come and help us make this a success.

"REPORTER."

Card of Thanks
I wish to take this means of thanking my friends and neighbors for the assistance and help given me when my barn burned Wednesday, Dec. 7th.
1w-1d C. M. VAUGHN.

THREE STORY STORE HOUSE FOR COLEMAN

The Coleman Democrat says that J. A. Horne, a hardware man of that city, is placing the material on the ground for a three story brick business house, same to be occupied by the Horne Hardware Co.

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DEAD BANDIT LEAVES \$102,500 BOOTY BURIED

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 12.—Buried somewhere in an automobile tire in North Texas is \$102,500 worth of securities, representing Tom Slaughter's share of the loot obtained by his band in numerous bank robberies, according to A. W. Mills, local agent for an insurance company.

Mills said he had an appointment to meet Slaughter in the penitentiary tomorrow and that at that time the bandit had promised to tell him of the hiding place of the money so that it could be returned to the banks before Slaughter went to the electric chair to pay the price of death imposed upon him for murder.

Further than that the securities are buried in North Texas, the exact spot is not known, and probably will never be known, as Slaughter operated in many places, and the loot is no doubt buried in a secluded spot somewhere in the woods, and no one but Slaughter knew where it was. Slaughter was killed by a fellow prisoner last Friday, after he had escaped from the penitentiary at Little Rock, where he was being held in the death cell. No clue has yet been found as to how Slaughter got the weapon into his cell with which he overpowered the guard and made his escape.

El Gerhart was in the city Monday from the Winters country, and called to see The Ledger.

Mrs. R. B. Rogers and daughter were here from Brownwood Saturday, coming up to do some shopping at the Rogers-Higdon Co. store.

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BASKET BALL SCHEDULE SET

The City Basketball League has been fully organized, and is ready to start on a schedule that will run thru about two months. The winner of the series will be decided on a percentage basis, as in baseball, each team playing about twenty games with every other team in the league.

The entries in the league are as follows: Leroy Nicholson's Goofies; M. C. Atkins' Rookies; Jim Flynt's Bulldogs and Prof. Pace's High School club. Nicholson's squad is composed of Earnshaw, L. Nicholson, H. Nicholson, Singletary, Cheatham, Simmons, K. V. Northington, Wardlaw, Boyd and Rasbury. Atkins has the following to pick five men from: Mike Thorp, Wooden, S. Williams, T. Simpson, Atkins, Roach, Stone, C. Penn, Lankford, R. O'Kelly.

Jim Flynt has a strong and experienced squad composed of D. Gregory, Todd, H. Todd, Horn, Holliday, J. Flynt, M. Flynt, Dark and C. Branch.

Prof. Pace has a group of strong young athletes, all of whom are in good condition following the football season and should prove strong contenders. The following are on his squad, McAllister, T. Truly, J. Simpson, Sledge, A. Williams, Clark, F. Flynt, Pat Wood, Dankworth, and R. Justice.

The schedule will start next Tuesday night with games between the Bulldogs and the Goofies, and an afterpiece between the Rookies and the High School.

Judge A. K. Doss has been selected as President of the League, and Stuart Williams, Secretary-Treasurer. An admission of 15c and 25c will be charged to the games, half of which will go to the League treasury, and the balance split equally between the contending teams. Games will be played each Tuesday and Friday night for the next two months.

A schedule of games showing opponents on these nights will appear shortly.

Taking Desperate Chances

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cure of bad colds may be had for a trifle?

CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Don't mail your packages without stamping them with a few Christmas seals. The little stickers are emblematic of good health, and the cent apiece you pay for them will make a big fund when all gathered together and used by the Texas Public Health Association in carrying on campaigns of health education and in caring for "t. b." victims.

The ladies are in charge of the sale here, and if you have not purchased your quota do so at once. They are on sale in many places. Stick them on the back of your letters and packages. They add to the Christmas cheer.

Runnels county's quota is \$875, and County Superintendent J. J. Hugg, who has the work in hand for the county, says that the campaign is going good. Ballinger has purchased 69 per cent of her quota, and the work at Rowena and Miles is well under way. The Mothers Club at Rowena is in charge of the work at that place.

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Roy White, of Daniel Baker, Brownwood, came in Friday evening and will accompany the local American Legion football team to Stamford Monday. White is conceded to be one of the best punters in the state and around the 80 yard mark.

