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AVIATORS TAKE-OFF ON PAN-AMERICAN TRIP

KELLY FIELD, San Antonio, Dec. 21.—Kissed by wives and mothers and carrying the benediction of the nation, pilots of the army's Pan-American air argosy departed today from Kelly Field to blaze a trail of friendship into the hearts of twenty nations.

The take-off today was made on Kelly Field's concrete runway after the start of the flight had been delayed yesterday by mud at Duncan Field.

The five ships, bearing the names of American cities, the New York, San Antonio, Detroit, St. Louis and San Francisco, are under the command of Major H. A. Dargue.

A number of airplanes, one of which carried General Patrick of the Air Service, escorted the planes out of San Antonio.

The first stop will be made at Brownsville.

FRESHMAN CLASS GIVES CHAPEL PROGRAM TODAY

Members of the Freshman class of the Senior high school, gave a short program in chapel at 9:00 o'clock this morning.

The program consisted of a Christmas tree for the teachers when "hooby" gifts were presented to each member of the high school faculty, songs by the entire class, solos and duets, piano numbers, readings and ukulele renditions.

The program was well presented and was very enjoyable. Several visitors were present for this affair. It is expected that the Freshmen will be called on very often to give programs as theirs was one of the best presented this year.

Robert B. Bingham, of New York city, is here visiting his father, Rev. B. W. Bingham. He will return to New York Sunday.

Monte Brown, of Novice, was in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday looking after business.

COMMITTEES OF CHAMBER NAMED

Shortly after the election of M. C. Atkins, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the reelection of J. D. Motley as secretary of the organization, the two officers started at once to prepare the standing committees for the ensuing year's work.

The committees were named as follows:

Agriculture and Livestock—Scott H. Mack, chairman; M. McGregor, M. S. Karmany.

Budget and Finance—Estes M. Lynn, chairman; R. G. Erwin, Sam Baker.

Program and Entertainment—E. Shepperd, Troy Simpson, W. A. Holt.

Good Roads—Chester Cherry, Chairman; Fred Kiechle, R. E. George.

Membership—Jno. A. Weeks, chairman; Sam Behringer, O. R. O'Neill.

Civic—A. Crager, W. B. Currie, R. L. Harwell.

R. M. A. Executive Board—Frank Cameron, chairman; F. M. Pearce, H. S. Strain, Alex. McGregor, Tom Caudle.

These committees will begin their duties immediately after January 1st and do their part in making 1927 a banner year for the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. The organization here has been well operated for the past few years and this was made possible by electing such men as compose the committees named above directors of the chamber.

It is asserted that Ballinger has one of the best chambers of commerce in Texas, and with the proper support of the members, the directors and officers can keep it with the foremost.

WRECK HALTS TRAIN SERVICE

Nine tank cars of a Santa Fe freight train carrying oil from the Reagan county fields are in the ditch about 2 1/2 miles West of Rowena after a wreck on the line early Tuesday morning, and as a result, the morning Santa Fe passenger train to Brownwood did not run and the noon train was forced to transfer passengers and mail to a train from San Angelo shortly after noon.

It is believed that the wreck was caused by the rails spreading due to the soft condition of the roadbed which had been caused by the slow, soaking rains of the past week. No one was reported injured in the wreck but the nine tank cars, loaded with crude petroleum all went into the ditch with much of the oil being wasted.

This accident occurred Tuesday morning after the midnight passenger train to San Angelo had run and before the 5:36 passenger train from San Angelo had passed. This train was held up and the noon train was also delayed in arriving here.

The wrecker and a crew of workmen from Brownwood arrived shortly before noon and began to assist section hands that had been called on the job in clearing the right-of-way. It was reported here that some five or six sections of track were torn up in the wreck. Every available section hand was put to work clearing out the wreckage and making way to operate trains over the road.

Santa Fe traffic was held up quite a bit by this accident and it came at a time when the big rush is on as the road has been handling much freight on this branch from Brownwood to San Angelo. Ballinger has also been receiving and shipping much freight during the past few weeks, and the Santa Fe has been calling on extra engineers, brakemen and rolling stock in an effort to take care of the extra business.

ONE DRUNK TAKEN MONDAY NIGHT

A man, giving his name as S. A. Robertson, Brownwood, was arrested here Monday night by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and placed in the county jail where he became sober during the night. He was fined \$12.70 and released.

TO REMEDY FIRE ALARM

The City Commission is to remedy the fire alarm system of Ballinger, Chief Louis Cohen of the fire department announced Friday evening.

"We have had some trouble in the fire alarm system of the city," Chief Cohen said, "and the commission will either purchase a new siren and replace the one now at the station and take the siren there to a stand to be erected on some prominent corner on Eighth Street or do away with the siren and purchase a true 'wild-cat' whistle."

During the past few months several of the members have failed to hear the alarm and a large number of the citizens of Ballinger do not hear the alarm when it is sounded. Some action had to be taken in this matter so it was decided to put it before the City Commission. Chief Cohen says the commission has agreed to remedy the system and action will be taken within the next few days.



Maverick and Dale Win in Ledger's Big Contest

Maverick, a school of Class A, and Dale, a school of the B Class in the Daily Ledger and Banner-Ledger's big circulation campaign which came to a close Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, won the first prizes in the two classes. These two schools secured the largest number of votes in the contest.

In Class A, Hatchel school was second, and the Bethel school was third. In Class B, the Dry Ridge school was second and the Old Rannels school was third.

These six schools worked very hard for their places in the contest, especially the Dale and Maverick schools. The teachers, school children, trustees, and patrons of the schools, all worked hard and covered a large part of the county to obtain new subscribers and the winning schools secured subscribers in every section of the county.

There were 22 schools in the contest and the remaining 16 schools will be given cash commissions as awards for their work.

PIONEER OF CONCHO DIES

W. C. ("Uncle Billy") Montgomery, about 69 years of age, died in the Halley & Love Sanitarium here Friday at midnight following an illness which had extended over several months. He was brought to Ballinger from Paint Rock several months ago and placed in the hospital but death could not be stayed.

Uncle Billy, as he was known over most of this section, was one of the pioneers of Paint Rock and Concho county. He arrived in Paint Rock in the year 1879 and had since made that his home. He had been in the ranching and real estate business at Paint Rock and was one of the oldest directors of the First State Bank of Paint Rock. He had been connected with the bank for a little over 16 years and most of that time he was a director.

For forty years Uncle Billy had been a member of the Masonic lodge, and in this organization he will be greatly missed. He aided in the organization of many lodges in this section of the state. He was also a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Hall, of Paint Rock; a nephew, A. J. Hall, and one niece.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in Paint Rock, with Rev. G. L. Brown, of Paint Rock; Rev. Guy Davis of San Angelo, and Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, officiating. The Paint Rock Masonic lodge will have charge of the services at the grave.

The body was prepared for burial here by Higginbotham Bros. & Co. undertakers and taken overland to Paint Rock Saturday morning.

Greetings

HOLD O'DELL BANK SUSPECTS IN NEB.

JONES LEADS W. T. COTTON

Rannels county ranks second among the leading West Texas cotton producing counties, statistics sent out from the Department of Agriculture in Washington show, while Jones county ranks first among West Texas counties and fifth among the first ten counties of the entire state.

Rannels county had ginned to December 1, 57,684 bales as compared with 64,606 for the same period of 1925 while Jones had ginned 74,913 bales to December 1, as compared with 64,213 for the same period of 1925.

Rannels county in 1925 was well among the first producers of the state, while this year it has lost considerably in the production of the staple but is still one of the leaders of this section of Texas.

Following are the ginnings of the leading West Texas counties to December 1, 1926, as compared with the same period of 1925:

Jones	74,913	64,213
Rannels	57,684	64,606
Taylor	50,104	49,573
Lubbock	43,370	19,765
Fisher	41,593	27,746
Coleman	41,021	34,936
Mitchell	33,163	32,843
McCulloch	28,107	20,158
Nolan	22,339	22,594
Concho	18,359	15,024
Colorado	15,867	9,433
Brown	12,052	15,105
Coke	9,491	13,671
Tom Green	9,239	13,159
San Saba	9,189	10,995
Comanche	9,085	12,871
Hudspeth	5,968	6,060
Mason	4,604	5,310
Midland	4,388	3,129
Uvalde	2,887	1,260
Neuad	2,683	2,410
Swisher	1,515	634

O. L. JONES FREE ON \$500 BOND

O. L. Jones, of South Ballinger, was arrested Saturday afternoon and charged with forgery, after he is alleged to have forged the name of R. L. Turner to a check for \$5.95 in payment of a pair of shoes purchased at Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

An examining trial was held and the man's bond was set at \$500. He made the bond immediately and was released.

U. S. GINS 15 MILLION BALES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton of this year's growth, ginned prior to December 13, totaled 15,543,249 running bales, counting 557,729 round bales as half bales and excluding linters, as compared with 14,831,846 bales to that date last year, the Bureau of Census announced today.

Ginnings for Texas for this period stood at 4,858,287 bales.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 21.—Two men, carrying nearly \$4,000 in currency, thought to be members of the gang of three, wanted at O'Dell, Texas on a charge of robbing a bank there Saturday, were arrested here last night and held for an investigation after the suspicions of a clothing dealer had been aroused by the currency bulging from their trousers pockets.

The men gave their names as Clyde Stratton, 20 years of age, Coon, Iowa; and L. S. Huffman, 30 years of age, of Wichita, Kansas. One bundle of ten-dollar bills amounting to \$500 had a wrapper bearing the name of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The men refused to talk when questioned, other than to say they came from Juarez, Mexico, where they claimed to have won the money gambling.

VERNON, Tex., Dec. 21.—Part of the currency taken from the bank at O'Dell was wrapped in a label bearing the name of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, according to Dewey Marsh, cashier of the bank.

SWINDELL RETURNS FROM HOWARD PAYNE MEETING

Rev. Alvin Swindell, pastor of the local Baptist church, has returned from Brownwood, where he led the annual revival meeting. From reports given out it seems that the meeting was regarded as one of the best the city has had. More than fifty new converts were received into the Brownwood churches, and most of the students who were not Christians were converted during the meeting, besides a large number who reconverted themselves to the religious life. In the closing service of the meeting sixteen young men and women volunteered themselves for special Christian work.

The Brownwood Bulletin had the following to say in connection with its report of the meeting:

"Dr. Alvin Swindell of the Baptist church of Ballinger, is doing the preaching and Joe L. Trussell of Coggin Avenue Baptist church is conducting the music. Dr. Swindell's sermons are scholarly and exhaustive but exceedingly practical. The froth and effervescence of many evangelistic sermons are altogether left out and the preacher drives home the truth by the force of a faultless delivery and a positive personality. He has been pastor in Ballinger 8 years and many of his hearers know him personally and love him dearly."

ANOTHER NEGRO POKER PLAYER IS ARRESTED

A tenth negro, who was in the poker game at the "Big Yard" Sunday evening, was arrested Monday and paid off in justice court. He was in the game but ran when the officers rushed in and was not caught until Monday afternoon.

Get your Xmas Fireworks at Hopper's Cafe. 11-2td-2tw

May Your Stocking
BE FILLED
WITH PLINY

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas
"The Dependable Bank Since 1906."

IN FIRST STATE BANK 14 YEARS

J. M. Patton at Paint Rock has been a director and one of the officers of the First State Bank of Paint Rock for 14 years, and on Tuesday, Dec. 14, to celebrate the occasion, he and Mrs. Patton were host and hostess to the other directors, their wives and the employes of the bank to a wild turkey and venison dinner at their home in Paint Rock Tuesday.

Mr. Patton entered the bank fourteen years ago and has since been actively connected with the concern.

The repast was served at the Patton home in Paint Rock. Neatly arranged menus were at each plate and the main dishes were wild turkey and venison steaks. The menus also had a page inserted with the resources of the bank in 1912 as compared with those of 1926. The resources in 1912 were \$102,154.12, and for 1926 are \$269,806.85.

