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## BALLINGER'S POPULATION IS 4,981

### Clarence Smith Shot to Death; Plumber and Brother are Held

**FORT WORTH, Jan. 9.**—M. C. Smith, age 32, died in a hospital here today from gunshot wounds in the head. He was found wounded in a vacant house in which two pistols had been discharged.

**FORT WORTH, Jan. 9.**—John Y. Bain, age 30, a plumber, was arrested today in connection with the death of M. C. Smith, who was found mortally wounded in a vacant house here today. Bain's brother-in-law, Howard O. Hammett, is also being held pending an investigation by the district attorney's office.

The circumstances surrounding Smith's death is tangled by the finding of two pistols in the house where he was found wounded. Three shots had been fired from each but only one shot had taken effect. It pierced Smith's head from the left according to the investigators. The investigation led to the arrest of Bain.

Clarence Smith is the son of Mrs. M. C. Smith of this city and was reared to manhood in Ballinger. His many friends were thrown into gloom today when the news of his death reached Ballinger in a telephone message from Fort Worth.

No particulars were obtainable here Wednesday afternoon other than those given above.

Clarence has been making Fort Worth his home for several years. He was married there several years ago and has been employed since finishing school.

No funeral arrangements had been perfected Wednesday afternoon and it was not known whether his body would be returned here or buried in Fort Worth.

His mother, Mrs. M. C. Smith, has just recently recovered from a severe case of influenza and the news of the death was a blow to her. She was reported to be suffering from the shock late Wednesday and it had not been determined whether she would attempt the trip to Fort Worth.

### Heavily Loaded Truck Turtles

A truck belonging to the Taylor Trucking Company of Dallas, loaded with 54 cylinders of acetylene welding gas, was overturned at the intersection of Broadway and Hutchings Avenue in front of the courthouse at about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon without any serious results to the driver or the truck.

It seems that the truck, when the driver attempted to make the turn to the left, was overbalanced by the trailer and the heavy cylinders were strewn over the courthouse lawn. It was said that faulty brakes were to blame for the truck not being brought to a slower speed when the corner was turned.

Quite a crowd gathered around the scene of the accident and in a few minutes a companion truck was brought into action and the one in distress was righted and reloaded.

R. K. Brynat, Stamford, driver of the truck, stated that he lost control of the big vehicle as it came down the Broadway hill and that he could not check the speed of it because of faulty brakes. He was none the worse after the accident and the truck was only slightly damaged. The welding gas is being trucked from Dallas to Barnhart where the Schell Pipe Line Company is constructing feeder lines to the West Texas oil fields.

### Runnels Road Contract to Be Made Jan. 21

The contract for the building of the first part of Highway No. 30 will be let at Austin by the highway commission on January 21, according to advices received here Tuesday. The first contract will be for the building of the cement road from Ballinger to one mile north of Hatchel and actual construction will begin in the early spring or as soon as freezing weather is over. The time for completion is 100 working days.

This is a record for quick action and breaks all time records in the state for awarding of a contract from the time the election was voted.

Last September 1 the southern two-thirds of Runnels, with Ballinger as the hub, voted \$525,000 for paving Highways No. 30 and 23, less \$47,000 for refunding warrants, leaving \$478,000 net.

At the coming session of the State Highway Commission, January 21-22 a \$240,000 contract, approximately, will be awarded for construction of concrete pavement on the first stretch of the No. 30 project, extending from Ballinger 9-1-2 miles northward to the south line of the Winters road district, which is a point about 1-1-2 miles north of Hatchel.

Grades and drainage structures on No. 30 through Runnels county were completed several years ago, and nothing remains on this two-for-one project in the Ballinger district except to lay the pavement. It is both a state and federal road. Somewhat later a contract will be let for the southern end from Ballinger to Tom Green county line, 13 miles, to connect with the Tom Green pavement, now in construction.

The pavement on No. 23, macadam-asphalt, will be laid from the Coleman county line 15-1-2 miles to Ballinger, and from Ballinger 12 miles to the Concho county line. Grades and drainage structures are partly completed only, so this job will be later than No. 30. It is also federal and state, the Ballinger district to pay only one-third the cost.

### ROTARY CLUB HEARS BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED

The Ballinger Rotary Club in the mid-week luncheon Wednesday listened to speakers on the coming bond issues for the enlargement of the water system, the city hall and the retirement of warrants. The speakers did not talk in a persuasive manner but simply presented the vital facts concerning the issue so that their members might understand the different issues.

R. T. Williams was the speaker on the regular program and talked to the club on "How I Should Treat My Employees." This was the fifth vocational program of the year and Mr. Williams brought out many good points for the consideration of any man at the head of a business.

Geo. Epple of Kerrville, division commander of the American Legion, and actively in charge of the western part of Texas, was here Tuesday conferring with Legion officials.

Henry Yancey and wife have been visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Yancey.

### Over \$2,000,000 on Deposit in 3 Banks

The three banks of Ballinger, in making their quarterly statements to the federal and state governments, show an increase over their former showing on October 3, and as compared to a year ago the showing is quite large in its gain.

For October the three banks had in loans and discounts amounting to \$1,262,421.89, and deposits of \$1,688,807.75. The statement of December 31 shows loans and discounts of \$845,125.85 while the deposits for the same date amount to \$2,149,930.76. This money on deposit is more than twice the amount that is loaned out and would indicate that the citizens of the county are in a healthy financial condition. The deposits by

banks is as follows:

First National Bank	\$1,012,617.26
Farmers & Merchants State Bank	729,818.62
Ballinger State Bank	402,494.98
Total	\$2,149,930.76

Taking the above comparison of figures, that is October 3 and December 31, it is plainly seen that the banks have made big collections during the three months. It also is plain that the people generally have some ready cash in reserve.

Taking the condition of the banks, the condition of the stores, and the prospects for 1929, Ballinger surely starts off the new year with the most promising conditions prevailing in her history.

### Ballinger Banks Hold Stockholders' Meets

#### First National Bank

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Ballinger met in their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with every share of stock represented either in person or by proxy. R. G. Erwin, cashier of the bank, stated that this was the first time this had ever happened and is a rare occurrence at any stockholders meeting. There are 1000 shares of stock in the First National and each share was represented Tuesday afternoon.

There were no changes in the personnel of the officers or directors, the same men being elected by the stockholders to serve on the directory board and the directors in turn electing the same officers for the coming year.

The directors of the bank are: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, F. M. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, C. L. Baker, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, and J. McGregor. Officers re-elected Tuesday were: J. Y. Pearce, president and chairman of the board; D. M. Baker, vice president; F. M. Pearce, vice president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; Harry Lynn, assistant cashier; J. W. Patterson, assistant cashier; W. R. Bogle, assistant cashier.

The stockholders and directors were optimistic over the year's work and the prospects for the coming year. They declared that the last year was very successful and their business had been good and pleasant with all their customers.

Mr. Erwin stated that the eighth semi-annual dividend was paid this year covering a period of 42 years.

#### Farmers & Merchants State Bank

The stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank met in their regular annual meeting Tuesday morning at the directory room at the bank to transact the business of the bank for the coming year. As soon as the meeting was called to order the directors of the past year were elected to serve again. These directors are: G. G. Odom, J. F. Currie, Fred Kiechle, J. L. Chastain and J. A. Zak. The directors' meeting was called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at that session all officers of the bank were re-elected as follows: G. G. Odom, president; J. F. Cur-

rie, vice president; Fred Kiechle, vice president (active); J. L. Chastain, cashier; Edward Sommer, assistant cashier.

Mr. Kiechle stated that the past year's business was very satisfactory and that in every way was the best the bank had ever enjoyed; liquidation of paper was the best he had ever experienced and from every standpoint the shareholders were pleased with the business done by their bank for the past 12 months. Mr. Kiechle also stated that he looked for a good business for the coming year. "My advice to every business man, whether he be a merchant, farmer or otherwise, is to watch his credit."

#### Ballinger State Bank

The shareholders of the Ballinger State Bank met at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning with all stock of the bank represented either in person or by proxy. The stockholders elected all the directors from the past year to serve in that capacity for another year. They are: E. D. Walker, W. B. Dankworth, N. J. Allen, Wm. Halfmann, Jas. E. Brewer, C. P. Shepherd and E. F. Batts.

Following the stockholders' meeting the board of directors met in session to complete their organization. The same crew of officers were all re-elected to serve this year as follows: E. D. Walker, president and chairman of the board; C. P. Shepherd, vice president; Sam Baker, secretary and cashier; and Ross Murchison, assistant cashier.

The bank enjoyed its best year in the history of the bank, having closed the year with the biggest business it has ever had.

#### LOCAL FIRM DELIVERS THREE FARMALLS MONDAY

The firm of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack delivered three Farmall tractors Monday to farmers in this vicinity. A. J. Pullins, Edwin Mueller and Rap Dameron were receivers of the new pieces of modern machinery and will use them this year in making their crops.

There are many Farmalls now being used in Runnels county by progressive farmers and they are making for themselves a reputation that means more sales each year.

The population of Ballinger at the opening of 1929, nine years after the last federal census, is 4,981, compared with 2,767 in 1920, an increase of 80 per cent, according to a survey issued by the Newspaper Feature Bureau to The Ballinger Daily Ledger.

The population of the city and suburbs is estimated at 6,500. An interesting feature of the survey is the occupational figures. Among the 4,000 persons ten years of age or over residing in Ballinger it is estimated there are 2,484 workers for gain, of whom 1,782 are males and 702 females.

Characteristics of the population are:

	1920	1929
Population	2,767	4,981
Males	1,378	2,480
Females	1,389	2,501
Persons over 21	1,621	2,918
Males	814	1,465
Females	807	1,453
Persons over 10	2,222	4,066
Males	1,122	2,020
Females	1,100	1,980
Occupied for gain	1,380	2,484
Males	990	1,782
Females	390	702
Families	665	1,197

The survey is supported by figures from local sources giving gains since the 1920 census in factors essential to population growth:

- Excess of births over deaths since the 1920 census numbering 310.
- Increase of 60 per cent since 1920 in number of qualified voters.
- Increase of 70 per cent since 1920 in youth of school age.
- Increase of 50 per cent since 1920 in domestic water consumers.
- No annexation of territory by the city during the year 1928.
- Local estimates of nearly 5,000 population for the city at the close of 1928, and 6,500 for the city and suburbs.

The report of the population of Ballinger on January 1, 1929, has brought forth many interesting discussions from many people. The figures of the number of people here was no surprise as the population was expected to hit the 5000 mark. The correct count missed the mark only 19 people. If Hillcrest alone could have been included in the city limits the number would have gone over the mark of 5000.

Another interesting feature to the report was the increase in families since 1920. At that time the federal census gave Ballinger 665 families and the new estimate placed that number at 1197. This seems high until it is taken into consideration the amount of new homes that have been built in the last two years alone. It will also be remembered that in 1920 when the federal census was taken, there were many business houses and many more dwellings in Ballinger empty. These houses are all occupied now and several hundred new homes have been built and today they are filled and in many homes are found two or more families. According to the report there are only 21 more women in Ballinger than men. This same ratio runs true through all the ages and from the 10-year period on up the males and females run about even. One-half of the entire population of the town is working for gain.

### COUNTY AGENT IS DOING TERRACING WORK NOW

County Agent C. W. Lehmberg is being kept busy these days doing terracing work all over the county. Mr. Lehmberg is getting to spend very little time in his office at present and has a long list of calls ahead to visit farmers in different parts of the county to assist them in terracing their farms. He stated Monday afternoon that the poultry association is preparing to ship another car of mixed poultry the last of this month. The exact date for this shipment has not been set but publicity will be given the time and all kinds of poultry will be included in the car. As soon as the rush is over time will be given by Mr. Lehmberg to boys' club work. A courageous mind puts the "hop" in hope.

### It's Inventory Time

This is a good time for every one to take an inventory of the past year and plan for a better future. Ask yourself these questions:—Have I made as much money as I should have in the past year?—Have I borrowed wisely?—Have I invested safely?—Have I added to my bank account as much as my surplus would permit? If you have failed in any of these things, it is a good time of the year to resolve on a safer program for 1929. This bank will help you to build better. Talk to us about your plans.

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### 40th Legislature Opens Tuesday

AUSTIN, Jan. 7.—An effort will be made to pass the general appropriation bill during the regular session, Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller said today. "I don't know what the house will do with the appropriations bills but I am going to try to get them through the senate," Miller said.

AUSTIN, Jan. 7.—When the Fortieth Legislature convenes Tuesday at high noon, it is likely that the general appropriations bill for the next biennium requesting \$64,284,840 will be introduced as soon as group organization is completed. If the bill is introduced in the early sessions of legislature, consideration of it will probably be deferred until the special session.

