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2 CONFINED IN JAIL HERE NOW

There is plenty of room for prisoners in the county jail now. Sheriff R. E. McWilliams intimated Wednesday morning when he declared that there were only two inmates now making that place home.

One prisoner is Roy Yancey, of Coleman, held on a cold check charge; and the other is R. C. Smith, formerly connected with a carnival, held on charges of driving a car without the permission of the owner.

Other prisoners have been released on bond or sent to the state penitentiary.

Business in the law enforcement department has been rather quiet during the past few weeks, Sheriff McWilliams asserted.

Only one arrest has been made recently, that when a local man was "pinched" Tuesday night for being intoxicated. He was released after paying his fine.

POSTOFFICE OPEN 2 HRS. MONDAY

The local postoffice will be open only two hours next Monday, December 26th, Postmaster J. A. Reese said Wednesday. The hours will be from ten o'clock until twelve o'clock, noon.

City and rural carriers will make one delivery, the morning run. After 12 o'clock there will be no deliveries made nor work in the office, the postmaster said. Mr. Reese stated that the mail for Christmas delivery was going out of the Ballinger office as fast as it was mailed and that there would be no mail left in the office next Monday when the clerks are released from duty for the legal holiday.

Christmas mail receipts here will probably be heavier than ever before if outgoing parcels, letters and cards are an indication. These classes of mail are greater than in recent years.

MRS. LINDBERGH HOPS FOR TEXAS

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, en route via airplane to visit her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, in the city of Mexico, hopped off from here at 7:45 o'clock this morning.

She expects to take luncheon in Dallas and then hop for San Antonio.

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh's plane arrived here from Tulsa, Oklahoma at 10:15 o'clock this morning, and departed for San Antonio at 10:50 a. m., after taking aboard 130 gallons of gasoline.

Remus Free; Will Now Fight Prohibition

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—George Remus, former "king of the bootleggers," was acquitted on the grounds of insanity yesterday afternoon for the slaying of his wife, Mrs. Imogene Remus.

The millionaire will dedicate the rest of his life "to stifle the insult known as the prohibition law," he said today.

Remus declared that he would write and lecture against prohibition.

W. A. Gressett, of Wichita Falls, is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett.

STATE POLITICS UP IN THE AIR

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—With doubt existing as to Moody's intentions, state politicians are more or less up in the air. Interest here is centering this week on the race for lieutenant-governor.

Rumor has it that Barry Miller, present incumbent, and "war horse" of North Texas Democracy, will again seek re-election, should Moody run for a second term as governor. Lieut. Gov. Miller has declared that he will be a candidate for governor in the event Moody declines to seek re-election.

Senator H. L. Darwin, of Paris, has ambitions to be lieutenant-governor, his friends say, and has indicated that he may be a candidate for that office. However, it is not thought that he will run if Miller seeks a third term.

Should Miller run, interesting complications may develop, inasmuch as Senator Tom Love, of Dallas, also Miller's home, has already announced that he will be in the race.

Miller and Love have generally been on opposing sides in Texas politics, both having exerted wide influence in party affairs for the past 20 years.

Senator A. E. Wirtz, of Seguin, at one time considered making the race, but his supporters now say that he will not be a candidate.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE IS \$391.00

Out of the 47 communities of Runnels county to report on the Red Cross seal sale during the annual Christmas drive, only 15 have reported, with a total of \$381.04. R. E. White, county president of the Runnels County Health Association, declared Wednesday morning.

Ballinger leads with a total of \$211.54, which is \$39.46 less than the quota for the city. However, the remainder is expected to be sold before Christmas day.

Winters' quota was also \$250, but up to Monday morning only \$66.79 worth of seals had been sold there.

Other communities reported as follows: Bethel, \$10; Harmony, \$1.35; Mann, \$1.00; Wilmeth, \$12.00; Independence, \$7.31; Elm Creek, \$3.56; Bell, \$3.42; Wingate, \$18.88; Oak Creek, \$5.00; Runnels, \$6.84; Hagan, \$2.51; Rowena, \$30.84.

HIGHWAY MEET HELD IN MENARD

MENARD, Dec. 21.—A meeting of representatives of several counties interested in the development of the Fort Sill to Fort Sam Houston highway, here Monday night went on record by resolution asking that the State keep in force the three-cent gasoline tax for the improvement of the roads of the state. E. V. Sellers, of Abilene, was named chairman of the committee which will appear before the State Highway Commission in January in behalf of the Fort Sill to Fort Sam Houston road, seeking aid for the road if the counties through which it will pass will vote bonds.

According to the plan, the road which runs through Runnels, Concho, Menard and Kimble counties, would be hard-surfaced. There is a director from each county and the county judge, which will form the committee to appear before the commission.

It was noted during the meeting that the Bevans Hotel, the new hostelry being erected here and the frame for which is now up, will be completed by March 1st.

County Judge Paul Trimmier and J. D. Motley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, attended this meeting and represented Ballinger and Runnels county.

WACO TO MEET OHIO ELEVEN

News dispatches from Cleveland, Ohio, state that the Cleveland Cathedral Latin high school football team has left for Texas to engage the Texas high school champions, the Waco Tigers, in Waco, Monday, the legal Christmas holiday for this year.

Latin high in Cleveland is declared to have one of the best high school teams in the United States and a hot battle is expected to take place on the Waco gridiron.

Waco has lost only one or two games in the last few years, and is expected to give the Latin boys a good scrap. Latin high has lost only one game in the past few years, that being a post-season affair with the Steubenville, O., high school squad.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Watson visited in Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

Citizens Ask Paving of Broadway Be Held Up

A second effort to stop paving of Broadway was started Wednesday when a petition was prepared and circulated asking Mayor S. B. Raby and the two city commissioners, E. M. Eubank and W. A. Holt, to stop plans for paving that street as contemplated.

The petition is as follows:

"Ballinger, Dec. 14, 1927. To the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Ballinger:

"We, the undersigned, who live and own property in the city, on Broadway, north of the Santa Fe Railroad, beg to petition you against the contemplated paving of said street.

"We do not believe the proposed pavement would benefit us one particle. We are well pleased with our street and we have never found it difficult to pass over our street on account of the mud. Please reconsider this matter and, if possible, save us this expense without benefit.

Signed: C. W. Cheatham, Mrs. O. B. Corbett, Mrs. Mae Lloyd, Mrs. D. C. Simpson, R. T. Jones, A. F. Brock, R. E. Bruce, C. A. Doose, Yarnell, Mrs. Josie Routh Maddox, Mike C. Boyd, Mrs. M. C. Smith, Miss Marryatt Smith, H. S. Yeager, Mrs. Etta Burrus, J. T. Wiley and Mrs. J. B. Arterburn."

It is understood that there is another petition also being circulated, which is an identical copy of the one above.

The existence of this petition was only learned Thursday afternoon.

A petition was presented the commission some time ago, asking that the city either not pave the street or pave from curb to curb as it now stands, or leave

esplanades the entire distance of the paving.

This petition and objections to the present paving plan will be heard at the meeting to be held on Friday, December 23, at a meeting to be held at the city hall.

MINERAL WELLS HUNTERS GET 2 BLACK-TAIL BUCKS

Will Gross, of Mineral Wells, and a friend of that city, passed thru Ballinger early Wednesday en route home from a hunt west of here.

They were displaying two large black-tail bucks, killed on the hunt. These bucks are believed to be the largest displayed here this season.

Mrs. Leonard R. Mauldin, of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived Wednesday to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker, for several weeks. She will be remembered here as Miss Emma Alice Walker.

Winston Hooper, of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper.

Mason Loses 3 Fingers In Gin Saw

W. F. Mason is minus three fingers as the result of an accident at his gin on Strong Avenue Monday.

Mr. Mason was ginning bollies when his hand was caught in the gin machinery which severed three fingers between the first and second joints. He was given medical attention in a local surgeon's office and then taken to his home late Monday afternoon.

Mr. Mason suffered a bad loss last January when his gin was destroyed by fire. He rebuilt the gin this fall and now he has had more bad luck.

Winston Hooper, of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper.

Merry Christmas

Down through the centuries the message of the Yuletide Season has come—the words unchanged but the Christmas spirit stronger today than ever before.

As you seek joy in doing things for others—in spreading happiness through good fellowship—you become a part of Christmas itself. With hearty appreciation of the friendships and greater goodwill the year has brought, we at this institution wish you the brightest, merriest Christmas.

In observance of Christmas Day this institution will not be open Monday, December 26th.

The Winters State Bank

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Winters Texas

Christmas 1927

Twenty-one Years in Ballinger

At this Christmastime our thoughts go out to each of our Friends. We desire to thank them for the many expressions of cordial regard we have received during the past year and so we extend to you our best wishes for a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish that you might consider this a hearty "hand-clasp" from us to you—thanking you for every kind thought, word and deed—for every consideration extended to us—pledging you our very best efforts to give you the best service possible—and doing what we can to make this section of Texas a better place in which to live.

Again we thank and wish for you a very Happy Christmastime and a Prosperous New Year.

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.

Ballinger, Texas

At Christmas Time We Live in the Memory of Our Friends

It's the spirit that makes Christmas so fine. Not necessarily the gifts that are given, but the kind words that are spoken and the thoughtful deeds of friends who care.

To send out an empty, formal message, because of custom would be an ugly thing to do. So we want you to know that it is in all sincerity that we send you Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

Piggly Wiggly

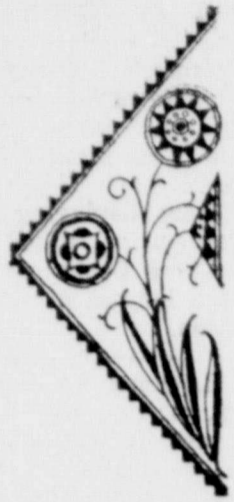


MANY THANKS TO YOU

that our Christmas is as merry as it is. We are grateful that you appreciate our efforts to make our business succeed on a strict basis of merit and courtesy. The liberality of your patronage naturally makes us feel better at this season.

And now in return we give you in all sincerity our hearty wishes for the merriest and best Christmas you ever had, followed by an equally prosperous and enjoyable New Year.

WEEKS DRUG STORE "In Business for Your Health"



FIRE DAMAGES HOME SUNDAY

A Ford roadster which caught fire Monday morning, just east of the court house lawn, was badly damaged. The local fire company made a run but the car was far gone before the firemen arrived.

About the same hour Sunday morning the home of T. J. Starkey on Ninth Street was destroyed by fire. Practically all inside the house was consumed. The family was at home but the blaze was not discovered until it had gained sufficient headway to be beyond control before the siren was sounded.

