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ROAD COMMITTEE BALLINGER USES VISITS AUSTIN AIRMAIL SERVICE

County Judge Paul Trimmier, Commissioners Yeager and Miller, and H. O. Jones, John Q. McAdams, of Winters; and Duncan Hensley, of Wingate have returned from Austin, where they presented a road proposition to the State Highway Commission.

An effort is being made by the Runnels county party to have the commission designate the road from Coleman through Runnels county by way of Crews, Winters, Wingate, Hylton and to intersect the Ballinger-Sweetwater Highway at Accident, a point between Bronte and Sweetwater.

The commission gave the local party a very respectful hearing, Judge Trimmier said, but no definite action was taken by the highway board at this time. "We are hopeful of good results," declared Judge Trimmier.

Judge C. L. South, of Coleman county, also went to Austin on this mission and appeared with the Runnels county delegation before the state board.

COURT VOTES TO BUILD BRIDGE OVER BLUFF

The Commissioners Court, in their session Monday afternoon, voted to construct a bridge over Bluff Creek between the Prusser and Henniger places, for the convenience of the farmers living in that section of the county.

J. D. Motley, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, appeared before the court and offered the assistance of his organization in the construction of the bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap N. Adams, of Abilene, visited friends in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Adams formerly lived in Ballinger.

Ballinger citizens are using the air mail service between Fort Worth, Dallas, and points North. J. A. Reese, postmaster, stated Thursday morning.

Three letters went out from Ballinger Wednesday to points North and from Ft. Worth they will be sent by airplane. One letter went to Indianapolis, a second to New York and a third to Chicago.

The letter leaving here for Chicago will arrive there at 7:20 o'clock tonight and the one to New York will arrive at 6:20 Friday morning.

The Walker-Smith Company here received a letter Thursday morning by air mail from Kansas City. It was mailed at Kansas City at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday morning and arrived in Ballinger at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The rate for mail between Fort Worth and Chicago is ten cents, between Fort Worth and New York, twenty cents. Night service is given between Chicago and New York, the mail leaving Chicago at 7:30 this evening and arriving in New York at 6:20 o'clock Friday morning.

Other stops between Fort Worth and Chicago are Oklahoma City, at 10:10; Wichita, Kansas, at 11:57; Kansas City at 1:57; St. Joseph, Mo., at 2:40; Moline, Ill., at 5:40 and Chicago at 7:20.

Mr. Reese says that at present the regular air mail stamp is not on sale here but he will receive a few within the next few days.

Asa Cordill, local jeweler, also received a letter from Kansas City Thursday morning when the new air mail route was opened from Chicago to Dallas.

B. G. Owens and Mr. Kilpatrick, of Winters, were business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday morning.

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Reeder's UP STAIRS BARGAIN ANNEX

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Sale of Necessities Needed Daily at Substantial Savings

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A Lovely Group of more than 50 Hats. Actual values up to \$6.00.

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—almost every Hat in this price range is included in this group to be sacrificed at such a low price—equal values will not be found during the season. Make your selection today at \$1.98.



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—ordinarily this beautiful set would sell for almost double this low price. A complete dinner set in every respect with attractive banded edge in suitable weight for home use—a value never found at this price, only \$3.95.



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- Hinds Honey & Almond Cream35c
- Mavis Talcum Powder, can16c
- Pebecco Tooth Paste, 50c size, tube35c
- Palmetto Toilet Soap, five 10c cakes22c
- Electric Stoves, small size, each79c
- Art Rubber Tea Aprons, in colors, \$1.50 value for98c
- Pro-phy-lac-tic Hair Brushes55c
- Cedar Polish, large size, bottle22c
- Superior Machine Oil, bottle8c
- Velour Powder Puff, large size8c
- Boxed Writing Paper, attractive colors, the box13c
- Cane Fishing Poles, 20-foot, each12c
- Rubber Gloves, first quality, pair22c
- Dr. Warren's Tooth Brushes9c
- Cedar Buckets, brass bound, 1-2 gallon size 69c
- Etched Tea Glasses, large size, regularly \$1.50, the set98c

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49c Pair

22x44 bleached Turkish Towel of extra quality and extra weight. Inspection will convince you that it is a value of unusual merit. See this item sure.

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"SANDURA" FELT BASE RUGS

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—we believe this to be the most durable felt base Rug obtainable, the patterns are neat, and our regular \$17.50 price is well below that asked usually. Better buy every one needed while the price is so low.

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SEAMLESS AXMINSTER AND VELVET RUGS

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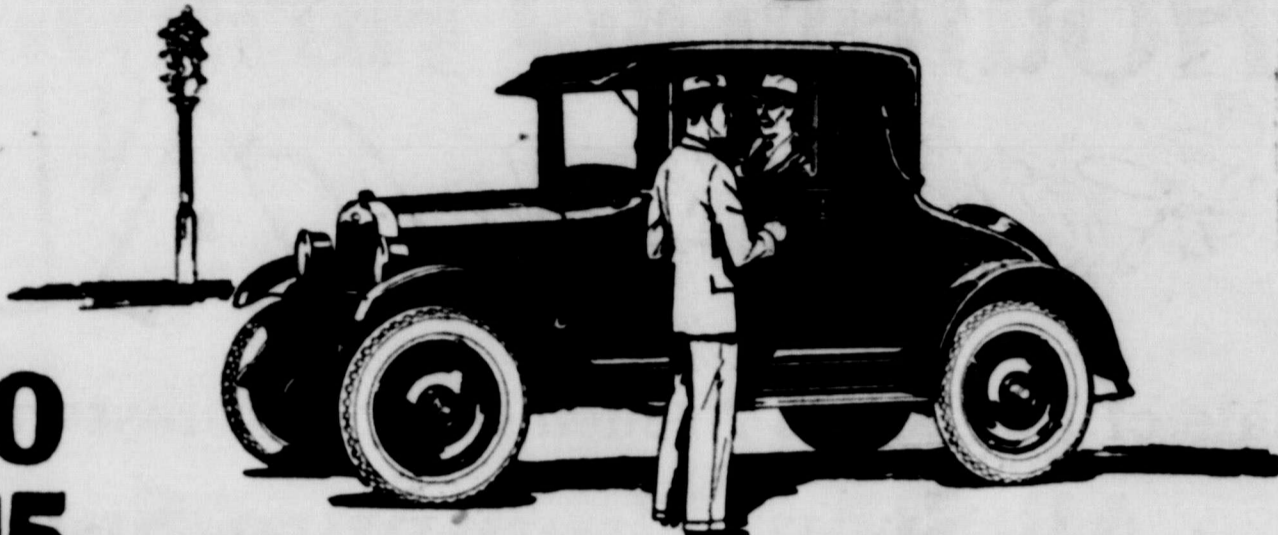
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 - 1 Ton Truck (Chevrolet Only) \$ 550
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QUALITY AT LOW COST

GIVES DATA ON CATTLE FEVER

HOUSTON, May 13.—The farmer and stock raiser would be in a position to give more intelligent cooperation to governmental forces were they better informed as to the source of tick fever and the reasons for its existence.

"The cattle fever tick is the carrier of fever germs," Mr. Quereau said, "and the salivary gland of the tick is necessary to the germ's existence. Originally the tick itself was free from the fever germ, but about the time of the colonization of Texas it came into this country from Mexico."

Renew Your Health by Purification

Any physician will tell you that "Perfect Purification of the System is Nature's Foundation of Perfect Health." Why not rid yourself of chronic ailments that are undermining your vitality? Purify your entire system by taking a thorough course of Calotabs—once or twice a week for several weeks—and see how Nature rewards you with health.

Once in the blood stream of the animal, the germ quickly multiplies into millions and attacking the red blood corpuscles, destroys them. The anti-bodies, or white corpuscles, in a desperate attempt to rid the blood of the troublesome germ, cause such a disturbance that a high fever results, the assistant agricultural agent explained.

A young animal, being vigorous and strong, survives the attack and while not itself suffering from the fever, becomes a carrier," he said. "The germs are merely dormant, and simply await the coming of another tick whose saliva vitalizes the fever germ into full activity once more."

Mr. Quereau believes that pasture rotation if used in connection with the arsenic dips now in common use were universally adopted, the fever tick would shortly become a thing of the past. "We have found," he said, "that ticks develop in broods. That is, all the ticks on an animal will drop off within a given period and the eggs hatch. While the tick is on the ground and before the hatching period is completed, the herd should be moved to a clean pasture. Inasmuch as the life cycle of the disease carrying parasite is not more than sixty days, it is possible to move cattle to clean pastures often, and if this policy is pursued consistently, the cattle tick will become a memory."

Notice

Why plant your faulty cotton seed and grow sorry cotton? J. W. Edwards will bring his culler to your home and cull your seed for 10c per bushel. Address—Guion, Texas. Phone—Wingate, 13 long 3 shorts. 5-tfw

WILL COMPLETE HEARING MAY 27

The hearing by the condemnation board, composed of Feb. McWilliams, C. R. Stephens, and D. Oliver, on the fifty-one petitions of easement rights of the West Texas Utilities Company against fifty-one farmers residing between Ballinger and the Taylor county line, has adjourned until May 27, when the remainder of the petitions will be heard.

Several of the petitions were postponed until that date on account of not being ready for a hearing.

The board heard a few of the cases, but no action was taken. Action will be taken, however, after the board has viewed some of the land as described in the petitions.

A day and a half was consumed in hearing of part of the cases and there are still several to be heard.

O. L. Parish and Alfred Cramer, of this city, are attorneys for the land-owners, while S. A. Wright, of Wright & Matthews, of San Angelo, are attorneys for the electric company.

Mrs. A. B. Lankford has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby.

GRANDDAUGHTER KILLED BY AUTO

I. F. Watson and daughter, Mrs. Frank Booth, and family, left Saturday afternoon for Little River, Bell county, where they go to attend the funeral of their granddaughter, a niece, little Miss Beryl Dillard, 11 years of age, who died early Saturday morning in a Temple hospital after she had been run down by an autoist near her home.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dillard, who live at Little River. Mrs. Dillard is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Watson. Mr. Watson is caretaker of Evergreen Cemetery.

It is not known just how the little girl was run over, Mr. Watson said. A telephone call was received here by relatives last night that the little girl was in a serious condition and this morning a message was received that she had died.

Funeral services will probably be held Sunday.

DELIVER TWO PONTIACS TO AUTO PURCHASERS

George Dankworth, of the Clayton-Oakland Motor Company, delivered two new Pontiacs Friday morning to new customers of the concern.

L. H. Fry, of Ballinger, received a Pontiac coach, and Paul Batcher, of Paint Rock, drove a new coupe home.

Mrs. Garland Parks and daughter, Mary; Mrs. W. W. Fowler and Miss Katharine Penn visited in San Angelo Saturday.

BLANTON TELLS OF FARM BILL

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, representing the 17th Texas district, is making a hard fight against the Haugen farm relief bill which was introduced in congress recently with two other agricultural measures. The congressman from this district and others from Texas are instituting a fight on the Haugen bill, which it is declared will not aid the farmers of this country but will make them lose money.

The editor of The Ledger received the following telegram Saturday morning from Mr. Blanton, telling of the measure and the fight he is making:

"The Haugen farm relief bill is specially prepared to help the corn and wheat farmers at the expense of the Southern cotton farmers. Three-fourths of the proposed board members absolutely controlling will be unsympathetic toward the cotton producers if we once permit an equalization tax of \$2 on each bale of cotton.

"It won't be long until urged by such board. Congress is controlled by Eastern members who want cheap cotton for their consuming constituents would make tax effective immediately and would undoubtedly increase until we might have every bale of Southern cotton taxed \$15 per bale. No Southern farmer wants the government to fix the price of his products. It will be remembered that Secretary Houston during the war sought to fix a maximum on cotton that would have ruined the South besides wasting \$375,000,000 in initial expenses.

"With no relief guaranteed the cotton farmers, the Haugen bill saddles upon our farmers for eternity an army of high salaried employes that will ever increase with no chance to abolish their positions. The entire Texas delegation, after careful and thorough study and consideration, are against the Haugen bill. We are doing everything within our power to force the passage of a proper Southern farmers' cooperative marketing measure that will promise some substantial relief to all farmers and not saddle upon them additional burdens. I have been a life-long, faithful and loyal friend to the farmers and producers and I hope that they will have confidence and believe that we Texas congressmen are safe-guarding their interests."