The present biennium budget, ending August 31, 1929, amounted to \$401,754,828 after the board of control had lopped off \$18,655,233 from the requested budget of \$57,410,061. Request for the next biennium budget is in excess of the present budget by \$6,874,779.

An increase of 100 per cent in the educational budget is seen in the request of \$33,712,538 as compared with \$16,811,734 recommended by the board two years ago.

Two million dollars more is requested by the eleemosynary institutions than was recommended by the board two years ago. The departmental bill will request for the next biennium \$14,286,255—an excess of \$3,186,758 over the amount granted by the board for the present biennium.

A large increase in the fees allowed those attendant upon the courts provokes an increase of \$1,549,755 in the judiciary bill for the support of the courts of the state, which amounts to \$4,874,156.

Because the departmental bill will include appropriations for the state prison system, the amount requested for the budget for the next will have an increase of more than \$3,000,000. Otherwise the requests of the departmental bill has not been increased greatly over that allowed by the board two years ago.

The board has not yet made its final recommendations but it is likely that heavy pruning will be done on the requests to keep the appropriations within the available revenues of the state.

Available funds coming into the treasury will not be sufficient to take care of the heavy demands of the educational institutions for their growth and development, it was pointed out by the board in giving out the estimates of requests.

A margin of several millions of dollars must also be retained by the board, it was also indicated, to take care of special appropriations usually made by each legislature.

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OUTLOOK FOR SHEEP GOOD  
Scattered rains over the sheep raising section of Runnels, Coke and Comcho counties, providing green weeds and winter grass for all the winter has put the sheep industry in excellent shape for the winter. This year's crop will doubtless pay the shepherds more profit than for many years, as feeding will not be resorted to generally. Lambs are reported in excellent shape as well as the older stuff.

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, who has been in Cisco for some time, is here on a visit of several days.

Mrs. Tom Ward has returned from a several months visit in New York where her daughter, Miss Adda, has been taking voice.

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### Figures Regarding Bond Issues and City Insurance Key Rate

The total indebtedness of the City of Ballinger if the bond issues carry that are to be voted on, Tuesday, January 15, will be \$294,500. The amount of interest and sinking fund to be raised each year would be \$22,685. These figures are based entirely on the 1928 renditions.

The present rate of taxes is \$1.24 on the \$100 valuation. The amount necessary if we vote for all the bonds will only be six cents more, making the total tax rate in the future only \$1.30 on the \$100 valuation.

The amount of money to be raised from the bond issues would be \$15,515 interest and \$7,165 principal.

This year \$32,000 of indebtedness is being retired. In case the city voted only for the \$10,000 for waterworks improvements and defeated the city hall and the retiring of outstanding warrants, then the raise in taxes would amount to almost the same, as if we had voted all three issues. One reason for this is the fact that the \$42,500 outstanding warrants is already a fixed tax and unless it is voted to bonds it will take more money to pay the interest and retire the principal than the bond issue would cost. If we do vote for retiring the warrants there would be a decrease in taxes on this item.

The estimated cost of construction of the city hall and the necessary tax to pay for it would be eight cents on the \$100 or 80 cents on the \$1000 rendition.

The present key rate in the city is 37 cents, and by making improvements it would be possible to reduce this 193-4 cents to where we would have a key rate of only 17 1/4 cents. By making the improvements we would get the following reductions:

- By providing a more efficient standpipe \$ .01
- By providing a duplicate main from pump to standpipe .01
- By increasing size of mains in mercantile district .02
- By increasing size of mains in residence district .05
- By increasing number of fire hydrants in mercantile district .02

(The requirements being one hydrant to every 100,000 sq. ft.—the improvement providing one to every 90,000 sq. ft.)

- By increasing fire plugs in residence district .01
- Total \$ .12

The above items are included in the bond issue and the city will get the above reductions if the issue carries.

By providing a new truck of 750 gallons per minute capacity it would be possible to get another one cent reduction plus a two cent reduction from the total penalty.

The amount of fire insurance in force in Ballinger each year is estimated to be \$4,000,000 while the taxable valuations are only \$3,183,163. By producing your pencil and figuring a little it will be readily seen that by making the above improvements that the savings on insurance will almost offset the total cost of voting all three of the bond issues.

It is also possible that the city will be granted a six cent reduction in its key rate for the new building code which credit is now

due and should be granted shortly.

The proposed dam which is to be added to the present lower dam and which would be 22 feet in height and about 2000 feet of dirt, would impound 4 1/2 times as much water as we now have and would make one solid lake of water from the top of the "upper," to the new lower down.

The pumping capacity would be doubled, the new water tower would provide 250,000 more gallons of water in storage.

While it is considered safe to believe the proposed water improvement program will go over in big style there is, developing, some opposition to the city hall.

It is pointed out that regardless of whether the city hall is built or not, that a fire station must be built and the cost of this and the city also paying a monthly rental for its place of carrying on business will cost more in the end than the city hall and fire station would cost as a unit.

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### CAR STOLEN IN SAN ANGELO IS RECOVERED IN BALLINGER

A Chrysler roadster, the property of Ed Dorsey, postal employe of San Angelo, which was stolen Thursday morning off the streets of San Angelo, was recovered here that afternoon by the sheriff's department. The car was parked on Tenth Street near the horse and mule barns of Street & Middleton, with an empty gas tank. In the car was found a box and other things that would indicate the party having driven the car was a dope head or "snow bird."

Owing to the fact that the car of Dr. A. S. Love was stolen from the streets of Ballinger the same day at a later hour, officers have about come to the conclusion that the same party stole both cars and made the trip from San Angelo to Ballinger and back, possibly for the purpose of getting or delivering narcotics.

### NORTON REPORTS 147 CASES OF INFLUENZA

The report comes from Norton that they have in that vicinity 147 cases of influenza and pneumonia. Dr. W. W. Mitchell of that town is taking care of practically all the cases and is working day and night to look after all the sick folks.

Most of the cases are in a light form and no dangerous cases are reported with the exception of the few pneumonia cases.

### Teachers Meet Coming in April

Supt. H. C. Lyon of the Ballinger schools, made the announcement Monday that the definite dates of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association meet had been made and that the association will be here on April 5 and 6. President J. C. Scarborough of Santa Anna made known the date in a telephone conversation with Mr. Lyon Saturday.

The program is now in the making and will be made public as soon as it is completed. Listed on the program will be some of the best known educators in the country and men and women who will cause an unusually large attendance of teachers at the Ballinger meeting. The program committee is sparing nothing to make it the best program ever presented to the association.

Entertainment features on the program will be supplied by Ballinger and every organization in town will be expected to assist the local committee in doing Ballinger's part in making the meeting a success. The attendance at the meeting is expected to reach the 1000 mark and that means that the homes of Ballinger will have to be thrown open to teachers for the two days they are here.

The dates of Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 were carefully selected in order not to conflict with any of the county meets that are to be in progress through the spring. After carefully checking all the schools in the territory of the association it was found that these dates were open in all school matters and the committee selected them and immediately notified all schools to that effect.

The majority of the meetings will be held at the high school, however, some of the section meetings will have to be held at other places in order to get enough room. Just what the entertainment program will be here for the teachers has not been determined but a program will be worked out as soon as the association program is completed so that there will be no conflicts.

Be wise and advertise.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Henry E. W. Bryan and Miss Jewel Dooley.  
Louis Felty and Miss Gladys Stanfield.  
Dan Purcell and Fay Taylor.  
Louie White and Miss Vera Washer.  
Walter J. Curtis and Miss Frances Eagan.  
Edwin Vogelsang and Miss Corinne Gressett.  
Horace M. Wood and Miss Ruth Cole.  
Daniel Ventina and Miss Frances Luebanos.  
Joe S. Barnes and Miss Martha Maas.  
Claudie Rosson and Miss Wielle Brown.  
Paul Bryant and Miss Gladys Morgan.  
Juan Flores and Miss Opalinaria Vargas.

**LAND NOTE ASSIGNMENTS**

The First Trust Joint Land Bank of Dallas has made an assignment of 104 land notes held by it against the property of that many citizens of Runnels county, to the First Trust Joint Land Bank of Chicago, and the papers have been filed by record by Miss Ima McKown, county clerk. Each of the notes represents several thousand dollars.

This would indicate that the citizens of Runnels county, who are land owners, are taking advantage of the opportunity of borrowing money and putting their land up as security.

Neil Eubank has returned to John Tarleton College at Stephenville where he will be for the rest of the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Maddox were here Friday, attending the funeral service of Miss Fannie Wilmeth.

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Then Towley, young, clean, wholesome, came adventuring up the river, to find a girl of twenty, with the body of a youthful Venus—glistening hair, creamy skin and star-like eyes—eyes clouded with silent misery. Amusement, anger, pity were but the prelude to love. And when one day an answering light illumined her soft, dark eyes flashing him a wonderful message—

That it began—this strange drama of the jungle—a drama of maddening love on Towley's part—a tragedy of renunciation, of desperate battling with conscience on the part of Laura. Don't miss this startling true-life story, "Flower of the Jungle," in February True Story Magazine.

**Partial Contents for February**

- The Marriage Wrecker
- I Paid My Very Soul
- The Wife Who Had to Have Romance
- My Mysterious Inheritance
- First in a Woman's Life
- and eight other stories

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## Business Reflects Growth and Improvement in Firms

Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of articles on Ballinger's business houses and a surmise of the expectations for 1929. Another will appear tomorrow giving a complete summary of the other businesses not mentioned below:

Ballinger business, generally speaking, reflects a gain in 1928 over 1927 and some store managers aver that their business was even better during the last year than in any previous years. The opinion that 1929 will be the best year in our history seems to prevail. Of course this depends as all will say on the crop conditions and out-turn, but right now the people generally are in better shape than at any time in several years.

The crop outlook is good and unless unforeseen disaster befalls the small grain we will harvest the biggest crop in 11 years. The poultry outlook just now is the best in the history of the county and to this is added the dairying which has heretofore been a small thing compared to the income derived from that source now.

The improvement program for Ballinger and the county is the biggest that has ever been assured so early in a year. The building of 55 miles of concrete and macadam road and the seemingly certain fact that Ballinger will build a new water system and a new city hall insures us having much money in circulation during the duller months of the year, when we would otherwise be content to live off the "interest on what we owe," makes it reasonably certain that business will be better than usual this year.

While no big business changes have been made during the early days of 1929 a few have been noted and the stores with their present forces are listed below:

**Higginbotham Bros. & Co.**  
This store is maintaining a good force and has many improvements in mind for the coming year, including the establishment of a new and modern funeral home on the Bruce property, which was recently purchased for that purpose. The business handled by this store during 1928 is known to be very satisfactory to the stockholders and the manager, R. T. Williams, has some plans under consideration for 1929 to make the business more attractive to the general public. To begin the new year this store had to run its business the following force: R. T. Williams, manager; M. S. Karmany, book-keeping; Clyde Davis, secretary; Mrs. M. S. Karmany, department manager for the ladies and dry goods section, with the following salesladies assisting: Mrs. R. E. Truly, Mrs. Abbie Roberts, Mrs. Augusta Bethany, Miss Blanche Yeager and Miss Maggie Lilly. Roy Smith and Chas. Grant will manage the men's department and under the supervision of J. E. Arthur, the hardware department will have E. J. Lambert, Turner Shelton, T. J. Seals. The furniture department has as its manager C. G. Jennings and Joe Ostertag, undertakers, assisted by Oliver Jacobsen.

**Stone's**  
C. R. Stone, manager of Stone's Dry Goods store, reports that his 1928 business has been very satisfactory and he is looking forward to 1929 with much anticipation, and also will make many added improvements to his store during the present year. Mr. Stone now has assisting him: Mmes. A. R. Jones and Jno. I. Guion and Lee Simmons.

**West Texas Utilities Co.**  
The West Texas Utilities Company, which is always at the forefront in improvements and ever trying to make a better town is proud of its achievements during 1928 and for 1929 anticipates a much bigger business and is maintaining a big force at this place, including: Earl Morley, manager; J. W. Wilson, Susie Rogers, Al Burdén, Grace Wootton, accounting, A. L. Brady, Roy R. Witt, C. L. Chumley, W. P. Denny, E. Mullikin, R. S. Galbraith, Joe Baxter, Ollie Floyd, R. E. Wilson, A. D. Donham, E. E. McElroy, W. H. Maxwell, Harvey Pearce, M. L. Taylor, Howard Earl, G. A. Swann, Dewey Campbell, J. L. Byers, G. R. Ransbarger, Joe Odum, R. L. Grippe, T. A. Paul, F. J. Caudle, W. A. Green, Roy Sanders, Stell Branch, John W. Collins, G. W. Lively, W. R. Denman, Joe Eubank, Raymond Thompson, W. H. Wilder, Richard Winchester, C. M. Thurman and A. H. Smith.

