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The short cotton crop and early picking is cutting down the enrollment in the upper grades of the schools. This was apparent Tuesday morning when the first two classes finished registering. The lower grades in the Ballinger schools have increased over last year already and others will probably enter at an early date. The scholastic census in Ballinger this year is 100 more than last year, and with transfers the schools will reach the attendance peak in a month or more.

The displays at the merchants exhibition hall in the Runnels County Fair were not up to standard last year and merchants who desire to make a better showing this year should begin to plan their booths very soon. It is impossible to wait until the last minute and then put in an exhibit that will attract much attention. The man who carefully plans his display for the fair always has the best and gets more benefit from the advertising.

Ballinger Boy Scouts discovered last Friday night that some drunken persons had badly damaged the building at their camp, and had stolen all light globes in the building. This park has been turned over to the scouts and they have worked hard to get the grounds and building in shape. It is a mean, low trick for some vandal to go there trespassing and steal the boys' equipment, and a close watch will be made at the camp hereafter in an effort to apprehend the prowlers.

Pupils and patrons gathered at the Ballinger high school Monday morning to begin another year of class work. The crowd was large and the number of patrons present was very gratifying to the faculty. Every teacher is glad to have the parents visit the school, not just to the superintendent's office, but to the rooms through a class period. The teachers do their best and actually concern themselves with the fact that the home is neglecting and it means a great deal to the conscientious teacher to have a patrol tell him that his work is appreciated. It is sometimes discouraging to work hard and have no one notice your work, but if the effort is rewarded by public approval it is a real reward. Support the schools and the teachers and by so doing you will be helping to better the Ballinger educational system. Buildings and equipment are not all that are needed to make good schools—it requires a student body, faculty and citizenship working together to put the job over right.

The farmer has stopped crying for rain and is now content to get what crops will mature in the dry weather, but stockmen in various sections are becoming alarmed over the scarcity of stock water. A report has come from a number of places that it will have to rain within two weeks or else some arrangements will have to be made to water their stock.

Some wonder just how much good trade trips do, and most of these are people who have never been on one. Perhaps the greatest good is done to the trippers themselves. After getting their enthusiasm worked up and spending their time on the excursion working in the interest of a community proposition like the fair, their interest will not die and they will continue to work and boost until the big event is put over. When communities gather to greet the boosters, hear the talks, see the pep, receive the literature, and realize the effort that is being made for a county project, they too, become more interested. It is a form of co-operative advertising that brings results, and one reason for the successful fairs held here in the past is the great number of persons who earnestly work for the success of the expositions, before and during the gala days. Those who wonder about such things should go one time and see how it feels to help put a proposition over. If you could not get in on the booster trips for some reason or another, it is not too late to line up with the workers and help in some way with the fair.

September first—the opening of the schools, the moving of cotton, the close of vacations—usually marks the starting of the fall busy period in Ballinger. There is usually a diffident attitude in Ballinger as to the time comes and there

should be an even better feeling this year. Ballinger merchants and citizens have spent a more or less lazy summer. Times have been rather dull, but now comes the time to get back into harness with plenty of enthusiasm and work for all the business possible. With all merchants advertising their values and pulling together much trade can be attracted here this year. Some feel discouraged over the prospects of a short cotton crop, but the merchants who push and work for business will get the benefit, and those who merely worry over the short crop will not get their quota. The time to advertise and seek business is when business is hard to get.

According to observers crops in the section north of Ballinger are better than in any other part of the county. With cotton in spots making almost half a bale to the acre farmers in the north end of the county will be more prosperous than the remainder of the county, if there is any way of measuring such production.

A man is generally judged by his hands and his chattels and he rides in a good car, and wears good clothing he is well off, at least in comparison to working classes in other parts of the world.

Talking about fairs, to successfully put one over requires many hands working hard. The work heretofore has centered on a few in Ballinger and these are overworked. For several years certain phases of the work have gone undone because there were not enough people working at the job. Every citizen doubtless desires to see the fair a success, but many are not willing to give any of their time to push the enterprise along. Each parade needs a separate committee and that committee will find plenty to do just putting over one parade in good shape. If 100 Ballingerites would honestly take hold and put out some good hard work the fair this fall would far surpass any ever held in this section. Attractions can be booked, but the handling of produce, parades, admissions, concessions, police duty, and other things must be done without consideration by loyal citizens.