Directors present and the number of years they have been connected with the bank are as follows: R. T. Trail, 16 years; J. M. Patton, 14; W. O. Shultz, 13; J. A. Waide, 10; T. A. Shultz, 7; W. M. Houston, 6; and John West 5. W. C. ("Uncle Billy") Montgomery, another director who has been with the bank for 16 years, was ill in the Halley & Love Sanitarium in Ballinger, and could not attend the dinner. He and Mr. Trail of this city are the oldest directors of the institution.

From Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Trail and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Doss attended the dinner.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, sniffling, sneezing, headache, dryness, itching for breath at night or catarrh will be gone.

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

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

HOLIDAYS BEGIN FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

One week from today is Dec. 25th—Christmas—and as a result of that great holiday the students of the many colleges and universities are starting to their homes in various sections of the country.

Ballinger college students began arriving Friday and Saturday, among the first being Tom Penn, Clarence McCarver and C. A. Douse, Jr., of Howard Payne College.

Southwestern University and A. & M. College students will arrive Saturday night and Sunday. Simmons University students will arrive on Monday and Tuesday of next week; S. M. U., T. C. U., Baylor, Texas Tech and Texas University students will begin to arrive Sunday and the first few days of next week.

Ballinger is well represented at the various institutions of higher learning both in Texas and in other states, and after the holidays a large number of those who come home for Christmas will return to resume their duties, while there will be several others who did not attend during the first term, who will enter schools after January 1st.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT
A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c. Sold by
Weeks Drug Store

R. C. Holt, of Altus, Okla., and A. C. Terry, of Trent, spent Friday and part of Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King while en route to South Texas on a hunting trip.

DOCTORS BRING HOME GAME FROM TEXAS WILDS

Dr. A. S. Love, Dr. S. B. Raby and Dr. J. G. Douglass have returned from hunts in the wilds of Southwest Texas and each brought home the "bacon." The three doctors were not in

the same party but each was successful in bagging a buck, and Dr. Love got a couple of fine turkey gobblers.

Dr. Raby returned Friday with a ten-point buck. Dr. Douglass returned Friday with a buck; he having been hunting with a brother from Galveston. Dr.

Love returned with a buck; W. A. Bridwell, who was with Dr. Love also bagging a buck, an eleven-point animal, and a couple of turkeys.

Hunters are coming through Ballinger every day with their game and more bucks and turkeys have been seen here this

year than ever before. The local hunters have been proudly displaying their game since returning.

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

Mrs. Cordelia Giesecke and daughter have gone to Dallas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. John I. Guion and family.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-1fw

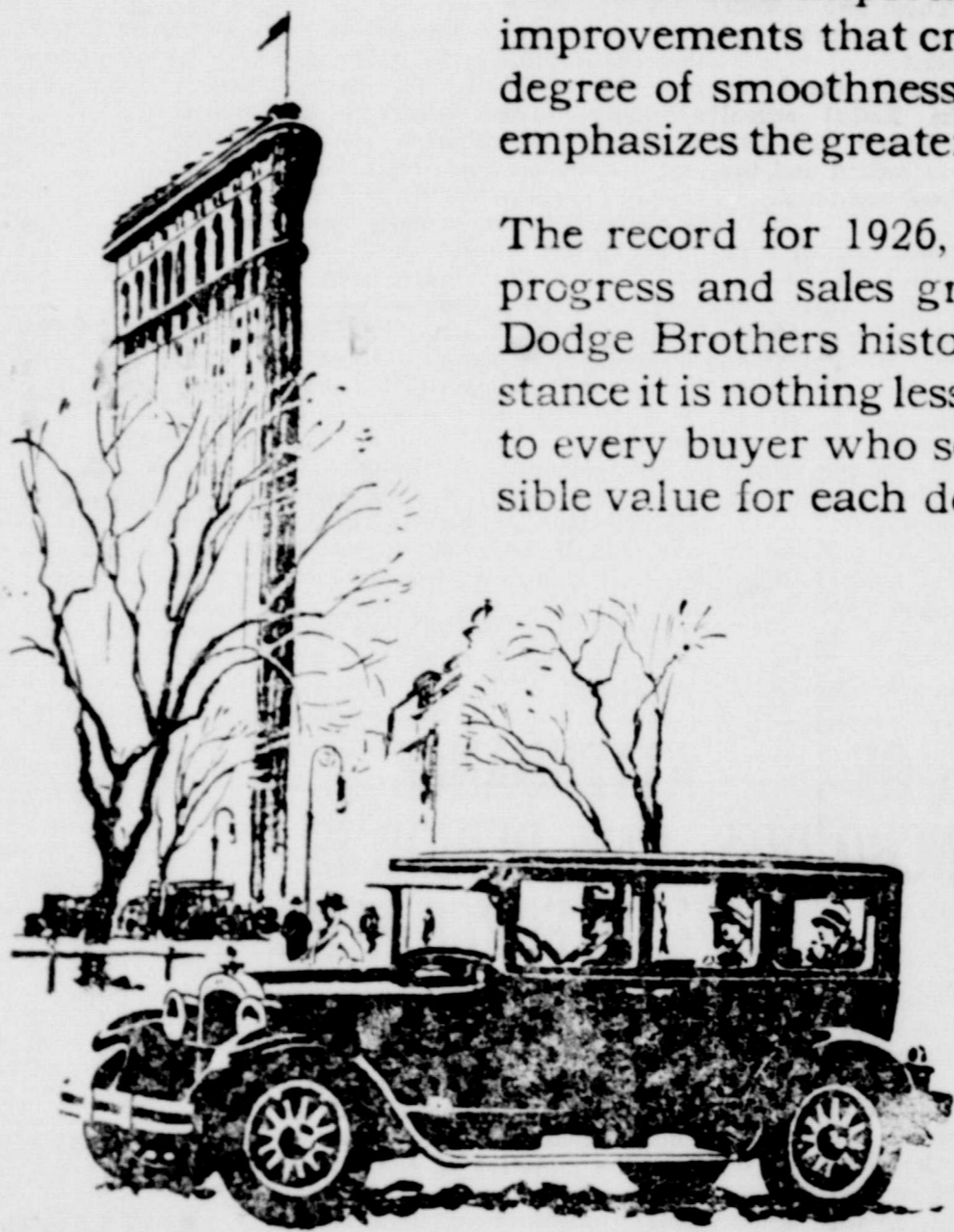
A Year's Record as a Guide to Buyers

The facts regarding Dodge Brothers sales during 1926 are worth recording. They represent the ever-increasing recognition of fundamental worth and extra value.

As the year draws to a close, the sales approximate 340,000 cars — an increase of more than 30% over 1925.

This again tells the story of public appreciation of dependability, but tells it more impressively than ever before. It reflects the value and importance of the numerous improvements that create an even greater degree of smoothness, silence and ease. It emphasizes the greater comfort and beauty.

The record for 1926, both in engineering progress and sales growth, is the best in Dodge Brothers history. In sum and substance it is nothing less than a helpful guide to every buyer who seeks the largest possible value for each dollar expended.



Special Coupe	\$1,090.00
Touring Car	\$1,038.00
Roadster	\$1,035.00
Sedan	\$1,050.00

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Ballinger's Greatest Store

We Also Sell Dependable Used Cars

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS



STRAYED—from the Irvin place near Eagle Branch, one Jersey steer coming two years old. Notify W. T. Crockett. 17-2tw.*

POSTED—Positively no fishing or hunting allowed on the Padgett Grape Creek Ranch, Tom Padgett. 19-7tw

FOR SALE—668 acres, one-half tillable, price \$13 per acre; half interest in oil royalty reserved. W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Texas. 10-4tw

FOR SALE—100 acres, two-thirds tillable. Price \$16.50 per acre. W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Texas. 10-4tw

FOR SALE—600 acres, two-thirds tillable. Half interest in oil royalty reserved. Price \$16 per acre. W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Texas. 10-4tw

FOR SALE—335 acres of highly improved land. \$30 per acre. W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Texas. 10-4tw

FOR SALE—Highly improved farm within two miles of Millersview. Price \$42.50 per acre. W. C. Montgomery, Paint Rock, Texas. 10-4tw

FOR SALE—Hollywood strain S. C. White Leghorn Cockerels, \$2.50 to \$3.50. See them at town residence, 700 Ninth Street, Jeanes Poultry Farm. 10-31-eod 17-2tw

FOR RENT—on Shares to an experienced, reliable farmer, a 135-acre farm. Or will sell teams etc. and rent for for third and fourth. 8 miles Northwest of Ballinger. Mrs. L. C. Drake. 21-1tw.*

Battery service and recharging on all makes of Batteries, Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

Miss Eva Lilly is visiting friends in Abilene this week. ca. Surely

SANTA CLAUS TO BRING MORE AMERICAN TOYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Santa Claus this year will distribute to American children more "made in America" toys than ever before. The industry of which the legendary saint is the chief patron—that of making playthings for children—has been almost completely transferred to the United States in the last two decades, says a Department of Commerce report.

In 1904, about one-half of the toys that came to children in the United States were produced in Germany. American factories only turned out playthings valued at \$5,578,000. Last year, the American output of toys reached more than \$80,000,000, while this year it will be higher. All the foreign producers will supply scarcely five per cent of this amount.

Germany is still holding its place as the prime purveyor of toys to the world generally, however, for the American manufacturers do not go abroad much.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 20c

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN HERE WEDNESDAY

Christmas holidays for the Ballinger school children will begin on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock instead of on Thursday afternoon, it was announced Monday morning by Superintendent H. C. Lyon.

"On account of some of the patrons of the school wishing to go some distance to spend the holidays," Mr. Lyon said, "school will adjourn at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Several of the teachers also want to go to their homes some distance away and so we have decided to dismiss school on Wednesday instead of Thursday."

The 1926-27 session will reconvene on January 3rd, the first Monday of 1927.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd came in Saturday night from Southwestern University and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepherd.

to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS MONTGOMERY FUNERAL

A large crowd was present at the funeral of W. C. ("Uncle Billy") Montgomery, pioneer of Paint Rock, held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Paint Rock. Quite a number of Runnels county friends were present at the funeral while it appeared that most of the citizenship of Paint Rock and Concho county were out to pay their respects to Uncle Billy, one of the oldest citizens of Paint Rock.

BARBEE TO MOVE FROM BALLINGER

J. N. Barbee, local agent of the Amicable Life Insurance Company, of Waco, will move to Fort Worth soon. The insurance man has received a promotion by this move. He is advertising his household goods and office fixtures for sale.

BLAZE AT DOSS HOME CAUSE OF FIRE ALARM

A blaze originating in the garage and servants' house at the A. K. Doss residence on Broadway at 1:20 o'clock Monday afternoon, was the cause of the fire alarm and the run by the fire trucks.

The damage was light with only the inside of the house being slightly marred by the flames.

NORTON COUPLE COME HERE TO WED SUNDAY

Burnard Martin and Miss Daisy Culger, of Norton, motored to Ballinger Sunday afternoon and were married at the manse on Eighth Street by Rev. Alvin O. Rue, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, about 3:00 o'clock.

The couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brewer. They returned to their home in the Norton community after the ceremony.

Cecil Dickinson, who is attending A. & M. College, came in to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson.

Willard Shuman, of A. & M. College, has returned to Ballinger to spend the holidays with his parents.

GIRLS ORGANIZE FOR BASKETBALL

Twenty schools divided into four districts, compose the Girls' Basketball League of Runnels county. Miss Estella Gillmore, of Crews, is president of the league, and E. H. Smith, of Ballinger, is secretary.

At a recent meeting held in the office of R. E. White, county superintendent of schools, this organization was formed and plans were made to play the regular scheduled games of the 1927 season.

The teams this year will not play on the elimination plan but winners will be determined by the percentage column. Forty-one games will be played this year. The first are to be played on January 7th, with the season closing on February 11th. The semi-final and final contests will be played after that date.

Following is a list of the schools composing the four districts: District No. 1—Winters, Crews, Victory, Herring, Harmony and Dietz; District No. 2—Miles, Norton, Maverick and Hatcher; District No. 3—Independence, Wingate, Mazeland, Drasco and Mann; District No. 4—Blanton, Ballinger, Bethel, Rowena and Groenwald.