**Hall Hardware Co.**  
Hall Hardware Company, under the management of the McGregors, has enjoyed a nice business in 1928 and they anticipate that 1929 will be a good year for them, especially in the implement business. A. McGregor, M. McGregor, A. J. Voelkel, J. H. Voelkel and Levy Lee, constitute the force at this time.

**D. Reeder Dry Goods Co.**  
D. Reeder Dry Goods Company reports a very satisfactory business in 1928 and they anticipate that 1929 will equal or exceed it if prospects continue to look so good as at present. The force here is composed of D. Reeder, Roy Reeder, Ross Black, Jones Taylor, Mrs. T. A. Rape, Mrs. C. A. Bog-gess, Miss Josephine Grant, Miss Ida Warren and James Baskin.

**Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack**  
The store of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack has enjoyed a wonderful year in 1928 and their aspirations for 1929 are to exceed in sales and service of the past year. They have established a branch implement house in Winters which will be under the management of John Smith and others. The force at Ballinger will be: Scott H. Mack, B. C. Kirk, Paul Kirk, Dick Euckert, Bert Witt, Jim Duncan and Jim Flynt, Jr.

**Bettis & Sturges**  
Bettis & Sturges report that 1928 was their banner year in Ballinger and this store has reported business as excellent all through the year. What their program is for 1929 is not known just now as the manager was out of the city. The force is composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturges, James Jacobsen, Mrs. Jones Taylor, Mrs. H. O. Andrews, and Mrs. A. E. Bozell. J. C. Sturges, Jr., will arrive here about the 15th of January and will be permanently connected with this store.

**The Hub**  
The Hub, dry goods store, reports the biggest business in its history so far as the present management is concerned and R. E. George has been at the helm here for nine years. They anticipate some improvements but are as yet not ready to make definite announcement concerning this. The force for the present is composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray, Earl Baker, Misses Samantha McElroy, Mida Layton, Nann Keville, Margaret Kirk, Mrs. H. T. Forson, Jimmie Parrish, Harold Trammel. About January 15 Lewis George of Los Angeles, Calif., will arrive here to take charge of the shoe department. He is a single man and has had six years experience in one of the biggest shoe stores in the California city. While of the same name as that of the manager, he is not in any way related to R. E. George.

**Piggly Wiggly**  
Sam Behringer, manager of Piggly Wiggly, reports a good business in 1928 and said he attributed more results to advertising done in The Ledger than any form of advertising he had ever tried. He says you can feel more direct results from newspaper advertising than any other known source and he ought to know. The present force here is composed of Mr. Berhinger, L. R. Bradford, W. D. Howell, Mrs. H. Laxton, and there will be others added very shortly.

**G. A. Ladwig**  
The G. A. Ladwig dry goods establishment has enjoyed a wonderful business during the past year and for the future has some improvements in store that will make for the betterment of their business and the convenience. Mr. Ladwig stated that he had renewed the lease on the building for five years at \$14,400 for the term. The store will be completely changed inside and a new arrangement of display had throughout. The force to start the New Year was composed of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ladwig, Mrs. Pearl Gustavus, Miss Tommie Starkey, T. F. Bridwell, Rayburn Ladwig.

**Weeks Drug Store**  
Jno. A. Weeks and R. W. Earnshaw, proprietors of Weeks' Drug Store, had the biggest year's business in the store's history during 1928 and Mr. Weeks, speaking for the entire store, said they anticipated putting in some new fixtures, new ice cream machinery and other things. The force here is composed of Mr. Weeks, Mr. Earnshaw, R. T. Seitz, pharmacist, Lura McAllister, office and sales, Felton Davidson, head of the sales service, Wilmet McKenzie, fountain and floor sales, Charlie

Roberts, Ford delivery service. Mr. Weeks stated that the only year that came near to 1928 was 1920, and that he attributed this to the fact of the store's policy of every customer a satisfied customer. He contemplates many big things for Ballinger in the near future and says Weeks' Drug Store will be numbered among the others to make it possible for Ballinger to grow and extend.

**PREVENTS RICKETS**  
**Scott's Emulsion**

### MORE FAILURES IN DECEMBER

AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—Commercial failures in Texas during December were more than double those of November and nearly 25 per cent greater than those in December, 1927, according to Bervard Nichols, assistant in charge of index numbers in the bureau of business research at the University of Texas. "While an increase from November to December is the usual trend, the sharp increase this year is the greatest on record," Mr. Nichols said. "During November, 54 firms with liabilities of \$1,085,000 went into bankruptcy compared to 24 failures having liabilities of \$701,000 in November. Last year in December, there were 42 insolvencies with liabilities totaling \$503,000.

"Even though the failure record in December was rather unfavorable in comparison with November, the showing for the year is rather encouraging. Moreover, the relatively small number of failures in 1928 indicates that business generally was good most of the time. During the year, 547 commercial defaults were reported, whereas there were 691 in 1927, or a decrease of 21 per cent. This is the smallest number of failures in any year since 1920 when 475 were reported. Liabilities of defaulting companies involved \$11,358,000, compared to \$11,575,000 in 1927, an increase of 283,000. Possibly this situation is the least hopeful of the failure record for the year, since it indicates that even some of the larger companies are having difficulty in making profits. Average liabilities per insolvency increased from \$16,800 during 1927 to \$21,700 in 1928. Many of the smaller companies have been forced out of business over the past year or two as a result of keen competition, so that the tendency for fewer but larger companies to fail is likely to continue for some time to come. Profits in 1928 as a whole are above those in 1927, but a very large percentage of the gain has been enjoyed by the larger organizations.

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## Pioneer Lady Dies Thursday

Mrs. Rosa Spill, age 79 years, wife of August Spill, pioneer of Runnels county, died at the home of her son, in Winters, Thursday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Spill had only been sick a few days and was thought to be improving but had a sinking spell about 1:30 Thursday and never regained her strength.

The Spill family has lived in the Winters section since 1890, coming here when most of the country was what we term open ranges. Mr. Spill bought 400 acres of land, about one-half of which is now in the corporate limits of the town of Winters.

The family enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this section and the sons and daughters are all successful in their various pursuits. Joe Spill, pioneer Ballinger citizen and also Mrs. L. Afflerbach of Ballinger, are children of Mrs. Spill and for this reason Ballinger mourns the passing of the great old lady.

Mrs. Spill was a member of the Catholic church and a good woman and a sacrificing mother. Her life had been one to be looked upon as a good example of true motherhood.

The surviving children are: Joe Spill, Ballinger; August, Albert, Ben and E. E. of Winters; Mrs. Louis Afflerbach, Ballinger; Mrs. Ben Neth, Mrs. Rosa Adams, and Mrs. E. J. Adams, Winters.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her son, Ben, in Winters at 4 p. m. Friday with the Catholic priest from Rowena in charge of the service; Inter-

## Dr. Caldwell's 3 Rules Keep You Healthy



*P. B. Caldwell M.D.*  
AT AGE 63

Dr. Caldwell watched the results of constipation for 47 years, and believed that no matter how careful people are of their health, diet and exercise, constipation will occur from time to time regardless of how much one tries to avoid it. Of next importance, then, is how to treat it when it comes. Dr. Caldwell always was in favor of getting as close to nature as possible, hence his remedy for constipation, known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a mild vegetable compound. It can not harm the most delicate system and is not a habit forming preparation. Syrup Pepsin is pleasant-tasting, and youngsters love it. It does not gripe. Thousands of mothers have written us to that effect.

Dr. Caldwell did not approve of drastic physics and purges. He did not believe they were good for human beings to put into their systems. In a practice of 47 years he never saw any reason for their use when a medicine like Syrup Pepsin will empty the bowels just as promptly, more cleanly and gently, without griping and harm to the system.

Keep free from constipation! It robs your strength, hardens your arteries and brings on premature old age. Do not let a day go by without a bowel movement. Do not sit and hope, but go to a druggist and get one of the

generous bottles of Syrup Pepsin. Take the proper dose that night and by morning you will feel like a different person.

Get a bottle today, at any drugstore and observe these three rules of health: Keep the head cool, the feet warm, the bowels open.

ment was in Fairview Cemetery at Winters. A large number of people from Ballinger attended the funeral as well as people from other sections of the county and state.

### ERROR IN REPORT OF RED CROSS STAMPS

R. E. White called at the Ledger office Friday morning and called our attention to the fact that additional reports had been received from schools over the county which run the sale now to nearly \$500.00. The reports given in Thursday's paper were about \$100 less than this and with a few schools still to report it is likely that the total sale will total \$500 before the final check-up is made.

Mrs. Emma Godwin has returned to Brownwood after spending a short visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Creasy. Mrs. Godwin is in charge of the girls' dormitory at Daniel Baker College at Brownwood.

# FLU is now Epidemic!

Compared with 1918, this epidemic, so far, is mild; and yet, in spite of vastly increased capacity, the Vicks laboratories are once more operating night and day to meet the emergency demand for more and more Vicks VapoRub. Over 375,000 jars are now being produced daily.

## How best to use Vicks VapoRub

### 1. AS A PREVENTIVE

Several times a day, insert Vicks up the nostrils. Also melt a little night and morning in a bowl of boiling water and inhale the steaming medicated vapors. This helps to ward off germ-infection.

### 2. IF A COLD STARTS

If possible, go home and go to bed. Take a laxative and a hot lemonade. Apply hot, wet towels over throat and chest until the skin is thoroughly reddened. Then rub vigorously with Vicks. Spread on thickly and cover with warm flannel. Leave the bed-covering loose, so that the vapors, released by the body-warmth, may be freely inhaled. At the same time, Vicks also acts through the skin like a poultice.

Repeat this treatment every four hours, eat lightly, and stay in bed until the cold is broken. Complete rest helps the body throw off the cold more quickly.

### 3. AFTER A FLU ATTACK

Physicians advise that the chief danger in this epidemic is after influenza. Then, more than ever, colds, attacking the weakened system, may lead to bronchitis, sinus-trouble or pneumonia. This is especially true of children or old folks.

Heed even the slightest cold as a danger signal. Vicks is especially valuable here, because it is applied externally, and so can be used freely, as often as needed, without upsetting delicate digestions, as too much "dosing" is so apt to do.

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Just 19 more days to pay your  
poll tax.

Federal officers made another  
raid in San Angelo Tuesday in  
carrying out enforcement of prohibi-  
tion.

If attendance in the Ballinger  
schools is an indication, the flu  
epidemic is on the wane. Monday  
morning all teachers were on the  
job and the attendance of pupils  
was up to normal and considered  
good by the faculty.

To vote in the election next  
Tuesday, January 15, you will be  
required to have your state and  
county poll tax receipt, or sign an  
affidavit that you have lost same,  
and have paid city property tax  
on as much as ten dollars valuation.

The rain Tuesday night should  
help purify the air and destroy  
some of the disease germs that  
are so numerous at present. The  
light rain was pretty general over  
this section of the country.

The Runnels county cotton crop  
is not all out yet and some pick-  
ers are still working in the fields.  
Some cotton men estimate that it  
will require two more weeks of  
good weather to finish gathering  
the 1928 crop.

Schools closing in the county  
indicates that the spread of sick-  
ness is greater than has been esti-  
mated. Closing schools will do no  
good unless other gatherings are  
also stopped and people stay at  
home and out of crowds.

This is the time of year to cut  
back your rose bushes so that they  
will bloom better in the spring.  
There are many lovely rose garden-  
ers in Ballinger and we all pride  
ourselves in the civic appearance  
of the old town. Flowers are God's  
gift and we should value them  
more highly.

Governor Dan Moody and his  
wife are rejoicing over the arrival  
of an eight-pound baby boy. The  
youngster was born in an Austin  
hospital Monday and both mother  
and babe are reported to be doing  
nicely. The baby was named Dan  
Moody, Jr., and doctors report that  
it will likely be auburn haired  
like its father.

Runnels county does not particu-  
larly need a rain, still many peo-  
ple believe that a good general  
rain would do much to relieve the  
county of the flu germs that are  
so prevalent. It is pointed out that  
a rain would purify the air to a  
large extent and do away with  
germs that are being carried by  
the hard dry winds which have  
been so common lately.

It is just three months until  
Ballinger will entertain the thou-  
sand teachers of the Mid-Texas  
Teachers' Association. It is not too  
early to begin to lay plans for  
taking care of them, and the  
chamber of commerce should have  
a committee to work with the  
teachers' committee in providing  
everything they need.

The new continuous flight record  
attained by The Question Mark  
will bring more glory to the Uni-  
ted States. This country has attain-  
ed more fame from records attain-  
ed by its flying aces than from any  
other source in recent years. And  
why, Americans have always been  
the most daring people on earth  
and besides this we are a nation  
of many of the world's most use-  
ful inventions.