Ballinger invariably receives a rain about the time it is necessary for the city to install a pump on the Colorado River. That time is not here, but it is not far off. The Elm Creek reservoir is being lowered rapidly and unless there is rain soon some other arrangement will have to be made.

Estimates on the cotton crop in Runnels county are furnishing much conversation at present. Some people who are more or less pessimistic are placing their estimates as low as 20,000 bales, while others who are probably over-enthusiastic are guessing as high as 50,000. Cotton men and those who have visited all sections of the county are sticking to prognostications of around 35,000 bales.

One good work for civic organizations now is to look up all children of the school age who have not enrolled and find out why they are not in the classrooms. In some instances parents do not feel financially able, and possibly a little help would make it possible for the children to attend. The child who is compelled to miss a whole term of school will be thrown far behind and the loss of the one year may be the cause of him never completing his education.

Ballinger and Runnels county will do their part this year in swelling the enrollment at colleges and universities. A list is being tabulated by The Ledger of students who will soon leave for higher institutions of learning, and to complete this list we will be glad to learn of anyone who has made up his mind to go away to school, and where. There will be more to attend college from here this year than in former years, especially in the schools in this section of West Texas.

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Fairs have been potent factors in the development of our civilization. From the very dawn of history men have gathered at them to barter and exchange, to gather new ideas, to keep up with what the world is doing. At the fairs of ancient France, burly Saxons, dressed in skins, half savage, used to rub shoulders with swart Roman legionnaires; East met West at the great fairs of medieval Europe for which certain cities were famed; and in the England of Dr. Johnson, of Addison, of Pope, whole counties would gather at the rural fairs. They were all of them colorful events, for they were devised not only to meet utilitarian ends but also to divert and entertain. Feats of skill, contests of all kinds, were arranged. The nobles had their costly tournaments; the burghers and the yeomen had their fairs.

They are among the few worthwhile survivals of medieval civilization. It is good for men and women thus to meet during the slack season of their year. They come away from fairs with a new vigor, a new inspiration. And that isn't all; frequently they leave with a new idea that will result in an added prosperity. A farmer discovers a variety of corn profitable for him to plant; his wife a new recipe or two; and the young son—well, father couldn't resist the covetous light in the boy's eye when he saw the prize-winning Jersey heifer.

DEATH RATES

In a bulletin recently issued by the federal government on deaths in the state of Minnesota, which is probably indicative of the entire nation, it was found that in 1928 there were 25,977 deaths as compared to 24,658 in the preceding year. The ratio of deaths is 954.3 to every 100,000 of population.

Of these about 100 causes of deaths were listed, divided into natural and accidental. It was observed that there were no deaths from small pox in that state either in 1927 or 1928, and only one from malaria in 1928; probably a better record than had Texas due to the large proportion of Mexican and negro residents where small pox usually is prevalent, and on account of malaria-infested regions in eastern Texas. Heart disease led the list of deaths with 4,358 attributed to the many forms of this trouble.

There were 363 suicides in 1928, and only 71 homicides. From the many kinds of accidents, there were nearly 4,000 deaths reported.

"My! you look lovely to-night"

SHE knew the compliment to be true—for the last pimple had vanished.

If you are one of the embarrassed—and men are not exceptions—with skin blemishes that linger, and sometimes leave scars, you must realize that the logical cause may come from the blood.

A clear, smooth, velvety skin speaks loveliness. Men admire it. Women praise and secretly envy. Hope, joy, happiness, and even love, may depend on the possession of a clear, unblemished skin.

On the other hand—skin eruptions are outward evidences of the condition within. Authorities state it is an indication that the body's power of resistance to disease and infection is low. Meaning, that there is a deficiency of red-blood-cells.

Without plenty of rich, red blood, there could be no strength.

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Of these deaths from accidental falls caused 357 demises; drowning, 166. Train and automobile wrecks led the lists with 3,000 laid to these causes, and of these 435 were from automobiles in highway accidents.

It seems that accidents, carelessness, and weak hearts are the principal causes of death that in many instances could be averted but for lack of watchfulness.

Nature Thought of Everything

Nature thought of everything when the human body was made. When the body is about to become ill, nature planned danger signals to warn us. Thus, if our children grind their teeth when they sleep, or lack appetite, or suffer from abdominal pains, or itch about the nose and fingers, we should know that they may have contracted worms. Then, if we are wise, we buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and safely and surely expel the worms. Thus we avoid the danger of very serious trouble. White's Cream Vermifuge costs only 35 cents a bottle, and can be bought from Weeks Drug Store.