This fire was thought to have started from a defective flue which ran to a chimney, and while the family was in the kitchen the flames in another

room reached the ceiling. A small amount of bed-clothing was saved from a back porch, but the family's clothing and valuables were all destroyed.

The house and furniture were partially covered by insurance.

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

Weeks Drug Store

Crows Alexander, who is attending A. & M. College, came in Sunday for a Christmas visit with home folks.

James Trail, a student at A. & M. College, is at home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Trail.

CHRISTMAS PLANS JOHN BLOCKER ARE COMPLETE DIES IN FT. WORTH

Practically all plans are complete for the community Christmas next Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock.

According to Santa Claus' orders the Chamber of Commerce and others will turn the bandstand on the court house lawn into a big Christmas tree, and the West Texas Utilities Company will place many lights on it, promising one of the most beautiful Yuletide effects ever seen in this city.

The program will start promptly at 6:30 when a short musical program will be rendered by a union chorus, which it is hoped will number at least 200 voices. This chorus has been rehearsing, but all singers of the town are requested to meet at the bandstand a little before the hour. The songs are Christmas songs that everyone knows and everybody who sings has an urgent invitation to join the chorus next Sunday night.

The short program will be heard until Santa Claus arrives to distribute the presents. It is hoped that all the children will be present. If the weather is cold the program will be made as short as possible and plenty of fun will keep the crowd warm.

John R. Blocker, 76, of Big Wells, for fifty years a leader in the cattle industry of the Southwest, died December 1st in San Antonio, according to a letter received here by Col. G. G. Odom from Mrs. T. H. Shaw, of Ft. Worth, formerly of this city, who was a sister of Mr. Blocker.

Following is what the San Antonio Light said about Mr. Blocker:

"John R. Blocker of Big Wells, well known Texas cattleman for the past half-century, died Thursday night (Dec. 1), in a local hospital.

"He was 76 years old and had lived in Texas since 1852, having been identified with the stock-raising industry all his life. Blocker was one time president of the Old Time Drivers' Association.

"Following the trail he drove cattle to market in the 70s from Texas to Kansas, Wyoming and once as far as North Dakota.

"Blocker was a native of Fairview Park, S. C. He moved with his parents to Washington on the Brazos in 1852.

"He and his brother, William Blocker, ranched for a number of years on the Perdarnales River, near Austin. At the time of his death Blocker was living on his ranch at Big Wells. He was a frequent visitor in San Antonio.

"Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Annie Lane Blocker, one daughter, wife of Maj. Robert H. Lewis, two sons, William and Lane Blocker and one sister, Mrs. T. H. Shaw."

Mrs. George McCulley and small son, who are here for a Christmas visit to Mrs. McCulley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner, returned Sunday afternoon from Brownwood, where they had been visiting other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd visited relatives in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

AGAINST M'NARY-HAUGEN MEASURE

STAMFORD, Dec. 17.—B. M. Whiteker, exhibit-agricultural manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, declares that an unjust burden will be imposed on West Texas farmers if the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill is passed, and advocates the passage of a law to remove such effects.

Whiteker's plan is that congress pass an act requiring all gins to use cotton bagging. He claims that this would create a new and permanent demand for from 350,000 to 500,000 bales of cotton, of a low grade, that depresses the market most when a large carry-over is necessary. Figures show that the cotton

farmers of the nation have within the last three years spent about \$75,000,000 for a foreign-grown commodity in which to wrap their cotton crop, while at the same time, the cheaper grades of American grown cotton, suitable for this use were dragging the market down, Whiteker states.

To wrap last year's cotton crop cost the farmers of the United States \$25,000,000 and probably every bale except round bales was wrapped in jute, imported from India, the chamber of commerce officials point out. The jute costs about 12 cents a pound, while low grade cotton dragged the market at around 8 cents, Whiteker says.

Mrs. P. E. Truly, of Wichita Falls, came in Sunday for a visit to her son, R. E. Truly, and family. Mrs. Truly formerly lived in Ballinger.

May This Christmas Be the Beginning of Untold Happiness

If we could we'd have the sunshine of good cheer shine right on you and we'd make it so bright that you'd see your way right down into 1928 where you could travel the prosperity road. Then we'd add to this that you'd find a lot of pleasure from the satisfaction of making others happy too.

Greetings friends, for Christmas and the New Year, too!

Ballinger Auto Co.

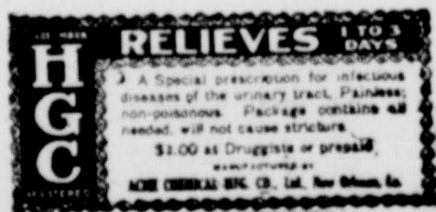


Wishing You An Old-Fashioned Happy New Year

And the new friends and patrons the year brought to us, we look over the year seeing much to feel thankful for. And as the New Year dawns we are looking forward in anticipation of continued pleasant relations with our old patrons and many new ones as well.

CONNELLY'S BAKERY

Eighth Street



Clarence McCarver is here from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

Mrs. Ed Richards and son, of Utica, New York, are here visiting Mrs. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wylie, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom.

OIL WELL FIRE NEAR COLEMAN IS CONTROLLED

COLEMAN, Dec. 17.—With the capping of the Eastland Oil Company's No. 2, J. C. Morris, an oil test six miles northeast of here, the blaze which accompanied the initial flow of the well, was extinguished and the production, which is estimated at 500 barrels daily, was held in check.

The test, which blew in with a terrific explosion Friday morning, was capped at 2:30 in the afternoon to await the arrival of storage tanks in which to save the oil.

While blazing the well presented a spectacular sight. Every 45 minutes it made a head of oil, the oil immediately taking fire, gas pressure in the hole throwing a stream of oil and jet black smoke 150 feet in the air. Thousands of people from Coleman and nearby points visited the well, when it was ablaze.

The well, which is located in the center of W. Weber survey No. 772, two miles southwest of the old Gwinnup pool, was drilling at 2009 feet when the crew changed at midnight. The night crew resumed the job, drilling at 2103 when oil and gas were encountered. After two heads had been made at 45 minute intervals, the first estimated at 25 barrels and the second slightly larger, a muffled explosion came, rattling windows, turning the belt house entirely around and knocking over the standard 86-foot rig.

At the next head, estimated at 50 barrels, the well caught fire, and the derrick was destroyed. Two men on the job escaped injury, after a close call.

The location is one-half mile off the Cisco highway. Mrs. J. M. Ballard owns the land, but the Morris estate, which sold her the property, retained one-half royalty rights. The block is 1200 acres.

Many Children Greet Old St. Nick Here Thursday

Santa Claus was here Thursday and he said he was coming back on Christmas night.

Saint Nick came from the east on the 2:30 bus of the West Texas Coaches, Inc. The big bus had many other passengers but Santa was attracting most of the attention. He was atop the big bus with his candy, toys, fruits and other articles. The bus was met at the end of the pavement by the Ballinger Booster Band and escorted to the monster Christmas tree at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue.

There the band played a few selections and old Santa started distributing candies and fruits to the kiddies. He is saving his toys until Christmas night when he will come back and make a longer visit.

A program will be held at the court house on Christmas night, and Santa Claus will be present. The bandstand will be decorated for his visit and a short musical program together with two or three readings will be heard.

The primary and junior schools of the city were turned out Thursday afternoon and every school child was on the streets before the hour scheduled for the jolly saint's arrival. Several hundred children, together with their parents and others gathered around the big bus while Santa Claus was giving out fruits and candy.

Santa Claus was assisted by M. C. Atkins, Rufus J. Wheeler and G. Ridders.

He left on the bus for points west.

Big Night Christmas
Christmas night will be a big event for the poor children of the city. Santa Claus will return here to present the little ones with presents, fruits, candy and toys.

The Chamber of Commerce has a committee working on a program for this auspicious event and several hundred people will probably be present for this occasion. Ballinger citizens, together with citizens from the country, will attend this program.

The trees on the west corner of the court house lawn will be wired and vari-colored lights will illuminate the park.

The large Christmas tree in the business district is lit up nightly as are the small trees on the sidewalks in front of the business houses. These trees, illuminated with the many colored lights, make a very pretty view at night. They will be lighted every night until after the Christmas holidays.

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

Weeks Drug Store

SHIP CARLOAD OF MISTLETOE TO EAST

A carload of mistletoe, 10,000 pounds of the Texas product, has just been shipped from Brownwood to Philadelphia, according to S. H. Bass, Santa Fe agent here.

"I think it is the first car of mistletoe ever to be sent out of Texas," Mr. Bass said.

"We couldn't understand why they didn't order about five barrels of kissing bugs to go along with it. But we can't furnish everything. I guess if we furnished them all of that, they would want us to furnish the thrill too." —Brownwood Bulletin.

MANY ATTEND CURRY FUNERAL

One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral in Runnels county was present Wednesday afternoon in Miles, when final rites were held for I. A. Curry, 63, county commissioner, at the First Methodist Church.

The Miles Methodist pastor officiated. Interment was made in the Miles cemetery.

Quite a number of Ballinger citizens were present for the funeral. The court house here was closed during the afternoon and every county office was represented at the services.

Mr. Curry was serving his fifth term as county commissioner. The appointment of a new commissioner to serve the unexpired term probably will be made next week, County Judge Paul Trimmer announced Thursday.

Judge Trimmer, who presides at all Commissioners Court meetings, is authorized by the law to make this appointment.

Dr. J. G. Douglass received a message Sunday notifying him that L. P. Wood would undergo an operation at San Antonio Tuesday morning. Pat Wood left for his father's bedside Monday.

Mrs. Wood has been in San Antonio with Mr. Wood for some time. Dr. Douglass had other patients he could not leave, and could not go to San Antonio.

Xmas Wishes Warm and True

That's the kind we're sending you, and while we know a simple wish cannot change the things that be, yet somehow we feel that kindly greetings add to the joys of the season. If you only knew just how sincerely we put our hearts into this message we believe it would mean even more.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Oldest—Biggest—Best

* 35TH DISTRICT COURT *

(Hon. J. O. Woodward, Judge)
Suits Filed

T. L. Bates vs. Annie Bates, suit for divorce.

J. P. Boothe et ux vs. H. B. Dorning et al, suit for trespass to try title.

ROWENA BOY AGAIN HEADS SPEAKERS CLUB

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Edwin Bueck, of Rowena, has been re-elected president of the Speakers' Club, debating organization at the University of Texas. Other officers of the club named are: John Alexander of Breckenridge, vice-president; Edward McCollum, secretary; Herbert Merz, of Fredericksburg, treasurer; Andrew J. Bryan, Milford, sergeant-at-arms; and Hubert Lee, of San Jose, Costa Rica, critic.

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POLLARD MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Various reports circulating here that Claude Pollard, attorney general, would resign at the end of the year to become counsel for Texas railroads, were discounted by the attorney general.