Sam Briley, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

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ACCEPTS HEAD W. T. LEAGUE

Gordon W. Northern, of Fort Worth, has accepted the presidency of the West Texas Baseball League, according to information received in Ballinger, and will sign up with the directors at an early date. Northern was elected president at the meeting of the league held at Sweetwater last month.

The contract with the president, as agreed upon by the directors, provides that Mr. Northern spend the entire playing season in the league, and he can not live in Ft. Worth and look after the league's interests. He must reside in the league and visit from time to time the various club towns.

The contract also provides that he make a \$10,000 bond for the faithful performance of his duties in making monthly financial statements to the president of every club in the league and for furnishing weekly players and team standings, averages, etc. He will draw a salary of \$1800 if there are six teams in the field and a salary of \$2400 per year, should the league be increased to eight clubs, and he will be subject to dismissal at any time by a majority of the club directors, should his services as president prove inefficient.

The league will meet at Stamford on Dec. 20th, for the purpose of discussing other matters for the coming season and to admit two more clubs, if it is deemed wise. Lubbock, Plainview and Big Spring are wanting in the league, but it has not been determined whether the distance will keep them out or not.

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KIRK IS STAR FOR BAYLOR

WACO, Dec. 9.—George A. Kirk, a junior in Baylor University, playing center on the Baylor University football team of 1921, has won fame throughout the Southwest.

George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Kirk, of Ballinger, Texas. He did his preparatory work in the Ballinger High School, and came to Baylor in 1919. He will receive his A. B. degree in 1923, and is doing his major work in mathematics. George starred on the Cubs, the Baylor ineligible team, the first year he came to Baylor. He was a letter man last year, and was used at all positions in the line, and gave a good account of himself wherever he played. However, Coach Frank Bridges, noticed that he excelled at center, and this year played him at this position. Kirk outplayed every man that came against him, and was mentioned by several sport writers as All-Southwestern center.

Besides football, Kirk is a star in baseball and track. He also takes a prominent part in the activities of the Junior class, is a member of the Math Club, and Baylor University Chamber of Commerce.

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ANNUAL MEET IRRIGATION ASS'N

The Second Annual Meeting of the membership of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association has been called for Wednesday, December 14th. The meeting will be held in Rowena, where a spacious hall has been secured, and at which a large crowd is expected.

Besides talks by authorities on the various phases of irrigation there will be a report from Chief of Survey C. C. Holder on the progress of the survey and mapping; a report from C. S. Guin, President of the Association on the proceedings at the Western States Irrigation Congress, where Mr. Guin represented the State of Texas; the annual report on financial statement of Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Association, and the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year.

The Irrigation Association was organized a year ago at a meeting held in Miles, and has increased from 25 persons to a membership of several hundred. The publicity program of the association has attracted attention of people throughout the country to this section. The survey which they secured has resulted in about \$25,000.00 being spent in this and Coke counties by the State and Federal governments. The irrigation project itself is laden with wonderful possibilities for this section, and is deserving of the interest and support of every citizen of this section who has its best interests at heart.

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HERE'S 'NOTHER LITTLE HUMAN INTEREST STORY

A human interest story is contained in the report of birth of twins, November 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rawlins, of Coleman. Their advent into the world makes three sets of twins in the Rawlins household, the next twins in age being less than two years old. Fourteen children have been born to them and twelve are living. The mother is forty years of age and the father is sixty. The last twins, a boy and girl, were tiny creatures at birth, weighing less than four pounds each, but both are reported as being healthy babies at one week of age.—Colman Democrat-Voice.

Frank Pohler was here Monday from the Rowena country. He stated that Rowena expected to entertain a large crowd at the irrigation meeting Wednesday.

Dr. W. W. Fowler left Saturday morning for Abilene to attend the championship football game between Oak Cliff and Abilene high.

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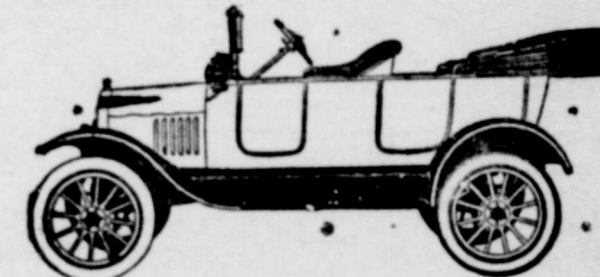
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AMERICAN LEGION SECURES A COACH

The American Legion football team is now working under the direction of one of the best football men in Texas. The services of John McKnight have been secured and he took charge of the local post's team Wednesday afternoon and even in the one afternoon's work a big difference could be noted in the team and while the time is short until the boys go to Stamford they will be in good shape by then.

