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WATCHHORN-KING WELL GETS OIL

POLITICAL POT BOILS AS BLANTON ANNOUNCES AGAINST MAYFIELD

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, for many years the representative of this, the 17th district in the House, started the Texas political pot to boiling Wednesday when he formally announced he would enter the race for the United States Senate to oppose Earle B. Mayfield, incumbent.

This is what happened: Former Governor O. B. Colquit announced he would be a candidate in the Senatorial race and immediately prepared his resignation from the state tax survey commission.

Col. R. Q. Lee, prominent West Texan of Cisco, former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, announced he would be a candidate to succeed Representative Blanton.

Reports came from Coleman that State Senator Walter Woodward had left hurriedly for Austin and that he was considering announcing for congress to succeed Mr. Blanton.

State Senator A. A. Wood, formerly of this city, and a close friend of Gov. Dan Moody, expressed the opinion that Gov. Moody would run again for governor.

Reports emanating from Austin were to the effect that Judge W. R. Ely, member of the State Highway Commission, may resign and enter the race for congress.

There are other announcements for the governor's office, including Louis J. Wardlaw, formerly of this city; Mrs. Edith Wilmans, of Dallas, an "also ran" of the 1926 gubernatorial race; Lee Satterwhite, of Amarillo, speaker of the Texas House, possibly Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller, and one or two others.

Runnels county politics are yet slow, and may remain so. There have been no opponents to announce against any of the present office holders and none are in sight at present, but there is still plenty of time and this county may yet experience a hot race or two.

Texas is in for a good election year, with the Democratic National Convention to be held in Houston starting on June 26th. Texans will see Texas' greatest year in politics, probably, with many contests for state, district and county offices. Events during the past year or more will probably bring about many changes and create new alignments.

Active and intensive campaigns are expected in the campaigns for the national Senate and House, with possibly "fireworks" to develop in the gubernatorial derby.

TWENTY-SEVEN CIVIL CASES SINCE NOV. 16

Twenty-seven civil cases have been filed in the district court here, the docket showed Thursday, since November 16, 1927. In the October term of court 55 civil cases were filed.

Attorneys have until Thursday, January 26, to file suits for service during the February term of court.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holliday and son, of Abilene, and Miss Ruth Holliday, who is attending Simmons University at Abilene, spent the week-end in Ballinger with relatives.

Car Thieves Held in Las Cruces, N.M.

William Magnuson and Joseph Evon, two men about 25 or 30 years of age, are being held in the county jail at Las Cruces, New Mexico, following their arrest recently after they had hi-jacked two boys near that city. The men were driving the Oakland coupe belonging to Miss Ima McKown of this city, which was stolen from her garage on Eleventh Street the night of January 4th.

Trace of the car was found several days ago in the western edge of Texas and the arrest was made after the thieves had held up the two youths.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams said Thursday morning that these men were the ones who broke into the Holt Oil Company station, the Red Top station and the Tyson station here. He declared that several of the articles taken from the Holt station had been identified.

It is a question as to whether the men will be returned here or not at present as the New Mexico authorities are holding them on the robbery charge.

"We will get them back if possible," Sheriff McWilliams said Thursday.

The car is reported to be in fairly good condition.

ANGELO OIL MAN BUYS BLOCK IN RUNNELS FIELD

H. E. Lemar, who has offices in the St. Angelus Hotel at San Angelo was in Ballinger Saturday morning for a short time while en route to San Angelo from a business trip east. Mr. Lemar has purchased a block of acreage northeast of the Vacuum-McMillan No. 1 and expects to drill a well on this block, to be spudded some time in February or March.

Mr. Lemar is watching with interest the Swensondale et al-Werner No. 1, the Empire-Gray No. 1, and the Watchhorn-King No. 1.

ATKINS PAYS FINE; STROUD YET IN JAIL

Charles Atkins, of McCamey, arrested with O. G. Stroud, filling station operator of this city, on a charge of drunkenness, has paid his fine of \$25 and has been released from the county jail.

Stroud, who is charged with driving a car while intoxicated, is being held in jail in default of \$2,000 bond.

The difference between colleges and nations is that colleges sever relations to prevent trouble—Detroit News.

CLAUDE—Ditch lines for natural gas are being laid here.

Hickman Defense Makes Effort for a New Judge

MAKES BOND IN NEW THEFT CASE

Norman Wilkerson, of San Angelo, married, and the father of five children, was released from the county jail here Tuesday afternoon after he had made bond of \$1,000 in connection with charges filed against him for the theft of a cultivator and double-row planter from the F. R. Lowe farm south of Winters, about two weeks ago.

Wilkerson was arrested at San Angelo recently after the cultivator and planter had been found on the farm of his father southwest of San Angelo by Tom Green county officers. He denied knowledge of the theft but evidence gathered by Deputy S. T. Clark of Winters and Tom Green county officers was sufficient for the charge.

Defendant is alleged to have stolen the farm implements on January 13th, his alleged accomplice being a woman, Mrs. Mae Mannahan, a divorcee. No charge was filed against her. Deputy Clark and Mr. Lowe trailed the implements to San Angelo and there lost the trail. Tom Green county officers aided and the machinery was found.

O. G. Stroud, of this city, a filling station operator, who had been held in jail on charges of driving while intoxicated, being arrested following a collision on the Ballinger-Coleman road in which a woman and her baby were hurt, has made bond of \$2,000 and has been released, officers stated Wednesday.

17,000 Lbs. Hens Shipped to New York

Three thousand, eight hundred and forty hens, weighing 17,000 pounds, left Ballinger railroad yards Friday for the New York markets. The birds were valued at 17 cents per pound. Arthur Dooze, manager of the Ballinger Poultry and Egg Co., the consignee, said Saturday morning.

These fowls were all purchased here. The Ballinger Poultry and Egg Co. has shipped a number of carloads of hens and turkeys since October, 1927.

BOY KILLS 9,347 RATS IN FIVE WEEKS

WAXAHACHIE, Jan. 20.—"I just went out with a dog and stick and dug them out of their holes."

That's Henry Moucka's account of how he killed 9,347 rats in this county in five weeks time. He and other rat killing champions were feted at a recent mass meeting here.

Henry, a Bohemian lad, was presented with a repeating rifle as a reward for his war on rodents.

Just how much praise would the busy bee get if he spent his time storing up something man couldn't steal!—Regina Leader.

Be wise and advertise.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The defense sprang a surprise in the trial of William Edward Hickman for the murder of little Marian Parker, when the youthful attorney, Jerome Walsh entered an objection to Superior Judge Carlos Hardy presiding.

A pall of silence hung over the crowded court room as Judge Hardy perused the defense's exceptions.

When Judge Hardy finished he asked the defense if it wished to argue the motion, but Walsh said he would stand on the written exceptions.

The court then recessed until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon while the court took the motion under advisement.

Walsh sprang up and declared the defense was prepared to go to trial immediately.

The defense's exceptions charged that Judge Hardy was biased and couldn't give Hickman a fair trial.

THREE SISTERS, 60, PLAN TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

DENVER, Jan. 24.—Three sisters, all widows, and all over 60 years of age, are today planning a "trip around the world," following their return here recently from a seven weeks sojourn in the Orient.

The traveling widows are Mrs. Edwin Van Cise and Mrs. Evelyn Shotwell, of Denver; and Mrs. James A. Risk, of St. Louis, Mo.

The trio have made several trips to continental Europe.

Gin Report 12 Million to January 16

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The 1927 cotton crop ginned prior to January 16, 1928, was 12,501,845 bales, as compared with 16,616,975 bales for the previous year, according to the Census Bureau report, released today.

BLIND MAN IS HURT IN FALL FIXING RADIO

MILES, Jan. 23.—R. A. Grimes, well known rancher and capitalist of Runnels and San Saba counties, making his home here, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when he fell ten feet from the roof of the porch at his home to a concrete sidewalk.

He received a fractured skull and internal injuries. Mr. Grimes had been blind for several years. He was in the act of changing his radio aerial when he fell from the porch. Walking to town every day unguided, Mr. Grimes made his way rather well to be sightless.

Engraved calling cards, birth announcements, and correspondence cards, wedding stationery, pounce stationery. Ballinger Printing Co. 13-1fd

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The McMillan pool, producing high gravity oil, was extended two miles to the southwest Wednesday night when several bailers of the oil were run from a depth of 2,295 feet in the Watchhorn-King No. 1, about five miles north of Ballinger.

The oil was struck about 9:00 o'clock Wednesday night and drilling was immediately suspended.

Parties visiting the well through Wednesday night and early Thursday morning declared it was good for at least 25 barrels daily in its present condition. The sand was barely touched. The bit will be sent deeper into the sand as soon as storage tanks arrive here to take care of the petroleum.

Two wells, drilling north of Ballinger are daily nearing the expected pay, drilling reports from the wells indicated Tuesday morning. They are the Empire-Gray No. 1, underreaming at about 2,400 feet, and the Watchhorn-King No. 1, underreaming near 2,200 feet.

These two wells will probably tell whether or not the McMillan pool extends to the south and southwest. They will also probably determine whether there is a larger pool than under the present producer which blew itself in on Saturday, August 27, 1927, and which has been making between 75 and 150 barrels daily since that date, under pump. The well last week produced 80 barrels daily, according to the weekly production report of West Texas fields.

