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NEW LAW FOR TRUSTEE BALLOT

The citizens of the various school districts of this county should take notice of an important change made in the trustee election law. This law applies to all districts in the county, both common and independent, with less than 500 scholastic population, and will be effective at the coming trustee election in April.

All election supplies mailed out in the near future will conform with the new law.

A supply of application blanks addressed to the county judge to be used in securing names to be printed on the ballots will be mailed the trustees at each district for use in their respective district.

Art. 2320 Acts of the Regular Session of 39th Legislature reads as follows:

"All of the ballots for the election of school trustees in common school districts and in independent school districts having fewer than 500 scholastic population shall be printed with black ink on clear white paper, the number or name of the district in which the election is to be held to be filled in by the county judge when he orders the ballots printed."

Any person desiring to have his name placed on said ballot as a candidate for the office of trustee of a common school district or independent school district as herein provided shall, at least ten days before said election, file a written request with the county judge of the county in which the said district is located, requesting that his name be placed on the official ballot, and no candidate shall have his name printed on said ballot unless he has complied with the provisions of this section; provided that five or more resident qualified voters in the district may request that certain names be printed.

The county judge, upon receipt of said written request, and at least five days before, shall have the ballots printed as provided in this Act and deliver a sufficient number of printed ballots and election supplies to the presiding officer of election at least one day before the election is to be held. The expenses of printing the ballots and delivering same to the presiding officers, together with the other incidental expenses, shall be paid out of the general funds of the county.

The above law is a somewhat radical change, as heretofore the election order and election returns were made by and to the local trustees.

Blank applications for the purpose of having name placed on the ticket, either by an individual who desires to have his name placed on the ticket or as many as five who desire to have the name of someone placed on the ticket, will be mailed to each district within the near future.

JURY DISMISSED FOR FIRST WEEK

The petit jury called for the first week of district court was discharged Tuesday. Only one jury civil case was tried. The court heard a few non-jury civil cases and will pass on other non-jury cases while waiting on the grand jury to report.

The jury in the Noyes vs. Radford case returned a verdict for Noyes. This case grew out of a lease contract in which Gus Noyes leased the building now occupied by the Hall Hardware Company for a term of years to J. M. Radford in 1918, and then forfeited the contract, it was alleged.

The building was later leased to Hall Hardware Company for a lower rental and Noyes brought suit against Radford for the difference.

The criminal docket will be called next Monday.

NEW PHONE LINE EAST AND WEST

The construction gang for the San Angelo Telephone Company, which owns the long distance line between Ballinger and San Angelo, have just completed a new long distance line between the two cities.

The new line follows the North side of the Santa Fe railroad and consists of new poles and a four-wire copper circuit. Two of the circuits have been completed and eventually the capacity will be increased to six circuits.

The copper wires are taking the place of the old iron line, and connect San Angelo with Brownwood without a relay at Ballinger. Heretofore it has been necessary to relay long distance business at Ballinger.

The West Texas Telephone Company, which operates the Ballinger exchange, is also ready to begin work of replacing old wire with a copper circuit between Ballinger and Brownwood. The material has been purchased and work will begin within the near future.

The oil development West of San Angelo and general prosperity in this section make better telephone facilities imperative, and the companies owning and operating the long distance lines are meeting the demand.

MILES OUTPLAYS BETHEL CAGERS 8-5

The Miles basketball team met the Bethel team on the Bethel court Tuesday afternoon, and when the last whistle sounded the score totalled up 8 for Miles and 5 for Bethel.

The game was fast and furious from the start, both teams putting up a hard, but clean fight. The game was one of the best played in the county this season, it was said by those who witnessed it.

HERE AND THERE

As a result of the truck and tractor the horse population of the United States is 5,000,000 less than ten years ago, according to an announcement just made by the census bureau. There were 21,195,000 horses in the U. S. in 1915. The 1925 count showed 15,778,000.

The third successive snowstorm swept the nation's capital Tuesday night and Washingtonians had to dig out from under an eight inch snow which fell during the night. The big snowstorm of last week had not disappeared.

In a cell where there were only five persons in a Kansas City prison Tuesday there were six found Wednesday morning, and the door to the cell had not been opened during the night. A four-pound baby girl was born to a woman prisoner who had been placed in jail by officers who failed to take notice of her condition.

Nineteen boys, from 11 to 17 years of age, were given a public flogging in the court house at Miami, Oklahoma. The boys confessed to a series of thefts and chose the flogging, administered publicly by their parents, in preference to going to the state reformatory. In addition to being flogged they must attend school every day, make passing grades, attend Sunday school regularly, and remain at home each night after 6:00 o'clock.

Alf Ellis, a farmer living near Seymour, will lose his leg as the result of being attacked by a mule. For an hour the mule held the calf of the man's leg in the grip of its teeth, while Ellis repeatedly stabbed the animal with his pocket knife in an effort to free himself. Mrs. Ellis and a neighbor finally discovered Ellis' plight and after stabbing the mule a number of times rescued the man.

News From Neighboring Cities

J. R. Shackelford, who was seriously injured by an infuriated buffalo which jumped from a pen at Brownwood last Saturday night, is recovering. It was at first reported that Mr. Shackelford had been fatally injured.

The Sixth District Texas Bankers Association will meet at Brady next Monday, and 150 bankers are due to attend the convention. Rannels county is in the Sixth District and Ballinger bankers plan to attend the gathering.

Complaint of assault with intent to murder has been filed against C. B. Metcalf at San Angelo, following the shooting and serious wounding of four young people who motored by Metcalf's home in an automobile. One of the young ladies will probably die. Metcalf is one of the pioneers of San Angelo and a former member of the legislature. He is alleged to have fired at the party when they passed him on the road and when he attempted to stop them to ascertain their mission on his farm. Metcalf claims that his gun was accidentally discharged, and the bullets entered the back of the car in which the young people were riding. He made \$1,000 bond.

The city of San Angelo won in a suit filed by C. E. Boyd of that city, to prevent the city from installing a sewerage disposal plant near the Boyd premises. The suit was similar to one filed by certain citizens against the city of Winters last year.

Comanche is installing a sweet potato curing plant, and the farmers of that county are planning to do more diversified farming less cotton growing. The Comanche Chamber of Commerce is backing the movement.

The city commission of Sweetwater has just appropriated \$200 to be used in purchasing new books for the public library of that city.

A young woman, giving San Antonio as her home, was fined \$12.70 in city court at Sweetwater for reckless auto driving. She crashed into the curb and damaged her car.

Floyd M. Long, representing the Fairchild Aerial Survey company, commenced an aerial photographic survey of the line of the West Texas Utilities Company when the high line from San Angelo to Abilene, was photographed from the air last Saturday. A strip a mile wide along the line was photographed from the air, four hours time being required to make the 100 miles.

Robbers raided the postoffice at Buffalo Gap and carried away the safe in the office. The safe was found about a mile from Buffalo Gap, where it had been hammered open and the contents consisting of money and stamps, taken.

The Planters Gin Company will build a new gin at Melvin. The old gin turned out 2,873 bales for the season just closing.

Poll taxes to the number of 3,500 were paid in McCullough county as compared with 3,519 for 1924.

The farmers have been called to meet at Brady on Feb. 13 to talk diversification, better seed, etc.

The advance in the price of crude oil is said to be responsible for revived activity in drilling in Brown county.

Leslie Phillips, a seventeen-year-old youth, was seriously injured when he fell from a wagon at Brownwood.

Banks of Abilene have joined in a movement to aid in buying good milk cows and hogs to be distrib-

uted among the farmers in an effort to encourage these industries.

Work on a city hall at Abilene to cost \$75,735 has been started. Many workmen are employed on the job. The contractors have 182 days in which to complete the building.

Two automobiles stolen at Abilene within the last few days have been recovered by the sheriff's department of Taylor county.

No charges have been filed in connection with the death of Elmer Maberry, age 16 years, who was stabbed to death at McCaulley Saturday.

Robbers cracked the safe in the office of the Gulf Refining Company at Brownwood Tuesday night. A small amount of cash was stolen.

Within the next few days, the head of the first 'old gray mare' will be displayed in the lobby of the Southern Hotel at Brownwood. The head is now in the hands of a taxidermist for mounting.

A large bull dog was killed at Baird, after attacking a young lady and biting her. The dog had virulent rabies.

San Angelo's All West Texas Exposition will open on September 27th. The association has set the opening date for that time, and the fair will run until October 2nd.

The county superintendent of Palestine, Texas, claims to be the only man in Texas who has complied with the auto registration law. The law provides that 1926 number plates must be displayed on all autos in use. The Palestine man's number is 1926.

A group of perfectly healthy men were given accommodations in a hospital at Abilene, Saturday night, because all hotel rooms were full and they could not get hotel accommodations.

Cleora Baker, age 76, living in the Goodbush community in Coleman county, fell in an open fireplace while members of the family were out of the room and burned to death.

COMMISSIONERS COURT IN MONTHLY MEETING

Commissioners court convened in Ballinger Monday for the transaction of regular routine business and any special business which might be brought up.

At this term road overseers will be appointed, and also election of officers for the general election.

BANKERS TO BE BANQUET GUESTS

Ten bankers, representing all the banks in Rannels county, will be the guests of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at a banquet to be held at the Central Hotel in Ballinger next Friday evening. The bankers have accepted invitations and assured the commercial organization that they will be present.

The bankers have been invited here to meet with the members of the agricultural, livestock and poultry committees of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of discussing steps in carrying on these lines of industry in Rannels county on a larger scale, as well as to discuss other questions of mutual interest to the bankers, business men, and farmers.

All members of the committees named are expected to be in attendance upon the banquet.

SNOW BLOCKS TRAFFIC; CLOSES MANY SCHOOLS

MORE HOGS IN WEST TEXAS

SWEETWATER, Feb. 10.—The Sweetwater Board of City Development has launched a movement for the importation of selected gilts and brood sows into Nolan county. A carload is now being made up and these hogs will form a part of the plans of the Sweetwater commercial organization for extensive agricultural and livestock expansion in this territory.

COLORADO, Tex., Feb. 10.—W. S. Cooper, secretary of the Colorado Chamber of Commerce, announced today that 52 hogs had been signed up in the first carload shipment in the hog importing campaign for Mitchell county.

ABILENE, Feb. 10.—J. R. Masterson, county agent, is signing up the farmers of this territory to make up a carload shipment of brood sows for Taylor county. He was in consultation last week with Col. C. C. French, industrial agent of the Fort Worth Stockyards Company which is handling the importation movement.

COW CHARGES MAN IN AUTO

An Overland six sedan, the property of Vernon Jones, of the Norton country, is in the Sykes-Overland Company garage for repairs as the result of being attacked by a mad cow about noon Wednesday.

According to Mr. Jones, who was driving to town on the Ballinger-San Angelo road just across the river, the cow with bowed neck attacked the auto, smashing out one of the glass doors and bending one fender. The cow was being driven along the road when she charged the auto, according to Mr. Jones.

GOVERNOR SHORT OVER MILLION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 9.—Reaffirming its previous decision the Supreme Court of Illinois, today denied a rehearing in the case and directed Governor Len Small to account for \$1,100,000 interest money alleged to have been withheld by him while he was state treasurer in 1917 and 1918.

The ruling for a rehearing in the case was divided, two of the members of the court repeating their original dissent.

PIONEER MINISTER DIES AT WAXAHACHIE
WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 9.—Rev. E. A. Smith, superannuated Methodist minister, died here today. Rev. Smith was formerly pastor and presiding elder at Hillsboro, Ennis, Corsicana and in other Texas cities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—A score of railway trains were stalled in snow drifts, as the result of the heavy snow which blankets the Northeast today. Some of the snow drifts blocking traffic are ten feet deep, and snow is still falling.

Eight trains were stalled in New England and a dozen or more snowed in on Long Island. All schools in New York state have been closed and many schools in surrounding states failed to open this morning. County courts on Long Island were also suspended as a result of the heavy snowstorm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The Northeastern part of the United States, which had not yet dug out from under the snow storm banks caused by last week's blizzard, was today swept by another storm of equally as great severity. Train schedules were disrupted by the heavy snows and surface car and motor traffic was badly paralyzed. One death has been reported. Five thousand men have been called for to clear the streets of snow in New York city.

APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HUSBAND AS MARSHAL

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 9.—The city council today appointed Mrs. Eula Braek as city marshal to fill the unexpired term of her husband, W. C. Braek. Mr. Braek died last Sunday.

BANKERS TO TAKE TWO HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

Local banks have posted notices to the effect that they will observe February 12th and February 22nd as holidays, and remain closed on these dates. The first date is Abraham Lincoln's birthday and the latter George Washington's birthday.

Dr. C. W. Cheatham was called to San Angelo Tuesday in response to a message stating that his sister-in-law was seriously ill.