NOTHING LIKE IT ON EARTH

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borozone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borozone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borozone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

HICKS STORE HERE SECOND IN STATE SALES CAMPAIGN

The Hicks Rubber Company, operating twenty-eight tire stores in Texas, is conducting a 60-day tire selling campaign starting the first week in this month.

The Ballinger store, the smallest of the twenty-eight, came out second at the end of the first week, Bowden Hicks, of the local store, said Thursday morning.

The store at Brownsville was first, with Ballinger running close to the Brownsville store in second place.

The campaign will continue through May and June.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey passed through Ballinger this morning en route to Abilene.

Miss Winnie Trail has gone to Brady to spend the week-end.

Enjoy Eating



REMEMBER how you used to come in from play hungry as a bear? But you could hardly wait until Dad filled your plate!

And didn't everything taste good? Seemed like you never would get enough. Didn't you feel good those days. Yes, they were the red blooded days.

Why isn't your appetite like that now? Why don't you like to eat just the same as you did in those days? Here's the reason—your system is simply starving for the lack of rich, red blood! You've lost your appetite because you've lost your red blood power. No red blood nourishment for the tissues of your body.

Build up your blood to where it is pure and red and rich and watch that appetite come back! S. S. S. is the way to do it! S. S. S. helps Nature build red blood-cells—builds them by the millions!

You'll get hungry and you'll enjoy eating when S. S. S. helps Nature build pure red cells in that weak blood of yours. And you'll look better—your skin will be clear and unblemished—your flesh will become firm and solid—strength and power will come to your flabby muscles—you'll be yourself again.

S. S. S. will bring back the joy of eating—the joy of living. It's done it for thousands for generations. It's going to do it for you, too. Get S. S. S. at your druggist. The larger bottle is more economical.



BROWNWOOD GETS '27 R. N. MEET

Brownwood was selected as the next meeting place of the Royal Neighbors of America of this district.

The drill of the Royal Neighbors was given Friday evening in front of the I. O. O. F. Hall on Eighth Street by the drill team of the Ballinger camp. The Brownwood drill team was to present this drill but on account of unavoidable delay, the Brownwood delegation did not arrive.

The drill was well staged by some twelve or fifteen members of the Ballinger camp. The Ballinger Band furnished the music for this event.

Today was Juvenile Day of the two-day district meeting of Coleman, Brown, San Saba, Tom Green and Runnels counties. The program was very successfully carried out, those in charge said.

BROWNWOOD BAND PASSES THRU EN ROUTE TO ANGELO

The Old Gray Mare Colt's Band of Brownwood, passed thru Ballinger early Friday morning en route to San Angelo where they will play for entertainments of the Texas frontier celebration which is being held in that city the last three days of this week. The celebration opened Thursday afternoon.

This band, under the direction of Lieut. Rex Gaither of Brownwood, will play for a greater part of the celebration.

There were about thirty-five members of the band on this trip. They will return home Sunday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Julian Ramirez and Miss Christine Rablez
T. A. Williams and Miss Lilliau Ramage.

Potter Produce Co.
J. C. Cline, Manager

In the market for your Poultry all the time, paying the highest prices on the market.

See us before you sell.

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COLOR THINGS NEW

Just Dip to Tint or Boil to Dye



Each 15-cent package contains directions so simple any woman can tint soft, delicate shades of dye rich, permanent colors in lingerie, silks, ribbons, skirts, waists, dresses, coats, stockings, sweaters, draperies, coverings, hangings

—everything! Buy Diamond Dyes—no other kind—and tell your druggist whether the material you wish to color is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods.

SISTER OF JACKS RESIDES IN CITY

J. A. ("Al") Jacks, 63 years of age, a pumper on the Orient railroad between Blackwell and Bronte, who was found dead Wednesday morning by a train crew, in his shack, was a brother of Mrs. Will Drennan, of this city, it was learned here Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Jacks formerly a stage driver, ranch foreman and an old time Texan, had been a pumper for the Orient for several years. He formerly drove a stage from Ballinger to San Angelo, this was in 1886 and 1888. He was also a ranchman, having done work in this country for a greater part of his life.

Mr. Jacks had been in ill health for some time. Each Friday he went to San Angelo for treatment.

He is survived by a brother, Berry Jacks, formerly of Rockwell, and two sisters.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of San Angelo and attended the meetings regularly.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

F. W. KREIDEL OUT FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

I take this method of announcing to the voters of Precinct No. 1 that I will be a candidate for Public Weigher and sincerely ask that every voter give me due consideration before going to the polls on July 24. I feel that I am thoroughly qualified for the position which I am seeking and will promise honest work every day I am in office if the good people see fit to elect me.

I have never asked for a public office before, however I have lived in Rannels county for many years and I am sure that I come as no stranger to the voters. I served in the World War and have been classed as a disabled veteran since that time, having suffered shell-shock while overseas. I am physically able to take care of the work myself, and if elected will do everything in my power to fill the office to the satisfaction of everyone.

F. W. KREIDEL

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HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh. It consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE as a Blood Purifier gives wonderful results. All druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Prentiss Ransberger of Concho, and Miss Pauline Jameson of Leaday, were married Saturday night at the home of a friend in the Bethel community.

Miss Jameson had been a student nurse in the Halley & Love Sanitarium here for the past five or six months.

The young couple will make their home at Concho.

A neighbor girl has about fifteen dresses, but she always seems to be almost out of everyone of them.

RIGHT-OF-WAY CASE TRIED

The condemnation board appointed by County Judge Paul Trimmer to hear the 51 petitions of the West Texas Utilities Company against 51 farmers residing in Rannels county between Ballinger and the Taylor county line, was in session Thursday afternoon to hear the testimony of both the farmers and the company.

The board is composed of Feb McWilliams, ranchman; D. Oliver, farmer; and C. R. Stephens, capitalist.

The petitions grew out of a matter in which the electric company attempted to construct a new highway line between Ballinger and Abilene. Representatives of the company and the farmers could not come to a satisfactory agreement on a price for easement right.

Judge W. A. Wright, of San Angelo is district attorney for the West Texas Utilities Company, and Judges O. L. Parish and Alfred Criger are attorneys for the landowners.

Some few farmers along this route have signed up with the company, the price to be paid for the easement right being agreed on very readily and it was not necessary for the electric company to file petitions.

The first case called this afternoon was the petition against L. P. Wood. Mr. Wood testified that he thought it was worth \$25 per pole on his land. Several witnesses testified, all farmers and ranchmen, that they believed it was worth between \$25 and \$50 per pole.

The electric company offered testimony in the Willis Johnson case in Tom Green county, between Miles and San Angelo, where only \$5 was paid per pole across 9 1/2 miles of the Johnson place. The company's testimony endeavored to prove that the land on the Johnson place and the land on Wood's place is similar.

It is expected that it will take the board several days to render decisions in these 51 petition as they refused to render an opinion in the Wood case until they had been over the land and examined the situation.

The next case called was the Kimble Woods case. It was passed for the time being on account of a witness being absent.

The third case called was the petition against Garland Nunn, farmer of the Old Rannels section.

IT DRIVES OUT WORMS

The surest sign of worms in children is paleness, lack of interest in play, fretfulness, variable appetite, picking at the nose and sudden starting in sleep. When these symptoms appear it is time to give White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses drives out the worms and puts the little one on the road to health again. White's Cream Vermifuge has a record of fifty years of successful use. Price 35c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

LAFF-A-LOT HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Laff-a-Lot Home Demonstration Club of the Hagan community, met in regular session Friday, May 7th, at the home of Mrs. D. Oliver. The club was called to order by the president promptly at 2:30. After a brief business session the members started to work making artificial flowers. Under the skillful instruction of the home demonstration agent, Miss Enla Key, the most unartistically inclined woman soon had a beautiful water lily. As usual the club lived up to its name.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chess Crimm. There will be a quick bread demonstration. The biscuit contest was explained. Everybody feels certain she will enter the contest.

Those present were: Mesdames Tubbs, Nixon, Farmer, Turner, Taylor, Percy Crimm, Gus Nunn, P. Murray, Joe Thomas, Lucius Nunn, A. Gilliam, Davis Nunn, H. Oliver, Willis Smith, D. Oliver, Willard Caudle, and Misses Valma Turner and Louise Oliver. Mrs. Curtis Barret of Norton, and Mrs. Garland Nunn of Old Rannels, were pleasant visitors.

"Reporter."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

W. J. Wheatley and Miss Edna Simmons
Earl R. McCullough and Miss Isabell Cooper.

Statistician Collects Records of Old Time Texas Farming

HOUSTON, May 17. — First-hand records of old time methods of agriculture are being collected by H. H. Schutz, government statistician at Houston.

"We would scatter the oats and wheat on the ground with our hands," wrote T. J. Lloyd of Lampasas, "and plow them under with a yoke of steers or pair of small ponies or mules. Sometimes we would drag a heavy brush over the ground to smooth it down. Then when harvest came we would cut the crop with what we called a grain cradle."

"We hand-dropped the corn through a long spout fixed between the handles of a small turning plow, and loose dirt would fall back on the corn and cover it."

"We would law off the cotton rows with the same plow and then with our hands scatter from one to four bushels of seed to the acre. After that, we would turn back, plow two furrows to the row to cover the seed and then drag it with a log or a pile of brush."

"Cotton was the money crop. We sold some corn to the newcomers and some to people who did nothing but ride around."

George W. Westerman, of Floresville, who said he had lived 56 years in that section of the state, devoted his letter largely to social conditions in the early days.

"Our means of transportation was an ox wagon," he wrote. "I have gone to church many times that way. We did not go quite as fast as today, but we had no punctures and our 'ear' always was easily cranked."

"When we ran short of money, all we had to do was to go to one of our neighbors and tell him what we needed. Without a word, he would go down in his jeans and out it would come. We did not have to give a note with the names of half a dozen signers, either."

Crops of 1865 were not very good because farming tools were crude. W. O. Dysart, of Melissa, wrote Mr. Schutz. "But as the years went by and better tools came, we made good crops but

had no market. We laid them up for a real living. We had a little trade with the Eastern part of the state where we hauled cotton, wheat and corn and traded them for lumber, sugar and coffee, and sometimes got a little money to buy more land."

Beef clubs even then were in existence but they differed in operation from those of today. "We had beef clubs, say of four families. One family would kill a cow each week and divide the beef among all in the club."

Mr. Dysart believes one reason for the falling off of farm production is, "because we have laid down the shovel plow and rely too much on the 'sweeps' of today."

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-Trade Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO HOLD A MEETING SOON

The county Board of Education recently elected by the Rannels county school patrons is as follows: S. D. Williams, precinct No. 1; W. M. Hope, No. 2; John McNeil, No. 3; and C. H. Ray, No. 4. All were re-elections. Bert E. Low, of Winters, was elected trustee-at-large.

The board will hold a meeting in the near future to discuss rural educational matters and at the same time, it is expected that lots will be drawn to determine who will serve the long and short terms of the board.

Some fellow says that chorus girls make the best wives, and we shouldn't be surprised, at that, for we don't suppose many of them know very much about dietetics.—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

MANY SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY

Thirteen common schools of Rannels county will come to a close this week in completing the 1925-26 school term, County Superintendent R. E. White said Wednesday afternoon.

These schools are as follows: Elm Creek, Pumphrey, Norton, Maverick, Bethel, Blanton, Maze, Spring Hill, the Mexican and white school at Dale, Brookshire, Victory, and Lone Star.

Fourteen schools have already closed the 1925-26 work, according to Mr. White.

There are now 43 common school districts in Rannels county and after this week some 27 of

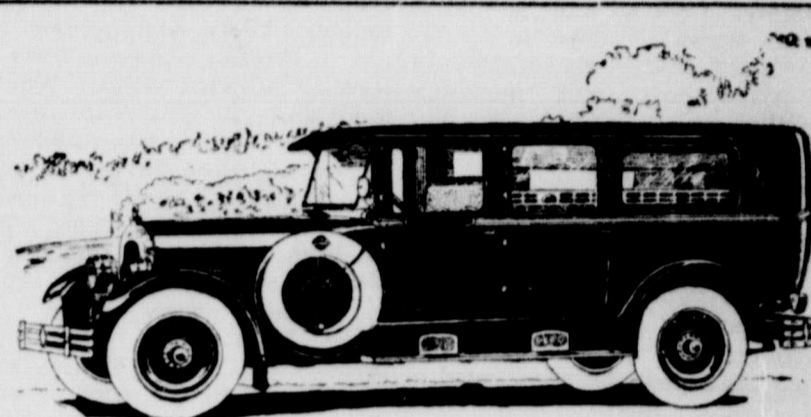
them will be closed for this year. Several other schools will close their work next week.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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Judge J. O. Woodward, of the 35th Judicial District Court, appeared before the Commissioners Court of Coleman county this week and made an appeal for a new court house. He said that if Coleman county's resources were unearthed that there was no reason why Coleman could not build a \$250,000 court house.