EAST TEXAS WILL STAGE POULTRY SHOW

LONGVIEW, Sept. 3.—Proposals are to be considered soon by the board of directors of the East Texas Poultry Association from cities wishing to hold the first annual East Texas Poultry Show, which will be staged during the third week in December under the auspices of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Admission to the show is free. Rogers Davis, agricultural director of the regional chamber of commerce and vice-president of the poultry show said. Organization of the Poultry Association was effected recently in Dallas at a meeting called by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

KIWANIS REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH HERE SATURDAY

A group of fifteen members of the Kiwanis Club of San Angelo passed through Ballinger, Saturday just after noon en route to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they will attend the district convention of that organization.

Texas clubs are to have a large delegation at the Tulsa meeting, according to press reports from over the state. The group from this district is being led to the convention by the lieutenant-governor of the district, Dr. E. Godbold, of Brownwood.

Ira Thurman, of Big Spring, was in Ballinger a short time Saturday afternoon, shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Thurman was on his way to Glen Cove to visit his parents.

Car Sales Slump During August

County Tax Collector W. L. Brown announced Tuesday that a total of 83 cars and 15 trucks were registered at his office during the month of Aug. This total is for new cars and does not include sales of used cars or transfers.

The total for August is considerably less than that of previous months. During the preceding period there were from 100 to 150 new cars sold each month.

- Following is a list of new cars sold by dealers:
- Fords**
 - Harwell Motor Co., 11 cars, 4 trucks
 - Nance-Brown Motor Co., 11 cars, 3 trucks
 - Miles Motor Co., 2 cars
 - Home Motor Co. (Bronte), 2 cars
 - Wilcox Motor Co., 1 car
 - Total 27 cars, 7 trucks
 - Chevrolets**
 - C. & C. Motor Co., 7 cars
 - Dusak & Glech 4 cars, 2 trucks
 - Healer Chevrolet Co., 17 cars, 1 truck
 - Patrick Chevrolet Co., 5 cars, 1 truck
 - M. K. Simpson, 1 car
 - Siler Chevrolet Co., 1 car
 - Cartor & Bogwell, 2 trucks
 - Total 35 cars, 6 trucks
 - Whippets**
 - Sykes Motor Co., 7 cars
 - Eads Motor Co., 1 car
 - Total 8 cars
 - Willys-Knights**
 - Sykes Motor Co., 1 car
 - Pontiacs**
 - Ballinger Auto Co., 2 cars
 - Durants**
 - Home Motor Co., 2 cars
 - Buicks**
 - Rudd Motor Co., 4 cars
 - Marquettes
 - Rudd Motor Co., 2 cars
 - Plymouths**
 - E. F. Batts, 2 cars
 - Chryslers**
 - Motor Sales Co., 1 car
 - International Trucks
 - Kirk & Mack, 1 truck

SEED POTATOES SHOWING DECLINE

BOSTON, Sept. 2.—A distinct decline in the acreage of certified seed potatoes planted this year was recorded by inspectors in the New England States and the Canadian provinces, the report of the New England Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture reveals.

Inspectors reported that only 44,785 acres of potatoes were entered for certification this year as compared with the 63,367 acre total of last year, and 48,299 in 1927. Every state and province has shared in the decline, the most precipitous drop being recorded in New Hampshire where the present crop dropped off 59 percent. Maine showed a decline of 34 percent, Vermont 16 percent, New Brunswick 23 percent, Nova Scotia, 18 percent, Prince Edward Island 30 percent.

The total for all sections show that the acreage of Cobblers has been reduced from 38 percent from

last year. Green Mountain 20 percent and Spaulding Rose 41 percent. The acreage of Smooth Russets was increased 41 percent, and Russets 6 percent. To date, weather conditions have been reasonably favorable to a good yield of certified potatoes in most of the states and provinces.

In Maine the outlook at this time is for good yields on the certified acreage. Last year, of 23,383 acres entered for certification, 16,847 acres passed the final inspection. In Vermont the growth is ahead of average in most sections. Virus disease conditions, however, are not favorable to a high percentage of the acreage passing certification, yet not severe enough to cut the yield appreciably.

