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Sillix Well Continues Flow; Best Find West of the Fry

That the Sillix et al-McMillan No. 1, five miles north of Ballinger, has opened the best field west of the Fry field in Brown county, was the impression left by several leading oil operators from Coleman, Abilene and San Angelo who viewed the well since it blew in Saturday morning at 5:00 o'clock and is now estimated to be making more than 300 barrels daily of .42 gravity oil.

Prospects for Ballinger becoming an oil city, good enough to compare with the best in the Southwest increased as the flow of the liquid from the well through a six-inch pipe into the storage tanks increased.

It was reported that a Kansas oil man, who had been studying the well since Saturday afternoon, was heard to make the statement that he believed the well was good for 1,000 barrels or more daily. This statement, however, could not be confirmed as the parties reporting it did not learn the man's name.

Members of the oil fraternity from Coleman, Ranger, Brownwood, San Angelo, Midland, Sweetwater, and other Texas cities flocked into the city Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday and Monday they were still here and others arriving. Scouts, geologists and lease buyers were talking oil here over the week-end and today several deals were reported to be under way.

For the present the well will not be drilled deeper, C. E. Sillix, operator of this city and one of the owners of the well declared.

"We are awaiting the return to Texas of Lou Ladd, of Fort Worth, who is interested in the well," Mr. Sillix declared. "We will let the well flow just as long as it will, or until Mr. Ladd arrives, then we will probably go into the sand and find just where we stand. Indications point to one of the best wells in the state and oil scouts seem very much impressed with the action of the well."

When the well first blew in it was estimated to be making about 100 barrels per day, flowing at intervals but it has steadily increased and is now believed to be making between 300 and 400 barrels of .42 gravity oil daily. The flow comes at intervals and lasts from 15 to 25 minutes. It is estimated that between 25 and 30 barrels come from the hole in each hour.

Thousands of citizens of this and surrounding counties visited the well Sunday and a cold drink stand popped up just off the McMillan property shortly after noon. It was still in business Monday morning with the road leading to the well lined with automobiles.

Lease and royalty buyers are here and they are endeavoring to get holdings as near the well as possible and pay a fairly good price for the acreage. Several deals, considered excellent for the territory, were made.

R. M. McMillan, farmer, part owner of the well, Saturday afternoon sold one-half of his one-eighth royalty in the well and 198 acres of the Domingo Diaz survey, to Kemper Kimberlin, San Angelo operator, for \$20,000, at a base of \$200 per acre.

Other deals involving from \$15,000 to \$40,000 have been reported but on account of the rush of those reported to have made these deals, confirmation could not be obtained.

Other deals reported and confirmed are as follows: H. C. Wood to Garland Oil Co., lease and half royalty interest under 222 acres, 2 miles southeast of well for \$20 per acre; Sam and Arthur Malone, buyer not named, lease on 160 acres, 2 miles south of well, for \$15 per acre; E. W. Gray, buyer not named, lease on 50 acres, 2 miles south of well, \$15 per acre; Paul Witter, lease on 59 acres, 2 1/2 miles from well, to Jack Holt, of Ballinger, \$25 per acre; Paul Trimmer and associates, lease on 137 acres to Cranfills of Dallas, 1 mile from well, \$25 per acre; and Frank Smith to Ben Freel, San Angelo, lease on 20 acres, 2 miles from

well, \$40 per acre. Other deals were reported pending but none were confirmed this afternoon due to the rush and stir among the oil men and in the real estate and abstract offices of the city.

The Hotel Central and other hotels of the city were crowded early Sunday evening and those coming into the city to look over the well were seeking rooms in private residences until well into the night.

Ballinger streets were crowded with sellers and buyers of leases and royalties with automobiles parked on all streets and vacant lots. Business was rushing and there was an unusual stir created in the down town section.

Prepare to Spud Two Wells Soon

Preparations are being made to spud two wells within five miles of the Sillix-McMillan No. 1, during the next few days.

J. M. Farnsworth et al-Talley No. 1, three miles north of the McMillan well, on the Jno. C. McKean survey No. 534, is located on the Talley farm, which is a part of the old Parramore ranch, about nine miles north of the city.

A steel derrick has been erected and drillers are now rushing rigging of the structure so that the well might be spudded.

Mr. Farnsworth's contract calls for a 3,000-foot hole to be completed within a certain period after the well is spudded. There are about 5,000 acres in this block, it being acquired through Wm. Doose, of C. A. Doose & Co.

Benoit Well is Contracted

The contract for the well on the Benoit block, some six miles northeast of the city and not more than three miles of the McMillan well, was closed during the week-end and the location was being made today by W. D. Bennett, of Ranger.

C. W. and C. D. Alsworth, of Ranger, have contracted to drill

The Lawhon No. 1, two miles northwest of Miles, was spudded Wednesday morning on the L. S. Lawhon & Son ranch.

For some time preparations had been under way to spud this well following the blocking of 10,000 acres of land in that section. The company was formed by S. W. Johnson and J. B. Blalock, and a contract for drilling was let to Riley Hurst. The contract calls for a 3,500-foot hole.

Drilling on this new test will be pushed as rapidly as possible in an effort to get sufficient showing to carry activities further west in the county. Some leases are already reported to have been sold in that vicinity at a good price.

The Bennett No. 1, ten miles south of Miles, being drilled by Talliferro & Fitzgerald, reports the finding of oil sand twice but not sufficient to pay. This well is now 1600 feet deep and is being drilled every day.

Hale No. 1 Drilling The Hale No. 1, near Talpa, is drilling at 1100 feet, with a showing of oil and gas since passing the 800 foot mark.

MAKING SURVEY FOR STREET PAVING

Engineers are on the job making the survey for street paving on Hutchings Avenue, Eighth Street and Broadway. The city commission plans to award the contract for this work as soon as the specifications can be submitted by the engineers.

Wm. Tyler, of Miles, editor of the Miles Messenger, was a business visitor to Ballinger Wednesday.

the well and they will start as soon as possible, it was stated Monday afternoon.

The Alsworth brothers blocked this acreage and the titles were examined by Crager & Dickey, of Ballinger. Frank C. Dickey, a member of the law firm, stated that one of the Alsworths and Mr. Bennett would be in the city this afternoon.

Mr. Sillix said that other wells would probably be started on tracts offsetting the Sillix-McMillan No. 1, but that nothing definite had been done about the deals now pending, however announcement of certain drilling contracts is expected within the next few days.

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WILDCAT WELL BLOWS SELF IN SATURDAY

Ballinger's prospects for an oil field were brighter than ever Saturday when the Sillix et al McMillan No. 1, five miles north of Ballinger, Domingo Diaz survey No. 532, blew itself in at 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning at a depth of 2,545 feet.

The well, flowing in heads at 30 minute intervals, is believed to be capable of making between 750 and 1,000 barrels daily when the bit is sent into the sand. A flow of wet gas was encountered about 4:00 o'clock Saturday morning and Driller Flowers, who was in charge at the time, came to Ballinger to notify C. E. Sillix, one of the owners, of the action, and before he and Mr. Sillix returned to the well, it had blown in, going over the top of the 80-foot derrick by about 15 feet.

It was flowing at 30-minute intervals and with plenty of gas. Operations were suspended to await arrival of connections and storage tanks from Cross Plains which were expected to arrive here Saturday afternoon.

No lease trading was in progress as far as could be learned but several deals were being talked.

This well is on the R. L. McMillan farm, five miles north of Ballinger, Domingo Diaz survey No. 532. It was spudded about February 26 by Lou Ladd et al, of Fort Worth, with C. R. Dutton, of Ranger, as drilling contractor.

Mr. Ladd had contracted to take the hole to a depth of 2,500 feet, and at that depth, after neither oil nor gas had been encountered, but with four flows of water, Mr. Ladd ordered the well plugged.

Mr. Sillix thought the hole should be carried deeper and took steps to go down 250 feet more. He had contracted to take it that far and if nothing had been found it would probably have been drilled still deeper.

Work was started Tuesday, August 23, and after several bridge-overs and cave-ins, the bottom of the hole was reached Friday night. The hole had been deepened about 30 or 35 feet when the wet gas flow was encountered.

This acreage is known as the Blanton block, containing something over 4,000 acres.

Interested with Mr. Sillix are John Castor and H. A. McClain, of this city; and C. R. Dutton, drilling contractor of Ranger, who owns the rig and tools being used at the well.

Flowers and Bryant were the drillers at the well, with Mr. Flowers in charge at the time of the gas encounter.

Oil scouts and geologists from Abilene, San Angelo, Coleman, Brownwood, Cross Plains, Ranger, Cisco and Eastland were flocking into Ballinger Saturday morning and after watching the actions of the well were making reports to their respective companies and it is understood that these reports were very favorable.

Several of the major companies had already secured spreads in the territory near the well and it

is understood that preparations for the drilling of other wells will be started within the near future.

A temporary dirt storage tank was being erected and a larger slush-pit was being dug. Drillers immediately capped the well to prevent the flow from spreading over the derrick.

Mr. Sillix stated at noon Saturday that he expected operations to be resumed within the next few days or just as soon as preparations were made to take care of the oil flow that is expected when the bit is started to work again.

LONE STAR ABOUT THROUGH IN CITY

Another payroll of approximately \$15,000 was turned loose here this week by the Lone Star Gas Company in paying off their employees who have been working on the gas distribution system for Ballinger and the main line extending into Coleman county gas fields.

The main line is about complete with only a few hundred feet more to be constructed, while the system in the city will be finished early next week, H. F. Tickle, engineer, in charge of the work here, declared Friday.

More than 100 service connections have already been made in the various sections and citizens are now connecting with the gas mains.

The Lone Star Company has been at work here for about five weeks and has rapidly put down a network of pipes over the city. Western Gas Service Company to Work in City Soon

Announcement was made here this week by P. E. Drachman, commercial manager for the Western Gas Service Company with headquarters in San Angelo, that ditch digging in the city limits of Ballinger would be commenced next week or just as soon as the large ditch-digger now working on the main line came into the city.

Over 50 miles of the Western Company's 67-mile main line has already been laid, it was declared.

It was also announced that the Western Company had signed a contract in San Angelo to furnish the generating plant in that city of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Gas will be turned into Ballinger within the next two or three weeks.

MRS. BOOLE RE-ELECTED HEAD OF THE W. C. T. U.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 30.—Mrs. Ella Boole, of Brooklyn, was re-elected president of the national Womens Christian Temperance Union at the annual convention of that body here today.

Carl Black and J. L. McWhirter spent Sunday in Big Spring, Carl visiting "dear" friends and J. L. visiting his father.

FORGER HELD IN SAN ANGELO

W. M. Shelton, charged here with three cases of forgery is in the Tom Green county jail, awaiting the action of the grand jury there, where he is also charged with forgery. Officers here declared that Shelton's wife and father were also being held in jail in San Angelo. The Tom Green county grand jury is investigating his cases and as soon that body is through with him, he will be brought to Ballinger to answer three charges filed against him.

Shelton is alleged to have passed six forged checks of his own making, in Winters, and one in Ballinger. Two complaints were filed at Winters and one here.

The names of Western Gas and Pipe Fitting Co., and Western Sand and Cement Co. were signed to the checks. Each was signed

with the name of "W. E. Nash," secretary.

