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PLANNING FOR C. OF C. SPREAD

The program committee is busy working on the Chamber of Commerce banquet program and they promise the people of Ballinger one of the best programs ever presented at an occasion of this kind. They announce that the main feature of the program will be that it will be all entertainment and fun and no long speeches will tire those who attend. Only one speaker will be used on the program and he will be limited to 20 minutes and has promised that he will give back part of the time allotted him.

The definite date for the feast has been set as Tuesday, January 19th, being one week later than the first date set in order not to conflict with the Runnels County Poultry Show here. The place has not been selected and will not be until after the committee in charge of arrangements know who is going to serve the spread. This committee ask that any organization or firm wishing to prepare and serve the banquet to get in touch with the committee at once and submit a price for serving by the plate.

Letters have been received from as far away as Baird asking for several tickets to the affair and stating that members of the boards of these places want to come here and see how Ballinger does things. They all think well of the commercial body at Ballinger and want to get a few pointers on how to operate a chamber of commerce in a city of this size.

The ticket committee will commence work within a few days and expect to sell 200 or more tickets locally, and it is urged that citizens be prepared to tell the committee how many when they come around for the money and to deliver the tickets. As soon as the arrangements committee secures a contract for serving the meal and can place a price on the tickets, the sale will start and continue until the date of the banquet.

RAIN TO AID SMALL GRAIN

The slow soaking rain which began falling here on New Year's forenoon, ran the gauge up to .30 of an inch before it let up, and the precipitation was sufficient to be of much benefit to small grain.

According to reports received here the rain was pretty general over the county as well as extending to more distant points. Tourists passing through the city were using their mud chains, and while the rain has not been sufficient to impede travel, the highways were reported to be slick, and motoring without chains dangerous.

OPPOSES COUNT SENATE CONTEST

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Objection to the Senate recounting the vote in the Brookhart-Steak Iowa senatorial contest was filed today with the Senate elections sub-committee by Senator Brookhart's counsel. The objection was filed on the ground that there were indications of irregularities in the way the ballots had been handled since the election.

J. G. Mitchell, counsel for Brookhart, declared that there were forty-seven contested ballots unaccounted for, and that the ballots from sixty-seven precincts had been received by the committee in unsealed mail sacks, and that an opportunity had been given for tampering with the votes.

Mrs. Ellen Strickland spent the holidays with relatives in Brady.

3600 CARS PAID; 1600 ARE UNPAID

About two-thirds of the automobile owners in Runnels county have complied with the law by paying their 1926 registration fee, according to the collector's records. Up to Tuesday night about 3600 number plates had been issued, and it is estimated, taking last year's registrations as a basis, that there are about 1600 cars in the county upon which the 1926 tax have not been paid.

Parties driving an automobile now without the 1926 number plate are subject to a fine, and may not be surprised when the strong arm of the law swoops down upon them. They have had ample warning, and frivolous excuses will hardly get them by the law. The officers have been inclined to be lenient with the public, but there is a limit even in leniency.

Tax Collector W. L. Brown reports that poll taxes have been coming in at a lively rate, and it is believed that the voters are going to fortify against the loss of their franchise. This is election year, and judging from early political maneuvering it is going to be an interesting campaign.

Poll tax payments for the month of December exceeded the payments of December a year ago by about 300. This is a matter which must be attended to before the clock strikes the midnight hour on the last day of January.

CURRIE SELLS STOCK IN FIRM

Returning from Dallas Monday night, J. F. Currie announced that he had sold his interest in Higginbotham Brothers & Company at Ballinger, and was retiring from that business. Mr. Currie sold his stock in the company to R. W. Higginbotham, head of the string of Higginbotham stores.

R. T. Williams assumes the full management of the Ballinger store with the retirement of Mr. Currie, and the business will continue under his management with probably some changes to be announced later.

Mr. Currie has been actively connected with the Higginbotham department store here for the last two years. He retires in order that he may devote his time to his private business, which he says that he will do after closing the present cotton season and disposing of unfinished business in that line.

"In retiring from the mercantile business," said Mr. Currie, "I want to thank all those who have given us their patronage, and bespeak for my successors a continuation of the liberal patronage we have enjoyed during my connection with the firm."

Mr. Currie is one of the pioneer merchants of this city. He established The Hub many years ago, sold that business, and for a time retired, until he purchased stock in the Higginbotham store and became actively associated with that firm.

R. T. Williams, who is now in full charge of the Higginbotham store, has been with that firm for many years, and was manager before Mr. Currie became affiliated with the business. He is no new man on the job, and has many friends who will be glad to know that he is to manage the business in the future.

Clarence Richards, who was formerly with the Higginbotham store at Ballinger, before going to Lawa, where he engaged in business, is again with the Ballinger store, taking charge of the gents' furnishings and ready-to-wear department. His friends too, will be glad to know he has returned to Ballinger.

J. P. Clifton, of the Norton country, was attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday.

THIEVES GET CAR AT MILES SCHOOL

Sheriff Earl McWilliams received a phone call from Sheriff Bob Hewitt, of San Angelo, shortly after noon Wednesday stating that the automobile which was stolen from in front of the school house at Miles Monday, had been located at Christoval. It seems that the thieves drove the car to that place and abandoned it. Mr. McWilliams had been using the phone freely in an effort to locate the stolen machine, and had just begun mailing out cards giving a description of the stolen auto.

Officers are broadcasting for a new Ford touring car which disappeared from Miles Monday morning about 11:00 o'clock, but so far have not been able to pick up any clue which would lead to recovery of the automobile.

The stolen car was the property of John O'Quinn, who resides about four miles Northwest of Miles. Mr. O'Quinn's children drove the car to school, and it was parked near the school building. The car was not missing at recess about 10:30, but disappeared between that time and the noon hour.

Two strangers were seen loafing in the vicinity of the school building shortly before the car was stolen, and it is believed they are the parties who got away with the machine. It was a bold theft, but with a couple of hours start, and even a longer time before the officers could be put on the case, and with a daylight run, the thieves no doubt made a clean get-away.

Mr. O'Quinn had just lost his 1926 auto license but had not replaced the old number plate with the new one. He had the new number plate in the car. No doubt the thieves will make the change for him.

John Peckacek came down from Abilene Tuesday to spend a few days looking after business.

1925 GOOD FOR 70,000 BALES

The 1925 cotton crop will exceed 70,000 bales, when the final report is made. Up to December 13th the ginnings in the county amounted to 68,781 bales, according to W. A. Esmond, who represents the federal government in the cotton census department. Up to the same period last year the ginnings figured 50,900 bales, and the final was 53,310, showing that 2,410 bales were ginned after December 13th in the county.

On the same ratio this would give Runnels county more than 70,000 bales for 1925.

WITNESSES IN OSAGE MURDERS

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 6.—Witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury in connection with the Osage Indian murder cases, and have been ordered to report to the jury at 1:30 o'clock today. A few liquor cases still remained before the grand jury when it convened today and further delay in taking up the murder cases resulted.

Among the witnesses called to testify in the murder cases was Mollie Burkhardt, wife of Ernest Burkhardt. Burkhardt is one of the men under arrest for murder, and he is the sole surviving heir to a large fortune which has been described as the "stake" which the alleged murder ring brought about the deaths of seventeen persons.

H. R. and A. A. Sadler, and their families, of New Mexico, are visiting relatives at Norton.

COTTON FARMERS MEET TO PLAN ACREAGE CUT

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—Declaring that the action of the commissioners of agriculture of the Southern states cancelling their meeting called for Texas, did not in any wise affect the Southwide Cotton Conference, which was called by the American Cotton Association.

J. S. Wannamaker, president of the cotton association, called the meeting to order here today with delegates from every state in the cotton belt, except Oklahoma, present.

The conference is meeting for the purpose of deciding upon methods to be used by the cotton growers of the South to enable the growers to reduce their acreage thirty-three per cent, and to adopt means for stabilizing the costs and profits of the Southern farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen left for Sweetwater for a visit to relatives before returning to their home in Oklahoma. They had been visiting Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lilly.

GUS HARTGROVE GOES TO MAYO HOSPITAL

S. A. Hartgrove, who owns a ranch in Concho county, but who makes his home in San Angelo, left last Sunday, accompanied by his wife, for Mayo brothers hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. It was said that Mr. Hartgrove's health demanded the attention of a specialist.

Robert Bruce left Saturday morning for Austin, where he went to resume work in the State University.

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Local History of Past Year

January 1.—School board calls citizens to meet in mass meeting and discuss problem of new school building.

January 3.—Joseph E. Yeats, arrested at Ballinger for abducting young Georgia Fields, commenced a five-year sentence in the Oklahoma pen.

January 4.—A committee of seven appointed to confer with the school board in selecting a site for the new school building.

January 7.—The West Texas Utilities Company started a crew of men to work wrecking the old ice and power plant preparatory to the construction of a new plant.

January 12.—Officers started search for a woman who floated \$304 worth of bad checks at Winters. Good work on part of Sheriff McWilliams resulted in arrest of Miss Edith Talley, age 17.

January 14.—The First Annual Rannels County Poultry Show opened at Winters.

January 16.—Y. M. B. L. ends year with annual banquet and election of directors.

January 19.—A partial eclipse of the sun called many people out earlier than usual, the hour being 7:45 a. m.

January 22.—Board selects site for new school building.

January 31.—W. D. Allen, a farmer, was killed and two others hurt when a train crashed into an auto at Miles.

February 1.—Elm Creek bridge declared dangerous and the highway department employed a man to stand guard and warn the public.

February 6.—Two prisoners sawed their way out of Rannels county jail here.

February 10.—West Texas Utilities Co. submitted proposition to buy city light-power properties.

February 13.—Stockholders meeting of Rannels County Fair Association held and new directors elected. Stock increased to \$15,000.

February 18.—Committees appointed for a revival at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Cunningham, of Austin, invited to hold the meeting.

February 19.—Lucio Valalpando, young Mexican, was stabbed to death at a Mexican dance by another Mexican.

February 26.—Reports going out that Ballinger was on a building boom caused an influx of laborers.

February 28.—U. G. Thomas was brought to Ballinger suffering with gunshot wounds. Joe Haygood was charged with the shooting.

March 3.—News received that Bart Guest, Rannels county's first citizen, had died at Yale, Oklahoma.

March 6.—Miss Rhoda Bryant was seriously hurt in an auto accident on the Ballinger-Winters highway.

March 10.—Cecil Hodges, of Wingate, was brought to Ballinger suffering with gunshot wounds, as result of quarrel.

March 24.—C. J. Weisner, a Rowena merchant, claimed that he was gagged and his store set on fire. No arrest was made.

April 1.—Rains amounting from light showers to two inches fell in Rannels county. Streams were put on rise.

April 2.—Cecil Grimes was killed in an auto accident at San Angelo, and Ballinger relatives were called to attend the funeral.

April 3.—The Inter-scholastic League program opened with many events at Ballinger.

April 4.—Prof. R. W. Castor, principal of the Novice school, was carried to the Winters sanitarium suffering with serious injuries sustained in a fight with young men at Novice.

April 5.—Roy Young, son of Walter Young, former Winters citizen, was killed by a runaway team at Buffalo Gap.

April 6.—John Keys, of San Angelo, was placed on trial here for attempting to rob the Rowena bank. He was given a five-year suspended sentence.

April 11.—John Smith, negro, given five-year suspended sentence for murdering F. J. Kuhn, at Rowena.

April 13.—W. S. and L. S. Proctor, charged with being connected with the murder of Crawford A. Tabor, were dismissed.

April 14.—Merchants donate suits to dress up band boys.

April 15.—R. L. Bailey and Will Middleton, of Miles, were arrested, charged with assaulting a negro woman.

April 18.—The Christian Endeavor convention in Ballinger was well attended.

April 22.—City took steps to enforce motor bus law and prohibit service cars from stopping on and unloading on streets.

April 23.—Sheriff McWilliams captures 52 quarts booze and arrests Will Snow and D. E. By-num.

April 27.—Rannels county received from two to four inches of rain, and heavy rains fell over the state.

April 28.—Citizens voted 402 to 102 in favor of selling city light plant.

May 8.—Motor bus men are granted injunction against city to stop enforcement of motor bus law.

May 9.—Rannels is again rain soaked.

May 12.—Commissioners court makes appropriation and passes order for employment of home demonstration agent.

May 15.—Ballinger officers called to help run down negro who murdered Sheriff Dick Paulley.

May 16.—C. L. Dunning was placed in jail charged with assaulting a girl.

May 18.—School closes with the issuance of 38 diplomas.

May 20.—First trial against chiropractors resulted in not guilty verdict.

May 25.—Good rains fall over county.

May 27.—American Legion post starts drive to raise \$1400 endowment fund.

May 28.—Dr. R. L. Irvin begins revival at Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

May 29.—A. & S. asks permit to discontinue motor car service.

June 5.—Merchants plan big trade trip over trade territory.

June 7.—Fowler, young son of John Simmons lost his life when the Simmons home was destroyed by fire.