Prince Edward Island, with 22,566 acres of seed potatoes entered for certification, again heads the northeastern states and provinces.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Yates, Miss Dorothy Yates and Miss Virginia Vaught, of Arlington, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

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County Agent Tells of Dairy Inspection Trip

(Editor's Note—This is the second and third of a series of articles written by C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, on his recent dairy inspection trip.)

At 8:10 Tuesday, Aug 13, we arrived at Waterloo, Iowa, where the corn grows tall.

Here we were met by the County Agent, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and several business men, who acted as guides for the day. Leaving our baggage in the Pullman cars we entered the two large buses that had been chartered for the days trip. Our first visit was paid to the Highland Farm, owned and operated by Joseph Goldinvaux. Here we saw our first Guernsey herd composed of 34 cows of this breed.

This herd was bred by Golden Sunbeam of the Prairie whose dam produced 200 pounds of butter fat in 60 days. The average milk production per cow on this farm is 10,000 pounds annually testing 5 per cent butter fat. Mr. Goldinvaux runs a retail route in Waterloo and gets 16 cents per quart delivered. Mr. Goldinvaux has a show herd of 16 head on the circuit now. The entire herd is registered and pedigreed. The average value of the cows in this herd is \$300.00 and very animal in the herd is insured against fire, lightning, etc.

All milking is done by hand. One interesting thing about this farm is that all the feed consumed is raised on the farm. The main pasture in this section of Iowa is blue grass, and the carrying capacity is cows per acre. The cows are allowed to graze about 6 months per year. From the middle of October until the middle of April the cows main in the barns. Everywhere these dairy states one sees the red imposing red barns, built out of very substantial material, such as heavy lumber, brick or stone.

On this farm we saw two large silos with sufficient capacity to furnish juicy succulent ensilage to the entire herd for 6 months. Corn and soy beans are the crop used for silage. Alfalfa hay of which 3 tons averaging 4 tons per acre is made, furnished most of the roughage. Red clover and timothy hay are also used very extensively.

Sanitation plays a very important part in the dairy business here. Practically every barn is equipped with concrete floors, steel stanchions and individual drinking cups. The windows and doors are screened and the walls white washed. After every milking the floors are hosed. Lime is sprinkled on the floors to keep down bad odors.

As soon as the milk is drawn, it is cooled by running it over an iron or cooled in long shotguns. Milk cooled this way will keep two days.

When Mr. Colinaux was asked if he did not use milking machines, he said they are not economical because I can hire milking machines at \$60.00 a month. Besides milking lowers the bacterial count and that is very important in milking with our milk ordinance. Mr. Colinaux owns 150 acres. The farm and equipments are valued at \$50,000.00. The net return from this farm are \$12,000.00 per year.

Chubb Farm owned by R. H. Chubb, breeder of Brown Swiss was our next stop. In his herd which measures 35x100 feet, and 20 cows. The average production per cow per day is 10 gallons. Mr. Chubb gets per hundred pounds for his milk at the barn. Hogs of which there were 120 head, form an important part of the income on this farm.

These hogs are raised on corn and soy beans. In fact all crops on this farm are marketed through the bank and livestock products. The farm was valued at \$225,000.00 and the average value of the hogs was \$400.00. The entire herd is insured. The silos on this farm are filled with corn and soy beans.

Heible Bros Farm is all out for the example of what can be accomplished through an intensive improvement breeding program. This farm is the home of the greatest bulls in the states. "Financial King" is the result of 40 years breeding. This work has been carried on under the supervision of Hugh G. Vanpeit, one of the Jersey authorities in the state.

Ten years ago the Heible Bros started with two cows. Today their herd numbers 50 cows. The highest butter fat production of any herd of this size in Iowa. All the feed needed for this herd is raised on this farm. The grass and burr clover pasture during the spring and summer months. While alfalfa and soy beans supplemented the roughage. The roughage for the month the cows are in the barn.

The aim is the distinction of the best Guernsey cow in the United States.

the person of Congressman W. W. Marsh.

His herd is headed by a bull imported directly from the Isle of Guernsey.

On this farm we had the pleasure of seeing a special herd of 19 cows that were milked four times a day with an average production of 63 pounds of milk per day, testing 4.9 per cent butter fat.