Mrs. Jennie Voelkel and children arrived at noon Monday from San Antonio to visit Mr. Voelkel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Voelkel.



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Ballinger resembled a real Western town of the early days Monday when thirty Comanche Indians accompanied by several typical cow-punchers came to the city. The tribe of Indians will entertain the crowds with an exhibition at a local theatre tonight.

Tourists are beginning to rove now, and every day the number of cars passing through Ballinger increase. Cold weather has made tourist travel a little late this year but doubtless the number of motorist-visitors will increase rapidly now.

Only two months away are the primary elections and not a single picnic has been announced where politicians can go and tell the people to vote for them. No doubt as soon as the farmers catch up with their crops, a few picnic dates will be announced.

Another reason why we need a municipal swimming pool is to teach the youngsters to swim. Tragedies like those which have visited Ballinger recently could be eliminated if all children were taught to swim while they were young, and a good swimming pool, properly run with instructors would accomplish this.

The boys and girls club work in Rannels county is growing by leaps and bounds. By the time all the schools in the county are closed there will be more than 1,000 members lined up. Last year about two hundred constituted the membership. These clubs and clubbers will do much toward making the fall fair greater, and when the time comes for their two-day encampment it will resemble a young fair itself.

A federal highway coming thru Ballinger from Sweetwater to P'aint Rock will not mean much—it is only a designation—but if an actual road is built and paved from Regina, Canada to San Antonio it will be one of the biggest things that ever happened to this city. We have many designated highways in West Texas now that you can't get over with a wagon and mules, let alone an automobile. It is time to quit asking for these designations and really build on what we already have. Of course it will be nice when we are ready to build to get federal and state aid but the county has to make the first effort.

Ballinger's need for a municipal auditorium is just about as great as it could be in any city. There is not a picture show with a sufficient stage and the high school auditorium charging \$25 a night makes that place out of the question for the majority of entertainments, mass meetings and recitals where a small or no admission is charged. It looks like it is up to the American Legion to give the town an auditorium and we understand that that organization is busy on a plan to solve the problem.

FOR BETTER HOMES

It is certain that every citizen in Ballinger is more or less interested in prettier homes, cleaner, prettier and better kept yards. The Better Homes Committee has extended their Better Kept Yard Contest to June 15, in order that more might have the opportunity to better arrange their yards and enter the contest which will close on the date mentioned above.

Any interest taken will not only be evidence of your appreciation of the efforts being put forth by the local committee, but will be evidence of your local civic pride and your willingness to cooperate in making a more beautiful Ballinger.

Think about it; talk about it, and all work.

THE HIGH-ROADERS

The tourist season is upon us, and tourist camps will begin to do a good business. In a few weeks about half the population will be seeing America first.

Ballinger Ledger.

It is astonishing how many Americans leave home at some time during the year and hit the high road for parts far away. How do they find the time? Where do they find the money? Ours is a restless population. It never comes to a long stop. Wherever it may be, it wishes it were somewhere else. Men toil and sacrifice to acquire title to homes, then spend as much time as possible away from them. Folks from the mountains rush to the sea, meeting folks from the sea rushing to the mountains. Our prairies send out countless tonneaus full of families seeking the tall timbers, and our tall timbers emit innumerable platoons of scenery consumers headed for the prairies. From around Lake Michigan thousands honk-honk to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Gulf other thousands hot-tire it to the lake region. Those who become restless in Florida light out for California, and vice versa. What is it all about? What shall become of us as a people when nobody is left who enjoys staying at home, who thinks the sweetest water is from his own well, the coolest shade under his own fig tree, the cleanest scenery his own broom-swept yard? Travel is a good thing in itself. It educates, teaches tolerance, explains geography, widens the mental office. But one can not live by travel alone, and to make home a place to run from is fraught with menacing possibilities. To become a nation of itinerants will be to become a nation gypsyized. And who ever heard of gypsies being any account?—Dallas News.

TEXAS IS GROWING

A New York bank has discovered that the value of Texas manufactures is now a billion dollars annually, almost equal to the output of raw materials, and that the value of the products shipped through the ports of Texas is greater than through the ports of any other state.

The world is slowly discovering Texas. The industrial and agricultural development of the state has been slow, because of the immensity of the task. But it has been sure. Texas is building solidly and sensibly. None of your booms for Texas!

As a matter of fact, statistics will likely reveal that Texas in the last five years has surpassed both Florida and California in actual development. West Texas alone is able to hold its own with California, while the balance of the state can take care of Florida very handily.

Texas is not carrying out its development with a blare of trumpets and the throb of drums. It is going about its business in a workmanlike manner, avoiding the pitfalls of a boom and building securely.

The entire South is in the midst of a mighty development era, and Texas is leading the South in this important work.—Abilene Reporter.

Possibly there is no real boom in Texas yet, but the magnates who gave impetus to California's development and the recent boom in Florida, which by the way are said to be petering out, are now turning eyes on Texas, and some sections of the grand old state have already felt the influence of much foreign capital. Come on, Texas can take care of many millions of people more than already call this home.

WHERE EXPERIENCE SHOULD GUIDE

As a rule we are opposed to government investigations, a much money, much time, much energy and front page space in daily newspapers are about the only tangible results, BUT the recent series of investigations regarding aircraft in the United States furnished a problem that every citizen—man or woman—should consider seriously.

The late World War taught us that towns and armies can be destroyed quickly from the air and that those on the earth have very, very little means of fighting back—in fact none. From the air, bombs of high-explosives and gas could be thrown from only a few planes to wreck any city in the United States in a single night, and falling buildings, explosions, fire and gas would take a toll of lives that would be appalling. Innocent women, tiny babies, old men and women, and strong men

—none would be immune from such a raid.

Many men scoff at the idea that we may ever be attacked from the air. These doubters did not see the frightful carnage and destruction caused by aircraft in France, Belgium, England and other nations during the last war. They did not see the suffering over there. They never saw entire towns wiped out and helpless women and children butchered. They don't think it could happen in America—but it can. Late tests in aviation have proven that planes can fly around the globe, only this week an American flyer looped over the North Pole and back. Ships are being built by other nations that are only floating hangars. Bases of supplies could be established near our shores and our land riddled with millions of people looked on and died helplessly—unable to fight back!

The only way we can fight any attack from the air is with air-planes. According to recent figures fighting forces of the United States have 20 airplanes—20 airplanes capable of going into battle with an enemy. Twenty planes are available to protect more than 100,000,000 people.

Coast artillery along our shores spends thousands of dollars on one practice shot, to hurl a shell weighing several thousand pounds out to sea that is destructive to a comparatively small space. Such defense would be perfectly helpless against planes and would be destroyed along with the rest. The greatest army in the world equipped only with anti-aircraft guns could do nothing more than keep the planes high enough to limit the use of machine-gun fire.

Since the World War Germany has carried on an active air program, Great Britain has hundreds and hundreds of planes well piloted and ready to battle. These countries got a taste of air warfare in 1917 and 1918 and are using valuable experience gained, preparing against future possibilities. France has 3,000 planes in addition to commercial air-ships, is building more machines and training men to use them. Japan is building 500 airplanes every month and has been busy on her program for a long time. All these nations are utilizing experience. And it does not cost so much to build airplanes—many can be constructed for the cost of one obsolete dreadnaught. The grand old U. S. A. has 20 fighting planes ready to protect her homes, her wealth and her inhabitants. The richest country in the world—a perfect target for those who seek our wealth.

God grant that we may never see the ones we love choking with gas or pinned under falling debris, but if the land we love is ever visited by an enemy may we have an army of airplanes ready to drive the invaders away and destroy them. We have the money to build flying machines, we have the manufacturing plants, we have brainy inventors who can cope with the rest of the globe in improving battle planes, and we have the brave men who can be taught to fly them and fight and defeat all comers.

We don't know what the solution is. How this great preparedness move can be furthered we don't know, but we do believe that our homes and loved ones should be protected if there is any possible danger, and we believe that more and better aircraft is the way to defend our country.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

We believe that flowers are appreciated most by the living and in thinking thus we can not refrain from throwing a few bouquets at the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and especially our Secretary, J. D. Motley.

During the time that Mr. Motley has been with the local organization more has been done towards really building Ballinger, extending her trade territory, making friends with the country people and bringing them in closer co-operation with the town people, and closer co-operation with the merchants and town people, than ever before in the history of Ballinger.

Little or no publicity does he seek for himself, but he is constantly on the job, day and night, working for other people's interests and because he loves his work and loves his town and county. He does not seek big things that are beyond a town of this size, but when convinced that something is good, acts to

work with a determination and accomplishes his task.

With fine co-operation from his directors and the aid of others Mr. Motley has accomplished a feat that is almost unbelievable in the organization and sale of stock in the Rannels County Fair Association. No move was ever promoted here that has been such a wonderful success as this, and thousands through the grounds every year and attest to its success. Mr. Motley has given two years time, and worry, to planning and pushing the fair organization, until today it will stand forever as a monument to the work done for Ballinger and Rannels county.

The announcement that a bridge would be built on Bluff Creek is another move that our secretary has worked on constantly for two years. This opens up a new trade territory for Ballinger and will in the future develop into one of the biggest acts he has yet accomplished.

He urged a tourist park until today Ballinger has one of the best, modern, sanitary parks in West Texas.

He is always on the job to help entertain visitors to Ballinger and make them feel at home and for over a year no gathering has met here that was not entertained by the Chamber of Commerce with Motley doing the work.

He has fought for a Retail Merchants Association until a separate department of the Chamber of Commerce, creditably carries on this activity.

He has successfully engineered three booster trips over the Ballinger trade territory, and a dozen others to special occasions held over the state, and the Ballinger crowd under his direction has always made a big showing.

He has given his assistance to many conventions, and has spoken before every school in Rannels county, trying in his friendly manner to make them realize that Ballinger wants to help them in every way possible.

We could enumerate things Mr. Motley has done by the column until it would become tiresome, but that would only be embarrassing to him. We are for him and the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and are willing to cooperate with him in all his undertakings. You give him your full co-operation and you will double and triple his accomplishments. Don't leave all the work for him to do alone but step in and help once in a while. Some do this, we know, but others should. You will make this hard-working secretary feel good and will make him more determined than ever to put over bigger and better things for Ballinger.

LUBBOCK—The Texas Technological College announces the staging of a stupendous West Texas pageant at the close of the present college year. This pageant will deal with some of the big accomplishments of West Texas during the past ten years, including the securing of the West Texas Technological College itself.

STAMFORD—The brief of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce supporting the application of the Southern Pacific Lines to build a new line of railway from San Antonio (Falfurrias) to the Rio Grande Valley has been prepared and filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington to argue the case both on behalf of the San Antonio and West Texas chambers of commerce.

ROSWELL, N. M.—A special train will be operated over the Pecos Valley Lines of the Santa Fe Railway to the Amarillo convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, according to announcement made by the Roswell Chamber of Commerce.

ROTAN—The new \$100,000 high school building was dedicated here Sunday, May 2nd. It is said to be the most imposing school building ever erected in a town of Rotan's size.

CHILLICOTHE—The United States Agricultural Experiment Station, located here, and the first place in the United States where the sorghum grains were grown, immediately following the importation of the seed from South Africa, announces that special work in propagation of kafir and feterita seed will be undertaken as a part of the advanced program for 1926-27.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Zurcher, of Hollywood, Calif., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke.

LAWN GRAIN IS HURT BY HAIL

Hail and rain did considerable damage to the grain in the Lawn community of Taylor county, according to a report received at the Ledger office from the telephone operator at Lawn.

The hail, the report stated, practically destroyed all of the grain in that section of the country; telephone wires were put out of order in that section, and hail damage extended as far as Goldsboro in Coleman county.

This is the first hail or damage of any consequence to the grain crop in this section of the country.

A light hail storm was reported at Ovalo, also in Taylor county.

Rain, estimated at one inch or more, accompanied the hail in the Lawn section.

Heavy rain was reported from Abilene Tuesday night.