It is hoped that within the next few weeks the Runnels county list will carry more than one well and be producing oil in greater quantity.

It is said that the logs of both the Empire and the Watchhorn have been running very close to that of the discovery well and if such is true oil pay should be encountered around 2,525 to 2,600 feet.

The No 2 offset of the Vacuum Oil Company is going down toward pay with its bit working at 1,900 feet, first in a streak of shale and then in lime. Drillers on this hole have been making unusually good time with little or no trouble. A split walking beam last Friday night delayed drilling operations until early Monday morning but the drillers are now continuing with full speed ahead.

Latest reports from the Kennedy, Talley No. 1, located four or five miles north of the pro-

ducer, stated the bit was down about 1,600 feet and still drilling.

The H. A. McLean et al-Clayton No. 1, northeast of Benoit, is drilling at 430 feet in hard lime. Drilling has been rather slow for the past few days due to the hard lime formation. This location is on a direct line between the McMillan well and the wells near Valera, Coleman county.

The Swensondale-Werner No. 1 was last reported to be underreaming around 2,050 to 2,100 feet.

H. B. May, Wichita Falls operator, is preparing to move a standard rig on to his Schneider No. 1, three miles east of Ballinger. This hole has been carried to about 1,300 feet.

Globe Oil Co.-Webb No. 1, ten miles south of Ballinger in the horseshoe bend of the Colorado River, is drilling around 400 feet. Latest reports from the Gibson & Johnson-Serratt No. 1, north of the city, stated that drilling was underway below 300 feet.

The Griswald-Willingham No. 1, a few hundred yards southwest of the producer, is shut down at about 875 feet and work is under way laying a gas line to the rig for fuel.

The Miles Oil Co.-Lawhon & Sons No. 1, northwest of Miles, is alleged to be in the hands of a receiver after being drilled down about 2,200 feet.

Rogers Hornsby, who was traded by the New York Giants because the customers somewhat ill-advisedly declared he was scheduled to fill Manager McGraw's shoes, probably realize now that "There's no King but Dodo."—Seattle Times.

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There's no use experimenting with uncertain methods in cases of this kind, when you can be sure. All you need do is follow the example of the millions of mothers who are using California Fig Syrup to give tone and strength to their children's stomach and intestines so they begin to act normally, of their own accord.

You'll be amazed to see how quickly this rich, fruity, pleasant-tasting preparation clears up the most stubborn cases of constipation and biliousness and makes weak, pale, lifeless children,

rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed and full of energy again.

Thousands of Texas mothers are praising California Fig Syrup. One of the most enthusiastic of them is Mrs. Henry Morsau, Jr., 2416 Wyoming Street, San Antonio. She says: "From the very first my little girl, Madeline, seemed to have trouble with her stomach and bowels. It had me terribly worried. I was just guessing and trying things until mother told me to give her California Fig Syrup. It cleared her trouble up in the shortest kind of time, and started her to gaining weight. Now she is the picture of health, as you can see by her photograph."

All drug stores have California Fig Syrup. Ask for it by the full name, so you'll get the genuine, endorsed by physicians for over 60 years.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP
RICH, FRUITY, ACTS QUICK!

County Home Agent Gives Interesting Data

Total valuation of the work done by the women's and girls' clubs of Rannels county, directed by Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, is \$88,181.80, a resume of her annual report shows.

The report speaks for itself and is well worth consideration.

The report was released several weeks ago but was only recently compiled for the press. It is as follows:

WOMEN'S CLUB WORK

Food Preparation—
221 women report adopting improved practices in bread making;

43 in meat cookery;
36 in vegetable cookery;
96 in preparation of dairy products;

76 in meal planning and service.

Food Preservation—

4851 1-2 qts. fruit and vegetables canned, value \$1,662.75
5375 qts. meat canned, value \$2,687.50

1027 qts. jelly and preserves, value \$618.85

64 qts. fruit juices, value \$12.80

375 qts. pickles made, value \$187.50

39 qts. fruits and vegetables dried, value \$2.50

19,902 lbs. meat cured, value \$2,985.30

Total value, \$9,157.50.

Clothing (Figures)—

Renovation and remodeling, 147 individuals

Costume designing, 101 individuals

Infant wardrobe planning, 48 individuals

Children's wardrobe planning, 304 individuals

Adult wardrobe planning, 129 individuals

No. dress forms made 11; value \$66.00

No. dresses and coats made 1,648; value \$14,832.00

No. undergarments made 670; value \$1,342.00

No. hats made 15; value \$45.00

Total \$16,285.00.

Home Dairying—

No. lbs. butter produced, 33,267

No. lbs. cheese made, 48

Value of butter used at home, \$14,721.50

7,648 lbs. butter sold, \$3,824.00

48 lbs. cheese, \$14.40

1,590 gallons cream and milk sold, \$636.00

Total, \$19,195.90

GIRLS CLUB WORK, 1927

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Food Production—

70 girls enrolled in poultry work with 11 completing;

48 girls enrolled in garden work, 26 completing;

5 girls enrolled in dairy work, 3 completing;

40 girls completed required cooking.

Food Preservation—

316 qts. vegetables canned, value \$79.00.

Home Management—

Eighteen women report following systematized plan of household work for first time; 27 keep accounts for first time; 42 homes obtained labor-saving devices at a cost of \$2,576.00.

House Furnishings—

75 individuals adopt improved practices in selection and arrangement;

19 individuals adopt improved practices in repairing and remodeling;

16 individuals adopt improved practices in walls, woodwork and floor treatments;

13 bedrooms remodeled;
4 living rooms;
8 dining rooms;
23 other rooms.
Value, \$1,296.00.

Beautification of Home Grounds—

No. homes painted, 4;

No. homes beautifying yards by planting of trees, shrubs, or flowers, 144.
Value, \$720.00.

Home Gardens—

264 gardens planted;

57 individuals set out fruit trees;

26 individuals set out bush or small fruit;

197 individuals adopt improved practices in growing vegetables this year;

23 individuals saving seed first time;

52 individuals growing fall gardens.
Value, \$2,304.00.

Home Poultry—

No. standard-bred chickens Jan 1927, 5,375;

No. standard-bred chickens raised, 12,672;

No. dozen eggs produced, 26,060;

Individuals first culling, 10;

Individuals controlling insects, 63;

Value of chickens used and sold, \$1,416.08

Value of turkeys used and sold, \$3,753.00;

Value of eggs used and sold, \$3,275.06;

Total, \$8,544.14.

Value of chickens on hand, \$36,094.00.

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407 qts. fruits canned, value \$203.50;

122 glasses jelly made, value \$24.40;

Total \$306.90.

819 meals prepared;

428 correct table service.

Clothing—

60 cup towels, value \$15.00;

60 pot holders, value \$15.00;

23 aprons, value \$23.00;

23 caps, value \$11.50;

13 cotton dresses, value \$52.00;

13 slips, value \$26.00;

13 pairs bloomers and teds, value \$26.00;

25 dresser scarfs, value \$37.50;

27 pairs pillow-cases, value \$40.50;

257 articles made, total value \$246.50.

Home Improvement—

123 yards were cleaned, 1,476 times;

33 girls planted flowers, and 2 built flower-boxes.

Weeks Drug Store

FORMER BALLINGER MAN RETURNS TO MAKE HOME

S. Y. Jones, formerly a resident of this city, has moved back to Ballinger from Wichita Falls and will again make this his home. Mr. Jones has been living in Wichita Falls for a number of years.

He is in the oil well tank building business and will continue that business in this city. He thinks prospects for a good oil field here are becoming better every day.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lax. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick bill, therefore the sensible course is to take a doctor's dose of Herbine. It is just as easy to get as to purify the system.

Tax Payment is Slow Compared With 1927

On Wednesday, January 18th, there remained \$103,375 in taxes to be collected within the next eleven days, County Tax Collector W. L. Brown said Friday morning after he had found time to go over the tax rolls and compile the data for a news story which gives much interesting information in regard to payment of taxes for 1928.

This is approximately \$10,000 more than was left to be collected on the same date in 1927, which at that time was \$93,318.

Collections to January 1st, this year, was \$80,068.90; remaining to be collected, \$139,857.93. Collections on January 1st, 1927, totalled \$91,042.

It is pointed out that this does not speak so well for the year as 1926 was said to have been a poorer business year than 1927, but Mr. Brown says a greater part of the \$103,375 will be collected before midnight on January 31st.

A very large increase in the total of automobile taxes has been received since the date for tax paying opened, Mr. Brown asserted. This is due to the extra weight fee allowed the county by the state. Rannels county has already collected more for the four commissioners' precincts this year than was collected during the whole of 1927, the collector said.

In 1927 auto taxes retained by the county totalled \$20,330.50, while the first collections turned over to the four precincts this year amounted to \$24,439.24. Mr. Brown stated that the taxes this year from automobiles will run between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

Following is how the auto tax

money was divided among the four precincts on the first payment this year: No. 1, \$9,706.30; No. 2, \$6,195.46; No. 3, \$3,278.35; No. 4, \$5,259.13; as compared with the division in 1927: No. 1, \$8,167.87; No. 2, \$5,327.66; No. 3, \$2,840.05; and No. 4, \$3,994.92. The extra money this year is expected to materially aid the county's rural roads.