To Organize Boys' League Saturday, a meeting will be held in Mr. White's office for the purpose of organizing a boys' basketball league. The regular schedules of both the boys' and girls' organizations will be prepared for publication within the next few days.

It is hoped that both the boys' and girls' leagues can be run on a similar schedule, and that as many schools will enter the boys' department as have already entered the girls' league.

Mrs. Claud Wilmett has gone to Brownwood, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Joe Blagg, for a few days.

Seaborn Smith, of McCamey, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

\$1,200 FOR TURKEYS IS WOMAN'S RECORD

Mrs. August Novia, of White Point community, has been very successful this year with her turkeys. She has sold between 300 and 400 birds this fall, which netted her nearly \$1,200.

Our guess is that there are not many cotton crops that will net that much this year.—Concho (Paint Rock) Herald.

FIVE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED OVER WEEK END

Five marriage licenses were issued here over the week-end the records at the court house showed Monday. Four of the couples did not care whether the licenses were made public, but the fifth couple urged that their names not be published.

The number of licenses that are expected to be issued between now and January 1, 1927, will bring the total well above the total for 1925.

"BIG YARD" RAID NETS CARD PLAYERS

City and county officers raided the "big yard," a section of dark-town in the "flat," and caught nine negro poker players and one drunk. Charges were filed against the negroes in the city and county courts. They will enter pleas of guilty and pay their fines.

SHULTZ SELLS 2,600 HEAD OF SHEEP FOR \$26,000

W. O. Shultz, of Paint Rock, delivered 2,600 ewes to J. A. Harvick, of Ozona, at the W. E. West ranch in Crockett county, Wednesday. The sheep, two to five-year-olds, brought \$10 per head. Mr. Harvick recently sub-leased the West ranch from Mr. Shultz.

Neal Eubank is at home from John Tarleton College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank.

Not for the Size
But We Wish
to Extend
to You
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Hyatt-Nichols Co.

Old Acquaintance Not I

We do not forget our friends and patrons with

to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each

Mrs. Emilie Macham et al to Joe Biederman, lots Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of block No. 3 of the P. J. Baron addition to the city of Winters, December 1st, for the sum of \$500.

J. M. Blessing et ux to J. Y. Pearce, 98 1-4 acres of the Henry L. Bays survey No. 444, December 4, for the sum of \$5,000.

Wm. Zappe and wife to James Basse, lot 4 of block 34 of the original town plat of Rowena, October 14, for the sum of \$2,000.

W. A. Bell and wife to B. L. Huff, lot 5 of block No. 1, and lot 6 of block "B" of the Thos. Sargent addition to Ballinger, August 10, for the sum of \$250.

G. W. Dean et ux to J. F. Dean, 183.3 acres of the August Kleinschke survey No. 418, for the sum of \$18,000.

Oil and Gas Leases
J. W. Westbrook to Sun Oil Company, 320 acres of the W. C. R. R. Co. survey No. 121, October 30, for the sum of \$320.

Assignments of Oil and Gas Leases
F. P. Zoeh to Shelby Oil and Gas Co., 80 acres of the Henry Scherlin survey No. 142, October 25, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoeh to the Shelby Oil and Gas Company, West half of North half of the Northwest one-fourth of the Z. T. Ditmore survey No. 10, October 16, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoeh to the Shelby Oil



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Christmas Cheer
Throughout the Year

The Candles of 1926 are Burning Low

Our year of business and pleasure has about come to a close. We are well pleased with the business of the year; we are gratified over the friendship and good will of our many patrons, and now

We are Ready to Light the Candles of 1927

By renewing our obligations to serve you one and all for another twelve months to the very best of our ability; letting nothing remain undone that we reasonably may do to accomodate our friends.

We Begin by Wishing Every One of You

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

G. A. LADWIG

Published Every Friday by The Ballinger Printing Company... Office at Publication, 711 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

Subscription, the year -----\$1.50

December is the fire month. Help to reduce Ballinger's insurance rate.

Bootleg customers seem to be picking up the slogan and are doing their Christmas shopping early.

The first bite of winter comes at a time when we are reminded that the poor are with us always. Be a Goodfellow.

It cost the Dallas News and the Dallas merchants \$30,000, it is said, to prove to the kiddies that there is a real Santa Claus.

Ormiston, the man in the case, says Mrs. McPherson is not guilty. He was on the scene and should be in a position to clear the evangelist's name.

Two hi-jackers are dead at Fort Worth as the result of their victim "sticking 'em up a-smoking." Honest people should be permitted to go prepared as long as hi-jackers continue to ply their trade.

A man at Temple has discovered a way to tune a radio set in on all neighborhood conversations for a half mile around. This will no doubt make radios more popular with some folks, while others will improve the program they have been putting on around the family fireside.

Enthusiased over the success of their gridiron squad, the Ranger city officials and school authorities have started a move for a \$10,000 gymnasium at Ranger, all of which reminds us that nothing succeeds like success, even in sports. Some communities are struggling along in a make-shift way for lack of proper school facilities.

An auto thief who got away with an oil man's car containing two grips at Abilene, checked the grips when he reached Dallas and mailed the checks to the owner at Abilene, which reminds us that there is some good in the worst of us and some bad in the best of us. The grips contained valuable papers which were worthless to the thief.

The Southern farmer can solve his financial difficulties if he will produce more food for mankind and less feed for the worms and boll-weevil. The North must have our cotton, but will buy it at the lowest price possible. We do not have to depend on the North for our food supply, but we are doing so, and paying the price to get it with the freight and middlemen's profit added. It has been thoroughly demonstrated right here in Runnels county that the farmer can feed himself—live at home.

Some will charge it to woman suffrage, some will say prohibition caused it, while some will no doubt place the blame on the movies, but perhaps the craving for a little Santa Claus cash prompted Rebecca to make the raid on the Bada bank. Regardless of the motive, the little woman got the money, and it is up to the court to handle the case in such way as to discourage others of her sex. The women should leave the bank robbing for the men, for who wants to shoot a lady robber?

The descendants of Jesse James, noted bandit of half a century ago, have employed a watchman to stand guard over the grave of the bandit to protect the monument that marks the grave, from souvenir hunters. The tombstone has been defaced by vandals who picked off bits of the marble for souvenirs. A monument over the grave of a bank robber does not stand for much, but of the two, the bandit occupied just about as high a place in society as the vandal who defaces the monument.

We are for any plan that will benefit the farmer, but our opinion is that a lot of energy is being wasted on the move to limit by law the amount of acreage a farmer can plant in cotton. If we have reached the point where it

is necessary for the government to tell us what to plant and what not to plant, and fix a law to enforce such a plan, it is high time to take out and let the government do the plowing.

In planning a bigger turkey crop, farmers and poultry growers should be careful in selecting their stock. Out of a bunch of 51 turkeys brought on the local market last week 18 were cut back on account of crooked breasts, and other defects. Local dealers report that the percentage of culls has been unusually heavy this season. The culls, or cut-backs, bring ten cents per pound less than the No. 1 birds, and it costs as much to raise a scrub as it does a No. 1 turkey.

WARNING TO AUTOISTS

Four cases of carbon, or garage, poisoning, in Fort Worth has caused the health officers of that city to issue a warning that should be heard by autoists throughout the country.

Gas commonly formed from gasoline in auto's as waste, and thrown out through the exhaust, will prove fatal to victims who inhale the poison gas within an hour when the air is impregnated with as much as 0.4 per cent of the gas.

Poison from such gas is extremely dangerous during the winter season when auto owners tune up their motors in closed garages, and employes in badly ventilated garages are subject to asphyxiation.

Carbon monoxide, or exhaust gas, is treacherous as it is colorless, tasteless and has very little odor. Doctors declare that as much as 0.2 per cent of the gas is exceedingly dangerous.

The symptoms of garage poisoning are dizziness, headache, dilation of the pupils of the eyes, and loss of motor power. In addition to the violent, or acute attacks, chronic cases sometimes result from slight poisoning from time to time. Fresh air is the best, and about the only remedy for garage gas poisoning.

A FIRELESS CHRISTMAS

Our insurance rate is governed largely by our fire losses. In other words the insurance game is a game in which "tails I win, heads you lose," as the property owners must foot the bill, or the insurance companies would go out of business.

But insurance is essential and a real necessity in successful business, and the business man, or property owner who does not protect himself against such loss is in danger of losing the accumulations of a lifetime.

As we enter the Christmas season, the season when the fire hazard is the greatest, everyone should fight the fire bug. Help to make Christmas a fireless Christmas.

COURTS WAKING UP

The crime question and lax law enforcement, or lack of law enforcement, were among the sub-

jects discussed before the district judges' convention at Ft. Worth recently, and returning to their benches some of the judges have taken up their gavels in a manner that may make the way of the transgressor more rocky to travel.

Judge Claude McCallum, a Dallas district judge, told 200 veniremen called for jury service in his court this week, that they had no right to criticize the governor of Texas for pardoning criminals as long as jurors vote light sentences and turn criminals loose on the public under suspended sentences.

"Juries in this county have been too lenient in their verdicts in criminal cases," said the Dallas judge.

Judge Phippen, another Dallas judge, told the district judges in their recent convention that he favored a law making it a criminal offense for a sheriff to approve the bond of a prisoner when the bond proved not to be worth its face value.

"Crime is getting the upper hand of society in this country," said Judge Phippen, "and it is high time all our district judges, as well as our citizens who serve as jurors, and our public officials, wake up to this fact."

Judge J. O. Woodward, of this district, and who was elected president of the association at the Ft. Worth meeting last week, pointed out some of the essential reforms needed in court procedure.

"All cases ought to be tried before three judges," said Judge Woodward, "as we district judges have hardly any discretion in the trial of a case before us. We have to accept the verdict of the jurors. In other words, jurors pass on the weight to be given to the testimony, and we have to accept their earnest but untrained judgments."

Judge Woodward, like the Dallas judges quoted, places much of the blame for lack of law enforcement on jury service.

While the average juror is too tender hearted when it comes to fixing punishment for those who willfully and maliciously commit crime, much of the blame for lax law enforcement is due to red tape.

We have in mind a murder case finally disposed of in Bell county a few days ago. A man was tried and convicted three times and sentenced to the pen on the murder charge. Each time the case was reversed and on the fourth trial recently he was acquitted. Why not?

The press throughout the land is having much to say about the lack of law enforcement, and calling attention to the increase in crime, and an effort is being made to arouse public sentiment, but the real reform must begin in the court houses of the nation.

The country is not suffering for a lack of laws, but the blotch on our society is placed there by a lack of enforcement of our present laws.

BALANCE ALL!

A great deal is being said in the papers about the profit in raising turkeys, but it is not all velvet. It requires care and at-

ention, as well as feed, to raise a turkey crop. There is just about as much danger in an all-turkey crop as in an all-cotton crop. Balance the program, that's the big idea.—Ballinger Ledger.

Balance is right. Without balance man is a failure. Without balance the world wouldn't remain in its orbit till a comet could switch its tail. Without balance our visible universe would smash into chaos and the evening stars, instead of singing together, butt their everlasting twinkles off. Balance rules in everything, except perhaps Southern farming. That is always out of balance. It starts out of balance in the spring and ends out of balance in the fall. Its assets do not balance its liabilities, and its cotton doesn't balance its store bill and mortgage note. Business doesn't balance itself between cash and credit. Schools don't balance themselves between athletics and scholarship. Even this column doesn't balance acutely between its mistakes of commission and its freaks of omission. When God created the earth, and when He made the stars also, He put them all in exact balance. But when He created man He left the poor creature lopsided between the ears.—State Press in Dallas News.

Members of the 1926 Bearcat football squad and members of the pep squad attended a banquet given in their honor, Monday night at the dining room of the Baptist church. The football squad of about 20 members and the pep squad of about 40 members were present. Members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes of the Senior high school served the repast.

JUDGE C. H. WILLINGHAM BACK ON JOB IN COURT

Judge C. H. Willingham, pioneer of this county, former county judge, now justice of the peace, was back at his office in the court house Wednesday, following a 11-day stay at home caused by a broken right arm. He says the arm is healing fast and that he is feeling fine.