The hail did not last very long but when it fell it whipped the grain in the fields to pieces and practically every field in the Lawn community was ruined.

Mrs. LeRoy Nicholson and Miss Wilma Straley visited in San Angelo Wednesday.

WICHITA FALLS—J. W. Chatham, traffic manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, has returned from Austin where he attended the hearing before the State Railroad Commission regarding regulations governing the operations of motor trucks in Texas. Two committees were appointed as a result of the program of discussion at Austin and a later meeting is to be held at Dallas when rules and regulations will be drawn up. Traffic Manager Chatham will attend this Dallas meeting, as will F. A. Leffingwell, Traffic Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

ALPINE—The application of the Davis Mountain region for the location of the University of Texas Astronomical Observatory was stressed at a special luncheon meeting of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce held here Monday. Among those to speak on the subject was Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce who advocates that all the towns in the Davis Mountain location, let the selecting board pick the particular mountain or peak best suitable for the location.

SAN ANTONIO—U. S. Pawket, chairman of the traffic bureau, and R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will represent that organization at the cotton compress hearings to be held in Dallas on June 4th. Chairman Pawket has already represented the organization at past hearings at Houston and New Orleans.

BALLINGER ON NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAY MAP

At a meeting held in McCook, Nebraska, Monday one week ago, the following route was announced from Amarillo to San Antonio over the transcontinental highway, Canada to the Gulf, by the officers of the association who met with some 200 delegates from cities along the route South of McCook: Plainview, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Brady, Mason, Fredericksburg and San Antonio.

This route was announced after considerable deliberation over some three or four other routes proposed from Amarillo to the Alamo City.

It was found that a considerable amount of time could be saved by coming the way finally decided on and the officers and delegates picked the shortest and highest route.

The new highway has been routed from Regina, Canada to Amarillo for several months, and recently it was decided to route the highway on South to San Antonio and later a route will be adopted to Mexico City.

Committees were appointed along the Southern route to push the highway and ask for federal and state aid in construction of a permanent road from McCook along the line down through Texas into San Antonio.

This highway at the present is in fairly good condition and is the highest route from the Northern part of North America to the Gulf of Mexico.

The highway will give Ballinger another outlet over land, this time one to the Northwest.

At this meeting, J. A. McCurdy, secretary of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, was elected vice-president of the highway association from Texas.

Mr. McCurdy will work and co-operate with the various committees that have been appointed along this route.

Founder of New Orleans Finally to be Honored

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—After 200 years New Orleans is proposing to honor Bienville, its founder, by naming a park for him.

For two centuries Bienville has had to worry along with only a street named in his honor, and that street not one of the leading thoroughfares. The Louisiana Historical Society is gaining support in its campaign to have City Park rechristened Bienville Park.

Bienville and his party of explorers founded New Orleans in 1718, Bienville holding out for locating the city on its present site.

Mrs. W. C. McCarver has returned from a visit to Glen Rose.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. W. W. Needham and little son, of Shawnee, Okla., are visiting her sister, Mrs. B. M. Batts.

Misses Florence and Geneva Boyer returned to Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Cook and little son left Friday for Amarillo to join Mr. Cook. They will make their home at that place. Mrs. Cook's brother, Homer Brown, accompanied Mrs. Cook as far as Cisco.

Mrs. J. M. Betterton, of San Angelo, is sick at the home of her brother, B. M. Batts. We are glad to know Mrs. Betterton is improving.

Mrs. W. T. May returned to her home at Glen Cove Sunday after a stay with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Boyer, and family.

Henry May and family, of Glen Cove, spent Sunday with Mr. May's sister, Mrs. Sam Boyer, and family.

I. F. Watson and granddaughter, Delia Reese, and other relatives, left Saturday for Little River to attend the funeral of Mr. Watson's granddaughter, the eldest child of Mrs. Rosa Dillard. The girl was run over by a car Friday night. Mr. Watson, Delia Reese, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth and children returned home Monday.

Homer Brown returned from Cisco Saturday.

Mrs. T. M. Milam returned Saturday to Marie, where she is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Brown. Mrs. Milam spent two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Brown, of Cross Plains, stopped over a few minutes Sunday with his mother, Mrs. T. P. Brown, while en route from Big Lake.

Da nMilam spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Marie.

Mrs. L. B. Watkins has been quite ill with a case of mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Koenig gave a singing at their home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Voelkel and two children, of Oklahoma, are visiting Mr. Voelkel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mapes are the proud parents of a new son, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Mapes. The mother and baby are doing fine.

Mrs. Pearl Leach, Mrs. Holliday and mothers of the school children, with the pupils, gathered at I. F. Watson's place and had a picnic on the creek. All enjoyed a good time and had plenty of cats left.

"BLUE BONNET"

BETHEL NEWS

Rev. O. M. Cole filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

The Bethel school closed Friday and the splendid program Friday night was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Misses Blanche and Mildred Broadstreet visited friends at Bethel Saturday night.

Misses Daisy and Myrtle Killam and Fred Killam attended church at Bethel Sunday.

Prof. W. J. Wheatley, one of the teachers of the Bethel school, and Miss Edna Simmons were married at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wheatley has made many friends while here and has chosen as his bride one of Bethel's most popular young ladies. Miss Simmons was born and reared in the Bethel community and has a host of friends who wish for her many happy years.

Miss Martin, of Abilene, visited at the Simmons home Sunday and was present at the Wheatley-Simmons wedding.

Miss Isabelle Richardson had the misfortune of getting her

hand very painfully burned Sunday afternoon. She was making candy and spilled the boiling contents of the vessel in hands. She was reported doing very well Monday.

Lee White was quite sick for several days last week.

Little Alice Marie White is recovering after having had her tonsils removed Thursday of last week.

Hedrick Shelburne was sick Monday.

"REPORTER"

PHONE COMPANY IMPROVES LINES

The West Texas Telephone Company is making considerable improvements in this part of its territory, it was announced this morning by M. C. Atkins, manager of the Ballinger office of the company.

Construction was started Tuesday morning on a building in Paint Rock that will be leased by the telephone company for an office and residence.

This will be a frame building with the telephone office on the ground floor and the manager's home on the second floor. The building is the property of W. M. Houston.

At Talpa a concrete building is under construction for the telephone exchange at that place. S. P. Hale, of Talpa, is constructing this building for the telephone company who will take a lease on it from Mr. Hale. It will also be used as the Talpa telephone office and the home of the manager at that place.

Work also has been commenced on the construction of a second copper circuit between Ballinger and Winters, which will give two circuits, all copper to Abilene and other points North. At present there is one copper and two iron circuits between Ballinger and Winters, and this addition will give four circuits to Winters. Mr. Atkins stated that in time the two iron circuits would be replaced by copper.

The copper circuit to Coleman was completed some two months ago by this company and with its completion, it gave Ballinger much better service through to the Northern and Eastern part of the state.

STROBLE SELLS AMERICAN CAFE TO MATEJOWSKYS

L. L. Stroble, local merchant, Tuesday afternoon sold out his second business in Ballinger when for a cash consideration, R. G. and E. F. Matejowsky, of Rowena, purchased the American Cafe on Eighth Street, owned by Mr. Stroble.

Mr. Stroble announced Wednesday morning that the Matejowsky brothers took over the management of the cafe Tuesday afternoon immediately after the deal was closed. The Rowena men will operate the cafe under the same name that it has heretofore been known.

Only a few days ago Mr. Stroble sold his meat market on Eighth Street, after several years in this business.

The Matejowsky brothers come to Ballinger highly recommended, one of the boys formerly having attended the Senior high school of this city.

Mr. Stroble stated that he was not leaving Ballinger but was going to take a much needed and postponed rest.

"I expect to visit in the valley and over the state this summer," Mr. Stroble said, "but I am not going to leave Ballinger."

Card of Thanks

A friend in need is a friend indeed. We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors who were so good to take care of our things and for plowing our land, while we had to be away from home with the children for Pasteur treatment.

May God's blessings be with each of you.
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Browder,
19-1td-ltw.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richardson, of Utica, N. Y., have received notices of the birth of a seven-pound son, born to them on May 13th. He was christened Conda Odom Richardson. Mrs. Richardson will be remembered here as Miss Maurine Wylie. Mrs. Conda Wylie is in Utica visiting her new grandson.

ANNOUNCE PLANS SENIOR SERMON

Sunday night, May 23rd, at 8:00 o'clock, forty-six members of the Senior class of the Ballinger Senior high school, will hear Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the closing of the 1925-26 term of the Ballinger schools.

Rev. McLaurin was selected some time ago by members of the graduation class to preach this sermon, and the program for the evening's worship was announced Wednesday morning by those designated to arrange an appropriate program for the closing of the schools.

Rev. McLaurin has announced as his subject for this service, "Filling the Gaps."

The sermon will be heard in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Eighth Street.

There will be no evening services at the other churches over the city as a majority of the pastors will take part in the services at the Baptist church.

Program

- Doxology
- Invocation, Rev. I. Q. McCorkle
- Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Scripture reading, Rev. A. O. Rue
- Evening prayer, Rev. S. L. Culwell
- Song, "Sweet Sabbath Eve," Choral Club
- Announcements
- Sermon, "Filling the Gaps," Rev. E. W. McLaurin
- Song, "Evening Song," Choral Club
- Song, "Work for the Night is Coming"
- Benediction, Rev. Alvin Swindell.

COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY, MAY 28

Dr. J. Sam Barcus, president of Southwestern University of Georgetown, will deliver the commencement address to the 1925-26 graduation class of the Ballinger high school, it was announced Wednesday morning by Superintendent W. A. Cain.

The address will be delivered Friday evening, May 28th, at 8:00 o'clock. The commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium of the Senior high school.

The Seniors are taking their examinations this week, Mr. Cain announced, while the remainder of the classes of the Ballinger schools will complete their work next week.

The final examinations for Bible class of all the churches of the city were being held Wednesday. It will require only the one day for the completion of these tests.

No program has yet been prepared, the superintendent said, but a meeting of the principals was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at which time the commencement program was to be planned.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNS FOR MAY

The Commissioners Court of Runnels County adjourned for this month Tuesday afternoon, following the transaction of regular business of the court and county.

The commissioners, on Tuesday morning, went over the tax renditions for 1926, and some twenty or twenty-five Runnels county citizens will be cited before the court, who will sit as an equalization board on Tuesday, June 10th, following the court's regular meeting on Monday, June 14.

The only other business, other than the Bluff Creek bridge contract, transacted, was of regular routine matter.

NORTON POSTMASTER EXAMINATION HERE

Receipt of applications for the appointment of a postmaster at Norton will be closed on June 9, according to the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

The examination for applicants for this office, a fourth-class office, will be held in Ballinger some time within the next few weeks after the closing date for receiving applications.

The compensation of the postmaster at Norton was \$717 for the last fiscal year.

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- D. 431—Parchment kid pump, Bois de Rose trim, marble spike heel, the kind of pump that fits the foot. Regular \$7.95 value, close out, the pair **\$6.45**
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NEWS NOTES FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES

Two little girls, ages 12 and 13, were arrested this week in Big Spring and held until their fathers could be located. It was revealed that the young ladies had become dissatisfied at home on account of school and had started for old Mexico. They live at DeLeon.

A Winters cotton buyer is reported to have contracted for 200 bales of cotton to be delivered in the fall for 18 cents per pound.

Rural schools of Brown, Coleman, Taylor, Concho, Tom Green, Coke, McCulloch and other West Texas counties are closing this week and next for the 1925-26 school term. The independent schools of these counties are closing the week ending May 29.

S. C. Shultz of Paint Rock, sold 240 head of 2 and 3 year old steers recently to an Oklahoma stockman. The consideration averaged \$55 per head. Delivery was made last Sunday.

The Treble Clef Glee Club of Howard Payne College under the direction of Cameron Marshall, dean of the School of Music at the college, gave a concert in Coleman Tuesday night. The club recently completed a tour of West Texas, visiting some eight or ten cities.

The Daniel Baker College baseball team defeated the McMurry College Indians of Abilene, in two games this week at Brownwood. The Billies have one of the best teams in the T. I. A. A. this season.

W. A. Miers, Sonora ranchman, has paid \$211,450 for a 33-section ranch located in Sutton and Edwards counties. The sellers were Raleigh White and W. D. Crothers, of Brady, who purchased the ranch from Capt. Chas. Schreiner, of Kerrville, in 1915.