On the other hand, Pollard told friends here that he would run for governor in 1928, in the event Moody is not a candidate.


"I have been informed that Gov. Dan Moody will retire at the end of the present term and return to private practice of the law," Pollard said. He declined to divulge the source of his information, merely saying that it was from a "close friend of the governor."

"I had no idea of seeking the governorship when I began campaigning for attorney general," Pollard said. "I am daily asked through letters to run. I feel that my present duty is only to fill the office which I now hold," he said.

If Moody seeks re-election to the governorship, Pollard will again be a candidate for attorney general, it is predicted.

Owen Powell and Russell Thomson are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their home folks. These boys are students of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

For colds, grip and flu take
Calotabs
TRADE MARK REG.
Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.


MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU EVERY JOY.

1927
The Curtain Falls

Soon the curtain will fall on the year 1927. It has been a very successful year for us, as we look back over the year, and think of the many happy hours that have passed by. We have made many new friends and customers, and we only hope to continue to hold your friendship through the coming year 1928.

We hope for you a Christmas brimming full of happiness, and when the curtain rises on the year 1928, that it will rise on the most rosy period of your life.

May the Year 1928 Be One of the Happiest of Your Life
HALL HARDWARE CO.
THE 7/11 INCHES STORE

FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES FOR AMERICA'S FASTEST FOUR

DODGE BROTHERS ADD NEW EQUIPMENT AT NO INCREASE IN PRICE

Four-wheel brakes of the latest and most efficient Steeldraulic type now insure deceleration equal to the amazing acceleration of America's Fastest Four! Swift, time-saving travel is now made still safer by increased braking efficiency.

Step on the brake pedal and feel the positive, cushioned braking, absolutely uniform on all four wheels.

At \$875 for the Sedan, f. o. b. Detroit, this famous Four with complete factory equipment, represents the smartest, swiftest, sturdiest, low-cost transportation money can buy.

The car is roomy—yet compact. Turns in a 38-foot street—parks in 17½ feet of curb space—yet provides ample room and exceptional comfort for five adults. Spring length 85% of wheelbase—the longest in its price class. Mile-a-minute performance! 25 miles to the gallon at 25 miles per hour!

A brilliant performer by every standard—a sturdy car from end to end.

A Four of striking beauty—smartly finished—tastefully appointed—luxuriously upholstered—long, low and gracefully designed.

A car you can drive for years because in every detail it is built the good Dodge way—carefully and accurately—of materials that pass Dodge Brothers high and critical standards.

Six months in public service, this Four has already won as proud a name for itself as any product ever built by Dodge Brothers.

After stern trial, it has been accepted as a value—a genuine and trustworthy value. And now with four-wheel brakes at no extra cost, you can buy it knowing that money has no greater buying power in the field of transportation.

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Celery Jumbo stalk and as fine as you ever saw
Lettuce Crisp Iceburg Extra large heads
Grapes Red Emperor Fine Quality
CHOC. CANDY 5 lb box **\$1.69**

PIGGLY WIGGLY

HERRING TOPICS

Miss Willie Hale returned to Dallas after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Misses Alvis and Elsie Todd spent Sunday with Miss Opal Dugger.

Ira Hale, of Winters, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Neely, Steve Hale and Miss Ada Farley, of Ballinger, visited W. A. Hale and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandon spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family visited G. C. Arent and family Sunday evening.

"REPORTER"

Holiday Special on Cane Sugar 100 lbs. \$6.35, 25 lbs. \$1.63. Every day in the week. U. E. Hartman. d-16-23-30 3tw

Hugh Lathem has returned to Brownwood after spending the week-end here with his wife, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Baker and other relatives.

Card of Thanks

We offer our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon us during the death of our husband and father, Mr. I. A. Curry. No word or deed of sympathy was neglected. We appreciate so much the beautiful floral offerings. Our hearts are so full of love and gratefulness toward each friend that our best wish is that each of you may be surrounded by such friends always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. I. A. Curry
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Curry
 Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Hart
 Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wiesner
 Mr. and Mrs. Dee Curry
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VISITOR GIVES DEGREES TO 3 TEAMS MONDAY

A very enjoyable occasion was had at the Masonic Temple Monday night when Hon. B. F. Huntsman, Grand Visitor, exemplified the Royal Arch Degrees on three teams, in a most efficient and instructive manner.

Refreshments were served to

thirty or forty members and visitors.

Another meeting will be held next month when the Royal and Select Masters degrees will be conferred on a large class.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who were so kind and considerate during the loss of our dear, dear son and brother. Your thoughtfulness in helping his wife, children and us to bear his departure has endeared you ever in our memory. May God's richest blessing be with you is the prayer of his father, sister, and brothers.

I. W. Curry (father)
 L. H. Curry
 J. T. Curry
 Mrs. Sally Patton
 H. A. Curry
 J. E. Curry
 W. W. Curry
 D. W. Curry
 L. J. Paul
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Oscar Schott, who is attending St. Edward's College at Austin, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg, of Mason, came in Sunday for a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner. Mrs. Lemburg will remain here until after the holidays.

LETTERS to the Editor

A Open Letter

I want to write you my feelings about all this givin business I bet you wont put it in the paper becaus yo ufellers are in with the same bunch that for ever wantin sompin all the time. If you give this letter space in your rag I will think that you at least want to be fair about it. I think it is timt sompin is dun about this givin and givin and givin. I had to quit my wife and kids becaus they was wantin sompin all the time and I come down it town the good felers want your money. I went to church onst and they was begin money fur orfands and fur money to run the church and the chamber of commerce will have the gald to ask you. What money I made i worked purty hard and me fur one is going to stay with it and let em beg.

A tax payer.

W. S. MULLINS HAS BARBECUE FOR FRIENDS

W. S. (Will) Mullins, who lives on the Johnson place north of the city, one of the old timers of this section, had several friends to a mutton barbecue Friday night of last week on Elm Creek, north of the city.

Mr. Mullins had a real fat lamb and wanted to treat his friends to a big feed so he had the lamb killed and barbecued for the occasion.

Those preeent were: Mr. Mullins, Carl Wilson, Harry Thomson, Jack Nagel, Mr. Gleason, Robt. Herring, Feb McWilliams, R. L. Harwell, Dr. S. B. Raby, Chas. Grant, Conda Wylie and G. W. Dunlap.

After the feed was served the group spent the remainder of the evening around a big fire, "swapping yarns" of days gone by.

FARM SPECIAL TO VISIT BALLINGER

Ballinger is on the itinerary of the Santa Fe and A. & M. Farm Special, and the tentative schedule provides for the arrival of the exhibit train here at 7:30 p. m. on February 7th.

Exhibits and lectures designed to bring to the attention of the farmers the results of late experiments along lines of larger profits and better living on the farm will be featured on the 1928 tour of the Texas farm and home demonstration special.

The train, thoroughly equipped, and in charge of experts from the Texas A. & M. College, will start at Navasota on January 16th and will conclude its tour at Folett, making 117 stops over the period of 36 days.

The purpose of the special is to impress upon the farmers the importance of having several sources of income in order to put the farm industry on a safe and

sound basis. The best trained men will accompany the train and lecture on dairying, hog and poultry raising, and will exhibit livestock for demonstration purposes.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker have returned home from Temple, where Dr. Walker had been receiving surgical treatment in a hospital. He is a little improved but is confined to his bed at his home.

New Bus Schedule to Abilene

Car leaving Ballinger 6:15 a. m., arriving at Abilene at 8:30 a. m., making direct connection with bus and Sunshine Special for Ft. Worth at 8:35. Sunshine Special arrives Ft. Worth at 1:00 p. m., bus at 3:00 p. m. 23-2tw-9td.*

Willard Schuhmann, a student of A. & M. College, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents.

QUEEN THEATRE

Friday and Saturday
JACK DONOVAN

"Hoof Marks"

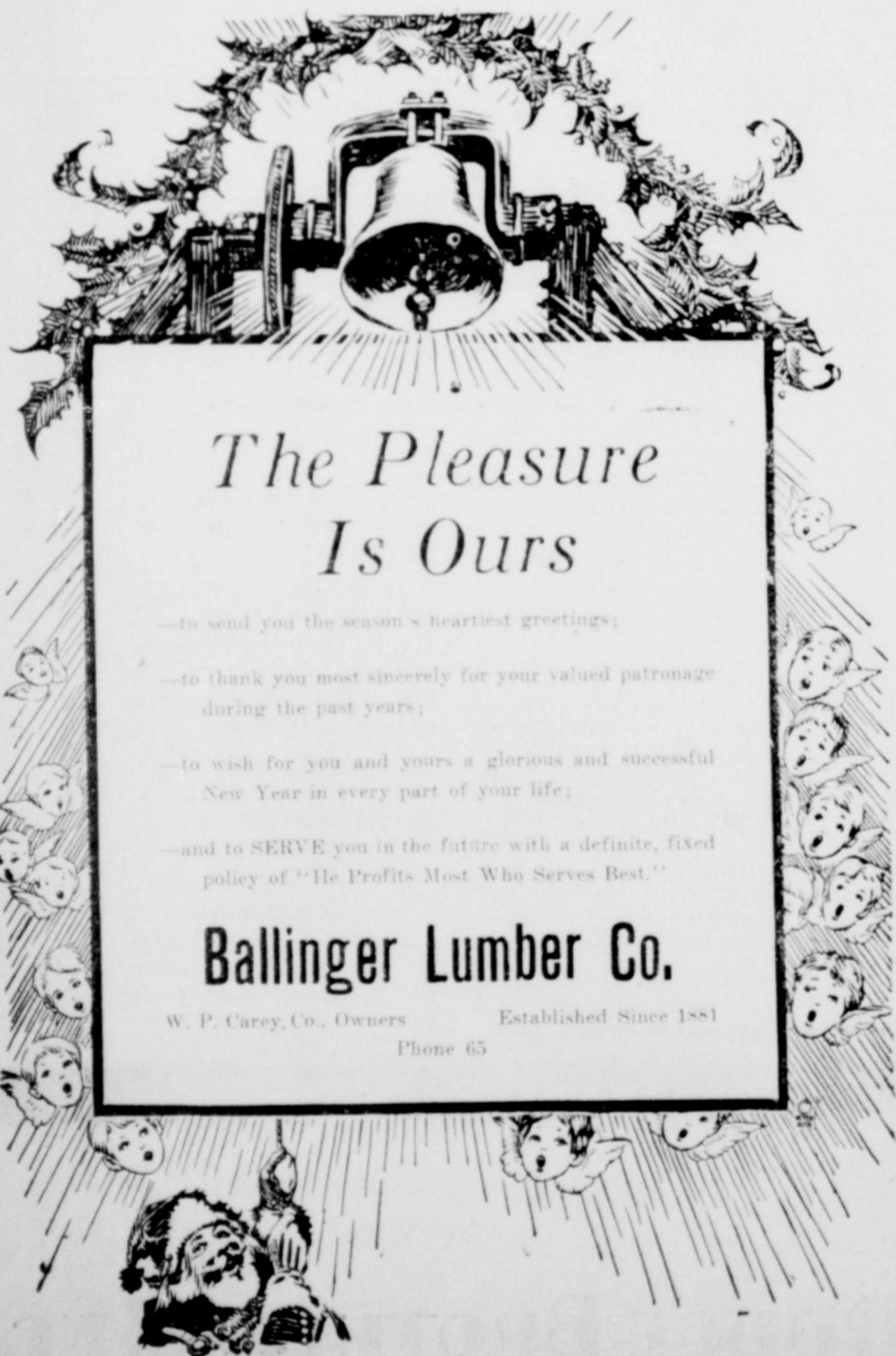
—how that boy can ride!