June 10.—Rain, hail and wind do damage in South Ballinger.

May 19.—Great crowds attend revival at Methodist Church and hear Dr. J. W. Hunt.

June 22.—Alfred Sanders, age 19, was drowned in Concho River near Miles.

June 25.—County covered by heavy rains.

June 27.—Three prisoners break out of the Ballinger jail.

June 29.—Miles wins championship game in American Legion tournament at the Ballinger Birthday Celebration.

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UNIVERSITY BAND COMING MARCH 24th

The American Legion are arranging for the appearance of the Texas University Band at Ballinger on March 24th. The Legion has been granted use of the high school auditorium for the attraction, and wired the management of the band Saturday closing a deal for the big show. This will be one of the best attractions on the 1926 calendar for the music lovers of this city.

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TAX ASSESSOR TO TAKE INVENTORY

Mike C. Boyd placed an order for his inventory blanks to be put in shape Friday, and Saturday he began outlining his work and the property owners will be called on in regular fashion and on time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodson returned home Wednesday night from Cleburne, where they were called last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Woodson's niece who was killed when an inter-urban car struck an auto in which the girl was riding. Other occupants of the car were severely but not fatally injured.

H. K. Reid, of Winters, was here on business Wednesday.

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LOCALS DEFEAT COLEMAN 13-0

The Ballinger foot ball team met the Coleman Colts in the mud at Fair Park Friday afternoon and defeated them in a well played game 13 to 0. It was the best demonstration of foot ball seen here for a long time and the small crowd that braved the rain and cold to see the game got their money's worth. The Coleman boys although out played and unable to make a first down during the entire game, played gamely and were fighting hard when the last whistle blew.

Ballinger's first touch down came in the first quarter when on repeated gains through the line the ball was carried to Coleman's 15 yard line. Earnshaw carried the ball five straight times and on the fifth time took it over the line with about eight men hanging on him. Penn dropped kicked for the extra points from the 15 yard line. The second score came in the second quarter. Penn punted 45 yards and the Coleman safety tried to let the ball roll across the goal line but Rayburn, playing left end for Ballinger, touched the ball on Coleman's one yard line and it was given to Coleman at this place. On the first play Coleman attempted to punt out of danger but Nicholson was through the line and blocked the kick. The ball hit him on the shoulder, bounded upwards against the goal post and Newman, Ballinger guard, grabbed it and carried it over for the second counter. Penn was rushed and in water and failed to kick goal. Score Ballinger 13r Coleman nothing.

Nicholson, McCarver and Earnshaw did most of the ground gaining on the Ballinger backfield and repeatedly these men went through the line and circled ends for 1st down. McCarver on one occasion carried the pigskin around right end for a beautiful 32 yard run and all but got away for the remainder of the field. Rayburn and Penn at ends played good games and several forward passes were completed by these two for long gains. The locals furnished good interference on all plays which was responsible for the long gains made. Most all the game was played in Coleman's territory and several times the locals were held for downs in the shadow of their goal.

GROCERIES CASH AFTER JANUARY 1ST

On January 1st the partnership of W. B. Currie and Willie Stephens in the Currie Mercantile Co. will dissolve. Mr. Currie will move the business to his building on Seventh Street opposite the court house and will continue to operate under the name of Currie Mercantile Co., selling groceries, feed, poultry and produce.

Beginning January 1st this firm will sell groceries for cash only. This statement is to everybody and you are requested not to ask for credit after that date on your grocery account.

We wish to thank our many friends and patrons of the past for the splendid patronage given us and hope that we may merit a continuance of that trust.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

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T. T. Duncan, a former citizen of this city, and who now lives at Abilene, was here on business and looking up old friends Thursday. Mr. Duncan was conferring with E. A. Jeanes and getting some pointers on how to raise poultry successfully on a city lot.

MAN HELD FOR LIQUOR SELLING

Horace Speer, of Winters, is in the Rannels county jail here as a result of a charge made against him for selling liquor in violation of the prohibition law. Sheriff McWilliams arrested the young man at Winters Saturday and brought him to Ballinger.

The complaint was filed against Speer some time ago, but he has been out of the county. He was placed under arrest upon his return. It is charged that he made a liquor sale at Winters.

Bond in the sum of \$1,000 was allowed for Speer, but he has not been released, and it was stated that he would be delivered to the sheriff from Littlefield, Texas, when that officer arrived here. Sheriff McWilliams held a warrant from the Littlefield sheriff for the arrest of Speer and instructions to hold him pending his arrival. It is alleged that he violated the prohibition law at Littlefield also.

H. F. Demmer and family visited relatives at Sweetwater Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Massey and daughter returned to their home in Dallas Thursday morning. They had been visiting relatives in Ballinger.

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MANY STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

After spending the holidays with home folks many young people returned to their school work in the colleges and universities in Texas, and some to schools in other states. Both the early morning train Sunday and the afternoon train carried student passengers from Ballinger. Among those going were: Misses Josephine Francis, Mabel Brewer, Kay Clark and Malcorine Wardlaw to Southwestern University at Georgetown; Miss Margaret Kirk to S. M. U. at Dallas; Misses Louise Kirk and Mae Garlington to State University, Austin; Miss Lucille Taylor to S. M. U. at Dallas; Miss Frances Holman to Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tenn.; Burton Reese, Cecil Dickinson, Fred Atwell and James Trail to A. & M. College Station; Everett Bartlett and Joe Eubank to John Tarleton, Stephenville; Morris Cummings to University of Texas, Austin; Gordon Thomson, Curtis Reese, and Robert Kirk to Texas Tech, Lubbock; M. L. Rayburn to Dallas University; Phillip Walker to Schreiner Institute, Kerrville. Probably other students got away without saying good-bye to the Ledger reporter.

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URGES PLANTING OF GRADED SEED

J. W. Edwards, of the Winters country, and who gets his mail on the Guion rural route, was in Ballinger this week and placed an ad in The Ledger offering his machine and his experience to farmers in grading their cotton seed. Mr. Edwards urges the farmers to clean and grade their planting seed, and thereby obtain better results in both the way of a stand and the quality and quantity of the yield.

Will Hearrell was in the city Wednesday from Bronte. He reported that he would leave Coke county about January 10th and go to Jasper county, where he is engaging in sheep raising on a larger scale. He admitted that he was not quitting Coke county permanently, and probably a few months will find him chasing rabbits in his old haunts again.

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MANY FAIL TO GET NEW PLATE

About fifty per cent of the motor vehicles parked on the streets on New Year's day were tagged with 1925 number plates. It was said that the owners of some of these had paid their auto tax, but had not attached the new number plates. The fact that the tax has been paid and the number plate is held in the car or office, does not protect a motorist from prosecution. The law provides that the number plate must be displayed on the car, both going and coming.

It was disclosed at the tax collector's office that many of the cars parked on the streets were the property of people who had not paid their license fee, and all are subject to prosecution. Tax Collector W. L. Brown stated he had plenty of number plates, and a force of clerks ready to issue the licenses. The officers published a warning several days ago, and a general round-up is expected after today.

Between four and five hundred licenses were issued on the last day of 1925, and business was good at the collector's office on New Year's day, but less than fifty per cent of the automobiles in the county have been registered. There is no excuse for the delinquency, and a fine against each one will be assessed, according to notice given by the traffic officers.

A TONIC

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WEST TEXAS NEWS NOTES

A meeting of athletic and baseball fans has been called to convene at Brownwood on January 10 to discuss a move to revive the West Texas League.

The Presbyterian Sunday school at Sweetwater boasts of four pupils with perfect attendance records for a series of three, four and six years. Two pupils have not missed a Sunday in six years, one has not missed in three years and another four years.

A young couple at Abilene who had been married but a short while, notified Rev. Nicholas, superintendent of the West Texas Children's Welfare Society, that they wanted a baby for a Christmas present. Rev. Nicholas delivered a four weeks' old baby to them.

The citizens of San Angelo will vote on an amendment to the city charter Saturday removing the tax limit and providing for an expansion in school and city government.

H. C. Sanders, Wrist Stephenson and Troy Shrum are in a hospital at San Angelo suffering with wounds resulting from a collision between an auto and a wagon on the Christoval highway.

Brady Keys has been released from the San Angelo jail on \$2,500 bond on charges growing out of the murder of Ralph Hoxworth at Big Lake.

W. O. Schultz, of Paint Rock, has sold 1100 ewes to W. G. Murray, of Lubbock, for \$11 per head. The sheep are in Crockett county and will be delivered next week.

Brownwood only received 17.10 inches of rain during 1925, which was 1.48 inches more than for the previous year.

Judge Alfred Crager and family returned home Wednesday afternoon from Dallas, where they spent Christmas week with relatives, making the trip in their auto.

C. P. Prewitt, of Wingate, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

LIBERTY BELL RINGS AFTER 90 YEARS SILENCE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—The Liberty Bell, which in 1776 sounded a call to arms, resulting in the birth of a new nation, rang forth against last night for the first time in ninety years. The bell rang out in sounding a welcome to the New Year 1926.

In 1776 the lusty ring of the old watchman in the tower at Independence Hall was audible for only a short distance. As 1926 arrived last night the strokes struck with a gold hammer by Mrs. Freeland Kendrick, wife of the mayor of Philadelphia, were heard throughout the nation. Radio carried the sound of the historic bell into countless American homes.

The last time the bell was heard was on the occasion of Chief Justice John Marshall's funeral in 1836. On that occasion the bell was cracked and it was feared that it would forever remain silenced.

The gold hammer used last night was tipped with rubber, to prevent further breaking of the relic, but the reverberations were pronounced by the engineers in charge of the program as being eighty per cent full tone of the bell.

At midnight Mrs. Kendrick brought the gold hammer down upon the bell thirteen times, once each for the original thirteen states. When these reverberations had died away she struck the bell eighteen times in the following order: 1-2-9-6.

FAINT TAP OF LIBERTY BELL IS HEARD HERE

Several people in Ballinger reported hearing the Liberty Bell ring out the old and ring in the new Thursday night. A party listening in at the home of W. A. Nance heard the tap of the bell, which came in faintly. Joe Beck and Joe Huffman also reported hearing the historical old bell.

Many listeners who eagerly remained on watch on New Year's eve failed to pick up the Liberty Bell program. It seems that for some cause the chain of stations scheduled to broadcast the ringing of the bell did not get on the air with the program.

Practically all other stations throughout the nation signed off five minutes before eleven o'clock, and remained silent for fifteen minutes in order that listeners might tune in on the Liberty Bell stations. Some of the stations in signing off notified their auditors what stations to tune in on to get the Liberty Bell program, but the designated stations failed to broadcast the ringing of the bell.

It was also announced over the radio that John McCormack would sing tonight, New Year's night, instead of New Year's eve, as first stated. The chain of stations affiliated with WEA, New York, will broadcast the McCormack program at 9:00 o'clock tonight.

To Stop a Cough Quick

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

A box of GROVE'S 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 Grove's 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.

BEGIN WORK IN EXTENDING BUILDING

The concrete foundation is being run for the extension of the office building of the West Texas Utilities Company on Eighth Street. Work was started Thursday morning. The building will be extended back the full length of the lot, an addition of about fifty feet being made to take care of the increased business resulting from an extension of the Utilities net to Menard, 65 miles South of Ballinger.

Mrs. James F. Buchanan, of Dallas, return home with Judge and Mrs. Alfred Crager Wednesday, and will visit her sister, Mrs. Crager, for a few days.

Dr. S. B. Baby left Thursday morning for Dallas, where he will spend a few days.

Healthy Hair
Gleamy, Thick, Wavy
—Full of Life

The constant curling and waving demanded by modern style in hair dress, slowly burns the color, lustre and very life from the hair, leaving it dry, faded, brittle, streaked with gray; then the hair roots shrink and the hair falls out fast.

Try this for one week! While combing and dressing your hair, moisten your hair brush with a little "Danderine" and brush it through your hair—the effect is startling! Your hair immediately takes on new life and that healthy, youthful lustre, becomes incomparably soft, wavy and appears twice as thick and abundant. "Danderine" costs only 35 cents a bottle at any drug store.

BIG NEW YEAR GIFT FOR RUNNELS COUNTY

A slow drizzling rain began falling in Ballinger during the early forenoon on New Year's day, and the precipitation increased as the day passed until by early afternoon it had developed into a heavy drizzle.

The weather man was taking a holiday, but indications pointed to more rain as a starter for the New Year, all of which will be welcomed by the farmers, especially the farmers who planted small grain.

START WORK ON RE-MODELING BUILDING

The front of the building just vacated by the Currie Mercantile Co. is being wrecked to make room for a new and modern front as a part of the program for converting that building into a new house for the "M" System grocery store which is to begin business as soon as the building is made ready.

The removal of the grocery firm from this building is like moving an old land mark. For more than twenty-five years the building has been occupied by a grocery store. John A. Weeks purchased the building some time ago and he will put it in shape for the new cash and carry grocery firm.