The three-day Texas Frontier Celebration, sponsored by the San Angelo Fair Association, was to be opened this afternoon with a big parade down Chadbourne Street. Cowboys and Indians will have big parts in the three-day meet with two performances daily, in the afternoon and at night.

Miss Ruth Shumate, daughter of former Ranger and Mrs. R. D. Shumate, of San Angelo, receives \$4,500 for injuries sustained one night last year when she was shot by C. B. Metcalfe. Mrs. Shumate will be made guardian of Miss Shumate's affairs until she is 21. The parents of Miss Shumate each received \$50 in the case.

Three Miles high school athletes qualified for the finals in the Texas interscholastic meet in Austin last week-end. George Echols was in the 220-yard dash; T. W. Clark in the 220-yard low hurdles and Henson Alagood in the 880-yard run. Alagood won fifth place in his race.

Abilene citizens are raising \$1,600 to send the Simmons University Cowboy Band to Birmingham, Ala., for the United Confederate Veterans national convention. This band was selected as the official band of the Texas department last year.

Building permits issued in one day in Abilene amounted to more than \$14,000. Abilene expects to have \$2,000,000 worth of new structures contracted for before June 1.

COUNTY BISCUIT CONTEST OPENS

Miss Eula Key, county home demonstration agent, has inaugurated a "Biscuit Making Contest" for this year. It was announced Thursday at the office of the home agent.

This contest is to teach the women how to make biscuit, in less time, to save energy and materials, to make them better and to teach women to judge the quality of biscuits. Miss Key will from time to time give demonstrations to the many members of the Rannels county rural clubs at their regular meeting places.

No one is eligible in this contest unless they are members of rural women's clubs.

Both baking powder and sour milk biscuits will be made by the contestants.

Those who are in the county contest are also eligible for entrance in the state contest. Those who wish to enter the state-wide contest may do so by sending their names to Miss Lola Blair, Food Specialist, A. & M. College, before July 1.

The winner of the county contest will receive a free trip to the short course at College Station next August.

Following is the score card as announced by the state committee and sent to Miss Key:

	Points
1. General Appearance	
a. Shape	5
b. Size and uniformity	5
c. Color	5
2. Lightness	19
3. Crust	
a. Quality—tenderness	5
b. Depth	5
4. Crumb—color	5
5. Texture	
a. Grain size and uniformity of cells	5
b. Tenderness (not too moist)	5
c. Flakiness or crumbliness	10
6. Flavor	
a. Taste	20
b. Odor	20
TOTAL	100

Working Score

	Perfect Score
1. Appearance of contestant	40
2. Procedure	
(1) Neatness	
a. Arrangement of material and utensils	40
b. Manipulation and method of handling	40
(2) Economy of Material	80
3. Subject matter	
(1) General knowledge of bread making	100
(2) Ability to judge biscuits	100
Final scores at the state contest will be determined by multiplying the judges' score of the biscuits by four, adding this to the working score and dividing by eight.	

SANTA FE SAFE AT BROWNWOOD BLOWN

The safe at the Santa Fe passenger office was blown last night and about \$250 in cash and checks secured by the yeggs. The sheriff's department believe they have a clue in a car which was seen leaving the vicinity about 2:00 a. m. today. The local officers chased the car but were outdistanced on the road to Cisco. A country-wide comb was inaugurated and it is thought the yeggs will be apprehended.—Brownwood Bulletin.

REGENTS VISIT SUL ROSS COL.

ALPINE, May 14.—"We want to do all we can to further the interests of Sul Ross. We are here to study the needs of the school and not recommend its removal."

Such was the cheering message brought to Alpine Friday by A. B. Mayhew, of Uvalde; and Henry Paulus, of Yoakum, of the board of regents. Both spoke at a chapel exercise of the normal here Friday, Mr. Paulus adding to the remarks of Mr. Mayhew that "on serving on the board we know North Texas, East Texas or West Texas. It all looks alike to us and we ask that each be treated with justice by the legislature. We are interested in Sul Ross and its welfare, and if I remain a member of the board of regents I may be with you each year and hope to see you grow and prosper."

W. B. Walthall, of the state board of control, arrived Friday for a conference for the purpose of studying the needs of Sul Ross college in order that appropriations may be made accordingly.

Alpine citizens are erecting nine new cottages and with every Alpine home thrown open, it is expected that accommodations may be secured for the increased number of students expected here this summer. Indications are that the enrollment will surpass that of any previous year.



BALLINGER BOY COMPLETES BUSINESS COURSE AT TYLER

Clint Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Little of this city, has completed the regular six months banking course in the Tyler Commercial College, and has accepted a position with the American National Insurance Company with offices at Galveston. He will be in the accounting department.

Mr. Little is a graduate of the Ballinger high school in 1924 and entered the Tyler school on February 2nd. He completed the regular banking course at Tyler in three months and ten days without being tardy or absent one single day and without one demerit marked against his record.

Work has been started on the construction of State Highway No. 1 in Taylor county, with Sullivan & Davis, contractors for the drainage structures, installing these structures near the Calhoun county line.

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San Antonio, Texas—"I used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for feminine trouble, and it helped me very much; I suffered at times so I would have to go to bed. I would have headaches and a dragging sensation and was very nervous and irritable, but after taking the 'Prescription' I gained in weight and felt better in every way. I certainly am glad to tell others what this medicine has done for me."—Mrs. J. D. Scott, 223 Keller. Put up in both fluid and tablet form. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package of tablets. Write for free medical advice.



TWO FROM HERE ON HONOR ROLL

AUSTIN, May 14.—Dean H. Y. Benedict, of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Texas has just made public a list of 439 students out of 3,243 registered in the College of Arts and Sciences deserving to be classified on the honor roll for exceptional scholastic averages during the winter term of the present session. The object of the honor list is to commend officially members of the student body whose grades during the term rank them scholastically above the average. The list has been divided into five groups, according to the scholastic rank of the students mentioned.

In constructing the honor roll, account is taken both of the grades made and the number of courses passed; that is, account is taken of both the quantity and quality of work accomplished by the student as evidenced by the reports of the instructors. Emphasis, however, is placed on quality by counting A as 12 points, a B as 9, a C as 6, a D as 3 in computing the average of the student.

From Ballinger the honor roll contains the names of Louise Kirk and Mae Garlington.

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- For County Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK
- For Sheriff: R. E. McWILLIAMS
- For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN
- G. W. DUNLAP
- For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIE
- For District Clerk: GEORGIA SINGLETARY
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD
- For County Superintendent: R. E. WHITE
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: B. D. DUNCAN
- C. H. WILLINGHAM
- For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1: ROY HIGGINBOTHAM
- TOBE LITTLE
- W. T. NICHOLS
- J. D. COULTER
- O. R. JONAS
- F. W. KREIDEL
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: R. J. DEENS
- R. L. WHITE
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: GEO. W. MILLER
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2: D. W. YEAGER
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: I. A. CURRY

GUY CUDE MAY ENTER CONTEST FOR DIST. CLERK

Efforts to induce Guy Cude, secretary of the electrical firm of Graham & Collins, to become a candidate for the office of district clerk of Bexar county to succeed the late Osceola Archer, are being made by his friends and supporters, it became known Wednesday.

Although Cude is known to have received many urgent requests to enter the race he has so far declined to discuss the matter. The unexpired term of the late Osceola Archer is being filled by his widow.

Cude has never been a candidate for any political office in Bexar county, but is being urged to make the race for district clerk on account of his long experience as an office manager and accountant. He has been in his present position 15 years.—San Antonio Evening News.

Mr. Cude is a former citizen of Ballinger, having lived here for a number of years prior to mov-

ing to San Antonio. He has many friends here who will wish him good fortune in any political venture. Mr. Cude visited Ballinger with his sister, Mrs. Tim Ward, following the tragic death several years ago of Ernie Ward, who was killed in an airplane accident in California. Cude was young Ward's uncle.

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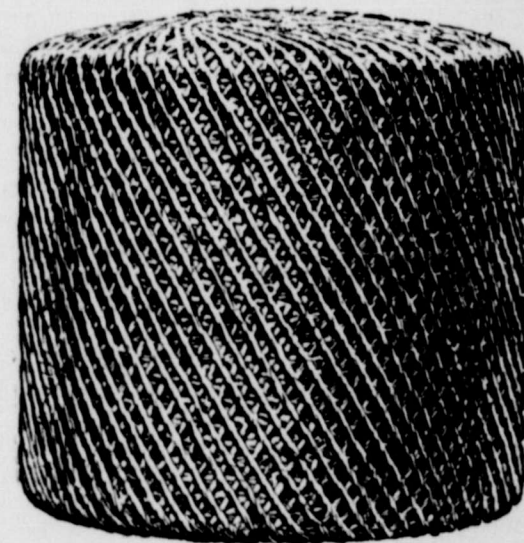
Miss Winnie Trail, Mrs. Ollie Strickland and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh have returned from Brady where they spent the week-end with relatives and friends.

HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 35-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications the hair stops coming out and you can't find any dandruff.



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WORMS WORKING ON YOUNG CROP

According to reports coming to the office of C. W. Lehmer, county agricultural agent, web worms are causing damage to the cotton in several sections.

Mr. Lehmer has co-operated with the farmers in protecting their crops and on the strength of these reports he has prepared several formulas which might be used in destroying the worms.

Following is a statement and the formulas by Mr. Lehmer: "Reports coming in from different sections of the county indicate that there may be another horde of web worms preying on our cotton crop this year. It was also stated by several farmers that the cut worms are doing considerable damage to the young cotton.

"Believing that, in this case, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, I am herewith giving several formulas that, if properly used, will greatly aid in saving the cotton crop.

"The following three arsenicals are used extensively as dust sprays: calcium arsenate, lead arsenate, and Paris Green.

"No. 1. We suggest that calcium arsenate be applied as a dust, preferably while the dew is on the plants, using about five pounds per acre.

"No. 2. If calcium arsenate is not available use lead of arsenate, in the powdered form, at the rate of about three to four pounds to the acre without a dilutant.

"No. 3. Paris Green can be used but is more expensive. It should be used with air slacked lime, using an equal quantity of lime, or more, according as the method of dusting makes a heavy application.

"Methods of applying the dust spray—

"If dusting machines are not available the bag and pole system may be used, which is as follows:

"Take a pole sufficiently long to reach across two or four rows, tie a bag, filled with poison over each row and about 18 inches above the plants. Saddle a horse and place the pole in the saddle in front of the rider and trot the horse up and down the cotton rows. The shaking effected by the trotting of the horse will dust out the poison and makes an easy and cheap method of applying the dust. Cultivators or wagons with wire or rope wrapped about the wheels at certain points are used by some farmers in place of the horse.

"Liquid Spray—If spray machinery is available, the poison can be mixed with water. In making up a spray, one pound of Paris Green, or one and one half pounds of either calcium arsenate or lead arsenate, in fifty gallons of water should be used. If Paris Green is used, it will be best to slack one pound of quick lime, and add this to the water, after straining, so as to finally make the fifty gallons of spray. In applying this spray use a nozzle that produces a fog or fine vapor.

"For the control of the cut worms use the poison bran mash, made up as follows: Coarse wheat bran, 25 pounds; white arsenic or Paris Green, 1 pound; cane or sorghum molasses (avoid corn syrup), 2 quarts; lemons, six fruits; water enough to make a wet mash that can be readily sown.

"Mix the poison thoroughly with the bran. Squeeze the lemons and grind the rinds in a fine meat chopper, and add both to two gallons of water, add to this also the molasses. Now mix the liquid thoroughly with the bran-poison mixture so every particle is wet. The mash should be thoroughly moist, yet so that when sown it falls readily apart."

COMMISSION TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION SOON

Only a general discussion of the city business was heard Tuesday night at the City Hall when the first regular meeting of the new city commission was scheduled.

No important business was acted upon on account of the absence of Roy Reeder, who was called to Dallas early this week.

Commissioner E. M. Eubank and Mayor S. B. Raby were present and discussed the matters of municipal business.

Mayor Raby announced that a called meeting would be held as soon as Mr. Reeder returned to the city. The mayor said that this would probably be the latter part of this week.

Real Estate Transfers

Warranty Deeds

W. H. Turner and wife to J. O. Cline, lot No. 2 of block No. 92 of the First Railroad Addition to the city of Ballinger, May 18, for the sum of \$1,000.

W. I. Nunn et ux to C. G. Smith, a part of lot No. 1, block No. 11, of the College Heights Addition to the city of Winters, May 18, for the sum of \$1,475.