Payment of poll taxes shows up very well in comparison with previous years, with a total of 3,330 to January 20. In October 160 poll taxes were paid; November, 460; December, 1,524; and January to date, 1,186.

"All these figures will be added to within the next ten days," Mr. Brown declared, "and some time in February we will know just how we stand on this tax collection business."

New automobiles registered in December were few when compared with previous months, the records showing only 21 passenger cars and 1 new truck registered. They were as follows: Chevrolet, 5; Whippet, 7; Willys-Knight, 1; Chrysler, 4; Essex, 1; Dodge, 2; and Buick, 1; and one Chevrolet truck.

WEST TEXAS OIL MEN TO MEET IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 17.—The third annual West Texas Petroleum Convention will be held here January 26 and 27.

Dan Freel of the Mann-Freel Co., local oil concern, is being swamped with applications for membership in the West Texas Benevolent Society which he intends to organize at the convention.



LESSON No. 20

Question: Why is emulsified cod-liver oil so very helpful as a vitamin-food for expectant and nursing mothers?

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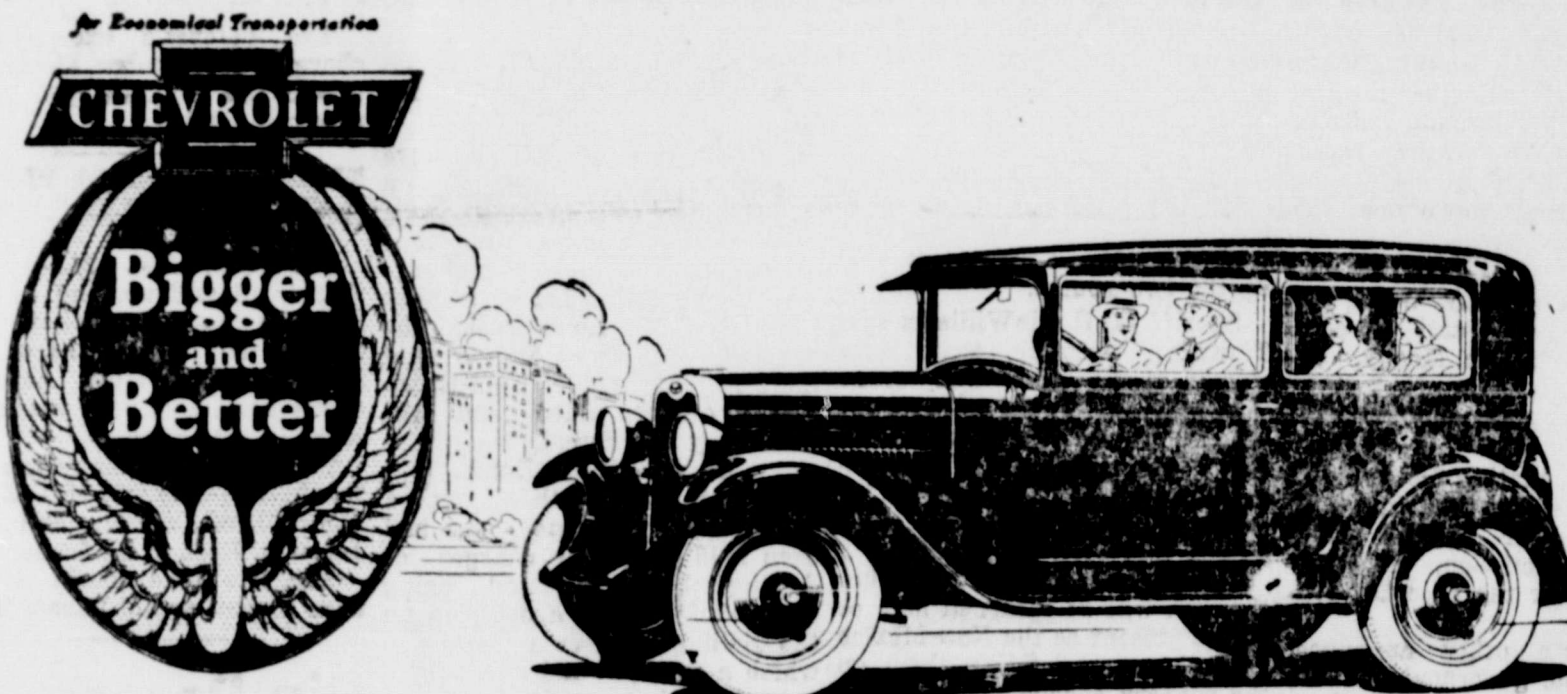
SCOTT'S EMULSION

According to Freel's plan, an oil man will take over a farmer as his "ward," and vice versa. When agricultural conditions are bad, the farmer will bum a meal off the oil man, and when dry holes are common, the oil operator will sneak over to the farm house and dine on ham and—

Promotion of cordial relations between the oil industry and West Texas generally is the main object of the proposed society, Freel said.

EASTLAND—Work will soon be underway on Eastland county's \$260,000 court house.

Mrs. Emma Nash, of San Antonio, returned to her home Sunday morning after spending Saturday here looking after business.



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Following is a letter being mailed to the stockholders in reference to the official opening:

"Ballinger, Tex., Jan. 18, 1928. To Stockholders in Rannels County Co-operative Creamery:

"You are hereby notified that a stockholders' meeting of the Rannels County Co-operative Creamery will be held at the court house in Ballinger, Wednesday, February 1st, at 10:00 a. m., this date being set for the purpose of having the initial opening of the new creamery. A special program will be arranged for the occasion, refreshments will be served and you are especially urged to be present and assist in carrying on the program.

"This is also to notify you that a business session of the stockholders will be held, which will convene at 10 o'clock a. m., as above mentioned, and as matters of importance will come before this meeting, you are hereby requested to be present.

"You are also urged to invite your friends and acquaintances and insist that they be present at all meetings of the day as the entire public is welcome.

"To those who have not received their stock certificates, same will be issued to you on this date.

"Respectfully,
W. B. CURRIE, president

Howing is a letter received Tuesday from T. W. Faulkner, of Taylor, a life member of state organization and for-president of the body:

"Taylor, Tex., Jan. 23, 1928. Chief Louis Cohen, Ballinger, Texas

Dear Friend: Don't worry, you will make of the best presidents of the Firemen's Association of

I am with you, regards,
Your friend,
T. W. FAULKNER,
Taylor, Texas.

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"Respectfully,
W. B. CURRIE, president

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"Taylor, Tex., Jan. 23, 1928. Chief Louis Cohen, Ballinger, Texas

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LETS CONTRACT FOR STEEL JOB

ABILENE, Jan. 19.—Contract for 520 tons of steel to be used in the erection at Lake Pauline, near Quanah, of the large electric power generating plant planned to date by the West Texas Utilities Company was awarded yesterday to the Mosher Steel and Machinery Company of Texas.

Eight steel manufacturing concerns entered bids on the project. Delivery of the material is to start within six or eight weeks.

The contract calls for the delivery and erection of the structural steel and that to be used in the smokestack. The Mosher company will furnish 500 tons of steel for use in construction of the building and 20 tons to be used in the stack, which will be lined with gunite. The stack will be twelve feet in diameter at the base, rise 54 feet above the roof and 100 feet above the main floor.

Bids for the erection of the building to house the first unit of the plant were received Monday at the West Texas Utilities Company's general office here. Engineers of the company expect to award this contract by Saturday.

The first unit will have a generating capacity of 20,000 horsepower which ultimately will be increased to 60,000 with the addition of two other units. All machinery already has been purchased and it is planned to have the plant in operation by September 1st, this year. When completed it will increase the company's generating capacity fifty per cent.

The West Texas Utilities Company now is serving 100 communities in West Texas and has central generating plants at Abilene and San Angelo. The Lake Pauline plant is being erected to give the communities comprising the company's north end properties continuous and uniform electric service.

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MILES CAGERS BEAT BEARCATS

The Miles high school Bulldogs defeated the Ballinger high school Bearcats here Monday afternoon, 18 to 8, in a very good basketball game, featured by the playing of the midgets, Cooper and Pohler, of the Bearcats.

Several members of the Bearcat squad were ineligible due to low grades. Coach Wright had only a few men out in uniforms for the contest.

Roach, Bulldog forward, was high point man with 7 points. Allagood, Bearcat forward, and Thomas, Bulldog center, tied for second high point scorer, each securing six points.

The line-ups were as follows: Miles—Roach and Parmer, forwards; Thomas, center; Elam and Cothran, guards. Ballinger—Cooper and Allagood, forwards; Coker, center; Daugherty and Pohler, guards. Subs—Evans for Coker, Reese for Daugherty.

The Winters and Drasco teams play here Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Smith, of Winters high, had his Blizzards here Monday afternoon practicing on the Bearcats' court.

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The surest sign of worms in children is paleness, lack of interest in play, fretful ness, variable appetite, picking at the nose and sudden starting in sleep. When these symptoms appear it is time to give White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses drives out the worms and puts the little one on the road to health again. White's Cream Vermifuge has a record of fifty years of successful use. Price 5c. Sold by

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SAYS PAVING TO START IN WEEK

Herman Brown, of Brown & Root, Georgetown paving contractors, was in Ballinger Thursday and Friday conferring with city officials and C. L. Nelson, a representative of the company, in regard to the paving program here for which Brown & Root has the contract.