BEARCAT TEAM AND PEP SQUAD BANQUET

Members of the 1926 Bearcat football squad and members of the pep squad attended a banquet given in their honor, Monday night at the dining room of the Baptist church. The football squad of about 20 members and the pep squad of about 40 members were present. Members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes of the Senior high school served the repast.

J. B. Pace Jr., principal of Senior high school, acted as toastmaster. Several members of the faculty were also present. Short talks were made by various members of the pep squad, the football squad and the faculty.

Robert Kirk is at home from North Texas to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Kirk, and his sisters, Misses Eleanor, Margaret and Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Ward have gone to Dallas to spend a few days. They will return to Ballinger Friday.

Tommy Hall and Bill Dixon came in Tuesday from Georgetown and Killen. Tommy had been down visiting while Bill came home from Southwestern University where he is attending school.

matter of making a living all to the Lord.—San Angelo Standard.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Seven additional Christmas full pardons, were granted today by Governor Ferguson, three of those receiving clemency being sentenced for murder.

Misses Maxine Russell and Dorothy Chaney, who are attending Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth, came in Tuesday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Russell and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chaney.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL! Friday and Saturday. DESERT GOLD ZANE GREY. BIG MIDNIGHT MATINEE Friday Nite. Beginning at 12:00 p. m. BETTY BRONSON in "The Cat's Pajamas" You are Invited!

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mineral Deeds

J. H. Clark et ux to C. E. Clark, all oil, gas and other minerals produced on half of 24 2-7 acres of the D. H. Bowen survey No. 1, November 7, for the sum of \$5 and other considerations.

Warranty Deeds

C. C. Benson and wife to C. A. Byers, 74 2-3 acres of the E. J. Ford survey No. 319, block No. 64, and 50 acres of the E. J. Ford survey No. 319, block 64, July 29, for the sum of \$2,873.

Warranty Deeds

Mrs. Roxie V. Alexander to Pauline Jones and T. B. Poe, part of lot 1, block No. 9, of the

No. 3 of the Powell addition to Ballinger, November 20, for the sum of \$300.

F. J. Carr et ux to W. A. Forgey, lot 2 of block No. 9 of the College Heights addition to Ballinger, November 30, for the sum of \$500.

Ben Martinez to Deoreisio Garcia and wife, lot 6 of block No. 49 of the original town plat of Ballinger, December 10, for the sum of \$180.

T. E. Hewitt and wife to L. C. Hewitt, 550.45 acres of the T. & N. O. Railway Co. survey No. 77, December 7, for the sum of \$12,500.

C. L. Jennings et ux to S. K. Merritt, lot 8 and part of lot 7, of block No. 8 of the College Heights addition to the city of Ballinger, December 10, for the sum of \$12,500.

and Gas Company, 40 acres of the Z. T. Ditmore survey No. 10 and 82 1-2 acres of the J. Kleinhaus survey No. 143, October 5, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoch to the Shelby Oil and Gas Company, 40 acres of the Z. T. Ditmore survey No. 10 and 82 1-2 acres of the J. Kleinhaus survey No. 143, October 5, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoch to the Shelby Oil and Gas Co., East half of the East half of the North half of the B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co. survey No. 517, and the East half of the Northeast one-fourth of the Z. T. Ditmore survey No. 10, October 5, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

TO PURCHASE DAIRY CATTLE

C. W. Lehmburg, county agricultural agent of Rannels county, has gone to Stephenville where he will purchase for the farmers of the Northern part of the county a carload of dairy cattle.

Mr. Lehmburg will select some of the finest dairy cattle in Stephenville from dairy cattle breeders for the purpose of shipping them back to Ballinger and Winters where they will be distributed to the farmers.

The First National Bank of Winters is financing this deal and they intend to back the

farmers in the dairy business for their own use and also to introduce a fine breed of milk cows day no farmers of this county. Mr. Lehmburg has purchased on other occasions for the farmers of the Methow county and he usually does a fine job.

It is expected that some 25 or 30 head of fine milk cows will be shipped back for Rannels county farms.

Mr. Lehmburg declared before his departure that farmers in the vicinity of Ballinger would also get a few head in the near future but the plan here is being financed in a different way than that used at Winters. Introduction of dairy cattle to farms of Rannels county is expected to do much in building it back to a normal condition.

C. W. Lehmburg, county agricultural agent, returned to Ballinger Thursday night from Stephenville, where he had been to purchase a number of regis-

tered Jersey cattle for the farmers of Rannels county.

From the F. H. Chandler Farm herd, Mr. Lehmburg purchased seven head of the Jerseys to be shipped to Ballinger at once. This plan is being sponsored by the First National Bank of Winters, and the cattle will be distributed to farmers in the Winters country.

"These cattle are to be shipped to Ballinger at once," Mr. Lehmburg said Friday. "Later I will make another trip to Stephenville and secure several more head of the livestock for farmers of this county. These Jersey cattle are being introduced to the farmers of this county and they are expected to make some very fine milk cows."

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

Weeks Drug Store

WARM RAIN FALLS OVER THIS SECTION

A warm rain, which started early Monday morning, had dwindled to a light mist Monday afternoon at press time and showed a total of about half an inch in rain gauges of this city.

Are You "Toxic"?

It Is Well, Then, to Learn the Importance of Good Elimination.

FUNCTIONAL inactivity of the kidneys permits a retention of waste poisons in the blood. Symptoms of this toxic condition are a dull, languid feeling, drowsy headaches and, sometimes, toxic backache and dizziness. That the kidneys are not functioning as they should is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Many readers have learned the value of Doan's Pills, stimulant diuretic to the kidneys, in this condition. Users everywhere endorse Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS 60c

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

The first sign of rain showed up early Sunday morning in the form of a mist and heavy dew. Rain continued a greater part of the second morning and this afternoon a slow mist was falling.

This precipitation will add to the benefit of the rains already received by grain crops during the past two weeks. Ranchmen will also profit.

Mrs. Mattie Holiday and daughter, Mrs. Hillard Watson and little daughter, and Mrs. W. B. Woody are spending the weekend in Abilene with relatives.

The official Federal bag limit on ducks is 25 per day, fixed in 1918 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in all states. The Federal law takes precedence over the laws of the 24 states with reduced limits.

By DR. WILLIAM T. HORNADAY

Noted Authority on Wild Life.

For one hundred years and more the pioneer hunters, the sportsmen, the market hunters and the game-bags of America have steadily

hunted or killed game birds. A fixed belief that all the game of this nation belonged to them. Sincerely and fixedly they have believed that they had a right to do by and unto the game as they royally pleased. To a very great extent in those ranks that feel the same today as they did fifty years ago.

Except that now about one-third of the killers of game admit that even game has some rights that should be respected, and that even ducks are entitled to a square deal. Perhaps a big majority of the 6,000,000 sportsmen-hunters would elect to think so—if we could only talk to their face to face.

For fifty years the sportsmen of the East and the Middle West have solemnly calling it "game protection." When a "good game state" yields in a hunting season only one quail to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each

hunter it is a chaste joke to talk about game "abundance" anywhere. When it happens that out of 25 killable species of shore and marsh birds combined, each hunter gets only 1-19th of a pound of it not high time to cut all bag limits by at least 40 per cent!

Believing as I do in the value of legitimate hunting sport as an incentive toward fine outdoor recreation I have for twenty years worked hard to save the game and sport from going into the discard together.

Now I begin to fear that I have spent my time and efforts in vain. Many men who are active in game conservation matters, and especially those interested in and influenced by the makers and dealers in guns and ammunition are kidding themselves and also the sportsmen and lawmakers into the belief that "game is abundant" that "no reductions in game killing are at all necessary" and that "sanctuaries and public game grounds" are the one great remedy for the shortage of game.

Incidentally they hold that the sanctuaries should be subject to conversion into shooting grounds at the will of one easily-influenced individual.

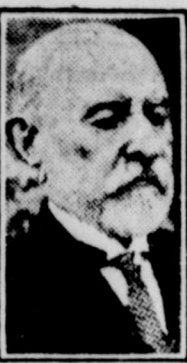
The Department of Agriculture has for two years stubbornly maintained its support of the present killing privileges of sportsmen as expressed in murderous bag limits and open seasons, and its rejection of all appeals against the policy appears to be fixed and final. Congress could make a quick change in that situation—if it would.

The limits of darkness do not hunt grounds for any longer than three and a half months of the year. Surely they have no more automobiles, blinds, decoys alive and dead sink-batteries, big boats and money than the "rich clubmen" who kill ducks in their eight or ten winter shelters on the Atlantic Coast. The bag "limit" is 25 per day for three months! Well then,

Our American system of "game protection" (1) is absurd weak extermination and rotten to the core. About ninety-five per cent of it is merely regulated killing and sometimes very badly regulated at that. We are scarcely saying that our "system of protection" has broken down; for we never had a real system! All over the United States that feathered game is being killed far faster than it is multiplying. Very soon the annual army of killers will carry 10,000,000 guns!

The areas of game-species extinction already enormous are increasing and spreading in Texas eating waves. Mighty little work has been done in mapping the state areas of extinction and spreading them before the people.

All the small game of the United States except rabbits is headed straight toward quick annihilation. The annual killers of game form tremendous armies which we believe soon will outnumber the game. When a "good game state" yields in a hunting season only one quail to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each



DR. WILLIAM T. HORNADAY

block No. 9 of the Murray West End addition to Winters, December 3, for the sum of \$10.

Henry Stallo to Menna Stallo, 178 acres of the John W. Garvin survey No. 402, December 3, for the sum of \$10,100.

R. C. Hyde et ux to W. L. McMillan, lots 4 and 5 of block No. 5 of the Miller addition to the city of Ballinger, September 4, for the sum of \$2,000.

Oil and Gas Leases

T. W. Martin and wife to Leon L. Shield, 285 acres of the E. T. Ry. Co. survey No. 135, November 23, for the sum of \$10.

Assignments of Oil and Gas Leases

Leon L. Shield to the Sni-Loek Petroleum Co., 285 acres of the E. T. Ry. Co. survey No. 135, November 29, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

Warranty Deeds

J. R. Aaron and wife to T. E. Hamilton, lots 5 and 6 of block No. 17 of the College Heights addition to the city of Ballinger, October 12, for the sum of \$150.

Warranty Deeds

Mrs. G. W. Reeder et al to J. B. Brooks, part of lot 1 of block No. 10 of the original town plat of Miles, November 12, for the sum of \$2,500.

W. C. Carter et al to Anthony Carter, 200 acres of the T. J. Hardeman survey No. 267, Nov. 19, for the sum of \$1,000.

Florence Rogers et vir to Ayer L. Mayhew, lots 4 and 5 of block

Mrs. Emilie Macham et al to Joe Biederman, lots Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of block No. 3 of the P. J. Baron addition to the city of Winters, December 1st, for the sum of \$500.

J. M. Blessing et ux to J. Y. Pearce, 98 1-4 acres of the Henry L. Bays survey No. 444, December 4, for the sum of \$5,000.

Wm. Zappe and wife to James Bassey, lot 4 of block 34 of the original town plat of Rowena, October 14, for the sum of \$2,000.

W. A. Bell and wife to B. L. Huff, lot 5 of block No. 1, and lot 6 of block "B" of the Thos. Sargent addition to Ballinger, August 10, for the sum of \$250.

G. W. Dean et ux to J. F. Dean, 183.3 acres of the August Klein-eeke survey No. 418, for the sum of \$18,000.

Oil and Gas Leases J. W. Westbrook to Sun Oil Company, 320 acres of the W. C. R. R. Co. survey No. 121, October 30, for the sum of \$320.

Assignments of Oil and Gas Leases

F. P. Zoch to Shelby Oil and Gas Co., 80 acres of the Henry Scherlin survey No. 142, October 25, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoch to the Shelby Oil and Gas Company, West half of North half of the Northwest one-fourth of the Z. T. Ditmore survey No. 10, October 16, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.

F. P. Zoch to the Shelby Oil

Old Acquaintance Not Forgotten and patrons with whom we have been dealing for years. Includes an image of a tire and the text 'RISK TIRES'.