Davis Nash Motor Co., of Winters, and Forbus, Winters, together with Cobb & Bartlett, a local filling station, signed the complaints.

The complainants accompanied Deputy Sheriff John White to San Angelo Friday and identified Shelton as the man who gave the worthless checks.

Mexican Held on Liquor Charge
A Mexican, giving his name as Jose Torres, was arrested Saturday night near the old flour mill, and was charged with possession of intoxicating beverages for the purpose of sale. About 27 bottles of beer were taken from him. He is being held in jail.

An elderly Mexican woman was also arrested Saturday night on a similar charge, but evidence was not sufficient for filing a complaint.

Mrs. Ira Sims and daughters, Misses LaVieme and Dorothy, left for Houston Tuesday to visit relatives.

BEARCATS GET IN SHAPE FAST

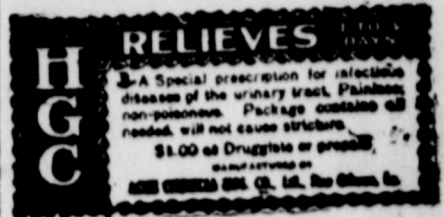
JUNCTION, Aug. 29.—Camp is progressing nicely, sore muscles are very much in evidence.

Coach Amis took up passing and punting yesterday morning in his talk to his coaching school and yesterday evening in the workout we put into practice the points he had given us. This morning we listened to his lecture on open field running. We are learning some interesting points from a coach that certainly knows football. Coach Wright accompanied Coach Bill Bissett of San Angelo to San Angelo yesterday, and we took the workout directly under Coach Amis.

I think we'll get some more sleep tonight because Coach Amis said he thought a few miles of walking would make some of the boys settle down earlier at night. We're getting worried about

Doy Smith; he didn't come back but for four platefuls yesterday at dinner. If anyone wants to know just how come Mr. Wright with such a fine physique they should come down and climb a few of these hills and mountains.

Mosquitoes are certainly enjoying camp; they're getting fat.



Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, of Dallas, and Mrs. Lawrence and son, David, of Oklahoma, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass Sunday and Monday. They returned to their homes Tuesday morning.

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9th Annual Teachers Meet Here Next Week

Several hundred teachers from the eleven counties composing the Concho-Corral Teachers' Institute, will gather in Ballinger on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1st and 2nd for the ninth annual session of the organization, to be held in the Ballinger high school.

This district is composed of Runnels, Coke, Concho, Sterling, Tom Green, Irion, Glascock, Schleicher, Reagan, Upton and Crockett counties.

R. E. White, superintendent of schools of this county, will be the conductor.

B. B. Cobb, superintendent of the Waco city schools, will be the chief lecturer and director of the high school division.

Miss Nina B. Glass, of the Waco schools, will be director of the primary department.

Miss Mary E. Johnson, of the East Texas State Teachers' College, will be intermediate director.

S. G. Eisenlohr, of Dallas, will lecture on art.

A representative of the State Department of Education will be present for lectures during the two-day session.

R. D. Green, superintendent of the Abilene schools, and president of the Texas State Teachers Association, will also be here for three or four lectures.

Following is the program:
THURSDAY
Morning—"The Present Status of the Teaching Profession," Supt. B. B. Cobb, Waco schools.
Afternoon—Art lecture.

FRIDAY
Morning—"The Ministry of Teaching," Supt. Cobb.
Afternoon—State Department of Education.

High School Section
(Supt. B. B. Cobb, director)
Thursday
Morning—"Student Counseling in the High School"
Afternoon—"Opportunities for Citizenship Training in the High School"

Friday
Morning—"Extra Curricula

Activities in the High School"
Afternoon—"Is the High School Meeting the Needs of Present Day Life?"

Intermediate Section
(Miss Mary E. Johnson, director)
Thursday
Morning—"Meeting the Needs of the Intermediate Pupil"

Afternoon—"Using the State Course of Study"

Friday
Morning—"Following the Daily Schedule"

Afternoon—"Teaching in the Intermediate Grades"

Primary Section
(Miss Nina B. Glass, director)

Thursday
Morning—"Constructive Suggestions for the Teacher"

Afternoon—"Principles and Methods in Teaching"

Friday
Morning—"Primary Reading"

Afternoon—"Numbers and Language"

Program Schedule

Forenoon

9:00-9:30—General session

9:30-10:30—Section meetings

10:30-10:45—Intermissions

10:45-11:45—General session

Afternoon

1:30-2:30—Section meetings

2:30-3:30—General session

3:30-4:15—Superintendents' period.

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Ernest Aycock and A. L. Parr returned the first of this week from the border, where they had been to secure cotton pickers. On their return home they were driving at night and ran over a big buck in the road and killed it. In the collision they lost the front lights on their car and incurred other damage. Only a short distance from where they hit the deer they also ran over a fox and killed it.

The Ballinger men visited in Mexico and returned home with plenty of cotton pickers.

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Pryor Smith and wife, of Tuscola, and Mrs. W. H. Milam, of Lawn, visited at the home of J. H. Clawson Saturday and Sunday.

Tax Valuation for '27 Show Small Decrease

A decrease of \$156,000 is shown in the 1927 tax rolls over the 1926 tax rolls, Mike C. Boyd, tax assessor, announced Friday morning after completing this work in the county for the year.

"This loss is due largely to the great depreciation in personal property about January 1," Mr. Boyd said, "caused by general conditions last fall. Large personal property decreases were in the valuations of horses, autos, money and notes rendered. Of course the merchants' stocks were not as large as on January 1st and the bank values were also lower as compared with that date a year ago."

Total of taxes paid by Runnels county last year was \$221,464.46, including state, county, bonded road districts, common school districts and polls.

The amount of tax money due this year is \$219,926.83. Mr. Boyd said although there is a small loss in taxes it is yet large

enough to offset the small increase in the tax rate which was two cents.

Following is the tax roll, item by item:

State taxes, \$79,110.53
County taxes, \$75,608.34
Road taxes, \$9,566.54
School taxes, \$44,283.54
Poll taxes, \$11,357.50
Total—\$219,926.93.

Road taxes, Mr. Boyd explained, are for the two bonded road districts in the county. No. 1 covers all of commissioner's precinct No. 1 and the eastern part of precinct No. 4, going a little west of Rowena. No. 2 covers the west half of precinct No. 2.

School taxes are for the 43 common school districts, the tax rates ranging from twenty cents to one dollar per \$100.

The number of polls assessed was 6,490, about the same as in 1926.

Boosters Touring Country to Advertise County Fair

The towns visited by the Ballinger delegation Wednesday gave the boosters a warm welcome at every turn and at one stop the storekeeper built a fire in the stove of his store in order that the delegation might receive a warm welcome.

Leaving here at 8:10 a. m. the first stop was made at Paint Rock, where a goodly crowd greeted the visitors as they marched into the city. The band played and the uke girls sang and played. J. D. Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, told the citizens of Paint Rock and Concho county what it was all about, and invited them to attend the seventh annual Runnels County Fair, "Bigger and Better Than Ever."

At Rowena, Ed Cervenka, banker, welcomed the visitors, and C. W. Lehberg, county agricultural agent, an active and steady worker for the fair, made a short talk, outlining this year's exhibitions and amusements and inviting every Rowena citizen to attend the festival, which will be held from October 4th to 8th, inclusive.

At Miles, W. D. Jennings, attorney, welcomed the trippers and made a short introductory address in presenting Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church. After Rev. McClain's talk the motoreade started for the Colorado River bridge, between Miles and Maverick, where luncheon was spread.

A large portion of the delegation became lost and did not arrive at the dining place until about 1:15 o'clock. The place

selected to spread dinner is on the banks of the Colorado River where small springs ooze from the hillside year in and year out. When the main part of the delegation arrived, those who did not become lost were through with their lunch and ready to continue the trip.

In Maverick, W. C. McCarver, insurance man, a past president of the Runnels County Fair Association, made a talk. Maverick citizens greeted the boosters in a most royal manner.

In Bronte, D. M. West, editor of the Bronte Enterprise, made a short introductory talk in presenting Frank C. Diekey, local attorney, and former resident of Coke county. Mr. Diekey told of the many different and new things that would be seen at the fair this year and invited the entire citizenship of Coke county to come to Ballinger in October and see the big show.

Marie was the next stop. Only a short time was spent there. Harry Lynn, local banker, was the speaker on this occasion.

In Norton, the last town on the first day's itinerary, the streets were bare and a gin was putting out a bale of cotton, but the streets had been cleared of resident cars to make parking space for the visitors. Norton turned out better than any of the towns on the route, in proportion to population. It seemed that everyone in the country for miles around was on hand to greet the trippers. Rev. R. B. Hooper, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, made a short

and snappy talk. In each place visited several selections were rendered by the band and the uke girls, which added greatly to the pep of the gathering.

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**NOTICE TO BANNER-
LEDGER REPORTERS**

Correspondents for The Banner-Ledger in the various communities are requested to mail their items in not later than Tuesday of each week. The weekly paper is printed on Wednesday and we must have your copy before that time if it is to appear that week. All special notices can be written in advance and included in the news from each locality, with little trouble. We ask your co-operation in this and promise to try to give you the best country weekly possible to publish.

The boll weevil report published Tuesday showed cotton back up after a slight drop to the highest figure it has been at any time this year. Many points in the cotton belt report the weevil menace the worst it has been in years. If this is correct the next federal report on September 8th will probably see another cut in estimated production and possibly another price boost.

Monday will see about 500 school teachers join here with oil and gas men already on the ground, and Ballinger may have more than she can say grace over. It is up to the citizens of Ballinger to open their homes while the teachers are here and make room to take care of the crowd. Every rooming house and hotel is already full and with several hundred more coming everybody will have to do their part.

In the excitement of the past few days the coming Rannels County Fair has almost been forgotten. The date is only a little over a month away and in that time much work must be done by executives and committees. Practically everything is in fine shape for the 1927 fair and the amusement program promises to be one of the best ever presented at the fair.

On September 1st we will have as our guests for two days between 400 and 500 school teachers who will come here to attend the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute. If most of these teachers spend the night here many homes will be called on to lodge them. If you have a spare bedroom get it ready and be in a position to take care of part of these visitors.

The call for bids to cover with asphalt a part of Highway No. 30 in Rannels county from 9.4 miles north of Ballinger to the Taylor county line is the first step towards getting permanently built roads in this county. This part of the highway has been gravelled for many years and always kept in excellent condition. The state will save maintenance money by topping it now before the foundation is worn away.

Boll weevil, cotton worms and dry weather have been forgotten in Ballinger in the past few days during the first excitement over oil production in Silix-McMillan No. 1. Farmers, merchants and oil operators have mingled together the last two or three days and much money has changed hands. Some farmers have already made many times more by selling a part of their royalty or a few leases than they will make off their entire crop production for several years.

COTTONSEED

(From Greenville, S. C., News)
The program of research launched by the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' Association which it is hoped will result in the discovery of new and important uses of cottonseed products, is a development of profound interest to southern agriculture.

During the last few decades cottonseed and cottonseed oil have become the base for a great variety of products, some of them edible and others in wide use in the arts and sciences. Some investigations have convinced chemists that there are even

greater possibilities in this product. If that is true and the uses of the seed and its products can be greatly increased in a practical way, cottonseed will become far more valuable on the markets than it is today.