Warranty Deeds

Mrs. Lula Noyes et al to Homer C. Daniel, lot 4 of block No. 10 of the original town plat of Ballinger, May 8th, for the sum of \$1,000.

Warranty Deeds

R. E. Cole and wife to E. B. Huntsman, lots 10 and 11 of Burton Place, an addition to the city of Winters, May 12, for the sum of \$300.

J. C. Ballew and wife to Zappe Land Company, 97 1-2 acres of block No. 15 of the Burnett county school lands survey No. 271, April 23, for the sum of \$3,606.25.

Mrs. Florence Gentry to E. E. Woodson, lot 2 of block No. 5 of Bowden addition to the city of Ballinger, May 12, for the sum of \$500.

Warranty Deeds

John Griffin and wife to K. D. Peterson, lot 12 of block No. 17 of Spill second addition to the city of Winters, April 17, for the sum of \$140 and other considerations.

R. T. Bowden et ux to E. P. Talbot, one tract of the B. S. S. deed survey No. 312, May 6, for the sum of \$1,000.

CITY RENDITIONS SHOW SOME GAIN

K. V. Northington, assistant city secretary, is busy this week and will be busy for some time, taking city tax renditions from Ballinger citizens. Mr. Northington started out Monday morning visiting the property holders and taking their renditions.

It is believed, Mr. Northington states, that the personal property renditions will increase in number and that the amount of personal property will show an increase. So far the increases are very much in evidence.

The merchandise renditions will show up about the same as last year, Mr. Northington believes.

There are lots of new people in town, the assessor says, and more motor vehicles than last year. Municipal real estate holdings will also show a gain for 1926.

It is pointed out that all these leaps in renditions indicate Ballinger is slowly but surely building up to a nice little city.

Due to the fact that about half of each month has to be spent on book work, it will take Mr. Northington the greater part of the next two months to complete his tax rolls.

Lower Mexican Death Rate

Aim of U. S. Scientists
NEWARK, N. J., May 17.—Reduction of Mexico's death rate is the goal of a party of American scientists who will spend the summer in a study of that republic and its peoples.

The investigation has the approval of the Mexican government and public health officials and will be directed by Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company.

Mexico is reputed to have the highest death rate of any country, but, in the opinion of Dr. Hoffman, much of its mortality is within the reach of preventive measures.

Excavations Disclose Ancient Filipino Culture

MANILA, P. I., May 18.—Discoveries showing the customs and culture of the Filipines of 700 years ago have been made in the excavations for the Novaliches Dam. They include old bits of pottery of curious design, beads, weapons, bits of opal, old gold, jade, agate and glazed utensils.

Prof. H. O. Beyer, ethnologist and anthropologist of the University of the Philippines, said that the theory that the Filipines in pre-Spanish times had a high degree of culture was again confirmed by the discoveries.

Be wise and advertise.

MEXICANS WHO BEAT WOMAN ARE TAKEN

DEL RIO, May 17.—Wearing the shoes of their victim's husband, two Mexicans were arrested last night charged with an attack on Mrs. S. C. Holcomb, who was beaten on her ranch near here last week.

The men were being held at Villa Acuna, across the Rio Grande from Del Rio. Efforts are being made to have the men brought back here.

Mrs. D. M. Baker, of this city, a sister of Mrs. Holcomb, left this morning by automobile for San Angelo where she caught the 2:00 o'clock auto bus for Del Rio, where she will be at the bedside of her sister. Mrs. E. A. Giesecke accompanied Mrs. Baker to San Angelo.

Two other sisters, Miss Florence Westbrook and Mrs. Percy Willis, of Waco, are due in Ballinger tonight en route to Del Rio.

Mrs. Holcomb was before her marriage, Miss Lena Westbrook, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook, 708 Seventh Street.

According to word received here by relatives, Mr. Holcomb was in Del Rio on business at the time of the attack. The Holcomb ranch is about 50 miles from Del Rio.

Mrs. Giesecke returned from San Angelo about 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon and stated that according to word received

in San Angelo about 2:00 o'clock, Mrs. Holcomb's condition was much improved. She was not as badly wounded as was first reported.

THREE MORE NEW HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

E. E. Woodson, barber, is constructing a new home on Ninth Street. Mr. Woodson recently sold his property holdings here, including a barber shop, and moved to Corpus Christi, but he decided that he liked Ballinger better than he did Corpus Christi and as a result he returned to Ballinger and is constructing a new residence on Ninth Street. This place will be modern in every way and will cost about \$3,000.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin are starting a new house in the 800 block on Sixth Street. They have placed their home place on Eighth Street for sale and will move into the new home as soon as it is completed. This domicile will be one of the most modern in the city and will cost about \$7,000.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn on the 900 block on Seventh Street, are remodeling their home. The new house will be of up-to-date construction. This contract will cost several hundred dollars.

Be wise and advertise.

Judge A. K. Doss returned home Tuesday night from Memphis, Tenn., where he went as a delegate to the Southern Methodist conference. Judge Doss reports a very pleasant trip. He returned to Ballinger by the way of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge and Miss Edna Routh have returned from Glen Rose, where they spent the last ten days.

Weldon Watson and Albert Sledge visited in San Angelo Tuesday night.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

WINTERS RODEO BEGINS FRIDAY

"Hackberry Slim" (H. A.) Johnson, one of Texas' best rodeo managers, has started out his series of summer shows the past two weeks, the first in Brownwood, then in San Angelo, and this week is presenting his Western attractions in Winters.

Monday night, Mr. Johnson, assisted by George Newton, trick roper, and a group of Comanche Indians from an Oklahoma reservation, staged a Wild West performance here at the Maeroy Theatre. The crowd attending this offering was large and the applause and encores were plentiful throughout the evening's entertainment.

The Indians, about thirty of them, travelling in cars, came to Texas especially for the Brownwood and San Angelo celebrations. In both places they attracted considerable attention and drew large crowds. At the Maeroy Monday night they gave their tribal dances, war songs and regular pow-wow.

Mr. Newton is considered one of the best trick riders in the Southwest and he has attracted favorable attention in parades, on rodeo lots, and before the footlights.

The Indians returned to their tepees in Oklahoma Tuesday morning but will return to Texas before Friday night for the rodeo to be staged in Winters.

Mr. Johnson expects to exhibit in a large number of West Texas cities before the close of summer.

MILES HOME BURGLARIZED LAST SATURDAY EVENING

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd and Sheriff R. E. McWilliams went to Miles Tuesday afternoon to conduct a court of inquiry in connection with the burglary of a home in that city.

Sheriff McWilliams was called to Miles Monday to look into the matter and returned to Ballinger Monday evening. Cines were secured by the sheriff's department sufficient to hold a preliminary inquiry.

The house occupied by C. C. Lee and family, and by Clarence McCaslin and family was burglarized Saturday afternoon or early in the evening. Mrs. Lee missed a wrist watch, a pair of silk hose, bed clothing and other articles, all of which were valued at about \$35. The McCaslin part of the house was not visited.

The watch, after a search, was found a short distance from the home behind a telephone pole. The other goods are still missing.

A young girl, about 15 years of age, and a young man about 20 years of age, are under suspicion. It is expected that the investigation is completed.

ONLY FOUR CIVIL SUITS FILED SINCE MARCH 20

Ballinger will not be the scene of a district court gathering until October 25, the fall of this year when District Judge J. O. Woodward and his force comes back for another term.

The last term was closed in March.

Since March 20, only four suits have been filed with the district clerk, Miss Georgia Singletary said Friday. There is one suit for divorce, an injunction suit, a suit for debt, and a wife's petition to convey separately.

REGISTERS 5,094 CARS

Since January 1, County Tax Collector W. L. Brown has registered 4,733 passenger cars, 361 trucks, and issued 1,159 transfers for second-hand cars.

FIFTY YEARS A MASON GIVES HOME \$5,000

SAN ANTONIO, May 17.—For over a half century Charles Sykes Brodbent, a life member of Alamo Masonic Lodge 44, of this city, and who has been a Mason since 1867, has tried to impress the members of his lodge with the importance of gathering orphans into homes where they will grow up under Protestant influence. Mr. Brodbent recently gave a cash endowment of \$5,000 to the Protestant Orphans' Home. He is not a rich man but is willing to sacrifice some of the luxuries of life to help these homeless children.

Ledger advertising pays.

MORE OIL SHOWS IN CONCHO WELL

After penetrating one foot of the lime at the Kemper Kimberlin-Shultz No. 1 at about 1,200 feet in the Northeast corner of section No. 139, block 72, of the T. & N. O. Railway Co. survey, 10 miles Southeast of Paint Rock, the driller shut down operations until the arrival of Mr. Kimberlin from San Antonio, where he was attending the Oil Scouts Convention.

Oil was showing in the slush pit of this well Tuesday afternoon and the bailer was at work for a short time bringing some little oil out of the hole. It is said that the showing of oil is about 40 gravity.

A 6 5/8ths inch casing is set to 1,140 feet in this well.

The bailer was lost for a short time after the bit went into the lime but was soon found and brought out of the hole. Operations were then suspended.

This well is in the vicinity of several other tests put down on the Shultz Ranch and is 1 3/4 miles Southwest of the Amery & Dutton Shultz No. 1, which was drilled past 1,400 feet.

A good showing of gas was found at 960 feet in this well but with the present showing of oil no gas was found.

W. O. Shultz, of Paint Rock, who owns the land where the well is being drilled passed thru Ballinger this morning about 11:30 o'clock en route to Fort Worth to look after business.

Mr. Shultz said that a good showing of oil was found at 1,200 feet in the well.

It is generally believed that pay, if any, will be struck at about 1,400 feet.

There is a probability of a shallow field in Concho county on the Shultz Ranch, operators believe. Several wells have been drilled in that section during the past few years and a good showing has been found in almost every hole.

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UNDERGOES OPERATION

G. W. ("Bill") Dunlap, local carpenter, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, underwent an operation in San Angelo Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Latest reports from the sanitarium where Mr. Dunlap is confined stated that he was resting very well.

TRAP SHOOTERS TO MEET AT TEMPLE

TEMPLE, May 18.—Texas' champion amateur trap-shooter will be crowned when pigeon-breakers from all sections of the Lone Star State meet here for a three-day contest, June 7, 8, 9. The meet will be staged under the auspices of the Temple Gun Club.

A championship event for women has been arranged, as has a title "shoot" for boys under 18. Several women have accepted invitations to participate. The "shoot" will be staged at the aviation grounds on the highway between Temple and Belton. Four new traps have been installed.

Edwin Schuchard, Homer Voelkel and other local men are intending to take part in the meet near Temple, it has been learned. No professionals riflemen will be allowed to compete in the contests.

PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF AUTO ACCESSORIES

A youth, living near Winters, plead guilty to stealing auto accessories, Saturday night, after his father had come down and talked with him in the county jail here, where he had been confined for the last two weeks. The youth had maintained his innocence until his father gave him a good talking. He paid his fine and was released from jail.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Berry and Miss Eula Witten.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw have returned from a visit to Dallas.

Gal. Townsend, of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon on business.

LEGION PLANS TO BUILD MODERN AUDITORIUM

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Ballinger by the American Legion was reported from Monday night when more than 100 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members met in their regular monthly meeting in the Legion hall. At the close of the session the ladies served delicious ice cream and home-made cake to all present and a delightful social hour was spent.

The big question before the meeting Monday night was the plan submitted by a special committee regarding the equipping of a modern auditorium. For some time this matter has been under consideration by the post and a committee was named by Commander E. W. McLaurin several weeks ago to get the figures and formulate a plan whereby the auditorium could be made a reality.

The committee report was as follows: That the stage part of the present auditorium be completely wrecked, floor extended five feet wider, modern lighting equipment installed including mirrored troughs overhead, three sets of scenery installed, front curtain, mirrored footlights, and the stage equipped to care for any attraction coming this way. The auditorium would be wired with new modern lighting fittings, including exit lights, an inclined floor installed, opera chairs, the front entrance remodeled and when completed is to be one of the finest small auditoriums in West Texas with a seating capacity of 426 and room provided for overflow crowds.

The plan of raising funds for this cause will be in the form of offering for sale 300 ten dollar bonds. These bonds will bear no interest and practically will be only a receipt for \$10. The sale of the bonds will net \$3,000, and the committee's estimate of the total cost with new chairs was \$3,380. In case that a deficit exists when the auditorium is completed the post plans to get in the clear with the annual Legion show which has always netted more than the expected deficit.

