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36,000 BALES GINNED IN RUNNELS COUNTY

Three County P. T. A. Visited This Week End

Thursday night of this week the Parent-Teachers Association of Benoit met with nine of the twelve members present. Henry Vandevanter, president of the organization, presided at the meeting and at the conclusion of the business session four new members were added to the membership. By-laws were passed and general business attended to. Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Ballinger, gave a talk on "Food for Children."

Mrs. Arca Brookshire, past chairman, will assist Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse, in the examination of the pupils of the Benoit school on October 31st. The pre-school children will be examined in the afternoon of the same day.

Teachers and patrons of the Herring school invited Mrs. Simmons and Miss Alexander there on Friday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association. The Herring school had one of the first P. T. A.'s in the county, organizing about five years ago. After being disbanded for more than a year the association was re-organized by Mrs. Simmons with eleven paid members.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. F. Kirby; vice-president, Mrs. J. Rosford; secretary-treasurer, Miss Irma Mae Richardson.

Friday night the Drasco auditorium was packed to capacity for a combination meeting. An entertainment was held for the teachers, and at the same time consideration was to be given whether the patrons wanted to affiliate with the P. T. A. Mrs. Simmons and Miss Alexander, and Mrs. M. E. Montague, of Winters, were invited to meet with the patrons and discuss the organization. After singing a number of P. T. A. songs Miss Alexander talked on health subjects, as did Mrs. Montague, who is chairman of the health committee of the Winters P. T. A. Mrs. Simmons perfected the organization, with 30 members, the largest number to join from any single community, who paid dues affiliating them with the state and national organizations. Officers elected were: Mrs. J. A. Yates, president; Mrs. W. McCutson, vice-president; Miss Zara Mitchell, secretary; and Miss Ethel Phillips, treasurer.

The organizations at Benoit, Herring and Drasco will be welcomed into the county council.

Frau Anna Zerfus, of Dresden, was heavily fined for selling her baby for \$1,500.

Inglede—Five new stores are being built here.

Doctors Disagree In Hamilton Trial

WEATHERFORD, Oct. 30.—Two physicians were called as expert witnesses for the prosecution today in the disagreement as to whether Judge R. H. Hamilton shot his youthful unwanted son-in-law in the back or from the front, when Tom Walton was slain in Anarillo, in an attorney's office May 4.

Dr. J. H. Vaughn who examined Walton's body said he had reached the opinion that two of the four shots which killed the young law student, struck him in the back. Dr. J. R. Wreather who also examined the body said the wounds were inflicted from the front. The physicians agree that the wound in Walton's abdomen was made by a bullet fired as he faced the gun. Young Walton apparently was unarmed when he was shot down, Vaughn testified, Dr. Wreather and Sheriff W. N. Thompson who searched the body a few minutes after being shot and said they found no weapons in his clothes. They both testified that there was no evidence of a struggle having taken place where the killing occurred. A book case glass was broken but Hamilton showed no signs of having engaged in a physical encounter with the youth.

Methodist Officials Elected for Year

The fourth quarterly conference held at the First Methodist Church Thursday night brought out a very interesting report from the church and one that encouraged the conference very much. The meeting, presided over by Dr. W. H. Coleman, presiding elder of the Brownwood district, was well attended.

Finances of the church were reported in good condition. The stewards have been doing considerable work for the past few weeks and indications are that the church's report at the district meeting to be held in Coleman on October 30th, will show all pledges paid in full. Cash has been flowing in steadily for the past week, leading to the belief that the Ballinger church will have a perfect report for the annual conference.

The Coleman meeting will find every church the size of the Ballinger church making a full report, according to Dr. Coleman. A large blackboard will display the statistics of the various churches of the Coleman meeting.

After the reports were given Thursday night the election of a board of stewards and other officers was made. The following were elected to fill the specified places for the ensuing year: Board of stewards—C. R. Richards, U. E. Hartman, W. L. Brown, W. A. Francis, R. F. Tunnell, J. W. Bigby, W. F. Mason, W. E. Middleton, Tom Caudle, J. L. Davis, C. L. Howell, Hamp Byler, Joe Forman, Robert Bruce, Mrs. Ollie Midgley, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, P. W. Earnshaw, W. R. Clark, C. G. Jennings, and C. W. Lehman.

Board of Trustees—W. L. Brown was elected to this board to fill the place made vacant by Sam Behringer.

Sunday School Superintendent—Joe Ferman, Assistant Superintendent—Troy Simpson, Department Chairmen—Vintermediate—Mrs. Troy Simpson, Junior—Mrs. R. B. Hooper, Primary—Mrs. C. H. Harville, Beginners—Mrs. J. S. Jones, Nursery—Mrs. Robt. Bruce.

Lay Leader—Jas. E. Brewer. Sunday at the Methodist church will close the Rally and Loyalty Month when a picture of the entire congregation will be made at the morning service. All members are urged by the pastor and officials to attend the last two services of the special observance and help swell the attendance to the largest the church has had for many years.

Mrs. R. L. Maddox, Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, Mrs. Chas. Lankford and J. M. Moore went to Abilene Friday to attend the football game between the Abilene and Ranger high schools.

John A. Weeks went to Abilene Tuesday morning to attend to business for the day.

Perryton—Bonds voted for 18 more blocks of paving.