LEGION MAY BOOK UNIVERSITY BAND

The American Legion has a proposition to book the University of Texas Band, and will take on the splendid attraction provided they can get the use of the high school auditorium. A committee from the Legion post is negotiating with the school board for the auditorium and the trustees will decide definitely on the proposition within a few days.

The university band consists of thirty-five men and with a varied program they offer the citizens of Ballinger one of the best entertainments to come this way this season.

BIG CROP ON 18 INCHES RAIN

Runnels county produced a 65,000 bale cotton crop and oodles of other stuff on a little better than eighteen inches of rainfall—in 1925.

The year was about on par with 1924, the rainfall for '24 amounting to 18.65 inches, and 53,310 bales were made in that season. Summing up the two years, 120,000 bales of cotton, or thereabouts were produced on 27.45 inches of rain, or a little more for two years than the average yearly precipitation over a period of twenty-five years.

This verifies the claim so often made that it is not the amount of rain, but when we get it, that makes the crops grow in this county.

It will be observed by scanning the rain record at the First National Bank rain gauge, that no rain fell during the first three months of 1925. The rain began on April 12th and the entire year's precipitation was recorded in eight months. No rain fell for December just closed.

Following is the precipitation at Ballinger by months.

April	3.25
May	4.35
June	1.65
July	1.30
August	2.10
September	2.60
October	1.70
November	1.55
Total	18.80

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Deputy Sheriff Ben Curry, of Norton, was conferring with C. P. Shepherd, county attorney, Friday.

FRIDAY IS EYE DAY

DR. B. KAHN, OPTOMETRIST

In the C. A. Dooze Building, Eyes examined, glasses fitted. We understand eyes.

IF STOMACH IS TROUBLING YOU

Instantly! End Indigestion or Stomach Misery with "Pape's Diapepsin"

As soon as you eat a tablet or two of "Pape's Diapepsin" your indigestion is gone! Heavy pain, heartburn, flatulence, gases, palpitation, or any misery from a sour, acid stomach ends. Correct your stomach and digestion for a few cents. Each package guaranteed by druggist.

ARCH CREWS IN BURN OUT AT SAN ANGELO

The residence of Tul Bryant, on South Jefferson Street, owned by Arch Crews, was destroyed by fire at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The estimated loss totalled \$3,250 and the insurance \$2,500.

Mrs. Bryant left a stove burning when she went to town, intending to be gone only a few minutes, she told firemen. This is believed to have caused the blaze. Neighbors discovered it and the contents of one room and two trunks from another were saved. Fire threatened the home of S. H. Turrentine on the South and that of Dr. H. A. Wimberly on the North, but due to effective work by the firemen neither place was damaged.

Mr. Crews carried \$2,000 insurance on his \$2,500 loss. Mr. Bryant had \$500 insurance on his loss estimated at around \$750. The fire was the second recently in which Mr. Bryant has suffered loss, the first, about two months ago, wrecking his grocery and confectionery on South Chadbourne near the Orient station.—San Angelo Standard.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner and daughter, Mrs. Ruth, are visiting relatives in Brownwood.

Cotton Seed

Mr. Farmer we want to buy your Cotton Seed.

See us in exchanging meal for seed.

We handle in car lots Cotton Seed, Cotton Seed Meal, Cake, Cotton Seed Hulls, Maize Heads, Oats, Alfalfa, Hay, and Oklahoma Prairie Hay.

For prices see or phone

Vaughn Grain Co.

Baby Chicks Custom Hatching

We will start our Mammoth Incubator Monday morning, January 4, 1926. Everyone wishing to set eggs on this date should arrange to secure good settable eggs and see us at once about booking hatching space.

Now is the time to hatch off Chicks for early fryers. The man who has the early fryers makes the big Money.

We will have Baby Chicks for sale Tuesday, January 26, and every Tuesday after that.

Custom Hatching \$3.00 per tray.

Baby Chicks priced according to kind and quality.

Economy Mills
W. B. Currie

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Write it 1926.

Chickens will begin to gather
here early next week.

Resolve to be a little more care-
ful in your motoring.

Pay poll tax; this the year to
vote.

The New Year shower will no
doubt bring an early crop of
candidates.

The school bells sounded the
leath knell to the 1925 holiday
season Monday morning.

The Temple Telegram has
changed from a morning to an
afternoon paper.

Some of the county officers
have already expressed them-
selves as favoring another term of
servitude.

We are still in favor of putting
on foot and putting over some
scheme for paving Eighth Street
and Broadway.

Governor Ferguson has issued a
proclamation designating Jan-
uary as a laugh month. Now,
laugh.

We elect them from constable
to governor this year, but you
can't help do it without a poll
tax receipt.

One person was killed by auto
for every thousand cars regis-
tered in the United States last
year.

It seems that some of the mer-
chants are setting a good ex-
ample by adopting the cash sys-
tem.

Christmas is over with, and
now maybe we will hear a little
more about politics and the
special session.

It is estimated that fifty mil-
lion dollars were spent for foot-
ball tickets for the season just
closed. We believe the price was
entirely too high.

Small grain prospects in North
and West Texas are said to be
the best in ten years. It is too
early, however, to call for har-
vest hands.

The New Year has made a good
start for murders. The Ledger
has been given a double homicide
every day by the Associated
Press.

Often one line of business
thrives at the expense of some
other line. It is said that maga-
zine circulation decreases as
radio sales increase.

This is the season when banks
balance up and elect or re-elect
men to handle our money for the
ensuing year. Ballinger banks
seem to be as solid as a rock.

Hammering down the acreage
is about the only solution for
hammering up the prices, but it
is a hard rule to enforce in a
good cotton country like Runnels
county.

Runnels county's seventy thou-
sand bale crop will make our
East Texas neighbors, who a few
years ago poked fun at us, stand
up and take notice, and even at
that it was a short crop.

A woman was arrested in
Brownwood for hi-jacking in Dal-
las this week. The charges were
robbery with firearms. The wo-
men seem to be determined to
meet man in every walk of life.

American cotton growers are
given a warning to begin to turn
to the production of other crops
instead of all cotton. Australia,
South Africa, New Zealand and
other foreign countries are in-
creasing their cotton acreage.

The national capital is experi-
encing a traffic war as the re-
sult of an order prohibiting the
driving of horse drawn vehicles
on certain boulevards. We can
recall a time when an effort was
made to keep automobiles off the
streets. But times do change.

Of course there are more trag-
edies during the Yuletide holi-
days, because people are given
more to frivolity and lose their
heads in recklessness. It is also
a time when the mentality of man
is too often made abnormal by
imprudence and dissipation.

Probably you did not make any
New Year's resolutions, but that
should not prevent you from
profiting by experiences of the
past, and striving to make 1926
a better year for yourself by
helping your fellowman.

Walter C. Woodward, of Cole-
man, has given out the statement
that he will seek re-election to
the state senatorship next year.
Senator Woodward drew the
short term at the last session, as
a result of redistricting the state.

San Angelo has amended its
charter, permitting a higher
school tax rate, and plans are
underway to build two new
school buildings in that city, and
the 1925 road building program
calls for seventy more miles of
paved road.

We are not soliciting political
announcements, nor fostering the
cause of any candidate or candi-
dates, but permit us to say that
it is the early bird which gets the
worm some times, and then the
street corner politicians should
be given something to talk about.

Clarence Dillon, who a short
time ago negotiated the 140 mil-
lion dollar Dodge Brothers auto
deal, is a Texan, and ten years
ago he was working for a small
salary in Chicago. Wonderful
how some men climb while others
continue to drag along in the
same old rut.

The building program in Bal-
lenger was not a boom, but a
steady growth during 1925, and
a continuation of the same kind
of a program is in prospect for
1926. Booms too often blow up,
while it is the substantial steady
building which keeps a city on
the map.

Suit has been filed against Lee
Satterwhite, speaker of the Texas
House of Representatives, for a
seventy-five dollar board bill,
made in 1922. Mr. Satterwhite
says that it is a spite suit, but
admits that he owes the bill.
When politicians fall out it some-
times becomes a case of the pot
calling the kettle black.

Florida real estate dealers ad-
vertise Florida as the springtime
paradise where it is spring all the
time. One kind of weather all
the time no doubt gets monoton-
ous, and we feel sorry for those
poor Floridians who have to stay
there 365 days in the year.

Some writers are inclined to
jest about the mailing of Christ-
mas cards, and charge that it is
a nuisance. No doubt those same
writers are guilty of boasting
about how many cards they re-
ceived. We all like to get Christ-
mas cards from our friends, and
it is the most sensible way to re-
member our friends at Christmas
time.

Farm conferences are being
held throughout the country, at-
tended by Secretary of Agricul-
ture Jardine, to work out some
plan for handling the farm
surplus. Too much crop makes
too low prices, but the farmers
continue to compete with each
other to see who can produce the
most. However, the government
tells us we are shy one bushel of
potatoes.

Commissioner R. J. Deens re-
ports that most of his new grade
on the Ballinger-Bronte highway
went up in dust with the recent
high winds, but he will regrade
the new highway and make it
ready to turn over to the state.
The old highway commission
adopted this road as a state high-
way and it is expected that the
new commission will carry out
the agreement of their predeces-
sors, and take over the road
within a short time.

Yes, man is a funny being, and
often cannot explain himself. For
instance, this is the final month
for tax paying, and there are
scores of men with the money in
the bank, and who could go at-
tend to the matter in ten minutes
now, but who will wait until the
eleventh hour and then be forced
to stand in line for an hour or
two, and work the tax collector
over time. What's the use to
wait two weeks to do something
you can do better today? Better

get your poll tax receipt too, you
might want to vote for "Ma"
again.

News received at Ballinger
from Littlefield says that Jess
Mitchell, who retired as pastor
of the Eighth Street Presbyterian
Church of this city three years
ago, and engaged in the news-
paper business at Littlefield, will
retire from the newspaper busi-
ness and go back to the pulpit.
Rev. Mitchell was a good
preacher and has proven himself
a good newspaper man by build-
ing up one of the best weekly
papers in the state, and accord-
ing to the report he has made
sufficient money to make his
way in the ministry free of finan-
cial worries. His Ballinger
friends will be glad to know that
he is to devote the remainder of
his life to a higher calling.

The next attraction of the
lyceum course contracted for by
the Parent-Teachers Association
is due here on January 15th, and
will consist of the Bessie Larcher
Concert Company, one of the
best of the five attractions. The
P.T. Association went over the
top in good shape on the first
two numbers on the schedule,
and it is perhaps the first time
in many years that a lyceum
course has proven a success in
Ballinger. Heretofore the guar-
antors have gone in the hole for
a lack of patronage. It remained
for the women to take hold and
put it over, and hereafter we are
in favor of letting the women
do the work.

The inheritance tax at present
is giving a certain lot of gentle-
men the headache badly on ac-
count of its alleged unconstitu-
tionality. They claim that the
law takes away the right of the
state to levy such a tax and that
they will never do. The fact that
nearly all the great leaders of re-
cent prominence in the Demo-
cratic party advocate such a
measure avails nothing in their
estimation. We opine if a
thorough investigation was made
in the matter we would find that
the gentlemen who are clamoring
for the repeal of the law are
either employed by men of large
wealth to do the agitating or are
wealthy themselves and that the
matter of "state rights" is only a
"smoke screen" thrown up to
cover the real reason of their dis-
tress.

MORE FARMERS THAN
FARMS

As the New Year is ushered in
there is considerable sermaging
for farm land. People were at-
tracted here by the good cotton
crop, and who drifted away from
the drouthy central part of the
state, seem to like Runnels coun-
ty and many of them are scout-
ing for places to live and make a
crop next year.

There are thousands of acres
of good farming land in the
county which have not been put
in cultivation, but development
is being retarded somewhat on
account of the high cost of build-
ing material, owners of the land
not seeing fit to dig up cash with
which to build tenant houses and
put the land under the plow.

QUIET ARRIVAL FOR
NEW YEAR

The doleful tolling of one lone
bell and a couple of cracks from
the pistol of some man who was
keeping late hours, sounded the
arrival of 1926 in Ballinger.

Electric power is serving where
steam power formerly supplied
the vehicle for making noise on
New Year's eve, and it was per-
haps the quietest New Year ever
ushered in on the calendar of
time.

Where there were public gath-
erings and watch parties in for-
mer years, radio parties, furn-
ished the program this year, and
many depended on broadcasting
stations a thousand or more miles
away for the announcement of
the New Year.

The old revelry which in years
gone by made the departure of
father time an occasion of much
noise, was lacking. Yes, times
were different in pre-Volstead
days, and the man who has not
been watching the calendar no
doubt did not realize that 1925
passed into history.

Mrs. M. C. Smith and daughter,
Miss Maryatte, have returned
from a visit to their daughter
and sister, Mrs. F. H. Turberville,
at Gainesville.

HOTELS

All will admit that Ballinger is
greatly in need of better hotel
accommodations, and all will agree
that some plan should be adopted
for solving the hotel problem.
Our sister city, San Angelo, has
subscribed liberally both to stock
and bonus propositions in pro-
viding good hotels for that city.
Ballinger must do likewise before
this city can offer hotel facilities
which will attract travelers.—
Ballinger Ledger.