Speakers for the new proposition pointed out that Ballinger is at present without an auditorium and that sooner or later it would be necessary to erect a municipal building to serve this purpose at a cost of from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The present scheme it was said, would give Ballinger a place for all meetings and at a cost that would be nil compared to a new structure.

The Legionnaires discussed the policy of the post for the auditorium in case it is built, and came to the decision that all gatherings where no admission was charged could have free use of the hall with lights and janitor

service furnished. Where a local organization presented a paid attraction a fee which would be barely cover the exact cost will be charged, and transient troupes seeking to use the auditorium would be referred to the house and amusement committee of the post.

The Legion men were very enthusiastic over the proposed plans and many of the bonds were sold Monday night. Several out-of-town members from Winters, Bronte, Paint Rock and Talpa left their checks for bonds and asked that the first issue go to them when the bonds were prepared. The opinion was expressed that individual members of the post and auxiliary would take 100 of the bonds or one-third of the total amount required.

The bonds will be ready for sale and committee will canvass the city within the next two weeks in an effort to sell the necessary amount and commence the work on the building at once. It is hoped to have the auditorium ready before August 8th when more than 1,000 Legion delegates will gather here for the convention of the 17th district.

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DALLAS FIRM GETS CONTRACT

F. A. Mote, of Dallas, was awarded the contract for the construction of the Winters high school, it was announced here this morning. The contract totals \$101,620.

The general contract calls for an expenditure of \$88,500. The heating and plumbing contract was awarded to C. E. Wallas, of Stamford, calling for an expenditure of \$10,500. The Moody Electric Company of Abilene, was awarded the contract for the installation of the electrical equipment for the sum of \$2,620.

The Winters school will be one of the most modern in this part of the state. David S. Castle, of Abilene, is the architect.

The building will be 130 by 58 feet. A wing is to extend back of the main section, 65x49 feet, which will house the main auditorium with a balcony.

The contract calls for completion of the project by January 1, 1927.

R. F. Lane and H. B. Stallworth have returned from Brownwood, where they went to look after business.

Ledger want ads pay.

WINTERS MAN CAUGHT WITH TOO SMALL BASS

Deputy Game Warden W. A. Barber was in Ballinger this morning looking after business and visiting Sheriff Earl McWilliams and his force at the sheriff's office.

Sunday afternoon, Deputy Barber arrested a Winters citizen on the Concho River at the dam near Paint Rock for catching bass a little too small. The

man plead guilty and was fined \$17.50.

NEW BAKER HERE

Walter Simer, of San Antonio, has arrived in Ballinger to accept a position with the Graf Bakery. Mr. Simer is a graduate of the Institute of Baking at Bradford, Pennsylvania.

He has worked in San Antonio and other cities and comes to Ballinger highly recommended.

Saturday

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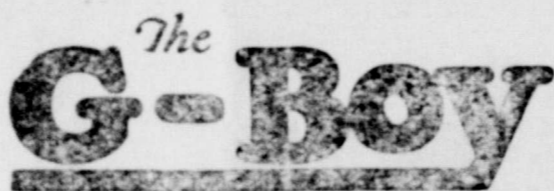
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In your present laxative, in whatever form, promoting natural bowel "regularity"—or must you purge and "physic" every day or two to avoid sick headache, dizziness, biliousness, colds, or sour, gassy stomach?

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin helps to establish natural, regular bowel movement even for those chronically

constipated. It never gripes, sickens or upsets the system. Besides, it is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take. Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN

Modern Credit Problems to Be Discussed at Meeting

DALLAS, May 14.—The delicate art of refusing a customer credit while trying to keep his good will and the less delicate pastime of swatting the peddler and the itinerant merchant are to be demonstrated at the Texas Retail Merchants' association convention here May 17-19.

Officials of the association state that their two main problems seem to be credit and peddlers, with the installment buying and chain stores giving a share of worry to the average merchant.

In the case of the installment buying the question is: "To be or not to be," because the association has not officially formulated any policy on this matter. The question of whether the association should be for or against installment buying, which is now represented in millions, will be discussed.

Several credit experts will discuss their work under the topic: "How to decline an Account and Keep the Customer's Good Will." C. E. Witchell, of San Antonio, W. E. Brock of Fort Worth, and John L. Cottingham, of Dallas, will throw light on this question.

The increase of installment buying and its effect on retail business will be aired by L. L. Meyer of Houston, vice-president of the Retail Credit Men's National Association. Robert Stern will lead an open forum discussion on this subject following Mr. Meyer's address.

J. R. Denny of Port Arthur will tell the merchants how to overcome the peddler and the itinerant merchant.

A minister of the gospel will tell the merchants something of the gospel of good will from the customer's standpoint. He is the Rev. Illion T. Jones of Corsicana. There will be a 20 minute discussion on "Why Tolerate Premium Schemes and Untruthful Advertising?"

There will be considerable discussion on credit and how to educate the public to pay bills. The force of the radio in this educational campaign will be detailed by N. H. King of San Antonio.

Child-birth

Here is a wonderful message to all expectant mothers!

When the Little One arrives, you can have that moment more free from suffering than you have perhaps imagined. An eminent physician, expert in this science, has shown the way. It was he who first produced the great remedy, "Mother's Friend." Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Sherman, Pa., says:

"With my first two children I had a doctor and a nurse and then they had to use instruments, but with my last two children I used 'Mother's Friend' and had only a nurse; we had no time to get a doctor because I wasn't very sick—only about ten or fifteen minutes." Use "Mother's Friend" as one mother and grandmother did. Don't wait until today, and meanwhile write to Broadfield Regulator Co., R. 46, Atlanta, Ga., for a free illustrated book containing information every expectant mother should have. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all drug stores—everywhere.

BOARD ELECTS NEW TEACHERS

Five new teachers were elected Thursday night by the board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, A. F. Brock, secretary of the board announced Friday morning.

These teachers were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Waco; Miss Gladys Chadwick, Carthage; Miss Ina Todd, Maverick; Miss Anna Epps, Brownwood; and Miss Louise Doss.

Mr. Spencer was elected as instructor of the manual training department, while Mrs. Spencer will be an instructor in the Spanish department.

Miss Chadwick will be an instructor in the commercial department of the high school.

Miss Ina Todd was elected to teach in the Mexican school.

Miss Epps will be a teacher in the Junior high school. The superintendent will appoint her to a grade in this school.

Only three vacancies are left in the faculty of the Ballinger schools for the next year. A principal for the Junior high, a home economics instructor and a teacher for the negro school.

All of the trustees were present at the meeting.

A resolution was passed by the school board to the effect that no student whose tuition was not paid up would be promoted or be allowed to graduate. This action was taken by the board following considerable discussion of the matter.

It is understood that several of the students attending the Ballinger schools have not paid their tuition for this year. But now, in order to graduate or to be promoted from one grade to another, the accounts must be paid in full. The board also discussed a probable change in the amount of the tuition for transfers.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lazy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose of two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

R. L. WHITE FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

To the Voters of Precinct No. 1: I take this method of placing my name before you as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. I have had several years experience in road work which I feel will be of great value to me in that part of the work. I have been a resident of Runnels county and Precinct No. 1 for the past seven years.

I am for economy in handling the county funds but also for better roads. I believe in putting the money of the road funds to work instead of leaving it in the treasury.

I feel that I am qualified to fill the office and if elected I will do my best to work for the interests of the tax-payers of this precinct.

R. L. WHITE

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SANTA FE MAN TOWN BUILDER

SLATON, Tex., May 17.—The risibilities of W. B. Storey, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad probably would be stirred, should he be placed in the same category as that redoubtable Russian czar, Peter the Great. Nevertheless, the czar of all the Russias and the guiding genius of the Santa Fe both created cities out of bare ground by the mere wave of a hand and, if tradition is worthy of credence, in about the same length of time.

Peter, sailing along the river that skirted his capital to be, pointed out a marsh and ordered a city to be started. Mr. Storey in 1911 dropped off the rear coach of a special train, waved his hand over the bare prairie and ordered his subordinates to lay out a division point for the Santa Fe. Although Slaton is not as densely inhabited as Petrograd, residents assert that "she ain't so old either."

Not quite 15 years old, this town has well paved streets, is the center of a prosperous farming community, and as a further source of income has a payroll of more than a million dollars annually from the Santa Fe. The geological survey shows possibilities for oil and gas and hopes are held that a well spudded in near here eventually will prove a producer.

The plains country surrounding Slaton, that in years past was supposed to be valueless except for grazing purposes, is now producing enormous quantities of feedstuffs. Some of the finest cotton in the state is grown in the Slaton trade territory and melon and fruit cultivation is found highly profitable.

MAN HURT WHEN HE TRIES TO RIDE A WILD STEER

"Shorty" Morgan, a laborer, residing at Mrs. M. J. Pollard's rooming house, 200 South Sixth Street, is confined to his bed this morning very badly bruised, following a steer riding contest held in San Angelo Saturday during the Frontier Days Celebration staged in the San Angelo Fair park.

Morgan was brought to Ballinger Sunday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock on the East bound Santa Fe and removed to Mrs. Pollard's on a cot.

He had been working in Ballinger for several months and went to San Angelo Saturday to take part in the rodeo. The first steer he crawled spraddled Morgan on the ground and painfully bruised and scratched the man about the head, arms and shoulders. His injuries are not regarded serious but are very painful.

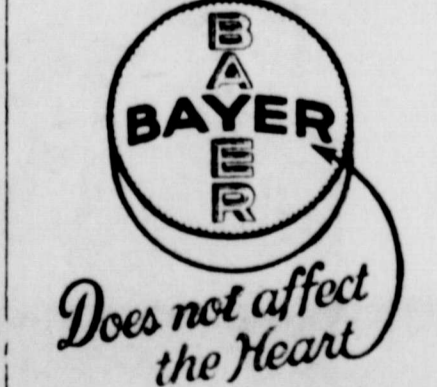
Fresh channel cat fish, twice a week at Hopper's Cafe. Take some home. Telephone 199. 11-5td-3tw

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturgis and Miss Maggie Lilly attended the closing of the Norton school Friday night.

Mrs. Percy Willis, of Waco, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook.

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Each unbroken "Bayer" package contains proven directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Drug stores also sell bottles of 24 and 100.

ONE DEAD IN AUTO WRECK

SAN ANGELO, May 17.—Three automobile accidents late Saturday night, two within a 50-yard stretch, within 30 minutes of each other near Christoval, 21 miles South of here, the other at Flatrock, in the Upton county oil field, caused one death and sent five injured to a local hospital, and two to a hospital at Best.

H. H. Painter, about 35, Angelo Drug Co. employe, succumbed here Sunday morning to internal injuries and his body was sent tonight to Pilot Point for burial. His father, Dr. F. U. Painter, lives in Corpus Christi.

Miss Eva Jones and Leroy Clark, of San Angelo, and Miss Mable Landers, of Fort Worth, Painter's companions, were injured but not seriously, when their roadster crashed thru a culvert at the bottom of a hill on a curve just North of Christoval. Clark, driving, apparently was blinded by the lights of cars stopped where, 30 minutes before, a coupe had overturned, landing on its top. Two men and a woman traveling in the coupe refused to give their names at the hospital here. They suffered only bad bruises and cuts.

Five employes of the Lincoln Tank Company, en route to night work near Flatrock, were injured when their truck went out of control due to defective steering apparatus and overturned. T. Henderson, with a skull fracture, and H. H. Tannenberger, with one leg fractured in two places, were rushed here.

Cliff Tolson, injured internally, and another man whose name was not learned, were taken to a hospital at Best. The fifth man was hurt only slightly.

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SENIOR HIGH FACULTY ENJOYS WEEK END ON CONCHO

The faculty of the Senior high school enjoyed a very pleasant outing on the Concho River at Christoval over the past weekend.

The party was made up of several of the instructors of the high school, their wives, husbands and friends.

They returned Sunday morning.

Those who went to Christoval were: Misses Trowsdale, Jones, Stephens, McWilliams, Newton, Copass, Love, Gladys Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gain, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oliver, Mrs. Jesse Jones, R. M. Payne, H. C. Kennedy, Ivan P. Oliver, J. M. Moore and Frank Bratton.

COMMISSIONERS COURT IN SESSION MONDAY

The Runnels County Commissioners Court met Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in regular session.

Minor business matters were taken at the first session. The court expected to be in session for the entire week.