—and how he DOES ride to save the girl's father in spite of himself. It's a different kind of western in which the hero isn't a hero until the very last reel.

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2 Reel Comedy

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The Pleasure Is Ours

—to send you the season's heartiest greetings;

—to thank you most sincerely for your valued patronage during the past years;

—to wish for you and yours a glorious and successful New Year in every part of your life;

—and to SERVE you in the future with a definite, fixed policy of "He Profits Most Who Serves Best."

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 Phone 65



May Your Christmas Be the Merriest Ever

In this Yuletide season, the old message is still the best

With the spirit of Christmas ever growing stronger, we send our greeting, thankful for the strengthened friendships and still finer good-will the year has brought.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Ballinger,

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FINAL HOUR FOR DONATIONS NEAR CLOSE

The final hour for acceptance of donations to the Goodfellow fund is drawing near with the Christmas spirit more evident each hour. Christmas day is Sunday and that day will see the poor here go without a Santa Claus unless citizens of Ballinger chip in and help do their part towards making the Christmas a happy one for everybody.

The fund goal is \$350. To date only \$179 has been collected. The fund is still short by about \$200 and a plea is being made by the committee for all public-spirited and free-hearted citizens to do their part.

Donations of money are received at The Ledger office or by members of the committee. Old clothes and toys are to be placed in the barrels on the streets or at the city hall.

Following is the list to date:

Jack Lynn	2.00
Miss Alice Smith	1.00
Cash	1.00
Cash	.50
A. L. Spann	2.00
C. L. Baker	5.00
Hamp Byler	5.00
Mrs. M. P. Orgain	1.00
Miss Louise Orgain	1.00
Miss Nellie Hill	1.00
A. O. Bartlett	1.00
E. E. Holt	1.00
Piggly-Wiggly	2.50
John Castor	5.00
Herbert Sledge	1.00
Henry Jones	2.50
American Legion Auxiliary	5.00
Tackiest car in fall fair parade	5.00
Young matrons of First Christian Church	2.50
Ballinger Dry Goods Co.	3.00
A. Friend	1.00
W. W. Killam	1.00
Hugh Campbell	2.00

D. M. Baker	2.50
M. S. Karmany	2.50
H. W. Lynn	2.50
R. T. Trail	5.00
Jas. E. Brewer	2.00
Mrs. G. B. Nixon	2.00
Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh's Sunday school class	2.50
L. Cohen	2.50
J. E. Davis	5.00
H. C. Lyon	2.50
K. V. Northington	2.50
Community Gas Co.	2.50
Fire Department	10.00
M. C. Atkins	2.50
C. W. Thorp	1.00
H. D. Portwood	1.00
C. R. Stone	1.00
Frank Cameron	2.50
R. R. Williams	1.00
C. W. Cheatham	2.00
H. G. Fitzgerald	1.00
Troy Simpson	2.50
E. P. Talbot	2.50
Albert Sledge Jr.	2.00
A. J. Voelkel	2.50
James Clayton	1.00
L. R. Tigner	2.50
E. Shepperd and family	5.00
H. J. Zappe	3.00
Sam Behringer	2.50
Paul Trimmer	3.00
D. E. Moody	2.00
A. K. Doss	2.50
Queen Theatre	2.50
Palace Theatre	2.50
James Skinner	2.00
Dr. F. M. Hale	1.00
Miss Nell Alexander	1.00
F. M. Pearce	2.50
Graham Fowler	1.00
Dr. W. W. Fowler	2.50
Mrs. R. E. McWilliams	1.50
R. E. McWilliams	1.50
First National Bank	10.00
R. G. Erwin	5.00
J. Y. Pearce	5.00
Robt. Lusk	1.00
J. A. Garrett	2.00
Total	\$179.00

member of the committee or the pastors' association. Those who know of someone in want are also urged to telephone the name and address to the committee.

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HOLIDAYS FOR 1928 JUMP FOR LEAP YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The calendar for 1928 shows the effect of Leap Year by causing a jump of two days in the days on which important holidays and anniversaries fall, it was revealed today in a synopsis of dates covering important occasions scheduled for the coming year, as compiled for the International News Service. February, the month which causes the quadrennial difference in calendars, starts Wednesday and the extra day, the 29th, falls on that same day of the week.

January 1, 1928, comes on Sunday, always taking its lead as to day from the preceding Christmas. Lincoln's birthday comes on Sunday with Washington's birthday on Wednesday, and St. Patrick's Day on Saturday. Spring begins March 20 at 2:45 p. m. April Fools Day comes on Sunday. Good Friday is April 6th and, therefore, Easter is on the 8th. Memorial Day is on Wednesday and, as always, the Fourth of July follows suit. Summer begins June 21st at 10:07 a. m. Labor Day comes on September 3rd and Autumn begins September 23rd at 1:06 a. m. Columbus Day (Oct. 12) is on Friday and November will have Election Day on the 6th, Armistice Day (Nov. 11th), on Sunday and Thanksgiving on the 29th. Winter will arrive December 21 at 8:04 p. m., and Christmas of 1928 falls on Tuesday.

D. M. West, editor of the Bronte Enterprise, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

OPEN AIR SERVICE MIAMI TO HAVANA BY CHRISTMAS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20.—Airplane transportation between Miami and Havana, Cuba, will be started by Christmas it was announced here today by T. Duncan Just, of Miami, president and general manager of the Cuban-American Airline, Inc., of New York and Miami.

The first of the three big hydro-airplanes which will make the regular run has been named "E. G. Sewell" after Mayor Sewell of Miami. This, incidentally, will be the first international air service in America using hydro-airplanes.

The giant planes, each equipped with two 420 horsepower Packard liberty motors, will have a carrying capacity of 16 persons. The planes will be luxuriously furnished, embodying every convenience for the air traveler.

Besides the Miami-Havana runs Mr. Just said, the ships will take off weekly from Palm Beach for Havana. Eventually it is planned to extend the service up the Atlantic Coast as far north as New York and across the state to cover the St. Petersburg and Tampa districts.

Only two of the planes will be needed to maintain the regular schedule, Mr. Just said. The flagship of the fleet, the E. G. Sewell, will be in Miami soon, it was said. Note to husbands: A wife will show you a good time, also; if you'll spend as much on her as men do on a sweetie.

Rev. B. B. Edmiston, of Talpa, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Jimmie Harpham, of Abilene, was in Ballinger Saturday looking after cotton business.

Stuart Shultz of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Saturday looking after business.

S. G. Marrett, a representative of the Dallas News, was in Ballinger Saturday, conferring with D. C. Underwood, local news dealer, and transacting other business.

Misses Edna Routh, Fannie Wilmeth and Nettie Routh Sledge visited in San Angelo Saturday.

Cecil Dickinson, a student of A. & M. College, is here spending the holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dickinson received a fine boy at their home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schleyer, of San Angelo, visited relatives here Sunday.

"Sane Methods of Regulation Assure the Conservation of Public Rights"

Says Christian Science Monitor

"Such a concert between public and private interests as is now proposed was not known to be possible a score of years ago. The public feared the oppression of monopolies, the complete usurpation of the State's prerogatives. But there have been worked out those sane and equitable methods of regulatory control which assure a fair return to invested wealth and at the same time the conservation of public rights and privileges."

West Texas Utilities Company



A Road of Happiness

A Bridge of Good Cheer

All of us, at some period of time, have traveled a road bestrewn with rocks and pitfalls, a road where broken springs are a very small part of the damage.

If you have encountered during your past year's travel of any such road as this, it is our sincere wish that after you cross our Merry Christmas bridge, your road for 1928 shall be as smooth as glass.

We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.



FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO. KING-HOLT

When All the World Resounds With the Spirit of

LOVE

It's the time when you and I forget ourselves and think of the other fellow—the time when firesides glow throughout the world in the spirit of Love, Sacrifice and Appreciation.

We would have all our friends and patrons everywhere to know that we wish them a Christmas filled and running over with the good things of life, including good health, abounding happiness and abiding prosperity.

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LESSON No. 15

Question: Why is emulsified cod-liver oil so important as an added ration with milk in the diet of children?

Answer: Because when it is mixed with milk it makes milk a more efficient rickets-preventing food and builder of strong bones. Children like it best in the form of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

EXPRESS THANKS FOR SEAL WORK

Sometimes we wonder if we do not lose sight of the real motive of Christmas, but today, as we record the splendid work done about us, we know it is not true.

The gift of the Bethlehem-Babe, who through His life taught the beautiful lesson of love and service, has again sent its thrill of delight through the veins of our people—the laying on the altar of our little mite for the comfort and happiness of others.

No more beautiful work has been done than the sale of the Christmas seals, a national campaign to stamp out tuberculosis and meet health problems and the result of which has cut the death rate of tuberculosis more than one-half.

In our local campaign, the prizes offered to the school children selling the most seals were won by the following:

Primary Grade—Camille Behringer, Jack Brown
Junior High—Elsie Motley, Frederick Kiechle
High School—Lois Alexander, Harold Clark

To Mr. Lyon, our splendid superintendent of schools, his faithful corps of teachers and the children of the schools, we express gratitude for your co-operation and service rendered in helping put over the seal sale in our town.

You have manifested a deep realization of that broader life and be assured that sweeter joys will be yours for following the Christ-example of serving humanity.

May each new crimson day that dawns
To fade into the blue
Bring golden bloom of joy and peace

To shower over you,
MRS. W. B. HALLEY,
County Chairman
A. B. LEGATE,
Local Chairman
R. E. WHITE,
President.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

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

EAST TEXANS WILL STOP QUAIL HUNTING

TYLER, Dec. 17.—More than fifty citizens of the Midway community in this county have signed a notice, stating that no quail hunting will be permitted on their lands. This move is made in order to preserve the quail of this section.