PALS RESCUED FROM OFFICERS

CLINTON, Iowa, Feb. 9.—The confederates of two payroll robbers covered the deputy sheriffs with shot-guns as they were leading two of the robbers to jail here today, and while the pals of the robbers held the officers at bay all the robbers leisurely walked to an automobile which was standing nearby and drove away. Officers had captured Alfred Fairfield and John Redman, wanted for robbery, when the confederates of the two alleged stick-up men came to their rescue by pulling shot-guns on the officers.

The confederates of the robbers fled after rescuing the two men from the officers, and they were fired upon by the deputies as they ran toward their own car. One of the men is believed to have been wounded.

Franklin's Memory will Never Die

He belongs to the whole world. His full life is a challenge to each one of us.

Today, as the world does him honor, he stands as the direct opposite of the idea of "something-for-nothing"—the idea of "getting by" or of "putting something over"—that leads thousands to failure each year!

And Thrift, as Poor Richard urged, is still the pathway to wealth and success.

The Winters State Bank

Winters Texas

COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound"
Breaks a Cold Right Up

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiate. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.



CAMPAIGN ON TO INCREASE WEST TEXAS HOG CROP

HASKELL, Tex., Feb. 8.—Col. C. C. French, Industrial Agent of the Fort Worth Stockyards Company met with a committee of local business men, farmers and bankers here today in the hog importing campaign that is now being undertaken in West Texas. A complete canvass of the farmers in the Haskell territory is now being made under the supervision of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, after which in co-operation with the Fort Worth Stockyards Company, selected gilts for brood sows will be imported into Haskell county.

STAMFORD, Tex., Feb. 8.—At a well attended meeting of the farmers and business men held in this city recently, Col. C. C. French, Industrial Agent of the Ft. Worth Stockyards Company, delivered an address upon the shortage of hogs in the Southwest and particularly in West Texas. Col. French estimates that there is a present shortage of 200,000 brood sows in West Texas alone. Immediately following this address, a movement was launched to import selected gilts into the Northern part of Jones county and other parts of the Stamford trade territory under the joint auspices of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Stockyards Co.

BABY'S COLDS

are soon "nipped in the bud" without "dosing" by use of—

VICKS

VAPORUB

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

E. V. Bateman returned from a business visit to the lower plains section Wednesday. He visited Snyder and other places further North. Mr. Bateman declares the country where he visited is not in as good shape as the Ballinger country.

Latest reports from R. W. Earnshaw Saturday afternoon, stated the young man was getting along nicely. Mr. Earnshaw was hurried to the Halley & Loebe Sanitarium Thursday evening for an emergency operation due to acute appendicitis.

DREADFUL PAINS

This Lady Suffered Severely, Took Cardui, and Got Well.

Mrs. George S. Hunter, of Columbus, Ga., writes:

"I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during . . . My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house.

"I got very thin—I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve.

"My sides hurt less and I began to improve in health. . . The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now.

"I have gained 10 pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all.

"I wish every suffering woman knew about Cardui."

At all drug stores.

Grand Jury Begins Work On Heavy Criminal Docket

The grand jury for the February term of the 35th District began their work here Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with a report from the county attorney showing twenty-nine felony cases pending for investigation. Following is the grand jury which was empanelled for the current term of court:

J. L. Chastain, foreman
B. C. Kirk
Hugh Campbell
Carl Hensley
John Semicek
H. G. McKown
R. A. Perry
A. F. Lee
J. E. Rodgers
Ray B. Johnson
John Lacey
D. E. Compton

In his charge to the investigators Judge J. O. Woodward discussed the various crimes catalogued in the county attorney's report. "There is more crime stalking abroad in the country than I ever knew before," declared the judge, and he attributed much of it to slack law enforcement and failures of juries to mete out the proper punishment to the accused.

"Not only in your county, but in other counties in my district," declared Judge Woodward, "crime is on the increase," and his honor stated that the suspended sentence law was being abused. He referred to the two cases of two young men who were tried in the Runnels county court a few months ago for knocking a man in the head and attempting to rob the Rowena bank, and both of whom got off with a suspended sentence. "It was an outrage," declared Judge Woodward.

In classifying the men charged with crime, Judge Woodward declared that his experience and observation had disclosed that practically none of them had ever seen the inside of a Sunday school room, and he attributed their downfall to environment. "If parents would send their children to Sunday school instead of letting them go off joy riding, we would not have so many criminals," said the judge. He urged the grand jury in carrying on its work to advise with young men who came before them and try to impress them with the wisdom of right living.

There were ten cases of forgery in the report passed up to the grand jury, and in discussing this character of law violation the judge said there was no excuse for a man forging a check, and every man who did it knew that it was a violation of the law. The judge stated that the punishment meted out for such crime was too light. The accused generally pleads guilty, gets a year in the pen, and soon gets out after he gets down there, declared the court.

The ten cases of bootlegging submitted in the report caused Judge Woodward to talk at length about liquor law violations. "There is no class of law breakers that I have less use for than a bootlegger," said Judge Woodward, "unless it is the fellow who patronizes him," and he stated that the latter class was the sordidest man on earth.

Judge Woodward talked to the grand jury about "auto intoxication." It is alarming they way people are being killed by autos," said Judge Woodward, "you can't be too hard on the fellow who drives an auto while drunk; go after him."

"You have a good set of officers in this county," declared the court, and he complimented the sheriff and county attorney especially, "but I want to instruct you to look after them; see that the money is being spent right," and the judge referred to the highway scandal at Austin, and said everybody was asking "where did the money go?"

The court sounded out the docket before noon, and had things in shape to begin grinding when court convened after noon. After empanelling the grand jury the civil docket was called, and court went to trial with the case of Gus Noyes vs. J. M. Radford. This is a suit involving a lease contract, the plaintiff alleging that the defendant leased a building from Noyes and failed to carry out the contract. The transaction dates back to 1918.

Among the visiting attorneys in attendance on court were District Attorney Walter U. Early,

Judges J. A. Thomas and Lee Upton, of San Angelo; Walter Woodward, of Coleman; W. D. Jennings, of Miles; O. A. Strother, and C. N. Thornton, of Winters; and Nile Hickman, of Abilene.

With Judge J. O. Woodward presiding, and with all court attaches, and quite a number of visiting attorneys present, district court began grinding here at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

This is the first term under the new schedule. The last legislature changed the dates for holding court at Ballinger, and the present term convened about two months earlier than heretofore. The trial docket for the present term is a little heavier than usual and the grand jury docket is a lengthy one, and it is probable that some new business will be worked up for trial, some of the bills returned by the grand jury being docketed for trial at the present term.

When the grand jury convenes here Monday afternoon twenty-eight felony cases will be submitted to that body for investigation, according to County Attorney C. P. Shepherd's report to District Judge J. O. Woodward. The county attorney has drafted his report, and evidence compiled in the various cases will be turned over to the grand jury in such shape that speedy time can be made in investigating the cases. Following is the text of the report:

"To the Honorable J. O. Woodward, Judge of the 35th Judicial District, and the Grand Jury of Runnels County for the February term, A. D. 1926:

"Gentlemen: I beg to herewith submit my report of the complaints filed in the Justice Court for felony cases since the September term, 1925. Since the last grand jury I have filed twenty-eight felony cases:

No. 320—The State of Texas vs. Clyde Doyle. Charged with forgery. Filed October 12, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 321—The State of Texas vs. J. J. Royce. Charged with murder. Filed October 20, 1925. Defendant has not been arrested.

No. 322—The State of Texas vs. Joe Castro. Charged with theft of an automobile. Filed October 23, 1925. Defendant is in jail.

No. 323—The State of Texas vs. Daphna Jackson (col.). Charged with highway robbery with deadly weapon. Filed October 24th, 1925. Defendant is out on bond.

No. 324—The State of Texas vs. M. D. Lankford. Charged with statutory rape. Filed October 27th, 1925. Defendant is out on bond.

No. 325—The State of Texas vs. Clyde Doyle. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument. Filed November 2, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

Nos. 326, 327, 328—The State of Texas vs. Arlie Greer. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument in each case. Filed November 3, 1925. Defendant is out on bond.

No. 329—The State of Texas vs. L. H. Pace. Charged with swindling by bogus check for \$650.00. Filed November 12, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 330—The State of Texas vs. Griggs Holland. Charged with manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquors. Filed November 16, 1925. Defendant is in jail.

No. 331—The State of Texas vs. Frank Blair. Charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Filed November 2, 1925. Defendant has not been arrested.

No. 332—The State of Texas vs. Dewey Branch. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed December 19, 1925. Defendant is in jail.

No. 333—The State of Texas vs. S. E. Golden, G. L. Graham, Pete Hawthorne, C. A. DeFord and Henry Townsend. Charged with burglary and theft. Filed December 21, 1925. Golden, Graham and Townsend out on bond. DeFord and Hawthorne still in jail.

No. 334—The State of Texas vs. Gene Raybourn. Charged with selling intoxicating liquors. Filed December 23, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 335—The State of Texas vs. Harvey Holloway. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed December 23, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 336—The State of Texas vs. Johnnie Walker. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed

December 23, 1925. Defendant out on bond. No. 337—The State of Texas vs. John Sides. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed Dec. 23, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 338—The State of Texas vs. Roy Nix. Charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Filed December 24, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 339—The State of Texas vs. Charlie Weims. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed December 24, 1925. Defendant out on bond.

No. 340—The State of Texas vs. Horace Speer. Charged with selling intoxicating liquor. Filed January 4, 1926. Defendant out on bond.

No. 341—The State of Texas vs. Arsvill Peck. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument in writing. Filed December 13, 1925. Defendant is out on bond.

No. 342—The State of Texas vs. Anton Augular. Charged with manufacturing and selling intoxicating liquor. Filed January 16, 1926. Defendant is out on bond.

No. 343—The State of Texas vs. Louis Johnson and Nora Myers. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument in writing. Filed January 25, 1926. Both defendants in jail.

No. 344—The State of Texas vs. S. D. Richards. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument in writing. Filed January 27, 1926. Defendant out on bond.

No. 345—The State of Texas vs. J. S. Crockett. Charged with assault with intent to murder. Filed January 28, 1926. Defendant out on bond.

No. 346—The State of Texas vs. Louis Johnson. Charged with forgery and passing a forged instrument in writing. Filed February 1, 1926. Defendant is in jail.

"It will appear from inspection that I have filed twenty-eight cases, and of these cases there are ten cases for forgery, nine cases for selling intoxicating liquor, two cases for burglary and theft, one case for statutory rape, one case for murder, one case for highway robbery, one case for swindling, two cases for disposing of mortgaged property, one case for assault with intent to murder.

"In all of these cases I have taken the testimony of nearly all of the material witnesses, and these cases are ready to be handled by the grand jury without delay.

"I have no instructions for the Court to take the grand jury.

"Respectfully submitted,
C. P. SHEPHERD,
County Attorney."

RED PEPPER FOR RHEUMATIC PAIN

Red Pepper Rub takes the "ouch" from sore, stiff, aching joints. It cannot hurt you, and it certainly stops that old rheumatism torture at once. When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you will feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Pain and soreness are gone.

Ask any good druggist for a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package. For Free Sample Mail This Advertisement to Whitehall Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. 508 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y.

TO BEGIN SCHOOL TAX ASSESSMENTS

A. F. Broek is arranging his index and inventory blanks and will begin assessing school taxes within the next few days. He will get part of the assessing out of the way before time to take the scholastic census. The law provides that the school census be taken in March, and reports must be filed by April 1st. Mr. Broek reports that only about \$2,500 school taxes went delinquent, the collections totaling about \$37,000. The taxable valuation of the Ballinger Independent District for last year amounted to about \$3,900,000. It is expected to show an increase this year. The new tax rate will not be fixed until the work of assessing has been completed.

D. W. Turner, of the Norton country, was looking after business in Ballinger Friday.

BATHING BEACH AT COUNTRY CLUB

Work will begin within the next few days in building a 100-foot wharf from the bath house out over the water at the Ballinger Country Club lake. The wharf will be extended to the first line of posts, or outer safety zone, and a sixteen-foot diving tower will also be erected at the end of the run. The plans for the improvement have been approved and the expenditure authorized.

The fishing season at the lake will open in May, and the club members are looking forward to some sport in this line. Those who visit the club lake from time to time and who have had occasion to observe the antics of the fish, declare that there is every evidence of a big school of fish. The lake was well stocked when

it was first filled with water, and since then many fish have been transferred from streams to the lake by the committee in charge of that part of the work.

No fishing has been allowed, and will not be allowed, until next May in order to give the lake time to become well stocked.

A TONIC

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

Mrs. H. M. Jones is here from Brownwood for a week-end visit with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Thorp.



DR. W. B. CALDWELL AT THE AGE OF 83

Women Need a Mild Laxative -Not a "Physic"

Countless girls and women now know how foolish and needless it is to "purge" and "physic" themselves to avoid sick headache, dizziness, biliousness, sallow skin, colds, or sour, gassy stomach. They have found that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin helps to establish natural bowel "regularity" even for those heretofore 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 girl or woman. 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

Why Not Bring Your Hens and Eggs to City Grocery

We will pay you in cash the highest market price.