Advertisement for Ballinger State Bank. Features a star logo with 'COOPERATION', 'FRIENDS', and 'ALLEGIANCE' written on it. Text includes 'The Best Advertisement In the World' and 'A fixed policy of helpfulness, friendship, cooperation and accommodation, is the best advertisement in the world.'

Advertisement for Higginbotham Brothers & Company. Text: 'AN HONEST DEAL. There is basis for real pride in the fact that customers seldom ask us to guarantee our Used Cars. It indicates that our efforts to build up public confidence were well directed. Our reputation is ample assurance of honest deals and honest values.'

Advertisement for Currie Mercantile Co. Text: 'Mr. Farmer. We buy cream and poultry, do custom corn grinding and custom hatching. We sell feeds of all kinds, especially chicken feeds. Our two big electric incubators will be started on January 3rd, the first Monday of the new year. Place your orders with us now.'

Advertisement for McCarter and Lynn. Text: 'FARM AND RANCH LOANS. We can make you a 34 year loan at 6% interest payable either annually or semi-annually, no stock to buy and no association to join, simply interest at 6%. We can also make you a 10 year loan at 6 1/2% simple interest, with option to pay as much as one-fifth of principle each year. No extra cost in securing our loans. Get ahead of low cotton and feed and get your land notes extended NOW.'

RECOVER 30 BODIES OF DROWNED MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Police and firemen continued grappling among the ice floes of the Hudson River today for the bodies of ten men believed missing among more than two score of workmen in search of jobs who drowned yesterday when the launch "Linseed King" capsized.

Thirty bodies have been recovered and 27 of the more than 60 men who crowded the craft on its trip across the river from New York to Edgewater, New Jersey, were rescued.

Capt. John Rohweider, skipper of the craft, is under a police guard at a hospital today, under technical charges of negligent homicide.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. •Very Pleasant to Take. •60¢ per bottle.

HARTFORD PROPOSES A CITY FIRELANE PLAN

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 17.—Firelanes in city residential districts, counterparts of the "dead lines" or fire lanes in forests as barriers against the sweep of a conflagration, have been advocated by a municipal committee which is revising the building code of Hartford, known among its sister municipalities as "The Insurance City."

The idea underlying the plan is that rows of fire proof buildings on main thoroughfares through sections closely settled with homes would make "fire walls" against a jump of flames from one block into another and give fight-ground against a conflagration in a particular block. The proposed changes provide an inner fire zone wherein all buildings should be fireproof, a belt around this inner zone which would be dissected by the six firelanes, and outside of all the residential section in which frame construction would be unhampered.

Towner Dickinson, of McCombe, is here for a visit to his wife and other relatives.

All Resources Used in Rescuing Miners

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mine disasters unite all available resources, human and mechanical, in the work of rescue.

Unofficial estimates place the cost of rescuing five men, entombed for eight days in a mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in excess of \$100,000. Close ties bind the residents of the little mining villages in the Pennsylvania mountains, so when news came to the village of Tomhicken that a creek had broken through its banks and flooded a mine there was an immediate response to the call for relief workers, and the general manager of the mine labored by the side of his men.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up

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

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

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

Arizona's Echo-Canyon

Site of Open Theatre ECHO CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 15.—High above the desert, with a towering cliff as a background, an open-air theatre will be built in this rock-ribbed canyon, which is itself a natural amphitheatre.

Echo-canyon's acoustics are so perfect that an ordinary conversation will carry faithfully for 600 feet.

The thinnest note of a high-pitched violin will penetrate into the canyon's innermost recesses. A cliff acts as a natural sounding-board. Opposite it a talus slope will afford graduated elevations for spectators' seats.

The Echo Canyon Bowl Association, sponsor of the project, plans to provide seating facilities for 5,000 persons and, eventually, for 25,000.

The canyon is about eight miles from Phoenix.

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. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC gives regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60¢ per bottle.

Says Waterfront Boy is Lured by the Sea

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Boys who watch ships go down to sea develop into men who go down to the sea in ships.

So a survey of Orleans parish public schools has revealed to Miss Emma Pritchard Cooley, director of vocational guidance, Boys living along the waterfront, the river, from whose windows they could watch seagoing vessels, showed a decided tendency toward nautical pursuits, Miss Cooley found.

The survey revealed, she said, that environment to a considerable degree is the deciding factor in determining what occupation a boy will select.

Grow Hair on Bald Mice; Try on Humans

TAUNTON, England, Dec. 21.—Bald mice have been made to grow hair in experiments designed to discover a cure for baldness among humans.

To grow hair on mice is easy, scientists explain, but the trick was to make the mice bald.

Dr. F. A. E. Crow, principal of the Edinburgh University, has discovered that mice can be made to shed their coats by extracting certain gland substances. Dr. Crow also says that by extracting a substance from normal mice and grafting it on the bald ones, he has been able to promote the growth of the coat again, either completely or partially, according to the amount applied. The experiments are being con-

tinued with a view of ascertaining if human baldness may not be due to the same glandular deficiency, and therefore curable in a similar way.

SEES REVIVING CHORAL INTEREST SINCE WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—America's interest in choral singing is being revived after a period in which it almost disappeared, asserts Stephen Townsend, chorus master of the Friends of Music.

Townsend believes that eventually there will be in connection with every symphony orchestra in this country a body of singers to be known as the symphony chorus.

athletics and scholarship. Even this column doesn't balance acutely between its mistakes of commission and its freaks of omission. When God created the earth, and when He made the stars also, He put them all in exact balance. But when He created man He left the poor creature lopsided between the ears—State Press in Dallas News.

INCOME TAX

Says the Ballinger Ledger commenting on a pecan orchard to be set out near here this year:

"N. Dow Chapman, who has been collecting income tax for Uncle Sam, is setting out 400 pecan trees on 20 acres near San Angelo. In a few years no doubt he will have to increase his own income tax."

There are vast possibilities in the pecan tree rightly handled. Native to this section and with all climatic conditions in favor of such a crop, it is surprising that man has not taken advantage of the opportunity. The fact that most everybody with land and native trees hasn't budded them and pocketed the extra profits is the best indication ever that man is most willing to leave the mere school-

"If an orchestra can get a good conductor and adequate soloists for a chorus it can get all the choristers it wants," he said. "The regular chorus of the Friends of Music numbers approximately 100, but we always have more applications than we can accommodate. Many of them volunteer their services without asking pay."

He thinks it is possible to develop a chorus in the same manner as an individual singer, pointing out that Ethel Hayden, Reinald Werrenrath, Lambert Murphy, Meller Oleott, Mmc. Charles Cahier, Mmc. Schumann-Heink, Richard Crooks and a host of other artists of today passed a lot of time singing in choruses.

PART DAY SERVICE IN MAILS CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be only part day service at the local postoffice on Christmas day, Postmaster J. A. Reese announced Tuesday.

Deliveries will be made in the morning and the office will be open part of the morning as Sunday is also a day of rest for the postal employees as far as deliveries are concerned. One delivery will be made on Saturday and service will be had at the office until 12, noon. After that hour incoming mail will be received but will not be worked.

Only necessary work will be done at the office on Christmas day.

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JOE SARTORI AND HIS MOOSE

Where is the big game country? Where can men get far enough away from civilization to return with spoils sufficient to satiate their hunting instincts? These two questions are asked each year by many who long to enter the big game country. These questions are answered by Capt. Frank Doudera and Joseph J. Sartori, of Brookings, S. D., who for sixteen years have hunted in Canada and produced a big game country.

These two well-known hunters and guides, who hunters and the Indian game has Williamson, by all their latest best hunt at Anacostia, British Columbia, where they left the Canadian Pacific railway after starting on their big game hunting expedition, took over 200 miles to reach the Cariboo Country. Part of this journey was made over the famous "Cariboo Trail" built in the days of the first gold rush. A good distance was covered on foot and when possible motors were used.

COURTESY WITH TROPHIES

Capt. Doudera stated that he was "convinced this country is one of the greatest stretches of hunting territory in the world, and not alone from a game viewpoint but for beauty of scenery as well."

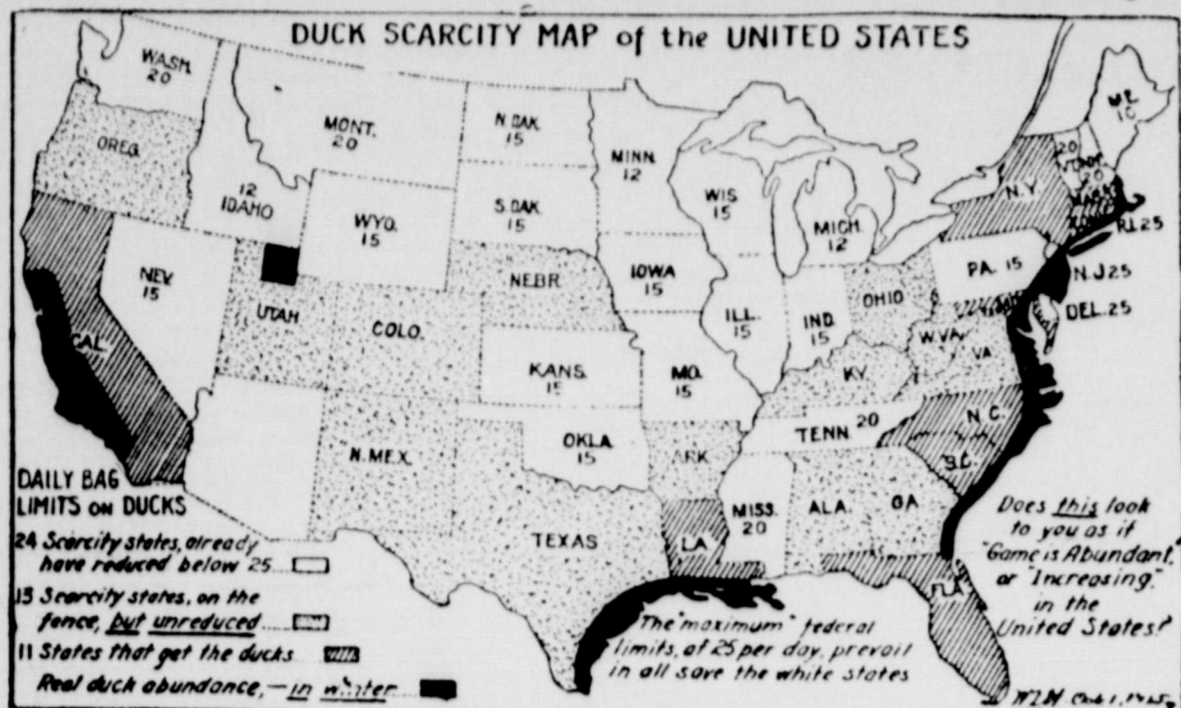
One unusual incident of the trip was the advance of a caribou on the hunters despite having got their shot. This was in the Cariboo Valley, 28 miles north of the Mitchell River, and it may well be that the caribou had no fear of man, or out of curiosity he wished to get a closer view of this animal of which he knew nothing.

had an unusually successful trip. "We shot moose with big spoils," Capt. Doudera stated. "These caribou with imposing antlers, four mountain goats, four large wolves and four coyotes, besides many wild ducks and geese." A country that is so short a distance, in reality from civilization and can give as many trophies of the hunt in so short a time, rightly deserves the name of the greatest big game country in North America. Grizzlies weighing half a ton are often bagged in the Cariboo and Doudera and Sartori shot at one, but the big fellow got away and hid.

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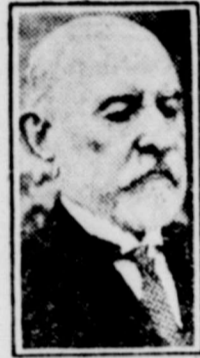
GOOD-BYE TO OUR SMALL GAME



The official Federal bag limit on ducks is 25 per day, fixed in 1918 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in all states. The Federal law takes precedence over the laws of the 24 states with reduced limits.

By DR. WILLIAM L. HORNADAY
Noted Authority on Wild Life.

For one hundred years and more the pioneer hunters, the sportsmen, the market hunters and the game-hogs of America have steadily hunted or killed game in the fixed belief that all the game of this nation belonged to them.