Time was when cottonseed was regarded as an absolutely useless product. The time may come when southern farmers will grow cotton as much for the seed as for the staple.

OIL NEWS

We are asked many times a day "What is the latest oil news?" To this question we forced in a majority of cases to say we do not know. It is easy for our reporters to hear street rumors, but to really trace one of these rumors and get the facts is next to an impossibility. The Ledger wants to publish all the news we can confirm and with the assistance of those who actually know about bona fide transactions we will give our readers all news that is reliable. One difficulty at this stage of development is the fact that few operating units have established offices here and the heads of the companies in the field cannot be found.

Many times every day we hear rumors of wells that are to be drilled at once, we hear of leases that were sold at high figures and other bits of startling news but to get these rumors verified is a hard task. Sometimes when this gossip is traced to the source the reporter is informed that there is nothing to make public, or that the tip was valueless.

We want to give the news and will give the news and will appreciate any assistance in getting the facts from those who know of developments.

**LOCAL POST TO
CROSS PLAINS**

Local American Legion members are making plans to carry a delegation large enough to the 17th district convention at Cross Plains on September 10th and 11th to win the attendance cup. The cup is awarded on a basis of "man mileage," and each Ballinger man attending and registering at the convention will be credited with 80 miles. The Ballinger post lost the cup at the Coleman convention by two men, and if the same size delegation will attend the Cross Plains convention it will be captured easily with the additional mileage.

A committee of R. R. Williams, Frank Cameron and K. V. Northington have been named to work up the delegation and secure transportation for those desiring to attend from here.

Cross Plains is making preparations to entertain 1,000 guests on the two-day convention. Saturday night will be given over to registration and entertainment for the visitors—Legionnaires and Auxiliaries—and on Sunday Mark McGee will be the principal speaker at the union church services. Both Legion and Auxiliary will hold business sessions in the afternoon, commencing at 2:00 o'clock.

Those who expect to attend from Ballinger are requested to notify the committee, stating whether owner of car and how much seat room the delegate has.

**SHANGHAI THIEVES
LIKE RADIATOR CAPS**

SHANGHAI, August 27.—The ornate and statuesque radiator cap, in vogue as an automobile accessory, has brought a new crime problem to the Shanghai police.

Since the caps made their appearance here on motor cars there has been an epidemic of radiator cap thefts, and although police in the French and international settlements have tried to protect car owners, only one thief has been caught.

He was a lowly coolie, jobless, who had a large number of the caps in his possession. He had sold 15, he said, for the equivalent of \$1.20. They were valued at more than \$100. Many Chinese, it is thought, are pilfering the metal "statuary" for ornaments.

No Lie

Boss: "See here! You told my office girl that you wanted to see me on a matter of life and death!"

Salesman: "I do, sir, I want to sell you some life insurance."

**NAMES FIRM TO
BOSS PAVING**

At a special meeting of the City Commission held this week, the firm of Fosgard & Davis, engineers, of Houston, was employed to look after the paving of the 25 blocks in the residence section of Ballinger.

This firm will be paid \$300 per month during their active work in the city.

Fosgard & Davis will make a survey of the two streets, Broadway and Eighth street, and supervise the paving after the contract is let.

**J. Y. PEARCE WRITES
FROM MICHIGAN**

"Grand Rapids, Mich.
"Aug. 24th, 1927.

"The Daily Ledger:
"Ballinger, Texas
"Mrs. Pearce and I are enjoying Michigan very much. The scenery up the Grand River and around the numerous small lakes, not mentioning greater lakes, is wonderful. Hard roads branch out in all directions making it a pleasure to take in the many nearby towns and resorts.

"We will go out tomorrow with friends, who live here, whom we meet every winter in San Antonio, for a day's outing at Spring Lake, a lake resort. They have a genuine San Antonio Mexican chauffeur, reminding us of our own West Texas.

"The weather has been most delightfully cool all the time. Top coats are in evidence everywhere. The natives say 'an exceptional summer.'

"Lindbergh was here last week and the city gave him a rousing welcome. We had a good close-up look at him at the reception. He is a very modest unassuming fellow, impressing one with the idea that his whole heart is in his work of working up an interest in aviation.

"Grand Rapids is a city of 175,000, and is the second city in population in the state; and the Republicans are as thick here as Democrats in Texas. In a little square in the center of the city is a tall iron pillar with a statue on top representing one of the "boys in blue" hold a musket lovingly and proudly to his breast. Below in panels are shown how they wiped up the Confeds at Fort Donaldson, Island No. 10, Chattanooga and numerous other places. But I could never find where they had ever lost a battle. It is lucky for the present generation that there were enough of the "boys in gray" left to write a true history of how they naturally wore themselves out cleaning up the Yankees.

"We are glad to know that Ballinger is to have natural gas which will help to make life worth living.

"We hope to be home in time for the Rannels County Fair.

"Kindest regards to friends,
"J. Y. PEARCE."

**MAKING PLANS FOR ALL-
WEST TEXAS EXPOSITION**

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 26.—The All-West Texas Exposition, San Angelo's annual fair, to be held this year Sept. 19-24, is being financed along different lines than ever before. R. H. Henderson, president of the organization, has announced the present system will not be a burden to business men, from whom support always has been expected.

The subscription lists will not be passed this year and no donations are being asked to support the institution. The committee is selling tickets in advance. Previous donation lists are being used and where an individual or firm gave \$100 last year, they are being asked this year to buy \$50 in tickets. They have the privilege of disposing of the tickets in any manner they choose.

"This is getting away from the subscription lists, gives us a better means of advertising and will give tickets to people who might not come to the fair otherwise," said Mr. Henderson.

Couldn't Be

Hodgson: "I don't know whether it was your wife or not. I don't know her very well."

Coombs: "Did she have a short dress?"

Hodgson: "I didn't notice the dress."

Coombs: "Then it wasn't my wife."

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**ALL WEST TEXAS
TO GREET LINDY**

ABILENE, Aug. 26.—All West Texas will have a part in entertaining Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh, the world's most famous airman, when he stops in this city on September 26th.

Every West Texas town will be asked to send as representatives its mayor, newspaper editors and one young lady. These will be included in the reception committee that will greet "Lindy" when he lands at Kingsolving Field, Abilene's municipal airport.

Each of the feminine members of the reception committee will be asked to dress in red, white and blue, the national colors, and incidentally the colors of the Air Mail Service, of which Lindbergh is a graduate.

West Texans will not only get to see the young colonel and his ship "The Spirit of St. Louis," but in addition, the distinguished visitor will be introduced to a number of West Texas celebrities and to the "Spirits" of the different towns of this section. Each of the young lady sponsors will represent the "Spirit" of her home town and as such will participate in a spectacular pageant that will be given during the day of "Lindy's" visit here at the West Texas Fair grandstand.

Mayor Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., will head the honorary arrangements committee on which will be Mrs. Dan Moody, wife of the governor of Texas and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Paxton of this city; Hon. R. W. Haynie, Abilene, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; and Mrs. J. U. Fields, Haskell, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

The program for the affair is in charge of the aeronautics department of the Chamber of Commerce, T. N. Carswell, secretary of the chamber, is active chairman of the arrangement committee. Other members are J. McAlister Stevenson, W. G. Kingsolving and R. S. Stephens.

**Costes Finishes Plane Tests;
Girds For Paris-New York Hop**

PARIS, August 29.—For more than two years the plans and dreams of Dieudonne Costes have been centered about an airplane flight from Paris to New York.

While he made ready for his flight and tested his plane he has seen the Atlantic crossed from the west by Lindbergh, Chamberlin and Byrd, and he has seen two comrades of his own nation, Nungesser and Gali, strive in vain to fly to America from Paris.

After months of preparation Costes is ready for his flight, and he hopes still to be the first to journey by plane across the eastward route from Paris to New York.

Last May the French aviator flew from Paris to Djarsk, Russia, on a test voyage preliminary to his ocean jump. That flight set a non-stop distance record which stood until Chamberlin and Levine crossed the Atlantic.

Returning by way of India, Athens and Rome, he got to Paris to see his non-stop record wrested from him and he took off again for Russia on another flight, but got only to Nijni-Tagilsk, 5,000 kilometers from Paris, when storms forced him down.

His tests have served to give him ample confidence in the bi-motored Breguet plane of military design, in which he made all his experimental voyages and in which he will essay the Paris-New York hop. The French government has permitted him to use the ship in his flight.

The plane has been modified to make room for more fuel than military planes ordinarily carry, and its two 650-horsepower motors, made by Hispano-Suiza, have been placed tandem fashion, one behind the other.

Costes will carry almost 8,000 pounds of gasoline, and the weight of the plane at the take-off will exceed five tons. Like Byrd's "America," the Breguet will have a dumping valve permitting quick emptying of gasoline tanks, thus reducing danger



DIEUDONNE COSTES

from fire in event of a crash and giving the plane the buoyancy of a boat if it has to make a landing in the sea.

Costes is 35, and he has few superiors in skill or experience among French aviators. He has been flying since 1912, and he won eleven citations during the war for achievements in airplane combat. He has remained in the air service since the war.

**BREEZY HOME DEMON-
STRATION CLUB**

The club met Thursday, August 25th in the home of Mrs. S. M. Jonas. Ten of our members were present. The demonstration was "Canning."

Those present were: Mmes. Ernest Aycock, Owen Aycock, Will Aycock, Clyde Allison, John Dean, L. K. Parr, S. M. Jonas, Morris Wheelless, Robt. Wheelless, Hugh Parrish. Visitors were: Mmes. John Brown and O. G. Allison.

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Club Reporter.

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HERRING TOPICS

Quite a number of the farmers of this community are picking their cotton.

Rev. M. A. Golden filled his regular appointment at the Hopewell Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

The singing at the Hopewell Baptist church Sunday evening was well attended and some good singing was heard. Everyone is welcomed back the next fourth Sunday evening.

Miss Selma Norris visited Mrs. Bernice Hale Sunday.

Miss Thora Brevard visited Miss Ozella and Vena Avent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard visited Grandmother Brevard at Blanton Sunday.

Miss Selma Norris visited Misses Vena and Ozella Avent Sunday afternoon.

Ellis Madison visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mulinax, of

Valera, visited Mrs. Mulinax's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg, of this community.

Miss Bernice Hale spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Della Bragg.

Mrs. W. A. Hale spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Bragg, of this community.

Arnold Alcorn celebrated his sixth birthday Sunday with quite a number of his little friends present.

T. C. Payne, of Tokeen, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of G. C. Avent.

Owen Brister and little friend, Robert Rogers, of San Angelo, returned to their home Sunday afternoon after a week's visit with the G. C. Avent family.

C. H. Grounds and family, of Crews, visited in this community Sunday.

Avery Todd visited Mr. Marvin and Noel Hale Sunday.

Dayton Fulton and family, of Eagle Branch, visited E. H. Edwards and family Sunday.

Quite a number from this community attended the party at

Elbert King's of Crews Saturday night, and all reported a nice time.

Binton Jackson and family visited R. E. Todd and family Sunday.

"REPORTER."

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

News is very scarce with us as the oil excitement is about all the talk.

Mrs. J. C. Reese and family spent the week-end in Christoval. They reported a very enjoyable time.