Also have a complete line of fresh Groceries to make your selections from.

Make our store your stopping place, we appreciate your coming to see us.

City Grocery

DAY-FAN O.E.M. 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.



Child-birth
THOUSANDS of mothers for over three generations have praised Mother's Friend for relieving them of unnecessary pains during expectancy. "Everyone was surprised how well I got along," writes Mrs. Alfred E. Ammon, Muncie, Ind. "My pains disappeared after using Mother's Friend and I was sick only an hour and a half at baby's birth."
Mother's Friend is the formula of an eminent physician. It is made from a combination of highly refined oils and other wonderful ingredients which are for outward application. Mother's Friend aids the skin and muscles to expand more easily during the constant readjustment of expectancy, month after month, right up to childbirth.
Mother's Friend is the same as used by our mothers and grandmothers—don't start using tonight—and meanwhile write Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. 23, Atlanta, Ga., for free valuable booklet "Motherhood and the Coming Baby" (sent in plain envelope). It tells how Mother's Friend can help you during expectancy and at childbirth. This booklet also tells you many other things you want to know. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all druggists—everywhere.

"M" STORE OPENS WITH BIG RUSH

Quite a crowd of women gathered in front of the "M" System store Saturday morning, forming in line to make a rush for the free distribution of prizes awarded to the first fifteen women entering the store.
Quite a crowd of men also gathered in front of the store to witness the rush, and the store was soon filled with people when the doors were thrown open a few minutes after 9:00 o'clock. The new store, special prices and a Mexican orchestra attracted many people during the day, and at a late hour Sam Behringer expressed himself as being well pleased with the reception which the new business was receiving.
Special representatives from wholesale house of distributors of various lines carried in the new store were present to assist in the opening, and several different articles of foods and drinks were served throughout the day.
Our good home cooking, marble top counters, tables and a refrigerator makes eating here a pleasure. In business for your health. Most up-to-date fixtures in Ballinger. Nothing too good for my customers. Come and see for yourself. Hopper Cafe. 6-sat-41-41w

WARNS OF SHORTAGE OF FARM HORSES

AMES, Iowa, Feb. 6.—The United States is approaching an actual shortage of horses for farm and other work, in the opinion of Dean C. F. Curtiss of Iowa State College, who views this as "one of the most disturbing conditions now confronting American agriculture."
As a remedy, Dean Curtiss suggests a government subsidy, declaring that to subsidize the horse industry for a ten year period "would probably cost less than the price of a single battleship."
He said there are five million fewer horses in the United States than ten years ago, while the need is greater.

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4 SHOT WHILE ON JOY RIDE

One of those "unfortunate" shootings occurred near San Angelo Thursday night in which four young people were wounded. Beulah Green, age 17; Ruth Shumate, age 17; Leslie Davenport and Casel Haselden, ages 18; were wounded while driving on the Metcalf farm near San Angelo. Marie Haselden and Ernest Shumate, who were also in the car, escaped injury from the flying shot.
C. B. Metcalf, a pioneer resident of San Angelo, and a former member of the state legislature, voluntarily reported the shooting to the sheriff, and both Mr. Metcalf and the party of motorists made statements.
Casel Haselden, one of the injured persons, in a statement to a reporter of the San Angelo Standard, said:
"My sister and I worked until 10 o'clock Thursday night, when the other four came by to take us home. We rode around for a while. While out on the Christoval road we came to a lane and the driver wanted to know where it led to. Turning into it, Leslie Davenport said that he thought that we were lost and turned around after passing a house. A car was driving up behind us. We started in low, shifted to second and went into high. The car which had been following us was facing us when we turned around. When we got within about twenty yards of it a man jumped out and cried: 'Hold up your hands' or something like that. We went on, then he fired. Continuing to town we stopped at a restaurant and inquired for a hospital to which we were directed."
In a statement Mr. Metcalf said that he narrowly escaped being run over by the auto when he attempted to ascertain what the three couples were doing on his farm, and that the gun was discharged accidentally.
Friends of Mr. Metcalf asserted that, according to information, Mr. Metcalf had been disturbed by unknown persons passing his house late at night, and in going to investigate he met the car, and that he tried to halt the party when an attempt was made to run over him. In this connection the gun was discharged.

SANTA FE TRAIN WRECK SUNDAY

The West bound Santa Fe passenger train, due at Ballinger at 11:31 a. m., did not arrive Sunday until about 7:00 o'clock in the evening. The delay was due to a wreck about half way between Coleman and Santa Anna, and near Coleman Junction.
Passengers on the train arriving at Ballinger reported that they experienced a considerable shake-up, and the wreck came near being a serious one, but no one was injured. Had the train been making a little better time there probably would have been a different story to write.
The entire train, with the exception of the rear trucks to the Pullman, left the track, and had the train gone a few feet further it would have landed in the ditch and turned over. The wreck was either caused by spreading rails, or spikes had been pulled from the rails. Several sections of the rails were turned over and twisted.
Most of the passengers were soon furnished with jitney transportation and continued to their destinations, while wreck crews from both Brownwood and San Angelo were put on the job clearing the track.
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 six cents.
Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

OUCH! LUMBAGO! RUB BACKACHE AWAY

Kidneys cause backache! No! Your backache is caused by lumbago, rheumatism or a strain and the quickest relief is soothing penetrating St. Jacobs Oil. Rub it right on your painful back, and instantly the soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a 35 cent bottle of St. Jacobs Oil from your druggist. A moment after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the backache or lumbago pain.
In use for 65 years for lumbago, backache, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains. Absolutely harmless. Doesn't burn the skin.

\$10,000 ROOMING HOUSE FOR PAINT ROCK

The material is on the ground and work will begin within the next few days for the construction of a new rooming house at Paint Rock. The building will be 48x72 feet and built of concrete. There will be twenty rooms in the second story, two rooms and a dining room on the ground floor and part of the ground floor will be used for a garage and filling station. The building is to cost about \$10,000.

A Correction

An ad in a recent issue of The Ledger is causing the clerks at The Ivory some trouble. The ad left the impression that The Ivory was handling dry goods, and numerous calls have come in for this line, when the variety store does not handle dry goods.
In setting the ad the words "Dry Goods and Notions" were used without punctuation when it should have said "Dry Goods Notions, etc." The omission of only a comma did the injury. The Ivory does handle notions, but does not handle dry goods.
Ledger want ads pay.

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. Eat what you please,—no danger.
Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME CLUB "CANS"

The home demonstration club of South Ballinger met in regular meeting with Mrs. B. M. Batts in the Dry Ridge community, Tuesday, Feb. 2. After a short business meeting in which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. H. Greer; Vice-President, Mrs. E. F. Batts; Reporter, Mrs. Ross Smith; the afternoon was spent converting a few surplus roosters and old hens into some very delectable meat dishes and with the aid of a couple of steam pressure cookers and a Burpee sealer, thirteen No. 3 cans of frying meats, soup and tamales were canned, thus making profitable use of the 25-cent roosters.
Those taking part in the demonstration were: Mmes. Doss, Mullin, E. F. Batts, V. L. McShann, V. B. Jones, P. P. Holton, W. H. Greer, Fred Nance, Ross Smith, J. W. Batts; Misses Anna B. Mapes, Bessie Brown, Pearl Holton and Rena Walker.
The club adjourned to meet again February 16th, with Mrs. V. L. McShann. Our program will be "Butter Cakes." All who are interested in this work are invited to be with us.
MRS. ROSS SMITH,
Club Reporter.

RADIO PARTY ENJOYS BAYLOR BAND CONCERT

About fifty people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd Friday night in a B. Y. P. U. party and to hear the Baylor Band concert under the direction of Edwin Swindell, a Ballinger boy, which was broadcast from Waco.
The radio program came in fine, and messages of congratulation were wired to Mr. Swindell and members of his band. Special numbers were presented on the program, among which was a cornet quartet in which Robert Lee Maddox, another Ballinger boy, took part.

RELIEVES STRICKEN SUDDENLY WITH APPENDICITIS

R. W. Earnshaw, of the Weeks drug store, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in the Halley & Love Sanitarium at 9:00 o'clock Thursday night. He was reported to be getting along nicely late Friday.
Mr. Earnshaw was stricken suddenly with appendicitis. He was complaining some Wednesday, and felt a little badly during the early part of the day Thursday, but did not become ill until about 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. It soon developed that he was suffering with acute appendicitis, and a hasty operation advised.

BILIOUS SPELLS

Kentucky Man Finds Relief from Dizzy Attacks.
"I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month," says Mr. J. P. Nevins, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.
"I would have dizziness and couldn't work."
"I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple of three times, then I would be very constipated."
"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything."
"It seemed to cleanse my whole system and made me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of 'pep' and could do twice the work."
Made from pure, medicinal roots and herbs, Black-Draught is nature's own remedy for such symptoms as the above, when due to a torpid liver.
Sold everywhere; 25c. C-27a

BOY BREAKS ARM CRANKING FLIVVER

Raymond McShan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan, suffered a broken arm while cranking a Ford Thursday afternoon. The lad was driving an old Ford when it went dead on him, and he and some other boys were trying to start it when the accident occurred.

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NEIGHBORS PLOW FARMER'S LAND

Bob Richardson, who lives five or six miles Southeast of Ballinger, feels like a man sitting on top o' the world, notwithstanding that he recently spent a season in the hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.
One day last week Mr. Richardson's neighbors gathered in his field for a little party, and when the party broke up seventy acres of freshly plowed land was left as a lift to the man who had been ill.
Seventeen four-horse plows and one tractor were operating in Mr. Richardson's field at one time, and within a few hours seventy acres were turned under, the land being well broken and put in shape for further tilling preparatory to planting.
Mr. Richardson was able to be in town Saturday and was feeling mighty good over the fact that he lived in a country where man is a friend to man. Mr. Richardson lives on Dr. W. W. Fowler's farm on the Ballinger-Paint Rock road. He stated that he wanted to thank everyone who had a part in "lifting him out of the ditch."

HABITUAL CONSTIPATION CURED IN 14 TO 21 DAYS

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual 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.

FOR LUMBAGO BAYER ASPIRIN

Proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for Lumbago Colds Neuritis Neuralgia Headache Pain Toothache Rheumatism
DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEART
Safe Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets. Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists.
Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid

Announcement

We have bought the battery division of the Ballinger Auto Co., and will be pleased to meet their customers at our new place, (Third door below City Hall on Eighth Street.)
We are operating an exclusive battery and electric shop. We believe a man who specializes on one thing is more efficient than a "Jack of all Trades." We devote all our time to this line exclusively.
Prompt, courteous treatment; fair prices and quality of work, you have a right to expect are the points on which we ask your patronage. THANKS.
Ballinger Battery and Electric Co.
3rd Door from City Hall on 8th St. Telephone 264
Willard STORAGE BATTERY

INSURANCE: We have 18 of the strong old line companies with whom your risk is placed.

LOANS: Our facilities are such that we can handle any kind of loan on city, farm or ranch properties.

ABSTRACTS: The Bennett Abstract Company has done a continuous abstract business since organization, has every equipment necessary to make it a complete plant and stands back of its work.

We appreciate your business.

McCarver and Lynn

ABSTRACTS, LAND LOANS, GENERAL INSURANCE
Ballinger, Texas.

INVITES OLD TIMERS TO BIRTHDAY DINNER

C. A. Doose invited in a few of the old timers to enjoy a birthday dinner at his home on Thursday evening. Of course Mr. Doose did not disclose his age, but among the guests on this occasion were some of the old timers who had known him since he was a barefoot boy and he is credited with having passed the half century mark by one year, and the greater part of his life has been spent in Runnels county.
A most sumptuous repast was served to the guests with Mrs. Doose in charge of the elegant service, after which the evening was given over to reminiscences of the past, with a radio program and music furnished by the Edison.
Mr. Doose, as stated above,

Bedford Caperton returned home Tuesday evening from Austin where he had been since last November at the bedside of his mother, who died last week.

Mr. Caperton was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Alpha, who will spend a few days here. Miss Caperton is a teacher in the Austin schools. She was for several years a teacher in the Ballinger schools.

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If you are going to plant trees,
make them pecans, or you will re-
gret it in after years.

The Kiwanis Club of San An-
gelo has raised \$1400 for the
Boy Scout movement. It is a
good investment.

The best proof that our neigh-
bor city, San Angelo, is about to
become an oil center, is a killing
and a near killing within two
days.

On Wednesday a ten per cent
cut was made on cord tires and
tubes by the United States Rub-
ber Company. This will be good
news to car owners as the prices
on these items had been soaring
sky high.

Convictions to the number of
1080, and more than half for the
entire state, for violation of the
liquor laws, is credited to the
federal officers in the San An-
tonio district. That either indi-
cates that the San Antonio dis-
trict is a bootlegging district, or
the officers are more aggressive
than in other districts, or it
could mean both.