DR. WILLIAM L. HORNADAY

Since they are fixedly, they have believed that they had a right to do by and unto the game as they royally pleased. To a very great extent in those ranks that feel every bit as if it did fifty years ago, except that now about one-third of the killers of game admit that even game has some rights that should be respected, and that even ducks are entitled to a square deal. Per has a big majority of the 6,000,000 sportsmen-hunters would elect to think so—if we could only talk to them face to face.

For fifty years the sportsmen of the East and the Middle West have been regulating the killing of game and solemnly calling it "game protection."

Today if I were a mallard duck or a Canada goose I would just as lief take my chances of being "protected" in the bad place as in the United States of America. Surely

the Imps of Darkness do not hunt ducks on their winter refuge grounds for any longer than three and a half months of the year. Surely they have no more automobiles, blimpies, big boats and money than the "rich clubmen" who kill ducks in their eight or ten winter shelters on the Atlantic Coast. The bag "limit" is 25 per day for three months! Well then.

Our American system of "game protection" (1) is absurd weak exterminatory and rotten to the core. About ninety-five per cent of it (outside of inviolate sanctuaries) is merely regulated killing and sometimes very badly regulated at that. We an scarcely say that our "system of protection" has broken down, for we never had a real system! All over the United States our feathered game is being killed far faster than it is multiplying. Very soon the annual arm of killers will carry 10,000,000 guns!

The areas of game-species extinction already enormous are increasing and spreading in devastating waves. Mighty little work has been done in mapping the state areas of extinction and spreading them before the people.

All the small game of the United States except rabbits is headed straight toward quick annihilation. The annual killers of game form tremendous armies which we believe soon will outnumber the game. When a "good game state" yields in a hunting season only one duck to every five hunters, only one duck to every five hunters, and only one ounce of wild goose meat to each

hunter it is a chaotic jumble to talk about game "abundance" anywhere. When it happens that out of 23 killable species of shore and marsh birds combined, each hunter gets only 1-190th of a pound is it not high time to cut all bag "limits" by at least 40 per cent?

Believing as I do in the value of legitimate hunting sport as an incentive toward fine outdoor recreation I have for twenty years worked hard to save game and sport from going the downward together.

Now I begin to fear that I have spent my time and efforts in vain. Many men who are active in game conservation matters, and especially those interested in and influenced by the makers, dealers in guns and ammunition, are kidding themselves, and also the sportsmen and lawmakers, into the belief that "game is abundant" that "no reductions in game killing are at all necessary" and that "sanctuaries and public shooting grounds are the one great remedy for the shortage of game. Incidentally they hold that the sanctuaries should be subject to conversion into shooting grounds at the will of any easily influenced individual.

The Department of Agriculture has for two years stubbornly maintained its support of the present killing privileges of sportsmen as expressed in murderous bag limits and open seasons; and the rejection of all appeals against that policy appears to be fixed and final. Congress could make a quick change in that situation if it would.

SACRED CONCERT WELL ATTENDED

One of the most enjoyable sacred Christmas concerts for the 1926 holiday season was presented by the choir of the First Methodist church at the evening service hour Sunday, under the direction of Troy Simpson, choir leader. Miss Rama Guin was at the piano.

The program lasted during the entire sermon hour and was enjoyed very much. A large crowd was present, the entire auditorium being filled a short time before the program was to commence.

The Methodist church boasts of one of the best choirs in the city and this was truly evident Sunday night. Every member of the choir and everyone who took part in the program were from the Methodist church with the exception of Mrs. Alexander McGregor, who sang a solo. Mrs. Bob Carsey was her accompanist.

Following is the program as given at this service:

- Hymn, "Joy to the World," the choir
- Prayer, Rev. R. B. Hooper
- Anthem, "All Hail the Joyful Morn," soprano, obligato, Miss Sharp
- Response, "Call His Name Jesus,"
- Violin solo, C. L. Mohr
- Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," the choir
- Anthem, "Heaven's Melodious Strain," the choir, soprano obligato, Miss Doss
- Response, "Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus!"
- Announcements, Rev. Hooper
- Offertory
- Anthem, "I Will Extol Thee," the choir
- Solo and Chorus, "This Way But Once," Miss Doss and choir
- Solo, "A Christmas Lullaby," Mrs. A. McGregor
- Anthem, "The Dawn of Earth's Glad Day," Mr. Earnshaw and choir
- Quartet, "Silent Night, Holy Night," Miss Doss, Mrs. Simpson, Messrs. Simpson and Doss
- Benediction.

RUSSIAN CONCESSIONS GO TO GERMAN FIRMS

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Sponsored by a system of government credits, German industries have succeeded in obtaining 30 per cent of all the concessions awarded to foreign firms by the Soviet government. In a report on the favorable progress of Russo-German commercial relations, the German ministry of commerce says 40 of the 140 concessions came to Germany and that 20 went to England, and 15 to the United States. Bids for 100 additional concessions by German firms are being considered.

The Friedrich Krupp Works at Essen, the report adds, obtained one of the most important concessions for the manufacture and sale of agricultural implements. Former Chancellor Joseph Wirth

is interested in a lumber company which is doing a \$7,000,000 business in Russia annually.

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CHRISTIAN PASTOR IS POUNDED BY MEMBERS

Members of the First Christian church surprised their pastor, Rev. Leslie G. Smyth, Thursday night with a "pounding" at his home on Sixth Street. Many useful household necessities and good cats were left by the members.

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We do not forget our many friends and patrons with whom we have had so many pleasant transactions during the year past, but the memory of our happy associations is one of the things which makes our own Christmas brighter all the while. We are wishing for you a cup of joy brimming over with good things for the holiday season, and throughout 1927.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



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It's Hard to "Catch" Cold If You Take Klok-Lax

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taking hold. But if you do feel a cold coming on, take Klok-Lax at the first sign. Get your system cleaned of all the clogged wastes with this wonderful constipation treatment—then see how quickly you feel all right again.

Klok-Lax is the new, improved treatment. Everybody is taking it now. It is so pleasant—no nausea—no griping—and yet you are thoroughly cleaned out and feel fine.

Get Klok-Lax at any good druggist.

Motley is Elected Chamber Secretary for Fifth Time

J. D. Motley was elected secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Friday morning, for his fifth consecutive term. Mr. Motley has been in Ballinger for a little more than three years and has been secretary of the commercial organization ever since he moved to this city.

Officers elected at Friday's meeting were as follows: R. G. Caudle, president; M. C. Atkins, first vice-president; E. Shepperd, second vice-president; Miss Winnie Trail, assistant secretary; and Fred Kiechle, treasurer.

New directors elected were as follows: O. O'Neill, John A. Weeks, R. L. Harwell, Sam Baker, W. B. Currie, Sam Behringer, R. E. George, M. McGregor, M. S. Karnman and W. A. Holt. These, with the holdovers, who are M. C. Atkins, Scott H. Maek, Fred Kiechle, Troy Simpson, E. Shepperd, E. M. Lynn, Chester Cherry, Frank Pearce and R. G. Erwin, compose the new board of directors who will serve during the year 1927. The first named directors will serve for two years.

Appointment of the standing committees for the year will be made at a called meeting of the directors before the first of the year, Tuesday night, January 11th, was set for the annual banquet night.

Mr. Motley has served under three different presidents of the chamber. First he filled an unexpired term with Mr. Maek, then he was re-elected secretary when Mr. Maek was re-elected president, then under E. Shepperd, and during the last term under Alfred Crager.

Mr. Motley's report was given at this meeting and was unanimously approved by the membership and board. The report was short but to the point, telling of the past year's work.

"Doug Motley is the best secretary of any chamber of commerce in Texas," Judge Alfred Crager, retiring president, said Friday, after the meeting. "He has faithfully served the organization during my term as president and he was indeed a true secretary. I am very glad to see that he has been re-elected as secretary of the organization. I do not believe the board could have secured a better man for the place."

The board, after a motion was made by R. W. Earnshaw, one of the retiring directors, gave Judge Crager a rising vote of thanks for his services with the organization during the past year.

Following is Mr. Motley's report in full.

"At the last regular membership meeting of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce held in January of this year the following twenty-one directors were elected to serve one and two years: T. H. Chaney, Tom Caudle, M. C. Atkins, R. W. Earnshaw, J. McGregor, H. S. Strain, R. G. Erwin, Roy Reeder, G. A. Ludwig, E. Shepperd, Troy Simpson, Fred Kiechle, E. D. Walker, R. T. Williams, Alfred Crager, Estes M. Lynn, E. E. King, Scott H. Maek, Chester Cherry, F. M. Pearce, J. J. Beck. At the first meeting held by the board of directors the following officers were elected for the year of 1926: Alfred Crager, president; E. Shepperd, vice-president; M. C. Atkins, vice-president; J. D. Motley, secretary; and R. G. Erwin, treasurer. Also the following committees were selected and duly appointed to do committee work as follows:

"Budget Committee—E. E. King, R. G. Erwin and E. Shepperd, and by this committee the amount of \$3,712.50 was raised and during the year has been

paid into the Chamber of Commerce treasury.

"Membership Committee—R. T. Williams, F. M. Pearce and Roy Reeder; by this committee \$1,908.00 was subscribed by individual members and has been paid into the treasury during the year.

"Livestock and Agriculture Committee—E. D. Walker, Tom Caudle, Chester Cherry, through which committee full co-operation was given the county agent, C. W. Lehmburg, and home demonstration agent, Miss Eula Key, and their women's clubs, boys' and girls' agricultural clubs, poultry clubs, and general work including the Runnels County Fair.

"Good Roads Committee—Scott H. Maek, T. H. Chaney and G. A. Ludwig. Through this committee an effort has been made to give full co-operation to the Runnels County Commissioners Court in improving roads over the county, and with the work of our very efficient commission and co-operation that has been given them by this committee, much progress has been made.

"Civic Committee—J. McGregor, Fred Kiechle, and J. J. Beck. Through this committee a strictly modern tourist park has been kept in first class sanitary condition with a keeper the entire year. This park was seventh in the state to be approved as A-1 by the State Health Department. The committee also gave full co-operation to the 'Better Homes of America' campaign in Ballinger and other matters throughout the year.

"Entertainment and Program Committee—Estes M. Lynn, R. W. Earnshaw, and M. C. Atkins. Publicity Committee—Troy Simpson, H. S. Strain, and J. D. Motley. These two committees worked jointly throughout the year and through these committees various conventions were held in Ballinger; also a most successful trades trip was made during which time some 1,200 miles was made by Ballinger citizens over the city's trade territory.

"Retail Merchants Committee—R. E. George, Sam Behringer, and Frank Cameron. Through this committee the largest volume of retail merchants work in the history of the organization has been done, and the records show that the greatest amount of results has been accomplished.

"All committees have endeavored to give full co-operation to all educational institutions of the city and county, the city and county officials, as well as any and all matters pertaining to the advancement of Ballinger and Runnels county."

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Maverick Farmers Will Decrease Cotton Acreage

The first of a series of meetings to be held in this county in the interest of the cotton reduction plan was held at Maverick Friday night, when the county committee, who are in charge of these meetings presided and had some four or five speakers from Ballinger on their program.

E. D. Walker, county chairman presided at the meeting. Others from here who attended were Lynn Stokes, J. D. Motley and C. W. Lehmburg. Each of these made short talks in regard to the cotton reduction plan.

The attendance was 100 per cent, the committee reported upon returning to Ballinger and they are hoping they will get as good attendance at other places over the county where these meetings are to be held.

Approximately 80 per cent of those present Friday night signed the pledge which calls for at least a reduction of 25 per cent over the acreage of 1925 and 1926 for the year of 1927 and 1928. A local committee was named to circulate the petition and it is expected that at least 95 per cent of the farmers in the Maverick community will sign the pledge before the campaign is closed.

It was also learned at this meeting that the farmers of the Maverick community had taken an active interest in the production of hogs, turkeys, cattle, sheep and goats and that they are planning a diversification campaign.

The Maverick citizens are some of the foremost farmers of the county and they leave nothing undone when they once start a campaign. It is expected that this community will be one of the most prosperous in the county as soon as they start their plans to work in the winter and spring months. They are planning not

to let the low price of cotton put the damper on their work on the farm but are to try harder each month to come out ahead with other farm products.