Iowa seems to be the home of large cows, large physically and large in production ability. These cows weigh from 1400 pounds to 1600 pounds and produce from 450 pounds to 700 pounds butter fat annually. On Mr. O. L. Hamers farm we saw cows that had not only quantity but quality as well. This herd is composed of 40 head of registered Holsteins of the Ormsby Creator family.

Mr. Hamer milks his herd four times daily. The average production per cow per day is 84 pounds or nearly 10 gallons of milk, testing 4 per cent butter fat.

Mr. Hamer's entire farm comprises only 100 acres, yet he raises all the roughage and most of the concentrates for his entire herd. This farm is valued at \$300.00 per acre.

It is equipped with a modern two story dwelling, large commodious milking barns, two silos, barns to store feed and outhouses for all farm implements. The feed cost per cow is \$85.00 per year and the cash income per cow per year above feed cost is \$175.00. Mr. Hamer backed up these statements by showing us his records. Mr. Hamer receives \$3.00 per 100 pounds for his milk. A number of other farms were visited but since practically the same methods are used throughout this section of the state and fearing that this narrative would become tiresome, should I enumerate all the things we saw and heard on these various farms, I shall mention only one more before we leave Iowa, and that is the farm operated by A. J. Hanson.

Mr. Hanson is a tenant. This farm is conducted on a fifty-fifty basis. The landlord furnishes the land and all necessary equipment and one half the cows, hogs, chickens and sheep. Mr. Hanson furnishes all the labor and raises the necessary feed. At the end of the year the profits are divided equally between landlord and tenant. When Mr. Hanson was asked how he liked this arrangement, he said "It is very satisfactory and profitable to both the landlord and myself." On this farm we saw a herd of 50 Holstein cattle, 275 hogs, 40 sheep and 600 chickens.

This farm contains 240 acres and is valued at \$200.00 per acre. The net returns from this farm is \$8,000.00 per year.

Iowa is a great agricultural state and was in the very prime of conditions at this time. Wheat, oats, barley, etc., was shocked awaiting the time to be threshed, corn was in roasting ears, clover and alfalfa was in bloom, making the whole country look beautiful and prosperous. But to us from West Texas, there seemed to be something lacking as our eyes roamed over these fertile farms—no cotton anywhere—and now and then someone in our party would remark "what's a farm without cotton."

In order to gain time and cover as much territory as possible the trip was so planned that long distances between states were made by special train by night. Leaving Waterloo, Iowa, at 10:40 p. m. we woke up in Chicago the next morning at 7:45.

Here again several large buses were hired to take us out to the Hawthorne Farms, owned by Mr. Insull, president of the Mid West Public Service Corporation. These farms, comprising 5,000 acres, are located 42 miles northwest of Chicago and are devoted to the raising of Brown Swiss cattle and fine Suffolk horses.

Beauty and utility are combined on this farm in such a way that the beautiful summer home of Mr. Insull, located on the summit of a hill, surrounded by acres of large shade trees, lawns and beautiful flowers and winding driveways was almost hidden from view through a clever system of landscaping.

We arrived at this farm at 9:25 a. m. and were at once taken in charge by the manager of the dairy department who took much pride in showing us the 60 head of purebred registered Brown Swiss cows that were grazing on a blue grass meadow east of the dairy barn. We were told that this herd produces on an average of 10,000 pounds of milk per cow annually, with a butterfat content of 4.27 per cent. The manager pointed out one cow that produced 23,000 pounds of milk and 1,200 pounds of butterfat in 360 days and held the world record for the Brown Swiss breed. The Suffolk horses, which are of a chestnut bay color, are very

beautiful. The prices for these horses run from \$300 to \$600 per head.

From here we went to the Model Public Service Farm. This farm comprises 80 acres and is known as the electrified farm. Upon arrival at this farm we were divided into groups of nine and a guide was assigned to each group whose duty it was to carry us through the various departments and explain the electric equipments and their uses.

In the poultry department the eggs were hatched by electricity, the chicks were brooded by electricity, the laying houses were heated and lighted by electricity. In the dairy barn we were shown the electric curbs that are used to brush the cows before each milking, the electric milking machines and other equipment. Electric equipment and labor-saving devices were in evidence everywhere.

We were told that the Sunday crowds that come to visit this farm average 1,000 people each Sunday.

From here we went into the state of Wisconsin and our first stop was at the Gould and Swanson farm. This farm contains 350 acres. On this farm there are three silos with a capacity of 200 tons each. All the feed, with the exception of cotton seed meal and oil meal, is raised on the farm.