Tom Brown was here from Abilene yesterday on business and spent a few minutes with home folks.

The South Ballinger Club will have a picnic at the South Ward school building Wednesday evening.

We learn we are soon to lose the V. B. Jones family from our midst. We regret this very much. They are to move to town.

Curtis Reese has also come in

from the oil fields. He had the misfortune to get his foot very badly mashed and had been in a hospital for several days at Lubbock.

Clinton Reese has come in from the oil fields.

Mrs. J. G. Evans visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans at Abilene last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Evans' daughter, of Houston, is visiting them this week.

"BLUE BONNET."

FOOTBALL TEAM SOON WILL COME HOME

By Henson Alagood
JUNCTION, Aug. 29.—We're counting the minutes now until we get back to where you don't have to stand up and eat out of tin plates. We've begun counting time by the number of workouts left. We now have three left—one tomorrow morning, one in the evening and one Wednesday morning.

Sunday was spent in various ways. A baseball team was raked up and a game was matched with Junction. The camp won, 16 to 3. Nearly everyone else just loafed first around camp and then in town.

This morning for the first time the linesmen and backfield men were put in separate squads. Mr. Amis and Mr. Wright took charge of the former, while Joe Bailey Cheaney, former H. P. C. star and at present assistant, took charge of the latter. We certainly had a workout. We more than made up for any holiday we had. The backfield men were drilled on charging and passing. We were given a few formations just for practice in handling the ball. The linesmen were drilled on tackling, and defensive and offensive charging. We had a similar workout this evening.

We are supposed to leave here Wednesday at noon. Rumors are being circulated through camp that the Junction Chamber of Commerce is going to entertain us tomorrow night. Think we're not hoping they will!

Earl "Dutch" Schuman arrived in camp today. The boys all swore they were going to leave when he drove up but it turned out they were just joking and we were all glad to see our 1927 student manager. Fat Middleton may be home tomorrow, that is he will if he keeps on griping about losing a dollar at noon today. He has accused everyone in camp of being a thief. Speaking of being glad to see people, we were so

glad to see "Dutch" Schuman that we ran him through the gauntlet just a few minutes after he arrived.

YOUTH PAYS TWO FINES IN COURTS HERE

A youth giving his name as Jack Meadows, of Eden, was assessed two fines here Thursday after his arrest Wednesday night, charging him with the theft of an automobile casing from a local filling station.

Meadows was arrested by Chief of Police W. L. McMillan for drunkenness. He was fined \$16.70 in the city court.

After being turned over to county officers, he was charged with petty theft and fined \$23.70.

Terrible Error

Reggie—"Did somebody hit you on the mouth?"
Archie—"Why, no. Where's the mirror? I—well, for heaven's sake! I used Mae's lipstick on my mustache instead of her eyebrow pencil!"

Miss Angie Butler was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Dickinson Tuesday night while en route to her home at Abilene from a visit to San Angelo.

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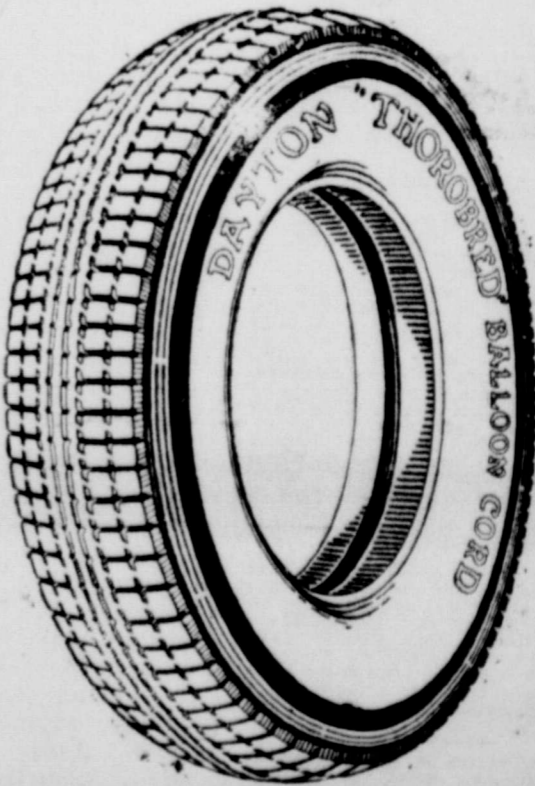
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Cooking Chats with 6 Famous Cooks

(Courtesy of the Domestic Science Department, Perfection Stove Company)

WELL-BALANCED MEAT-LESS MENUS

(Editor's Note: Paste this article in your cook book. It's one of the series of six famous cooks running exclusively in this paper.)

It's really a good thing to leave meat out of our diet once in a while. Cheese and eggs are very good substitutes for meats, and can be used in many enticing ways.

A very attractive menu is given today by Miss Margaret Allen Hall, nutrition specialist at the Battle Creek College of Home Economics. This entire meal can be cooked at the same time in the oven, too.

A Good Menu
Macaroni and cheese
Baked onions
Stuffed tomatoes
Strawberry shortcake
You may serve any beverage with this meal. Perhaps the family would relish iced tea, served with slices of lemon, or lemonade.

Macaroni and Cheese
1 1/2 cups macaroni
1 1/2 cups grated cheese
1 cup buttered crumbs
4 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
Cook the macaroni in boiling salted water, until tender. Drain and pour over it a dash of cold water. Make a white sauce of the last four ingredients and mix with the macaroni. Stir the grated cheese into the mixture. Turn into a baking dish, cover with buttered crumbs and bake in a moderate oven until nicely browned.

Stuffed Tomatoes
Stuffed tomatoes are a real addition to almost any menu.
4 large tomatoes
2 cups stale bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons finely chopped onions
Cut off the blossom end of firm, ripe tomatoes and remove the inside portion. Prepare dressing by placing the butter and onion in a saucepan and cooking the onion nicely browned. Add salt and bread crumbs, moistened slightly with juice from the inside portion of tomatoes. Fill tomato shells with the dressing. Place in a buttered pan and bake in a moderate oven about one-half hour.

Strawberry Shortcake
This favorite American dessert, strawberry shortcake, is always a crowd-pleaser.
2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
4 tablespoons fat
3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
Stiff dry ingredients. Cut fat in with two knives, add milk slowly. Turn mixture into deep cake pan and bake in hot oven ten to fifteen minutes. When baked, remove from pan, split, spread with butter, and place sweetened, crushed berries between layers and on top of shortcake.

A huge super-burner which cooks as fast as gas is one of the most recent improvements found on one of the newest and most modern oil stoves.

Also Meatless
Another good meatless meal has soon omelet for its main dish. These recipes are also Miss Hall's.
Corn omelet
Spinach a la Bechamel
Breaded mushrooms
Cream puffs
Beverage
In planning several menus you can save using your oven two days in a row if you make the cream puff shells when you cook Menu No. 1. Do not fill the puffs, however, until ready to serve them. Fill with whipped cream, slightly sweetened, or a thick custard.

Cream Puff Shells
1 cup hot water
1/2 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
4 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
Heat the butter and water to boiling. Add the flour, mixing thoroughly, and cook for five minutes, stirring constantly. Set aside to cool. When cool add the unbeaten eggs, one at a time, and mix each thoroughly before another is added. Drop from a tablespoon upon a buttered baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven twenty-five minutes, or until light when lifted from the pan.

Corn Omelet
4 eggs
1/2 cup drained stewed corn
4 tablespoons bread crumbs
4 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon salt
Separate eggs, beat the yolks until thick. Add milk, drained corn, one-half of salt, bread crumbs and remainder of salt to whites of eggs and beat until stiff. Fold stiffly beaten egg whites into first mixture. Heat frying pan, grease well, pour mixture into pan and cook slowly over low flame until set. Insert spatula or knife around edges of omelet to determine when mixture is sufficiently set. Place omelet in oven for a few minutes to brown on top.

A Spinach Change
After you have cooked spinach as usual, boiled for 25 minutes in the least possible water, serve it with Bechamel sauce. Put three tablespoons butter in hot omelet pan; when melted add chopped spinach. Cook three minutes. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons flour, stir thoroughly and add 1/2 cup milk. Cook five minutes.

A broiler which is very satisfactory on oil, gas, wood, or electric stoves is being marketed now. It is so constructed that the food cooks on both sides at the same time, with no need of turning. A drip pan collects the juices, so that delicious gravies can be made.

U. S. Learns to Feed Future Population Through Soil Test



Soil testers for the Department of Agriculture, like those at work in the picture, analyze thousands of samples of earth yearly and advise farmers what elements each soil needs and what it will grow best.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, August 24.—

If the population of the United States were to be increased overnight by a hundred million, the soil would not be fertile enough to grow food for them. Not even an additional sixty million of population could be fed, J. E. Lapham, federal soil technologist, believes.

Lapham, however, does not expect the country's food demand ever to exhaust its soil resources. Because the population of the country will not increase suddenly, agricultural science will have opportunity, he points out, to make lands more productive as the population grows.

No day passes that some farmer does not ask the government how to make his land more fertile.

"They send samples," he explains, "in cans and bags and boxes, to be tested for their proper use in crop production, and for corrective methods if they lack nutrients elements."

Wider dissemination of agricultural knowledge, together with increased competition on the farms, has produced a broad desire to build up land fertility. The desire, and its consequent

benefits, increases as the population grows. Our soil is not as rich as that of thickly settled Europe, or the Asiatic countries, but it will be as productive, perhaps more so, when population here grows as intense as it is there.

"Necessity has forced foreign lands to produce at a maximum. We have not reached that stage. There are millions of untilled acres in the United States that could be turned to some good use.

"Farmers who want to know what their land will best produce, and under what conditions it will raise crops most successfully, should apply to their nearest experimental station. Government agents will take proper samples, and can study them better if they learn the history of the land and know its previous treatment. Menger samples sent to laboratories here rarely represent conditions of the entire field.

"To maintain the permanency of agriculture in the face of increased population, it is necessary to increase and conserve the fertility of our lands. The farmer learns from soil tests just what his future development can be."

BEARCATS START HARD TRAINING

(By Henson Alagood)

JUNCTION, Aug. 24.—After arriving in grand style, just a little after the noon hour Tuesday, the Ballinger high school Bearcats pitched camp, raided the routine of their annual football training camp, on the banks of the Llano near Junction.

Outside of rocks, stumps and hard ground, the place where we took our first workout was very pleasing. Coach Wright did not put us through a hard workout, we just took limbering-up exercises and then took a bath. (It is a good thing some of us have to go on this training camp once in a while on that account.) The boys have been passing and kicking a little on the side but not yet under the supervision of any of the coaches. Coach says that hard training will start in a few days.

Coach Wright is sure optimistic over some of the new men. He declares that some of the new men will be good if there is anything in looks.

The cook here was all smiles until he watched "Fats" Middleton, stellar guard of the Bearcats, take on a few groceries and then he decided to ask officials for a raise.

Jervis Robinson and Frank Coker are making money hauling people to town for 25 cents a round trip, that is they would be making money if they could find anyone to ride with them.