Other meetings such as this are to be held over the county each week until it has been well covered by the committee and a good estimate may be had on the cotton acreage reduction of the whole county.

The committee is not fixing the date of these meetings but are letting the local committees set the dates and they are only supplying the farmers with speakers who give the facts. The citizens of Ballinger are invited to attend any of these meetings.

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WRIGHTS HONORED AT HOWARD PAYNE

A brother and a sister of Felton ("Pooch") Wright, coach of the Ballinger high school Bearcats, are gaining fame at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, according to press reports received from that city.

The following clipping appeared in the Yellow Jacket, the college weekly paper:

"The sponsor contest closed Wednesday night at 10 o'clock

with the upperclassmen far in the lead. There was a total of 7,038 votes cast, 737 being for Miss Queen Anderson, the Freshman candidate, and 6,301 for Miss Nettie Wright, upperclassman candidate. Great enthusiasm was shown in this contest by both groups and those in charge were highly gratified with the results.

"Miss Nettie Wright, attractive winner, came to Howard Payne from Junction. She is a sister of Pooch Wright, noted Jacket football star and captain of the 1922 team. Bill Wright, present center on the Jacket squad, is also her brother. Miss Nettie fills the position of sponsor admirably. She is always behind the Jackets and is noted for her pep and her college spirit.

"The students did not know the results of the contest until the party consisting of Miss Wright, her escort, Geo. Burns; her maid, Guila Lowry; and Miss Lowry's escort, John Harding, preceded the team to the field Thursday and took their places in the elaborately decorated box, just in front of the Howard Payne cheering section. They were received with much applause, fifteen 'rahs' being given

for 'sponsor.' Miss Wright was presented with a beautiful bouquet as a token of the honor bestowed upon her."

Miss Wright is very popular at Howard Payne and is one of the leaders in social affairs.

Bill Wright, sophomore, and a brother of Coach Wright, was named all-Texas Conference center this year, being declared the best center in the organization. It was his second year on the squad.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by

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COMMISSIONERS COURT IN SESSION HALF A DAY

The Runnels county Commissioners Court was in session only half a day this week. Regular routine business was transacted and bills approved and ordered paid.

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FORMER WINTERS CITIZEN KILLED NEAR HOUSTON

Oliver Cryer, 33 years of age, formerly of Winters, employed in Houston on construction work, was killed Monday while at work on a bridge of the Houston North Shore Interurban at Highlands when a heavy beam fell, crushing him. Mr. Cryer had also lived in Dallas.

Following is what the Houston Chronicle said about the accident:

"Mr. Cryer was working on a bridge of the Houston North Shore Interurban at Highlands when a beam fell, crushing him. He was taken to the Baptist Hospital in a Fogle-West ambulance and died on the operating table 30 minutes after his arrival.

"He suffered internal injuries, a broken back and neck and a crushed chest. Justice of the Peace Overstreet held an inquest and rendered a verdict of accidental death. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Estella Craddock, of Dallas, and a brother, Howell Cryer, of Winters."

Relatives and friends from Winters were in Ballinger Wednesday to meet the noon Santa Fe which brought the remains of Mr. Cryer from Houston. Quite a number of Winters people were in the party. Interment will be made at Winters.

SCHOOLS RECESSED FOR CHRISTMAS

All teachers and school children of the Ballinger city schools were released today for the Christmas holidays which start Thursday and continue until January 3rd, for the students.

College students are arriving daily to spend the holidays with their parents and friends. Most of these students have to be back at college on January 3rd.

The French budget for 1927 promises a surplus of between 800 million and one billion francs.

Neal McAlpine left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He will return to Ballinger next week.

Miss Ruth Holliday is at home from Abilene, where she has been attending Simmons University to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Holliday.

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Personals

Crews Alexander, who is attending A. & M. College, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother and his grandfather.

J. Linton Clark has returned from San Bernardino, California, where he has been working for the past few months.

James Trail has returned to Ballinger to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Trail.

Rankin Paec, of Wingate, came in Saturday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Paec Sr., of Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kornegay and daughter, Miss Loyle, of Winters, were in Ballinger Saturday night to meet their son and brother, Buck, who came home from A. & M. College to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Margaret Cordill has returned from Southwestern University where she has been attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill.

Burton Reese, who is attending A. & M. College, has arrived in Ballinger to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

Fred Atwell, of A. & M. College, at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Atwell.

Miss Mabel Brewer has returned from Southwestern University to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer.

James Skinner spent Saturday night in Brownwood, where he saw the play, "Abie's Irish Rose." He returned home Sunday.

Miss Lola Eubank, who is teaching school at Edinburg, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank.

Jones Taylor is here from Dallas to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

Miss Frances Holman, who is attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis., is at home to spend the holidays with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holman.

Leo Mapes, of Dallas, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Every river originating in the state of Arizona finds its source in "Old Baldy," a 13,000-foot peak in the Northern part of the state.

H. Giesecke and two little granddaughters, Misses Cordelia and Armour Giesecke, have gone to San Antonio, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. Perry King, of Abilene, and son, John Barton, have returned home after a visit here to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

T. A. Knight, of South Ballinger, will go to San Diego, Calif., next week to spend the remainder of the winter. He says this climate is too cold now and that he is afraid it will get colder here.

Mrs. Robert E. Bruce has gone to Arlington, where she will spend Christmas with her parents. Mr. Bruce will join his wife in Arlington on Friday.

Ledger advertising pays.

Special prices until January 1st on Lumber, Shingles, Cedar Posts, Paints, Linseed Oil and Window Glass. Also have one each 1924 and 1925 Ford Trucks for sale. Both in perfect condition. L. E. Bair Lumber Co. 22-1st-17w

SANTA FE PASSENGERS LUNCH HERE TUESDAY

Passengers on the West bound Santa Fe from Temple to San Angelo, remained in Ballinger almost one hour Tuesday afternoon for lunch on account of the wreck West of Rowena which held the train up for several hours after arriving at the scene of the accident.

Nine tank cars, loaded with oil, went in the ditch near Rowena and it tied up traffic for some time. Workmen got busy and built track around the wreck, allowing the lighter trains to pass.

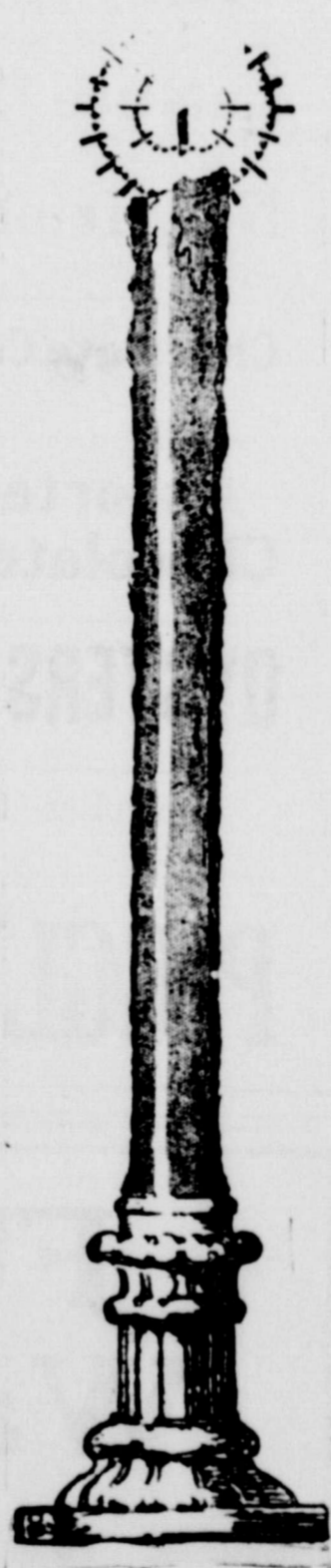
The East bound Santa Fe ran some twenty minutes late Tuesday afternoon. A wrecker from Brownwood came out to do repair work.

Because

Our dealings with you have been most pleasant during 1926, we take advantage of this Christmas season to extend to you sincere, cordial greetings and good wishes for the year ahead.



Connelly's Bakery



Out across the wires that weave a net of pulsing power across the brown hills and tawny prairies of West Texas comes leaping tonight a radiance to light your fireside.

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry your hearth you may sense something of the warmth of friendship we, your "electric light folks," feel for the thousands of friends we have been privileged to serve during the year now closing?

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry something of the Christmas message of good will and good cheer we would like to send to you?

It has been a good year for most of us here in West Texas—a year crammed full of progress and achievement and jobs well done. Old friendships have ripened and grown sweeter and new friends have come still further to multiply our riches. And before us stands a new year, beckoning with new opportunities, eager with the promise of new conquests to be made.

Well it IS good to be a West Texan in West Texas when Christmas time rolls 'round! Somehow the lights DO shine just a little brighter—handclaps ARE a little stronger!

West Texas Utilities Company

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Jack Cook and little Jack Jr., of Amarillo, came in Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, and sister, Mrs. Ross Smith.

Mrs. J. G. Evans' mother, Mrs. L. M. Whittsey, of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Evans' sister, Mrs. Clarence Ziegler and husband, of Kansas City, Mo., returned to their homes Saturday.

Clinton Reese came home Saturday to spend a few days with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, of Coleman; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, of Cross Plains, spent Friday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, and family. They returned to their homes Saturday.

Leo Mapes, of Dallas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes, and other relatives.

Jones Taylor, of Dallas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Marie, returned home Saturday night after a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, who has been sick.

Mrs. E. L. McFarland and children, of Houston, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barron, and family.

Mrs. Luther Brown and little daughter, of Maverick, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Dalton.

Mrs. Jack Cook is able to about after having her tonsils removed.

Mrs. R. E. Brown is able to be up after several days in bed with flu and tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans are the proud parents of a son. The mother and baby are doing fine. "BLUE BONNET."

Christmas Dance

A dance will be given Monday night, December 27th in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena.

Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra. COMMITTEE. 23-1td-1tw

HERRING TOPICS

The cold weather of the past week was ideal hog-killing weather and many of our citizens took advantage of it. Some of the hogs dressed as much as 700 pounds.

W. L. Aboern and wife visited San Angelo last Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon.

H. N. Davis of this community, have moved to their farm near Paint Rock. We are sorry to lose them.

R. S. Lowe has moved to his farm at Pleasant Valley, East of Talpa. We are sorry to see them leave us, but hope they will be pleased with their new home.

Mrs. Jim Coffey and daughter, Lenore Scroggins, of San Angelo, are visiting relatives in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Phelan and family of Memphis, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Phelan's sister, Mrs. Grounds, this week.

Grandma Clarke, of San Angelo, is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Miller.

The Herring girls' basketball team played a game with the Crews team at Crews last Friday evening. The score was 10 and 15 in favor of Herring. Prof. Gassiot of Dietz was referee for the game. It was a nice, friendly game and enjoyed by all.

The party at Mr. Hale's Saturday night was well attended and a nice time was reported by all.

Clifford Parker has moved into our community where H. N. Davis moved from. We hope he will be pleased to live among us. "REPORTER"

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAIN-O-IN-TMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can go, restful sleep after first application. 60c

CREWS NEWS

The party at Clifford Woods' Friday night, was well attended. Everyone reported an enjoyable time.

Rev. B. B. Edmiston filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. There was a large crowd at church Sunday morning and also Sunday night, at League and church.

Misses Willie and Connie Wood and O. D. Wood of Bethel, visited Miss Beatrice Berry Sunday.

Crews boys' basketball team went to Dale Friday and played. The score was 10-28 in favor of Crews. Herring girls came to Crews Friday afternoon and played a game, the score ending 10-15 in favor of Herring.

Miss Mabel McBeth went to Sweetwater Saturday to visit her brother, Lloyd McBeth. She will remain there about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Clark, Miss Bonnie Mae Clark and Miss Eulah Lusk visited Mrs. Clark's daughter, Mrs. Ross Harwood, of Drasco, Sunday.

Miss Florence Gray's sister is visiting her from Goldthwaite. Miss Gray is our primary teacher.