Those signing the notice say that an attempt will be made to have a large area posted every year for several years.

Constipated?

Take NR-NATURE'S REMEDY—tonight. Your eliminative organs will be functioning properly by morning and your constipation will end with a bowel action as free and easy as nature at her best—no pain, no griping. Try it. Only 25c.

Mild, safe, purely vegetable—
NR TO-NIGHT
TOMORROW ALRIGHT
Recommended and Sold by
All Five Ballinger Druggists

COLEMAN VOTES BIG BOND ISSUE

COLEMAN, Dec. 16.—By the overwhelming majority of 3 to 1, Coleman passed three city bond issues Wednesday totalling \$157,000, and insured this city of new city hall, fire station, pavement and provided for refunding a sizeable chunk of the outstanding paving indebtedness.

The general average was 245 for all three measures and 84 against. By meeting the situation squarely in the face, Coleman citizens lined up in firm formation on the side of progress to meet the increasing need of civic improvements. No small portion of the credit goes to the Kiwanis Club which early in the campaign organized a committee to fully acquaint the tax payers with the situation and worked on the theory that complete understanding would be the salvation of the issue.

ELECTRIC MOTOR AMAZES EXPERTS

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A self-consuming electric motor, which runs without batteries or other outside aid, and which it is predicted will revolutionize the automotive, airplane and electric industries, is amazing local experts.

Known as the "Self Regenerating Motor," the machine operates a cycle hitherto believed impossible of achievement, by creating a spark with a magneto, feeding it through tubes containing special material which changes alternating current into direct and building it up to the volume required.

One of these motors is operating in a foundry, another is being constructed for use in an automobile which it is planned to drive across the continent, and preparations are being made for building an airplane motor.

The motor was invented by Henry W. Lavigne of Worcester, an automobile mechanic and magneto expert, after 15 years of experiments.

Mrs. Laurent Webb and mother, Mrs. S. B. Raby, came in Sunday from Brownsville, where Mrs. Raby had been visiting. Mrs. Webb will remain here throughout the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby.

NAMED POSTMASTER FOR THIRD TIME



J. A. Reese

J. A. REESE REAPPOINTED POSTMASTER

J. A. Reese, now serving his second term as postmaster, will begin his third term on December 20th, according to advices received here from Washington, where his name, together with the names of other postmasters in Texas, has been sent to the Senate from the House for final approval.

Mr. Reese's second term expires on December 19, and he will immediately begin his third term as postmaster here.

Before becoming postmaster Mr. Reese was employed in the local postoffice. He has served the city of Ballinger well in looking after its interests in the postal department.

90 PER CENT OF TOWN ALL NAMED BROWN

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A recent shipwreck off the picturesque village of Cresswell, Northumberland, during which 26 men were saved by the village's lifeboat, has revealed that ninety per cent of the inhabitants of the village are named Brown.

All are related, and when the lifeboat sets out, manned by two families named Brown, it is dragged into the swirling waves by the Brown women, the wives and daughters of the men aboard.

Be wise and advertise.

PRIMARY SCHOOL IS OVER QUOTA

R. E. White, county superintendent, said Friday that the primary school of the Ballinger school system had reported the sale of twice their quota of Red Cross Christmas seals. Every room in the school went over the top.

This is the first school to go over its quota, Mr. White said.

R. B. Lee is principal of this school.

Every room in the school has been awarded a first aid kit.

Obituary

Margaret LaVerne Florence

Margaret LaVerne Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Florence, died December 14, 1927. Loved ones and friends and the doctor did all to save her but the Heavenly Father said "come up higher."

Our sympathy goes out to the grieving parents. May they ever look to Him for their strength and comfort, and say, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

From one who loved her.

R. E. TRULY RETURNS TO BALLINGER TO LIVE

R. E. Truly, formerly of this city, but for the past year or so, a resident of Coleman, where he had been in the job printing business, has returned to Ballinger to make his home. He has accepted a position with the Ballinger Printing Company, with which firm he was connected for a number of years.

Mrs. Truly and children have been in Ballinger since October when she and little son, Ted, were badly injured in an automobile wreck near Talpa.

Ballinger people will welcome this family back to this city.



May the Yuletide Season Bring You Joy!

To wish you Christmas cheer and health, happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

How grateful we are to you, our friends, for your loyal support during the past year. If it is to be our pleasure to serve you in 1928 we'll be found putting forth our very best efforts to merit every trust placed in us.

IDEAL BAKERY

Hutchings Avenue Phone 78

Notice Poultry Raisers

I will start my two mammoth Incubators on January 2nd. Book early and have early Fryers while prices are high.

W. B. Currie Produce Co.

for Economical Transportation.



This Car has been carefully checked and reconditioned where necessary

USED CARS

"with an OK that counts"

- ✓ Motor
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- ✓ Tires
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- ✓ Top
- ✓ Fenders
- ✓ Finish

OK by

Courteous Attention and Highest Dollar-for-Dollar Value

Patrons of our used car department get the same courteous attention and the same high dollar-for-dollar value as our new car customers.

Used car sales constitute a vital part of our business—consequently, our used car department is conducted on the same high business plane as our new car division.

Look for our red "O. K." tag when you buy a used car. It is your proof that the car has been thoroughly re-conditioned by expert mechanics, using genuine parts for replacement—your guarantee of superior VALUE!

Ballinger Auto Co.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

In Happy Accord

with the Yuletide spirit we are hoping that your heart will be warmed by many cheerful greetings from friends, that your home will be lighted with the smiles of loved ones and made musical by happy laughter and merry shouts.

May 1928 be the year in which you will accomplish your most cherished dreams and ambitions.

Accept our thanks for 1927 patronage and grant us, if you please, the pleasure of serving you in 1928.

Ballinger State Bank

BUSINESS FIRMS MAY CLOSE 26

Out of the 38 merchants telephoned Tuesday morning by Miss Winnie Trail, assistant secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, thirty-seven want to suspend business operations and enjoy Monday as a Christmas holiday, she told a reporter for The Ledger.

Miss Trail said she had received many calls at her office asking whether or not the merchants would be open for business next Monday. She decided to find out and so called nearly forty business houses, with the above result.

It is believed that most of the business houses will be closed, and in case a majority of the firms put up shop to celebrate Monday as Christmas, there will be no ledger Monday afternoon, but a further announcement will tell whether the merchants will close.

The Chamber of Commerce will make an announcement Friday or Saturday in regard to the closing proposal.

LOCAL BANKS ARE NOTIFIED OF FIEND MURDER

The news is carried swiftly to other states and today bankers all over Texas are being notified of the brutal kidnaping and murder of Marian Parker, daughter of Perry M. Parker, assistant cashier of the First National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Calif.

A telegram addressed to W. A. Philpott, Jr., secretary of the Texas Bankers' Association, was received Monday in Dallas. He immediately took steps to notify other bankers in the state by letter, hurriedly dictated and printed.

Following is a copy of the telegram received by Mr. Philpott:

"The following is a complete description of fifteen hundred dollars gold notes of twenty dollars denomination given to murderer and kidnaper of daughter of our assistant cashier, Perry M. Parker: Serial K 68016901 to 75, inclusive. Please rush information to all banks, trust companies and affiliated organizations immediately with request that they notify police, tellers, oil stations, stores, etc., to watch for above gold notes. Will pay liberal reward based on importance of information obtained. Have any information wired us immediately, collect.

"First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.,

Mr. Philpott asks his brother bankers all over Texas to give this telegram all the necessary publicity in an effort to apprehend the fiend-murderer for whom officers are searching the Far West and the Southwest.

Mrs. E. A. Giesecke and three children left Tuesday morning for San Antonio, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke and family.

FEARS OF WAR STILL OFFSET PEACE EFFORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—As the year closes the world finds war still in progress in China, threats of war in Poland and Lithuania and the Balkans nervous and jumpy. British statesmen of rather sound opinion are expressing fears that this generation may see another great war.

Advocates of peace are striving hard to find encouragement in the fact that numerous peace treaties have been signed between smaller nations, but these treaties are the cause of considerable jealousies among the powers, France being as much aroused over the Italian-Albanian pact as Italy over the French-Jugo-Slavian pact.

Russia still hovers on the horizon to cause nervousness to those nations given to nightmares of bolshevik invasions.

Against a few international steps towards peace the year 1927 must record the failure of the Geneva naval parley, the threat of renewed naval competition, the breaking of relations between Russia and Great Britain, the failure of the powers to restore peace to China, and continued political unrest throughout a large portion of the world.

Disturbing Events

Optimists will perhaps claim that much has been done to further peace during 1927, but the cessation of inter-allied control in Germany, the reduction of the armies of occupation, and a few semi-successful conferences at Geneva can hardly offset the actual disturbing events of the year.

Mexico has had one real revolt—the October mutiny led by Generals Gomez and Almada—but a condition perilously close to civil war has existed there through the entire year, with Catholic rebels waging a guerilla warfare upon the Calles government, following that government's action in virtually suppressing the Catholic Church in Mexico.

American forces in Nicaragua have made war against rebels during the year, and while the toll has not been heavy as tolls are counted in actual warfare they have been sufficiently great to cause criticism.

Russia has steadily increased her armies and always stands on the verge of war, fearful that her border neighbors are about to attack her or that the "capitalist powers" will wage a war against her.

Rumania, floundering about politically after the death of King Ferdinand and former Premier Bratiano, is ever apprehensive lest Russia strive to take Bessarabia from her.

While the year has not been one of hopeful portent for lasting peace it has been rather a good year for the politicians.

The Marx cabinet in Germany, created early in the year, has weathered many a storm and now seems likely to ride out the year.

Premier Poincare of France has had a comparatively easy political year and the instability of French governments characteristic of previous years now seems to have passed.

Premier Baldwin and his Con-

servative government in Great Britain have withstood all attacks. While they seem to have lost some of their strength they are nevertheless strongly entrenched.

Premier Mussolini's Fascist regime in Italy has apparently lost none of its power and even now is contemplating measures that will further suppress opposition, virtually wipe out all political opposition in the Chamber of Deputies, and giving seats in the assembly only to Fascists and members of the various syndicates.

Japan suffered a financial crisis and Premier Tanaka and the present cabinet went into power as the result. They now seem to be rather firmly entrenched in office.

Rumania's political difficulties have been many, for following the death of King Ferdinand there has been great agitation for the return of Prince Carol. Premier Jan Bratiano died shortly after he was rebuffed by the courts in his attempt to convict one of Prince Carol's emissaries for treason, and for a time there was grave doubt as to whether Rumanian stability could be maintained.

In Russia the political activities of the past year have been dramatic, for the old leaders have been swept away. Trotsky and Zinovieff, who attempted to form an opposition based on a more liberal interpretation of Communism, have been driven from power and from the Community Party.