Maxine Russell is Honored at School

Miss Maxine Russell, of Ballinger, a senior at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, has been given another honor this year by being selected as princess from that school to the All-College Circus, which was held at Dallas last week.

Miss Russell attended the soiree with her escort for two days, and was in the entourage of the queen at the latter's coronation on the last night of the event. Miss Russell's picture appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Wednesday morning, dressed in an aviatrix's uniform, representing the leading character in a serial to commence in that paper in the near future.

Change Made in Charge For Water; Add Penalty

At a meeting of the City Commission Saturday morning at 8 o'clock it was decided to change the minimum charge of the water rent here to become effective December 1st.

There is to be a 25 cent raise levied which in reality will only be a penalty for late payment. The rate will be changed from \$1 to \$1.25, but if the bill is paid on or before the tenth of each month there will be a 25 cent refund; however if the 25 cent penalty will be charged. This penalty will be the same on all bills.

If the bill exceeds the minimum \$10.00 more than \$1.25 the penalty will still be 25 cents for late payment. This change in rate is only to bring more prompt payment and to act as payment to the city for having to keep their books open later than the

10th of the month.

The clause in the present bill being used concerning a \$1 charge for connections which have been cut off for lack of payment will remain in force, and all connections cut off for this reason will require the \$1 deposit as payment for the default.

Another clause in the bill adopted Saturday concerns a deposit of \$3 for new connections. This will be charged for installing meters and connections, and will be held in the city hall under a separate account as a reserve on water bills. If after a length of time a move is made to another town, the \$3 will be refunded. A removal from house to house on the city will not affect the deposit and will stay on the city water treasury for use of deficient bills if necessary.

Frost Thursday is Earliest in 12 Years

The first frost of the fall visited this section Wednesday night and reports coming in from over Runnels county indicate that practically every portion of the county had some frost. In low places the frost was thought to have been sufficient to kill vegetation.

E. E. Feiler, of Talpa Route 2 was a caller at The Ledger office Thursday and stated that he had a big frost at his place and that water left standing in a galvanic bucket during the night had a thin layer of ice early Thursday morning.

A number of early risers in Ballinger report house-tops white with frost, and some vines were showing the effects of the cold night Thursday at noon.

E. M. Eubank, government weather reporter for the Ballinger territory, reported the lowest thermometer reading for Wednesday night at 24 degrees F. Mr. Eubank stated that this was the earliest frost here in over twelve years, according to his records. He also declared that the frost early Thursday morning seemed to be heavier on the hill than on the flats near the river.

The weather bureau prediction for Thursday night indicated that it would be colder than ever and another record of frost is this Friday morning with perhaps some thin snow.

Ugo Darzinsk, of Belgrade, who has been appointed a college professor, had a twin other who can neither read nor write.

Mr. and Mrs. Ann Gordill left early Sunday morning for Fort Worth to spend their 25th wedding anniversary with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orwell Layton.

Living Room Contest To Start December 1

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, has begun planning for the living room contest to be conducted in Runnels county this year. The first inspection will be made by the local judges on or about the middle of November, with the contest proper starting about the first of December and running until April 15th. The judges, appointed from the Shakespeare Club of this city, are Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mrs. A. B. Legate, and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

The same score card used for the past several years will apply in this year's contest. The competition will be divided into two sections, Class I and Class II. The first class will represent rooms whose cost does not exceed \$50, and the second class will represent rooms whose cost is higher than \$50.

Any farm woman in Runnels county is eligible to enter therefor.

Maseland Elects P. T. A. Officials

A Parent-Teachers Association was organized at Maseland Tuesday night with 23 members, the unit affiliating with the state and national organizations. Maseland school is located in the Southwest community and is one of the best in the county.

The meeting Tuesday night was held in the Baptist church with a large crowd present to meet the visitors from Ballinger who are working in the interests of the P. T. A. movement.

Before P. T. A. business was taken up Joe Simmons, of this city, made a short talk on Boy Scout work. The Maseland community has a well organized troop of scouts and they are doing fine work under the direction of Scoutmaster Freeman. Mr. Freeman pleaded for more co-operation, and Mr. and Mrs. Simmons each spoke briefly on the great advantages of scouting.

The large audience listened eagerly to Mrs. Simmons and Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse, who told of the advantages of affiliated P. T. A. organizations. At the conclusion of the talks officers were elected as follows: Ernest Caskey, president; Mrs. Lura Hendley, vice-president; Mrs. White Baker, secretary; Mrs. J. J. Hood, treasurer.

Maseland will be represented on the county council of the P. T. A. as a result of the organization meeting Tuesday night, and the community is expected to greatly be benefited by the live, hard-working body.

F. D. George left Sunday for Comstock after having here the past two weeks regarding the sale with The Hub dry good store.

Paving to Start Soon on Highway West of Town

Golden Home Burns To Ground Saturday

Fire originating in a stove, caused the burning of the Golden Home at the home of W. L. Golden on Eighth Street completely destroyed the house and contents about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. No one except Mrs. Golden was home at the time and she was asleep when relatives came to visit and noticed smoke billowing from the closet.

An alarm was turned in immediately, but because of the distance to any fire plug water was not obtained until the entire structure was a mass of ruins. Only a very few articles were taken from the flaming house.

Nearby property was endangered for some time by the high winds which fanned the blaze, but no other damage was done except to the Golden residence and out-buildings. It was not learned Saturday whether any insurance was carried or not.

OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR LAMPASAS GAME

Supt. H. C. Lyon stated Tuesday morning that all officials had been approved for the Lampasas-Ballinger football game here on Friday afternoon. Clyde Pratt, of Winters, who has been working in every game so far this year will accept referee. Russ Smith, of Winters, will act as umpire, and R. W. Earnshaw, of this city, as head linesman.

The Lampasas high school team will arrive on the noon train and will depart in the afternoon on the six o'clock train, immediately after the game.

In order for the visiting team to have time to change clothes and get to the train the game will be called at 2:45 p. m. This is the first conference game of the season and the crowd is expected to be greatly swelled Friday. It will also be the most representative game of the year and local support will be great.

Fox Colfax of the Ledger community, was in Ballinger looking after business Monday.

Special Pullman to Aggie Game Likely

An effort is being made here this week to secure enough fans to attend the Texas University & A. M. College football game. To look a special car on the Santa Fe. A number of couples have already stated that they would attend and several have signed up for passage on the coach to use the number is made up.

J. J. Beck, local Santa Fe agent, stated Thursday morning that about 25 people would be necessary to get the best accommodations and that he believed more than that number would want to see the Thanksgiving Day game. If the coach is secured it will be set out here on Wednesday and those reserving berths will be able to enter them at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. The car will be picked up at 3:30 Thursday morning by a special train made up at San Angelo, and will arrive at College Station at noon Thursday. The train will depart on its return trip about 7:30 p. m. after the game, and arrive at Ballinger about 3:30 a. m. Friday. The Ballinger coach will be set out on a sidetrack and passengers in the sleeper will not be disturbed until 7:00 o'clock.

It will be necessary to ascertain the number of passengers for the special at once so that tickets for the football game can be purchased before they are all sold. This game is sold out each year long in advance and the time is brief in which to secure tickets. The round-trip fare will be \$6.25 and \$2.25 each way for Pullman. A lunch car will be included in the price. No stops will be made at meals.

Warren Whitman, of San Angelo, was here Tuesday afternoon to confer with G. M. Garrett, state highway engineer, regarding work on highway No. 30, west of Ballinger. Mr. Whitman was awarded the paving contract on this 19-mile stretch of road to the Tom Green county line.

Dirt work on this lap is now completed to Miles-Stakes will be set Thursday afternoon on this end of the road, beginning at the A. & S. Railway right-of-way just east of the Colorado River bridge. Forms will be set this week for the first work and if no hindrance is encountered engineers expect concrete pouring to be started some time next week.

A few weeks later it is the plan of the contractor to start a second mixer to pour concrete just west of Rowena, about two miles, and continue until the two crews meet. With two big machines many miles can be covered in a short time.

Contractors for the dirt work on this long section of roadway have made good progress, completing the 18 miles in the brief period since the contract was let. The roadbed was in good shape and shortly after concrete has been applied a portion of the bad part of the detour will be eliminated with the opening of some of the new road.

Just how much delay will be experienced by bad weather is speculative. An unusually late year. Cold weather will soon be here and long rainy spells will halt operations and increase the number of days required for completion of the project.

BIGGEST SHEEP FARM FOR PENNSYLVANIA

ROYSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 28.—The largest sheep farm in the eastern part of the United States will be established by General H. C. Trester, on his big game preserve at Schuylkill, near Allentown, within a fortnight.

Allen C. Lewis, who conducts what has been the largest sheep farm in Eastern Pennsylvania on the farm of Dr. Charles B. Decker, near here, in the past few months has gathered 3,500 head of black-faced sheep in Montana for General Trester. They will be shipped west shortly.

General Trester now has large flocks of buffaloes and deer herds on his preserves near Schuylkill.

RATES ANNOUNCED FOR A. & M. SPECIAL CAR

Local Santa Fe Agent J. J. Beck announced Saturday the rates on the special car to A. & M. College for the Thanksgiving Day game, in case Ballinger fans make up the car. The round-trip fare will be \$6.45 instead of \$6.25 as stated heretofore. The Pullman fare, however, will be cheaper, and upper berths will be \$1.70 each way and lower \$2.13 each way.

Ken Stephenson, a representative of the Standard Saving and Loan Company, of Detroit, was a visitor in Ballinger Saturday. He was here attending to business with McCarter & Lynn, representatives of that company in Ballinger.

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Runnels county ginning up to and including Saturday, October 26, were 36,004 bales. This report was compiled Monday morning at the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill where reports were received from all gins operating in the county.

This is the first report on county ginning for the past three weeks and during that time approximately 9,000 bales were turned out. On many days during the past three weeks the weather has been too bad to gather cotton and for this reason ginning were much lower than for the previous three weeks when picking conditions were excellent.

The amount of cotton left in the fields it is believed will run the total to about the same as the "guess" made early in the season for the 1929 crop. H. W. Lynn, manager of the local oil mill, stated that he believed there would be from 4,000 to 5,000 more bales ginned, which would place this year's crop at 40,000 or 41,000 bales.

Picking has been completed in many fields, and others are beginning to look black. Picking for the remainder of the season will be in scattered spots. One reason for believing that a few thousand more bales will be ginned is that fields will be picked cleaner this year than in years where big crops are produced.