Mr. Brown declared the machinery for the paving job would be moved in next week and that work would be started immediately.

Mr. Nelson has been here for the past six weeks signing up property owners on Broadway, Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue, and he expects to complete this phase of the contract within the next few days.

Labor for the job will be plentiful and it is not expected to take very long for the work.

SILVERTON—Installation of a \$35,000 water system will start here at an early date.

Ugly Pimples

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ED O'KELLY IN BIG SPRING HOSPITAL

Ed J. O'Kelly, who went to Big Spring Friday to look after cotton seed business, became seriously ill Friday night immediately after eating supper and for several hours was in a dangerous condition. A telephone message to Mrs. O'Kelly here Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock from Hammond O'Kelly, a son, who was called to Big Spring early Friday night, stated that Mr. O'Kelly was resting very well. He is suffering from ptomaine poisoning.

Bill Sharp accompanied Hammond O'Kelly to Big Spring.

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NOTICE TO BANNER LEDGER REPORTERS

Correspondents for The Banner-Ledger in the various communities are requested to mail their items in not later than Tuesday of each week.

Growing grain crops are not very plentiful this season and it is believed Rannels county's small grain harvest will be small this year as compared with previous years.

Only eight more days remain for the payment of taxes. There should be a larger number of poll taxes paid this year than ever before.

At present there has been no one to announce for office in this county other than the incumbents, and it is understood that one or two of the county officials do not expect to make the race this year.

WOUNDED OIL SCOUT MOVED TO HOSPITAL

"Buddy" Hall, scout for the Gulf Production Company, of San Angelo, who was seriously wounded several days ago when a posse of officers fired on him near Justiceburg on the Plains, has been removed to the Scott & White Sanitarium at Temple, where he will undergo an operation for removal of the number 4 shot in his leg.

Hall has been at his home, 2203 North Chadbourne Street, San Angelo, since the shooting. He was fired on when he failed to stop at the command of officers.

J. E. Hall, ranchman, of Water Valley, father of young Hall, has discussed legal action with his attorneys in regard to the shooting but no definite step has been taken.

Hall is well known in Ballinger by several of the younger set. He has visited here many times and has many friends here.

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.

No modern course in dramatic writing can be complete without a year on a pirate ship.—Syracuse Herald.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For Sheriff: R. E. (EARL) McWILLIAMS
For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN
For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1: R. J. DEENS
For District Clerk: MISS GEORGIA SINGLETARY
For Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK
For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIE
For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1: C. H. WILLINGHAM

Rural

BETHEL NEWS

The farmers of this community are rejoicing over the rain which fell last Tuesday and Wednesday, amounting to about an inch. All are hoping for more rain soon.

Mrs. John Whidden has gone to Paducah to be at the bedside of her little brother, Grady White, who was very low.

Grady Cotton's children are back in school after a week's siege of the chicken pox.

Grandmother Hoffmann died Thursday, Jan. 19, and was laid to rest in the Davis cemetery near Pory Friday afternoon. She was 85 years old, and had lived 35 years on the same farm on which she died.

Owing to Mrs. Hoffmann's death there was no club meeting at Bethel Thursday afternoon. The members are urged to come out for the first and third Thursdays are still our regular meeting days.

Vera Worsham has been very sick for the past few days, but is some better at this writing.

O. D. Woods and Miss Violet Hooks stole a march on their friends and were married Saturday night. We wish them a happy life.

The oil well on the Webb farm makes us feel like we will soon be in the midst of an oil field.

CREWS NEWS

We are still enjoying some thrilling basketball games out here. The Winters girls came to Crews Friday afternoon and played a game with our girls. The score was 34 to 14 in favor of Crews.

Rev. Prince filled his regular appointment in the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Misses Venita Rainwater, Norma Bradley, Mildred Madison, Thelma and Neoma Cox spent Sunday with Miss Erma Wilkerson. They went to Miss Norma Bradley's late in the evening and had supper.

The R. T. Lucas family entertained a number of their friends in their home Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. King entertained a number of guests Sunday.

The party at the home of Lester Dietz was enjoyed by those present.

Miss Bonnie Mae Clark spent Saturday night with Miss Erma Wilkerson.

The play, "Eyes of Love" was put on with great success Thursday night.

HERRING TOPICS

The farmers of this community are all rejoicing over the nice rain that fell last week.

Bro. Tierce filled his regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The congregations were rather small Saturday night and Sunday night on account of sickness.

Edd Edwards, of Winters, visited in the Herman Edwards home Sunday.

Lloyd Fuller and father went to San Angelo Sunday to see their brother and son, Arthur Fuller, who is sick. His friends of this community wish him a speedy recovery.

Avery Todd and sister, Miss Alvis visited Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Todd Sunday.

We are sorry to report Mr. Rosford on the sick list and hope he will soon be feeling fine.

Mrs. Stevens and children, of Ballinger, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Rosford.

Eldon and Ozella Avent visited the R. E. Todd family Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eubanks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Todd.

Miss Alvis Todd visited Miss Ozella Avent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Overman and Mrs. Miller, of Winters, spent Saturday night with the M. F. Kerby family.

Mrs. Fate Brevard, of Blanton, spent a few days last week with the J. P. Brevard family.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

M. W. Kirkland, of Wingate, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Barron, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greer spent Sunday in Abilene with their daughters, Misses Wynis and Eleanor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Smith's brother, Tom Brown and wife, of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Whittlesey, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, came in last Thursday to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. G. Evans, and children.

Misses Faye Evans and Neoma West are in Alpine visiting Miss Evans' sister, Mrs. Bosworth.

Henry Leach went to Eldorado Friday, and returned home with his wife and baby Sunday.

Elzie Cobb, of San Angelo, spent Sunday with her uncle, Jack Carroll, and family.

Miss Rosa Barron, of Tennessee, is making her home with her brother, James Barron, and family.

Ruth Reese, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese, was carried to the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday night and operated on for appendicitis.

I. W. Evans is at home with the flu.

Mrs. A. J. Voelkel is improving at this writing.

James Barron is able to sit up at this report.

Mrs. R. E. Brown and family spent the day with Mrs. Brown's brother, W. J. Milam, of near Winters.

The Ransbarger family have moved to the Pipkin place.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Goodwin have moved on to the place vacated by Mr. Ransbarger.

BENOIT ITEMS

Since our last visit with The Ledger, have had a siege of toothache but after a trip to the dentist have gotten some relief, although my features have not been restored to normal yet.

The people are very thankful for the good rain which fell last week. It was such a benefit to the grain, maybe some will be harvested after all the drawbacks.

Milton Gibson attended the banquet at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church in Ballinger Thursday night.

J. D. Tullas and wife visited in

the Chapman home in the Bethel community, Sunday.

Arch Brookshire is here from Lampasas to ship his sheep sheds. He chartered a car and is loading at Benoit.

This place was well represented at Harley Sadler's show in Ballinger Monday night. Those who motored over to see the big play were: W. T. Hill, F. Gressett, Gordon Gressett, Mrs. Mae Shipp and daughter, Clara Bell Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. ampy and L. B. Jr.

Mrs. L. R. Brookshire, who has not recovered from her illness, had many callers and guests Sunday to see her. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Brookshire were there from Maverick, P. A. Pullin and wife, also Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odom.

O. C. Cox and wife had as their guests Sunday, C. M. Gibson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, of Hatchel.

J. C. Rackley and sons, Edd and Jewel left Friday for South Texas to be gone several days.

Mrs. Pearl Branham and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Clayton.

WIDE AWAKE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Wide-Awake Club met Thursday, January 19th, at the Barnett tearage. There were ten members present. Mrs. Effie Patterson and Mrs. L. B. Tubbs, of the Laugh-a-Lot Club, gave a demonstration on dairy cheese which was appreciated by all.

Visitors present were Mrs. Joe Bennett and Mrs. Eugene Spann. We were glad to have them and invite them to come again.

The club had a short business meeting and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Vina Spann on Feb. 2. Club Reporter.

CELEBRATE FORTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Quite a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller, who live in the Herring community, Sunday, to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Those enjoying this event were: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Brevard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Miller and family of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent and family, Grandma Clark, mother of Mrs. Miller; H. N. Miller, brother of Mr. Miller; Mrs. Nancy Brister, Mrs. Louise Ray, Mrs. W. A. Hale and family. All their children and grandchildren were present and the day was enjoyed by all.

If this automobile war keeps up they will be giving us cars so they can sell the parts.—Atlanta Constitution.

CONNALLY IS IN SENATE RACE

MARLIN, Jan. 25.—Congressman Tom Connally today announced his candidacy for the Senate in the following statement:

"I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in the 1928 primaries. At a later date I shall make a formal announcement and present the platform upon which I shall make the race."

When asked regarding to Ku Klux Klan issue which has been prominent in Texas politics, Mr. Connally said, "I have never been and never expect to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I am opposed to secrecy in politics of government."

Mr. Connally further announced outstanding issues before people of the United States in the election of United States Senators, executive branch funds, the effort to stand on this tax collection business.