Other boys on the camp from Ballinger are: J. G. Tuekey, captain of last year's squad; James Parrish, captain of the 1927 squad; Jones Parrish, J. B. Arthur, Joe Beck, Doy Smith, Frank Reese, Alvin Lewis, Chas. Evans, Sam Jones, Henson Alagood, Harlan Eehols, a transfer

from Miles, Claude Simmons, Bethel community; George Daugherty, last year a member of the Midlobian team; and Harry Allison, a member of the Taylor squad of 1926.

Other players are expected to join the squad when they return to Ballinger.

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SAN ANGELO VISITORS HERE TO SEE OIL WELL

C. T. Lake, of the firm of Ross & Lake, livestock dealers, and Millard T. Cope, publicity manager of the Board of City Development, of San Angelo, were in Ballinger Monday on business.

Mr. Cope came over to get a story of the Sixix-McMillan No. 1 for the San Angelo Standard, and Mr. Lake came along to see the well and talk sheep trade with local sheepmen.

What is a Diuretic?

One Can't Feel Well When Kidneys Act Sluggishly.

THE part played by the kidneys and their importance to bodily health should be clearly understood. Sluggish kidneys do not thoroughly cleanse the blood of poisonous wastes. Such impurities are apt to make one dull, tired and achy with often a nagging headache, drowsy headaches and dizziness. A common warning of imperfect kidney action is scanty or burning excretions. Doan's Pills aid the kidneys in their eliminative work. 50,000 users have publicly recommended Doan's. Ask your neighbor!

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Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
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BEARCATS HEAR AMIS ON GAME

(By Henson Alagood)

JUNCTION, Aug. 25.—Coach "Dad" Amis of the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets is giving out some valuable information down here to some of us high school football players, together with the instruction our own coach, Felton Wright, is giving.

Coach Amis has told of blocking, and some of us just found out that there are many blocks other than wooden blocks.

The first day in camp has passed and another started with everyone nursing sore joints. No one can accuse us of being "rubber necks," for two evenings of neck exercises had made us hold our heads as still as a statue.

After breakfast yesterday, we listened to Coach Amis give his coaching school a lecture on blocking. Coach Amis' coaching school is being held here at the same time as our camp and is proving very beneficial. We are allowed to attend his lectures every morning and we take some of our workouts with them. We didn't have any idea there were so many blocks besides wooden blocks. There was the shoulder block, the body block and the rolling block for the backfield men, and the shoulder block, the standing block and the pivot block for the linemen. After practicing several minutes on each of these, Coach Amis gave a review on tackling that he had given us the day before.

We know that if we stay here long enough we will get pretty tough because the mosquitoes that stay here are certainly tough.

The nights are very cool but the sun warms up things during the day.

IT DRIVES OUT WORMS

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

Weeks Drug Store

Dr. O. R. Lasater and family are at home in the Clampitt place on Ninth Street. Dr. Lasater sold his home here and moved to Carizo Springs last spring. Not finding things to his liking he back-tracked and is here for keeps.

Ledger advertising pays.



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For growing children nothing can take the place of cod-liver oil vitamins. Give them vitamin-rich Scott's Emulsion

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GULF CO. TO LOOP NEW CRUDE OIL PIPE LINE

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 26.—Another loop has been announced for the West Texas oil fields. The Gulf has let it be known that it is going to build a loop of twenty-five miles of 8-inch pipe to the McElroy pool in Crane county, increasing the handling capacity to 30,000 barrels a day. The loop will start from the Midland terminus.

Including the State-Lasseter production in the University pool,

the Gulf has about 22,000 barrels of production in this area. Because of this being the capacity of the present pipe line, some of the wells are being pinched in.

The new loop eventually will lead to the McElroy area in Upton county, it is believed generally, though not confirmed by Gulf officials. They believe, too, that it will lead to Peecos county holdings of the Gulf a little later.

A third line of wells has been started by the Gulf on the McElroy tract, south of the University pool.

3 out of every 5 oil stoves bought this year will be PERFECTIONS

That's because they give the greatest cooking satisfaction. And because they are kept constantly up-to-date. More than 4,500,000 satisfied users. See the newest Perfections at any dealer's.

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Experience is proving that the difference between failure and success on the farm may be bridged by a program of safe farming.

A living at home is the first step in this direction. More feed on more acres—more cotton on fewer acres—more and better live stock, cows, hogs and chickens—and a home garden—these are the things that insure success.

We want to co-operate with you on every plan that will insure safety for your farm.

Ballinger State Bank

JOS. B. FERRELL, O. D.
Examination of Eyes and Fitting of Glasses a Specialty
Difficult Cases Solicited
Temporary Office at Strain Drug Co. Every Friday—Saturday
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Wildcat Near Ballinger Continues Good Flow

The Sillix et al-McMillan No. 1 continued to produce about the same Tuesday as any day since it blew in. C. E. Sillix, local lease dealer and co-partner in the well, stated to a Ledger reporter Tuesday morning that there was no lessening in the flow on the fourth day of production. Oil was piped into a new 150-barrel tank late Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning it was filled full. For the first four days the well has easily made from 250 to 300 barrels a day.

Oil operators continued to arrive in Ballinger and after inspecting the well began to look for acreage. Most land around the well has already been placed under lease and on Tuesday operators were leasing in many other parts of the county.

Reports state that some land in the vicinity of Hatchel was sold for a good price, and a number of other leases were closed on land west of Ballinger.

Reports reaching here declare that considerable leasing is going on in the vicinity of Crews, and other points in the county will probably come in for a good play.

Drilling Company Locates Here

C. J. Lynn Monday afternoon leased the building on Hutchings Avenue, formerly occupied by the DeMoyne Plumbing Works to Newsome & Ash Drilling Company of San Angelo and Oklahoma, for five years. Mr. DeMoyne purchased the Lankford building on Seventh Street, next door to the Ballinger Poultry & Egg Co., and is moving his business to that location. Newsome & Ash will immediately occupy the Lynn building. The upstairs will be made into an office building, the Ballinger Club vacating. The Ballinger Independent School District office will remain in the front part of the second floor for the present.

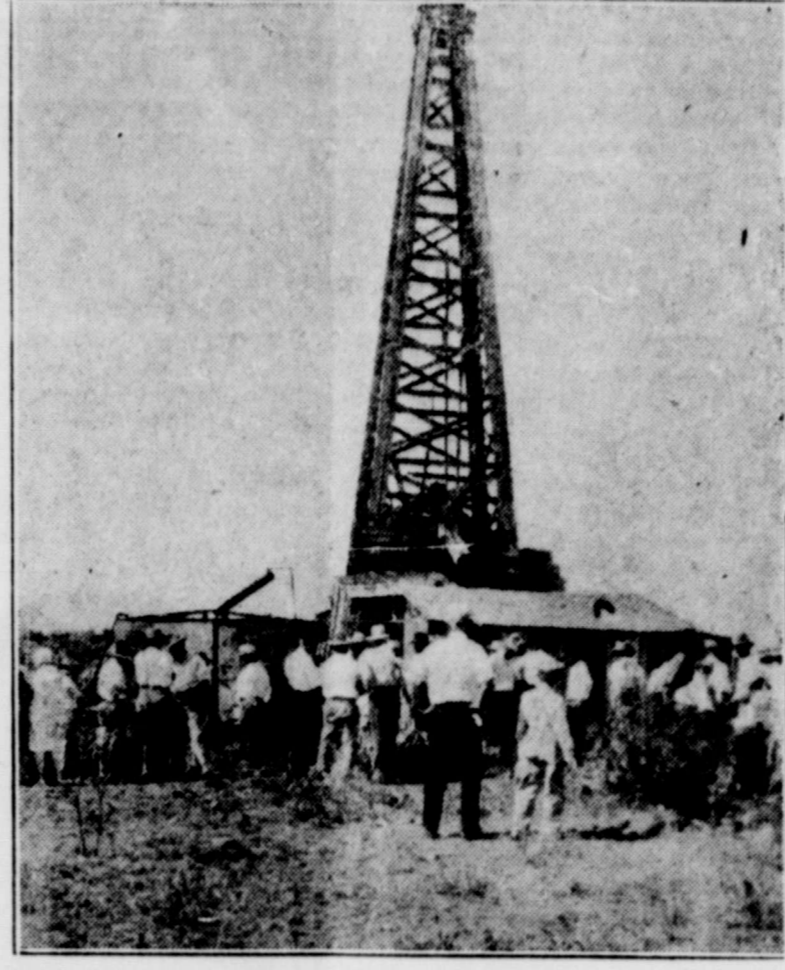
Oil Shows High Gravity

Mr. Sillix late Monday evening received the correct analysis of the grade of oil found in the Sillix et al-McMillan No. 1. The certified analysis gave the grade as 43.5 gravity, and it is said that this is one of the highest grade wells producing in the state at the present time.

Benoit Well Drilling

The location of the Alsworth Bros. Warner No. 1, on which drilling has begun, is approximately seven miles east of Ballinger, west of the Santa Fe Railroad, 644 feet east of the west line, and 160 feet north of the south line, section No. 160, J. H. Wilson survey, on the E. A. Werner land, one mile southwest of Benoit and about 3 1/2 miles from the Sillix et al-McMillan No. 1.

This Well Marks Pioneer's Oil Field.



The Sillix R. L. McMillan No. 1 well in Runnels county, which came in Saturday, marks West Texas latest oil field. (Courtesy San Angelo Standard)

Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and baby left Wednesday afternoon for Mason, where they will make a short visit with relatives while en route to their home at Edinburg. They had been here part of the summer visiting Mrs. McCulley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

No more anxiety. No more danger. No more doubt. Use Fly-Tox, then you may be sure your garments will retain their original beauty and perfection—free from ravages of moths. Fly-Tox kills moths, eggs, larvae. Spray thoroughly blankets, carpets, rugs, clothing, furs and woollens. Insist on Fly-Tox. Fly-Tox is the scientific insecticide developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Rex Fellowship. Simple instructions on each bottle for killing ALL household insects. Fly-Tox is safe, stainless, fragrant, sure. Every bottle guaranteed.

Rev. Alvin O. Rue, Mrs. Rue and son returned Monday from Buffalo Gap, where they spent a couple of weeks and where Rev. Rue held a successful revival.

Mrs. Carl Nance and children have returned to their home at Brady after a week's visit with Mrs. Nance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis.

Sometimes a man puts his religion, as well as his property, in his wife's name.

Rev. Leslie G. Smyth, wife and little son are at home from San Antonio. Rev. Smyth has been on a leave of absence from pastoral duty while suffering serious trouble with his teeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blagg and family, of Brownwood, are here visiting relatives.

THREATENS OIL WAR



SIR HENRY DETERDING

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The attitude of Sir Henry Deterding, director of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, brought Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, on a hurry trip to Europe to avert an oil war between the Standard Oil Company of New York and Vacuum Oil Company on one hand and the Royal Dutch and Shell Oil groups on the other.

Sir Henry objected to the Standard Oil of New York and Vacuum companies' relations with Russia after his own groups failed in competition for certain Russian contracts.

Saturday Dance

A dance will be given Saturday night, September 3rd in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena.

Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra. Committee. d-23 1tw.*

Notice

All parties are notified that I deny liability on Promissory Note signed by me about September 17, 1925, payable to H. E. Smith and O. D. Cardwell of El Paso, Texas, for the sum of \$1,500.00 and due about December 1, 1925. Said note is without consideration, and there are other defenses thereto. S. T. PROCTOR. 2-1tw.*

Be wise and advertise

Fireworks Display from Balloon Booked for Fair

The Runnels County Fair Association Monday afternoon entered into a contract with Percival LeMoyné for one of the most thrilling acts ever brought to the Runnels County Fair. Mr. LeMoyné is an experienced fireworks man and shoots all his displays from a balloon high in the air.

In the contract signed here the ascensions will be made following the grandstand shows Thursday and Saturday nights of the fair. LeMoyné will have his giant balloon ready to cut loose as soon as the hippodrome acts are finished and the moment he leaves the ground he will start shooting the fireworks display and will continue to fire rockets, pin-wheels, set pieces and aerial bombs until he has reached a height of 6,000 feet above terra firma. At that height he will shoot a giant Chinese cracker and cut himself loose from the balloon. After attractions for this year's fair.

cutting loose in his parachute he will be in darkness for just a minute until the parachute opens and then he will resume shooting of fireworks until he reaches the earth.

The balloonist guarantees that he will be entirely illuminated from the instant he leaves the ground until he lands, with the exception of the time that he cuts his parachute loose until it unfolds.

This is one of the highest priced acts ever brought to the Runnels County Fair and is expected by the amusement committee to attract thousands to the fair.

In past years a fireworks display has been shot each night on the ground but the committee thought that an aerial display on two nights would be better than a ground display four nights. The amusement committee is endeavoring to secure all new loose from the balloon. After attractions for this year's fair.

PRIZES AWARDED AT BUREAU MEET

On Saturday, August 27th a big Farm Bureau meeting was held in Ballinger with about 200 present.

A fine talk that stirred the audience to the heights on the subject of co-operative marketing as practiced by the farmers of California, was delivered by Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth.

Miss Lynette Stokes made a very interesting talk on the schools and education in the co-operative sections of California. She declared that the co-operative farmer always had the best as there were several million dollar schools in the rural communities and the children had hard surfaced roads to travel in going to these schools.

There were \$15 in prizes given at this meeting. First prize was won by Mrs. I. M. Turner, of Ballinger. Second prize was taken by Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Wingate, who gave the best reason for selling farm commodities co-operatively. Third prize was won by Mrs. G. S. Walker, of Wingate; and fourth prize was won by C. W. Lehmburg, county agent.

The reasons given by the prize winners were as follows: Mrs. B. J. Smith—"Promotes organization, gives better prices for products raised on the farm, standardizes the product and avoids waste."

Mrs. G. S. Walker—"I believe in co-operative marketing because it has been proven that it is the only way for the farmer to have the things for his family that he wants and needs; also that he may have the means whereby to better serve his community."

C. W. Lehmburg—"It raises the farmer's standard of living. It puts the farmer's boy and girl on the same basis educationally with the city boy and girl. It makes the farmer independent."

PHARMACY EXAMINATION TO BE HELD AT FT. WORTH

The Texas Board of Pharmacy will hold an examination for applicants for license to practice pharmacy in Texas at Ft. Worth September 6, 7, 8. The pharmacy board holds three examinations each year. There will be from one hundred and fifty to two hundred applicants at the Fort Worth meeting. The examinations will be held in the Texas Hotel.

The board is composed of John A. Weeks, Ballinger; C. B. Allison, Dallas; Erwin M. Joseph, Austin; Ed S. Russell, Laredo; and Paul D. Carroll, Texarkana. W. H. Cousins, of Dallas, is secretary. John A. Weeks, Ballinger druggist, is president, and C. B. Allison, is treasurer.

THREE ARMED MEN HELD AFTER CHASE

Three men were arrested Tuesday evening on the highway just south of Winters after they had collided with a large truck in the road and turned over.

A deputy sheriff at Bronte notified Ballinger officers that three men were headed this way but the notification came just after the trio had passed through the city in a big Buick car. The sheriff phoned Winters officers to be on the lookout and started in pursuit.

Marshall Neill, chief of police at Winters, and his son posted themselves at Winters to head off the men but they dashed into town and when halted refused to stop, rushing on through town. Neill started in pursuit of the car on the highway north of town and soon passed them and the three halted. He ordered them back to Winters and told them to park when they arrived there. They turned their car around and Neill followed them to town but as they started to park they whirled their car around and dashed out of Winters back in the direction of Ballinger at about 50 miles an hour.

Just after leaving the pavement the car hit a high spot in the road where a gas line crosses the highway, lost control of their car and collided with a truck just

ahead of them. Both the car and the truck turned over and Neill and his son were on the scene before the dust cleared. The first man crawled out with a .45 Colts revolver but he was covered and forced to drop the gun. A .38 Colts was taken from the next man and the third offered no fight at all.

After being held in Winters a short time the suspects were brought to Ballinger by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and Deputy S. T. Clark and placed in the county jail.

The trio were questioned Wednesday morning by the county attorney's department but refused to make a statement.

The Buick in which the men were riding had Missouri number plates on it but inside the car was a set of Texas plates.

It is said the men are wanted in several places. Dallas officers were informed of the arrests and are expected here Wednesday evening to identify the men. One of the trio suited the description of a man wanted at Roby for slaying a deputy sheriff and is being held for Fisher county officers.

Guns were carried by each of the motorists and they will probably have several charges filed against them here it was said.

James Hudspeth

James Hudspeth, aged 45 years, died in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday, August 29th, at 11:00 a. m. He had been ill for about forty days suffering with typhoid fever.

Two of the sons of deceased are also in the local hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

Mr. Hudspeth is survived by his wife, one daughter and five sons. Funeral services were announced for Tuesday afternoon at Evergreen Cemetery, with Rev. Burk officiating.

Higginbotham Bros. & Company undertakers were in charge of the funeral.

I. W. Spann

I. W. Spann, 62, died in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Friday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock following an illness of only a few days. He had been sick at his home on Valley Creek, ten miles northwest of Ballinger and was brought here for treatment.

Mr. Spann had been in Rannels county for about 12 years, coming here from Gonzales county.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, A. R., A. J., E. H., C. H., and Mack Spann; one daughter, Miss Evelyn Spann; two brothers, A. L. and T. T. Spann, and one sister, Mrs. I. G. David.

Funeral services will be held from the home on Valley Creek this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist church, officiating.

Higginbotham Bros. & Company undertakers prepared the body for burial and will be in charge at the grave. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

W. F. Stewart

W. F. Stewart, 57, farmer, died at the home of Mrs. W. A. Guin near Hatchel, where he had been working for some time, Thursday morning at 2:10 o'clock. Death resulted from apoplexy, the first attack coming about midnight Wednesday, after Mr. Stewart and the family had returned from church services in Winters.

Mr. Stewart, whose home was at Casa Grande, Arizona, was a distant relative of Mrs. Guin's and had been working on the Guin farm for some time. He was in the best of spirits and apparently well when he retired Wednesday night.

Surviving are five sons. One son, Max Stewart, of Rankin, was due to arrive Thursday. The residence of the other four sons is not known.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of the son from Rankin.

King-Holt undertakers prepared the body for burial and will be in charge at the cemetery when interment is made.

R. H. Pope

Funeral services for R. H. Pope, 58, Conecho county farmer, who resided eight miles west of Paint Rock, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Burkett cemetery. Mr. Pope died here in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday night at 10:00 o'clock, following a brief illness.

He is survived by three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Pope is a half-brother of Mrs. J. N. Harris, of this city. King-Holt Co. undertakers prepared the body for burial and it was transferred to Burkett, Coleman county, in a King-Holt hearse. Rev. Miller, of Burkett, officiated at the grave.

WEST TEXAS RADIO STATION BEING BUILT

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 26.—The second tower to support the antenna is being completed for radio station KGFL, "The Voice of West Texas," which will go on the air in San Angelo for the first time September 1st, it is announced by M. L. Eaves, director of the plant. He has moved it here from Fort Stockton. Associated with Mr. Eaves is the Ragsdale Auto Company of San Angelo.

The operating room is being put in order this week by Frank Jones, operator. Contracts were awarded local concerns for furnishing the broadcasting and reception rooms. Mr. Eaves now is working on the opening program.

A professor declares that married men are smarter than single ones. But then they have to be.

Professional pessimists who say Rannels county is not going to make a fair sized cotton crop of probably 55,000 bales or more, will be sadly mistaken when the final check-up is made. Crops in this county are in fair to good condition, despite reports that cotton in the north end of the county is poor and very poor.

A trip thru the southern and western sections of the county Wednesday with the fair boosters showed there was plenty of good cotton, more fields of fine cotton than of the bad. In a few fields, however, the stands were not normal, and in a few others the stalks were dying, this probably being caused by root-rot; but there was not seen a single field of "sick" cotton, or cotton that needed rain very badly. Rain in this section is nearly always welcome by the farmers and business men but there is hardly a single field in this county that will not produce some good staple this year and plenty of it.

Reports from the heavy cotton producing region of the county vary, some of the farmers declaring they have much better crops than in 1926, while others say their yield will not be as good as last season, but all in all the crop is holding up remarkably well under present conditions and it

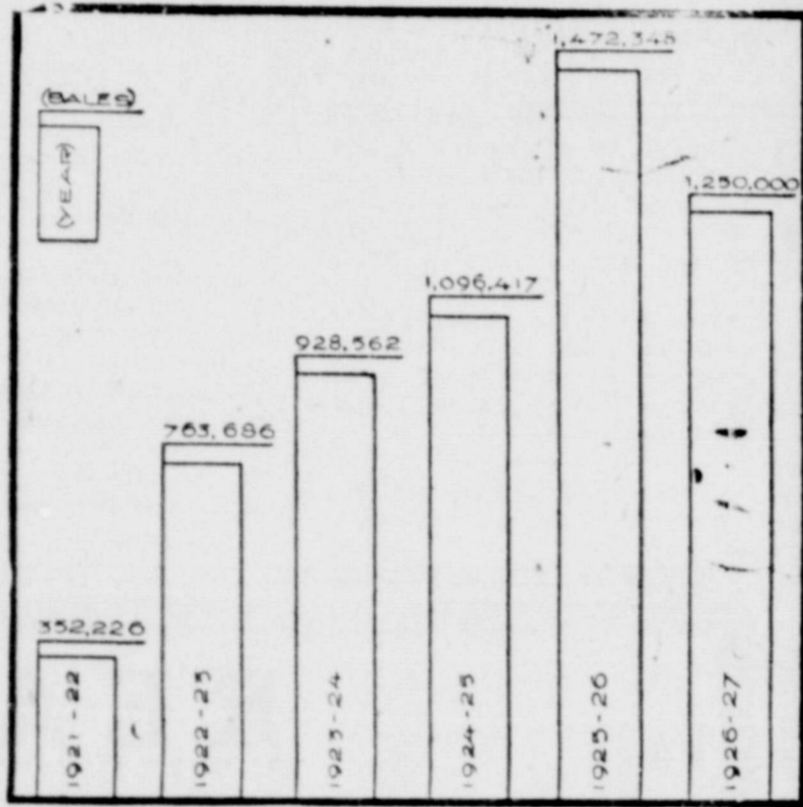
will continue to do so unless extremely hot winds become prevalent within the next few days.