Following is the ginning report:

Ballinger, 2,966
Rowena, 5,000
Miles, 4,577
Winters, 10,000
All others, 2,430
Total—35,973

GEORGIANIA P. T. A. AT HATCHEL FRIDAY NIGHT

A good crowd met at the Hatchel school house Friday night and elected new officers for the coming year. Mr. Hinkle, Mord Tucker and Wirt Bales resigned in favor of the ladies. Mr. Hinkle made a good talk on organizing. Mrs. Coppage made a short talk on health work.

Fifteen old members were present and three new ones joined. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Brevard.

The new officers are: Mrs. Mord Tucker, president; Mrs. Jewell McFossitt, vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Coppage, secretary and treasurer. "Reporter."

Mrs. Alice Clark, of Chicago, found the picture of the woman in her husband's pocketbook, and then secured evidence that gave her a divorce.

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Ballinger Schools Get Good Report

Supt. H. C. Lyon is in receipt of a report from the State Department of Education... The health program carried on in the schools receives praise...

Nine Divorces; One License in Two Days

During the past two days district court has been busy with divorce cases and nine have been granted by Judge E. J. Miller. Three cases were dismissed by the court.

Grand Jury Reports to Court; 24 Indictments

Adjourning at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon the grand jury for the October term of district court finished its criminal investigations and after completing an inspection of the county buildings issued its report.

The grand jury returned twenty-four indictments, twenty-one for felonies and three for misdemeanors. Forgery was mentioned as the outstanding crime at the present and a warning was issued to prevent its recurrence.

Following is the report: To the Hon. E. J. Miller, Judge of the 35th District: There are two strays at my place, one bald faced bay mare about sixteen hands high...

BETHEL NEWS

Rev. Coie, of Abilene, preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and Rev. Brannon preached Sunday evening. Bob Richardson and Naith Crockett went to quarterly conference of the Methodist Church at Paint Rock, last Friday.

BENITO NEWS

Jack Frost paid this community a friendly call last Wednesday night and while the material damage was light, the evidence was sufficient to show that the old man is still on the job...

CENSUS EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED HERE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that it will receive applications until November 2, 1929, for certain temporary positions in the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Fifteenth Decennial Census.

RAINFALL SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY, SEVEN-TENTHS INCH

Rainfall here for Saturday night and Sunday amounted to seven-tenths of an inch, according to the government gauge. Most of the precipitation occurred Saturday night and the Sunday shower merely renewed the mud on the surface.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleoro Smith, of Breckenridge, visited friends here over the week-end.

Mr. Morvick, a waiter, though 65.00 change was a tip but him presented for

Mr. and Mrs. Annie Cox helping her make chow-chow, and while we are thankful for the jar Annie sent us, we would have been a great deal more thankful if the jar had been a little bigger.

FRANK HOLLIDAY IS NAMED CITY MANAGER AT SONORA

The following clipping from the Sonora paper contains the information that Frank Holliday, formerly of Ballinger, has been named city manager for Sonora. Frank is the son of Mrs. Oscar Holliday, of this city, and for some time has been at Sonora where he has been connected with the city administration on several important undertakings.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rumpy visited their daughter, Mrs. Albert Williams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin dropped in Sunday afternoon to see Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson, while on their way to see Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hughey, who reside at the pump station.

Little Miss Addie Ruth Cox spent Saturday night with little Miss Laura B. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox were pleasant callers in the home of C. M. Gibson and wife Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odom visited their son, George, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lurline Brookshier spent Saturday night with Miss Opal Cox.

The Benoit school is progressing fine and several new pupils have entered this week as most everyone has finished picking cotton. New stoves have been installed and we hope the children will not suffer this year for want of warmth.

Fay Curry, of Santa Anna, is visiting his brother, John, this week.

Miss Laura B. Gibson and Grafton Brookshier are doing fine and report much interest in their school affairs since the removal of their tonsils.

Since the green grass is springing up it makes us think of spring and yellow buttercups.

Mrs. W. E. Branch, who moved from Ballinger to Abilene a few months ago, has recently had a major operation performed on her foot at the Baptist Hospital in the latter city. She is doing very well at present, having been removed to the home of her son, Bob Lowry, where Mrs. Branch will remain under the treatment of doctors for several months. It will possibly be six months before Mrs. Branch will be able to walk or be on her feet to do anything. Friends here will regret to hear of her misfortune and hope for her a speedy recovery.

be to assist county officers and see that all traffic rules are enforced; inspect buildings as they are constructed; reduce fire hazards; inspect plumbing jobs before connection is made; collect all taxes and other accounts due the city. He will also be required to see that all city laws are enforced.

"Mr. Holliday will go into office after the first of November."

Mrs. Melton Bills, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heverland, of Lowake, for the past three weeks, left Monday of this week for San Pedro, Calif., where she will join her husband and make their home.

Thorndale—This city will get a 15 per cent reduction in its fire insurance key rate.

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John Pechacek Dies at Abilene

John Pechacek, 57, resident of West Texas for more than 30 years and of Abilene for five years, died unexpectedly last night at 10:30 o'clock as he sat in his chair at the family home, 341 Mockingbird Lane.

Although Mr. Pechacek had been in declining health for some time, his condition was not regarded as serious. He had spent some time down town Wednesday afternoon. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Pechacek came to Abilene five years ago from Ballinger, where he was in the implement and blacksmithing business for 26 years.

The funeral will be held from the Sacred Heart (Catholic) Church, of which he was a member. Further arrangements, incomplete last night, will be announced by the Laughter Undertaking Company.