No business failures and very  
few business changes, make it  
look like Ballinger's business dis-  
trict was pretty solid financially.  
Why shouldn't it be? Most of the  
firms report the biggest business  
of their existence, while one bank  
reports its best year in 22 years  
of banking. The farmers generally  
are in excellent shape and most  
communities report bright pros-  
pects ahead for 1929.

The City Attorneys' Association  
met in its first annual session at  
Austin this week, where a big  
program of entertainment and a  
series of speeches on the enforce-  
ment of city laws was enjoyed by  
the delegates. This is as it should  
be, for by getting together the

attorneys can discuss among them-  
selves the many problems coming  
up for consideration from time to  
time. An attorney is as subject to  
learning more than he already  
knows as anybody under the sun.

The United States Government  
has accepted a proposition from  
the United States Steel Corpora-  
tion, in which the steel corporation  
was suing for the return of \$161,-  
000,000 in tax money that was said  
to have been collected illegally. In  
the compromise the government  
is to pay the corporation about  
\$27,000,000 and the case will be  
closed forever. Some money, but  
at the same time we have a  
mighty rich government.

One of the first big events for  
Ballinger in 1929 is an entertain-  
ment which will be the annual  
chamber of commerce banquet. If  
present plans mature the banquet  
will be held during the month of  
January and the committee will  
try to make it the biggest and best  
ever staged here by the organiza-  
tion. This has been an annual cus-  
tom for many years and is an  
affair that attracts a large crowd  
each year.

Ballinger starts the New Year  
off with three vacant business  
buildings. In the last few days  
many out of town people have  
been here looking at these build-  
ings and it is likely that before  
many weeks they will be filled.  
There are very few vacant resi-  
dences in the city and most of  
them are new houses that are just  
being finished.

Those who are keeping closely  
in touch with the influenza epi-  
demic here state that the new  
cases are fewer and that if the  
people keep up taking every pre-  
caution, they believe it will be curbed  
soon. There are many cases in  
Ballinger and the surrounding  
country, estimates being placed at  
from 500 to 1000 cases. Many of  
the cases are very light and are doubt-  
ful if they are really flu while  
many are genuine and are being  
carefully watched by doctors and  
nurses.

Wide awake citizens are begin-  
ning to worry about the three  
issues to come before the voters  
of Ballinger on next Tuesday, Jan-  
uary 15. A meeting is being held  
of the city commission and the  
citizens committee appointed by  
the chamber of commerce and a  
plan of creating favorable interest  
in the three issues will be discus-  
ed. It is likely that a set program  
will be carried out for the next  
week to inform the voters on each  
issue as to their cost, their need,  
and the saving that they will  
mean to the town.

The park movement recently  
started in Ballinger by local service  
clubs has died down and not much  
has been heard of the plans re-  
cently. With the approach of  
spring will be a good time to revive  
the interest in making here a city  
park and getting the trees and  
flowers out and started to growing.  
The proposed location of the park  
near the upper dam, will be made  
better in case the bond issue now  
before the people carries. It will  
place a large lake within a short  
distance of the park and will make  
the irrigation of trees and shrubs  
an easy matter.

Reporters of The Daily Ledger  
have along with other newspaper  
men from all over the state, been  
invited to learn to fly at no cost  
whatever. The Texas Air Trans-  
port will give free instructions to  
newspaper reporters at Fort Worth  
on January 14 and 15. The big  
Texas transportation company is  
planning most of all to entertain  
the Texas Press for two days, take  
them into the air and let them  
handle the stick and learn aerial  
terms. It will mean much publicity  
for them if the reporters of Texas  
get a taste of flying and learn the  
proper terms to be used in their  
aerial stories.

In April the Mid-Texas Teachers  
Association will come to Ballinger  
between 800 and 900 strong. Bal-  
lenger will be host to these teach-  
ers on this occasion and it will  
be the largest gathering ever held  
here of that body. For many years  
the Concho-Colorado Teachers In-  
stitute has been coming to Bal-  
lenger but only about 400 teachers  
are usually in attendance at that  
gathering. Plans should be com-  
pleted at once for the part of the  
program that the host city will be  
expected to furnish.

El Paso—A new \$25,000 hangar  
will be erected and a municipal  
airport and aviation school estab-  
lished in this city in the near fu-  
ture.

**LETTERS  
to the Editor**

Our family and my husband's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ken-  
nedey, of Winters, Texas, have just  
returned from a visit to see Mrs.  
Robert W. Crismon, formerly Miss  
Ola Dorris Kennedy, and her  
youngest brother, Martin Kennedy  
who graduated from Winters High  
last year and is now a freshman  
in the Engineering Department of  
the Texas College of Mines and  
Metallurgy.

As we left home, the weather  
was alternating between days of  
heavy mist and zero temperature,  
but we found a climate quite dif-  
ferent in El Paso. The slogan  
adopted by the Chamber of Com-  
merce that "El Paso is where sun-  
shine spends the winter" is true  
in so far as I was able to deter-  
mine. Mornings of crisp and snip-  
py cold that gave one a ravenous  
appetite; afternoons of drowsy  
warmth that lured one to the park  
bench or to the open road; and  
nights of refreshing sleep. Could  
one ask for a more ideal place?

However, El Paso has other  
claims to publicity aside from its  
marvelous climate. During the  
World War it received quite an im-  
petus toward expansion due to the  
concentration cantonments locat-  
ed there in the vicinity of Fort  
Bliss. A period of depression nat-  
urally followed in the wake of  
peace but normal conditions of the  
last few years have helped El Paso  
to enjoy a rapid growth. At one  
time this area was a cattleman's  
country altogether but like many  
other similar regions the semi-arid  
range is giving way to the agricul-  
tural community. The federal gov-  
ernment has spent thousands of  
dollars on the Rio Grande Recla-  
mation Service in the upper valley  
that surrounds El Paso. Conse-  
quently, the change from a graz-  
ing country to one of intensive  
farming has expanded the popu-  
lation as well as increased the  
wealth of the county. With more  
inhabitants come more business for  
the railroads and reduction of pro-  
hibitive freight rates and the sub-  
sequent establishment of many  
large industrial plants.

While in El Paso, we visited  
the El Paso Smelting Company,  
the largest customs smelter in the  
world. The ore comes principally  
from Old Mexico and from New  
Mexico. Copper and lead are the  
main metals that are smelted.  
The bars of crude metal are sent  
to refineries in New Jersey and  
in California to be reduced to a  
purer state. This plant covers over  
two hundred acres of land and  
brings a large payroll into circu-  
lation.

There were many other plants,  
factories, mills, and so forth that  
we did not have time to go  
through, but we saw the tangible  
results of much money. Every-  
where there were good roads, paved  
streets, beautiful parks, and  
fine school buildings.

Nor was El Paso lacking in  
points of scenic interest. Above the  
city rises Mt. Franklin girdled by  
the famous Scenic Drive and some  
thirty miles to the northwest lies  
the Hueco Tanks. A party of us  
spent the day at the Tanks. In the  
center of an enclosed plain lies a  
massive heap of stone rising in  
the air like huge columns of some  
forgotten temple. The rock forma-  
tion is a reddish-brown hue splash-  
ed with dark patches of some  
molten substance. Evidently this is  
the remains of an extinct volcano.  
At the top of the immense rock  
structures are found pot holes,  
springs trickling from the crevices,  
fern rooted in wee bits of soil, and  
balancing rocks that barely pivot  
on some ledge. We ate our lunch  
under an overhanging ledge that  
probably sheltered many an In-  
dian brave. Three cylindrical mor-  
tars about six inches in diameter  
and eighteen inches deep were  
still to be seen in a large stone  
under the ledge. There was even  
a place smooth where the patient  
squaw had spent many a tedious  
hour pestling out the corn to make  
cakes for the braves. We secured  
our drinking water from a lake  
formed by mountains and fed by  
the springs from above. Indeed,  
it was a lovely place to spend an  
outing.

As one's visit is never complete  
without seeing Jaurez, Mexico, we  
spent several hours over there one  
day. There one may see life at its  
worst and yet one cannot help but  
have a natural curiosity about how  
the other half of the world lives.  
For instance, as our party came  
to the entrance of the Tivoli, a  
notorious gambling hall, we found  
the way blocked by a group of  
men trying to carry a limp mass

of humanity to a taxi before the  
policemen took their friend in  
charge. From that scene we en-  
tered a room stale with tobacco  
smoke and fetid air and watched  
the players and their strained and  
anxious faces as they fastened  
their eyes upon the games before  
them. We next dropped into sev-  
eral cabarets and curio shops. Of  
course there was a sense of adven-  
ture and of romance in the nov-  
elty and in the strangeness of it  
all but all sighed with a feeling  
akin to relief when we had crossed  
the international bridge and were  
back on the good ol' U. S. A. soil  
again.

At Las Cruces, New Mexico, we  
saw the Mesilla dam. This is the  
main diversion dam between El  
Paso and the Elephant Butte dam  
that impounds all of the water  
for the Rio Grande project. We  
also visited New Mexico A. & M.  
College and the Amador hotel. In  
the lobby of the Amador is one  
of the best collections of relics  
gathered from the southwest dur-  
ing the early days of the cattle  
kings.

We enjoyed our trip but it is  
good to be back home again.  
MRS. BERNICE KENNEDY.

**Opportunity for  
Boys is Offered**

Charles H. Dobbs, captain of the  
National Guard is in receipt of a  
telegram from Congressman Blanton  
at Abilene, which has refer-  
ence to examinations for entrance  
into the military academy at An-  
napolis on March 22. The tele-  
gram follows:

Abilene, Texas.  
10:37A, Jan. 9, 1929.

Charles H. Dobbs,  
Ballinger, Tex.  
To aid me in making three ap-  
pointments to Annapolis I am hav-  
ing civil service hold competitive  
examination here Saturday. Have  
applicants mentioned apply to me  
immediately and will give them  
authority to take examination.  
BLANTON,  
Congressman.

**Flu On Increase  
In the South**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Influen-  
za showed a rapid jump in the  
Southern states and a gradual  
increase in New England for the  
week ending January 5, the pub-  
lic health service announced today.

**Conference Will  
Talk Democracy**

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—A conference  
between John J. Raskob, democrat-  
ic national chairman and Govern-  
or Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be  
held here soon it was stated to-  
day. "We expect to discuss the  
democratic party," Governor Roo-  
sevelt said.

**Senate Settled  
For Bitter Fight**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—All at-  
tempts at a compromise were swept  
aside and the senate settled down  
to a finish fight over the uncon-  
ditional ratification of the Kellogg  
pact. Senator Blaine of Wisconsin  
launched a bitter attack on the  
treaty.

**Leaves \$50,000  
To Family Dog**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Miss  
Winnie M. Hoover, who recently  
died, left \$50,000 to her dog "Dick"  
under the terms of the will filed  
for probate today. The will is  
likely to be contested by relatives.

Part of the Cap Rock Jersey  
Farm at Crosbyton is being cut  
up into blocks for rent and for  
sale. Each residence has five acres  
of fertile land surrounding it. This  
fills a need for new homes that  
has been growing in Crosbyton.

Under the joint auspices of the  
Brady Chamber of Commerce and  
the Brady Water and Light Board,  
11 prizes were given for the best  
lighting effects used on local  
houses during the holidays. First  
prize was \$40.

**Perry Bros. Buy  
Ivory Store Here**

Another business deal of consid-  
erable size was made here Thurs-  
day when Willie Stevens, manager  
of The Ivory, sold that store to  
Perry Bros., Inc. R. L. Perry was  
here and within a short time closed  
the deal with Mr. Stevens and  
took charge of the business.

Perry Bros., Inc., operate a chain  
of variety stores in Texas. They  
have very few stores in West Tex-  
as and are just now beginning to  
open them in this section. Mr.  
Perry took over a store in Brady  
last week and came on to Ballinger  
where he bought The Ivory. They  
have stores at Stephenville and  
Mineral Wells and until now  
those were the two furthest  
western stores. The company has  
headquarters at Lufkin and Dallas.

Mr. Perry stated that within 30  
or 40 days the store here would  
be closed for a time while new  
fixtures were installed and a mod-  
ern front built into the store. This  
work will be rushed as fast as pos-  
sible when started and the store  
will only be closed a short time for  
this repair work. He stated that  
he did not know who would be  
assigned to Ballinger as manager  
at present.

Mr. Stevens stated that he did  
not know what he would do but  
that he intended to remain in  
Ballinger. He has been here for  
many years and has engaged in  
different lines of business during  
the past 15 years. He knows Bal-  
lenger and Ballinger knows him  
and everyone will be glad to learn  
that he does not intend to leave  
here.

Mr. Perry said to a Ledger re-  
porter, "You have a fine town here  
and the people have made me feel  
good since I have come here. We  
consider Ballinger a good town."