In many of the communities visited Wednesday cotton picking was well under way. Wagons were seen loaded with the white fleece en route to the gins, and pickers were gathering more of the staple which would go to the gins as soon as the wagons returned.

Between Ballinger and Paint Rock the crops were fair, little of the crop was dying. Between Paint Rock and Rowena, crops were good, with a little more of the stalks dying. The live stalks in this section had plenty of bolls and there was cotton in them. A spray was at work in one field between these two points, but only a small part of this man's field was infested with insects.

Between Rowena and Miles the crops were good. West of Miles recent rains have added much to the growth and crops were good. On spray was seen at work in this section. Between Maverick and Bronte the crops were what would be called fair. Between Bronte and Marie they were not so good, and the same applied to the section between Marie and Norton, but rains that fell last week are rapidly putting the crop into better condition.

Co-ops Marketing Less Cotton



COTTON HANDLED BY COOPERATIVES IN LAST 6 YEARS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, August 27.—Less cotton was marketed, co-operatively, last year than in 1925-26, reports from 15 large-scale co-operative cotton marketing associations indicate.

The decline was general for most of the associations, although reports from three show slight gains over the preceding year.

"The record-breaking crop of 1926," economists declare, "followed by low prices, produced a

situation which made the marketing problem an extremely difficult one for cotton planters with limited credit. It is believed that many of the small producers, who were members of the co-operatives, were unable, because of financial obligations, to deliver their cotton to the associations."

The percentage of the total crop handled, co-operatively, last year was less than any crop since 1921, being 6.7 per cent compared with 9.1 in 1925; 8.0 in 1924; 9.2 in 1923; and, 7.8 in 1922.

MISS BOWDEN IN RECITAL

Miss Martha Kelly Bowden, of Abilene, a violin pupil of Herbert M. Preston, violin instructor of this city and Abilene, was presented in a very pleasing and entertaining recital at the Ballinger Baptist church Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock before a large number of lovers of fine music.

Miss Bowden's technique was unusually good for so young an artist, it was clear and precise in every number. One of the most promising qualities of Miss Bowden is her excellent bow-arm; she also plays cadenzas with exceptional ease and grace. Her program proved that she has had thorough and efficient training under Mr. Preston.

Miss Bowden was assisted by Oscar Schott, a tenor pupil of Miss Louise Doss. Mr. Schott's voice was smooth and clear and his enunciation was notably good. Mrs. Bob Carsey and Miss Louise Doss were accompanists.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Marion R. Edwards and Miss Violet Danford.

SHELBURNE FAMILY HOLD A REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelburne, old timers of Rannels county, had the pleasure of having their seven children and their families with them last Sunday and Monday.

The children and families are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Shelburne and children, of Hamlin; Mrs. J. C. Allison and children, of Eastland, (business preventing Mr. Allison from being present); Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shelburne and son, of Longview; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Shelburne, Annie and Vera Shelburne, all of this place.

On Monday the family, a few relatives and friends went to Lon Muncy's place near the Colorado River and enjoyed a picnic. The dinner consisted of barbecue, fried chicken, salads, tomatoes, pickles, potato chips, cakes, pies and iced tea. Those enjoying the picnic besides the family were: J. M. Greenhill, Miss Sallie Shelburne, J. C. Simmons and family, Mrs. W. J. Wheatly and little son, Edgar Shelburne of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. George Cotter and children, Mrs. Lon Muncy and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill and children, Mrs. H. G. Hays, Cora and Marion Hays, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby and children, Mr. and Mrs. Nath

Mrs. Mead McShan and children, Charlie Eyster, W. E. Dingler of Comanche, J. D. Harrison, J. C. Harrison, Mrs. Pope and children, Mrs. Cotter, and Uncle Tommie Harwell.

FIRST CHILD BORN HERE DIES SUNDAY

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Vannie Reid, 40 years of age, said to have been the first child born in Ballinger, died here Sunday.

Burial services were held here today.

Mrs. Reid had lived in San Angelo for 21 years.

ONCE A MULE DRIVER, IS NOW AT EXCHANGE



CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Harvey T. Hill, who drove a mule in a mine 15 years ago, has been given an important assignment with the Chicago stock exchange. The exchange is about to move into new quarters and Hill, as assistant to the president, will be in charge of an extensive expansion program.

Hill assumes his new position from the general secretaryship of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

After graduation from college as an engineer Hill's first job was in a coal mine and he drove a mule to learn the job from the bottom up.

Chas. Snell, of Wichita Falls, is here looking after business and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lusk and son, Robert, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Lusk's parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy, of Wellington. Mrs. Alex McGregor and children, who were also visiting Mrs. McGregor's grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Bandy, returned home also.

Miss Leona McKie has returned to her home at Brownwood after a visit with Miss Ollie Mae Barrow.

Jack Holt has returned from Oklahoma, where he had been visiting for the past few weeks.



FOR SALE—Three good milk cows and one registered bull. H. C. Wood, Phone 7613. 2-4w.*

FOR SALE—Six room dwelling on Tenth Street, corner lot 120x150, northeast front. Real bargain for quick sale. Cash or terms. A. L. Spann. 23-3d-2w

WANTED—Cotton pickers to pick a bale per day. House furnished. Four miles west of Wilmett. No stock. J. H. Clark, Bronte, Route No. 2. 26-2w.*

LOST—One black, white and tan Hound, tan ears, white streak down back, black at root of tail, black and tan spot on each side. Will pay liberal reward for recovery. M. P. Renfro, Winers, Box 392. 26-1td-2tw.*

FOR SALE—300 acre farm, 7 miles South of Miles, Texas. All good land. About 200 acres irrigated. \$100.00 per acre. Will sell on crop payment plan, or will rent to desirable party. See Roy L. Hill, Ballinger, Texas. d-25-30 Itw

Don't Paying-Buying Power

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, August 30.—Rising prices in the market was overshadowing in the development of business and industry during the past thirty days, says the monthly report of the Eleventh District Federal Reserve Bank, which was made public today.

Corn, grain and hay crops promise a substantially larger yield than in 1926, and it is indicated that the production of several

minor crops will likely be above that of a year ago.

The increased values in the district's principal commodities will provide the farmers with a large debt-paying and purchasing power.

The report says that the condition of the cotton crop is irregular with some fields indicating the best yield in several years, but with others promising only a very small production.

Boll Weevil Reports in South Sends Cotton Up

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 30.—A sharp decline in the cotton market which sent prices around five dollars a bale below yesterday's figures, was checked today on receipt of the government boll weevil report, and the market again rose to new high levels.

The advance was from two to seven points above yesterday's close.

WASHINGTON, August 30.—Activities of the boll weevil in southern cotton fields was pictured today in a report of the Department of Agriculture, which showed that the pest was multiplying fast in some cotton growing areas.

Eastern Texas showed more boll weevil damage than usual on reports based from fifty-nine counties. In central Texas there appears to be an area of eight or ten counties where boll weevil have not been abundant except in the wooded sections. The crop in this area is a little better than the

Western Arkansas reported heavier infestation than for any year since 1923. Mississippi reported that weevils in that state broke all previous records.

SHIPS FITTED OUT TO GET SOS SIGNAL

LONDON, August 31.—Apparatus for automatic reception of SOS signals is being fitted to British ships carrying only one radio operator.

A great number of ships have only one operator, on duty part of the day, and distress signals are missed when he is off duty. By the new device the single operator on a small ship is recalled to his post by an automatic alarm which rings bells in his cabin and on the captain's bridge.

The device is put into operation by a distressed ship sending three four-second dashes before the actual SOS signal.

Ledger want ads day.

QUEEN THEATRE

Friday and Saturday

Tom Tyler

in

"The Sonora Kid"

Thundering hoofs and the rattle of guns and a Western cowboy rides to love and adventure.

Chapter 2 of "WHISPERING SMITH RIDES"

And a 2-Reel Comedy

10c AND 25c

NOTE—Queen Theatre now running every day.

NEW PALACE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday

William Fox presents

Tom Mix

and TONY the wonder horse in

ZANE GREY'S

The LAST TRAIL



A whirlwind story of the Plains, with Carmelita Geraghty, William Davidson and

Jerry the Giant.

And a 2-Reel Comedy

10c, 25c, 30c

UTILITY MEN GATHER HERE

Between 50 and 75 employes of the West Texas Utilities Company from districts G, F, K and H registered here Monday morning for the two-day lighting school which is being conducted by the company for the employes of the commercial department of the organization.

The sessions are being held in the American Legion auditorium on Eighth Street.

This is the second of a series of three schools. The first school was held at Cisco last week, with representatives of the company from districts in that section present. The third school will be held at Munday for employes of districts C and D, on Thursday and Friday.

Joe White, of Abilene, general commercial manager, is here in charge of the school and at the opening of the morning session Monday, explained the purpose of the school.

"We want our employes to know how homes should be lighted, what size and kind of bulbs should be used in such and such a room with certain interior fixtures," Mr. White said. "We furnish the electricity, the lighting fixtures, and we want the lighting to correspond and harmonize with the interior of the room."

Members of the commercial department, the personal service department and the women's organization of the company, are represented at the school, which so far has proved to be very beneficial, officials believe. The Cisco school, Mr. White declared, was one of the best ever conducted by the company, and it appears that the school here will be superior to that gathering.

Lighting experts here for the meeting who are delivering lectures are as follows: A. F. Loewe, head of the Edison Lighting Institute, Harrison, N. J.; Austin Young, Edison Lamp Works, Dallas; O. D. Crockett, lamp specialist, Edison Lamp Works, Dallas; Tom L. Miller, General Electric Company, Dallas. Others from Dallas are: Stanley Zerecher, and Mr. and Mrs. Cornett, Graybar Electric Company, Dallas.

From the Abilene general office are: Mrs. George Fry and daughters, the wife and daughters of the president of the West Texas Utilities Company, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, Mr. and Mrs. McNabb, T. E. Kuykendall, and Doug Wooten.

Monday's sessions were closed at 8:00 o'clock in the evening with a barbecued chicken dinner on the lawn of the West Texas Lee Company's plant here. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the specially prepared feast.

L. P. WOOD TO BUILD NEW RESIDENCE

One of the pioneer homes, standing as one of the landmarks of Old Runnels, is to give way for a modern stucco home. L. P. Wood has let the contract for the new residence to take the place of his old one. The material is being placed on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bateman returned Monday from the Plains county, where they had been several days on a visit and business trip.

FAMILY HERE IS IN SAD PLIGHT

Ballinger citizens are always ready to help the unfortunate stranger within the city gates but they must know who they are and whether they are worthy of the aid requested.

At present there is a family in Ballinger that is the victim of one of the most dreadful diseases—typhoid fever. The family was living on a farm south of the city and it became necessary for them to move. They came to Ballinger and put up at a local wagon yard.

The father was seriously ill, a son became ill. They were removed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium a few days ago. Monday morning the father died. The son is in a critical condition in the hospital.

As members of the Ballinger Charity Board were looking after burial arrangements for the father, it was necessary to go to the wagon yard where the rest of the family were living.

There, lying under a shed, was a 7-year-old boy, a son of the dead man, with 104 degrees of fever. He was critically ill. Red ants were crawling about him and those watching over him had to keep a close lookout to prevent the ants from stinging him to death.

E. Sheppard, secretary and treasurer of the charity board, made immediate arrangements to have the lad removed to the sanitarium, where the best of treatment will be given him.