Out of the 350 acres, 95 acres were planted in corn, 85 acres in grain, 85 acres pasture, and 60 acres in hay. The 50 Holstein cows on this farm produced at an average of 3 gallons per cow per day testing 3.5 per cent fat and bringing \$2.64 per 100 pounds.

On this farm, we all had a touch of homesickness because in the feed lot we saw a carload of Texas raised steers that were being fattened on Wisconsin corn for the Chicago market.

On the Allynhurst and Summit farms we saw two fine herds of registered Brown Swiss cows that made an average cash return above cost of feed of \$190 per cow per year.

I could go on and tell about a number of other farms that were visited on this tour but since the practices on these farms and the management of the dairy herds is very similar in the sections we visited I shall conclude this story with the hope that the readers, especially those engaged in the dairy business may have gotten some information or some suggestions that will be helpful to them in the future.

I want to take this occasion to express my sincere appreciation to the Commissioners Court of Runnels County for granting me a leave of absence and my heartfelt thanks to the Runnels County Farm Bureau Cotton Association who financed this trip, and I trust that I may be able to render more efficient service to the good people of Runnels county because of the knowledge I gained on this trip.

C. W. LEHMBERG.

Would You Know One If You Saw It?

If you ever came face to face with a germ, would you recognize it? Of course it is not likely that you ever will see a germ, unless you own a tremendously powerful microscope, for you would have to magnify one over a thousand times to make it as big as a pin head. But you should recognize the fact that these tiny germs can get into your blood streams through the smallest cut, and give you typhoid fever, tuberculosis, lockjaw, blood poisoning, and may more dangerous and perhaps fatal diseases. There is one sure safeguard against these dangers—washing every cut, no matter how small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the safe antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone at Weeks Drug Store.

COUPE STOLEN FROM JOHN SIMMONS THURSDAY NIGHT

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Mebane Cotton Group Getting Better Results

About five months ago a number of Runnels county farmers, who were deeply interested in getting a pureline cotton program started in the county met in the court house and organized what is known as the Runnels County Purebred Mebane Cotton Seed Association.

This association now numbers over 100 members. Early in the spring this association shipped into the county several carloads of pure Mebane cotton seed, purchased directly from the E. D. Mebane seed farm at Lockhart.

Approximately 7,000 acres have been planted in this seed.

At a recent meeting a check-up was made on the condition of this pure line cotton. The members expressed themselves very favorable with the way this cotton has stood up under the drought, the close fruiting and the large and well formed bolls. Several of the members estimated their crops at one-third bale per acre, while their neighbors, just across the fence, who planted common gin run seed, will require 7 to 8 acres to the bale.

At this meeting it was decided to gin all the Pureline Mebane cotton in the Farm Bureau gin, located on Eighth Street, near the fair grounds, in Ballinger. It was also definitely decided that the cotton seed association take over all the seed that will do for planting purposes. This seed will be cured, graded, sacked and stored by the association and will be sold for planting seed next spring. The producer will receive a bonus of \$5 per ton at the gin, that is, the gin will buy the seed from the producer at market price and pay him a bonus of \$5 per ton. Any profits accruing from the sale of the seed next spring will be apportioned to the producer on a per dollar basis.

A committee of three was appointed to inspect every farm planted in this seed and pass on the quality of the cotton so that the seed can be graded according to quality and purity.

The hearty co-operation of all the members is requested in putting over this worthwhile project 100 per cent, with the one purpose in view—that of greatly increasing the acreage planted in pure line seed next spring.

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Doose Receives Letter Thanking Assn. for Cash

The following letter received here by C. A. Doose, secretary of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers Association, from Dudley Tom, of Fort Worth, was as a means for thanking Mr. Doose and the organization which held its meeting at Old Runnels on August 21, for the contributions the pioneers gave Mr. Tom:

"Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 28, '29.

"Mr. C. A. Doose,
"Ballinger, Texas.

"My Dear Friend Alfred:

"I am sending you a letter for you to have published. I want every signer to the contribution to have a copy of same. If it costs anything to do this, Alfred, please let me know and I'll send letters. Please read it over and correct it, and add your name to the list. I know I am asking a great deal of you and I hate to bother you for, in your business, time is money.