The new store will remain in the  
same location in the A. S. Love  
Building on Hutchings Avenue. The  
exact arrangement of the new  
store could not be explained right  
now by Mr. Perry until he got  
further into the new business and  
found out just what would be  
needed here. He stated that they

had uniform fixtures which they  
used. However, these fixtures are  
not used in all their stores. The  
local store will be arranged to best  
take care of the stock which the  
new firm will carry.

**Maverick School  
Closed Monday**

The Maverick school closed for  
the rest of the week after assem-  
bling Monday morning with only  
25 present out of a normal attend-  
ance of approximately 100. Sick-  
ness of different kinds in the Maver-  
ick community with a severe  
epidemic of influenza was respon-  
sible for the school closing. The  
school will remain closed for the  
remainder of the week. County  
Superintendent White stated, and  
will open again next Monday if the  
sickness in that community has  
abated.

The Sweet Home school in the  
southern part of the county was  
closed last week with all the teach-  
ers being out on account of illness.  
It was scheduled to open again  
Monday of this week.

The Blanton school was also  
closed last week with a large per-  
cent of the people in that com-  
munity being down with flu. The  
school opened again Monday after  
losing one week of work.

Other schools in the county are  
continuing to run with most of  
them having fairly good attend-  
ance.

**Court Reverses  
Criminal Case**

AUSTIN, Jan. 9.—Because of an  
error by the trial court, the court  
of criminal appeals today reversed  
and remanded the case of Adam  
Bazan of San Antonio, who was  
sentenced to death in the electric  
chair in connection with the slay-  
ing of Antonio Garcia in 1923.

Arlington—New city hall here  
is practically completed.

**CHIROPRACTIC**

Internal disturbances cause sore throat.  
It's a sign some sickness you're apt to promote;  
So don't neglect it, but get at the cause.  
This can be done by observing health laws.  
Spinal adjustments are just what you need.  
Nature then restores your health at full speed.

**NETTIE MONTGOMERY**  
Doctor of Chiropractic

Over Dooze Bldg. Office Phone 442  
Ballinger, Texas Res. Phone 692

**STATEMENT  
of Condition**

...THE...  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF BALLINGER**

December 31, 1928

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$284,384.25
Bankers' Acceptances	302,914.57
U. S. Bonds	25,500.00
Stocks and Bonds	62,837.50
Overdrafts	103.61
Banking House	47,520.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,480.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	63,463.82
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>412,369.03</b>
	\$1,205,572.78

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	62,305.52
Circulation	24,650.00
Dividend No. 80	6,000.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>1,012,617.26</b>
	\$1,205,572.78

**We Carry No State, County or Municipal Interest-bearing Deposits.**

**We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.**

# 41st Legislature Opens; Barron Speaker of House

AUSTIN, Jan. 8.—W. S. Barron of Bryan was elected speaker of the house this afternoon over W. R. Montgomery of Edinburg by a vote of 87 to 59.

The forty-first session of the Texas Legislature got under way today for what is predicted to be one of the busiest sessions of the year. The house was called to order by Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state. Invocation was given by Rev. Bascom Watts, pastor of the University Methodist church.

The senate was called to order with Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller presiding. Divine aid was asked by Rev. W. H. Doss of Ballinger.

Highway legislation loomed as the outstanding issue likely to come before the session. The centralization of the prison system will also be one of the prominent topics.

AUSTIN, Jan. 8.—Attorney General Claude Pollard took the oath of office for the second term today before Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the supreme court.

AUSTIN, Jan. 8.—Any attempt to pass the appropriations bills at this session will be defeated by a bloc of the house members, it was disclosed today. This announcement was made by Representative Holder of Dallas county.

H. Bredemeyer of the Winters country was in Ballinger Monday looking after business.

Estelline High School is to have a new athletics stadium to be built from contributions donated by business men. The stadium is to be built of wood and will be 84 by 90 feet wide. The ceiling will be 20 feet in the clear which will give plenty of room for basketball games.

Estelline—The public square in this place is being improved.

## Concho Co. Man Dies of Influenza

John M. Williams, age 69 years farmer and stockman of prominence in Concho county for the last nine years died at his home near Millersview at 3 o'clock Saturday morning after being stricken with influenza.

Mr. Williams with his family moved to Concho county nine years ago from Arizona, and had become one of the most prominent and respected citizens in those parts.

Left to mourn his death are his widow and nine children, five sons, Miller, Noel, Floyd, Elvin and Marvin; four daughters, Mrs. T. B. Lurock, Tuscon, Ariz.; Mrs. Emmett Stuart, Ballinger; Mrs. Victor Stuart, Ballinger, and Miss Leta of Millersview.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church of Millersview Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. Ben Parker, pastor, in charge. Interment was made in the Millersview cemetery.

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

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Karmany were visitors in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturges left Monday for Comanche to look after business in that city. They have sold their interest in a store there and are closing up their unfinished affairs.

Paducah—Ornamental white way lighting system has been installed along street of business section here.

Kirk Gregory has returned to Stamford after a brief business visit to Ballinger.

## Auto Overturns, Man Badly Hurt

N. L. Brown of Maverick, while driving in a Ford touring car four miles north of Norton, hit loose dirt in the roadway and his car was overturned, throwing him under the vehicle and tearing three ribs loose and crushing his chest. A Higginbotham Bros. ambulance answered the call for assistance and made a record run to the scene of the accident. Mr. Brown was brought to the local sanitarium where it was found that he was suffering from internal injuries.

From the account of the accident given by Mr. Brown, it would appear that he was driving from Norton to Wingate, when he heard something dragging underneath the car, leaned over to ascertain as to what was wrong and the next thing he realized was that he was pinned underneath the car. The accident is surrounded with the usual number of peculiarities, and one of these was that the car had apparently jumped about 18 feet before hitting the ground.

At last reports from the injured man's bedside it was indicated that he might not suffer any fatal results.

Mr. Brown has a brother living in South Ballinger and also has other relatives in the county.

### OLD FRIENDS MEET HERE FOR FEW MINUTES TALK

Joe Ballard of Fort Worth, who had been to San Angelo on a business trip and was returning home Tuesday, before leaving San Angelo called his old friend and school mate, Judge J. W. Powell, to meet him at the bus station, and this was done by the judge. The two old cronies had a very enjoyable meeting and conversation. Mr. Ballard is a retired business man of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Kirk Gregory, R. N., was called to Norton Monday where she will be with Mrs. T. A. Chapman, who is suffering from pneumonia.

## Miss Wilmeth is Called By Death

All Ballinger was made sad Thursday when the news flashed over town at about noon that Miss Fannie Wilmeth had died. She had been very ill for several days and was considered serious but some hoped that she might be better Thursday morning.

Miss Wilmeth was taken seriously sick eight days ago. Before that time she had been complaining of a cold and was slightly hoarse but had been feeling somewhat better when she was taken ill with a hard chill and since that time every possible thing has been done to save her life, but without avail. Two trained nurses attended constantly with the doctors to save her but she never responded to treatment sufficiently to keep from being dangerously ill.

Miss Wilmeth was a member of the Christian church and was one of the outstanding workers in all departments of the work. She was active in the Sunday school and a member of the choir. She belonged to the ladies' department and did a great deal of work in that organization. She was also a member of the local Shakespeare Club and has been a loyal worker in it for many years. She has assisted in many civic enterprises and her loss will be keenly felt by the entire town.

Funeral arrangements had not been definitely made Thursday afternoon other than that the family expected to hold them Friday afternoon some time. Relatives away from Ballinger had been notified of her death but no answer had been received.

King-Holt undertakers will be in charge of the funeral.

The paving of seven blocks in the business district of Muleshoe will occupy the people of that progressive town during 1929. The problem of drainage which has been a handicap, is being studied by an expert engineer.

C. R. Stone left Monday afternoon for San Angelo to look after business in that city.

## West Texas Man On Record Flight

The achievement of a West Texan, Captain Ira Eaker of the crew of the army plane Question Mark, in setting a new mark for all time in an air endurance test in California, brought joy to his West Texas parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Y. Eaker, of Eden.

Mr. Eaker, ill in the San Angelo Hospital of mastoid trouble, was like a new man when told his son had landed safely after setting a new world's record. "I am glad he has landed," he said. "Now I can rest tonight. I didn't sleep a wink last night and when I did sleep I kept dreaming I was working on his ship."

In bed at the Eaker home in Eden, Mrs. Eaker was telephoned of the news that her son now numbers among the aviation heroes of the world. "Tell everybody that my heart is full of gratitude and thanks," she had an attendant tell over the telephone.

The elder Eaker, though never up in a plane, said he would not hesitate to fly with his son. "I know he's safe," he commented.

The Eakers expect a visit from their illustrious son between January 18 and 20, before he goes to Brownsville to take off for Panama on a government flight. His last visit with his parents was at Eden in August.

"I just couldn't help but feel uneasy about Ira, because he was at the controls during all of the refueling," Mr. Eaker explained.

Born in Llano county, young Eaker enlisted in the army after being graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma Normal, at Duncan, transferring to the aviation corps in hopes of going to France. He was making plans to study law, but the war interfered and he became a government aviation instructor. His father says the boy showed no inclination to study aviation until he entered the army.—San Angelo Standard.

Rosenberg—New office and sales room of Houston Lighting & Power Company were formally opened here recently.

## Baskin and Coker Win Rifle Honors

The local unit of the National Guard met on Monday night, with a pretty fair attendance and had a rifle manual drill, the winners taking away cash prizes. Sergeant Frank Coker and Private James Baskin were the winners of the prizes. The company was divided into two classes and the contest conducted on an elimination basis. After the first contest Frank Coker and James Baskin won \$5 each and then James was the final winner, making his prize money for the evening amount to \$10. There were 40 entries in the drill. One group was composed of old members and the other of newer members and the winners of these two classes contested with each other.

There are at present three vacancies for corporal and these will be filled just as soon as the boys prove themselves capable.

It was decided to hold the competitive rifle drills every three months.

Federal inspection will be held in May.

Each member will be provided in the next few weeks with straight long trousers and shirts, and those desiring other clothing are at liberty to buy as much as they wish.

The 1929 camp will be set up in August at Camp Palacios and the date of entraining will be the 6th day of that month.

Mmes. Asa Cordill and Jas. E. Brewer, accompanied by Billie Cordill and Jim Parnell, left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth, where Mrs. Cordill, Mrs. Brewer and Billie will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otwell Layton. Mr. Parnell will go over to Dallas, where he will visit his boys, Jack and Doyle for a few days.

Jack Cavanaugh has let the contract and work has been started on a modern five-room bungalow on the lot formerly occupied by his old home on Fifth Street.

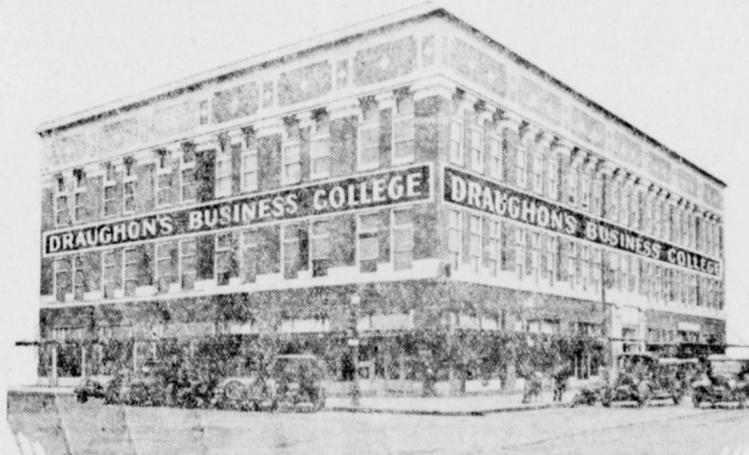
Walter Bigby was in San Angelo Monday afternoon looking after business.

# 500 POSITIONS 500

### CONVINCING PROOF

Accurate records of our Affiliated Employment Department, showing the name of the firm, the kind of position, and the name of the student placed, prove that during 1928 we had over 500 calls for graduates of our Business Administration, Private Secretarial, C. P. A., and General Business Courses—many MORE calls than graduates—making positions sure for those who master this salary-raising Draughon Training.

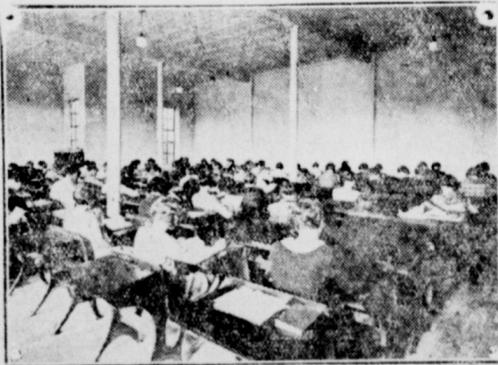
During 1928, according to these same records, our Affiliated Employment Department had more than 100 calls for graduates that it could not fill—double assurance that positions are sure for those who qualify with the prestige of a Draughon Diploma gives them.