About 18 men were out for practice yesterday and some old stars who used to make their opponents sit up and take notice were in the line-up. Coach McKnight has been the coach at T. C. U. of late and has just finished a very successful year there. The local boys are very fortunate in securing the services of such a valuable man and with the material that is turning out for practice they will be represented at Stamford Monday with a strong team and will contend for the championship of West Texas in American Legion football.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris are at home from an extended visit at Cooper and Dallas, returning home Tuesday. Mr. Harris says he was glad to get back to Ballinger. Conditions are not any better, or not as good in the three hundred dollar area land belt as they are in Rannels county, according to Mr. Harris.

Ailments

Due to One Thing

That is, Impure, Impoverished, Depleted Blood.

Probably 75 per cent. of the ailments of the human race are due to an abnormal condition of the blood—thin, poor, anemic. This fact and the further fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches and revitalizes the blood, by creating a healthy appetite, aiding digestion, promoting assimilation and thereby securing in full all the benefits of complete nutrition, must impress the thoughtful with the wisdom of using this great medicine a trial. Hood's Sarsaparilla is greatest merit plus greatest economy, the best for the money. Get it.

WOMAN PASSES BAD CHECKS

A woman was detained here for a time Monday, and later held for officers from San Angelo, where it was said she is wanted for passing bad checks. The woman was apprehended when the Retail Merchants Association received notice from San Angelo to the effect that a number of bad checks had been passed there some time ago by a woman, and the association here had been put on guard.

As the story goes it is alleged that the woman passed almost a dozen bad checks at San Angelo on November 7th, signing the checks under two different names, Mrs. Will Mabry and Mrs. Will Porter. A day or two after the Angelo transaction she appeared at a local drug store to buy medicine, and stated that she was without funds and asked the druggist to accept a sweater she had as security for the medicine. Nothing more was heard from the woman until Sunday, when she appeared here again and passed a check for \$3.50 at a local drug store. She made the check payable to "cash" and signed it Mrs. Will Porter. The bank reported that Mrs. Will Porter had no account with the bank.

When detained and carried to the sheriff's office the woman told a pitiful story and won the sympathy of the officers. She gave as her right name Mrs. Will Mabry, said she was addicted to the drug habit, was friendless and without a home. She stated that she had been married twice, and that her second husband treated her like a dog and drove her to the drug habit, and that she was set adrift in the world, had no relatives to appeal to for help. She stated that she had a daughter eleven years old, but did not know where the daughter was. She said her home was in Birmingham, Alabama, but for the past several months she has been drifting from place to place, and had been in Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, and came to Ballinger from Winters. The woman denied ever being in San Angelo, and denied giving a bad check here, but when confronted with the check acknowledged that the signature was her handwriting, but stated that she did not remember giving any such check.

There was some talk here of raising money to have the woman treated for the drug habit. No complaint was filed against her here, and later it was decided to turn her over to the San Angelo authorities, and she will probably be placed in a sanitarium for treatment, or prosecuted for passing the bad paper. The woman stated that she was without friends, without a home and without money, and the case was one of the most pitiful brought to the attention of local authorities in some time. The unfortunate woman had the appearance of being well raised, was neatly dressed and aside from the effects of the drug habit she was apparently intelligent.

OVER THE TOP WITH SEAL SALES

Reports received at the office of County Superintendent Bugg from the various communities of the county indicate that the Christmas seal sales are going good, and the entire quota for this county promises to be sold before the campaign closes.

Rowena and Kirby schools report having sold their entire quotas, going over the top last week. Up to Saturday, Ballinger, Victory and Poe schools reported to headquarters here that 75 per cent of their quotas of stamps had been sold, and the campaign would continue until all were sold. Reports from other communities indicated that seals were being used more liberally than ever before.

At Winters the Parent-Teacher Association is in charge of the work of selling the seals. Miss Mary Thiele and other enthusiastic workers have charge of the sale at Miles.

W. T. Forbus was here from Norton Thursday, and is arranging to go to Rising Star, where he will spend a few months. Says he expects to be back before the planting season.

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MANY TO ATTEND ROWENA MEETING

One of the largest crowds ever to gather in the town of Rowena is expected to be present at the second annual meeting of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association to be held in that town Wednesday afternoon.