Providing of adequate hotel
facilities is something that no
town can overlook. In fact, it is
a very necessary requisite in the
building of a city, and all towns
are seeking to become cities and
all cities are seeking to become
larger cities. That is character-
istic of America; growth; growth
in every way; growth in the in-
dividual, growth in cities. Some
cities in Texas are very fortunate
in that they have looked to the
hotel question and are able on
account of the fact that they
have adequate hotel facilities to
get much good advertising there-
from. West Texas could profit
greatly by looking to the hotel
question. There are few if any
cities in West Texas which have
adequate hotel facilities, although
improvement in the situation is
being made rapidly. Ballinger
will solve the hotel problem just
as other cities in West Texas are
solving the same problem.—Abi-
lene Reporter.

LAUGH AND GROW FAT

"Laugh Month" was origin-
ated by a group of sober minded
advertising men, and the secre-
tary of the National Laugh Com-
mittee lives in New York.

The country is being flooded
with literature urging the people
to laugh more and cry less. Many
states have taken up the idea and
are pushing it along, governors
and mayors having issued pro-
clamations calling on the people
to observe January as Laugh
Month.

The question should not be why
is Laugh Month; but rather, why
not laugh? There is a good idea
in it for the man who takes
things too seriously some times,
when a little laughter would
cure the ill.

We are all prone to laugh too
little for our own good and for
the good of those who are down
and out. Laughter is a good
tonic for many ills. The winsome
laughter of a child, the boisterous
hilarity of youth, the hearty
guffaw of man, and even the hol-
low cackle of old age, can bring
about a joyous relaxation.

The group of advertising men
were seeking a thought to drive
home a fact to one branch of
their profession, but saw in it a
possibility for carrying good to
all mankind. The laugh thought
was broadcast by word of mouth,
by letter, by radio, by poster, and
like a snowball rolling down hill,
it has gained tremendous mo-
mentum.

So in many places the New
Year was born with a smile and
with laughter, and for thirty-one
days the people have been urged
to keep it up. If you have a
grouch, forget it; don't start the
year with it. The world wants
brightness, laughter and good
cheer, instead of a frown, grunt
and grumble.

RUB RHEUMATISM OR
SORE, ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain right out with small
trial bottle of old
"St. Jacobs Oil"

Rheumatism is "pain" only.
Not one case in fifty requires in-
ternal treatment. Stop dragging.
Rub soothing, penetrating "St.
Jacobs Oil" right into your sore,
stiff, aching joints and muscles,
and relief comes instantly. "St.
Jacobs Oil" is a harmless rheu-
matism liniment which never dis-
appoints and cannot burn the
skin.

Lumber up! Quit complaining.
Get a small trial bottle of old,
honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any
drug store, and in just a moment
you'll be free from rheumatic
pain, soreness, stiffness and swell-
ing. Don't suffer! Relief awaits
you. "St. Jacobs Oil" has re-
lieved millions of rheumatism suf-
ferers in the last half century,
and is just as good for sciatica,
neuralgia, lumbago, backache,
sprains.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell has re-
turned to her school work at
Liberty Hill, after the Yuletide
visit with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. T. F. Bridwell.

GOTHAM GETS
A NEW MAYOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Tam-
many Hall today presented to
America's largest city a new type
of man to wear its mayoralty
robes—James J. Walker, product
of Greenwich Village, pianist,
composer of popular songs and
legislator.

In the past, the city's mayor's
have come from many walks of
life, but this is the first time
"Tin Pan Alley" has seen one of
its sons in the office. The new
mayor boasts a versatile career.

Mayor Walker's father was an
immigrant from Ireland, and as
a district leader became a friend
of the late Charles F. Murphy,
Tammany leader. "Bill" Wal-
ker, as he was known on the
West Side, was an alderman
when "Jimmy" was a boy of
seven. He was a prosperous lum-
ber dealer. He later served two
terms in the state assembly.

Young Walker attended La-
Salle College and later entered
New York Law School where he
studied three years. He had
starred in school athletics and
one season played semi-pro base-
ball with a Hoboken team.

For a while he held a secre-
tarial position in an accounting
concern; later he was a member
of a company launching a sub-
way project to go under East
River to Brooklyn.

Song writing was a hobby. His
flair for the stage led Walker to
an association with members of
"Tin Pan Alley." He is a pianist
of ability and for a while
played the piano in vaudeville.

One of his lyrics, set to tune by
Ernest Ball, song composer, and
achieving a hit was, "Will You
Love Me in December as You Do
in May?"

Walker was elected to the New
York assembly in 1909, taking
the same seat his father held be-
fore him. In 1914 he was elected
to the Senate, where from 1920
until his resignation to assume
the mayoralty office he was
leader of the Democratic forces.
His legislative record was identi-
fied on the side of Governor Al
Smith.

New York Democrats gave him
a plurality of 100,000 votes over
Mayor Hylan in the primary
fight, and the city elected him
over Frank D. Waterman, Re-
publican nominee, by a majority
of approximately 400,000 votes.

A NEW YEAR'S CARD

We are in receipt of a New
Year's letter from our old friend
Sam Williams, of Marshall, Tex.,
who several years ago deserted
this country, and settled in the
piney woods of East Texas.

Sam is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S.
D. Williams, of this city, and just
to give our readers an idea of
how that East Texas ozone works
on a West Texan's constitution,
we are reproducing Sam's ideas
of how things have changed, and
we would advise him to return to
Runnels county, where life is
worth living in the good old-
fashioned way.

Here is the letter:
"You can remember when eggs
were a bit a dozen; butter 10
cents a pound, and milk 5 cents a
quart. The butcher gave away
liver, and treated the kids to
bologna. The hired girl received
two dollars per week, and did the
washing. Women did not powder
and paint, smoke, vote, play
poker, or roll their stockings.

"Men wore whiskers and boots,
chewed tobacco, spit on the side-
walk, and cussed. Beer was 5
cents and the lunch was free. A
day's work was ten hours, and
there were no strikes. No tips
were given to waiters, and the
hat-check grafter was unknown.
Horsehair furniture, a kerosene
hanging lamp and a stereoscope
were luxuries.

"Appendicitis was unknown,
and there was no market for
monkey glands. Microbes were
unheard of, and a doctor's visit
set you back one dollar and a
half. Folks lived to a good old
age.

"Today everybody rides in
automobiles, or flies; plays golf,
shoots craps; goes to the movies
nightly; smokes cigarettes; re-
drinks Rukus juice; blames the
H. C. of L. on their neighbors;
never go to bed the same day
they get up, and think they are
having a wonderful time.

"These are the days of suffra-
getting, profiteering, rent hogs,
excess taxes, and prohibition. If
you think life is worth living, I
wish you—
"A Happy New Year."

SEEKS HALF RATE
IN DROUTH AREA

AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—A petition
asking for half freight rates on
feed stuffs brought into the
stricken area of Central Texas,
was heard today by the Texas
Railroad Commission for the rail-
roads affected and which are
opposing such a don.

The petition was presented by
the permanent drouth relief com-
mittee.

2 MILLIONS FOR
NEW COURTHOUSE

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 6.—Ex-
pansion of the Bexar county
court house has been made possi-
ble through the issuance of a
\$2,050,000 bond issue and work
on an addition to the building is
to be started in the near future.
The final bar to beginning work
was removed a few days ago
when the bonds were registered
in Austin by the state comptrol-
ler.

Besides the improvements to the
courthouse, several bridges and
an addition to the Boys' Train-
ing School will be built from the
funds obtained through the issue.

Land in the rear of the present
site has been purchased for the
courthouse addition and a deal
is pending for another tract. A
fifth story will be added to the
old structure, which will contin-
ue to serve as a courthouse prop-
er, and the fourth court of civil
appeals and a county law library
will be located on this fifth floor.
Larger quarters will be provided
for the 94th district court.

Two stories will be added to the
county jail, doubling its capaci-
ty and the sheriff's office will
be moved to the first floor of the
courthouse. A subway, through
which automobiles can move,
will connect the office and the
jail.

The new addition which will
cost 1,040,000 will be devoted
entirely to offices which are only
indirectly connected with the
courts. Two new elevators will
double the "lift" service.

TEXAS LEADING
IN PLAYGROUNDS

DALLAS, Jan. 5.—Texas is
running a strong race in the na-
tional playground beautification
contest of the Playground and
Recreation Association of Ameri-
ca. The state stands sixth in
the number of playgrounds and
athletic fields entered, and is tied
with South Carolina.

Texas and South Carolina have
thus far listed 16 playgrounds
each. Louisiana is just ahead
with 17. New York state leads
with 27 entries.

Fort Worth has the distinction
of holding third place among 182
cities in the United States and
Canada which have entered the
competition. With nine entries,
Fort Worth is preceded only by
Memphis with 17 and New Or-
leans with 10. Six Texas cities
have entered their public play-
grounds. El Paso is represented
by three. Other Texas cities com-
peting are, San Antonio, Teague,
Abilene and Ammona.

The Harmon Foundation is
awarding \$3,000 in cash to play-
grounds making the greatest pro-
gress in attractiveness from now
until November 1926. The lead-
ing playground in each of three
population groups will receive
\$500, and the 10 next highest will
receive \$550 each. The 33 win-
ning playgrounds will receive
\$50 worth of nursery stock each
as a further reward.

The playground association has
been making a campaign in Tex-
as to induce cities to levy a tax
for support of public playgrounds
and a number of Texas cities are
establishing such recreation cen-
ters under the organizations plan.
New York is the largest of the
cities competing in the beautifi-
cation contest, while Antreville
and Coward, S. C. with 100 popu-
lation each, are the smallest.

Mrs. Ben Smith returned from
Abilene Tuesday, where she went
to carry her son George to his
home. George had been down to
consult the doctors. It will be
remembered that he suffered an
injured foot and was in the hos-
pital for several months and has
been crippled since last spring.

From School Teacher To Great Eminence

A young man who was brought up on a farm, qualified for district school teacher, then managed to save enough money to put him thru medical college.

Later, he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and today the name of this man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, is known throughout the world. His Golden Medical Discovery is the best known blood medicine and tonic. More than fifty million bottles have been sold. If your dealer does not sell the Discovery, in liquid or tablet form, you can obtain a box of the tablets by sending 65c to the Dr. Pierce Clinic, in Buffalo, N. Y. Also write for free medical advice.

BALLINGER MAN HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Frank Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, who live a short distance East of Ballinger, experienced a narrow escape at Houston a few days ago when he drove his car, a new coupe, into a large hole which was formed by the pavement collapsing. The Houston Chronicle carried a picture of the scene of the accident, showing the automobile upside down in the hole in the street.

Mr. Schneider had just returned to Houston from a visit to his parents at Ballinger when the accident occurred. The young man was fortunate in being thrown clear of the car when it flopped over in the big cave in. He is seeking damages and has made a proposition of settlement, as is shown by the following from the Houston Chronicle of Tuesday:

"B. F. Schneider, who narrowly escaped death Wednesday night when his light coupe ran into a seven-foot hole on McKinney Avenue, wants the city to buy him a new coupe, pay him \$500 and take care of his doctor bills.

"That was the substance of a letter received by the council from Mr. Schneider's attorneys Monday.

"The terms of settlement offered were for immediate acceptance, the letter set forth.

"The council referred the matter to Assistant City Attorney Harry Painter for investigation and recommendation.

"Mr. Schneider's car ran into a large hole, formed when the pavement collapsed at McKinney and Oakhurst, shortly after an East End bus had passed.

"A clerk in a nearby pharmacy ran out and warned traffic of the hole while police were getting to the scene. He was engaged in getting a bus safely past the cavity when Mr. Schneider, coming from the opposite direction, hit the hole."

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up.

Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, sniffling, blowing, headache dryness. No struggling for breath at night—your cold or catarrh disappears.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates thru every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh.

BEGINS THE NEW YEAR WITH TEN PRISONERS

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams began the new year with ten boarders, but the number has been reduced to eight. The new jail has been pretty well patronized since it was opened early in the fall.

All the eight men being held in jail now are charged with felony offenses, and are being detained in default of bond to await the action of the grand jury which convenes here next April. The charges consist of one for giving a bad check in the purchase of an automobile, one for car theft, two for burglary, and four for violating the liquor laws of the land.

George Preidecker, who gets his mail on Route A out of Miles, was transacting business in the county capital Tuesday.

FEDERATION TO COLLECT BOOKS OF NATIVE SONS

WASHINGTON, January 5.—One of the most unique libraries in the country, a collection of books by and about native Americans, is being assembled at headquarters here of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Sought primarily as an information source for club women, the completed collection will represent a cross section of American literature in the non-fiction field. Each state federation has been asked to supply at least 12 books by and about persons of its own state and to date the library numbers more than 300 volumes.

It is the purpose of the Federation to make the library available to individual clubs and members either through mailing of requested volumes or copied extracts, or by advising where specified books may be found.