Officers are greatly handi-
capped in enforcing the prohibi-
tion law by the search warrant
provision which requires an offi-
cer to obtain a search warrant be-
fore he can search a booze laden
auto. The court has ruled that
the search warrant is necessary
before conviction can be had. It
seems that some of our laws were
framed to protect criminals in-
stead of to punish them.

Five committees are at work
at San Angelo to collect \$9,000 to
take up a deficit in the fair fund.
Runnels county's fair is self-sus-
taining and then some. Her cap-
ital stock is being increased to
enlarge the fair. You should
hold one or more shares if you
are interested in the development
of the county to a higher plane
of farming and livestock raising.

Executions in the United States
for murder have averaged three
per week for this year. If the
government will keep up the good
work wholesale killings will show
a marked decrease by the end of
the year. Human life has been
entirely too cheap and it is high
time to enforce the law.

There is an organization known
as "Better Homes in America,"
and a movement is being carried
on in keeping with the name of
the organization. Home environ-
ment has received a great set-
back with the coming of so many
things to break the family fire-
sauce, and this organization has
an important place to fill. It de-
serves support.

A contract was closed Wednes-
day in which a group of capital-
ists were given the right to con-
struct an ocean driveway from
Corpus Christi to Brownsville by
way of the islands Mustang and
Padre. The distance is 131 miles
and promises to be one of the
greatest ocean driveways in the
world.

The state of Missouri is getting
ready to throw in with Attorney
General Moody in his request for
a rehearing of the famous bond
case, recently passed on by the
United States supreme court.
Missouri claims that her prob-
lems on road bond issues are sim-
ilar to those of Texas, hence a
favorable verdict affecting Texas
will settle the matter for Mis-
souri.

The lady who wrote "The
Wind" should return to West
Texas and write "The Sunshine,"
and then probably some of her
West Texas critics would forgive
her. The criticism has made the
book a good seller, and verifies
the old saying that it is an ill
wind that blows nobody good.

A Kentucky court only con-
sumed sixteen minutes time in
trying a negro for attacking a
white woman, and the jury
assessed the death penalty. Now
if the jury's verdict is carried
out without a lot of red tape and

delay, judge lynch will receive a
big set-back.

Practically every paper we pick
up has something to say about
diversification and is preaching to
the farmer the doctrine of
planting something besides cot-
ton. It is an old subject, but
seems to be one which must be
revived from time to time in
order to get the farmers to help
feed the world. Common sense
judgment should teach the far-
mer to produce that for which
there is the greatest demand and
for which he can find the most
ready sale at the highest price.

"I have no objection to a thirty
cent road tax if we get a thirty
cent job," remarked a prominent
tax payer. Of course the p. t. p.
did not realize how his remark
sounded, but that old common ex-
pression we have so often heard,
"it looks like thirty cents," did
not enter his mind. What the
tax payer was trying to empha-
size was the question of getting
value received. Taxes are a just
obligation, and we would have
less complaint from the tax pay-
ing public if the tax money was
properly expended. It is the
waste and graft which brings the
howl.

HELPING THE FARMER

Every movement put on foot
for assisting the farmer picks up
momentum and receives support
from practically every other line
of industry.

Throughout the country at this
time, bankers, merchants, manu-
facturers, newspapers, chambers
of commerce, and other organiza-
tions are taking part in the diver-
sified farming movement, and
every agency is doing its part to
help put over what is considered
for the best interests of the far-
mer.

This helping hand movement is
due to the fact that the business
interests of the country are quick
to realize the fact that the farmer
must succeed if other lines of
industry succeed, and there are
certain business interests which
keep a close watch on the sit-
uation and are the first to realize
the problems which fall in the
way of the farmers.

The more hog raising, more
dairying and more poultry and
more feed movements are consid-
ered the only solutions to the too
much cotton problem, and the
world, or at least our part of the
world, is ready to assist the far-
mer and handling the situation.

MORE HOGS IN NOLAN
COUNTY

The Board of City Development
of Sweetwater, assisted by the
banks of that city, are sponsoring
a movement for encouraging
pork production in Nolan county.

Orders are being booked for a
carload of brood sows to be dis-
tributed among the farmers. The
carload of hogs will be a starter,
and if more hogs can be placed
on the farms a second car will be
ordered.

The state daily papers are
carrying a story from Jayton,
Texas, of a farmer who realized
a net profit of \$240 off one sow
in twenty-two months, or a little
more than \$10 per month profit.

This is one of the good solu-
tions to the too much cotton prob-
lem. Farmers should raise all the
cotton they can, but they
should play safe and be in a po-
sition to give the cotton speculator
the ha-ha should over-production
drive the price down.

More feed and more hogs, more
cows and more poultry will knock
a crimp in the low price cotton
problem.

L. Jameson, of Talpa, who
underwent an operation in the
Halley & Love Sanitarium sev-
eral months ago, was returned to
the sanitarium again this week,
and will undergo another opera-
tion Saturday. Mr. Jameson has
been in bad health for some time
and his friends will regret to
know that he has not regained his
health.

Kirk Gregory is convalescing
nicely at the home of his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and
it is now believed that he will
regain his health. The young man
spent five or six months in the
hospital and underwent a series
of operations as the result of a
bad appendix. He was able to
leave the sanitarium and return
to his home last Friday.

If you get a breezy letter,
maybe it came by air mail.

THINKS SHOULD
REDUCE ACERAGE
OF 1926 COTTON

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Red-
uction of cotton acreage, grow-
ing of better staple, obtaining of
a higher price for the "white
gold of the South," and an in-
crease in feed crop acreage in the
South, were urged by George B.
Terrell, commissioner of agricul-
ture in Texas, before the South-
west Agricultural Conference
here today.

The Texan declared the South
plants too much cotton and as
a consequence gets a low price.
He suggested only 36,000,000
acres should be planted this year
in comparison with 46,000,000
acres last year, and told of meet-
ings of bankers and agricultural
agents in Texas, who are spon-
soring the slogan, "Better cotton
on fewer acres, and more feed on
more acres." He recommended
the slogan be adopted by the con-
vention.

Commissioner Terrell urged the
cotton production of 12,000,000
bales, which, he claimed, would
prevent a surplus of the staple
and would bring a price of \$10
to \$20 more a bale.

Regarding the curtailment of cot-
ton acreage in 1915 following the
bumper crop of 1914 when 16,
000,000 bales of cotton were pro-
duced and prices dropped to five
cents a pound, Commissioner Ter-
rell said the farmers would again
reduce their acreage if rightly
approached. He suggested a cen-
tral committee be selected in each
state, as done in Texas, to con-
duct the campaign for less cotton
acreage.

He scored the proposed federal
bill to create a division of co-
operative marketing in the
United States Department of Ag-
riculture, saying that some of
the federal experts had "never
marketed as much as a pound of
peanuts." He asserted the bill is
a "camouflage to fool the
people and seems to have the en-
dorsement of the administra-
tion." Commissioner Terrell
said the "government cannot aid
the farmers in securing higher
prices for surplus products sold
to foreign markets without fixing
prices."

The only plan is to grow the
necessary food and feed products
on the farm, build up the soil in
order to make agriculture per-
manently prosperous, growing of
ample food and feed to supply the
South, automatically reduce the

cotton crop and raise the price
to where it is profitable to pro-
duce cotton, Commissioner Ter-
rell said.

"No country can prosper when
agriculture languishes, and we
must build the soil by terracing
the rolling lands, by rotating
crops, by planting legumes, and
fertilizing the lands that respond
to fertilization," the commis-
sioner declared.

BACK GIVEN OUT?

Then Follow the Advice of This
Ballinger Resident

Are you dragging along day
after day with a dull, nagging
backache? Do you feel tired,
lame and achy, suffer sharp, tor-
turing pains at every sudden
move? Then look to your kid-
neys! Colds, strains and over-
work weaken the kidneys and
bring on throbbing backache and
knife-like twinges. Don't risk
serious kidney disease! Use
Doan's Pills—a stimulant di-
uretic to the kidneys. Read what
this Ballinger resident says:

Mrs. J. C. Cline, 1207 Hutch-
ings Avenue, says: "When I
stooped to lift anything, sharp
pains stabbed through my back.
My back was weak and sore and
housework was a burden. Severe
headaches and dizzy spells were
frequent, too. My kidneys failed
to act regularly and I felt weak
all of the time. I used Doan's
Pills and was entirely cured. The
cure has remained lasting."
60c. at all dealers. Foster-
Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

ANGELO MAN IS
SHOT TO DEATH

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 8.—Leo
McInnis, age 40, a stockman and
livestock trader, is dead, and
Roy Spiers is in the Tom Green
county jail as the result of a
shooting affair here this morning.
Spiers made no statements, but
told local officers that he would
be justified for what he did by
the courts of the land.

ARE YOU SICK?

Do you have stomach trouble, loss of
weight, loss of sleep, nervousness,
frequent headaches, dizziness, depre-
ssion and loss of energy? If so, I have
a FREE message for you. Write W. C.
Rountree, M. D., Texas'anna, Texas.

Willie Stephens returned Thurs-
day at noon from Dallas, where
he had been on business.

Be wise and advertise.

W. T. Baker was in the city
from the Maverick country Tues-
day. Mr. Baker said that the
small grain acreage in his part
of the county was looking good,
but that the acreage was much
smaller than it should be.

SEED SEED SEED SEED

Car load fresh Field Seed: Seed
Irish Potatoes, Onion Plants, now
ready for you. Bring your chick-
ens and eggs to us. Better fixed
than ever to serve you.
Currie Mercantile Co.
12-21w

Among successful catches of
fish reported here recently was
that of W. A. Holt, who came in
Tuesday evening with two fish
that totalled fourteen pounds, a
pair of nice blue cat, snagged
by use of "stink" bait.

Misses Grace Thompson and
Grace Neas, who are attending
school at Abilene, came down Sat-
urday for a week-end visit with
home folks.

L. R. TIGNER

Jeweler and Optometrist

Glasses
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Ledger want ads pay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Clerk:
W. A. FORGEY
- MRS. OSCAR HOLLIDAY
- For County Treasurer:
MRS. JENNIE KIRK
- For Sheriff:
R. E. McWILLIAMS
- For Tax Collector:
W. L. BROWN
- G. W. DUNLAP
- For County Judge:
PAUL TRIMMIER
- For District Clerk:
GEORGIA SINGLETARY
- For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD
- For County Superintendent:
R. E. WHITE
- For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 1:
ROY HIGGINBOTHAM
- TORE LITTLE
- W. T. NICHOLS
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 1:
For Commissioner Precinct
No. 3:
GEO. W. MILLER
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 2:
D. W. YEAGER
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 4:
I. A. CURRY



Wishes to express its appreciation
for the large attendance at its
opening Saturday and for the favor-
able remarks and encouragement
extended.

Come back again.
The "M" System Store

1926 SALE

OPENING SATURDAY, FEB. 13
Closes Saturday, Feb. 20th

Savings that Will Make You Glad

Display after display of bright spic and span newly arrived merchandise—for the
Family and for the Home.

No matter what the season this store maintains standard qualities in merchandise for
home uses. The service value in all of the bargains given here may be relied upon.

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| 9-inch Salad Bowl, floral decorated,
each | 19c | Bleached Turkish Towel, during this offering,
each | 19c |
| 2-quart size Aluminum Pudding Pan, Sauce Pan or Mixing
Bowl, each | 19c | 9 1-2-inch plain steel Fry Pan
each | 19c |
| Leather faced Canvas Gloves, the
pair | 19c | Get in on this bargain—Gold Band Cup and Saucer, semi-
porcelain, each | 19c |
| 9-inch Pie Plates, tins, during this sale
5 for | 19c | Gold Band Plates to match Cup and Saucer, 9-inch
size, each | 19c |
| 14-quart Enameled Dish Pan, one to a customer,
each | 19c | For school or home, Lead Pencils, during sale,
12 for | 19c |
| 12x3 Enameled Wash Basin, during this sale,
each | 19c | Metal frame easel back Mirrors, during 19c Sale,
each | 19c |
| Big Bargain in Teaspoons, during sale
10 for | 19c | Men's Tanned Leather Half-Soles, during sale,
the pair | 19c |
| A startling offer—9-quart Galvanized Pail
each | 19c | | |

Many other items too numerous to mention.

General Variety
Store

THE IVORY

Ladies Rest
Room

C. C. BOARD IN BUSY SESSION

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce met in the office of the commercial organization Tuesday night, and considerable important business came up for discussion, and action was taken for carrying on the work.

Committee reports included a report from E. E. King, chairman of the budget committee; a report from R. T. Williams, chairman of the membership committee; a report from J. McGregor, chairman of the civic committee; a report from E. D. Walker, chairman of the livestock and agricultural committee; and a report from J. D. Motley, secretary of the poultry association.

The budget committee report showed that \$5,653 had been pledged to the support of the chamber during 1926 by the larger contributors, and the work of canvassing for funds has not been completed.