New automobiles registered in December were few when compared with previous months, the records showing only 21 passenger cars and 1 new truck registered. They were as follows: Chevrolet, 5; Whippet, 7; Willys-Knight, 1; Chrysler, 4; Essex, 1; Dodge, 2; and Buick, 1; and one Chevrolet truck.

WEST TEXAS OIL MEN TO MEET IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 17.—The third annual West Texas Petroleum Convention will be held here January 26 and 27.

Dan Freel of the Mann-Freel Co., local oil concern, is being swamped with applications for membership in the West Texas Petroleum Society which he intends to organize at the convention.

the Senate and Senators, taxation, adequate and workable farm relief, law enforcement and transportation. These and other public questions will be discussed by me at the proper time."

"I am a Democrat and will stand upon the fundamental principles of democracy. I expect to make an active campaign of the state."

WEST TEXAS C. OF C. OFFICIALS STOP HERE

President R. W. Haynie and General Manager Homer D. Wade, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, stopped in Ballinger a few minutes Wednesday morning, en route to the Oil Men's Convention at San Angelo, sponsored by the West Texas Chamber, which has a three-day session there, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, to confer with C. A. Doope, director

in building strong bones and good teeth. Take pure, wholesome, pleasantly flavored SCOTT'S EMULSION

According to Freel's plan, an oil man will take over a farmer as his "ward," and vice versa. When agricultural conditions are bad, the farmer will bum a meal off the oil man, and when dry holes are common, the oil operator will sneak over to the farm house and dine on ham and—

Promotion of cordial relations between the oil industry and West Texas generally is the main object of the proposed society, Freel said.

EASTLAND—Work will soon be underway on Eastland county's \$260,000 court house.

Mrs. Emma Nash, of San Antonio, returned to her home Sunday morning after spending Saturday here looking after business.



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If you must eat that way, always keep a package of Pape's Diapepsin handy so you can chew one of the pleasant-tasting tablets after your meals. It keeps the food sweet so your stomach can digest it.

Follow the experience of thousands who again have a young appetite. All druggists recommend and guarantee Pape's Diapepsin to relieve indigestion and sweeten the stomach in 5 minutes.

**COHEN IN RACE
FOR FIREMEN'S
V-PRESIDENT**

Chief Louis Cohen, of the Ballinger volunteer fire department, is in the race again this year for fourth vice-president of the State Firemen's Association, it has been authentically announced by his friends here.

Chief Cohen made the race last year and was defeated by only a few votes. He is again being backed by the Ballinger firemen and several other fire departments of Texas, and his supporters hope he will be successful this year. The state convention is to be held at Denton this year.

Mr. Cohen is a veteran fire fighter, having been active in fire departments for 29 years and for 21 years has been chief of this and other companies. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars. He is a capable business man and one of the leading citizens of Ballinger. At present he is commander of the Pat Williams Post of the American Legion.

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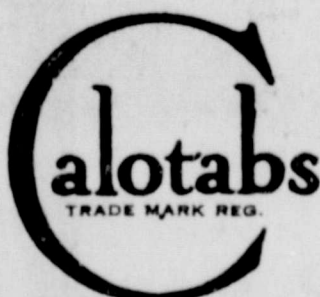
**JUDGE WILLINGHAM
FOR ANOTHER TERM**

Judge C. H. Willingham, justice of the peace of precinct No. 1, announced Wednesday for reelection.

Judge Willingham has been justice of the peace in this precinct for almost six years. He was appointed several years ago, and elected twice since that time.

Judge Willingham came to this county on June 10, 1880 when there were a few tents at Old Runnels. He served this county as county judge for 16 years.

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**Creamery
Opening Set
For Feb. 1**

The Runnels County Co-operative Creamery will hold formal opening on Wednesday, February 1st, at which time everybody is invited to visit this plant to see a real modern creamery. The directors and some of the stockholders will be present to assist in welcoming the crowd. A program of entertainment will be presented and refreshments served. A large attendance is expected at the opening, and the manager, G. Ridders, says the more the merrier.

A rumor seems to be prevalent that the local creamery will only pay for cream every two weeks. This is an error. Most customers have made this arrangement with the management, it was stated, but the manager will issue cream checks to suit the customer's convenience. Any farmer who wants to deliver his milk and get the money will be paid the cash as soon as the delivery has been tested.

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"J. D. MOTLEY, secretary."

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**Legion Auxiliary Reports
Much Work Done in 1927**

As the new officers of the American Legion Auxiliary took over their respective offices on Monday evening it is appropriate that a resume of the activities for the year 1927 be given.

The year just closed will always be an outstanding one in the history of the Ballinger organization. Under the leadership of a capable corps of officers it was a most successful one in every way.

In 1923 at the state convention in Galveston, the Galveston unit offered a trophy to the unit in the town of 5,000 or less population having the largest membership. In 1924 this was won by Gonzales, in 1925, 1926 and 1927 it was won by the Pat Williams Unit No. 8 of Ballinger, and is now the permanent property of this unit. It is a pretty mahogany gavel with band of silver on which the names of the winners are engraved together with the seal of the national organization. During the year 1927 Ballinger had 155 members and was about the 6th largest in membership in the state.

The rehabilitation work is the most important of all and the main reason for our existence. During the year 1927 25 cents per member or \$38.75 was sent to help establish a playground at Legon, Texas, for the children of the tubercular veterans in the hospital there. This Auxiliary was responsible for twenty Texas men in the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Muskogee, Oklahoma, for cheer during the year. These men were remembered on every special occasion during the year, such as Christmas, Armistice, July 4th, etc., with boxes of home-made candy and cakes, cigarettes, handkerchiefs and cards. Besides these Christmas boxes valued at more than \$50.00 were sent to our three Texas hospitals. One is located at El Paso, one at San Antonio and one at Kerrville. A large box of silk scraps was sent to the U. S. Vet-

erans Hospital at Fort Roots, Ark., to be used in making rag rugs. For local rehabilitation work during the year \$25.00 was spent. In December \$15.00 was sent to the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Little Rock to be used to provide Christmas cheer for the Texas men there. During the year, the mother of our unit passed away and there have been many sick. The chairman of this committee has sent cards of sympathy, flowers, and other remembrances to them and to their families.

The Americanization and memorials work was adequately cared for. The Auxiliary is responsible for the gathering and making into bouquets, the flowers for the Memorial Day services.

Several copies of the American Legion monthly are being kept in the high school library for reading and reference. Flag etiquette has been stressed.

The poppy sale held annually is planned by the entertainment and finance committees. The 1927 sales was the most successful one ever conducted. Half of the proceeds from the poppy sales all over the state are sent to headquarters and it is this money which enables the State Department to plan its extensive aid program for the disabled veterans. The other half is kept at home to be used locally. This committee also sponsored the fun features during the year and assisted the Legion in their open house entertainment.

Representatives from Unit No. 8 were present at every district and at the state convention. The report from Ballinger always draws favorable comment.

During the past year the library building was damaged by a storm and the Auxiliary gave the Post \$50.00 to make the repairs.

It is the earnest plea from the retiring officers, that the support given by members and friends be continued and that

the year 1928 may be the greatest year ever known by the Ballinger unit.

The following are the new officers:

President, Mrs. Cecil Thorp; vice-president, Mrs. K. V. Northington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sim Cottelle; recording secretary, Mrs. Floyd Carr; treasurer, Mrs. H. T. Forson; historian, Mrs. Troy Simpson; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. C. W. Cheatnam; chaplain, Mrs. R. P. Kirk.

L. L. Stroble has returned from San Antonio, where he had been with his wife who underwent an operation there Sunday morning. Mr. Stroble said Mrs. Stroble was resting very well.

Before buying an airplane it may be well to find out if the installment collector is to be provided with a faster one.—Oakland Tribune.

R. R. Earnshaw left early Monday morning for Detroit, Mich., where his mother is seriously ill. John A. Weeks accompanied Mr. Earnshaw as far as Abilene, where he took a fast train north.

Tommy Hall, local Dayton tire dealer, will occupy the Tom Caudle home on Sixth Street after February 1st.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and Calvin Robertson are in Houston as witnesses in the Cole brothers trial there. They are expected to return Thursday.

NAZARENE REVIVAL



Rev. Ralph C. Gray

A revival meeting begins at the Nazarene Church Sunday, Jan. 29th. Rev. Ralph C. Gray, of Temple, Texas, is the evangelist, a preacher of ability and inspiration. You will enjoy listening to him—he has a message for you.

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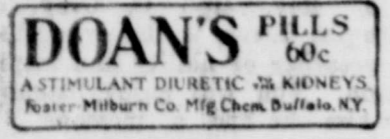
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Oil Man Sets Burglar Alarm; Wounds Self

W. A. Holt does not want any kind of a "contraption" to scare the burglars away from his filling station near the Colorado River bridge. If you do not believe this, ask him.

"They can rob my place every night if they want to," Mr. Holt said in a doctor's office Saturday morning, after getting the forefinger of his left hand fixed up. The tip of the finger had been blown off by a ".32 calibre pistol-bullet while a salesman was demonstrating the burglar alarm or whatever you might call it.

Recently the Holt filling station was burglarized and a salesman who had heard of the burglary went to see Mr. Holt. In a demonstration of the burglar alarm the gun went off before scheduled time and tore a very painful wound in Mr. Holt's finger.