Our school will have a school Christmas tree next Thursday morning. School will dismiss at noon Thursday.

"Reporter."

Notice

The First National Bank of Norton, Texas, located at Norton, State of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. Dec. 15, 1926.

T. J. McCAUGHAN,
Cashier.
24-9tw

Your Battery should be a Ford Battery with a rubber case, 13 plates. Only \$12. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw



Mrs. C. E. McMillan
Mrs. C. E. McMillan, 40 years 11 months and 7 days of age, died at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening following a short illness. Mrs. McMillan had been sick since Saturday.

Mrs. McMillan lived about nine miles North of Ballinger, just off the Crews road.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Old Runnels cemetery at 3:00 o'clock, with Rev. Pleasant officiating. Interment will be made in the Old Runnels cemetery.

Deceased survived by her husband and three children; C. E. McMillan and Mrs. Flora Tounget, Miss Lillie McMillan and Troy McMillan; her father, S. T. Wood; brothers and sisters, Ollie Wood, Horace Wood, Mrs. Ella Forman, and Mrs. Betty McMillan; step-brothers, Robert Wood, Frank and Ollie McMillan, Arthur Wood, Marshall Wood, Curtis Wood, Homer Wood, Randolph Wood, Mrs. Lula Blocker and Miss Maud Wood.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

MARRIAGE LICENSES PASS THE 300 MARK

Marriage licenses issued since January 1, 1926, totalled Tuesday morning 305, the records at the county clerk's office show.

The number is expected to exceed greatly the total for the year 1925.

BLEEDING GUMS: The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 1td

A message was received in Ballinger Sunday announcing the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley, of Edinburg, Texas. Mrs. McCulley will be remembered here as Miss Malvina Skinner.

GOODFELLOW FUND

Ballinger citizens are not answering the Goodfellow call, as sounded last week and as a result the fund is still short of what it should be. A few have donated, but much more cash is needed to carry on the Santa Claus work.

Pots for money and barrels for second-hand clothes and toys are on the streets in several conspicuous places and the citizens are asked to place their donations in these or at The Ledger office.

Following is the report to date:
Mrs. E. L. Sargent ---\$1.00
Jim Parnell ---\$1.00
Mrs. Claud Stone ---\$2.00
Troy Simpson ---\$1.00
Rev. W. H. Doss ---\$1.00
James Skinner ---\$1.00
The Day Gin ---\$2.00
Sam Behringer ---\$1.00
Mrs. A. J. Zappe --- 3.00
E. W. McLaurin --- 1.00
Mrs. J. McGregor --- 2.00

Ford Battery of standard size for 95 per cent of the automobiles only \$12. 13 plates and a rubber case. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alfon Wanorek and Miss Helen Hoelscher
Wm. Maas and Miss Mary Kohutok
John Berry and Miss Daisy White.
A. H. Taylor and Miss Averal Eubank
R. H. Friend and Miss Minnie Brinkley
J. M. Moss and Mrs. Annie Johnson.
John Reese and Mrs. Bess Harmon
Marion Turner and Miss Robbie Bell
Bernard Martin and Miss Daisy Culver

Andy Brown and Miss Eva Sel-ler.

WILLIAMS GETS TWO BUCKS ON HIS HUNT

R. R. Williams has returned from Mason county where he was successful in killing two fine bucks on a hunt with two cousins, the Ledbetter brothers of Brady. The party was out only a short time. Mr. Williams got his limit.

Ask our battery man, especially equipped to give you service on your battery. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

Jones Taylor of Belton is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

PIGGLY WIGGLY
Wishes You a Merry Christmas

To make your Christmas a lot merrier we have for your selection, everything of the very best quality and lowest price that you will need during the holidays.

With Our Compliments

Those who come thru our turnstiles and make a purchase between 7:00 a. m. and 11:00 a. m. Friday (Christmas Eve) will be presented with a half-pound box of Swift's Premium Breakfast Bacon with our compliments of the season.

Swift's Jewel

Compound 8 lb - - 99c
16 lb - - \$1 87

Celery Jumbo Per Stalk - - 19c

Lettuce Calif. Iceburg Large and Crisp - 15c

New Irish Potatoes 15c Per lb.

Chocolate Covered Cherries 59c lb. box

Assorted 5 lb - \$1.85
Chocolates 3 lb box - \$1.14

OYSTERS Pints - - 50c
Quart - - 95c

Open Late Every Night This Week.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

FURS Wanted

Skunks, 'Possum, Coons, Civet Cats—in good demand. Bring us your Furs, we have a St. Louis fur buyer with us.

Pecan Valley Produce Co.

109 Broadway—Jeanes' Old Stand

ATTENTION! Ford Owners

100% Pure Pennsylvania Crude Oil is the foundation of Amalie Special for Fords. A small portion of animal oil is added to insure smooth starting and stopping. One crankcase full will make you a constant user.

Continental Oil Company of Texas
A. O. Bartlett, Ballinger Agent

AMALIE OIL
SPECIAL FOR FORDS



We Desire to Thank You

—for your favors of 1926 and couple the wish with the hope that your New Year may be one of continuous happiness.

Harber's Grocery and Market

A New Beginning

Christmas with all its attractions of cheer and happiness adds even more with the knowledge that a few days hence we come to the opportunity of a new beginning—1927.

As we look to the future we have many plans to put in form to better serve the people of this community in our line.



BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPP NEW YEAR

DIRECTS CHEER DRIVE FROM BED

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 21.—Although confined to her bed with a painful injury suffered in an automobile accident, Mrs. J. E. King, chairman of the board of supervisors of the Texas prison system, is carrying on a statewide drive to provide Christmas cheer for more than 400 prisoners who have no friends to remember them this year.

Mrs. King is making her campaign against the orders of her doctors because the response to her plea for co-operation in helping the prisoners has been unusually weak this year. Of the 400 odd friendless prisoners less than 75 have been provided for to date and Christmas is approaching rapidly.

Mrs. King annually arranges to remember every man in the state prisons who has no one to give him a bit of Christmas cheer, and this year has accepted the task of remembering a record number of homeless and friendless men.

She collects the names of all the prisoners who are apt to be forgotten during the holidays and gives anyone in the state the names of as many men as he or she may wish to remember. No expensive gifts are expected, but those who agree to remember a prisoner are asked to give some simple things, a handkerchief, shaving soap or some other useful article.

"Regardless of the crime for which a man is punished, every one of the 400 men will be a better prisoner if he feels that somebody has enough consideration for him to send him a small gift at Christmas time," Mrs. King said.

One woman, who has always contributed to the prison Christmas, takes the name of some negro woman and provides her a nice gift in memory of her old negro mammy. There are a number of regular contributors.

Be wise and advertise.

SAGE TEA BEAUTIFIES AND DARKENS HAIR

Don't Stay Gray! It Darkens so Naturally That Nobody Can Tell

You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost over night if you'll get a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous Sage Tea Recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. O. F. Hatfield, district superintendent of San Antonio district, and wife, Rev. Lela Hargrove Hatfield; Miss Cathryn Hind, of Waco; and Rev. Nellie A. Griswold, of San Antonio, are to have charge of special services at the Nazarene church tomorrow.

Promptly at 3:00 p. m., Mrs. Griswold, district president of the Women's Missionary Society, will address the local society as to some of the best methods of conducting a successful society. Mrs. Griswold has had several years experience in this work and it will be well worth your time to hear her whether you are a member of any society or not.

At 7:00 p. m., Miss Hind, district president of the Nazarene Young People's Society, will speak to the young people. She has had a number of years experience in this work, and is deeply

concerned about the welfare of the young people. Her message will be of interest to all who may be present.

Following the N. Y. P. S. service, Rev. Hatfield, or his wife, will preach. God is blessing these faithful ministers, and it will do you good to hear them.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend this service.

NELLIE A. HILL, Pastor.

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 GROVUS' 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 Grovus' O-Pen-Trace 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.



Mrs. H. A. Neas

Mrs. Della Rose Neas, 42 years 9 months and 17 days of age, wife of H. A. Neas, of this city, died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Halley & Love Sanitarium following an illness extending over a period of five months. Mrs. Neas had been in the local sanitarium for the past three months.

Mrs. Neas was born in Fannin county on March 1, 1884, and for the past several years she had resided in Ballinger with her husband and children.

She was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, but when able attended the Baptist church here with her children.

She is survived by her husband, H. A. Neas; four daughters and two sons. They are: Mrs. B. J. Tyson, Ballinger; Miss Grace Neas, Abilene; Willie Faye, and Wilman, John Edwin and H. A. Jr. Two brothers also survive, Jim Sims, Paducah; and John Sims, Coleman; and three sisters, Miss Willie Sims, Ballinger; Mrs. J. M. Grimes, Brownwood; and

Mrs. F. C. Crook, Coleman, the two latter being unable to attend the funeral. Both brothers were here.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church with Rev. Alvin Swindell, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen cemetery with King-Holt Company undertakers in charge.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-tfw

TEARS ARE BONA FIDE. FILM ACTRESSES SAY

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 17.—Screen actresses find that they can cry naturally, without resorting to glycerin, a peeled onion, ammonia, or smelling salts.

The tear-making articles, once important items in the motion picture property man's paraphernalia, therefore have been displaced at most studios by lacrimose music.

Eleanor Boardman maintains that real tears may be produced if the actress plays her part thoroughly and feels the poignancy of the situation.

"However," Miss Boardman says, "just so many tears can be cried. The tear ducts run dry after a while no matter how much emotion you have, so I work myself up just to the point of tears and allow them to come just when it is time to shoot. I remember once that I cried during the time the lights and cameras were being arranged and by the time everything was ready I couldn't weep another tear."

Joan Crawford, before a tearful scene starts, sits in a corner with her head in her hands listening to soft, sad music. Marceline Day has no trouble at all crying. In fact, her directors say, it is much more difficult for her to laugh than to weep.

When Mae Murray weeps she says she feels as grief stricken as though her screen woes were real. She adds that sometimes it takes her an hour to recover from a strong emotional scene.

Be wise and advertise.

LAKE OF 1,000 ACRES ADDS TO PARK SYSTEM

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 14.—A lake covering more than 1,000 acres will be added to the San Antonio park system with the completion of the Olmos Creek detention dam, which will be ready for operation soon.

The dam, which stretches for 1,940 feet across the San Antonio River North of the city, is 90 feet high at the deepest part of the river and has a maximum width at the bottom of 70.4 feet. A roadway, 24 feet wide, crosses the top of the dam, as do conduits for light, heat and power installations. The roadway is lighted by concealed lights, and

89,500 cubic yards of concrete went into the dam.

A reservoir with an area of 1,045 acres will be formed behind that dam and the shores will be developed as a park. The dam will have a storage capacity of 15,600 acre feet of water.

Foundations of the structure rest on a limestone ledge 20 to 50 feet below the surface of the dam. In building the foundations it was necessary to pump 1,500 feet of water from the excavation per minute. The project cost approximately \$1,600,000.

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The Swift Passing of 1926



Brings us to a new book in life's history and before we thumb its pages our thoughts dwell in greater appreciation upon those patrons who have placed their trust in us, the evidence of which is your patronage.

Not only for your business, but for your good will, do we return glad thanks.

May 1927 smile on you with much good fortune.

E. J. Carroll Plumbing

Merry Christmas to Everybody from City Grocery

Christmas Greetings

What would be more appreciated by your family or your friends who are not with you at Christmas time than to hear your voice over the telephone on Christmas Eve?

Our evening rate on station-to-station calls from 7:00 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. is approximately 75 per cent of the day rate, and our night rate on station-to-station calls from 8:30 p. m. until 4:30 a. m. is approximately 50 per cent of the day rate.

Distance is eliminate. Our service is universal. Ask our operators to quote you rate to any point reached by telephone in the United States.

The employees and management of your telephone company extend to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1926 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer!

AT YOUR SERVICE!
West Texas Telephone Co.

OUR WISH

May the Angels who first brought Christmas songs into the world bring you much joy in this present Christmastide and guard your steps for good in all the days to come.



May It Come to Pass



HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co.



A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Could we say more in a whole page