One year ago the association was organized at Bronte, and since that time three call meetings have been held, one at San Angelo, one at Bronte and one at Ballinger. Since the association was organized wonderful progress has been made towards developing the big irrigation project, and the enterprise has attracted attention throughout the state and into far distant states.

At the meeting Wednesday the officers of the association will make their reports, and Chief Engineer Holder is expected to be present and will address the meeting. Reports from Bronte, Miles, San Angelo, Paint Rock and the country which comprises the district will be given at this meeting. According to reports received here the Miles country citizens will be present almost to a man, as they are interested in the big proposition, and desire to know in detail what will be required of them in case the irrigation district is created.

MOTHER! CLEAN CHILD'S BOWELS WITH CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, give a teaspoonful to cleanse the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste out of the bowels, and you have a well playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

FILM EXCHANGES BURN AT DALLAS; MAY DELAY PICTURES FOR THIS CITY

Local theatres may be "stood up" for feature films, following a disastrous fire in Dallas Saturday which destroyed several branch houses of important picture corporations. The Maeroy Theatre of this city received the news Monday that the following exchanges were destroyed: Penecek Co., Consolidated Film Exchange, United Artists Co., Paramount-Artercraft Corp., Warren's Exchange, and Wid Gunning's, all completely destroyed; Enterprise Distributing Co., partially damaged. The local house was notified by the committee of exchange managers that each company would make immediate arrangements to serve their exhibitors in case of previous bookings, but as booking sheets were destroyed it would be necessary for the theatres to send in a list of their outstanding contracts.

It may require some time to straighten out bookings, owing to the fact that new prints may have to come from New York, and the forbearance of patrons is requested here. Some prints will probably be secured from other Texas exchanges to substitute, and others booked here may have been in Texas theatres at the time of the Dallas fire.

NEGROES TOLD TO LEAVE CITY

MILES, Dec. 12.—Miles is again free of negroes, and many negroes in the country throughout this part of the county are leaving, as the result of notices posted and warnings given by someone last week.

The trouble started when some school children reported that the negroes had made them "give the sidewalk." The notices posted on negro cabins and around town, were signed "K. K. K." and in most cases the negroes left without delay, while some lingered and appealed to their landlords, or employers to advise them what to do.

Some of the farmers in the country who have negroes employed told the negroes to stay on the job, and they would go the limit in protecting them. "I don't believe I would stand for a man or bunch of men, to come to my farm and run my greyhounds off," said one farmer, "and I am not going to permit them to run my negroes off, when I know those negroes have not troubled anyone."

Some are inclined to believe that irresponsibles posted the notices, and do not think the threats will be carried out, while others believe in safety first and have advised the negroes to leave for the time being.

Due to the short cotton picking season, and the scarcity of work, most of the negroes in this part of the country are idle, and have not been able to get work since the cotton picking season closed.

Just received a large shipment of the wonderful remedy, Tan-lac. This is the great medicine you have been hearing so much about. The remedy that's made such a wonderful reputation, and which has accomplished such remarkable results all over the United States and Canada. Get your bottle now at John A. Weeks.

DECEMBER 26TH TO BE HOLLIDAY

All business firms of Ballinger will be closed and give their employees a holiday on Dec. 26th, Christmas day comes on Sunday this year and the merchants of this city feel that everybody is entitled to at least one day for Christmas and readily signed up to remain closed on Monday and all take a rest. This will give all a chance to spend Christmas as they see fit and those who want to hunt or spend their time out of doors and observe the Sabbath also will have a chance to do both. Following is a copy of the list of those who have agreed to close Monday:

Higginbotham Bros. & Co., First National Bank, F. & M. Bank, Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., Hall Hardware Co., The Hub, Stone & Thorp, Cameron Lumber Co., Young Men's Business League, County Agent's office, Retail Merchants' Association, Rogers-Higdon Co., King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Co., Ballinger Auto Co. (Sunday hours), Shelton Motor Co., Hardin & Co., Ballinger Lumber Co., City of Ballinger, Holmes Tire & Battery Service (Sunday hours), E. A. Jones & Co., Walker-Smith Co., Harber Grocery Co., Van Pelt-Pyburn, Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, Ballinger Dry Goods Co., D. Reeder, Bennett Abstract Co., Ballinger Printing Co., E. Sheppard & Co., W. C. Penn & Co., Miss Maggie Sharp, Brewer Jewelry Co., G. A. Ladwig, Southside Tailoring Co., J. K. Hutton, City Market, Asa Cordill, Quality Tailoring Co., U. E. Hartman, Magnolia Filling Station (Sunday hours), Nance-Stroble Auto Co. (Sunday hours), L. B. Stubbs, C. A. Doose & Co., Currie Mercantile Co., Stroble Market, Spann & Co.