Mr. Holt was rushed to a local surgeon's office where he was given treatment and he was able to continue with his business, but he has decided that he does not want a burglar alarm of any kind.

OFFER \$1,000 IN AGRICULTURAL PRIZES

CLEBURNE, Jan. 23.—A comprehensive agricultural program, which includes \$1,000 in prizes, has been launched by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce.

A prize of \$100 has been offered for the best record made in turkey raising.

C. R. Stone has gone to Dallas on a business trip.

DOCTORS START WAR ON COLDS

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 21.—The "common cold" which it is claimed causes greater loss to industry and business than any other single disease, is to be made defendant in a five year war against it, for which the cream of the medical talent of the United States is being mobilized.

Every resource of the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital of this city is to be thrown into the battle against the common cold. The Chemical Foundation of New York has given \$195,000 to finance the work, and in a letter to President Frank H. Goodnow of the University, Francis P. Garvan, president of the Foundation, says more funds will be forthcoming if needed.

Honor Dr. Abel
 The only string to the gift is that it is to be known as the "John J. Abel Fund for Research on the Common Cold." Dr. Abel, professor of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins, conducted the researches that led to the discovery and synthetic production of adrenalin. He was the first to isolate the pure chemical principle of insulin.

Colds, it has already been said, affect women more than men. Four out of every ten men, and seven out of every ten women, are disabled by colds each year. Industry, as a result, loses 1.4 days per year for every man on the payroll, and 2.1 days for every woman.

Cause Obscure
 "Despite the widespread prevalence of common colds and the universal discomfort and great economic loss which they cause," Dr. Goodnow said, "there is very little exact knowledge concerning their cause or of dependable methods for their prevention and cure. The exact nature of the disease is so ill-defined and so intimately bound up with other infections, such as influenza, tonsillitis and various forms of pneumonia, that it will be necessary to take this whole group more or less into consideration in any thorough effort to find the cause and cure of common colds.

"The various ramifications of the problem are so extensive that they go beyond the scope of any one man or department. For that reason the research is to be conducted on a co-operative basis involving the staff and facilities of every department in the medical school, the school of hygiene and public health, and the hospital that is needed to throw light on the problem."

Miss Evelyn Shepherd, who is attending Simmons University at Abilene, spent the week-end in Ballinger with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

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Many Attend Presbyterian Feast Thur.

More than fifty men of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church gathered at a banquet held at the church Thursday night and served by the women of the church. Dr. C. H. McDonald, of New York city, assistant director of the men's work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was the principal speaker and delivered a fine talk on "Men's Work in the Church."

David Coulter was toastmaster of the evening. He introduced Dr. Alvin O. Rue, pastor of the church; Drury Hathaway, Sunday school secretary; and M. J. Collins, who made short talks before Dr. McDonald's address.

Dr. McDonald is closing his tour of several West Texas cities in Brownwood Friday, after addressing the laymen's meeting of Texas and Louisiana in Dallas last week. He will return to New York Saturday.

In Dr. McDonald's address here he said:

"Women's church work has been definitely organized for more than 50 years and in that time has accomplished great things. Men are just on the threshold of a denominationally-wide organization. There are now 3,200 distinct organizations for men in the Presbyterian church.

"It is a mistake to think that men are not interested or will not work. They need definitely assigned tasks. They feel unworthy to do the work of the church, but a sense of unworthiness is the best qualification for service. Feeling their inability they will be led to prepare themselves for spiritual service."

Dr. McDonald then set forth several advantages that will result for individuals and for the church through organized men's work: First, men's organizations will bring numbers into the church; organized work for laymen will also develop leaders in the church; definitely organized work among men will increase the resources of the church; definite organization among men will bring personal contact.

"Finally, organized work for men will bring definite service as leaders in Sunday school classes, boys' groups and personal workers' classes and will mean a fuller attendance at all religious services, instead of the present attendance of probably 40 per cent of the church membership. Records show that juvenile delinquencies are largely due to the fact that men are not at work. The way to keep the boy in Sunday school is for a man to be there."

Plans were started at this meeting for the organization of a Men's Fellowship Association whose tentative plans call for a meeting once every two or three months in a general gathering similar to the one held Thursday night.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Seales and children have returned from Abilene, where they had been visiting Mrs. Seales' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET SATURDAY

Frank Kemp, president of the Runnels County Farm Bureau, has called a meeting of the association to be held Saturday at 2 o'clock in the court house here, at which time reports of the delegates to the state convention at Dallas will be heard.

Lynn Stokes, former president of the organization, will be present and give valuable information in regard to sales of cotton through the bureau.

C. W. Buchanan, field manager, will give out information at this meeting in regard to poisons, fertilizers and cottonseed. All these, it was said, will be handled at a great saving to the farmer by the local office of the Farm Bureau. The chicken pool which is being planned, will be discussed by C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, who will tell of the plans of the organization for this pool.

All members are urged to be present, as this is a very important meeting. Visitors are also welcome, Mr. Kemp declared, in issuing the call.

MILES FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL FEAST FRIDAY

Members of the Miles volunteer fire department gathered at a downtown building on Friday night of last week for their annual banquet, at which Chief Louis Cohen and Frank Cameron, of the Ballinger department, were guests.

Chief Cohen said there were 38 present and it was one of the best banquets he had ever attended. Several excellent talks were made by the Miles firemen and other citizens present.

Joe Bates is chief of the Miles company.

SPEARMAN—Actual construction is underway on a modern sewer system for Spearman.

Leon Ward, of Austin, has returned home after a visit to his mother here and after attending to business in this section.

Doctor Found Women and Children Sick More Often than Men

As a family doctor at Monticello, Illinois, the whole human body, not any small part of it, was Dr. Caldwell's practice. More than half his "calls" were on women, children and babies. They are the ones most often sick. But their illnesses were usually of a minor nature—colds, fevers, headaches, biliousness—and all of them required first a thorough evacuation. They were constipated.



J. B. Caldwell M.D. AT AGE 83

In the course of Dr. Caldwell's 47 years' practice (he was graduated from Iuam Medical College back in 1875), he found a good deal of success in such cases with a prescription of his own containing simple laxative herbs with pepsin. In 1892 he decided to use this formula in the manufacture of a medicine to be known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and in that year his prescription was first placed on the market.

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TEXAS POLITICS WARMING UP. MOODY MAY RUN FOR SENATE; BAILEY POSSIBLY

AUSTIN, Jan. 21.—Gov. Dan Moody is yet considering entering the race for the United States Senate, friends here say. An announcement concerning his political intentions is expected from Moody about March 1st, or possibly sooner.

Should he seek Mayfield's seat, it will leave an open field for the governorship. Attorney General Claude Pollard and Lieut.-Gov. Barry Miller would immediately get into the race, it is stated.

Others who are being discussed

in connection with the governorship include W. R. Ely, member of the State Highway Commission; R. L. Bobbitt, speaker of the House; Senator R. A. Stuart, and Jimmy Allred, whom Pollard defeated for attorney general in 1926.

Report has it that Joseph Weldon Bailey, former United States Senator, is considering entering the field against Mayfield.

S. F. Bethel, former publisher of the Celeste Courier, is here visiting his daughter, Miss Lucy Bethel. He recently sold his paper at Celeste and is looking for a new location.

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Farm Demonstrator Shows Much Good Work in County

Following is County Agent C. W. Lehmburg's annual report of the many activities of his department for the year 1927:

History of Runnels County

Runnels county is situated in the southwest central part of the state, covering an area of 950 square miles. The greater part of its area is prairie, slightly rolling with occasionally some few hills. About 75 per cent of the land is tillable, however, only about 65 per cent is incultivated at the present, the rest being used for stock raising.

The soil is of mixed nature, some black waxy, some sand and some sandy loam. The average acreage per farm is 259.8. There are 1570 land owners in the county with 45 per cent of the farms operated by the owners.

All the ordinary crops are grown, cotton and the grain sorghums being the main crops. Fruits and vegetables are grown with success in some parts of the county, especially in the areas along the Colorado River.

There are 10,823 horses and mules; 12,396 head of cattle; 29,188 head of sheep; 450 goats, and 1,585 hogs in the county. The greater part of the livestock of the county is of an excellent type. The poultry industry is a very important phase of the agricultural development in the county.

Runnels county has a population of 30,000 people. There are 18 towns in the county, ranging in population from 45 to 3,500. This population is made up of energetic, enthusiastic West Texas citizens.

There are four newspapers that have a liberal subscription in the county.

There are 43 common schools in Runnels county and six independent schools. There are only six one-teacher schools, the others ranging from two to thirty-one teachers as in Ballinger and Winters schools. There are 3,056 rural scholastics with 102 teachers and an enrollment of 2,965 in the independent schools with 87 teachers.

The following are some of the organizations that function in the county: Parent-Teachers Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Poultry Marketing Associations, Mothers Clubs, Lions Clubs, American Legion posts, and the Agricultural Advisory Board.

One of the outstanding things that has made Extension Work the splendid success it has been is the fine community spirit prevalent in the various communities in the county.

There are at present thirty organized communities in Runnels county that are bending every effort toward making farm life more attractive and more remunerative and to make the rural home a more desirable place to live in.