Looking backward, 1927 seems to have been a year of retrogression in international affairs. The trend of liberalism that followed the World War appears to have been checked somewhat. Old methods are being resumed in diplomacy, old fears are being aroused, old preparations for war are being resorted to and old line politicians seem to hold the balance of power. Progressive thinkers can find little encouragement in the international events of 1927, but conservatives will tell you that the world is rapidly returning to normal stability.

SEE FREE LOVE TAKING PLACE OF MARRIAGES

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The end of the institution of marriage in America to be supplanted by forms of so-called "free love" was seen in the near future by John Haynes Holmes, New York minister, who addresses an important gathering here.

"It is entirely possible that marriage will disappear, but if so, it will be in accordance with the laws of evolution," Holmes declared. "Evolution does not necessarily mean progress," he pointed out. "There are two kinds of evolution, one of progress and one of retrogression or devolution, as it sometimes is called."

The marriage of the future, according to Dr. Holmes, must be founded upon three basic fundamentals. He cited these as follows:

"Sex relations must be more or less public; secrecy is intolerable.

"The union must be bound by social sanction and a policy similar to that of Russia may be adopted, which consists of a couple going before an official and declaring their intentions of living together.

"Marriage must be monogamous. These basic factors can never change or serious results will follow."

Dr. Holmes scoffed at the idea of companionate marriages as being an innovation. Such marriages have taken place for years, he contended, but no particular name had heretofore been given them.

"It is only something that has been practiced for years by the majority of intelligent people," he said.

Miss Lena Wayne Mills, Miss Bernice Stubbs and Miss Alida Macune visited in San Angelo Tuesday.

Census Bureau Gives Cotton Figures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Census Bureau announced today that 12,071,799 bales of cotton had been ginned to December 13, as compared with 15,540,804 bales for the same period in 1926.

Curtis and Clinton Reese are at home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reese. They are attending Texas Tech at Lubbock.

SEVERE BURN PUTS JOHNSON IN HOSPITAL

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—State Highway Commissioner Cone Johnson is in a local hospital suffering from severe burns on his left hand received Friday night while on a hunting trip.

The camp stool on which the commissioner was sitting, collapsed, catapulting him into the camp fire.

J. P. Rhumann, a student of Texas Technological College, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.



During the good Yuletide season and then when those joys are over may you enter upon a new era of prosperity and happiness during which the best of health will be yours.

In all sincerity and with full appreciation of its broad meaning we send this message to those who have seen fit to favor us with patronage during the past year.

THE IVORY

"Everything"



Greetings of the Season

The Magic of Christmas

Now that Christmas is here again with its magic world of beautiful things designed especially to make happy, and since all the days and nights are filled with its spirit of good cheer, we are wishing for you the largest possible share in the very best enjoyments of the season.

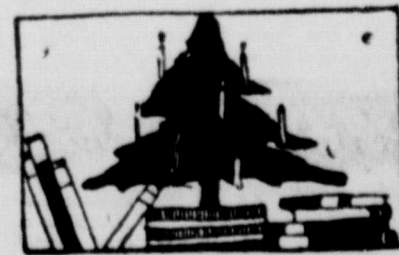


Sykes Motor Co.



We Won't Talk Business Now

Our business talks pretty well for itself—anyhow to those who come around in listening distance, but just now we want to tell you that we are hoping that you will gather in great portions of Christmas joy to divide with your family and friends and that you will all have enough left over to last you all through the days of the New Year.



Bettis & Sturges



May Your Cup Be Full of Cheer this Christmas!

—hold rich treasures of happiness for you and as you are engulfed in the spirit of the season may you have no other desire than to be happy to make those about you happy too.

We ask that you also accept, with this Christmas message, our thanks for your business during 1927.

Jeanes Co,



"Now Lucindy afore I fergit it I want to ask ye agin what is the name of them fine chickings ye got at Jeanes' Poultry Farm and what wuz the price of them seven months old White Leghorn single comb pullets and what does he sell them baby chicks fer. I wuz a talkin to sister Gillwuzzer and we lowd beins we don't have much luck with settin' hens we'd better send yander to Jeanes Poultry Farm and git some pullets and baby chicks and some brooders and try raisin' chickings already hatched out in them lectricity incubators ye lowd Jeanes Poultry Farm has wuz hatches as many as 6,000 chickings ever week.

"Well Jeanes sells them White Leghorn baby chicks for \$15 per 100 and sells Hollywood strain single comb pullets at any age at the price of baby chicks plus five cents a week for every week making them seven months pullets come to 50 cents each which ain't so unreasonable beins ye haint had trouble of hatchin' and feedin' of 'em yerself and kin git 'em from Jeanes ready to begin layin them fine big aigs. Jeanes' chickings are plum healthy by him feedin' 'em green feed sich as rape and kale and some dry mash which is fed to 'em in troughs from the outside."

"Well, we're a figgerin' plum serus on sendin' out to Jeanes Poultry Farm and gittin' a passel of them pullets sich as ye say ye done when ye wuz thar and seed what fine lookin' chickings they wuz," said Mrs. Tweekins.

"Oh Jeanes shore will treat ye right and ye better send and git his catalogue tellin' everything about the fine chickings of his'n what has been takin' all them blue ribbons at big Fairs and all sich."

"Well, as I wuz sayin', arter Jeems Rainwater bein gone fer a right smart spell to get a sandwich me and Bill Smith and Troy Simpson who had just stepped up, sot thar a talkin, me a dippin' snuff and tellin' Troy and Sykes all about that Lizzie Fluke He Co. a strikin' lie on our Hog Mounting lease and payin' us sich a big royalty we won't never have to work no more—pervadin' my ole man don't git the big head a tryin' to soshate with the nobility of Ballinger and gittin' so deep into that thar e-light seristy which he spoke of gittin' in with, he'll spend all our money on high livin', and Troy Simpson told me as how I ort to watch my ole man and not let him git too fur into e-light seristy in Ballinger as to waste all our lie money in riotous livin' and all sich."

"They're exactly right, Lucindy, fer ye'll have to watch Jeems Rainwater plum close, with him a tryin' to butt into e-light seristy—at Ballinger like the way he is, and tryin' to soshate with them royalties and aristocrats down thar," admonished Mrs. Tweekins.

"Well, finely Jeems Rainwater arriv back at the Sykes Motor Co., a fetchin' a big passel of them sandwiches and passin' of 'em around to Bill Smith and O. C. Sykes and Laron Johnson and also handin' out one to Troy Simpson who had just stepped in, all of 'em acceptin' of 'em and eatin' 'em plum greedily like them a sayin' as how them wuz the best ever et by any of 'em and—"

"Well when men folks gets their stumicks full they're plum ready fer gallivantin' around somewhars, so I reckon Jeems Rainwater wuz then ready to git out and doll hisself up, wuz he?" asked Mrs. Tweekins in sarcastic tones.

"Well arter I got my jints rubbed up with that lincrimin, I flet some spryer in my walkin' and as I seed Ballinger was sich a sizeable town and them stores peared to be so fine and big I jist told that obligein' Bill Smith that bring us into Ballinger that I wuz lowin' to do all my shoppin' fer Alvir and them brats of hern thar in Ballinger and he sez, sez he, 'Ye couldn't git a better place to trade nor with more accomodativer folks with better stocks nowhar on this green airth and I'm plum willin' to pilot ye around if ye'll wait over yander at Higginbotham's or at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store or if ye'll jist wait here til I sorter santer around to see if I kin locate them fellers what owes me I'll come back and git you and yer ole man and show ye around Ballinger and also have ye out yander to git ye acquainted with Paul Jeanes and take a look at the Jeanes Poultry Farm, but is thar anywhars perticuler ye'd like fer me to pint ye to right away so's ye kin go thar whilst I'm a huntin' the fellers that owes me the money?" sez he.

"Then up speaks Laron Thompson and sez he, 'Mr. Rainwater, if ye is a huntin' a chicking farm which Mrs. Rainwater sez must be het up with gas and lit up with lectricity, and close to the West Texas Coaches, so's ye kin git on 'em every thirty minutes and go either east or west (providin' yer new Whippet is sorter out of grear and has to be brought

her to Sykes Motor Co. repair shops to be fixed) there aint no use in ye a-goin' nary step furder when ye are a-sittin' right in the middle of the aig-basket of Texas—Ballinger—whar ye kin loot outen yer winder in any direction and see them comfortable lookin' chicking farms with White Leghorn chickings and turkeys a-roamin' all over the prairies so don't let no grass grow under yer feet till ye see a hustlin' real estate feller and git yerself located right here in the garden spot of Texas, whar I kin keep yer new Whippet all tuned up and in good repair," sez Laron, and Bill Smith agreein' with him."

"And ye say ye located thar?" "Right thar in Ballinger whar we are a-goin' to spend the rest of our days ridin' to and from on them West Texas Coaches and so's we kin live in a house what kin be sarviced with the lectricity sent out on them wires and poles of that West Texas Utilities Co., and so's we kin git hooked up with all them new fangled house-keepin' implements sich as percolatin' coffee pots, irons, washing machines, sewin' machines, and sweepin' machines and everythin' them city folks has to keep 'em from workin' their heads off."

"Yer say yer farm is het with the Community Gas Co. natural gas from hem Lone Star Gas Co.'s pipe lines and let with lectricified lights? Lawsy massy, I didn't know how country folks had sich conveniences as them?" remarked Saffronia.

"To be shore, they have 'em if they got sense enough to locate on a farm nigh Ballinger whar that Community Gas Co. kin git to 'em with them pipes of their'n which they are a-buildin' all over Runnels county a-takin' gas to folks to cook with and to heat their houses with."

"Well Jeems Rainwater he jist up and told O. C. Sykes that as soon as he could go somewhar and git some britches (and good stout galuses that wouldn't bust) he shore would come back and figger with him on gittin' a bran new Whippet automobile; but he wanted to take a little winder around Ballinger and hunt up the feller he had heard wuz a-sellin' chicking farms awful cheap; but beins his back wuz a-hurtin' him so terrible and also his stumick he believed some of his insides wuz busted from pullin' and tuggin' at that flivver to get hit outen the ditch and he'd have to git Dr. Nettie Montgomery as quick as he could to git his busted backbone 'jused' up; but sez he "I don't believe Bill is goin' to have time to take me thar afore he goes out to Jeanes Poultry Farm with them settin' aigs."

"Yes," sez Bill Smith, "I have got these durned settin' aigs on my hands what Mirandy told me to be shore and sartin to deliver the very fast thing this mornin' right out yander to Jeanes Poultry Farm so's Jeanes kin git 'em in the incubator an' datched out into chickings so's Mirandy kin have a fine passel of spring chickings ready fer the market in about two months whilst they're a fetchin' a fine price; but if I fool away much more time around here them aigs will be too old to hatch, but I'll pint ye to Dr. Nettie Montgomery's office."