Virtually all of the noted American authors are represented in the collection, along with many whose works have received statewide recognition. A number of the volumes were the gifts of the authors, bearing autographs. Several are by members and officers of the Federation.

A complete picture of the growth of the states and the nation, with biographies of their builders, is presented in the collection, along with folk tales, poems, works on art, travel, nature and kindred subjects.

The Alabama federation included in its first contribution to the library a "History of Alabama" by Albert James Puckett, Helen Keller's "Story of My Life," "Up from Slavery" by Booker T. Washington, and other volumes dealing with the state and the Confederacy.

Among the books representing Connecticut are Mark Twain's "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," and Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The poems of Sidney Lanier, Georgia poet, were sent from that state, while Tennessee gave a volume on his life. Two works on Woodrow Wilson have been received thus far, one by Josephus Daniels from North Carolina and the other by Henry Allen White, from Kansas.

From Massachusetts came the complete works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and the complete poems of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The same state sent Benjamin Franklin's autobiography, and "The American Revolution" by John Fiske.

"The American Language" by H. L. Mencken and "Old Manors in the Colony of Maryland," along with many works by Poe were received from Maryland. North Carolina's contribution included "Lyrics from Cotton Lands" by John Charles McNeill and "Negro Folk Lore Stories" by Sallie Southall Cotton.

The poetical works of Joaquin Miller, "The Man with the Hoe" by Markham, and volumes by Bret Harte were sent from California. Indiana sent Beveridge's "Life of John Marshall."

At least one present cabinet member will be represented in the collection. It includes Secretary Mellon's "Taxation: The People's Business," sent by Pennsylvania.

Miss Josephine Junkin, secretary of the headquarters research department and in charge of the library, feels that particular care should be taken of one of the books from West Virginia. It is "Settlement and Indian Wars of West Virginia and Pennsylvania," by Doddridge. The West Virginia Federation had great difficulty in obtaining a copy of the book, which first was printed in 1824. Only a few copies still remain in the state, one of them being treasured in a safe at the state library.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards, who recently returned to Ballinger from Abilene to make their home, will occupy the house next to the Alexander residence on Eighth Street. Mr. Richards sold his business at Lawton about two months ago and went to Abilene. He returns to Ballinger to accept a place with Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, after spending Christmas week in Dallas with friends, have returned home.

BETHEL NEWS

The past week has been moving week with folks around Bethel.

W. M. Jones and family moved to Norton Friday, January 1st. John Greenhill moved to the place vacated by Mr. Jones. Charlie Cleod and family moved to the place vacated by Mr. Greenhill.

Cecil Jones moved to Norton, Mrs. W. A. Hall, primary teacher in the Bethel school, moving to the place vacated by Mr. Jones and wife.

J. D. Tulles and family have moved to the place recently vacated by Mr. Ballard. Mr. Ballard and family moved to Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goodwin and children returned Wednesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in East Texas.

Mr. Seales and son, Lewie, returned the last of the week from Thorndale, Texas.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cotton has been quite ill but is improving.

Mrs. Davenport and children spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Vernon Webb of Ballinger.

Miss Leora McShan left Monday for Brownwood, where she will resume her school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Richardson and family visited Mr. Richardson's brother of Valley Creek Sunday.

Rev. Mitchell will fill his regular appointment at the Bethel Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 10.

All members of H. Y. P. U. are urged to meet promptly at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, Jan. 10. Important business will be attended to.

REPORTER

Charter No. 3533.

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1925.

RESOURCES	
1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$564,137.79
Total loans	\$564,137.79
2. Overdrafts unsecured	108.33
4. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds, par value)	\$25,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums if any)	3,000.00
Total	28,000.00
5. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, ETC.	4,700.00
6. Banking House \$20,000.00; Furniture & Fixt. \$6,000.00	26,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	24,500.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	55,527.01
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	172,954.19
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10)	15,600.20
13. Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)	22,624.40
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	211,178.79
14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	7,285.58
b. Miscellaneous cash items	3,501.57
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$926,189.07

LIABILITIES	
17. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits	\$12,982.28
c. Less current expenses paid	12,982.28
20. Reserved for taxes, interest, etc., accrued	3,281.37
21. Circulating notes outstanding	24,400.00
22. Amount due to national banks	38,719.44
24. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 22 or 23)	4,833.54
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	\$43,552.98
DEMAND DEPOSITS (other than bank deposits) SUBJECT TO RESERVE (deposits payable within 30 days):	
27. Individual deposits subject to check	679,637.44
28. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	6,900.00
31. Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	691,537.44
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
33. Certificates of deposit (other than money borrowed)	435.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items 33, 34, 35 and 36	435.00
TOTAL	\$926,189.07

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1926.

(Seal) HARRY LYNN, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts	\$359,829.79
Bankers' Acceptances	204,308.00
Overdrafts	108.33
U. S. Bonds	28,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	4,700.00
Banking House, F. & F.	26,000.00
Real Estate	24,500.00
Cash and Exchange	278,742.95
	\$926,189.07

66,000 BALES PRESSED HERE

A little more than 66,000 bales of cotton have been received at the Ballinger compress this season, and of this amount 62,577 bales have been pressed.

Of the above amount around 20,000 bales were Farm Bureau holdings, which did not pass thru the local cotton yard, but were handled direct through the press.

Cotton Weigher Elmer Batts reports that he has handled 9,604 bales at the local cotton yard, and of this amount 568 bales went into the warehouse.

Manager W. B. Woody, of the Texas Compress Co. plant here, estimates that his press will handle 75,000 bales for the season, sufficient cotton being in sight at points in the territory to push the receipts up to these figures.

The latest gin receipts for the county will be available within a few days, and it is expected will tell the whole story for the season, with possibly a few bales of bolls to be accounted for.

WILL MANAGE DRUG STORE AT WINTERS

Floyd Smith, who has been with the Pearce Drug Store in Ballinger for quite a while, left this week for Winters where he will take charge of a drug business in that city. Mr. Smith's father recently purchased a drug store at Winters and Floyd will be manager of same. The young man's friends regret to lose him from Ballinger, but wish him well in his new venture.

Mrs. C. C. Watson and son Charles, of Belton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell Saturday and Sunday while en route home from a visit to Midland. Mr. Watson is editor of the Belton Journal.

ning a business in be known as the tery and Electric have leased the door to the Hardin ailor shop on South and are installing t. ger Auto Company om the battery bus- ve sold their equip- ck to the new con- Chester C electricians Utilities Com party Thurs electricians the West To pany, and af ing they adje lean Cafe, w spread. T Group 61 we joyed the l Cherry on th

Takes the Place of "Drastic" Calomel

Never take another dose of the old style "raw" calomel. There is a newer and more improved kind known as Pepsinated Calomel. It does not tear through your system like a streak of lightning. People who are ill or suffering with biliousness, constipation, indigestion, and especially with headache, backache and torpid liver can secure immediate and complete relief with this new mild Calomel. Hereafter when you buy calomel, always demand the "pep-sinated" kind. It is better for you, for it is purer, milder and more beneficial to your entire system. In 25c and 50c packages. For sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Look! Listen!

an account of having a lar- ries and small store spa- elled to reduce at prices- ise you.

Coffee No. 2 ssed Peaches o. 2

The latest gin receipts for the county will be available within a few days, and it is expected will tell the whole story for the season, with possibly a few bales of bolls to be accounted for.

25 lbs. No. 1

25 lbs. 10 lbs.

ll others in proportion.

G. EVANS GRO

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The Plan. - Better safe than sorry. perfect in every detail before you on route home from a visit to unsatisfactory arrangements, too Midland. Mr. Watson is editor built-ins, etc., can prove a constan n be remedied only at considerable ble to help you in planning your l

Materials. Trying to save on first c materials, always proves costly in a wise of all courses to take. Buy

in the quarrel and he had to shoot them all in self defense.

GOT AWAY WITH IT IN CHI; BUT IS CAUGHT IN SANTONE

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 4.—When the dry agents start work, we usually is in prospect for some-one.

But the fate of one man arrested when a second-story liquor and gaming place was raided recently by J. H. Dewees, federal customs inspector; W. F. McDonald, Houston; and W. J. Knight, Fort Worth, prohibition officers, was worse than a mere fine or jail sentence, for his wife assailed him in caustic language. "You big boob," she addressed him when she arrived at the city jail, "you broke the laws in Chicago for 20 years and got away with it, and then you come down to a hick town and get caught in four months. You're a fine one!"

W. A. Talley and son, Buster, of Mason, are here looking after business.

Cement

American Refining any.

To my old customers I wish to extend my appreciation for your patronage during the past eight years, and to ask a continuation of same for many more.

My motto is: "A Square Deal," and my policy to save you money on all orders large or small.

GROCERIES
MEN'S WORK CLOTHES
GASOLINE KEROSENE
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Telephone 456

Lee Butler

The Law of Compensation

The vital thought about saving came from one of the brainiest men who ever lived:

"There is a law of compensation which somehow or other makes us work in old age for the things we wasted in youth."

There is thought for all of us. The more we think of it and look around us, the more we see it is true.

THE IMPULSE TO SAVE

is born of desire for independence. If we don't start we will never get anywhere. Merely a few dollars are enough to start. Don't hesitate—no matter how few they are. Make a beginning. That's the thing—You'll be glad you took the hint.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

STRICTLY A BANKING INSTITUTION

No more RHEUMATISM

IT'S GONE! That awful agony of rheumatism can't stand the rich, red blood that S. S. S. helps Nature build.

But rheumatism will bring pain and misery to your joints and muscles just as long as you are without plenty of rich, red blood in your system.

It's the red-blood-cells that S. S. S. helps Nature build that drive out of your system the impurities that cause rheumatism. And until you do build up your blood to where it is pure and rich and red, you simply can't get rid of rheumatism.

And S. S. S. is the thing. Red blood conquers rheumatism. Everybody knows that.

S. S. S. means millions of red-blood-cells—means health all over. No more rheumatism. Nights of rest—days of joy, filled with the happiness of accomplishment—made possible by a body brimful of red blooded life, energy and vitality.

That's what the end of rheumatism means—that's what S. S. S. brings to you. Get S. S. S. from your druggist. The larger bottle is more economical.

S.S.S.

DEPUTY SHERIFF GETS SAN ANTONIO LADY

According to news received in Ballinger, Deputy Sheriff John White made the most important catch in San Antonio on New Year's day that he has made since serving as a peace officer, when he took into custody Mrs. Mae E. Bertram, of that city. The lady will be permitted to remain in San Antonio, where she has a class in music, and the Ballinger officer is remaining there for a while as her protector.

Secretary J. D. Motley, of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, was deputized to assist Mr. White in his catch. Mr. White accompanied Mr. Motley to San Antonio, and it seems played somewhat of a trick on the Ballinger secretary, as he did not make his business known until the officer got in a tight.

The deputy requested Mr. Motley to drive him to a certain number in San Antonio, stating that he was looking for a lady whom he expected to find at that number. Mr. Motley was left in the car while Mr. White went in the house. After a few minutes he came out with his prisoner, and requested Mr. Motley to drive them to the court. Presuming that the officer was going to the court house to arrange bond for the lady, Mr. Motley also complied with this request.

It was after the party had reached the court house and found all departments closed, it being the New Year holiday, that Mr. White disclosed his real mission to San Antonio and purpose in visiting the court house with his "prisoner."

"Say, are you acquainted with any of the preachers in this town?" addressing his question to Mr. Motley. After consulting a telephone director, the deputy sheriff requested Mr. Motley to do a little more driving, and at the next stop the proper man to perform the ceremony to make Mrs. Bertram Mr. White's prisoner for life was found, and Mr. Motley drove the happy couple to the Robert E. Lee, where they are spending their honeymoon.

Mrs. White is an accomplished musician, having played for revivals, and is at present teaching music in San Antonio. Mr. White is one of the pioneers of Ballinger, and is at present serving as deputy sheriff.

TIGHT FEELING

Stomach Troubles Relieved by the Aid of Black-Draught.

Telling how he obtained relief from very disagreeable symptoms of stomach trouble, Mr. Charles T. Wintz, of R. F. D. 4, Huntington, W. Va., made the following statement:

"I began taking Black-Draught about fifteen years ago. I would have gas on my stomach that just pressed and seemed to shorten my breath, and I would have all kinds of feeling. My head would ache and I was in a very bad fix."

"I had tried remedies that didn't seem to do me any good. I saw Black-Draught advertised and sent for it."

"After taking a few doses, I knew it was helping me. It seemed to break up the gas, and the tight, bloated feeling disappeared, and I was like a new man. I would not be without Black-Draught. I can eat anything I want to. It gets dizziness in the head. Black-Draught relieves it."

Sold everywhere; 25c.

Black-Draught
LIVER MEDICINE

se there are more trag- get your
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frivolity and lose their
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News- from Lit Mitchell, of the E Church
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not prevent you from by experiences of the
striving to make 1926 year for yourself by your fellowman.