Typical of the high-class business homes now occupied by the three "Key-City" Draughon Colleges at Abilene, Dallas, and Wichita Falls, of which J. D. Miracle is President.

### HOW WE SECURE POSITIONS

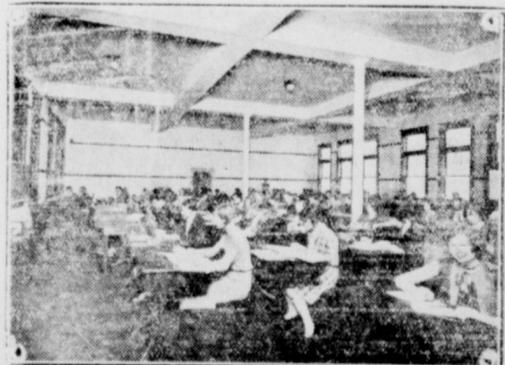
More than a Million dollars has been spent in advertising the Draughon Courses and in broadening the reputation of the Draughon Colleges. Through this broad influence, through thousands upon thousands of letters to business concerns, through the cooperation of thousands of former graduates, many of whom are in business for themselves or at the heads of banks and other big concerns, through advertising in business magazines that business men read, and through close personal contact with scores of big employers, our Affiliated Employment Department is creating a demand for YOUR services that mean broad opportunities for YOU if you will master the salary-raising Draughon Training. Why not get started at once?



A recent class of Secretarial students, many of whom are now in important positions, with bright futures before them.

In good times or bad business must go on. Banks must keep open, factories keep up production, wholesalers and jobbers distribute the necessities of life, railways keep running, and countless other business activities go ahead—each of which requires a constantly growing army of business assistants, such as private secretaries, accountants, bookkeepers, stenographers, and the like. For more than forty years, big business concerns have been depending on Draughon's Colleges to furnish young men and women for these important starting positions; and so efficient have they found the graduates we recommended that the demand has constantly increased. During 1929 we'll start hundreds on business careers—many of whom during years to come will become bank presidents, high-salaried private secretaries, C. P. A.'s, or rise to other highly responsible positions.

Hundreds who began the world-famous Draughon Training last New Year are now well started on business careers. They've already made back the money their courses cost them, have good positions, and are on the road to success. We'd like to start YOU on a similar career this New Year, and thus assure you of prosperous New Year's throughout the future. Mail the Coupon NOW for free catalog and Special Holiday Offer.



Accounting and Business Administration students, who will later become C. P. A.'s, Auditors, or other important executives.

### HOW ABOUT IT?

Do you believe in yourself? Don't you know that what others have done, you can do? We can prove to you the wonderful opportunities that business offers, but unless you believe in yourself strongly enough to get ready, some other ambitious young man or woman will step into the position you so much would like to have. It's up to YOU. Why not say, "I do believe in myself" by mailing the Coupon TODAY.



Abilene, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Texas

### Mail This NOW

Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas.

Yes—Sirree, I believe in myself, that what others have done I can do. So send me current Employment Reports showing how you've placed scores of others in good positions, also Holiday Offer showing how I may make the most of 1929 in business.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Legislative Session Will Consider Many Bills

AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Facing what promises to be one of the busiest and most important sessions in its history, the Forty-first Legislature will convene in the large granite capitol at high noon, Tuesday, January 8. One week later, Dan Moody is to be inaugurated governor of Texas for the second term.

Approximately 1800 bills will be introduced in the legislature on almost every conceivable subject, it is indicated. Many of the bills will deal with new legislation although the bulk of the measures will be amendments to existing laws. Two years ago more than 1200 bills were introduced.

Probably the most important matter to come before the legislature will deal with highway legislation. A bill embodying the recommendations of Governor Dan Moody's highway advisory committee of 31 will be introduced. The committee is recommending a \$225,000,000 state-wide bond issue for the financing of Texas highway improvements.

This will call for a constitutional amendment, since it requires a two-thirds vote in each branch of the legislature for the adoption of a constitutional amendment. Considerable doubt has been expressed as to the probability of passing this measure. Governor Moody, however, has stated that he is not "wedded" to any particular proposition in highway matters, although it is well known that he regards the recommendations of the advisory committee as the most feasible yet advanced.

In this connection it may be stated that a bill will be introduced providing for the election by the people of members of the state highway commission. The governor has already announced that he will veto such a measure in the event that it is passed by the legislature. The commission is now appointed by the governor.

Another important proposition to be submitted is the centralization of the Texas prison system. This proposal, which is to be sponsored by the governor, is also destined to meet with strong opposition. The governor's plan for centralization met with defeat in the house two years ago. The opposition was principally centered on the provision of the bill which would give the prison board full authority to sell or otherwise dispose of the state prison farms.

Opposition to the bill was led by Representative Lee Satterwhite of Potter county, but the bill may have easier sailing this time as Satterwhite is not a member of the Forty-first Legislature.

It seems to be generally conceded that no attempt is to be made at the regular session to pass the appropriation bills for the support of the state government and state institutions. These "money" bills, which carry in excess of \$50,000,000 in recommendations, will be deferred for a 30-day special session. This is usually called by the governor immediately upon the close of the regular session, which ordinarily lasts 65 to 70 days, although the rate of pay of \$5 per day received by the members expires at the end of 60 days, after which the session may be prolonged but the members only draw \$2 per day.

Another important bit of legislation will be a bill to abolish the fee system as a means of compensating justices of the peace and certain other county officers. Both the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the United States Supreme Court have held the fee system of compensating county officials to be unconstitutional. Previous legislative efforts to abolish this system have met with failure, but this was before the system had been condemned by the higher courts. Many experienced legislators do not believe that it will require a constitutional amendment, but merely a statute, to place all county officials on a cash basis and straight salary.

Legislation regulating water rights in Texas is another subject of major importance that is to be proposed during the regular session. It will echo the famous Brownwood case, which involved the priority rights on the Colorado River and resulted in a long-standing controversy. It will also echo, no doubt, the decision of the court of civil appeals at Austin holding unconstitutional the present law providing for the creation of water control districts. The proposed bill would remove the constitutional objection found in the

present law and otherwise regulate the water rights of corporations and individuals.

Another subject of proposed legislation is the stricter regulation of weights and measures, especially as applied to gasoline. At a recent meeting of the weights and measures inspectors it was reported that the motorists of Texas in one year paid in excess of \$3,000,000 for gasoline which was withheld from them in short measurements. The state department of agriculture, which has supervision of weights and measures, is to sponsor this remedied legislation.

A state income tax law is also to be proposed, patterned after the federal income tax law. Passage of such a law might lead to the abolishment of the ad valorem tax system in the state. Such a bill was introduced at the last legislature but met with defeat. Another effort is also to be made to pass a bill imposing an occupation tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. A similar bill met defeat at the last session by a narrow margin.

Other bills and proposed amendments to the constitution to be introduced at the coming session include:

Limiting the number of chain stores operating in towns and cities and imposing a special tax.

Changing certain provisions in the homestead law to make provision for payment of public improvements.

Limiting sale of Texas natural gas outside the state.

Imposing special taxes on public utilities.

Requiring compulsory automobile liability insurance.

Regulating operation of airplanes as to altitude, landing, etc.

Minimum wage bill requiring payment of no less than \$10 per week to females.

Requirement of three days notice prior to issuance of marriage licenses.

Uniform legislation on chiropody.

Providing liens for street improvements shall be superior to other liens against real estate.

Requiring municipal, county and district bonds to be issued in serial form.

Including funeral homes and similar institutions in zoning laws.

Licensing real estate dealers. A bill on this matter was defeated in the last legislature after a bitter fight.

Preventing erection of billboards along public highways.

Preventing monopolies of cotton gin ownership.

Amendments to mechanics lien law—conforming to other states.

Requiring public schools to teach the constitution of the United States.

Selection of the judiciary by convention instead of popular vote.

Providing that an indictment

may charge more than one offense.

Providing for a Texas constitutional convention and the re-writing of the constitution.

Creating a self-governing bar association.

Regulating commission paid to agents by insurance companies.

Empowering state dental board to prevent "quack" dentists from doing business in Texas.

Civil service bill, placing city, county and state employees under civil service.

Preventing waste of gas from flowing oil wells.

Giving the railroad commission authority to regulate and fix interstate rates in water transportation.

Amendments to the Home Rule Act, in connection with public utilities.

Prohibiting railroads from owning or controlling motor bus or truck lines.

State control of public utilities. Requiring Texas made goods of certain kinds to be wrapped in cotton.

Special tax on production of carbon black.

Raising the gasoline tax to 3 cents.

Adoption of a uniform system of state accounting.

## An Unpleasant Subject

All of the functions of life are not pleasant to consider. Perhaps this is why some mothers refuse to think that such symptoms as restless sleep, loss of flesh, lack of appetite or itching nose and fingers in their children, can be caused by round or pin worms. Many mothers have proven, however, that a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, that sure and harmless worm expellant, will make those symptoms disappear. You can get White's Cream Vermifuge for 35 cents per bottle from Weeks Drug Store.

## ROY L. HILL IS MOVING TO COURTHOUSE OFFICE

Roy L. Hill in taking over the duties of the county attorney on January 1st, is moving his office from the Ballinger State Bank building to the attorney's office at the courthouse. The work is about completed and Mr. Hill will be found on the second story of the courthouse in the office formerly occupied by the county agent.

## SHERIFF GOES TO BELTON TO TAKE OVER FORGER

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams left for Belton to get a man who is wanted in Runnels county on a charge of forgery. County Attorney Roy L. Hill filed a felony charge against the man, Fernan Loving, and as soon as he is returned an examining trial will be held. Loving was arrested in Belton and the Runnels county officers notified that the man was being held there for them.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALLINGER STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1928, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 7th day of January, 1929.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$161,778.23
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	16,656.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	1,820.97
Bonds, stocks and other securities	2,250.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	29,221.81
Furniture and Fixtures	7,600.00
Cash on hand	15,080.82
Due from approved reserve agents	138,389.90
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	6,826.08
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	7,184.08
Other Resources	65,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$471,807.89</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,312.91
Dividends unpaid	2,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	353,860.77
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,988.04
Public Funds on Deposit	
State	\$
County	\$
City	\$ 24,408.40
School	\$ 9,116.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,524.00</b>
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	4,121.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$471,807.89</b>

## STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, E. D. Walker, as President and Sam Baker as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. D. Walker, President  
Sam Baker, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1929.

(SEAL) E. Shepperd, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: E. F. Batts, C. P. Shepperd, N. J. Allen, Directors

## Red Cross Stamp Sale Near \$400

The sale of Red Cross tubercular stamps in Runnels county at Christmas time amounted so far to between \$350 and \$400 with a good number of schools yet to report. The county superintendent's office handled the sale of the stamps and placed them in every school in Runnels county and assessed a quota against them. Runnels and Herring are the only two schools to report selling their entire quota so far. Each of these schools was given \$10 worth of stamps to sell and have checked in with all stamps sold.

Other schools yet to report will boost the sale a little higher for the entire county, however, the county's quota will not likely be reached. The Ballinger school sold \$131.19 worth of stamps and won several of the prizes offered to schools selling over a certain amount. As a result of the sale here the local school will be given two sanitary towel racks and 3000 towels and one first aid kit. Rowena is the second highest school to report so far and won one towel rack, 300 towels and one first aid kit.

Other schools winning first aid kits were: Content, Norton, Blanton, Bethel, Herring, Gruenwald and Runnels.

The county health nurse will arrive here in January and will begin her work as soon as she arrives.

The county superintendent reports a few teachers in the county out of school on account of sickness but that all schools are running with good attendance.

A report has just been filed with the State Department of Education of the high school students in the county who have been transferred to school where a high school course is taught. According to the law the tuition of these students will be paid by the state for the full nine months school or as much as the student receives. This report is required by January 1st this year but hereafter will be required by October 1st.

Be wise and advertise.

## Small Loss by Fire Last Year

The Ballinger Fire Department, composed of 32 members, answered 21 alarms and found 20 fires during 1928. There was a loss of only \$6,053.69. This amount covered both buildings and contents destroyed by fire.

This is indeed a remarkable record, when one considers the amount of property in the city. It is estimated that there are over 600 residences and over 150 business and manufacturing buildings in the city and of this number only 20 were affected by fire.

The fire fighters also visited country homes during the year which called for help and although they were not called to any neighboring towns during the last year, there has been times in the past when the company was called to San Angelo, Talpa, Paint Rock and Winters.