The membership committee reported 159 members signed up and stated that material was available for increasing the membership to 225, which is expected to be done before a final report is made. Membership dues are \$1 per month, and the total subscribed for the budget and from the membership dues amounts to \$7,561, and this amount will be increased to probably \$9,000. The budget includes expenses of supporting the band this year, the

Chamber of Commerce having taken over the band.

Under the head of civic activities it was reported by this committee that a move was on foot for providing a city playground and bathing pool for the public. Sites for such a place are being considered.

The report of the livestock, agriculture and poultry committee outlined a program for diversified farming, and this question will be discussed by a meeting of the committee and the county's bankers to be held Friday night of this week.

The secretary of the poultry association was instructed to pay out of the treasury of the chamber a deficit which exists in the poultry association as a result of the recent show at Ballinger. The receipts of the poultry show lacked probably \$150 or \$200 of taking care of the expenses.

The question of taking a census of Ballinger and getting an accurate count on the population of the city at this time, was discussed, and the secretary was authorized to co-operate with the

various organizations of Ballinger in taking a census.

Most of the directors were present at the meeting and optimism for a successful year's work prevailed. It was the first meeting held since the new board was organized and elected officers following the annual banquet.

PREVENTS INFECTION

The greatest discovery in flesh healing is the marvelous Burtus, a preparation that comes in liquid and powder form. It is a combination treatment that not only purifies the wound of germs that cause infection but it heals the flesh with extraordinary speed. Bad wounds or cuts which take weeks to heal with the ordinary liniments mend quickly under the powerful influence of this wonderful remedy. Price (liquid) 50c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 50c and 60c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store



FOUR NEW BUNGALOWS NEARING COMPLETION

Four stucco houses which Col. G. G. Odom is having erected on the corner near the Methodist church on Tenth Street will soon be ready for occupancy. Col. Odom is building the houses to

rent, and they will be the most modern tenant houses in the city.

A house which Col. Odom recently purchased from Mrs. P. E. Truly, and which was one of the old landmarks on Tenth Street, was torn down to make room for the new stuccos, and the lot including the two corner lots, was cut into four building sites.

Ballinger's growth has been retarded for a lack of living quarters, and the type of houses being built by Col. Odom will help to solve the problem and will no doubt prove a good investment.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tyson are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl born to them on February 3rd. The young lady gets the name Elizabeth.

C. T. Hancock, of the Wingate country, was here on business Tuesday.

Big Masquerade Dance in O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena

A Masquerade Dance will be given at the O. D. H. S. Hall, Saturday, February 13th.

Five prizes will be given. If the weather should prohibit the dance will be postponed to Monday, February 15th, and in case of severe weather then, the dance will be postponed to Tuesday, February 16th.

Masked Ball opens at 8:00 or before and lasts until 9:00 o'clock.

The public may dance thereafter.

Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra. COMMITTEE 11-2td-1tw

TO THE VOTERS

Having decided to again announce for the office of County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, I want to thank you for your past support and consideration. My past experience better fits me to serve you and, if elected, I will conduct the affairs of the office impartially and as efficiently as

I can. With your co-operation I feel that more can be done for the roads of Precinct No. 3 in the next two years than any like time of the past.

Sincerely,
GEO. W. MILLER
1tw*

A Tough Situation

"My wife and four children were dependent on me for their living. My stomach and liver trouble of five years had made me dependent, as no medicine seemed to help me, and I was gradually wasting away. It was a tough situation. My cousin in Columbus wrote me about having taken MAYR'S 'One Dose Will Convince,' and advised me to try it. I am now feeling better than for fifteen years." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. At all druggists.



FOUND—Four Casings near Offen church, nearly new. With identification they can be received from F. W. Kreidel, Rowena, Texas, Route A. 11-2td-1tw*

FOR SALE—Pure bred, Rhode Island red, single comb, chickens and eggs. Cockerels \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Mrs. W. H. McClatchy, Eldorado, Texas. 12-2tw*

LOST—Lady's gray leather Pocket Book, containing some money, bank book, check book, etc., on highway between Ballinger and Miles. Notify Mrs. James Wilson, 726 Butternut St., Telephone 680, Abilene, Texas. Liberal reward. 19-2td-1tw*

FOR SALE—Small Cafe, well located, good business. See R. W. Powell, Winters, Texas. 9-2td-1tw*

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Apply to R. L. Booth, phone 3940, Ballinger. 6-6td-1tw*

FOR SALE—Two year old peach trees, 25 cents each. 107 North Twelfth Street. Phone 1210. 8-2td-1tw*

FOR SALE—About 4,000 bundles good bright maize and feterita, with some grain, four cents per bundle. One good mule about six years old, fifteen hands high, \$90. One second-hand Sanders double disc plow, \$30. Wm. Goetz, ten miles South of Ballinger, Route A, Box 77. 2-2td-2tw

FOR SALE—I have some good work horses to sell, or will trade for cattle. B. J. Clayton. 5-2tw*

FOR SALE—Cord wood for sale at \$2.50 per cord or delivered at Ballinger at \$5.50 per cord. Roy Morgan, Norton. 5-3tw*

FOR SALE—Mesquite wood, \$3.00 per cord. Mrs. Pink King, Crews. 29-3tw*

FOR SALE—Good cord wood, \$3.50 per cord. P. R. Dietz, Crews. 22-4tw

WANTED—To grade your cotton seed. Have a brand new grader. Satisfaction guaranteed. Anyone wanting their seed graded see me or write J. W. Edwards, Guion, Texas. 31-3td-1tw

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

HICKS RUBBER CO. REDUCES PRICES!

We Announce a Reduction in Price On Every Tire and Tube In Stock From

15% to 25%

While the Rubber Market Fluctuates Daily, Yet the Hicks Rubber Co., Has Reduced Its Prices Far In Excess of the Recent 10% Decline Announced By Tire Manufacturers.

SHOULD ANY RISE IN THE RUBBER MARKET OCCUR WE COULD NOT CONTINUE THESE REMARKABLY LOWER PRICES FOR MORE THAN 10 DAYS

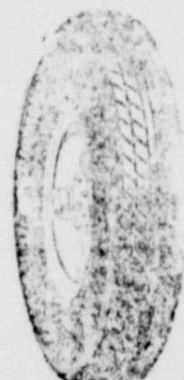
DAYTON and DIAMOND tires have always led the field in quality. They are now far ahead in both quality and price.

DAYTON CORDS

4-ply Oversize	\$13.25
6-ply Oversize	\$17.45
30x3 1/2 Cfincher Balloon	\$15.75
32x3 1/2 S. S.	\$21.75
31x4 S. S.	\$24.50
32x4 Red Stripe	\$26.50
33x4 Red Stripe	\$27.50
34x4 Red Stripe	\$28.45
32x4 1/2 Red Stripe	\$36.50
33x4 1/2 Red Stripe	\$37.50
34x4 1/2 Red Stripe	\$38.50
30x5 Red Stripe	\$43.50
33x5 Red Stripe	\$45.00

DIAMOND

Double 30x3 1/2	\$ 9.75
32x3 1/2 Cord	\$17.25
31x4 Cord	\$19.25
32x4 Cord	\$21.85
33x4 Cord	\$22.80
34x4 Cord	\$23.70
32x4 1/2 Cord	\$29.50
33x4 1/2 Cord	\$30.50
34x4 1/2 Cord	\$31.50
33x5 Regular	\$37.75



30x3 1-2 Tire DIAMOND CORD

Double Diamond Tread

\$9.75

30x3 1-2 Tube DOUBLE DIAMOND

\$1.75

SPECIALS

30x3 1/2 Pall Mall Cords	\$ 7.75
33x4 Carrollton Cords	\$14.50

Standard Four

BALLOONS

29x4.40 Standard 4 Balloon	\$13.75
31x5.25 Standard 4 Balloon	\$21.75
30x5.77 Standard 4 Balloon	\$25.75
33x6.00 Standard 4 Balloon	\$28.75

DIAMOND BALLOON

DIAMOND SEMI-BALLOON	
31x4.40	\$18.25
32x4.95	\$24.85
33x4.95	\$25.85
34x4.95	\$26.50
33x5.77, 6-ply	\$37.25
34x5.77, 6-ply	\$38.25

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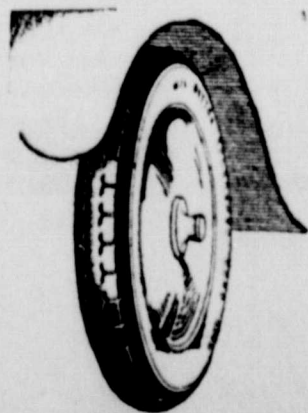
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34x4.95	\$28.25
33x5.77, 6-ply	\$38.50
34x5.77, 6-ply	\$39.50

DAYTON BALLOON

29x4.40, Day. Bal.	\$16.85
31x5.25, 6-ply	\$32.50
30x5.77, 6-ply	\$35.50
33x6.00, 6-ply	\$41.50



Buy the Tires You Need, Now!

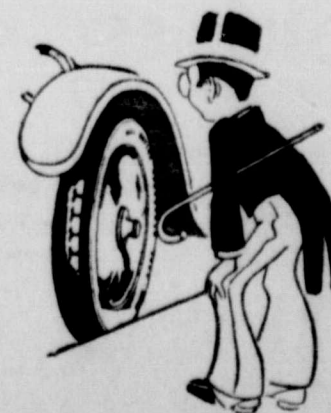
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TEXAS' LARGEST TIRE HOUSE

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Waco	San Angelo	Colorado	Taylor	Corsicana
Austin	Brownsville	Lubbock	Tyler	Childress
Temple	Abilene	Eastland	Brenham	Brownwood
				Luling
				Lampasas
				Lockhart

Day Phone 55

BALLINGER, TEXAS,



Advices Ailing Women

"I was rundown in health some years ago and was advised to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," said Mrs. Elke Carter of 2516 Rosewood St., Dallas, Texas, whose picture appears here. "It was recommended to me as the most reliable feminine tonic and I believe it is. It helped me in every way and I have heard a great many say that it did the same for them. I believe all who try the 'Favorite Prescription' will be greatly benefited."

All dealers, tablets or liquid, or send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial pkg. tablets and write for free advice.

METHODIST MEET IN SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 6.—Denominational lines are to be temporarily forgotten in a regional Methodist church conference on stewardship and brotherhood here February 15th and 16th. This meeting is the ninth in a series now in progress in Southern cities and includes the West Texas, Central Texas and the New Mexico conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

While the meetings are conducted under the direction of the Southern Methodist church, ministers and laymen of other denominations will be welcomed, the announcement states.

Two British lay leaders, William Ward, honorary life president of the World Brotherhood Federation; and Sir Richard Winfrey, general treasurer of the organization, will be among the honor guests. Sir Richard has served for 19 years in the British parliament. Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, in charge of Methodist interests in Europe and president of the World Brotherhood Federation, will be a speaker.

The purpose of the series of conferences is to organize Southern Methodist men into active groups engaged in Christian stewardship and service, and to bring Methodist men together for fellowship and personal work.

Judge M. A. Childers, of San Antonio, lay leader of the West Texas conference; and Dr. D. E. Hawk, presiding elder, are among those actively in charge. Judge W. Erskine Williams of Fort Worth, and L. J. Ayers, of El Paso, lay leaders for the Central Texas and New Mexico conferences, with Judge Childers have issued invitations to the 500 pastors and 24 presiding elders of the three conferences to attend.

Catarrah Deafness

Is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

RADIOS HELP THE TROUBLE SHOOTERS

"Radios help us find current leaks in the lines around town," observes Lou Geer of the West Texas Electric Co. "Folks call up and tell us that our lines are interfering with radio reception in a certain neighborhood. Then we go out and sometimes find where a lightning arrester has broken down or something else happened that causes a leakage of current into the ground in that vicinity."—Sweetwater Reporter.

George Humlung, of the Cicero Smith ranch, is recovering from a very severe attack of scarlet fever.

HEALTH QUEST

The quest for a strong body often continues from childhood to old age. Nature builds health and a sound body best through nourishment.

Scott's Emulsion of invigorating cod-liver oil is a dependable ally to those of any age in the quest for health and a sound body. Take Scott's Emulsion! Price 50¢ and \$1.50 Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

OFFICERS GET BOOZE CAR AND MAN AT WINTERS

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams was called to Winters by the Winters officers early Saturday morning, and the sheriff returned to Ballinger in a short time with a man giving his name as C. G. Thorne, under arrest. Thorne was placed in jail and charges of violating the prohibition law have been filed against him.

Thorne's case makes the twenty-ninth felony case which the county attorney will report to the grand jury for investigation when that body convenes here Monday. Of this number ten are for liquor law violations.

Arriving at Winters, Sheriff McWilliams, assisted by the Winters deputy who got trace of the liquor, obtained a search warrant and made a raid on a coupe standing in front of the Tourist Hotel at Winters. The officers found six and one-half gallons of whiskey in the car.