C. Woodward, of Cole- given out the statement
will seek re-election to senatorship next year. Woodward drew the
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RELIEVES
A Special prescription for intestinal
diseases of the urinary tract. Pains,
non-urination. Package contains all
needed, will not cause stricture.
\$1.00 at Druggists or prepaid
by mail.
KIDNEY PILLS, CO. Ltd., New Haven, Conn.

INSURANCE WRITERS OFF TO ROUND-UP

R. F. Lane, Harvey Hays, Clyde Harville, of this city, and Leon- and E. Sandson, of Eden, left Sunday for New Orleans, where they go to attend the annual round-up of the Southland Life Insurance Company, of Dallas. These representatives of the Southland won a free trip to the convention, having written a big business during a contest which the company has been conducting. The business was handled through Mr. Lane's Ballinger office. He tied with another district, and it was necessary for them to run off the tie, and two weeks were given in which to decide it. Mr. Lane won the tie by \$1,000 worth of business.

Malicious Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days
"LAX-FOS WITH PERSIN" is a specially prepared Symp-Tonic-Laxative for Habituas Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

LEGION MEET IN RANGER JAN. 17

BROWNWOOD, Jan. 4.—The next meeting of the American Legion and legion auxiliary of the 17th district, will be held at Ranger, on Sunday, January 17. Chairman Buie, of the Legion; and Miss Mildred Powell, of the Legion auxiliary, are very anxious that every post and every auxiliary unit in the 17th district be represented at the Ranger meeting as there is much business of more than ordinary interest that demands attention.

Henry Pruitt, of Marie, was in the city on New Year's day and was smiling over the sprinkle of rain which was falling while he was here. Mr. Pruitt reported he had 150 acres of oats, and that while they were holding up pretty good, rain was needed.

Mrs. J. Perry King, of Abilene, has returned to her home at Abilene, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Hat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store.

(adv)

TWO NEWTON BROTHERS RELEASED FROM THE PEN

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago, Joseph and Jesse Newton, serving terms for participating in the \$2,000,000 mail train robbery at Roundout, Illinois, have been released. Joseph was sentenced to serve three years and was released on parole, and Jesse was released after serving his sentence of one year.

The Newton brothers, four in number, were sent up from Chicago to the federal pen at Leavenworth, Kansas. Two of the boys, it was alleged, participated in the robbery of the Winters State Bank several years ago.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned from a visit to Brownwood Friday, and Miss Ruth will leave Sunday for her school work at Mason.

NOTED POULTRY JUDGE COMING

The Rumsell County Poultry Association have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Hon. C. E. Riley, of San Antonio to do the judging at the forthcoming poultry show here on January 13, 14 and 15.

Mr. Riley is a licensed A. P. A. authority on poultry, and has been judging poultry for twenty-five years. He is one of the judges for the State Fair of Texas, and the poultry growers are rejoicing over being able to procure his services for the Ballinger exhibition this month.

Secretary Motley reports that an interesting program has been outlined for the gathering of poultry breeders here during the show. There will be lectures by well known poultry men on breeding, incubation, culling, and other branches of the poultry industry.

The stage is well arranged for the big chicken show, and entries are pouring in, which indicates much interest in the show.

TO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

Work of compiling the new directory for Ballinger Exchange will begin soon after Jan. 1st. All changes and errors in names should be reported to the Manager's office, No. 19, at once.

Anyone wishing to install a telephone on any line should also see the manager that your name may be in the new directory.

M. C. ATKINS,
Local Manager,
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TEXAS LEADS IN ROAD AID FUNDS

According to announcement just made by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, Texas receives more federal aid for road building for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1926 than any other state in the union. Texas is to get \$4,426,917, and the next largest amount appropriated by the federal government goes to New York in the amount of \$3,647,166.

The total apportionments to the states amounts to \$73,125,000. This amount will be spent entirely on the federal aid highway system under the plan of co-operation with the various states, and a plan which has successfully been carried on for the last ten years.

The roads included in the system are the most important in the country and reach directly or indirectly every city of over 5,000 population. The bureau reports that approximately 10,000 miles of federal aid roads were completed during 1925, and the program promises to do equally as well this year.

Every state is carrying on road building on a much larger scale than ever before, and Texas is one of the states which is behind in road work.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Dorothy Chaney returned home Wednesday from a visit to relatives at Fort Worth during the holidays.

MOTHER!

Baby's Best Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



When baby is constipated, has wind-colic, feverish breath, coated-tongue, or diarrhea, a half-teaspoonful of genuine "California Fig Syrup" promptly moves the poisons, gases, bile, souring food and waste right out. Never cramps or overacts. Babies love its delicious taste. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has full directions for infants in arms, and children of all ages, plainly printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

SHULTZ SHIPS CATTLE HERE FOR FEED

Ten car load of cattle were received here from Barnhart Saturday, and went on feed for W. O. Shultz. Mr. Shultz was here from Point Rock, accompanied by Mrs. Shultz, Saturday.

Mr. Shultz already had several hundred head of cattle in the local feed pens and will increase the number to about 800, fattening them here for market.

Miss Maggie and Eunice Lilly, and nieces, Misses Opal and Kelly Bowden, visited relatives at Sweetwater Thursday.

A Mighty Good Place to Trade

Where you come in and get your Basket and Pick it out for Yourself. And we are perfectly willing to assist you in getting your orders together—everything priced in plain figures.

Below we quote only a few of our many Bargains:

5-lb. sack pure cane Sugar	44c	10-lb. Cream Meal	33c
10-lb. sack pure cane Sugar	84c	25-lb. Cream Meal	78c
25-lb. sack pure cane Sugar	\$1.60	10-lb. Pearl Meal	31c
		25-lb. Pearl Meal	72c
15-ounce bottle Catsup	24c	No. 2 Tomatoes, solid pack, per dozen cans	\$1.10
1 gallon Catsup	74c	No. 1 Tomatoes, solid pack, per dozen cans	90c
Edmiston's Country-Made Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, gallon	74c		
Per case	\$4.10		

16 lbs. New Crop PINTO BEANS Recleaned for \$1.00

Fresh Cocoanuts, each	10c	Peanut Butter	Small Jar 7c
			Large jar 12c
Aviation Coffee	3lb. bucket \$1.55		2lb. pail 54c
	1lb. can 53c		5lb. pail \$1.19
	Guaranteed to Please	Campbell's No. 2 Pork & Beans, can	10c
Lard	Any brand, large \$1.20	Vinegar	Quart bottle for 17c
	Any brand, small 63c		Gallon bottle for 59c
		Mother's Oats, per package	33c

Our Market Department

is handled in the most Sanitary manner and handles nothing but the very choicest Meats of all kinds. A trial will bring you back. Try us for Prices and Quality. We deliver on \$2.00 and up.

HARBER'S GROCERY & MARKET
(H. G. & M. for Short)

Kansas City Life Does \$6 Million Business in Texas During 1925

Take this opportunity to thank our more than 40,000 policy holders for their patronage and wish them and all Texas friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

direct your attention to the following statement of business in force in Texas and the amount written during 1925 which we feel is ample evidence of the confidence which the citizens have in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Many of our old policy holders have applied for additional insurance during the past year; in fact, over 10% of the business written during 1925 was placed on the lives of old policy holders.

Net New Business in 1925 in **TEXAS** over **16 MILLION**
Net Insurance in 1925 in **TEXAS** over **81 MILLION**
Jan. 1, 1926 in

It is interesting to note that of the 256 legal reserve life insurance companies in the United States, 198 of them, including many of the best companies doing business in the United States, have less insurance in force than our Agency, which covers only the State of Texas.

The Orville Thorp Agency

STATE MANAGERS FOR TEXAS
MAGNOLIA BUILDING, DALLAS

A. J. THORP,

Representative, Ballinger Territory
Ballinger, Texas.

P.O. SHOWS 15 PERCENT GAIN

A little better pay for the postmaster at Ballinger will result from a nice gain in postal receipts for 1925. The salary is based on the amount of business done, and the 1925 receipts show a gain of \$2,556.36 over the take-in for 1924.

The total receipts for 1924 amounted to \$16,514.51 while the 1925 business amounted to \$19,070.87, a gain of about fifteen per cent.

Big Dance Saturday

A dance will be given Saturday night, January 9th in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena.

Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra.

Committee.

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HOWARD PAYNE SACRED CONCERT AT CHURCH

It is announced that on Sunday night, January 10th, there will be given at the Baptist church, a sacred concert, to which the entire community is invited. The party will be made up of Cameron Marshall, voice teacher of the school; Campbell Wray, well-known Brownwood musician; and a vocal quartet, besides the Howard-Payne band. This will be an unusual treat for our community, and our people will likely show their appreciation by their large attendance.

IT WAS HIS GRAND- DAUGHTER WHO MARRIED

B. F. Corum says The Ledger was wrong in reporting the marriage of his daughter, and he declared that he had no daughter left; they are all married. It was the daughter of Homer Corum and a granddaughter of Mr. Corum who was married to W. S. Bales, of Hatchel.

WOMAN ARRESTED AT BROWNWOOD FOR ROBBERY

Constable Parsons of Dallas, this morning left for his home with Della Ashcraft, a woman arrested here Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff Carl Adams and Policeman Cy Thigpen. The arrest was made following a telephone call from Dallas officers who wanted the woman on a charge of robbery with firearms.

Constable Parsons arrived in Brownwood last night in a car and returned to Dallas this morning. Charges of robbery with firearms have been filed against the woman in the Dallas courts. Constable Parsons said—Brownwood Bulletin.

PROBING MYSTERY MURDERS

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 5.—The grand jury is investigating nearly a score of mysterious deaths which have occurred in this section during the last few years. The investigation got under way this afternoon.

Among those who are expected to appear before the investigating body today are W. K. Hale, Ernest Burkhardt and his nephew, Bert Lawson, a prisoner in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. All these men have been named in a warrant issued yesterday at Pawhuska, capital of the Osage Nation, where a family was killed by a bomb. Lawson is alleged to have made a confession implicating the first parties named. It was through this confession that Lawson opened a way for the prosecution of the murder charges by the authorities and an investigation by the federal grand jury.

It is claimed that the persons named entered into a conspiracy by a "murder ring" to obtain a fortune of an Indian family said to amount to about \$2,000,000.

"BUCK" BAILEY TO GO AGAINST "RED" GRANGE

"Buck" Bailey, a West Texas boy, and who hailed from Eldorado when he played baseball with the Ballinger Beareats back in the days of the West Texas League, is coaching and serving as captain of a professional football team which will meet "Red" Grange and his aggregation of professional football players in San Francisco on January 24th, according to the San Francisco Examiner.

Buck was the heavyweight behind the bit for the Ballinger Beareats. He was guard on the 1925 Olympic Club grid team in California, where he has been playing football for the last two or three winters. Bailey tips the beam at 225, and for a big man he is unusually active, and the Frisco paper's sport writer refers to him as the greatest guard in America on either amateur, college, or professional football teams.

Bailey automatically loses his athletic membership in the Olympic Club by entering professional football against "Red" Grange, but no doubt the financial consideration was too great a temptation for him, and he yielded to the opportunity to clean up while the cleaning was good.

In a game last Saturday in San Francisco Bailey featured for the Western all-star eleven against a team composed of famous stars of universities East of the Rocky Mountains, and the Western boys won, Bailey carrying off the big end of the game. All-American fullback Ernie Nevers and "Brick" Muller, end, were also famous men on the winning team against the Eastern university organization.

OWEN O'NEILL IS MADE MANAGER FOR CAMERON

It was announced Tuesday that Owen O'Neill had been appointed manager of the Cameron lumber yard of this city, and he will succeed Will Farmer, who died a short time ago.

An auditor from the headquarters of the Cameron company was here this week and checked Mr. O'Neill in his manager. This will be good news to Mr. O'Neill's many friends. He has been with the Cameron yard for several years and is worthy of the confidence which the company has placed in him, and capable of making the company a good manager.

Mr. Harvey, of Rockdale, will arrive Tuesday night to succeed Mr. O'Neill as bookkeeper for the Cameron yard.

BELL COUNTY LAW MAKER RESIGNS

TEMPLE, Jan. 5.—Representative J. H. Donnell, of Bell county, has resigned as member of the House. Mr. Donnell has forwarded his resignation to Governor Ferguson.

Mrs. Della Halley, who came home for Christmas, will remain in Ballinger for a while.

NEW BATTERY BUS- INESS OPENS HERE

Smith and Guyer, of Brownwood, are opening a business in Ballinger to be known as the Ballinger Battery and Electric Shop. They have leased the building next door to the Hardin & Company tailor shop on South Eighth Street, and are installing the equipment.

The Ballinger Auto Company is retiring from the battery business, and have sold their equipment and stock to the new concern.

ELECTRICIANS CLOSE YEAR WITH BANQUET

Chester Cherry was host to the electricians of the West Texas Utilities Company at an informal party Thursday evening. The electricians met at the office of the West Texas Utilities Company, and after a social gathering they adjourned to the American Cafe, where they enjoyed a spread. The electricians of Group 6 were present and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Cherry on this occasion.