Mr. Pechacek's son, John A. Pechacek, who left here last night with the Abilene delegation to attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at El Paso, was notified at Midland of his father's death.

Surviving Mr. Pechacek are his widow and five children, Mrs. George Smith, Joe and John Pechacek, Mrs. Lillian Pitts and Gilbert Pechacek, all of Abilene, five grandchildren and a brother, P. P. Pechacek, of Wichita Falls.—Abilene Morning News.

Mr. Pechacek for many years was a resident of Ballinger and was rated as a pioneer citizen. He was engaged in the blacksmithing business here and was known by practically everyone in Runnels county as "John." He reared his family here and they were educated in the Ballinger schools.

Mr. Pechacek's health became bad shortly before he moved from this city, and he practically retired from business. He followed his children to Abilene five years ago and had lived there since but was a frequent visitor to Ballinger.

NEW MANAGER FOR HOME MOTOR CO.

F. A. Rubrecht, stockholder and manager of the Home Motor Co. for the past two years, resigned his position the first of October and is moving to Oklahoma City this week. Mr. Rubrecht remained over this past month to assist A. M. Burden, who is to take his place, in becoming familiar with the details.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubrecht came here from Ada, Oklahoma, and in the short time they have resided here made many friends who deeply regret to see them depart.

Mrs. R. E. McWilliams, who was taken to a Temple sanitarium Sunday afternoon is reported to be resting well Friday. Sheriff McWilliams went to visit his wife Wednesday night, returning home Thursday night, and on his return stated that a major operation would be necessary before her recovery.

Mrs. Luther Mathis of San Antonio, is here visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Gill.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—Turkey Red seed wheat and Red oats. Dietz Bros. 25-3tw*

FOR SALE—Seed oats, no Johnson grass in them. W. P. Jones. 25-3 tw*

FOR SALE—100 acre farm, one mile east of Blanton, seventy acres in cultivation. Price \$2,000. L. F. Smith, phone 3203. 23-1td 2tw*

FOR SALE—Seed wheat and barley, clear of Johnson grass and weed seed; wheat \$1.50 per bushel and barley \$1.00 per bushel. J. M. Farnsworth, Millersview Texas. 18-4tw

FOR SALE—Seed Oats, free of Johnson grass. Everitt Witter. 16-3tw*

FOR SALE—Red rust-proof seed oats, free from Johnson grass. Apply to John Jost, Rowena, Box 6. 18-1td-3tw*

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow, fresh with heifer calf. Frank Ocker. 22-1td-1tw*

FOR SALE—Seed Oats free from Johnson grass. Phone 4302. Mrs. W. C. Wheelless. 21-2td-1tw

FOR SALE—Electric Range in excellent condition at a real bargain. E. Shepperd. 24-1td-1tw

FOR SALE—800 feet 1 1/2 inch water pipe, cheap. See D. Reeder. 1-1tw

W.T.C.C. Convention Success, Says Motley

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention held at El Paso was one of the most successful in the history of the organization, according to J. D. Motley, who returned Sunday from the meeting. Mr. Motley was accompanied by his wife, and went with others from this section of the state. "There was more business attended to, and the greatest enthusiasm ever manifested at any of the meetings that I have attended," were the words of Mr. Motley when asked about the convention.

New officers elected by the regional organization for the ensuing year include W. B. Hamilton, Wichita Falls, president; Houston Hart, San Angelo, and C. E. Coombes, vice-presidents; W. C. McCarver, Ballinger, on the board of directors.

There was less hilarity and more business transacted, and the treasury deficiency was subscribed in the convention hall, according to Mr. Motley, who said Ballinger gave \$100 toward squaring the account.

Abilene was chosen as the next convention place without a dissenting vote and the next convention will be held there next summer.

Mr. Motley said the W. T. C. C. was in reality a new organization with a view toward advancement rather than amusement, the new constitution and by-laws pointing toward work rather than play.

Nine-Tenths Preventable
Nine-tenths of all the diseases of the American people can be traced directly to constipation, doctors say. Constipation throws into the system poisons which taint and weaken every organ of the body and make them easy victims for any germs which attack them. Prevent constipation and you will avoid nine-tenths of all diseases, with their consequent pain and financial losses: Herbine, the good old vegetable cathartic, will prevent constipation in a natural, easy and pleasant way. Get a bottle today from Weeks Drug Store.

Wood Well Makes Good Progress

The oil test being drilled on the L. P. Wood place near old Runnels, known as the Gibson and Johnson-No. 1 Wood, is making fine progress after being closed down for several days on account of a broken sand reel. A new sand reel has replaced the old one and operations have been resumed with the bit working at 1900 feet.

Drillers have set 12-inch casing to the depth of 1,485 feet, and report the hole in good shape.

DALLAS WOMAN WINS TRAVEL STORY AWARD

AUSTIN, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Jeanette Bagby, of Dallas, journalism student in the University of Texas, has been notified that her article, "Touring Prehistoric America," has been passed to the committee on final awards in the \$1,200 travel story contest sponsored by the Normal Instructor and Primary Plans Magazine, published at Dansville, N. Y. The contest closed October 15, and the decision of the judges will be announced within a few weeks.

Mrs. Bagby's article describes the prehistoric cave, cliff and pueblo dwellings which she visited this past summer on a tour of the national parks and monuments of the United States.