The owner of the car was registered at the Tourist Hotel by the name of Cooper. The officers went to the room occupied by the man, and placed him under arrest. The man arrested gave his name as C. G. Thorne, instead of Cooper, and denied ownership of the car. He declared that it was not his car, but when confronted with the facts in the case he changed his story and said that he came from Fort Worth to Winters Friday, and that a stranger borrowed his car after he arrived at Winters, and after using it, left it standing in front of the hotel and disappeared. He stated that he did not know the stranger.

The man under arrest is said to have had his car stolen in Ballinger about two weeks ago. He left the car parked near the Cameron garage on Eighth Street when it disappeared. Later the car was found in the residence district of this city on Eighth Street.

Thorne had \$1100 on his person when arrested, it is alleged, and he proposed to put up a cash bond, but the officers informed him that they could not accept a cash bond unless it was made through the bank. The man was still in jail Saturday afternoon, and his case will go to the grand jury Monday.

Sufferers of Skin Diseases

Hooper's Tetter-Bem is guaranteed for all skin diseases or troubles makes no difference of how long standing. If you are troubled with Eczema, Tetter, Itch, (any form) Ringworm, Pimples, Salt-Rheum, Dandruff, Cracked Hands, Poison Ivy, Old Sores, Erysipelas, or any other skin disease or trouble, secure a bottle of Hooper's Tetter-Bem on our positive guarantee to give you entire satisfaction or your money back. A liquid. Will not stain. A guarantee. Two sizes, 75c and \$1.50. Mfgd. by Kovaline Medicine Co., Dallas, Texas. Sold and guaranteed by

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION IN APRIL

The first election to be held in Ballinger this year will be the school trustee election to be held early in April. The school board will issue a call for the election within the next month. Similar elections will be held throughout the county, for both common and independent school districts.

At Ballinger the terms of four members of the board expire, and it is reported that a fifth member of the board will resign, which, if true, will make it necessary to elect five new members. The holdovers on the board are Rev. W. H. Doss, Jess Jones and W. E. Middleton. The retiring members are W. B. Currie, S. C. Routh, Lee Butler and M. B. Wardlaw. The retiring members have not handed in their names for re-election, and no names have been mentioned in connection with filling the important positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jay, of Abilene, were visitors to Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Jay was looking after business and Mrs. Jay came along to visit her sister, Mrs. Rosecoe DeMerville.

Louis Jameson, of the Talpa section, underwent an operation in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Saturday morning, and it was announced that he stood the operation as well as could be expected. It was the second operation for Mr. Jameson, he having spent several weeks in the sanitarium here last summer.

BETTIS-STURGESS BUY CALDCLEUGH

J. C. Sturgess and B. H. Bettis arrived in Ballinger Friday and opened the R. E. Caldcleugh store and assumed management of the business. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgess will be here with the local ladies' store as managers, and Mr. Bettis will return to his home at May as soon as the stock has been checked over and some improvements made.

Mr. Bettis stated to a Ledger reporter that the interior of the building would be remodeled and new merchandise added as soon as same could be purchased and shipped here. The business will remain an exclusive ladies store, but piece goods, shoes and other lines will be added to the stock already on hand. The firm will be known here as Bettis & Sturgess and the same firm operates stores at Brownwood and Comanche under the firm name of Bettis & Gibbs.

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable. Relief is sure.

UNIVERSITY BAND COMING MARCH 27

The entertainment committee of the American Legion is busy closing up with the University of Texas Band for an appearance of the musical organization here on March 27th. The attraction will be staged in the high school auditorium, and it goes without saying that the first who reserve seats will be fortunate, as the auditorium will no doubt be taxed to take care of the crowd which will be eager to see the band and hear the musical program which will be presented.

The company which will come here to stage the show will include the Texas Longhorn Band, the Texas Longhorn Orchestra, and other artists. The band is playing the larger cities and Ballinger is fortunate in getting a date on the itinerary.

BLUE WAGON MEEBANE COTTON

I have a limited quantity of Blue Wagon Meebane second-year cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel. Phone 4300. W. C. Wheeler, Ballinger, Texas. 5-31w.*

SELLS SANDY LAND FOR \$60 PER ACRE

T. S. Lankford disposed of the remainder of his sandy land holdings while here from Abilene Thursday. Mr. Lankford sold ten acres, more or less, of sandy land near the cemetery to Mr. Lampe for \$60 an acre. He sold a part of his sandy land in South Ballinger some time ago.

Mrs. Emma Nash is ill at her home on Eighth Street with pneumonia. She was taken ill Thursday and the physicians pronounced the trouble pneumonia Saturday.

STOMACH MISERY, GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" Corrects Sour, Upset Stomachs at Once. "Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness, fermentation or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and digestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages.

ECZEMA PICKS UP CAR THIEF ON ROAD

Dries right up!

If you just realized how easy it is to stop itchy, burning eczema by simply building up the red-blood-cells in your blood with S. S. S., you wouldn't waste another minute trying to do it any other way.

That's the only way to relieve irritated, broken out skin of any sort. You lack rich, red blood. Impurities are in your system. The blood is so weak it can't fight back and overcome the enemy, so the impurities break out through the skin.

S. S. S. builds the blood back—builds millions of new red-blood-cells. Eczema dries right up. Boils, pimples, blackheads, ugly blotches and irritating rashes all disappear.

Clear up your skin. Get S. S. S. All druggists sell it. This 1-oz. bottle is more economical.

BUILDING NOTES

W. A. Nance is placing the material on the ground for construction of a new modern stucco bungalow. The new home will cost about \$10,000 and will occupy the site of the old home, the old house to be razed for the new one.

Work is progressing nicely on the new home of Dr. A. S. Love, near the sanitarium. The brick walls of the structure are up and a portion of the roof put on. This will be one of the most modern bungalows in the city.

Good headway is being made on construction of a new modern \$10,000 residence for Mrs. R. A. Dickinson on Eleventh Street. Mrs. Dickinson has been living in the Western suburbs of the city for several years. She will occupy the new home as soon as completed.

Jess Jones has just completed running the concrete which adds greatly to his residence on Broadway by the addition of curbs and sidewalks.

L. L. Stroble has let the contract for concrete sidewalks and curbs at the side and fronting his residence on Broadway.

The new building for a grocery store which is being constructed by Frank LaMotte on Hutchings Avenue, North of the Cameron lumber yard, is well underway. The building is being constructed of hollow brick tile.

Edwin Day is building a new two story garage in his yard on Broadway. The upper story will be used either as servants' quarters or as a reading room.

Work is rapidly progressing on the five-room bungalow being erect by L. E. Bair on Ninth Street.

A SPLENDID FEELING

That tired, half-sick, discouraged feeling caused by a torpid liver and constipated bowels can be gotten rid of with surprising promptness by using Herbine. You feel its beneficial effect with the first dose as its purifying and regulating effect is thorough and complete. It not only drives out bile and impurities but it imparts a splendid feeling of exhilaration, strength, vim, and buoyancy of spirits. Price 60c. Sold by

Weeks Drug Store

UNDERTAKERS BUY NEW AMBULANCE

C. R. Crews, undertaker for Higginbotham Bros. & Company, stated Saturday that his firm had just placed an order for a latest model limousine ambulance and hearse, and the order has been given the factory to proceed with the work and deliver the new ambulance as soon as possible. It will be built to order and necessarily will be several weeks before it is delivered.

The new machine will come fully equipped with the latest conveniences and equipment for giving first aid to the injured as well as for handling funerals.

The new ambulance will be of Sayers & Seoville make, and will be the third machine of this make used by the Higginbotham undertaking department. It will be delivered to Ballinger direct from the factory as soon as finished.

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

Fog Coffey was in the city from the Leaday country Tuesday, and went on the warpath with The Ledger for cutting him off the mailing list when his subscription expired. He reinstated and is in good standing with us again.

PICKS UP CAR THIEF ON ROAD

Jim Flynt ran onto an automobile thief, took charge of him and the car and turned both over to the sheriff of Irion county, Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Flynt had been to Sherwood on business and was in the sheriff's office conferring with the Irion sheriff when that officer received a phone message from Abilene giving the description of a Ford roadster which had just disappeared from that city. Mr. Flynt heard the conversation over the phone between the Taylor county sheriff and the Irion county sheriff, shortly after which the Ballinger man started for his home.

A short time after leaving Sherwood Mr. Flynt ran onto a Ford who was traveling in a Ford roadster and who had stopped to change castings. He recognized the vehicle from the description he had just heard, and he proceeded to take charge of the car and the man, later turning them over to the Irion county sheriff, and the Taylor county officer was notified.

A second man was seen leaving

the car before Mr. Flynt reached the scene. He was walking away in the direction of another car which was further down the road, and before the Ballinger man could apprehend the second man, he had stepped on the gas and made his get-away. The second car was no doubt a stolen car also.

A reward of \$25 for the car and \$50 for conviction of the thief was posted.

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M'CARTY'S HORSE TO BUCK AGAIN

FT. WORTH, Feb. 5.—Eddie McCarty's bucking horses will again be a feature of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 6 to 13, according to announcement made by rodeo officials this week.

There will be fifty "bad actors" in the McCarty string this year, according to the contractor. The famous collector of untamed and ungovernable broncs has been very busy during the past few months making additions to his string that will cause worry and discomfort to the rodeo stars who will appear in the arena here during the Stock Show.

Bob Tadlock, rodeo manager, announces that some of the best rodeo talent in America now is negotiating with the management to come here for the spring exhibition.

FT. WORTH, Feb. 5.—Secretary of Agriculture William Jardine, who several times has expressed a desire to visit Texas, will be extended an invitation to do so during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 5-13, it was announced by Ed E. Henry, secretary-manager.

Secretary Jardine already has indicated he will be in the city at that time as the guest of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, holding its 50th annual convention March 8-10. The invitation of the stock show association is to address a gathering of livestock men and to be present at the auction sale of registered stock.

The secretary's address is to be given in the new Livestock Auction Building, in which some of the largest livestock sales ever held in the South will be held, exposition officials say.

The new auction arena is one of several new buildings being completed for the 1926 show. The automobile show building has been finished and decorators are putting on the finishing touches. A large number of new livestock pens has been added.

The opening event of the exposition will be the pageant and coronation of the queen, which, for the first time in the history of the exposition, will be held on Friday rather than on Saturday night.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have decided to again announce for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, and want to solicit your vote and support. If again elected to the office it will be my aim to serve you to the very best of my ability and I think my past experience in the office better fits me to serve you in the future. Thanking you for your past consideration and trusting you will feel that my conduct of the office has been such as to enlist your favorable action in the July primary election, I am,

Sincerely,
D. W. YEAGER
Itw.

Mrs. Emma Nash, who was reported to be ill with pneumonia last Saturday, is getting along nicely. It developed that Mrs. Nash was only threatened with pneumonia, and the case was not pronounced pneumonia, as was at first reported.

ICE SPORTS FOR SUNSHINE CITY

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 5.—The North's great winter sports—ice skating and hockey—are finding favor in San Antonio, and while Iowa and Illinois tourists are tramping over the golf courses and forgetting the snow back home, natives of the South are learning to glide gracefully over the frozen water.

All the ice skating, of course, is done in a local rink where the ice is produced by artificial means, for even the recent cold weather was not cold enough to freeze lagoons and streams.

The interest in this sport manifested by San Antonians in a few weeks has been surprising, and, largely through army men stationed here the first ice hockey game ever played below the Mason-Dixon line has been played and has opened the way for a hockey league.

Three local teams are now playing each other—Second Division of the Army, Brooks Field of the Army Air Service, and the Crystal Palace Sextet. A third army team is being organized at Kelly Field by Lt. Col. C. C. Culver, commanding officer, and Lieutenant Vandenberg. When it is ready for play there will be a game probably every Tuesday and Friday nights. At present one contest is played, every Thursday evening.

A number of army officers who played hockey at West Point are on the rosters of the local posts. Major Ralph Royce and Lieut. Greenlaw are two of the Brooks Field six who chased the puck while at the army school, and Lieutenants Kilpack and Jennings of the Second Division are other West Pointers.

Intense rivalry has arisen between the army teams. One afternoon both the Brooks Field and Second Division outfits appeared at the rink for practice at 5:00 o'clock. They were unable to agree to which team was entitled to practice, so they commenced an informal game.

Ice hockey is being recognized by the schools. The athletic director of Main Avenue High school found 15 boys who were eager to take up the game, and from them a team is expected to be formed. The San Antonio Military Academy is contemplating adding the ice sport to its athletics.

Handicapped a bit, as the hockey players are, by the size of the rink, they nevertheless put on a fast and exciting game. The rink is approximately 170 by 70, as compared with the standard size of 180 by 80 feet. This small difference tends to slow up the game and eliminate combination plays.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

In my past experience as County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, I have served you to the best of my ability. I have decided to ask for re-election to the office and feel confident that I can give you better service in the future, on account of familiarity with the duties of the office. I want to thank you for your past support and solicit your consideration in the coming election.