Look! Listen!

On account of having a large stock of groceries and small store space, we are compelled to reduce at prices that will surprise you.

All Gold Coffee	\$1.45
for	
Tomatoes No. 2	10c
for	
Pork and Beans, No. 2	10c
for	
Sun Kissed Peaches	20c
for	
Corn No. 2	12 1/2 c
for	
Dexter Meat	33c
for	
Solid Packed Fruit, 1 gal.	65c
for	
Hominy No. 1	10c
for	
Kraut	10c
for	
Sugar, 25 lbs.	\$1.70
for	
Sugar, 10 lbs.	70c

All others in proportion.

J. G. EVANS GROCERY

Three Things to Be Sure of In Building a Home

1. The Plan. Better safe than sorry. Be sure your plan is perfect in every detail before you build. Inconvenient and unsatisfactory arrangements, too little closet space, too few built-ins, etc., can prove a constant source of regret. They can be remedied only at considerable expense. We may be able to help you in planning your home.

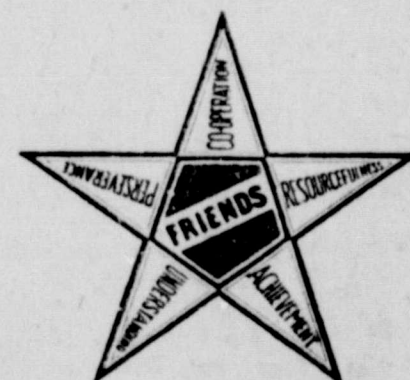
2. Materials. Trying to save on first cost by using cheap, inferior materials, always proves costly in the end. It is the most unwise of all courses to take. Buy materials that will last.

3. Construction. A good contractor and skilled workmen offer the best insurance against being a victim of "the high cost of cheap construction." Improper construction is apt to result in constant expense, worry and dissatisfaction. We can put you in touch with reliable workmen.

When you build, build to last. Be sure of these three things. Bring your building problems to us. Let us tell you about our roof that lasts for fifty years.

Wm. Cameron & Co. Inc.

Phone 141



What is Thrift

The true definition of Thrift is to spend a little less than you earn; to live simply, work diligently, spend judiciously; save consistently.

Thrift is merely common-sense applied to spending. It deprives no one of rightful pleasure or comfort, but is rather the answer to all things worth while.

Start a Thrift Account at this Bank.

Ballinger State Bank
"Guaranty Fund Bank."

IG GAS WELL FIRE KILLS TWO

Rain Love, driller; and J. W. Lenn, oil dresser, were asphyxiated Sunday night when gas leaked in an oil well at which they were working in the Big Lake field. An explosion enveloped the well in flames shortly thereafter and gas began flowing out of the well.

Miles M. Cattle, of Route A out of Ballinger, was in the city Wednesday and in addition to buying The Ledger for himself for a year, he had it sent to P. M. Cattle at O'Donnell for a year. A good way to make the folks who move away from Runnels county homesick is to send the home paper.

Ledger advertising pays.

Ford

NATIONAL SHOW WEEK JANUARY 9-16

Exhibiting the Improved Ford Cars and
Featuring the latest Ford Equipment

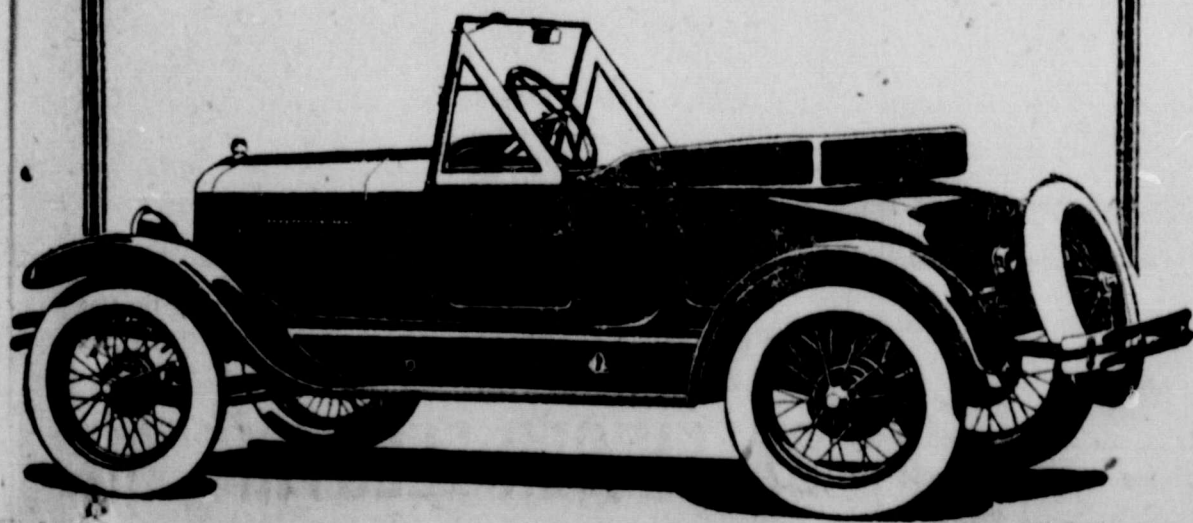
From January 9 to 16, all Ford Dealers will hold a National Show—exhibiting the improved Ford cars and featuring the latest Ford equipment.

This will be the finest display of Ford passenger cars the public has ever seen. It will give you an entirely new conception of the beauty and utility of the various Ford body types. Even if you have already made a careful inspection of the improved Ford cars, you should see this Display—for it is something entirely new.

The Show will begin Saturday morning January 9, and will last until Saturday night, January 16. Be sure to see it!

Sponsored by

Ford Motor Company





Mother! It's Cruel to "Physic" Your Child

DR. W. B. CALDWELL
AT THE AGE OF 93

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all children's little ills, he did not believe that a sickening "purge" or "physic" was necessary.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which helps to establish natural bowel "regularity" even if the child is chronically constipated. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but, best of all, it never

gripes, sickens or upsets the most delicate system. Besides, it is absolutely harmless, and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly takes it.

Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

**Dr. Caldwell's
SYRUP
PEPSIN**

Locals

Emmett Jackson, former Ballinger citizen, was here on business Tuesday. He is now making headquarters at Brownwood.

"Uncle" Johnny Fox was in the city from the Pony Creek community Tuesday, and reported the framers all busy getting ready to start the 1926 crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sims and children returned home Tuesday at noon from Houston, where they spent the Christmas season with relatives.

August Vogelsang, who recently purchased the Penn place on Sixth Street, will move his family to Ballinger. W. C. Penn and family have moved to the Ward home on Eighth Street.

O. M. Ratliff and family visited San Angelo Sunday where they attended a family reunion and golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Ratliff's parents. There was quite a crowd present at the family reunion, including brothers and sisters of Mr. Ratliff's father, all of whom were from 70 to 85 years of age, and in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunn and daughter, Miss Alice, came in from a visit to Galveston first of the week, and after a visit with their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black, left for their home at Artesia, New Mexico. They made the trip from New Mexico to Galveston and return in their car.

Miss Opal Pogue has returned to her school work in Oklahoma, after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Pogue.

L. Huebner and sisters, Misses Helen and Gussie, have returned to their home at LaGrange after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan. Mrs. McMillan is a sister of the LaGrange parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Denny are visiting relatives in Brownwood. C. R. Hightower, of Winters, had business in Ballinger Wednesday. He reported a quiet Christmas at Winters.

Mrs. C. W. Reed and C. W. and Ray McCullom, of Fort Worth, sister and nephews of Mrs. M. L. Northington, were in Wednesday for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser are at home from a Christmas visit with relatives at Dallas.

Mrs. C. Kornegay and daughter, Miss Leyle, of Winters, were visiting in Ballinger Wednesday.

The production of plate glass in the United States this year is expected to reach 115,000,000 square feet as compared with the 1924 output of 92,000,000 square feet.

A portable tail light, including a shock absorber, has been invented to be placed on the end of long loads carried on trucks, being supplied with electricity thru a cable.

H. K. Jones, who arrived here a few days ago and accepted a position with the Pearce drug

store, received a phone message Wednesday morning notifying him that he was the father of a new girl. Mrs. Jones is with her mother at Lometa, and will join Mr. Jones at Ballinger as soon as she is able to make the trip.

William Heavenhill, of Winters, was here Wednesday attending to business matters.

T. J. Riddle, who lives three miles East of Winters, was looking after business in Ballinger Wednesday. He reported that much land breaking was going on in his part of the county and that he was about half through with his breaking. "The little shower we had on New Year's did lots of good," said Mr. Riddle, and he declared that land was in fine shape for breaking.

Card of Thanks

I have sold my interest in the Currie Mercantile Company to Mr. W. B. Currie. I want to thank each one who had a part in making our business a success. I trust that you will continue to give liberal patronage to the firm.

I have bought Dr. Love's interest in The Ivory, and will always be glad to meet you there. Again thanking you for past favors and thanking you in advance for any business in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIE STEPHENS.

OUTRUNS TRAIN WITH TRUCK LOAD CALVES

George Englert, drayman of Rowena, with his Chevrolet truck, says some times his friends accuse him of being slow, but he made a record this week which refutes the charge.

A man living eight miles South of Rowena, had engaged Mr. Englert's services to come to his farm and bring a truck load of calves to Ballinger to be loaded on the train. Mr. Englert did not know that the calves were to be shipped, and that they had to be here by a certain time, so he did not hurry. He made a trip to Ballinger, when the man notified him that the calves had to be here for shipment by train time.

Mr. Englert did not have any time to lose so he stepped on the gas, went eight miles South of Rowena, loaded the calves, and returned to Rowena and brought the calves to the loading pen at Ballinger, a total distance of 26 miles, in an hour and a half. He did not get the calves to Rowena in time to catch the train, but passed the train between Ballinger and Rowena, and got to the loading pen at Ballinger five minutes ahead of the train. But at that the calves came near getting left.

Aviators are searching an unexplored region of the southern part of Central Africa for rivers that may exist and that can be diverted to irrigate a dry region by filling old lake beds, now empty.

GRAPE JUICE KING IS DEAD

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 6.—Charles Welch, manufacturer of grape juice, died at his winter home here today. He was ill only a short time.

Mr. Welch's name is known in grocery stores and at cold drink stands throughout the nation.

Mr. Welch was a candidate for president of the United States on the Prohibition Party ticket in 1916.

ONE DEAD IN PISTOL FIGHT

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 6.—Unfriendliness of long standing is believed to have caused a pistol fight near Elmdorf last night in which one man was shot to death and a youth seriously injured. The dead man is Adolfo Saucedo, age 25, and Joe Knight, age 17, has a fractured jaw and his condition is considered serious.

The man who is believed to have done the shooting is at large, but his arrest is expected within a short time.

C. H. Irion, of Abilene, was in Ballinger Tuesday arranging to open an office here to assist citizens with income tax returns. Mr. Irion is with the R. C. Winters Co., of Abilene, and he arranged for an office in the F. & M. Bank building here. He returned to Abilene but will be here in his office within about two weeks.

H. K. Jones, of Lampasas, is behind the prescription counter at the Pearce drug store, succeeding Floyd Smith, who recently moved to Winters.

A Belgian inventor has patented a process for producing a hollow, tubular rayon thread that imparts greater softness and better drapabilities to finished textiles.

LOST—One Black horse Mule, about 14 3/4 hands high; six years old. Finder notify R. W. Bruce, Ballinger. 7-3rd-1tw

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALLINGER STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 7th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$155,267.33
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	15,604.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	1,149.14
Bonds, stocks and other securities	8,390.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	38,036.81
Furniture and Fixtures	6,288.55
Cash on hand	29,475.50
Due from approved reserve agents	176,827.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	6,876.81
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	6,419.34
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,772.18
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	66,550.31
Total	\$539,707.44

Savings Department	
Loans on Real Estate	NONE
Other Investments	NONE
Cash on hand	NONE
Due from approved Reserve Agents	NONE

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	NONE
Other Surplus Fund	NONE
Undivided profits, net	12,807.95
Dividends unpaid	NONE
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	3,548.88
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	382,198.19
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	NONE
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,116.53
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$ 52,716.34; School \$ 21,697.76; State \$; County \$)	Total \$7,444.10
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	16,621.79
Bills Payable	NONE
Redeemables	NONE
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
Total	\$539,707.44

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, E. D. Walker, as President and Sam Baker as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. D. Walker, President
Sam Baker, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, A. D. 1926.

(SEAL) J. M. Simmons, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:

Jas. E. Brewer, N. J. Allen, C. P. Shepherd, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$172,020.47	Capital \$ 40,000.00
Bonds and Stocks 8,390.00	Undivided Profits 12,807.95
Banking House, F. & F. 26,288.55	Deposits 486,899.49
Other Real Estate 38,036.81	
Interest and Assessment	
Guaranty Fund 15,191.52	
Bills of Exchange 66,550.31	
Cash and Exchange 213,229.78	
Total \$539,707.44	Total \$539,707.44

2 MILLION FOR WAR MEMORIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Donations from citizens and friends of San Francisco have provided \$2,000,000 for a war memorial group, to consist of an American Legion building and an opera house in the Civic Center.