A visit to the fire station Saturday morning revealed that the city has a mighty poor place for keeping its fire fighting equipment. With the temperature hovering around the freezing point outside, it was necessary for the driver of the truck to keep a big fire going in the station in order to keep the engines from freezing. The temperature at the station was 52 degrees. Should the weather become very much colder it would be impossible to keep the engines warmer than the freezing point.

The local company had an average attendance of 28 members at each fire during the past year. The regular drill night is the first Monday in each month. The regular meeting night is the third Wednesday in each month.

Marvin Atkins is president, J. D. Motley is chief, Frank Cameron is assistant chief, and D. G. Posey is secretary and treasurer. While the company is allowed 36 members, the present membership is only 32. During the last year \$195 was donated to the company.

Miss Lola Eubank has gone to Alpine, where she has accepted employment and expects to remain in that city.

## BOX CAR BANDIT FACES CHARGES IN SAN ANGELO

Facing charges of theft in both district and federal courts Walter (Shorty) Brown, said to be one of the cleverest box car robbers in Texas, is lodged in the Tom Green county jail after being brought here from Ballinger and Cleburne.

Brown is wanted in Seymour and Wichita Falls on similar charges. He was brought to San Angelo by Captain W. W. Taylor, deputy sheriff, and a special agent, from Ballinger.—San Angelo Times.

Native pecan trees in Sabinal budbed to improved varieties five years ago are now bearing a crop of Burkett, Halbert, Texas Prolific and Kincaid pecans. Topworking the trees in the winter and budding the resultant shoots in the summer has proved the most profitable way to get a good crop.

Be wise and advertise.



## Cold Can't Cause Them to Disappoint!

Singers can't always keep from catching cold, but they can get the best of any cold in a few hours—and so can you. Get the compound that comes in pleasant-tasting tablets, one of which will break up a cold so quickly you'll be astonished. Pape's Cold Compound is what they call it, and any druggist you visit will have it—for thirty-five cents!

A bad cold that has settled on the lungs is conquered the same way; just takes a little longer. Pape's way is better than "doping," so remember the name.

## PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND

# ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with a deep sense of pride that we announce our identity with the citizenship and commercial institutions of Ballinger. And it is indeed a pleasure to feel that we have been welcomed with open arms into the community which we shall strive to make worthy citizens and to render help to the building of a better town.

After a quarter of a century of worthy and essential service to this community, Mr. H. H. Thomson, manager of the Ballinger Dry Goods Co., has sold his stock to this firm, with the hope that the store as an organization might continue to serve the people as a necessary and useful organization in the building of a better Ballinger and Runnels county.

The management of this new firm is by no means new in commercial activities and we feel that our experience in other fields, and our constant contact with the activities of the communities which we have with pleasure served in the past, enables us now, to serve this community with credit, both as to the community and the store.

It will of necessity, take quite a while for us to replenish the various lines carried by this store and in so doing we are exercising every precaution against buying a single item that is not of the very best quality. Strictly dependable merchandise will be sold here at all times and you may rest assured that we will make it to your best interests to buy what you need in

## GENERAL DRY GOODS AND A COMPLETE LINE OF SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

It shall be our pleasure to meet you at any time you will call. We shall strive to please you and it will be a pleasure to serve you. Miss Bess Corbett, who has for so many years served the patrons of the Ballinger Dry Goods Company, assisted by a competent sales force, will be here to meet her old friends and to serve as many new ones as will come.

Watch the papers for future announcements from this store—it will be to your interest to come here first for you will find only

## DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE FOR LESS MONEY

# GATES-NUNNALLY

DRY GOODS  
Ballinger and Winters

**MANY GET BACK  
YOUNG APPETITE**



Quick lunches, usually cold gulped down so the "dinner hour" will not be over before you can do a little playing, is the best way to ruin your stomach, and you suffer from indigestion, heartburn, bloating, nervousness, headaches; and, worst of all, you get thin, pale and weak.

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.

**Methodist Classes  
Have a Banquet**

The Rev. Doss Bible Class of the Methodist church entertained Mrs. Douglass' class at the church on Thursday night with an oyster supper. The supper was in payment of an attendance contest which the ladies won for the largest number present the first four Sundays in the new church.

The men served the supper without aid in any way from the ladies. Men donned aprons and waited on tables, furnished the linens and all the women were asked to do was to take their places at the table and enjoy the affair.

C. R. Stone, president of the Doss Bible class, acted as toastmaster and did so in a very good manner. He injected much fun into the occasion and helped to make it the success that it was proclaimed by everyone. Following the singing of "America," Sam Behringer offered the invocation as the 70 young men and women were seated at the table. Rev. W. H. Doss extended the ladies a welcome in behalf of his class which was responded to by Mrs. J. G. Douglass.

The meal was served by the young men after which talks were made by Troy Simpson, M. C. Atkins, Red Greer, Sam Behringer and Rev. R. B. Hooper.

**BAPTIST PASTOR CONDUCTS  
FUNERAL IN HILL COUNTY**

Rev. J. H. McClain returned to Ballinger Saturday morning from Itasca, Hill county, where he was called to conduct the funeral service for an old friend and former member of the church of which he was pastor before coming to Ballinger, Mrs. S. S. Harlin, having died and was buried on Friday.

Mr. McClain reports a great number of cases of influenza in Hill county and says they surely must have more cases of the disease than we have here. In Cleburne, he stated, it was reported that there were about 2000 cases. The pastor also reports rain in that section of the country.

Pyote's new \$1000,000 school building will be occupied by the second week in January. Previously it has been occupied in part while work continued on parts of it. Two years ago Pyote's scholastics could have been housed in one room, so the growth is remarkable.

Have you read the want ads?

**For colds, grip  
and flu take**



**Relieves the congestion,  
prevents complications,  
and hastens recovery.**

**Brock Returns  
After Voting For  
Republican Pres.**

A. F. Brock returned Thursday from Austin where he had been as one of the Presidential electors. Mr. Brock was one of the twenty men on the November ticket to represent the election of the Republican president in Texas and for the first time in the history of the state the Republican electors were elected in Texas to place a ballot for the president of their choice.

Of the twenty electors, one man was sick and could not be present. Nineteen answered to roll call at the opening session and with one absent the business was delayed until the vacancy could be filled according to law. The meeting adjourned until two o'clock Tuesday and when reassembled Leonard Withington of Dallas was elected to the vacancy and the work of casting their ballots began. The attorney General of Texas remained with the electors to explain the Federal code to them and see that all papers were properly signed.

The meeting was held in the Senate Chamber from two to four o'clock Tuesday afternoon with each member of the body occupying their senator's desk.

A luncheon was served at noon to the delegation at the Stephen F. Austin hotel. At this luncheon, Governor Moody was due to address the meeting but just as he arrived in the dining room, the room filled with smoke and fire engines arrived to combat fire in the hotel and the Governor only extended his greetings to the Republicans and was forced to leave the room hurriedly.

At the close of the meeting following the proper signing of the ballots, the electors were discharged from their duties with one exception. The Federal law provides that in the event of the death of either the president-elect or the vice-president elect before their inauguration, it will be the duty of the electors to assemble in Washington and elect some one to fill the vacancy made by the death.

Mr. Brock stated that the meeting was a very enjoyable affair and that they received every consideration at the hands of the people. Mr. Brock said: "We adjourned to meet back in Austin four years from now."

**Dangerous Business**  
Our stomach and digestive systems are lined with membrane which is delicate, sensitive and easily injured. It is dangerous business, then, to use medicines containing harsh drugs, salts or minerals, when we are constipated. In addition to the possibility of injuring the linings of our digestive system, these medicines give only temporary relief and may prove habit forming. The safe way to relieve constipation is with Herbine, the cathartic that is made from herbs, and acts in the way nature intended. You can get Herbine at Weeks Drug Store.

**DR. LOVE'S COUPE  
STOLEN AND FOUND**

Thursday just before noon, Dr. A. S. Love parked his Dodge coupe on Seventh Street and went to his office for a short time and when he returned he found it gone and no trace could be found of the car here. He immediately notified Chief of Police McCall who started phoning other towns in this section and giving a description of the car.

Mr. McCall received word early Friday morning from San Angelo that the car had been found on the streets there and was being held until someone came for it. Policeman Moor left for San Angelo immediately to bring the captured car home.

**FUNERAL FOR MISS WILMETH  
HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The funeral for Miss Fannie Wilmeth was held at the family residence on Broadway, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Alfred Crager was in charge of the service with Rev. Alvin O. Rue and Rev. E. W. McLaurin assisting him. A quartet from the Shakespeare Club sang the songs for the service.

Immediately following the service at the home the body was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ralph Clayton, O. P. Dorsey, Scott H. Mack, Horace Murphy, A. B. Stobaugh and Dr. E. C. Baskin.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge at the grave.

Be wise and advertise.

**New Air Mail  
Route for Texas**

FORT WORTH, Jan. 7.—If plans for a proposed air mail route from Atlanta to Los Angeles materializes, Fort Worth will probably be the point at which lines will converge from the East and West to serve Texas. A committee composed of J. Roby Penn, chairman of the aviation committee of the association of commerce; Arthur Lockhart, El Paso; Frank H. Hitchcock, Tuscon, former postmaster general; Jack Lyman, San Diego merchant and John W. Philip, postmaster of Dallas, will present requests for the new route to postal authorities.

A survey of the poundage originating in the cities along the proposed route indicates that the operation of the line would be profitable from the start.

Starting with a section from Fort Worth and Dallas to Los Angeles, the route would be extended to the Atlantic seaboard to provide trunk airway across the southern part of the country. Feeders would run north and south along the route and trunk airways from the north and east would join the route at Fort Worth.

A possible feeder route would be a loop from South Texas and Mexico either over T. A. T. or by way of Laredo and San Antonio direct to El Paso.

**AFTER A COLD  
BUILD STRENGTH ON  
Scott's Emulsion**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn, Mrs. R. E. Truly and daughter, Marguerite, went to San Angelo on account of the death of J. A. Ward, Mrs. David Gregory's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boyd returned Sunday from Colorado City where they spent the week-end with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wood.

**Black to Study  
Merchandising**

Ross Black and Roy Reeder left Sunday morning for San Antonio where Mr. Black will take a week's course in window decoration and merchandise display in the Joske Bros. store at that place. Mr. Reeder will attend to other business during the week. They left Ballinger in Mr. Reeder's car at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and wired from the Plaza Hotel at San Antonio at 11 o'clock that they had arrived safely.

Mr. Black was accepted by the large retailing store at San Antonio some weeks ago for the course to be conducted under the personal supervision of the vice president of Joske Bros. The Reeder Dry Goods Company immediately accepted for Mr. Black and is sending him there to take the work. Mr. Black has been handling the Reeder show windows here and has done much to make of them some of the best trimmed windows in the city. One of their window displays was among the prize winners in the recent show window contest held here.

The class at San Antonio continues on through the week closing next Saturday night. This is one of the largest department stores in Texas and has a solid block of windows in which to train the class this week. The class is small and only a few men were selected to work under one man in studying the right way of displaying merchandise.

Mr. Black and Mr. Reeder will return to Ballinger next Sunday.

Callahan county farmers and ranchmen are making efforts to rid the county of wolves. One cent per acre is paid by the farmers, and this money used to buy dead wolves. The price paid is \$7.50 for females, \$5 for males and \$2.50 for pups.

Ballyboro's new school building is going up as rapidly as material can be obtained. It will contain four class rooms and an auditorium and be modern in every respect.

**ATTENDANCE MUCH BETTER  
AT SCHOOL HERE MONDAY**

The attendance at the Ballinger schools showed a good improvement Monday morning with many more pupils in attendance and all teachers back on the job. The epidemic of sickness has kept some at home last week both from being sick and from fear of the flu epidemic. Three teachers were sick last week and not able to meet their classes but Monday morning all teachers reported to their classrooms ready to meet their classes.



**ASPIRIN**

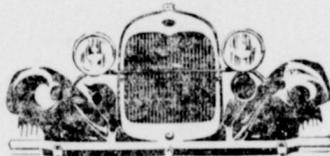
For sore throat, there's a swift and sure way to soothe away the inflammation. Every singer knows the secret! Dissolve Bayer Aspirin tablets in pure water, and gargle. Nothing in the whole realm of medicine is more helpful in cases of sore throat. And you probably know how Aspirin dispels a headache; breaks up colds, relieves rheumatic pain, neuralgia, neuritis, lumbago! Just make certain to get genuine Bayer Aspirin; it has Bayer on the box, and on each tablet. All druggists, with proven directions.