Sincerely,
L. A. CURRY
Itw.

W. D. Gregory and Louis Tigner visited in Abilene Sunday.

Careless Control of Scarlet Fever Declared in Report

Dr. Primer, of the section of contagious diseases of the State Board of Health, was in Ballinger Thursday in conference with County Health Officer W. B. Halley, and went from Ballinger to Paint Rock.

There has been quite a number of cases of scarlet fever in the rural communities, according to Dr. Halley. The disease has been prevalent in the Wingate, Crews, Winters and Oak Creek sections. So far there has been one death, and several of the patients have been quite ill and serious complications have resulted in a number of cases.

In the Crews community a patient suffered the complete loss of her hearing, while in the Winters country another patient suffered a facial paralysis. These unfortunate results might have been prevented had proper precaution been used in quarantining the first cases developing in the communities and checking the spread of the disease.

The county health officer states that on the whole he has had the full co-operation of the doctors in the county in reporting scarlet fever cases, but in some instances mild cases have not been reported and hence no quarantine restrictions imposed. It is supposed that it was from these mild cases that such a wide spread of the disease has occurred.

The county health officer reports that several grown persons have been victims of the epidemic and were seriously ill for a time. The doctor said that he would urge the parents having children with sore throats to keep them at home until the cause of the trouble is determined. He also urges that teachers in the various rural schools send all children home from school who are not feeling well, for often the spread of the disease is caused by children remaining in school after developing the disease.

A scarlet fever epidemic has been raging in Conecho county, it is reported, and Dr. Primer went from Ballinger to Paint Rock to investigate the report from that county.

a thrilling serial of ten tense episodes. The theme is drawn from the "death ray" machine recently invented by an Englishman who hopes by it to end all wars. Through the picture runs the efforts of a band of European conspirators to obtain the machine for their government.

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which defeated Red Grange's professionals by a score of 14 to 9. Bailey, whose home is at Eldorado, Texas, was captain of the team and according to the California papers he was the star.

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2 packages Skinner's SPAGHETTI		
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Says Foster Parents Love Their Kiddies

(By Associated Press).
SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 9.—Foster parents, no less than blood parents, believe their child "the most wonderful baby in the world," asserted Miss Jennie Furlow, field secretary of the Texas Children's Home Finding Society.

Without exception, she said, the responsible persons with whom the society places children declare themselves delighted with the boy or girl who is being given a new name and a home. Invariably the parents by adoption write appreciative letters saying they are positive they have the "sweetest baby" in existence.

The society, which is chartered by the state and is supported by voluntary contributions, endeavors not only to give orphans homes, but to place them in homes best suited to care for them. It is stipulated that the foster parents must be Christians and they must be vouched for by several reputable persons. Children up to ten years of age are placed. Usually they are orphans, but sometimes they are taken from families who realize that poverty will not allow them to provide such a home as their children should have. Always, the adopters are furnished with the full knowledge of its antecedents.

The society does not attempt to find homes for children whose parents have been feeble minded or have had similar weaknesses. "Our attitude," said Miss Furlow, "is that we, were we adopting children, would not want to take into our homes those whose parents have been mentally deficient or of poor character."

Last year, 49 children were placed, most of them with people well-to-do financially, throughout Southwest Texas. Besides placing these orphans, the society gives advice and counsel to families in distress and widowed mothers who are unable to support all their brood. While the society does not maintain a home for children, it lends aid in placing them in orphanages when the mother so desires.

Most of the time there are seventy-five applicants for babies, yet it is no easy task to find among that number a suitable home for a certain child, Miss Furlow said.

"Sometimes it seems that we just can't find a home where that child will 'fit,' she explained, "but we investigate and pray and we always find it eventually."

Creating of unbounded happiness is a "by-product" of the society's work. One after another foster parent tells the society's workers they had never known or imagined such happiness as they experienced after adopting a baby, for virtually all of the applicants are childless couples.

Miss Furlow cited a typical case. An infant girl, who before being placed, was so weak from malnutrition that it seemed she would not live, was restored to perfect health by one of the San Antonio physicians who contribute their services to the society. A few months ago Miss Furlow took the baby to her new home in one of the Rio Grande Valley towns. Recently a letter from the foster mother declared no Christmas ever had meant so much to her as the past one.

The society aids in having adoptions made legal, and a worker makes occasional visits to see how each of the children is getting along in his or her new home. The real parents, if living, are never told the name of the people to whom the child has been given, for sometimes they change their minds after previously having given their consent.

Attention Farmers

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Fred Mitchell, formerly of Ballinger, came in from Georgetown Sunday afternoon. He was a passenger on the train which was derailed East of Coleman, and he caught an auto to Ballinger. Mr. Mitchell is here looking after residence property which he owns in this city.

Drive carefully. The other fellow may be drunk too.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS ON LOCAL SCHOOLS

A copy of the supervisor's report on the Ballinger school has been received by the school board and superintendent of the city schools, and the report speaks quite highly of the schools, at the same time making some recommendations.

W. W. Knox, of the state department of education, recently visited the local schools, and inspected them. In his report he lists under four items as follows:

1. That a minimum of \$25 worth of library books be placed in each room of the elementary grades.

2. That the school be commended for its excellently administered organization. A separate building is used for housing the junior school. This modern unit of the system has been well organized and is doing efficient work. Improvements have been made in the high school course of study on a sound basis. The additional courses offered are practical and make the school more and more valuable to the community.

3. That Ballinger be congratulated on the attractive and carefully planned new high school building just completed.

4. That all material submitted for accrediting receive careful consideration. The community has just cause for being proud of the progress made in its school system during the past year.

SCHOLASTICS SHOW BIG INCREASE IN POPULATION

Taking the scholastic population of Runnels county as a basis to figure on, and allowing five people for each school child, the population of Runnels county is now approximately 30,000. There are about 5,900 school children in the county. It is estimated that there are at least 25,000 people in the county at this time.

The 1920 census was taken at a time following the severe drought and when many people had left the county to seek employment in the oil fields and at other places. At that time the census showed only a population of 17,074. The 1910 census gave the county a population of 20,858 and the 1900 census shows that the county had living within its confines 5,379 people.

COMPLETING ADDITION TO OFFICE BUILDING

The new brick and reinforced concrete extension of the office and store room of the West Texas Utilities Company is about complete and ready for occupancy. The new addition will be used for a work shop and for holding meetings of the employees, being subdivided and conveniently arranged. The enlarged floor space offers more room for the store and supply house in the rear of the present office building.

Dr. A. S. Love returned home Thursday night from Waco, where he had been for a brief visit with his family. Mrs. Love is staying at Waco while the children are in Baylor University.

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NEW FUNERAL COACH AND AMBULANCE HERE

E. E. King returned from Dallas Sunday where he went to receive a new funeral coach and ambulance which he purchased several months ago, and which was delivered to him at Dallas. Mrs. King accompanied Mr. King and they drove the old hearse of the King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Company to Dallas and returned in the new one. The old machine will be delivered to an undertaker at Jefferson, Texas.

The new combination funeral coach and ambulance is built on the style of a regular motor car, and when used as an ambulance will take away the appearance of a hearse. It is of the Henney make, finished in gun metal with black leather top.

The new coach is equipped with every convenience for handling ambulance work, rendering first aid, etc., and also has every convenience for conducting funerals. The coach is finished perfectly throughout, arranged with rear door and also door on each side, drop glass windows and adjustable ventilation equipment in the doors.

Hydraulic brakes make it possible for the chauffeur to control the car with ease. Electric lighting equipment is provided for illuminating the coach when necessary for night work. The car has no resemblance to a hearse, but carries every equipment necessary in connection with handling undertaking. It is in a class with the machines used in the larger cities in both ambulance and undertaking work and is a credit to Ballinger.

The King-Holt company placed an order for the coach several months ago, and received it as soon as it could be delivered to them.

W. P. Hearrell, one of the pioneers of this country, and who recently moved a bunch of sheep to Jasper, Texas, where he is batching and looking after the bunch, came up last week to spend a few days with his family in the Maverick country. He returned to Jasper Tuesday with a load of horses.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Caperton, and Mr. Caperton's sister, Miss Alpha, left Tuesday morning for Austin, where Mr. and Mrs. Caperton will make their home and where Miss Alpha will resume her work in the public schools of that city. They will remain in Austin until the close of the present school term when they will all return to Ballinger to make their home. Otis Clay has rented Mr. Caperton's home.

Mrs. Annie Stubblefield, district deputy for the Royal Neighbors, with headquarters at Coleman, is here visiting the local Royal Neighbor lodge and looking after her work.

Arthur Giesecke returned Monday from a business trip to Dallas.

Mrs. John Q. McAdams and children, of Winters, visited Mrs. McAdams' sister, Mrs. Henry Jones, Saturday.

TELEPHONE CO. IMPROVEMENTS

The West Texas Telephone Company has appropriated \$80,000 for improving its properties in the various towns which it is serving. Of this amount about \$4,000 will be spent in Ballinger, according to an interview given out by Fred W. Greber, vice-president and general manager of the company, at Brownwood, and published in the Brownwood Bulletin:

"Of this amount, some \$32,000 will be spent in Brownwood," Mr. Greber said, "in construction of an underground conduit for the business district of the city. We expect to spend about \$20,000 which is a part of the \$32,000 allotted for improvements in Brownwood."

About \$4,000 will be spent in Ballinger for station, pole, line and cable.

At Brady about \$3,500 will be expended in laying new cable, a central office and station equipment.

Coleman calls for \$4,000 in pole, cable and line work and also new station equipment.

At Menard about \$4,000 will be expended on cable, pole, line, switchboard and cable equipment.

Winters, a thriving little town in the northern part of Runnels county, will receive about \$5,000 worth of improvements in cable, pole, line and station equipment.

About \$3,000 will be spent at Bangs and Richland Springs for cable, pole and line construction.

Mr. Greber stated that about \$16,500 would be spent on improving the long distance facilities throughout the district served by his company.

Misses Ruth Skinner and Bettie Trammell, who are teaching at Mason, accompanied by Messrs. Lehnberg and Larrimore, of Mason, spent Sunday afternoon in Ballinger visiting relatives and friends.

Ledger advertising pays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce are tending to return to their home leaving for San Antonio to spend here early in April. They are the remainder of the winter, in-traveling overland.

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Feb. 19th

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Lunch will be served during the noon hour—free.

It has always been our aim to render a real service to the farmers of this community and we feel that thru this Oliver Day we can help you solve some of your farm problems. Oliver men will be on hand to answer questions and explain the uses of the full line of latest improved implements that we will have on display.

There will be no long talks, but the few words of those who are on the program will be well worth listening to.

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WOODROW WILSON BIRTH-PLACE MEMORIAL FUND

I have been appointed by the Wilson Memorial Committee as chairman of Ballinger to raise our quota for the preservation of our great war President's birth-place.

Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia on Dec. 28, 1856. Staunton is located in the beautiful Shenandoah valley.

There has been formed a plan to take over this building, and constitute it a memorial which will include furniture of the period, books and periodicals relating to Mr. Wilson and his times, and many other relics which would be interesting to posterity.

It is also planned to restore the chapel on the grounds of Mary Baldwin College, closely contiguous to the site of his birth, where Mr. Wilson's father preached and where he himself was baptized, and furthermore, to build on the new site of the College a Wilson Memorial Hall, the whole to form a complete birthplace memorial to the late president.

I have raised the following amount and hope that enough citizens will contribute to raise our quota which is about \$100.00.

Anyone wishing to contribute will please call me over phone or see me and I shall be glad to call or send for your contribution.

The following donations have been made:

- High school, \$17.25; Junior school, \$8.07; Elementary school, \$10.13; American Legion, \$10.00; Legion Auxiliary, \$5.00; Parent-Teachers Ass'n., \$2.50; Shakespeare Club, \$2.50; Chamber of Commerce, \$25.00. Total \$70.45.

I certainly wish to thank the different organizations for their hearty response to this cause.

Yours sincerely, W. A. CAIN.

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GROCERY STORE IN STALLS MEAT MARKET

Jones & Vogelsang have added a meat market to their grocery business and will handle fresh meats and make deliveries with grocery orders or will deliver meats separately.

Jones & Vogelsang are celebrating their first anniversary by adding the new department to their business. They have been in business one year, having occupied a location on Eighth Street until three months ago when they moved to their present quarters on Hutchings Avenue.

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

Dandruff is a skin disease and known as a scaly form of Tetter or Eczema. This microbe lives on the oily substance of the skin and robs the hair of its proper nourishment, causing it to fall out and the head to become bald.

METERS INDEX TO POPULATION

While it may not figure out accurately on such a basis, taking electric current consumers as an index, and counting so many people to the meter, the population of Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene and Winters can be very easily estimated.