The Civic Center now includes the city hall, state building, public library and exposition auditorium. The new group, to be dedicated to the memory of Americans slain in France, is designed in the form of temples of classic beauty. Destruction of buildings on the site will start shortly after January 1, with the construction expected to be under way before March 1.

The Legion building will include a museum of fine arts. Architects have endeavored to make the interior of the opera house combine all desirable features. The seating capacity tentatively is estimated at 3,500, but this may be increased. An attempt is being made to provide maximum capacity without sacrificing perfection of acoustics, visibility and comfort.

Announcement of the successful campaign for subscriptions at a meeting of the city's Board of Supervisors was attended by a resolution commending the San Francisco opera company on its successful season. The company will have its own home in the opera house.

The Musical Association of San Francisco has been trying for years to provide a building devoted solely to music. Besides housing the seasons of opera, the memorial structure will be the permanent home of the San Francisco symphony orchestra, which, during the winter season, gives weekly concerts. Within the building will be rehearsal rooms and probably smaller halls for chamber music concerts.

Subscriptions for the group were started in 1920.

Mesquite Wood \$3.50 per cord, five miles Southeast Ballinger. Phone Marion Hays, 6932.

Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger

SEEKS PERMIT TO BUY ROAD

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Figures illustrating the remarkable increase in railroad values were laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, in asking permission to pay \$900,000 cash for the common stock of the Dayton-Goose Creek Railway in Texas, although the par value of the Dayton-Goose Creek Railroad capital stock is only \$25,000.

The Southern Pacific company also asked the commission to approve its proposition to lease the Dayton-Goose Creek road to the Texas & New Orleans Railroad Company, one of its subsidiaries.

J. D. Carlton, of the Maverick country, was a visitor to Ballinger Monday.

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R. C. WINTERS & CO.
Audits and Systems
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Abilene, Texas



SATURDAY SPECIALS

No. 2 Standard Tomatoes \$1
Per Doz.

2 1/2 lbs Your Luck Coffee \$1.45
and 3 lbs. Sugar Free

10 lbs. K.C. Baking Powd. \$1.28

No 10 Solid Pack Plums 50c

10 Pounds Sun Raisins \$1.15
Maid Seedless

No. 10 Domino Syrup 85c

You Will Like to Trade at
PIGGLY WIGGLY



RADIOS AT BARGAIN PRICES

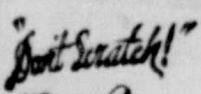
We have on hand several standard make Radio Sets that we are offering at a sacrifice, in order that we can concentrate on fewer models for which we are the exclusive agents. All sets sold on a strict guarantee with Free Demonstration.

Day-Fan, 4-tube, regular price \$170, sale price \$137.50.
3-tube Day-Fan, regular price \$160.00, sale price \$117.50.
Other sets in proportion.
Prices include everything installed complete.

Do not pass this opportunity to own a good Radio Set at prices unequalled anywhere.

BALLINGER ELECTRIC CO.

NEXT DOOR TO HALL HARDWARE CO.



DANDRUFF

CAUSES THE HAIR TO FALL OUT—
AND THE HEAD TO BECOME BALD

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FOR SALE—My place in South Ballinger. M. C. Falls. 2-3d-1w

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FOR SALE—Brown Leghorns, one dollar each. Mrs. C. G. Allison. 1-tw

FOR SALE—Hundred acre farm near Blanton school, 65 in cultivation. \$3,000, one-third cash, balance easy. L. F. Smith, Phone 3111. 28-6d-2w

LANDS—Improved lands for sale, or trade. Also unimproved land for small cash payment. C. B. Williams, Box 308, Littlefield, Texas. 8-5d-8w

FOR SALE—160 acres fine land 3 1/2 miles Southwest of Ballinger, where new brick school is building. \$40 per acre and long time on part. Dr. J. F. Noe, Boerne, Texas. 30-5w

Notice to Livestock Owners—When in need of veterinary services, phone Dr. Richard F. Zedlitz, Nos. 12 or 13, Ballinger. 9-wtf

OLD GRAY MARE HEAD WILL BE MOUNTED

The head of the Old Gray Mare is in the hands of a Fort Worth taxidermist and within the next 60 or 90 days will be returned to Brownwood and placed in the lobby of the Hotel Southern where all who enter may see the remembrance of the faithful old mare, Sarah.

George Black, of Comanche, a salesman, took the head of the old mare to Fort Worth a week or two ago and placed it in the hands of F. C. Louinsky, a taxidermist, who will prepare the head for P. B. Richey of the Hotel Southern.

The head was in a good state of preservation when it was taken to Ft. Worth and it is expected that it will be one of the best pieces of mounted specimens in Brownwood. It will certainly be the most popular.—Brownwood Bulletin.

TEXAS CITIES SEEK PAINTING

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 5.—Lovers of art in Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, St. Louis and San Antonio are attempting to bring to their respective cities the late J. M. McCan's \$50,000 painting of an eagle, "The Monarch of the Golden West."

San Antonio has been virtually eliminated from the contest because in two months only 8,240 persons visited an art shop here to see the painting. The stipulated number of visitors was 20,000.

There is one avenue to keeping the work here, according to C. D. Sanders, art dealer, and Claude McCan, son of the artist, but it is a small chance. It is that the rest of the McCan collection, 12 paintings, be bought by San Antonians at prices ranging from \$125 to \$1,200.

Because the artist's son considers this city typical of the old Southwest, he prefers to have the masterpiece stay here. His father loved the Southwest and painted many pictures of the hill country around Comfort, Boerne and eastward to Austin. Sketches of the Gaudalupe and Medina rivers and scenes in the hills are among the unsold pictures.

Outstanding among the offers for the "Monarch of the Golden West" is that of Enrico Cerrachio, Houston sculptor, who proposes building an additional wing to Houston's municipal art museum and calling it the McCan Memorial. Cerrachio told McCan he made the proposal for the city.

Most of the McCan paintings sold were bought by persons from other Texas cities, including Corpus Christi and Dilley. Saunders said.

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Cover with wet baking soda—
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DEATHS

Mrs. Caroline Schuhmann

Mrs. Caroline Schuhmann, wife of G. Schuhmann, of Rowena, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium late Monday, January 4th, following an illness of only a few days. She was stricken ill a few days before Christmas and was brought to the sanitarium here on Christmas day.

Mrs. Schuhmann was one of the pioneer women of Rowena, having moved from Fayette county, Texas, to Runnels county with her husband twenty-seven years ago, and had been living at Rowena since coming to this county. She was born in Wold, Fayette county, on September 26, 1861, and was 64 years, 4 months and 8 days of age at the time of her death.

Mrs. Schuhmann's maiden name was Caroline Albros. She married G. Schuhmann in 1882, and she is survived by her husband, two sons, Walter Schuhmann, of Ballinger, and John G. Schuhmann, of Rowena; and one daughter, Mrs. Clara Schlake, of San Antonio; and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Paul Schuhmann, of Round Top, Texas; and four brothers, John Albros, of Coupland; Ed Albros, of Ledbetter; August Albros, of Houston; and William Albros, whose present address is unknown.

The deceased was a member of the Evangelical Church at Rowena, of which Rev. Moore is pastor. The remains were carried to the late home of the deceased at Rowena, and the funeral will be held at that place at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday. Rev. Moore conducting the funeral services.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

J. D. Good was in the city on New Year's day from Norton. Mr. Good has the sympathy of his friends in the loss of his ten-year-old son this week. The little fellow was ill only about twenty-four hours.

The Coleman Chamber of Commerce has placed an order for a 12,000 egg incubator and will operate it for the public, charging \$3.25 per tray for hatching eggs. Each tray will hold 112 eggs.

W. T. U. BUYS JUNCTION PLANT

The Junction Eagle reports the sale of the light plant of that town to the West Texas Utilities Company, and the utilities company have started a crew of highline men to work extending the line from Menard to Junction. In reporting the sale of the Junction electric properties, the Eagle says:

"On Wednesday morning of this week, the West Texas Utilities Company became owner of the local light plant, when negotiations that had been under consideration for several months were completed."

"Mr. E. V. Sellers, personal representative of Mr. Geo. W. Fry, vice-president and general manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, was here Tuesday and Wednesday, and upon completion of necessary transfer papers, paid the local concern, the Llano River Irrigation and Milling Company, \$9,000.00 for the plant, equipment and water right for electrical energy production."

"Preparatory to building a high line from Menard to Junction, the company's engineers had been looking over the ground for several days and actual surveying had already been done."

"Thursday morning a party of eleven men, including several local workers, started on the proposed route between here and Menard, and route will be surveyed and designated as quickly as possible."

EQUIPMENT FOR BEEF CANNING

The equipment for beef canning is here and those who want such work done, please get your request in early. There are some on the waiting list now and others will be given dates as requests come in. As there are only a few months in the year in which this work can be given, the greater part of my time will be devoted to this work throughout January and February.

I shall suggest to the clubs to arrange for this demonstration on your regular club meeting day. By doing so it will give me more time to help others. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. are handling the supplies and please see about getting the cans early in order to avoid any delay.

Kitchen Contest
Those of you desiring to enter the Kitchen Contest, remember that the 15th of this month closes the date of entry. If you want to enter the contest, let me know before that time in order to get your kitchen scored. Every woman in the county is eligible, no matter whether you live in the rural district or in town. I shall be glad to have you enter the contest and my time is yours at any time I can be of help to you.

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HOTEL INAUGURATES "WAKING" SERVICE

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 5.—San Antonio residents who, lacking faith in alarm clocks, subscribe to a "wake-you-up" service, are now sleeping more comfortably at night.

Two enterprising messenger service men decided that many persons distant from a hotel switchboard would appreciate a call every morning at a certain hour, to avoid missing important engagements through failure of their alarms. The idea succeeded.

One man so called at 7 o'clock thought he was in a hotel and ordered ice water sent to his room.

Sam, the little six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Routh, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Saturday night. The little fellow was reported to be resting as well as could be expected Monday.

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MISS AILEEN NOYES MARRIED AT BRADY

Miss Aileen Noyes, daughter of Mrs. Gus Noyes, of Orlando, Florida, and D. C. Middleton Jr., of Melvin, were married at high noon at Brady, Monday, January 4th, according to information received in Ballinger shortly following the ceremony.

Miss Noyes formerly lived in Ballinger with her parents, and also lived at Melvin. She has been attending the National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C., and following a visit of her mother from Orlando to Washington, the young lady and Mrs. Noyes went to Melvin for a visit, and the wedding followed.

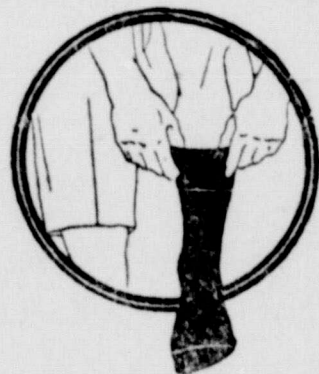
Mr. Middleton is one of the prominent young men of the Melvin country, and has also been attending school.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Payne, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, returned home Thursday after a visit to Mrs. Payne's father, E. E. Holt; her brother, W. A. Holt; and sister, Mrs. E. E. King.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson and children returned to their home at Fort Stockton Wednesday after spending the holidays with relatives in Ballinger.

Sheriff McWilliams had business in Abilene Friday.



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HEAVY FIRE LOSS WHEN BARN LOST

J. S. Flannagan, living four or five miles West of Ballinger, suffered heavy loss about 8:00 o'clock Thursday night when his barn, well filled with feed and other goods, went up in smoke.

Mr. Flannagan's loss consists of his year's feed crop of maize, cotton seed, hay, etc., together with his year's meat supply. He had just killed hogs and had the meat stored in the barn. The contents of the barn were valued at about \$1500. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Flannagan, as he carried no insurance on either the barn or the contents.

There had been no fire about the barn and the origin of the fire will probably never be known. The Ballinger fire department sent help to the farm home, but the barn was practically destroyed before the alarm reached Ballinger. Those in town who saw the reflection from the blaze thought that it was the Ballinger Country Club house which was on fire, and many people were attracted to the scene.

Neely Newman, a student in Southwestern at Georgetown, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis for a few days last week. He turned to his school work Sunday. Mr. Newman's home is at San Benito.

J. D. Motley and family returned from San Antonio Sunday, where Mrs. Motley and the children had been visiting. Mr. Motley went for them Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McGregor received a fine new boy at their home on Broadway. The young man arrived Saturday.



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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$359,829.79
Bankers' Acceptances	204,308.00
Overdrafts	108.33
U. S. Bonds	28,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	4,700.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	26,000.00
Real Estate	24,500.00
Cash and Exchange	278,742.95
	\$926,189.07
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	62,982.28
Reserved for Taxes, 1925	3,281.37
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Circulation	24,400.00
Deposits	730,525.42
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