"Leave them aigs right here in the office. A. R. Jones is plum safe to leave 'em with, and he'll watch 'em fer ye," sez O. C. Sykes.

"Well," sez Bill, "I ain't so durned afear'd of A. R. Jones a pesterin' of these here aigs as I am of that pesky yaller dorg a layin' yander sunnin' hisself and which Mr. Rainwater has almost drowned with terbacker juice a spittin' on him but he ain't judged nary inch so I'm afear'd he's a aig suckin' dorg and would enjoy hisself a nice mess of fresh aigs if he could git to 'em."

"So I think I'll haul the Rainwaters right down yander to Higginbotham's general merchandise store and git 'em acquainted with the obligein' manager, R. T. Williams, who I have knowed fer a right smart spell and let him fix 'em up in bran new duds."

"And whilst they're a tradin' I'll jist step around to the farmer department of Higginbotham's and tigger with C. G. Jennings on a good stout cradle fer little Tommy Bianton (him a bein our jettiest baby and Mirandy tryin her durnest to wean him and the little pest pinterly won't stand fer it), so Mirandy she jist sez this mornin', by golly she's a goin' to wean the little dickens wnanther he wants to be weaned or not, so she told me to be shore and git C. G. Jennings to send out the stoutest cradle he's got in Higginbotham's furnier store so little Tommy Bianton can't rock the durn thing over, so's he kin sleep by nissit ter she sez she pinterly ain't a goin' to be pestered with him no longer a kickin' uer in the stumick an night long because he don't want to be weaned."

"Lawsy massy, now that's jist the capers my attie arly mayiled cut when I wuz tryin' to wean him; and I jist put the little duckens in his cradle, give him a sugar tit and let

him bawl his head off fer several nights hand runnin' till he seed hit warn't no use, then he quit; and that's what Mirandy ort to do with little Tommy Bianton," declared Mrs. Tweekins.

"Well, take yer aigs along then, but be shore and fetch Mr. and Mrs. Rainwater back here soon before I sell out all them Whippets," sez O. C. Sykes as he hope Bill Smith boost me up into the wagon agin so's we could git started out to do our tradin'."

"Well on the way thar, Bill Smith lowd he wuz awful afear'd he fergit to fetch out some of the things his ole woman told him to fetch and do some of the things she told him to do amongst which the mainest things wuz fer him not to fergit to borrow money from the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, go to the West Texas Utilities and pay the lectricity bill and also have Earl Morley, the district superintendent, to send out Bob Galbraith or A. L. Brady or Henry Coleman (she didn't give a rap which un), to figger on puttin' some more of them lectricity plugs on the front and back porch and also in them new brooders of her'n which she bought last week from Ed Arthur at Higginbotham's hardware store so's she kin keep them little chickings warm if hit comes a freeze."

"And she told me," sez he, "not to fergit to buy a new Reznor gas heater from Ed Arthur to put in the two twin gals' bed room, fer since she's got hooked up with them gas pipes the Community Gas Co. is a-runnin' out thar she is a goin' to git the hull house het up and this is one winter she lowd to keep warm since the Lone Star Gas Co. wuz a seein' to thar nobody in the county must do without gas and git cold if they got sense enough to move nigh to them Community gas pipes."

"And," sez Bill, "this here green string is fer payin lectricity bills, yaller string to rickolect to git a new gas stove from Higginbotham's, pink string fer them pink silk step-ins fer them two twin gals at Higginbotham's, and now lemme think what in the devil does this here brown string stand fer?" sez Bill as he fingered them strings.

"He must be powerful fergitful."

"Oh Bill peared to be awful fergitful; but we drive on and fast thing we knowed we had arriv at es fine and sizeable lookin' store as I ever seed, three stories high, and hit pearin to kiver a hull block, on count of hit bein a hardware, dry goods, and furniter store combined whar Bill Smith lowd a body could git any thing 'from the cradle to the grave,' them havin' a awful fine undertakin' department thar whar a body kin git themselves a very fine coffin thar if they need one."

"Lawsy massy Lucindy, who on airth would want to be gittin their-selves a fine coffin," exclaimed Saffronia Higgins, raising her hands in horror at the thought.

"To be shore not many folks gits their own coffins; but when they git a chanst to trade with their ole friend, like I done when I seed Cos Jennings wuz a ole time Coon Skin Crossin' boy and I wanted to be plum friendly with him so I hauled off and made arrangements with Cos to hold hisself in readiness any minute to do a little undertakin' fer me and—"

"Shet yer mouth! Ye never bought no coffin fer yerself at Higginbotham's did ye?" asked Mrs. Tweekins in amazement.

"No, not fer myself, but I reckon ye heard told about me arrangements with Cos Jennings to funeralize my ole man, Jeems Rainwater, and fetch out a reasonable priced coffin in case Jeems Rainwater happened to drap dead or die a natural death if he don't drive into no ditch and git kilt? (Arter I got re-acquainted with Cos and seed he wuz the same Cos Jennings what usen to help Jeremier Thunderbug in the undertakin' business at Coon Skin and me a knowin' Cos would do a plum good job of undertakin' on my ole man and funeralize him plum proper!)"

"Lawsy massy No! Lucindy, shorely ye warn't arragin' with Cos Jennings to funeralize Jeems Rainwater when he aint dead yet? Now do tell how come?" urged Saffronia Higgins.

"To be shore I did after Cos Jennings bein so accomodatid as to take me through that thar morgue of their'n at Higginbotham's Furniture store and then show me what a fine stock of coffins they had on hand at reasonable prices and treating me so friendly the day I seed that thar fine ambulance of their'n a settin' thar and me thinkin hit wuz one of them fine West Texas Coaches or maybe a sigh tscin bus, and my feet bein terrible sore and me tired of walkin, I seed that big fine car hitched thar so I jist clum up into the thing and lowd I'd take a little ride around the city and view the sights of Ballinger whilst restin of my feet."

"Ye say ye did?" asked both women at once.

"Yes, me never havin no idee hit wuz one of them ambulances which Higginbotham had jist bought so's to haul dead corpses around more stylisher and beins I wanted t ogo to see Sam Berhinger at the Piggly Wiggly Grocery and git a passel of groceries from him I jist lowd I'd ride right up to the Piggly Wiggly store in that fine automobile and sorter dazzle Sam with my fine appearance and—"

"Lawsy massy Lucindy now shorely now shorely ye never clum up into no hearse did ye?"

"To be shore Saffrony, me not knowin what hit wuz I wuz figgerin also on gittin the obligein driver to take me arround to that fine lectricity store of them West Texas Utilities so's I could git one of them fine percolatin coffee pots I seed in the winder and also one of them Federal Washing Machines which I bought offen the obligein Bill Coleman, the very day Bill Smith went around thar to git some more lectricity plugs put in his barn and chick ing house and told Bill Coleman to send out thar thar Frigidiaire to Mirany so's she could git a little rest from totin ice from the West Texas Ice Co., to put in their refrigerator which wuz more out and me a seein all them house-keepin implements and havin my mind made up I warn't goin to live without them kinveniences I had wanted all my life and me with plenty of money I jist hauled off and bought one of them Federal Washin Machines and also one of 'em Fedelo Caccumm Cleaners, sich as my niece Sary Jane Peabody has got yander in Breckinridge, but I plum fergot to git a percolatin coffee pot, so I wuz on my way thar to git the percolatin coffee pot so's I would have to drink nno more biled coffee when them West Texas Utilities is a sellin them lectricified percolatin coffee pots so cheap."

"Shore noough?"

"Well, I tell ye this world shore is a movin' plum fast," declared Mrs. Tweekins while Saffronia rocking back and forth remarked, "Well, I will say as much, if folks is a beginnin' to use lightin' from the skies fer cookin', washin', and sweepin', milkin' making ice and all sich."

"And lowd I'd git in and drive out thar arter I got them groceries at Piggly Wiggly, ricomended so highly by Bill Smith and likely as not I'd drap in and take a look at Earl Morley's little new baby boy, named William Harold and which I had heer from Earl Morley hisself, him a bein the district superintendent, wuz the peacertest baby in Ballinger and which took up so much of Earl's time a loving of him and kissin of him and tryin to eat him up hen hant skeeredy no time to take keer of them purty flowers he has got planted out so tasty like at the West Texas Ice Co., which smiling Howard the porter waters so keerful, and whar my ole man went and sot fer a plum hour a talkin and chawin and spittin and—"

"Hits a plum wonder he didnt spit all over them purty flowers of Earl Morley's, but Lucindy shorely ye didn't ride out to West Texas Utilities and Piggly Wiggly in Higginbotham's big fine ambulance did ye?"

"Oh, to be shore I didn't fer the obligein driver he sez to me jist as I wuz climbin in holdin my shoes inn my hand fer I had been settin down on the side walk a dippin snuff and restin of my feet whilst I wuz askin everybody that come along if they had seed a ole man wit long bushy whiskers follered by a passel of Ballinger boot leggers me never havin no idee that my ole man long shaved off every one of them long bushy whiskers (plum unbeknownst to me and wuz right that minute all dressed up in the mnew golf britches which Jimmy Jacobsson w ho is a who is a sparkin one of them twineses of Bill Smith, I think hit is Sulfernio had invegeled him into gittin the same day he sold him them other new britches and galuses and also them ridiculous sleepin britches with a coat to match 'em."

"Sleepin britches, Lucindy? Lawsy massy, I never had no idee the men folks had took to sleepin in britches and coats," declared Saffronia shaking her head in bewilderment at the startling announcement.

"Yes they have and him a galivatin Be wise and advertise."

around them golf grou... wit Karmanly the obligein... Higginbothams and their... the Ballinger Country Club... which holes they went into... "The scandalous idee of growed up men a throwin golf balls all over the prairie an dthen huntin them to see if they went into ary hole in the ground" scornfully remarked Mrs. Tweekins so—

"Well as I wuz a saying the obligein driver he come up to me and sez he—"

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandervanter, Horace Murphy and Jim Johnson left Monday night for San Antonio, where they will be with Mrs. Vandervanter's father, L. P. Wood, pioneer ranchman of this county, who was to have been operated on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Wood and other members of the family were already in San Antonio.



A Merry Christmas

—just the good old fashioned greeting:
From Our House to Your House
—and we say it because we mean it.

STONE'S

1928

The Future

Step by step, as you travel the pathway of 1928, may each move bring you nearer the goal of your heart's desire.

The old year is gone with its memories only left. It was a year in which much progress was made.