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All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. Raby Padgett are moving to Austin, where Mr. Padgett has accepted a position with an auto firm. They are going thru the country to Austin in their car. Ballinger regrets to lose them.

2 BOYS STEAL SKUNK HIDES

Two Ballinger boys were detained by the officers Saturday charged with stealing skunk hides. After being held for a time, and arrangements made for their punishment later, the boys were released pending their trial.

It is charged that the boys stole a quantity of skunk hides from John Knight, a South Ballinger trapper. Mr. Knight missed the hides and reported the matter to Ballinger officers. Chief of Police Pilcher instructed I. O. Wooden, the hide and fur buyer, to look out for the stolen skunk hides.

In the due course of time the boys appeared at the hide house with the stolen skunk hides and were turned over to the officers. It developed that the boys have

been in the pilfering game pretty strong recently, and when accused of stealing other property they confessed and returned the property.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Mrs. J. J. Bugg and Mrs. A. Schave visited Winters Wednesday in the interest of the Christmas seal campaign.

E. E. Smith, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Thursday.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

More than two hundred farmers from every community in the county, gathered here Monday to attend the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau, and pledge their loyalty to the association and see it through in the undertaking started to lift the farmer out of the slipshod way of doing business.

In discussing various questions brought before the meeting no criticism was heard, but loyal support was manifested by all the speakers, and the organization begins the second year of its existence in this county with new officers being elected and a program of work outlined for the coming year.

Lynn Stokes was elected president to succeed W. W. Farmer, who had to give up the place on account of being a member of the state executive board. Elmer Batts was elected vice-president; F. T. Rushing, treasurer; and the secretary will be selected by the board of directors which is composed of John Heck of Wilmett; J. S. Neely, of Winters; F. L. Harper, of the Valley Creek country; and Feb McWilliams, of Ballinger.

Another meeting will be held here next Saturday, at which time delegates from each local in the county will be sent here to elect delegates to the state meeting at Dallas on January 4, 5 and 6. The locals over the county will meet Friday night to elect delegates to the meeting here Saturday.

L. C. Whitehead, of the Biological Survey, addressed the farmers following the business meeting on the question of pest extermination, dealing particularly with the rats and rabbits. He advised the farmers to co-operate in ridding the country of both rabbits and rats, detailing the great destruction these pests

are causing farmers throughout the country. The Farm Bureau will take up the question of rabbit drives later, and carry out a program of extermination. S. J. Enoch, who organized the Farm Bureau here, and who canvassed the county for cotton contracts in making up the pool, also addressed the meeting.

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REMODELING HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vaughn are having their home on Eleventh Street remodeled, interior changes being made and other improvements which will add greatly to the convenience and appearance of the home.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BRUNDO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness, ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of R. W. GROVE.

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BOOZE PEDDLERS IN SAN ANGELO JAIL

(San Angelo Standard)
Four hundred and fifty-two quarts of tequila were placed in the vault of the Federal building at an early hour this Sunday morning when E. B. McClure, Texas ranger, and two other officers arrived from Del Rio with the liquor and three prisoners.

Two of the men placed in jail were reported by Joe Powers, assistant police chief, and by Sheriff Frank Duckworth to be Gene Baker, local service car driver, and Roscoe Hays, of Abilene. The name of the third party was not known at the jail at 1:30 as the prisoners had not been registered, it was stated.

Officers captured the booze and five men, four miles South of Sonora early Thursday morning. All went to Del Rio, where two San Angelo men, one a former Sutton county officer, furnished bond, according to information gleaned by Joe Powers.

The cases will come before the federal court. Because the scene of the capture was in the San Angelo district, the prisoners were brought here from Del Rio.

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COTTON ESTIMATE KNOCKS MARKET

The government estimate on total number of bales of cotton for the present season was made public Monday, and fixed in figures which was nearly a half million bales in excess of the first estimate. According to the estimate there will be 8,340,000 bales of cotton ginned this season. Following the report the market glided down hill to the tune of about \$3 per bale. This is the final estimate to be made.