Miss Abie Kinnison spent the week-end visiting relatives at Lorraine.



Cold Won't Bother Him This Winter!

Some men throw off a cold within a few hours of contracting it. Anyone can do it with the aid of a simple compound which comes in tablet form, and is no trouble to take or to always have about you. Don't "dose" yourself when you catch cold, use Pape's Cold Compound. Men and women everywhere rely on this innocuous but amazingly efficient little tablet.

You'll find it in any drugstore you visit and for only 25c a package. When a cold makes you achy, feverish, weak, has your head all stuffed up; remember Pape's Cold Compound and be comfortable.

PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND

Lehberg Starts Work On Conservation Plan

Santa Fe Starts Motor Car Nov. 1

Beginning November 1st the new motor car service between Brownwood and San Angelo will be inaugurated on this branch of the Santa Fe Railway. This car will be operated instead of the night train which arrives at Ballinger at 11:40 p. m., and returning from San Angelo arrives here at 5:29 a. m. This change is effective on only the one train and the schedule will not be changed.

The car has a gas-electric power plant and will be able to pull three or four coaches other than itself. It will be about 400 horse power and will carry a smaller crew than the present train.

This is being placed on this run by the Santa Fe because of the light traffic on the two effected runs, and will not effect the mail or baggage service as it has room for these, and the night train carries no mail clerk and hauls only pouch mail.

Sore throats
Quickly relieved by rubbing on
VICKS
VAPORUM
OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

SALGADO PRAISES LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

Captain Peter P. Salgado, senior instructor for the Texas National Guard for the regular army, visited the Ballinger company Monday night. About forty-five members of the local company were present for the inspection and drill.

Capt. Salgado said Company C was one of the best companies in the entire division and that as a whole the men were well drilled, well dressed and equipped in excellent shape.

LESS MARRIAGES, MORE DIVORCES IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—There were fewer marriages in Illinois in 1928 than in 1927, but more divorces, the department of commerce announced in Washington. In 1928, 79,725 couples were married and 15,703 divorced, while in 1927 there were 80,222 married and only 14,984 divorced.

The quickest way to keep abreast with the times is to read the ads.

If you have any of the following symptoms, I have the remedy no matter what your trouble has been diagnosed: Nervousness, stomach trouble, loss of weight, loss of sleep, sore mouth, pains in the back and shoulders, peculiar swimming in the head, frothy like phlegm in throat, passing mucus from the bowels, especially after taking purgative, burning feet, brown, rough or yellow skin, burning or itching skin, rash on the hands, face and arms resembling sunburn, habitual constipation, (sometimes alternating with diarrhoea) copper or metallic taste, skin sensitive to sunbath, forgetfulness, despondency and thoughts that you might lose your mind, gums a fiery red and falling away from the teeth, general weakness with loss of energy.

If you have these symptoms and have taken all kinds of medicine and still sick, I especially want you to write for my booklet.

Mrs. J. B. Massey of Odessa, Texas, Box 112, whose picture appears here writes: I wish to thank you very much for restoring my health from one of the most dreadful, miserable diseases that anyone can have. I was in bad health for several years, under care of Doctors for three years. I do not think I could have lived much longer. I am in better health today than for several years, weigh more than I ever did in my life. I believe I am rid of an awful disease that the other Doctors failed to cure.

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Ballinger Woman Seriously Injured: Is Hit by Train

Special to The Ledger: FT. WORTH, Oct. 28.—Mrs. J. T. Hays, of Ballinger, was injured early Monday when her automobile was struck by an International & Great Northern Railway train on the Hattie Street crossing in this city.

Amputation of Mrs. Harris' left leg may be necessary, according to hospital attendants. An X-ray examination was to be made this morning.

Mrs. Hays and daughter, Miss Gladys, were en route from Ballinger to visit a sister, Mrs. Dickinson, 3405 Avenue D.

Shannon's ambulance from Polytchnic took the injured woman to the hospital.

Mrs. Hays and her daughter, Miss Gladys, left here Saturday morning for Fort Worth to take Mrs. Hays' son, Robert, 13, to a hospital for treatment. Miss Hays is a nurse in the Halley & Love Sanitarium, and obtained a few days leave of absence to accompany her brother to Fort Worth.

Mr. Hays did not go to Fort Worth with his family as he was preparing to move their household from their home on Broadway to a farm this week. He was notified of the accident shortly before noon Monday and immediately wired for further particulars of the wreck.

The Hays family have been residing on Broadway adjoining the A. W. Sledge home, since last April. Mrs. Hays is a daughter of Mrs. H. E. Dickinson, who lives near Old Runnels and has lived in this county all her life. She has many relatives here who were anxiously endeavoring to find out the extent of her injuries Monday.

LeRoy Wilke, formerly on The Ledger staff, now city editor of the Fort Worth Press, sent the above dispatch to this paper a few minutes after the accident occurred, and this was the first news of the crash to reach here.

BIRTHS IN TEXAS INCREASED

AUSTIN, Oct. 28.—More babies were born in 1929 than in 1928 for the first eight months of the year, with an average of 9,660 births and 3,390 deaths per month, as shown by figures just released by the state department of health.

There has been a total of 116,000 birth certificates filed and 64,700 for death during the year, as compared with 97,990 births and 25,139 deaths in 1928.

Be wise and advertise.