"Alfred, please let me know if you can get this published as I advise. I thank you for all you have done for me and mine. God will reward you for it, and our prayers for you and all of my dear friends is all that we can do. Please let me hear from you soon.

"Sincerely, your old friend,
"DUDLEY TOM.

"Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 27, 1929.

"To the secretary and members of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers Association:

"It was in the month of March, 1879, that I cast my lot with the cattle men, from which has since been organized the above organization in Runnels county, and there I lived until 1894. I made a fortune in cattle at that time, but, like hundreds of others, yes thousands of others, lost it. Cattle at that time was the one best bet, but with the fencing and conversion of the plains into farms and livestock growing on a small scale, old times, old methods, old sources of revenue all became things of the past.

"There has never been such perfect co-operation in any business, as was demonstrated in West Texas on the cattle range, and I doubt, if at any time, good fellowship was ever manifested anywhere else to such an extent.

Not a cowman of the old days but who holds a warm place in my heart, all his own, and in that of my family; and that we are still remembered in adversity, as well as in prosperity was evidenced by the unexpected, but much appreciated sum sent me by the members of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers Association. Names of donors:

"J. M. Johnson, Abilene, \$5; — Flache, Brownfield, \$5; D. D. Parramore, Abilene, \$5; Fog Coffey, Leaday, \$5; Jack Parramore, Abilene, \$5; J. N. Ferguson, Abilene, \$5; Jake Stubblefield, Norton, \$5; Wade Swift, Ranger, \$5; M. L. Rose, Coleman, \$5; Aug. Herring, Talpa, \$5; D. H. Bradshaw, Bradshaw, \$5; J. B. McCutchen, Bronte, \$5; Andy Herring, Talpa, \$5; N. J. Allen, Ballinger, \$5; F. E. Clayton, Talpa, \$5; John Castleberry, Flora, Tex., \$5; C. M. Bradshaw, Bradshaw, \$5; W. W. Parramore, Ballinger, \$5; Feb. McWilliams, Ballinger, \$5.

"In those days \$95 didn't mean much to us, we were just like one big family in those dear days. We sat around the camp fire drinking black coffee out of tin cups, telling yarns and standing night guard; many a time we have squandered this amount in our cowboy ways as we had to do something for a little amusement and pleasure, but times have changed, \$5 is face value now to all of us old cow punchers and when you have been confined to your bed for seven months with a broken limb and can't move, it means ten times that amount. There are times when one cannot express his gratitude or thanks because the heart is too full, and this is one of those times. Not one of you can realize, not one perhaps, will ever know what this testimony of love, and sympathy means to me and my family. We love every one of you and thank God daily for such loyal friends. May God bless you every one in every way and may it sink deep in your hearts just what this message of love from the dear old cowboys means to the one you know in the good old days. I thank you, love each of you.

"DUD TOM"

CONCHO MAN RECEIVES GUN SHOT WOUND

G. W. Wagner of Concho, was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium here Sunday afternoon suffering from a wound in his right leg received when the charge from a shot-gun took effect. Mr. Wagner was carrying the gun and driving some turkeys when he is reported to have fallen down and the gun accidentally discharged. He was reported to be doing nicely Monday and it is thought he will soon be able to leave the hospital.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW IS NOT EFFECTIVE YET

Supt. H. C. Lyon stated Thursday morning that the compulsory attendance school law will not go into effect in Ballinger until the third month of the school year. In most places the compulsory period starts with the first day of the school year, but the Ballinger school board in session Wednesday night decided to begin the 100-day period with the first day of the third month of school. According to this law every child in the scholastic age must attend school at least 100 days each year. In cities where there is no truant officer the city superintendent must attend to this duty in town and the county superintendent in the country.

Miss Florence Bryant, of Stephenville has returned to her home after visiting a week in the home of Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth here.

W. P. Riley, banker, and Judge Weaver H. Baker, of Junction, were visitors in Ballinger for a short time Monday afternoon. They stopped here while en route to Abilene to visit with J. D. Motley, an old friend.

FOR Nursing Mothers Scott's Emulsion

Melon Man Wins in Fight with Winters

A great amount of trouble has been experienced at Winters recently arising from the sale of watermelons on the streets inside the fire limits. A Mr. Johnson who owns and operates a melon place has been arrested and brought before the Winters municipal court, and in one instance fined.