80 MEMBERS FOR W. T. CHAMBER

Ballinger has again backed the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to a greater strength than any city of its size in West Texas, according to Field Manager B. F. Bennett, who was here completing his work at this place Monday.

"You have increased your membership," and taken the lead over your neighbors," said Mr. Bennett, and he handed in names of new members which makes a total of 80 for the city. Each membership carries dues to the amount of \$10 for the year, which places the West Texas commercial organization under obligations to Ballinger, and it goes without saying that the obligations will be fulfilled.

Following are the names of the additional members, the others having been published: Security Title Co. and C. S. Miller, one.

- Dr. J. W. Blasdel, one.
- Halley & Love sanitarium, one.
- Hardin Lumber Co., one.
- DeMotive Sheet Metal Works, one.
- A. P. Serratt's City Wagon Yard, one.
- City Market, one.
- J. E. Pierie, one.
- C. W. Branch, one.

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take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.

A box of GROVES O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

ANGELO GROCERYMAN IS REPORTED MISSING

(San Angelo Standard)
His nerves unstrung from illness, M. M. McAllister, manager of the H. O. Wooten Grocer Co. in San Angelo until last March, disappeared Wednesday afternoon in San Antonio where he

had been visiting his mother, and had not been found Friday when Sam Behringer, now Wooten manager, received the following telegram from K. Burt, brother-in-law of the missing man: "Max McAllister left here destination unknown. Wire me collect if he is there."

Mr. Behringer replied that Mr. McAllister had not been seen in this city. The wholesale groceryman was last seen in San Antonio going West on Dunning Avenue. His failure to arrive at Mr. Burt's office when expected caused search, in which the police joined, to be instituted without success. Friends here presume that Mr. McAllister's mind became temporarily deranged due to his protracted illness, for which he spent a part of last spring at Mineral Wells, and that he has wandered to some unfrequented locality.

Mr. McAllister is about 36 or 38 years old and is married. He resided here for a number of years, his first connection being with Bell, Thompson & Wyatt. For five years, he was Wooten manager at Sweetwater before returning here early in 1919.

When You are Constipated

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

TOM GREEN COMING WITH ART EXHIBIT

The rural schools of Tom Green county are preparing an art exhibit for the Concho-Colo-rado Teachers' Institute conven-

WELDING A BROKEN PART

of an auto saves the cost of a new one. It also almost always saves a long wait while the dealer sends to the factory for the part required. If your car meets with an accident and some part is broken bring the car here. We will weld it so that it will be as good as, if not better than, ever. No long waiting, no big price to pay. **BALLINGER WELDING AND MOTOR WORKS.** 112-7th Street Phone 76.

ing in Ballinger on December 19. The showing will be in charge of Miss Emma Blanchard, local art supervisor. One of the most complete displays ever collected in the county will be sent to Ballinger to be shown in competition with a similar exhibit with other county members of the association.

All teachers are urged to get their material ready at once. The art work will be mounted by Miss Blanchard provided other teachers haven't the material or are not expert at such work.

Miss Blanchard will go to the institute for one day, taking with her a display from her classes in the city schools to illustrate a lecture to be given by her before the teachers.—San Angelo Standard.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy, particularly beneficial for older men. Price \$1.25 per bottle, John A. Weeks Special Agent.

LEGION GETS A BONUS PROMISE

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—

The enactment of the veterans adjusted compensation bill will be completed in congress within ninety days, according to information given National American Legion Commander McNider by Senator McCumber, author of the bill, it was announced at Legion headquarters today.

Harwell Motor Company will guarantee that a Gates Tire will run further than any tire made. 20-d & w-tf



The Christmas Center

Christmas Dinner Means "BE OF GOOD CHEER"

Christmas Dinner!—what a splendid, jovial, gladsome occasion! All those who love each other, fore-gather 'round the table, there is feasting and jollity and---a coming together of hearts.

The wise housewife will begin to get ready for the Christmas dinner NOW. This store carries the choicest groceries; fruits and vegetables the market affords. Why not select your needs NOW so you won't have to wear yourself out on Christmas morning and come to the table a frazzle instead of the smiling, genial wife or mother you should be!

Fruits, Candies and Nuts

We have a big stock and the kiddies Christmas would not be complete without having their stockings filled with them. Don't be a 12th hour shopper and take the leavings---Get 'em now!

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