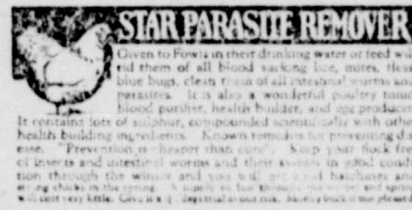
The West Texas Utilities Company is serving all these cities, and in round numbers they have 5,500 customers at Abilene, 3,500 at San Angelo, 1,100 at Ballinger and 800 at Winters, according to meter connections.

Figuring five persons to the meter, which has been estimated as a fair average per family, Abilene has a population of 27,500; San Angelo, 18,500; Ballinger, 5,500; and Winters 4,000. This ratio may be a little high, but it goes to show the comparative sizes of the cities named.

Abilene and San Angelo have both experienced building booms during the last year, and the booms continue. The Reagan and other Western counties oil development have been the means of putting San Angelo on the map boldly, various oil companies and other allied lines of business making that city headquarters for the Western oil fields.

As an educational center and a wholesale point Abilene has gained a lead over neighboring cities, and threatens to become the hub of West Texas. Ninety-two water and sewerage connections were made in Abilene during January, indicating the rapid growth of the city.

While Ballinger has not experienced an oil boom, and has not enjoyed any special advantages through development of her natural resources, the town has kept pace with her neighbors, and a gradual and substantial growth has maintained a steady gain in population.



Jones Company COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEET

The County Board of Education met in regular monthly session Monday. The meeting is held on the second Monday in each month in the office of the county superintendent.

The board is composed of one trustee from each commissioner's precinct and a trustee at large. The latter named place is vacant at this time, Prof. J. C. Watts, who was elected to the place having resigned some time ago to accept a school. As the time for electing trustees is near at hand, no appointment to fill the vacancy will be made, and someone will be elected to the position at the regular school trustee election.

Other members of the board are S. D. Williams, Ballinger; C. H. Ray, Miles; John McNeal, Winters; and W. M. Hope, of Precinct No. 2.

BROWNSVILLE TO VOTE NEW CITY AUDITORIUM

BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 4.—In preparation for the increasing number of conventions which are to be held in Brownsville, a special election will be held in the near future on a bond issue for building a municipal auditorium capable of seating 3,500 persons.

A survey of the approximate cost of the structure now is being made by a chamber of commerce committee and a petition for the election will be submitted to the city commission as soon as this information is available.

If title restrictions do not prevent, the structure likely will be located in Washington Park in the heart of the city. The park was deeded to the city of Brownsville many years ago by the Stillman estate, with provision should it ever be used for any purpose other than a park it would revert to original owners. An investigation is being made to determine whether building the auditorium in the park would void the city's title to the property.

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Show Big Advances in All Phases of Aviation

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 8.—Aviation, both military and commercial, has been advanced along several lines during the last year by experimentation and research at the engineering division headquarters of the army air service at McCook Field.

The developments have pertained to improvements of metals and other materials used in airplane construction, to more economical airplane construction, to improvements in designs of planes, and inventions and adaptations of accessories and methods in connection with aviation, says a report of the year's progress.

The predominant trend in military aircraft development has been toward a marked reduction in the number of types of planes required for military purposes. Formerly fifteen standard types of aircraft were considered necessary properly to fulfill all military functions. Today only five general types are required to accomplish the same purposes.

The five general types to which planes now conform to meet military requirements are: Pursuit, bombardment, observation, training and transport.

The first plane built in the United States exclusively for ambulance purposes made its appearance during the year. It accommodates a pilot, a flight surgeon and two patients, the latter being carried in litters in the fuselage. Medical supplies are carried.

Practicability of the Loening amphibian plane for land-water air use was proved by the MacMillan polar flight and the photographing tour in the Minnesota watershed region, said the report.

New accessories developed during the year included pneumatic landing shock absorbers and the airplane brake. The shock absorbers are telescoping cylinders containing oil and water. The brakes decrease by about one-third the distance of roll on the ground after landing.

Engine development has progressed towards its ultimate goal of one pound per horsepower. New water-cooled engines weigh one and a small fractions pounds per horsepower. A valuable contribution to this branch of air navigation was the air-cooled Liberty engine.

Bombing under conditions formerly considered unfavorable both as to height and clarity of the atmosphere was improved by a new bomb sight. Effective results can now be obtained at a height of from 10,000 to 20,000 feet, well above the present actual danger zone of anti-aircraft guns.

High-powered incandescent lights have been developed to supplement carbon arcs in aerial beacons, air-drome floodlights and landing field illumination.

Three new instruments, the earth induction compass, the drift

sight and the flight indicator are being perfected to recourse flying through fogs and above clouds. A sensitive altimeter has been developed for aiding in aerial photography.

New aerial map-making cameras have been invented and developed. Night aerial pictures are now being taken with the aid of flashlight powder dropped from planes. Mapping of air mail lanes and photographing of agricultural fields for crop reports has been successfully undertaken.

SICKLY, PEEVISH CHILDREN

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality.

The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction to the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

MRS. D. P. MOSER IS HURT IN FALL FROM BED

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser returned from Maryneal Sunday night, where they were called on account of the serious injury of Mr. Moser's mother, Mrs. D. P. Moser. Mrs. Moser had regained consciousness and was resting very well when Mr. and Mrs. Moser left her bedside Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Moser fell from her bed some time during Friday night, and was rendered unconscious. No bones were broken, and it is presumed that the greatest injury was due to the shock. She is eighty-six years of age, and the attending physician stated that it was difficult to determine the extent of the injury or what might be the outcome of one of her age.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moser received notice of the accident, and accompanied by a nurse whom they secured from San Angelo, they went to Maryneal early Saturday. Mrs. Moser has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Price Maddox, at Maryneal for some time.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. If you wish to know if your child has worms, get two or three worms will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strength giving tonic to the whole system. Remember, then, throw off or drive the worms, and your child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. Get your bottle.

COLEMAN SHERIFF GETS 110 GALLONS MASH, STILL

Sheriff J. A. Trammell and deputies Stafford, Maxwell, and Comely had the pleasure the latter part of last week of destroying 110 gallons of mash found in the storm cellar of a home East of Glen Cove, and the owner didn't have a pig on the place, according to officers. The man implicated is now out on bond as a result of previous arrest for transporting liquor and so far no charges have been filed in the present case.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

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New Telephone Directory

Our new telephone directory will go to press within the next few days. If you haven't telephone connection and contemplate having a telephone put in your place of business or your residence, or if you desire any change in your present listing, see our local manager.

As an advertising medium the telephone directory is unsurpassed. This directory goes into the homes of over one thousand families and is consulted hundreds of times a day. You can reach more people by an advertisement in the telephone directory than any other way.

Make your telephone work for you by advertising in this directory. Call our local manager for space and advertising rates.



WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.

RUNNELS COUNTY HEADS THE LIST

Picking out a number of West Texas last year, the Fort Worth one-half of the cotton raised in Texas last year, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram heads the list with Runnels county.

Other papers are taking note of Runnels county's lead over all West Texas, and so near the top in the entire state. For several years Runnels county has ranked close to the top in cotton production, occupying thirteenth and fourteenth place in the state. Not only does Runnels county

rank high in cotton production, but it is among the highest in poultry and egg output, as well as occupying a conspicuous place in production of livestock, wool and forage crops.

BETHEL GIRLS DEFEAT BALLINGER GIRLS

In a spirited basketball game at Bethel Friday afternoon the Bethel girls defeated the Ballinger girls by a score of 16 to 10. Both teams put up a hard fight, but the Bethel team had the best of the score at the close of the contest.

MEAT MARKET OYSTERS and GROCERIES

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Bring us your cream, eggs, fryers and produce.

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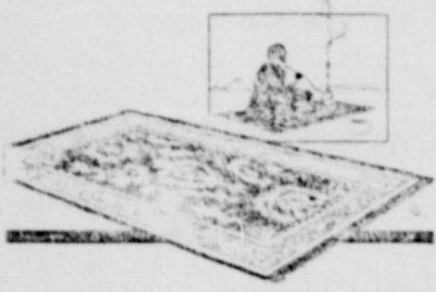
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and family. They departed Sunday night after the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Munsey gave a singing Sunday night. Young and old folks all enjoyed the occasion and a large crowd attended. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Munsey will give another one soon.

We are glad to know the little granddaughter of I. F. Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth, was able to be carried home Sunday.

J. R. Davis has been absent from school several days, being ill with the flu. He will be back in school soon.

Mr. Woods, the grandson of Mrs. Cain, is quite ill with the flu.

Garfield Evans is able to be back at his store after a sick spell of several days duration.

Miss Effie Parker is able to be about after a sick spell from having some teeth pulled.

"BLUE BONNET."

DEATHS

Mrs. T. J. Starkey

The death angel visited this city Friday morning and claimed another one of its pioneer women, and one whose life had been useful in making for happiness and administering unto others, when Mrs. T. J. Starkey quietly passed out of this world.

Mrs. Starkey was seventy-two years, one month and two days of age. She had been in feeble health for some time and recently was stricken with influenza. She died at the family home on Ninth Street at 9:15 o'clock Friday morning.

Mrs. Starkey came to Runnels county with her husband about thirty years ago, moving here from San Marcos. She was a faithful wife and kind and loving mother, and before she became feeble she was often found in the homes of others nursing the sick and administering to those in need.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, and the present pastor, Rev. S. L. Culwell, and a former pastor, Rev. W. H. Doss, will conduct the funeral services. The Higginbotham undertakers are in charge of the funeral arrangements and the funeral will be held at the residence on Ninth Street Saturday afternoon, the hour to be announced when children residing at other places are heard from. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

This good mother is survived by seven children, two sons and five daughters. Sam Starkey, the eldest, resides at San Marcos. Mrs. M. T. McKay and Mrs. Harry Sharp reside in California. Misses Lula and Tony Starkey reside in Ballinger; Mrs. Sidney Caskey in Winters; and Levi Starkey in El Paso. Probably all the children, except those living in California, will be here for the funeral.

Ray Chaney, of Abilene, was here Sunday for a week-end visit of Talpa, spent Saturday night and Sunday with H. M. Leach.

SAFETY MEETING AT SANTA ANNA

Quite a number of the employees of the West Texas Utilities Company attended a safety meeting at Santa Anna Monday night. Employees from other stations in District G went to Santa Anna, and several employees from the Texas

Light and Power Company stations in the Brownwood district were present at the meeting. Among those from Ballinger who attended the meeting were W. G. Owsley, J. W. Wilson, Chester Cherry, Eli Smith, Chas. Comb, Jack Whitaker, Y. G. Stevenson, Jim Shoffeitt, and probably others.

The West Texas Utilities Company holds a safety meeting on the second Monday night in each month. The meeting is generally held at Ballinger, district headquarters, but occasionally the meeting place is switched to other stations in the district.

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BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Roberson returned Monday from Cameron, where they had been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard visited relatives at Paint Rock Sunday.

Lewie Scales had business at Brookshire Sunday afternoon.

Misses Blanche and Mildred Broadstreet have been visiting Misses Irene and Elvora Scales several days.

Milburn Harvy has been confined to bed several days with the flu.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson was on the sick list last week, but is improving.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White are reported to be up again after several days illness.

The good people of the Bethel community met at the home of Bob Richardson Wednesday of last week and put up nearly 100 acres of land for Mr. Richardson. There were sixteen men with their teams and one tractor. Everyone enjoyed the day as well as being a great help to their neighbor. Mr. Richardson recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, and realizing he would not be able to work for some time neighbors went in and gave the good work stated.

Rev. Mitchell will preach at the Bethel Baptist church Sunday, February 14th. Everybody invited to hear him.

"REPORTER"

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leach went to Eldorado Friday to visit Mrs. Leach's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Chick and family. They returned home Sunday.

Misses Florence and Geneva Boyer, of Abilene, came in Saturday to visit their parents. They returned to Abilene Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans and

children, of Robert Lee, came in Saturday evening to visit I. W. Evans and family, and brothers, Melvin and Garfield Evans and families. They returned home Monday morning.

Miss Virginia Washam, of Abilene, spent Sunday with home folks, returning to Abilene Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Koenig and family, and cousin, Miss Alma Koenig, of Burkett came in Friday to visit Miss Alma's brother, Willie Koenig, and family. They returned to Burkett Sunday afternoon. Miss Alma is teaching school at Burkett.

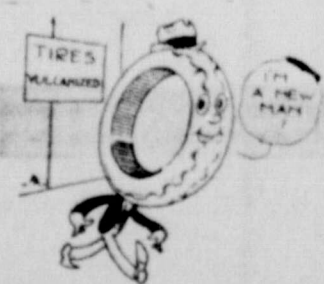
Mrs. S. H. Sellars and family, of Robert Lee, came down Friday to visit her brother, W. E. Barnes, and family. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and little son, of Abilene, spent Saturday night with T. P. Brown and family. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Midgeley, of Talpa, spent Saturday night and Sunday with H. M. Leach.

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