For  
**TONSILITIS  
and  
SORE  
THROAT**

**Physicians prescribe Bayer Aspirin;  
it does NOT affect the heart**

Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monacopolis, Germany of Salicylic acid

**Simplicity  
of cooling system  
is a feature  
of the new Ford**



A COMPLETE water plant is a part of every automobile as it is a part of every modern city.

The purpose of this water plant is to keep the engine cooled to a temperature that will make it efficient in operation. If it were not for this, the cylinder walls would become overheated and the pistons refuse to operate.

The cooling system of the new Ford is particularly interesting because it is so simple and reliable.

When the radiator is full of water, the engine of the new Ford will not overheat under the hardest driving. Yet the water is so regulated that it will not impair engine operation by running too cold in winter.

The cooling surface of the Ford radiator is large, with four rows of tubes set in staggered position so that each receives the full benefit of the incoming air. The fan is of the airplane propeller type and draws air through the radiator at the rapid rate of 850 cubic feet per minute at 1000 revolutions per minute of the motor.

The hot water around the cylinder head is drawn to the radiator to be cooled by a centrifugal water pump of new design.

The entire cooling system of the new Ford is so simple in design and so carefully made that it requires very little attention.

The radiator should be kept full, of course, and drained once each month so that sediment will not collect and retard the free passage of water. In cold weather, a reliable anti-freeze solution should be added.

As owner and manager of this important water plant you should also see that the water pump and fan shaft are properly lubricated and the packing around the pump shaft kept in adjustment.

Hose connections may also need replacement after long service. For those little adjustments, it pays to call on the Ford dealer.

He works under close factory supervision and he has been specially trained and equipped to do a thorough, competent job at a fair price.



**FORD MOTOR COMPANY**

**BIG  
REDUCTION  
ON  
SEIBERLING  
TIRES**

More Rubber - Stronger Cotton — and  
**ONE YEAR'S FREE  
Protection**

Against accidents, wheel misalignment, cuts, under-inflation, rim cuts, blow-outs, bruises, or any road hazard.....

**SEIBERLING  
ALL-TREAD**



(This offer applies to passenger car tires only)

**Cameron's Garage**

# CLASSIFIED ADS.

**WANTED**—Man with small family to do general farm work. Phone 4302, Mrs. W. C. Hheelis. 7-1w\*

**FO R SALE**—Heifer, be fresh soon. See H. R. Wiesepape at Chevrolet garage. 11w-1\*

**FOR SALE**—Giant Bronze Turkeys—toms \$10.00. See or phone J. T. Jonas, phone 7103, Ballinger, Texas. 8-6d-2w\*

**LOST**—Spare tire, between Railroad and Blanton school. Return to Ledger office. Reward. 8-dl-w\*

**FOR SALE**—Fine player piano, handsome walnut case, easy terms \$25 down and \$12 per month. See A. L. Spann. 31-3d-3w

**LOST**—Between Talpa and Winters, Hand Bag containing man's clothing. Reward. G. E. Watkins, Talpa, Box 143. 1d-1w

# DEATHS

J. A. Ward of San Angelo, a prominent ranch owner of this section of the country, died at Junction Saturday following an operation in that city several days before. Mr. Ward was operated upon several years ago for appendicitis and since that time had been in good health until he was taken ill in Junction. The doctors there advised him that an operation within a few hours was all that would save his life and he immediately underwent the ordeal. A short time later he became worse and specialists were rushed there from San Antonio but it was too late to do him any good and death came after a short illness.

Mr. Ward is well known here, having visited in Ballinger several times. Two of his daughters have been teachers in the local school. Miss Blanche Ward was with the local school in the Spanish department for several years before resigning to teach elsewhere. Miss Lois Ward taught here for several years and it was while teaching here that she was married to David Gregory.

Mr. Ward had real estate holdings in San Angelo, Abilene and in the Junction country. For many years the family made their home in Abilene but for the last five years have been living in San Angelo.

Mr. Ward, at the time of his death, was president of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association, and had for years been a prominent figure in propagating his chosen vocation in West Texas. With his two sons he was operating a 15,000-acre ranch stocked with one of the largest flocks in the country. He had won hundreds of prizes at fairs throughout Texas with his high class stock.

Survivors are the widow, three daughters, Blanche Ward, Oklahoma City; Mrs. A. C. Hull, Spur; and Mrs. David Gregory, Barnhart, five sons, Station of San Angelo; John A. Jr., of Kerrville; R. C. of Arlington; Roy P., and Rip of Sonora. Two sisters also survive. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Ola I. Ward, of San Antonio, was at the funeral.

The funeral service was held at the family home in San Angelo Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Asencion Reelo, 23-year-old Mexican woman, died at her home, three miles from Paint Rock, Sunday morning at 5 o'clock from the effects of influenza. She is survived by her husband and two children.

The funeral service was held at Paint Rock Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Higginbotham Bros. undertakers prepared the body for burial and were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## YOUR HEALTH

Young's Stomach Powder quickly relieves sour stomach, dyspepsia, gas, bloating, heartburn, sick headache and nervousness, cannot fail to benefit you. Druggist return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. d&w

Mrs. M. E. Yancey of Maud, Okla., daughter-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Yancey, is in the Trinity Hospital at Little Rock, Ark., and underwent a very serious operation. Her friends here will be glad to learn she is doing very nicely.

## BARNETT NEWS

Mrs. Jess Drake and son, Marvin, who have been sick, are about able to be up again.

Mrs. C. L. Howell and children, who are sick at home with measles and flu, are reported to be resting very well.

Kirby Burks is over a siege of measles.

Messrs Pat Tyree and Carl Nelson returned home Wednesday from Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson who have been suffering with influenza are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bryan and little son, Demmit, of Norton, are here with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nelson this week as they have not fully recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Mabelle Frost was called to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon to nurse some influenza patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Minshew and their daughter, Irene, are home from a visit to their daughter and sister. There were no services at the church here Sunday.

We are sorry to report that J. B. and Howard Hill have developed influenza. We hope they will soon recover.

Sunday is singing day at Barnett. Everyone is welcome.

## BENOIT ITEMS

After experiencing the cold weather of the past week we are beginning to realize winter is here. But we know it takes all kinds of weather to make up the year so we are glad for each season to make its appearance.

We would be glad for a good rain now, believing it would do away with the flu which is sweeping the country as well as the state, although none of the flu victims have been seriously ill, so far, in this community.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Ethel Keith has suffered an attack of influenza.

There has been a great deal of moving going on in our part of the community. George Odom and wife are now located in the Arch Brookshire homestead. J. D. Tullos and family have moved near Ballinger.

Mrs. Joe Hoffman and children are confined to their home with measles this week.

Mrs. C. M. Gibson and Mrs. O. C. Cox were at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Edgar Brannon, Sunday night, who has been ill at her home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Kennedy, with Mrs. J. S. Reese, were shoppers in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green of McGregor are now living in the old Connor house, the old home of Mrs. Green.

J. S. Rives and wife, who have been our neighbors this last year have moved to the Miller community.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams of Talpa, visited L. B. Rampsy and family Sunday.

Miss Louise Shipp spent Sunday night in Ballinger with relatives.

Mrs. Edd Rockley and children are on the flu list at this writing.

## HERRING TOPICS

We are sorry to report that everybody in our community has been sick with flu but at this time are improving. As everybody has had the flu there is no news.

Walter Hale of Houston is visiting his parents, W. A. Hale, and family.

Leslie Allcorn of San Angelo has been here waiting on Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn while in bed with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Miller of Coleman, Mrs. Gidion and Mr. and Mrs. Pittard of Voss were guests

of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller Sunday.

Claud Odom of Oxien spent Saturday night and Sunday with Eldon Avert.

Miss Alice Foreman of Blanton was a guest of Bernice Hale Saturday night.

Miss Alice Foreman and Miss Bernice Hale spent Sunday with Ozella Avert.

## "REPORTER"

**Sore Bleeding Gums**  
Only one bottle Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

## More Schools Closed Tuesday

Two more schools in the county were closed Tuesday on account of the influenza epidemic, according to information received from the county superintendent's office. The school at Bethel closed and will not open again until January 20 and the Hagan school closed until January 18. At Bethel there is reported to be a number of cases of measles and other forms of sickness other than flu, while at Hagan the report stated that practically every family was affected. The closing of these two schools brings the total of inactive schools in this county to four, two others having been closed on account of the spread of the influenza epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner returned home Tuesday from Edinburg where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Geo. McCulley.

Make more of what you have, and you cannot envy those who have more.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1928, published in The Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1929.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$591,121.45
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	32,491.65
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	1,506.33
Bonds, stocks and other securities	7,395.60
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	7,817.90
Furniture and Fixtures	5,932.70
Cash on hand	39,024.65
Due from approved reserve agents	132,631.88
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	12,386.93
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	35,167.72
Other Resources: Misc. Collections	861.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$893,687.35</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	43,675.46
Undivided profits, net	175.46
Dividends unpaid	10,000.00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	8,160.90
Individual Deposits, subject to check	502,391.14
Time Certificates of Deposit	78,516.80
Public Funds on Deposit	
State \$-----	
City \$-----	
County \$140,547.99	
City \$ 201.69	
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,749.68</b>
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	6,642.78
Other Liabilities: Reserved for Taxes and Contingencies	3,550.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$893,687.35</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, G. G. Odom, as President and J. L. Chastain, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
G. G. Odom, President.  
J. L. Chastain, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, A. D. 1929.  
(SEAL) Estes M. Lynn, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:  
Fred Kiechle, J. F. Currie, J. A. Zak, Directors.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$419,807.35
School Warrants	7,395.60
Overdrafts	1,506.33
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,932.70
Other Real Estate	7,817.90
Interest Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Cash and Due from Banks	\$184,904.50
Bankers' Acceptances and Commercial Paper	203,805.75
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	35,167.72
	423,877.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$893,687.35</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$756,132.44
Surplus and Profits, (net)	\$100,000.00
Deposits	43,675.46
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Cashier's Checks	6,642.78
Dividends Unpaid	10,000.00
Reserved for Taxes and Contingencies	3,550.59
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## Results from Sargon Amazing

When Sargon is given to half-sick, rundown men and women who are in a nervous, debilitated condition, the following improvements are noted in the majority of cases:

The appetite increases, the complexion clears, gas, bloating, and hyperacidity are overcome, constipation disappears and a sense of physical well-being and mental alertness replaces a dragging body and depressed mind.

Sargon is accomplishing these amazing results in a new and remarkable way—the way that the men of science who labored for years to perfect this new epoch-making formula intended it to be done.

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Sargon is designed primarily for the correction of disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. At the same time, as above stated, it is a powerful reconstructive tonic, for it naturally follows that any medicine that brings about proper assimilation of food and thorough elimination of waste products must have a far-reaching and most beneficial effect on the entire system.

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## Clemency Denied Angelo Murderer

AUSTIN, Jan. 9.—No clemency will be extended to Newton Byrnes who is awaiting electrocution at Huntsville Friday, for the brutal murder of 12-year-old Myrna Jurgens, her mother and grandmother at their home in San Angelo. This action was announced today by Governor Moody.

Dr. B. L. Hill, Magnetic Masseuse, at West Hotel. Consultations free. Phone 434. 7-6d-1w

News was received in Ballinger announcing the arrival of a fine baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stuart at Tahoka. The young man arrived on December 18 and weighed eight pounds.

Alpine—The city council, approved plans to expend \$90,000 for a new high school building and to repair present school building on north side.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$419,807.35
School Warrants	7,395.60
Overdrafts	1,506.33
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,932.70
Other Real Estate	7,817.90
Interest Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Cash and due from Banks	\$184,904.50
Bankers' Acceptances and Commercial Paper	203,805.75
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- 1650 Sonny Boy—Pipe Organ—Vocal Refrain
- 75c There's a Rainbow 'Round My Shoulders—Pipe Organ
- 1623 Marion—Waltz Vocal Refrain by the Columbians
- 75c I Loved You Then As I Love You Now—The Cavaliers
- 1619 Just for Tonight—Vocal Art Gillham
- 75c Chinatown, My Chinatown—Vocal Art Gillham
- 1621 Don't be Like That—Vocal Lee Morse and Her Boys
- 75c Old Man Sunshine, Little Boy Bluebird—Lee Morse

- FAMILIAR TUNES—RECORDS**
- 15297 Eleven Cent Cotton Forty Cent Meat—Part 1
- 75c Eleven Cent Cotton, etc—Part 2 Bob Ferguson
- 15324 Away Out on the Mountain—Vocal Riley Puckett
- 75c The Moonshiner's Dream—Vocal, Guitar Accompaniment
- 15332 A Day at the County Fair—Parts 1 and 2
- 75c By Gid Tanner and His Skillet Lickers
- 15321 Shelby Disaster—Vocal, Guitar Accomp. Dan Hornsby
- 75c Story of C. S. Carnes—Vocal Accomp. Dan Hornsby
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