THREE LOCAL MEN ATTEND CREWS SCHOOL BOX SUPPER

E. E. King, W. C. McCarver and Frank C. Dickey went to Crews Thursday night to attend a box supper given at that place. The boxes were sold to raise money for the school's athletic fund, and \$67 was realized. E. E. White was to have auctioned off the boxes but at the last minute was kept away on account of illness of a relative and the three above named men took his place on the program. Mr. King presented Mr. Dickey, who acted as auctioneer. Mr. Dickey proved to be a good auctioneer and sold every box at a good price.

The Ballinger men report a very successful affair. In addition to the box sale a beauty contest was conducted in which three girls participated.

O. H. Smith of Maverick, was a business visitor in Ballinger and attending court.

Miss Joan Gould, of Cork, Ireland, was awarded \$1,500 because Joan O'Sullivan jilted him after they were engaged 20 years.

Pleading that he stole an automobile "just for a short joy ride," George Fisher, 19, of Chicago, was acquitted.

Baptist Pastors In Meeting Here

The minister's council composed of pastors of the Runnels County Missionary Baptist Association met in Ballinger Monday morning at the Ballinger Baptist Church in an all day meet. Th e ladies of the church also met in conjunction with this meeting in an all day mission study. Dinner was served at the church Monday at noon with each lady bringing enough lunch for two people.

B. L. Lockett, a missionary who has recently returned from Africa met with the council and spoke to the pastors during the day on his experiences and the need of missionary work. His wife who has been with him in his African work spoke to the ladies in their mission study during the day.

Charging that his daughter forced him to eat his meals with two dogs, Ira Merritt, of Milwaukee, is suing for the deed to the house, which he says he owns.

William T. Rice, who has been in seven London hospitals in a year without any known ailment, has been ordered examined as to his sanity.

Has the laxative in your home a family doctor's approval?



MOST of us value our health too much to purposely neglect ourselves when we are warned of constipation by bad breath, feverishness, biliousness, a headache, lack of appetite, or that weak, helpless feeling. The continuation of our trouble is more often due to the things we do rather than the things we leave undone.

Some things people do to help the bowels really weaken these organs. Only a doctor knows what things will cleanse the system without harm. That's why the laxative in your home should have a family doctor's approval. A wonderful product, now known to millions of people as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a family doctor's prescription for sluggish bowels. It never varies from the original

prescription which Dr. Caldwell wrote thousands of times in his many years of practice at Monticello, Illinois. He proved it safe and reliable for women and children, thoroughly effective for the most robust men. He showed it actually corrects constipation. It is made from fresh herbs and other pure ingredients. Since Dr. Caldwell first permitted his prescription to be put up in bottles, sold through drug stores, it has increased steadily in popularity until today it is the largest selling laxative in the world!

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Cottonseed meal can be fed to all farm animals and is an economical way to balance the ration of work animals—feeding less grain and some meal. Horses and mules can be fed cottonseed hulls with grain and mixed with the hulls and no hay is needed.

We want every farmer to bring a load of cottonseed to us and exchange for meal and hulls. We will make exchange on following basis:

For Every 2000 Pounds of Cotton Seed We Will Give

In Exchange:

3000 Pounds Cottonseed Hulls and 700 Pounds Cottonseed Meal.

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A fairly good rain fell in this county Saturday night and Sunday, the moisture being sufficient to wet the ground down to meet the last rain. The rain fell slow. Farmers in most places were able to continue picking cotton Monday morning.

The wheels of justice began grinding again in Ballinger Monday morning and are large number of criminal cases are due to be brought to trial this week. A large number of people from over the county were present at the district court session.

Ballinger firms will observe two holidays next month. Armistice Day and Thanksgiving are always observed here by all business halting and without any petition being circulated. Armistice Day falls on Monday and will give workers two days of rest together.

Another trans-atlantic flier has attempted a solo flight to the other side and has gone the way of many others. At least no word has come from him since his take-off. He left with enough gasoline for 25 hours flying and was never sighted over the ocean at any time.

Booker—Two brick buildings are nearing completion and basement being dug for big hotel building to be erected.

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HEALTHY... the finest crop of all. Cod-liver oil... strong, straight and sturdy. Give it this easy, tasty way. Easily digested and retained. Start now!

SCOTT'S EMULSION
BOTTLED BY SCOTT'S BROTHERS, N. Y. U. S. A.

DEATHS

A. Rezzle
A. Rezzle, age 81 years 5 months and 28 days died at his home in Concho county Wednesday morning at 3:20. Mr. Rezzle was in apparent good health, feeling fine until Tuesday about noon, when he became suddenly ill.

Deceased came to Concho county twenty-six years ago from Caldwell county, settling near Concho in the county of the same name. He was a progressive farmer and extensive land owner.

Mr. Rezzle leaves to mourn his going his widow and twelve children. The boys are: Abb Rezzle, Waco; O. H. Rezzle, Ballinger; Tony Rezzle, Leaday; Frank Rezzle, Concho; Elye Rezzle, Pony; Edgar Rezzle, Concho. The girls are: Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, Corsicana; Mrs. Merry Bash, Leaday; Mrs. Katie Santiford, Timie, New Mexico; Mrs. Lucy Luerman, Pony; Mrs. Alice Spillers, Paint Rock; Miss Lucretia Rezzle, Concho.