MRS. HOLCOMB RAPIDLY RECOVERS FROM BEATING

Mrs. C. S. Holcomb, of Edwards county, who was beaten by two Mexicans when the Holcomb ranch was robbed of silverware, jewelry, money and a closed car, is rapidly recovering, according to word received here by relatives of Mrs. Holcomb.

Mrs. Holcomb was not taken to a hospital at Del Rio but was taken to the home of a friend there. First reports of the affair were slightly exaggerated, according to word received here. The woman's injuries were not as serious as first reported.

Mr. Holcomb was in Del Rio at the time of the robbery, looking after business.

Mrs. D. M. Baker, a sister of Mrs. Holcomb, left immediately for Del Rio Thursday morning, but turned back at Sonora after she had received word that Mrs. Holcomb was not seriously hurt.

Homer Sykes, Carl Carr, Dick Strawn and Weldon Watson visited in San Angelo Friday night.

Miss Eunice Lilly is spending the week-end in Snyder with friends.

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ROWENA HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Rowena Boosters met May 12th with Mrs. C. B. Armstrong in Ballinger.

In the absence of Miss Eula Key, home demonstration agent, who was unable to be present, Mrs. Robert Mohr gave a demonstration on sunshine cake that was very interesting as well as profitable.

While the cake was baking future meetings were discussed.

After the cake was baked the hostess served in addition to the cake baked, delicious angel food and ice cream.

All the members were present with the exception of three, who were unavoidably absent.

The roll call consisted of twenty-one members until the addition of Mrs. John Namken, who we are glad to welcome to our club.

Miss Effie Urbanke, of Rowena, and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong and Mrs. Stokes, of Ballinger, were visitors.

The club adjourned to meet again May 26th with Mrs. Helene Dahlgreen.

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ATTEND GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusk and son, Robert Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor and two sons, have returned from Wellington, where they attended the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy, Mrs. Lusk's parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Bandy are well known here. Rev. Bandy was formerly pastor of the First Christian Church here several years ago. Since that time they have visited in Ballinger frequently.

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FOR SALE—Nine weeks old Tanager strain, White Leghorn Roosters. M. Johnson Grade A stock. A. R. Jones. 19-4d-2w

FOR SALE—Blue Wagon Cotton Seed, one dollar per bushel. Telephone 4300. W. C. Wheelless. 17-3d-2w

FOR TRADE—109 ACRES Adjoining Crystal City in the heart of Winter Garden District, fenced, no other improvements. Want Runnels County farm. C. D. Kennedy with T. D. RIFE, Realtor, 312-14 Bedell Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 21-1w

FOR SALE—Five pairs of fine Berkshire Pigs. Full blood and subject to registration. For quick sale price \$7.50 each. E. A. Werner, Benoit, or leave orders with Oldsmobile Company. 13-1d-2w

FOR SALE—A twenty-four Case tractor and separator at a bargain. W. L. McMillan. 10-4d-3w

FOR SALE—Singer Sewing Machine, slightly used, a bargain at \$35.00. One Jersey milk cow, second calf, fresh. One span good work mules, 5 years old. W. J. Halfmann, Rowena, Phone 3304. 14-2w

FOR SALE—Italian Bees; strong swarms, \$1.00. You furnish the hive. Phone or see Enoch Johnson. 7-3w

FOR SALE—One Registered Duroc Sow. R. L. Sims, Eagle Branch, Route B, Ballinger, Texas. 7-3w

FOR SALE—Have a good supply of pure Red Top Cane Seed, 3c per pound, 4 1-2c per bushel or \$1 per cwt. Delivered at Ballinger if preferred. P. R. Dietz, Crews, Talpa Route 2. 7-3w

FOR SALE—A seven foot Osborne Grain Binder. See or write Fred Machotka, Rowena, Texas. 21-4w

FOR SALE—Few settings of genuine Silver Lacc Wyandotte Eggs, 700 Twelfth Street, Phone 1341. 23-3d-4w

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

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. **GEORGE'S TABLETS** will cure the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. See our bottle.

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WILL IMPROVE RURAL SCHOOLS

Tax elections in two rural school districts have been set by County Judge Paul Trimmier for Saturday, May 15, this week. One is in the Eagle Branch district, and the other in the North Norton district.

In the Eagle Branch district, the election will decide whether or not the school tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation shall be raised to \$1.

The same applies to the North Norton school.

Other petitions are pending in the Commissioners Court for elections to be held in several other districts, one of which is the Miller district, where the patrons are asking for an increase of the maintenance tax from 20 cents to 40 cents and also the issuance of bonds amounting to \$1,500 with which a new room might be added to the present school building.

A petition is pending in District No. 15, the Norton District, where the patrons of the school are asking for incorporation and for making this district an independent school district. The plot of the district has been forwarded to Attorney General Dan Moody for approval and some action will be taken on this matter as soon as Mr. Moody has passed on the question.

Plans are also being made by the Norton people to erect a new and modern six- or seven-room school building to replace the present structure which has been condemned by the school board.

Runnels county is coming out of the "forks of the creek" on the school question with forward steps being taken by the leaders of the schools in almost every section of the county.

Just Like a Man

"My husband suffered for several years with stomach trouble. He often had colic attacks that put him to bed. But a man can't stand the pains that a woman can. He thought he was going to die and the doctors didn't seem to help him any. Like a drowning man grasping for a straw he tried MAYR'S which a nurse told us about, and now he is entirely well and eats anything." 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.

W. O. Shultz, of Paint Rock, was a visitor in Ballinger Sunday.

Alfred Brogden, of Ft. Worth, was in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon, looking after business.

H. L. Skinner, representing the Southwestern Life Insurance Co., of Dallas, was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office Wednesday.

T. A. Dorsey, of McKinney, has arrived for a visit with his son J. B. Dorsey, and family.

DEATHS

Mrs. Will E. Hamilton Mrs. Will E. Hamilton, age 29 years, five months and thirteen days, died Tuesday at her home in the New Home community.

She leaves an infant who will live.

Mrs. Hamilton is survived by her husband and several other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery. E. E. King, of the King-Holt Co., undertakers, prepared the body for burial.

Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell

Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell died at her home, 203 Sixth Street, Monday at noon, after an illness extending over the past several months.

Mrs. Mitchell was 85 years, 4 months and 4 days old and had spent a number of those years in Ballinger. A nephew, Walter Turner, who lives at Lamesa, was notified and will arrive in time for the funeral which will be held at the family residence Tuesday morning at 9:30, with Rev. C. E. Bost, pastor of the Eighth Street Church of Christ.

Undertakers from the King-Holt Company prepared the body for burial which will be at Evergreen Cemetery Tuesday morning.

NEW CHIEF OPERATOR FOR LOCAL TELEPHONE OFFICE

Miss Edna Maxwell, formerly chief operator of the Winters exchange of the West Texas Telephone Company, took charge as chief operator of the Ballinger office Monday morning. M. C. Atkins, local manager, stated, Miss Maxwell has been in the local office since May 1.

Miss Maxwell takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Kate Drennan, who was chief operator for several years.

Wendel Bedichek, of the Abilene Printing Company, city editor of the Abilene Morning Reporter, spent a few minutes in Ballinger this morning en route to San Angelo to visit his sister. Mr. Bedichek formerly lived in Ballinger.

Morris Nicholson has returned to Ballinger after a visit to Breckenridge, Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco.

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Also two comedies and International News

MAEROY THEATRE
LEO MALONEY

in "The Blind Trail" and chapter 5 of "Winking Idol" And a Two Reel Comedy

Roads in Fine Condition For the Summer Tourists

Now that pretty weather—hot weather—is coming on, after several weeks of semi-winter weather, tourists are starting West, South, East and North for their annual vacations.

Tourist travel through Ballinger has been slight during April and the first half of this month but during the last few days many cars of tourists have passed through the city, most of whom are going West.

The Ballinger tourist park is one of the twenty-six parks passed by the State Board of Health at Austin and is one of the cleanest and most modern in the state. Motorists are using this station to a great advantage.

The roads, according to visitors, are in very good condition. An excellent road is now to be had between Ballinger and Fort Worth via Coleman, Cisco, Ranger, Eastland and Mineral Wells, an thru Dallas and Shreveport, Louisiana, giving the Louisianians an outlet to the western portion of Texas over one of the best roads in the Southwest.

West from Ballinger to San Angelo and then further West, on to Sonora, Del Rio, or to Sterling City, Big Spring, Fort Stockton and El Paso, or Christoval, Eldorado and other points the good roads are shared with San Angelo and Ballinger.

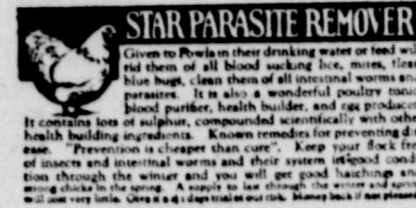
To Abilene, Anson, Stamford and on North, the roads are in very good condition.

South to San Antonio, the route is over some of the best and most travelled roads in the state. To the Alamo City via Paint Rock, Brady, Mason, and Fredericksburg, the roads are as smooth as desired and much travel is seen on this highway daily.

After leaving San Antonio the

route to Corpus Christi and other towns in Southwest Texas is one to be proud of in any state in the union.

Tourist travel is being made much more convenient and comfortable by the construction of paved and macadamized highways, by tourist camps en route, and by use of detailed highway maps showing distances between larger cities and accommodations to be found. Conditions of the roads are also broadcast every day from various radio stations in Texas and the Southwest and the modern tourist with a receiving set in his car can learn the latest news of the road in front of him.



Jeanes Company

Orland Sims, of Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger today.

833 ACRE RANCH BRINGS \$42,000

Mrs. L. O. Dailey, of the Marie community, has sold to C. A. Taylor, of Bronte, her 833-acre ranch, two miles North of Marie. The consideration was for \$42,000 of which Mrs. Dailey took a 210-acre farm as part payment. The farm, located one mile North of Bronte, was valued at \$21,000 in the deal.

The farm Mrs. Dailey now comes in possession of is one of the best improved pieces of land in Coke county and is practically all in cultivation.

Mr. Taylor has purchased one of the best pieces of land in Runnels county, with 400 of the 833 acres in cultivation. He expects to put the remainder of the ranch in cultivation. The deal will be closed at once but exchange of places will not be made until January 1, 1927.

Mrs. Dailey is a sister of G. G. Odum and Mrs. H. H. Luckett, of this city.

Mr. Taylor is a son of J. J. Taylor, one of the oldest residents of Coke county. He has, for 15 years, been connected with Hickman & Co., hardware dealers of Bronte.

Undertakers and Funeral Directors

C. R. Crews and C. G. Jennings

In Charge

Lady Attendant

Limousine Ambulance

Funeral Coach

HIGGINBOTHAM BROTHERS & CO.

The Community WELCOMES The Graduates

GRADUATES make citizens that the community is proud of. Their contact in school, the requirements that had to be met to graduate, gives them something that's immeasurable in money.

Reward them with gifts at commencement time. And it is fitting that these gifts be of high order although not necessarily of great expense. Such as the gifts mentioned here.

Let us Suggest

Beaded Bags, Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Brassieres, Tea Aprons, Fancy Garters, Vanities, Latest Novelties in Bracelets, Initial Pins, Toilet Water, Perfumes, Etc. Fancy Hose, Initial Handkerchiefs, Broadcloth Shirts, White and Fancy \$2.25 to \$3.50, New Spring Ties \$1.00 to \$2.50, Oxfords, Fancy Hat Bands, Novelty Hats.

Gift Shop Suggestions

Imported Beaded Bags, Ballinger High School Memory Books, Perfume Trays, Perfume Bottles, Powder Boxes in Rose or Blue with Gold Lacc. Mottoes, Silk Negligees, Silk Underwear, Voile Gowns, Voile Teds, Scarfs,

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
Ballinger's Greatest Store



INTENSIVE FARMING

Intensive farming puts new life into the business of agriculture. It not only opens new roads to profit for the individual farmer, but it enriches every industry in the state.

Farmers who are profiting by a system of intensive farming, will never go back to a one-crop method, with its waste, inefficiency, unhappiness, poverty and loss.

"More Cotton on Fewer Acres"—"More Feed on More Acres"—"More and Better Live Stock" is the real meaning of Intensive Farming.

The Handwriting on the Wall in the future prosperity of Texas is DIVERSIFICATION.

Ballinger State Bank
"Guaranty Fund Bank"