Their motto is "The best is not too good for Runnels county." Co-operation is the key word and with this continually in mind they are bending every effort toward building better schools, better churches, better homes, better roads, better and more productive soils and more and better livestock and poultry. These communities are giving their full and hearty support to County and Home Demonstration Agents' program.

During the year 176 community meetings were conducted. Forty-two social meetings were held. At these social refreshments in the form of ice cream, cake and lemonade were sold in order to raise money to send delegates to the 1927 farmers' short course at the A. & M. College. In these efforts they were liberally assisted by the business men and Chambers of Commerce in the county to send a large delegation. So intent were they on this matter that sufficient funds were raised to send 25 club members and 37 adults, making a total of 62 delegates, giving Runnels county the largest delegation at the short course of any West Texas county. Each delegate wore a badge with this inscription, "From Runnels County and Going Back." Plans are under way now to run a special train for Runnels county delegates to the Farmers Short Course in 1928.

Club Work

Interest in club work has never been keener than this year. During the early part of the year

this phase of extension work was pushed as vigorously as possible. In this work the County Agent had the co-operation of Mr. Bob White, county school superintendent. Thirty-four schools were visited and club work explained to approximately 5,700 school children. Membership application cards were given out in every school and in due time 253 cards properly filled out and signed by the applicant and the parents were returned to this office.

This membership was distributed in fourteen schools. As many clubs were organized and a local leader for each club elected.

The projects were fairly balanced between livestock, poultry and field crops. A friendly rivalry between the clubs in the county made the work interesting and put a good deal of pep into it.

During the year seventeen competitive contests in judging dairy cattle and beef cattle were conducted; twenty-three in judging poultry; seven in running terracing lines; fifteen in judging hogs; sixteen in field seed selection and twelve in judging sheep. These ninety contests were attended by 915 club members and 367 adults.

One hundred and ninety-seven projects were visited and a check made on each of them. Twenty-two social meetings were held. Fifty-two club members made trips to other counties for the purpose of studying livestock, poultry and field crop exhibits during fairs.

One hundred and eight club members and exhibits at the Runnels County Fair. Seven members sent grain sorghum exhibits to the West Texas Fair at Abilene and won the first seven prizes offered in the special \$100.00 award on milo maize amounting to \$73.00. Six club members sent grain exhibits to the State Fair at Dallas and won first and third prizes on maize. During these fairs the Runnels county club members won a total of \$475.50 in prizes.

The following purebred animals were placed with club members during the year for project work: Dairy calves, 15; pigs, 37; lambs, 18; beef calves, 7; poultry, 2,318. Purebred seed was furnished 23 members. The productive value of club members during the year amounted to \$18,514.54 or an average productive value per member of \$73.18.

Fairs

A good deal of the County Agent's time during the months of September and October was devoted to matter pertaining to the Runnels County Fair.

Farm crops, fruits, vegetables and other materials necessary for a complete exhibit were gathered from all sections of the county. Out of the materials thus gathered a selection of quality products was made, properly wrapped and stored away.

On September 24th, in co-operation with the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce these materials were carried to Abilene and put up as a county exhibit at the West Texas Fair. Although competition was very keen, Runnels county made a very creditable showing and stood among the first when the awards were made. On many of the leading farm crops Runnels county was awarded first prize.

Twenty-three community meetings were held during September and October for the purpose of stimulating interest in the Runnels County Fair. Fourteen demonstrations in the selection of farm crops and other materials for exhibition purposes were given. As a direct result of these meetings the spacious agricultural hall was filled to overflowing with agricultural exhibits during the five days of the fair.

Fourteen community booths, displaying in a most creditable manner, the products of their respective communities, attracted the attention of the thousands of visitors daily thronging the halls.

The livestock exhibits were splendid, showing much real quality. The sheep and Jersey shows deserve special mention. The poultry show was equal to the best in the state. Throughout the various departments good quality was predominant.

The spirit of co-operation and good fellowship that predominated throughout the entire fair was most praiseworthy and the fair as a whole was a wonderful success.

Poultry Improvement Work

The Runnels County Poultry Associations have been very active along the lines of poultry improvement work. During the past year, the County Agent, in co-operation with these associations has conducted 18 poultry culling schools. These schools were attended by approximately 1,478 people. At all these schools the value of pure bred birds, the necessity of continuous culling as well as the importance of care, feeding, sanitation, proper mating of breeding pens and proper housing were thoroughly discussed.

Eleven thousand four hundred and thirty-five birds were culled during the past year. Approximately 2,858 birds or about 25 per cent of them were discarded as culls and put on the market. A good deal of stress has been brought to bear on the necessity of culling the flocks four times a year in order to cut down the cost of feeding and keeping production at its highest peak. Good results have been obtained along this line.

One thousand and thirty-seven turkeys and chickens were vaccinated for chik.

Along with the county fair a poultry show was held. About 750 birds were on exhibition and the judge, Mr. Vanwinkel, pronounced it one of the best shows he had judge during the year.

During the breeding season this office rendered valuable service to the poultry men in the county. Eighteen demonstrations were given in selecting birds for the breeding pens and in making proper matings. Approximately 500,000 baby chicks were hatched in the county. The number and quality of turkeys in the county has been materially increased.

The poultry industry of Runnels county is making splendid progress. During the year 250 carloads of poultry and eggs were shipped out of the county.

Seven carloads of turkeys were pooled by the members of the association bringing the farmers from 7 cents to 10 cents per pound over the local market. This meant a clear profit to the farmers who participated in the pool of \$6,173.73. The receipts from the poultry industry in Runnels county this year amounted to more than half a million dollars.

Dairy Industry and Co-operative Creamery

As a direct result of the Five Year Balanced Farm Program started by the County Agent two years ago the interest in dairying has been greatly stimulated. This interest was practically uniform throughout the entire county. Nine carloads of dairy cattle, both grade and registered, were shipped into the county. This interest found expression in a very realistic form, a co-operative creamery.

In putting over this project the County Agent had the full and hearty co-operation of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. This institution is owned jointly by the farmers and business men of the county, the farmers owning 60 per cent and the business men owning 40 per cent. The creamery has a daily capacity of 2,000 pounds of butter and 400 gallons of ice cream per day as well as many other creamery by products. It is housed in a new hollow tile building and is equipped with the latest and most modern machinery. The creamery, in the judgment of a large majority of the business men and farmers is one of the county's best assets. Since the erection of the creamery dairy men and farmers of the county have become deeply interested in a better grade of dairy cattle and in more pure bred and registered stock. In order to improve the present herds in the county bull circles in which only bulls of proven blood-lines with a high production record will be used, are now being organized. It is the belief of this office that by this method practiced over a period of eight years the present herds can be improved 300 per cent.

Farm Engineering Work

The effects of farm engineering work are very noticeable in practically every community in the county.

Since no phase of extension work makes such heavy demands upon the County Agent's time as farm engineering work the agent arranged early in the year to hold a series of terracing schools for

the purpose of training men in the various communities to assist in carrying on this work under his supervision. Twelve such terracing schools, extending over a period of two days each were held. The interest the farmers showed in this work was very gratifying. The attendance at these schools was generally large. Approximately 378 farmers attended the twelve schools.

It might be well here to show the ever increasing interest in this work and the progress made during the last three years.

Briefly summarizing the results obtained during the three-year period we have the following: Number of acres terraced and contoured in 1925, 16,105; in 1926, 18,578; in 1927, 30,961—a total for the three years of 66,644 acres. There is no method or system that will be as effective in building up the soil, increase the water-holding capacity and increase the productivity of the soil than terracing and contouring. To substantiate this statement I shall quote a few of the men who have tested out this system. Mr. Frierson of Token said "The terracing work you did on my farm has been worth \$1,000 the first year. Mr. Henry Mitchell of Drasco, says, "The terracing work done on my farm has increased the production of my place at least one third."

Frank Block, of Ballinger, said, "I have made just as much cotton on the upper side of my hill as I have made on the level land below." Clements Hoelscher Sr., of Rowena, said, "The slope on the northwest side of my house where I could hardly raise cotton stalks nor cross the gullies before my land was terraced I now make good crops and the soil is continually building up and becoming more fertile from year to year." S. H. Meek, of Winters, said, "Terracing is the most effective method to store surplus moisture in your soil, build up your land and increase yields."

The federal department of agriculture claims that terracing hill side farms increases their value \$10 per acre. The Federal Land Bank will loan \$15 more per acre on a hill-side farm that is properly terraced than on a hill-side farm that is not terraced. Figuring the value of terracing at only \$1.00 per acre we have an increased value of the farms terraced in Runnels county last year of \$30,961.00.

Tangible Results of County Agent's Work

Tangible results from this work are:

1. The people of the county are taking a deeper and more abiding interest in extension work and in the A. & M. College than ever before.
2. They are striving to make farm life more pleasant and more remunerative.
3. More of the boys and young men from this county are attending the A. & M. College and the Junior colleges than before.
4. The younger boys, through Club work, are becoming interested in the A. & M. College and are planning to finish their education at these institutions.