"We are always ready to help someone in need, such as these people," Mr. Sheppard declared, "but during the last few days there have drifted into Ballinger a number of professional beggars who do not deserve help. We, the charity board, understand there are several beggars now making a house-to-house canvass of the city. We request the citizens to refer these people to the charity board. We will give all the help possible to those who need it."

The charity board is composed of Mrs. A. B. Legate, Sam Behringer and Mr. Sheppard, and either of these members will gladly examine all cases brought to their attention.

The destitute family mentioned above is named Hudspeth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

First Presbyterian
Enrollment, 120
Present, 92
New members, 5
Visitors, 7
Offering, \$9.80

First Methodist
Enrollment, 308
Present, 256
New members, 11
Offering, \$10.98

8th Street Presbyterian
Enrollment, 210
Present, 115
Offering, \$6.23

Baptist
Enrollment, 447
Present, 295
New members, 1
Offering, \$11.92

Mrs. Lee Maddox and son, Robert Lee, have returned from a visit to San Antonio.

BALLINGER SCHOOLS WILL OPEN MONDAY

The Ballinger public schools will open next Monday, September 5th, H. C. Lyon, superintendent, announced Tuesday morning and at the same time he announced a fine program to be given at the opening under the direction of the board of trustees.

The opening program will be held in the auditorium of the Senior high school at 9:00 o'clock, at which time all prospective students of the high schools, their parents and friends will assemble.

Ballinger is expected to have a large increase in scholastic attendance this year and the board, each member of which is progressive enough to see things that the future might bring, has made numerous and needed improvements in all of the buildings during the summer vacation.

Ballinger schools last year—1927 term—had a total enrollment of 1,004 students, while the previous year showed a total of 1,001. The 1925 census showed the schools had an attendance of 938.

Following is a statement issued by Supt. Lyon in regard to the opening day and instructions to the various grade students:

"The Ballinger public schools will open Monday, Sept. 5. There will be an informal program from nine o'clock until ten. Patrons of the schools are urged to attend the opening and the friends of the schools are cordially invited.

"All teachers and pupils of the system will assemble in the high school auditorium at nine o'clock for the opening program. From ten o'clock until twelve, Monday morning, the first, sec-

ond, third and fourth grades will register at the Central Primary; fifth, sixth and seventh grades at the Central Elementary; and the eighth grade at the High school.

"From one o'clock until two-thirty, books will be issued to the first, second, third, fifth and sixth grades at their respective buildings. Books will be issued to grades four and seven from two-thirty until four o'clock. Ninth grade pupils will register from one o'clock Monday afternoon until two-thirty; and tenth grade pupils from two-thirty until four. Seniors will register Tuesday morning from eight-thirty until ten o'clock.

"Registration at South Ballinger and the Mexican school will be in the forenoon of Monday.

"Classes will begin at Central Primary and Central Elementary Tuesday at eight-forty-five, at South Ballinger and the Mexican schools at one p. m. Monday; and at the high school Tuesday at one p. m.

"Pupils will not report before the hour for their respective registrations and classes."

The Program

Song, "America," audience
Invocation, Rev. W. H. Doss
Ten minute talk, "Our Schools," Pres. C. A. Doose
Vocal selection, Miss Louise Doss
Ten minute talk, "Ballinger and Its Schools," Sec. J. D. Motley

Short talk, "School and City Improvement," Mayor S. B. Raby
Reading, Miss Lucibel Taylor
Short talk, "The Schools and the Preachers," Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pres. City Pastors' Assn.
Violin selection, Miss Martha

Kelly Bowden
Short talk, "Our Parent-Teachers Association," Mrs. Oscar Routh
Benediction, Rev. R. B. Hooper.

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McKINNEY OPTOMETRIST LOCATES IN BALLINGER

Dr. J. B. Ferrell, formerly of McKinney, has moved to Ballinger and will make his home here. Dr. Ferrell has made McKinney his home for the past thirty years and for the past 16 years has practiced there. He was looking for a new location when he came to Ballinger and after spending about four weeks here has decided to make this city his home.

Dr. Ferrell believes there is a wonderful future for the city.

For the present he will have an office in the rear of the Strain Drug Co.

The Ferrell family has moved to Ballinger.

Italians want to re-name Mont Blanc in honor of Mussolini, but they might have chosen Vesuvius or Aetna with more appropriateness.

PANTHERS ARE COMING HERE

All arrangements were completed Monday night for the bringing to Ballinger of the Fort Worth Panthers on September 23rd. Pitcher Joe Pate made the final arrangements over the telephone with R. W. Earnshaw and guaranteed the regular first-string line-up for the exhibition game.

The locals will recruit a team from this section of the state and will meet the leaguers with one of the best line-ups ever seen in local uniforms.

The game will be played Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, Sept. 23rd. General admission to the baseball game will be 50 cents, and 25 cents additional will be charged for grandstand seats. The grounds and diamond at Fair Park will be put in the best of condition and fans will get their money's worth and more.

Too Many Deer

BISMARCK, N. D., Aug. 30.—The state game and fish commission declares there are too many deer in the Mississippi River bottom, but it doesn't know what to do about it. Declaration of an open season, say commission members, would result in an influx of hunters from the entire country.

Mrs. L. L. Stroble is visiting relatives in San Antonio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FARMER—

As the harvest season approaches with a promise of good returns we extend our congratulations to the farmers of this community. And we back our congratulations with offers of service, not only during the harvest season but all the year 'round.

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The New Fall Styles for '27

The New Fall Dresses

Frocks for Street and Afternoon

The use of crepe backed satin, using the reverse side of the fabric for trimming is one of the striking innovations of the season. The use of the New Transparent Velvet accounts for the smartness of many Frocks, while the use of velvets and satins in Crepes and Crepes Elizabeth are shown in many New Frocks. The straight lines of former seasons are most pleasingly softened by the addition of draped effects, tiers, flares and uneven hemlines. The color range is comprehensive with black, blues, tans, greens and red. Styles that meet every need of the College Miss for street and afternoon wear.

\$9.75 to \$37.50

The New Fall Footwear

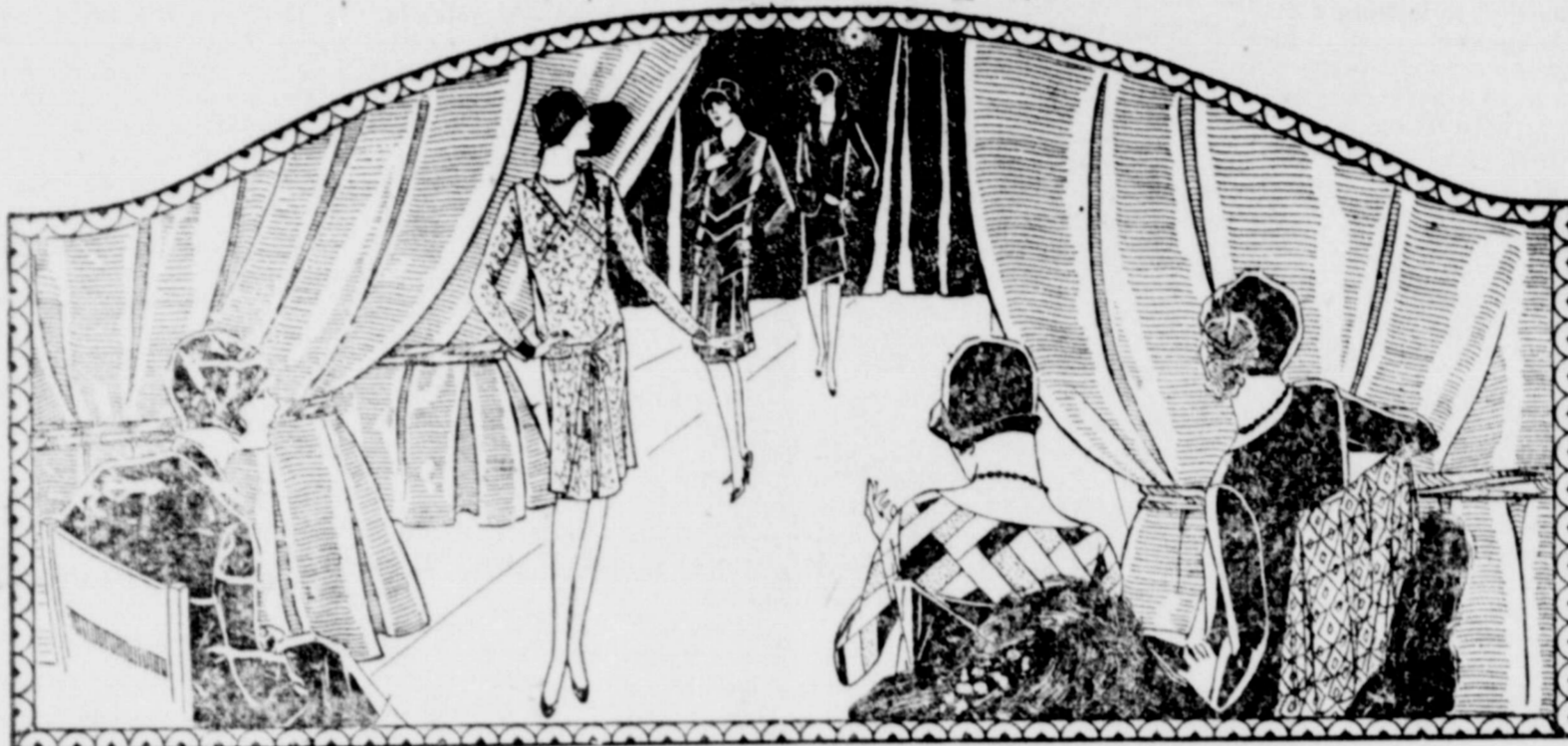
Every woman will be glad to see how much attractiveness these new Shoes can add to the appearance of the foot. They're slender, graceful like the garment lines, and there are so many colors and combinations of colors that you will want a pair to match every costume. There's a satisfaction in being among the first to have the new styles that will make choosing now a real pleasure.

The New Fall Sport Wear

For Campus and Classroom

The Sport Mode is ever favorite with the College Miss, because of its youthful charm and its practical qualities. Two-piece types show many clever new details of stylings in such fabrics as Jerseys, Wool Georgette, Crepe Exquisite and other sturdy fabrics. Navies and tans are scheduled to be unusually popular, while greens, blues and reds are offered in interesting new tones.

\$10.00 to \$27.50



The New Fall Coats

The Smart Fall Coat is Lavishly Trimmed with Fur

Clever designing has produced many novel lines in coats but those that will appear most along fashion's boulevards will be trimmed with lovely furs. The materials of which these fine coats are fashioned are even richer in appearance because of the beautiful fur trimmings. These beautiful fur trimmed coats for ladies can be bought here at

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The New Fall Cocktail Suits

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Here are dressy Cocktails which are facsimiles of those that are worn by the fastidious in Paris, the home of fashions. Made up of the New Transparent Velvets and Satin Faced Crepes, with the snappy little Blouses of Metallic Georgettes and Metallic Brocades, each style being individualized in some distinguishing manner. There is an air of smartness about every garment that cannot well be resisted and our moderate prices give every woman an opportunity to purchase a set.

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