But the New Year is before us. So with our faces toward the sun of this new year that is dawning, we have resolved in our hearts to do our utmost to show in a tangible manner, our sincere appreciation of the confidence and loyalty of our patrons in the past.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Star Light, Fire Light
Candle Light, Electric Light



WHATEVER kind shines upon you and wherever its beams find you, may you be secure in the companionship of friends and loved ones, with heart lightened by happiness and faces glowing with smiles as you realize to its fullest the supreme joys of the Christmas season.

Although it is our hope and aim to spread cheer and good will through all the days of the year, we find special delight in giving expression to the feeling that is within us and give glad welcome to the opportunity offered by the Yuletide season to broadcast our greetings.

We are thinking, too, of what our patrons have meant to us in the years past. You are our friends. For you we are constantly striving, thinking, planning. To merit the confidence you exhibit by entrusting your business to us is our highest ambition.

To day, as we look to the year ahead, we find ourselves imbued with a new spirit of service, renewed determination to press on and to make our business go beyond your expectations—to press closer to the ideal of service and the maximum in value and quality.

We trust that we may be privileged to serve you in 1928 that we may put into practice the sentiment herein expressed.

We would not forget in this Yuletide message to our friends everywhere to add a word of appreciation for patronage of the year now drawing to a close and to wish you a very happy and prosperous new year as well.

West Texas Utilities Company



CLASSIFIED ADS.

LOST—Sunday, between Brownwood and Goldthwaite, a suitcase, containing bed linen and other articles. Belongs to Walter Parker, Ballinger. Return to Mrs. George Parker, 405 East Chandler, Brownwood. 22-2td-1tw

LOST—Gold Necklace with three green spangles. Finder please return to Mrs. P. C. Straley at D. Reeder Dry Goods Co. d&wtf-*

FOR SALE—Good milch cow, giving four gallons or better. R. E. White, Novice, Rt. 1, five miles northeast of Crews. 23-2w-*

FOR SALE—Still have five nice Jersey cows for sale. Apply to G. W. Ash, Crews. 1tw

FOR SALE—Good Mesquite Cord Wood, \$3 per cord. Two miles west of Maverick. Renza Lee. 23-6tw-*

WANTED—To buy second-hand well drill. L. F. Loika, Ballinger. 12-1td-2tw-*

FOR SALE—880 acres with some irrigation; 60 per cent in cultivation; about fifty budded pecan trees and lots of native trees, on the Main Concho River. Will sell all or any part of it. Terms: Herman Schneemann, 10th Angelo National Bank Building, San Angelo. 9-4w

FOR SALE—Choice young dogs, weigh about 175-200 lbs. 10c on foot; 15c dressed and delivered. P. R. Dietz, Crews. 12-2td-2tw-*

FOR SALE—A number of pure bred Narragansett turkeys for breeding purposes. Toms \$8, and hens \$6, each. W. H. Brown, Winters, Route 5, Box 28. Phone 2611, Norton. 16-2tw-*

LOST—One bay Mare, five years old, bald face. Finder notify W. E. Bredemeyer, Winters, Texas. 16-1td-2w-*

LEVEL MESQUITE, Brand new land, \$4 per acre harvests the wood. Less than half the price of "improved" old land. 1500 feet to Salt Gap School, 8 miles to Melvin. Allow above market price for cotton. William Henry, Paint Rock, and Ballinger agents. 10-1td-1tw-*

BIRTUS
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yancey are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine son Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Yancey, whose home is at Maud, Oklahoma, are here visiting Rev. W. S. Yancey. Mother and babe are both doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Egan, Sr., received a telegram from Joe Egan, of Dallas, Monday, announcing the arrival of a fine son Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Egan are here visiting Rev. W. S. Yancey. Mother and babe are both doing fine.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Jon Eubanks and Miss Lillian Carty.
W. L. Crofton and Mrs. Robis Crawford.
V. E. Coleman and Miss Mila Collingsworth.
Gray Blackman and Miss Opal Doyle.
Earl Pierce and Miss Lou Grubbs.
Cecil Dixon and Miss Zellie McQueen.
Clifford Cope and Miss Leona Foreman.
Civilo Lopez and Miss Jesus Castanan.
Herman Overman and Miss Lucille Vicars.
Dan Miller and Miss Ethel Archie.
Dolly Nichols and Miss Gladys King.

Ed Hall, Cadillac and LaSalle dealer of Brownwood, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business and incidentally to deliver a new LaSalle five-passenger sedan to F. M. Pearce.

BENOIT ITEMS

As one norther follows another in succession, we are realizing winter is holding on with a firm grip, but just the same cold weather makes us feel the Christmas spirit and know old Santa will soon pay us a visit.

Some of the school children have been attacked with the chicken-pox. The two little boys of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pullin are the latest victims up to this time.

C. M. Gibson returned from Mason county Tuesday night with two fine bucks.

Mrs. P. Q. Echols and little daughter, Geraldine, returned to Caddo Wednesday to remain through the holidays. Mr. Echols will continue drilling on the Alsworth-Werner well until Christmas and he will then join Mrs. Echols to help partake of the turkey dinner with home folks.

Andy Spreen and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lange Sunday.

Gordon Gressett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Woodrow Cox.

Ben Wallace came in Saturday from the plains country to visit friends a few days before going to Mineral Wells, his home town, to spend Christmas.

Mrs. L. B. Rappy motored to Coleman Monday. She was joined at Talpa by Mr. and Mrs. Rome Williams. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton went to Abilene Saturday to take Grandma Clayton, who has been visiting her for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Werner, of Rowena, spent Sunday with E. A. Werner and family.

Jim Clayton and Spreen brothers unloaded a car of feed here Monday and Tuesday.

Alton Stewart breezed in Saturday to spend a few days.

Wishing a Merry Christmas. "REPORTER."

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Misses Leola and Geneva Boyer visited in Abilene Sunday.

Curtis and Clinton Reese, of Lubbock, came in Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fritts and son, Garrett, of Wilcox, Arizona, Miss Kathleen Freeman will

came in Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Fritts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Mrs. R. E. Brown left Saturday for Dallas, after a call from her daughter, one of whose children has pneumonia.

Mrs. Tuckey, of near Crews, came down last week to be with her mother, Mrs. Hettie Gaddberry, who was sick. Mrs. Gaddberry is now able to be up and about.

Lennis Brown came in from Dallas Tuesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown.

Mrs. W. C. Rayburn and baby, of Dallas, came in Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Mrs. T. P. Brown spent the day Saturday in Coleman with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, of Cross Plains, and brother, Homer Brown, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown and Homer Brown all returned to Cross Plains Monday morning.

The South Ward school will close the last of the week for the holidays.

H. M. Leach and Charles Midgley left last week after a few days stay here with home folks. "BLUE BONNET"

Holiday Special on Cane Sugar 100 lbs. \$6.35, 25 lbs. \$1.63. Every day in the week. U. E. Hartman. d-16-23-30 3tw

CREWS NEWS

Rev. B. B. Edmiston filled his regular appointment in the Methodist Church Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Misses Erma Wilkerson, Mildred Madison and Jessie Lee Brown spent the day with Misses Thelma and Neoma Cox, of Star, Sunday.

Champ Clark Burrus came home from Brownwood Friday, and will remain here until January.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry and son, Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Traylor were guests in the J. G. Phipps home Sunday.

George Walden, of Ereck, Oklahoma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walden, and other relatives here.

Miss Kathleen Freeman will

present her music class in a recital at the Methodist Church, Wednesday night, December 21, 1927.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a Christmas program Sunday night, December 25th, 1927.

The Ladies Aid met at the Baptist Church Thursday afternoon to prepare a Christmas box for the Baptist orphans home at Waxahachie, Texas.

The Women's Missionary Society met Friday afternoon and prepared a Christmas box for the Methodist home in Waco.

The Crews boys and girls basketball teams went to Ballinger last Friday afternoon. The boys played with Miles and lost, the score being 32 to 26. The girls played a short game with the Ballinger girls, just for sport, and won the game. The score was 15 to 0.

The party at Clifford Wood's Friday night was well attended. All reported a nice time.

Miss Velma Mathis, of Winters, spent Friday night with her aunt, Mrs. Clifford Wood.

Miss Norma Bradley spent Friday night with Miss Lois Dietz. "REPORTER."

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I. O. Wooden
Office, C. O. D. Grocery Co. 19-4td-4tw

PYORRHEA — SORE GUMS: Your friends dare not say so, but your sore gums and foul breath don't make folks like you any better. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy will make you more welcome everywhere. Druggists return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 1td

Miss Mabel Brewer returned home Tuesday night from Southwestern University at Georgetown, where she has been attending school, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer.

Holiday Special on Cane Sugar 100 lbs. \$6.35, 25 lbs. \$1.63. Every day in the week. U. E. Hartman. d-16-23-30 3tw

W. H. Jackson, the cheerful dairyman, is back in town after a short treatment for his ailment by a Coleman specialist. Mr. Jackson says he feels some better, but he will probably go back for further treatment after the holidays.

L. P. WOOD IMPROVED LATE MONDAY EVENING

L. P. Wood, pioneer of this section, who underwent a serious operation in San Antonio early Tuesday morning, was slightly improved later Monday evening.

a telegram to Wesley Wood, a son, from Pat Wood, another son, stated.

Mr. Wood has been in the Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, for several days, taking treatment preparatory to the operation.

PALACE THEATRE

Friday and Saturday Big Double Program
FRED THOMPSON
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A "Western" that's a blue streak for speed. A story that never drags nor becomes too deadly serious. With romance interwoven with the pell-mell action.

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May 1928 bring you all the many longings of your heart.

And as for ourselves, we believe we can find real happiness in serving you in 1928, if you'll grant us the opportunity.

We want to thank you one and all for your loyalty, co-operation and good will—without which we could do nothing. Yours for better service.

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To the Young
May you garner treasures of happy experiences during these Christmas holidays that will gladden your memory through all the years to come.

To the Older
May you renew again in the perennial spirit of Christmas the vigor of your eternal youth, living over again the joyful hours of the cherished past and adding them to the pleasures of the present.

To All--
A Merry, Merry Christmas
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TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

With the passing of the year, there comes a desire to express to you, who have so materially added to our progress, a deep appreciation for what you have done to make this year of pleasant associations. We appreciate your friendship, your confidence in us and your loyalty to us.

According to our custom for the past 21 years, we will have for distribution, commencing Tuesday, January 3rd, 1928, our NEW CALENDARS. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

The picture 'BLUE BONNETS' the Texas State Flower by the famous artist Onderdonk, which has proven so popular in the past. We will not have the privilege again of buying a reproduced Blue Bonnet scene by this artist as a calendar.

As long as the supply lasts they are yours for the asking whether you do your banking with us or not.

We hope the NEW YEAR will see all your expectations realized and bring to you success, happiness and prosperity in brimming measure.

Your friends,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ballinger