Summary of County Agent's Work in Dollars and Cents

In order that the taxpayers of the county may have some idea of the monetary value of the County Agent's work the following summary is given: Through Club work the productive value of Runnels county has been increased \$185,145.54. In the dairy industry the farmers have been saved on purchase of dairy cattle 4,311.50. In poultry improvement work 3,275.80. On the turkey pool in co-operation with the Farm Bureau 6,173.73. In farm engineering work, terracing and contouring of 30,961 acres figured at only an increased value of \$1.00 per acre 30,961.00.

Total saving through Extension Work \$63,236.57. Does Extension Work pay? At the rate of \$1,600.00 per year, the salary paid the County Agent by the Commissioners Court, this office, in one year, through savings to the taxpayers and through the increased productive power of the county has earned its salary for a period of 33.2 years.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. LEHMBERG,
County Agent, Runnels County.

MORAN—A \$50,000 sewer system is under construction here. Bonds will be voted on February 13th.

DISTRICT MEET OF LEGION IS ONE OF BEST

"It was one of the best district conventions we have ever held," Post Commander Louis Cohen of Pat Williams Post of the American Legion, said Monday morning after returning from Abilene where some thousand Legion and Auxiliary members from the 17th district met Sunday.

"Ballinger's delegation was rather small but there was a large crowd present, a fine program, fine luncheon and everything was the best," the local post commander asserted.

About 20 or 25 from Ballinger attended the convention.

Entertainment for the visitors started Saturday night after the registrations with a dance in the

Hilton Hotel ballroom. It was well attended by Legionnaires. At 10:45 Sunday morning a parade was held from the federal lawn to the First Methodist Church, where the morning program was held, with State Commander Walton D. Hood, of San Antonio, delivering the principal address. He was introduced by R. C. Winters, of Abilene. Oliver Parramore, commander of the Abilene post, and Mayor Thos. E. Hayden Jr., delivered addresses of welcome, while County Attorney E. P. Hardwick, of Jones county, responded.

The session adjourned at 12:30 for luncheon. A fine program was offered by several students of Simmons University and McMurry College.

At 2 o'clock the Auxiliary went into session at the First Christian Church, while the Legionnaires held a business session at the city hall.

Much important business was transacted at both these sessions.

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Ballinger, Texas.
19-2td-2tw

LOST—Dark brown suit case on Rowena-Ballinger road. Contains man's clothing, transfer papers for Ford car, and combination pen and pencil, etc. Finder leave at Ballinger Ledger office and receive reward. Frank Swan.
24-2td-1tw

FOR SALE—Toggenberg milch goats are fresh now. Prices from \$15 to \$25. Don't write for information, come and see them. No letters answered. M. H. Witt, Leaday, Texas.
20-4w*

FOR SALE—Certified Red Seed Oats, 41 bushel yield last year. 60¢ per bushel. Dietz Bros., Crews.
20-3tw*

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

FOR SALE—Full blood Duroc Jersey pigs. Also six or eight gilts that have been bred to Duroc Jersey male. See Bud Gray at Harwell Motor Co.
13-1fw

FOR SALE—Good range, coal or wood; also large pair mules with wagon, cheap. B. D. Duncan.
13-1td-2tw*

Land for Sale

I have decided to sell part of my farm on Valley Creek, which will be about 250 acres. Has an excellent pecan grove and lots of water. See J. M. Garlington at First National Bank.
MRS. E. A. JEANES.
12-3td-3tw

FOR SALE—Good seed Oats, 60 cents per bushel. Everette Witter.
19-1d-2w*

LOST—Brown mule, shod, five years old, had wire around the neck, medium size. Finder report to Ledger at Ballinger.
27-1tw*

White Leghorn
Baby Chicks, Hatching Eggs, Pullets, and Started Baby Chicks from Blood-Tested Breeders. Write for catalogue. MAYHEW'S LAYMORE POULTRY FARM Brady, Texas. 27-2w

FOR SALE—Well drill, see or write Paul Mueller, Ballinger.
21-4tw*

Rabbit Hunt

A rabbit hunt will be held in the Miller school district, February 2nd and 3rd. Everybody invited. Free dinner on grounds. P. A. PULEN.
27-1td-1tw*

Card of Thanks

We wish to offer our sincere gratitude to the many friends of Norton for their many deeds of kindness rendered during the illness of our mother, Mrs. M. E. Allen, and we are so thankful to report she is on the road to recovery.

We are so grateful to our friends and to the One whose greatness surpasseth all knowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Turner
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ash
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ash
Miss Alma Allen
Miss Mae Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen
1tw

Card of Thanks

To our Good Friends and Neighbors:

We take this method to thank you for your many kindnesses and beautiful flowers during our Mother and Grandmother's illness and death.

Mrs. Marie Hoffman
Mrs. Alma Schram
and
Grandchildren
1w*

CONCHO COUPLE WED HERE MONDAY NIGHT

John Gehring and Miss Gertrude Wallace, of the Concho community on the Concho river, were married here Monday evening about 8 o'clock by Rev. B. W. Bigham at the pastor's home on Hutchings Avenue.

The young couple motored to Ballinger, obtained a license and were wed, then returning to Concho, where they will make their home.

Jack Holt has returned from Dallas, where he had been looking after business.

JOHN BIGBY, 20 FOUND DEAD IN ABILENE YARD

Johnnie Bigby, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby, of this city, was found dead Tuesday afternoon in Abilene on the lawn of his rooming house, by Mrs. A. Lilius, who lives next door. Death was due to heart failure, according to attending physicians who were called immediately after the boy's body was found.

Young Bigby was attending the National Business College at Abilene, being enrolled there last September and attending until Christmas when he came home for the holidays. He did not return until last Sunday, due to serious illness. It was thought he had recovered.

The youth complained of being weak when in the class-room Tuesday and about 3 o'clock asked instructors to allow him to go to his room. His body was found about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

An Abilene undertaker prepared the body for burial and a hearse from Higginbotham Bros. & Co. went to Abilene Tuesday night and brought the body back to Ballinger.

Funeral services will be held from the First Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. H. Doss, Rev. R. B. Hooper and Rev. J. H. McClain officiating.

Members of the boy's Sunday school class will act as pallbearers. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery. Girl members of the class in the Ballinger high school with whom he graduated, will be in charge of the floral offerings.

He is survived by his parents, four sisters and three brothers.

Johnnie Douglass Bigby, 20 years 7 months 11 days, was born on the Bigby ranch near Pony Creek. He was reared in this county, first attending the rural school near his home and later moving to Ballinger with his family to attend the city schools.

His death came as a shock to his family and to friends here as he was apparently in good health when he returned to his school Sunday.

No classes were held Wednesday at the college, and many of the students, friends of young Bigby, came here to attend the

funeral services.

Frank Schwertner

Frank Schwertner, of near Miles, pioneer of Runnels county, died Sunday morning at his home following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the Catholic Church at Rowena, with the priest from the San Angelo church officiating. Interment was made in the Rowena Catholic cemetery.

Higginbotham Bros. & Company undertakers prepared the body for burial and were in charge at the grave.

Mrs. Clara Hoffmann

Mrs. Clara Hoffmann, a native of Germany but a resident of Runnels county since 1893, died early Thursday morning at her home 8 miles southeast of Ballinger. She had been ill only a short time, suffering a stroke of paralysis Tuesday night.

In 1893 when she moved to this county, deceased purchased a farm and has lived there for the past 35 years. She was 85 years of age.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Annie Schran and Miss Mirry Hoffmann. Three children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, with interment being made in the Pony cemetery.

Higginbotham Bros. & Company undertakers prepared the body for burial and were in charge at the grave.

Miss Alpha Caperton

Miss Alpha M. Caperton died at 6:40 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her brother Bedford Caperton, 1005 Ninth Street, after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Caperton was formerly a teacher in the Ballinger schools, and many of the young people of the city knew her as their teacher in the primary department of the city schools several years ago.

After leaving Ballinger Miss Caperton taught in the Austin city schools for several years. Her health gave way several months ago and she had been at her brother's home since.

A Higginbotham Bros. & Co. hearse left Saturday with the remains for Blanco, near Austin, where services will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, and interment will take place in the Blanco cemetery. Higginbotham undertakers prepared the body for burial and will be in charge at the grave.



Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKee, who reside in the 500 block on Ninth Street, are the parents of a fine 10-pound boy born to them Friday night. Mr. McKee is with the Community Natural Gas Company here. This is their fourth child and the only son. Both mother and son are reported to be resting very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Saunders are the parents of a fine baby girl, born Friday night. The mother and young daughter are reported to be resting very well while the boys at the postoffice said Mr. Saunders did not know whether he was picking cotton or gathering pecans.

J. S. Reese, of Route B, was a caller at The Ledger office Thursday and joined our list of Banner Ledger readers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Maurice Lattimore and Mrs. Pauline Barlow.
L. E. Robertson, Jr., and Miss Lena Mae Forbus.
John Goehring and Miss Gertrude Wallace.

ALARM SOUNDED FOR SMALL FIRE SATURDAY

A small blaze in the servant's house at the home of Alex McGregor on Eleventh Street Saturday evening brought out the fire company but the fire had been extinguished before the trucks arrived. There was only a slight damage.

Henry Vandervanter and Pat Wood have returned from San Antonio where they went to take Mrs. L. P. Wood to the bedside of her husband, who has been in a San Antonio hospital for several weeks. Mr. Wood is reported to be some better after a recent setback and will be able to come home in about three weeks.

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