At present there are over twenty complaints against Johnson and with the amount growing every day District Judge E. J. Miller of Brownwood issued a temporary writ of injunction against the city government of Winters to prevent interfering with the melon vendor.

The first case was tried under an alleged void ordinance, and it was thought that after the conviction this would end the controversy, but so much free publicity was derived that it increased the sales of the melon man until he is now doing a land office business.

NEW MANAGER FOR LOCAL LUMBER YARD

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worthy have moved to Ballinger from Coleman, and Mr. Worthy took charge of the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. lumber yard Monday morning.

Mr. Worthy is an experienced lumber man, having managed the Higginbotham yard at Coleman until it was sold recently. Mr. Worthy is residing on the highway in a residence owned by W. A. Francis, adjoining the Aicis home.

Changes Made in School Faculty

Since the appearance in the Ledger some time ago of a list of the teachers in Ballinger schools for the coming year several changes have been made and according to Superintendent Lyon the changes have all been completed and the corrected lists appears below:

H. C. Lyon, superintendent of schools

High School Faculty

J. B. Pace, principal, history and government

Miss Arminda Timmons, advanced English

Mrs. Bessie Liddell Lowe, freshman and sophomore English

Miss Hazel Hamilton, advanced mathematics

F. T. Wright, freshman and sophomore mathematics and athletic coach

Miss Marratt Smith, Latin and history

Miss Helen Brewer, history

Miss Ullis Newton, science

Miss Elizabeth Parker, home economics

Harley Davis, commercial department and assistant coach

H. C. Spencer, manual training

Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Spanish

Mrs. Nona Dietz, speech art

Miss Louise Doss, piano and voice.

Central Elementary

M. J. Weaver, principal, mathematics

Miss Zemma Street, English

Miss Nellie Bigby, reading

Mrs. Lois White Forman, science

Miss Irene Trousdale, history

Miss Gladys Geistman, writing, drawing, and art

Miss Dorothy Chancey, supervisor public school music.

Central Primary

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal, first grade

Miss Eugenia Suber, first grade

Miss Pearl Daniel, first grade

Mrs. H. C. Lyon, second grade

Miss Malcorine Wardlaw, second grade

Miss Sidna Sturgess, second grade

Miss Eloise Walker, third grade

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Miss Grace Murchison, third grade.

West Ward

Miss Faye Clark, principal, fourth grade

Miss Helen Lee Anderson, fourth grade.

Mexican School

Mrs. Aurella Louise Webb, principal and teacher.

Colored School

H. K. Robinson, principal and teacher

Mrs. H. K. Robinson, assistant teacher.

No change in the program for Monday morning at the opening of school has been made and will be carried out as stated previously.

Roaches live in colonies. If you see one you know there are many. Roaches are loathsome vermin. Profic breeders. There are medical authorities who declare seventeen different diseases are transmitted by roaches. Roaches must be killed. Spray FLY-TOX into cracks, crevices, around water pipes, faucets and other plumbing. Simple instructions on each bottle (blue label) for killing roaches and ALL household insects. **INSIST ON FLY-TOX** It is the scientific insecticide developed at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by Rex Research Fellowship. FLY-TOX is safe, stainless, and has a perfume-like fragrance. Easy to use.

ENTIRE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY HOLDS DEGREES

Supt. H. C. Lyon states every member of the Ballinger high school faculty this year hold degrees from some college or university. This is the first time since Mr. Lyon has been here that this has been true, and it speaks well for the Ballinger school this year. A number of the teachers received their degrees this summer, taking special university courses.

FIRE AT DAY GIN CAUSES ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE

Fire of unknown origin Wednesday night caused practically no damage at the Day Gin, near the compress. The alarm was sounded at 9 o'clock and after a quick run and rapid work by the chemical men the blaze was extinguished.

The fire was discovered on top of the gin where a few cottonseed hulls had accumulated from a nearby ventilator and in some manner had become ignited.

A good representation of the fire company was on hand to fight the threatening blaze, which was reported during a high sweeping wind preceding a light sprinkle here, but the flames were quickly brought under control without the use of water.

Miss Louise Doss returned home Friday night from Nashville, Tenn., where she had been taking a course this summer in a conservatory. She returned to be ready to meet her classes in voice and piano at the Ballinger high school Monday morning. Miss Doss stated Saturday that anyone desiring any information from her before Monday, can get in communication with her at phone 542.

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