Funeral services will be held from the Concho community church, and will be conducted by Rev. Charles S. Speir, minister of the Church of Christ of Ballinger. The obsequies will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with interment in the Concho cemetery.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. undertakers prepared the body for burial and will be in charge at the grave.

A. J. Blair
A. J. Blair, age 85 years, died at the Feb McWilliams ranch Monday morning at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Blair was known in his neighborhood as Uncle Jack, and had been in the employ of Mr. McWilliams since 1899.

Uncle Jack freighted between San Angelo and Abilene in the early days and was a real pioneer settler of this country.

For the last several years Mr. Blair had been failing, due to old age, and his condition gradually grew worse until Monday when death claimed him. He served for four full years in the Civil War.

The body was brought to the Higginbotham funeral home and prepared for burial. The funeral service was held from the same place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. W. B. Holland in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. J. H. McClain. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

John Hubbard Thomas
John Hubbard Thomas, age 65 years, died at Christoval Sunday afternoon at 4:25, after a long

illness. Mr. Thomas had been at Christoval for some time receiving treatment but medical aid was unavailing.

The body was brought to Ballinger early Sunday evening and prepared for burial by King-Holt Company undertakers. The body remained in the King-Holt chapel until 11:30 a. m. Monday when it was removed to the Campbell cemetery near Hilton for interment, with Elder Bailey Sligar in charge.

Mr. Thomas had resided in this county for some time and had many friends here. He is survived by a number of children in this county and other parts of West Texas.

Besides the widow six children survive, as follows: Felix and Ben Thomas, of Pyote; Mrs. H. S. Moreland, formerly of the Valley Creek neighborhood, but now of Snyder; J. H. Thomas, of Ballinger; Mrs. W. H. Virden, of Winters; and L. R. Thomas, of McCamey.

J. O. Talbott
J. O. Talbott, brother of E. P. Talbott and Mrs. O. P. Dorsey of this city, died at his home at San Angelo at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning after an illness extending over several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Talbott had been spending considerable time at the bedside of the sick man for the past two weeks, but were here at the time of his death. They went to San Angelo Thursday morning but returned here Thursday evening, and returned to San Angelo Friday morning to attend the funeral.

The following was taken from the San Angelo Times anent the death of Mr. Talbott:

J. O. Talbott, 47, a resident of San Angelo for 13 years, died at the family residence, 504 East Harris Avenue, at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning following a long illness. Mr. Talbott was connected with the San Angelo Telephone Company.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Robert Massie chapel with the Rev. Elmer Ridgeway officiating. Interment will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow and two daughters, Miss Idella Mae and Miss Norene Eason Talbott; two brothers, R. R. Talbott of Miles and E. P. Talbott of Ballinger; two sisters, Mrs. O. P. Dorsey of Ballinger, and Mrs. H. T. Wester of Houston.

An aunt, Mrs. Albert Baez, of Robert Lee, and a brother-in-law, Prentice Eason, of Dallas, are expected to be here for the funeral.

Honorary pallbearers will include the employes of the San Angelo Telephone Company.

Active pallbearers will include: J. J. Clay, A. G. McLaughlin, T. H. Sumrall, Fred Houghton, Walter Beaty and B. C. Hanson.

HATCHEL NEWS

The fine rains that we have been having for the last few weeks have made winter pasture fine. There is lots of volunteer grain in the community which is looking good to hungry cows also to the cream peddlers.

The Hatchel P-T A. met in the regular monthly session on last Friday night at the school auditorium, at which time we reorganized, electing new officers, those elected were: Mrs. Mord Tucker, president; Mrs. Jewel McCamey, our new teacher, vice president and Mrs. Jack Coppage, secretary and treasurer. We are very glad to see the P-T A. taking on new life and hope in the future it can thrive and grow to be a strong band of parents working for the one great cause "The welfare of our Community and School". Hatchel can have the best school in the county, it may not be the largest but it is not the largest that always counts. But if the whole community will co-operate and work together we can put anything over we care to.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemp visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker Sunday.

Mr. H. O. Andrews, who is employed by the Thompson Construction Co. at Anson came in last Saturday night to be with his wife and children over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis visited in the Harvey Esmond home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, of Ballinger, spent Saturday night with Mr. T. F. Davis and family, going Sunday to Winters to visit in the home of Mrs. Bob Nutt formerly of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gill, of Ballinger, Mrs. Luther Mathis, of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gill spent Sunday in the home of Mr. L. M. Bales.

Mr. Edward Davis and Miss Mona Saulsbury, of Ballinger, and Miss Orella and Gladys Davis and Foy Davis Jr., spent Sunday in the home of A. W. Harrell and wife.

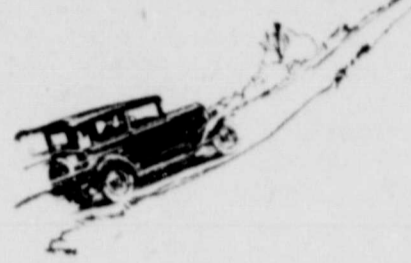
Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Philippe left this week for the plains for a short visit.

Mr. Wirt Bales and daughter, is at home after spending a short time with her mother. Mrs. Homer Corum of Ballinger. "REPORTER"

Lewisville—A combination hose and chemical truck with ladder and other necessary equipment has been purchased for the local fire department.

Schulenberg—42nd plant of the Carnation Milk Products Company first Texas plant, starts operation with receipts greatly exceeding estimates.

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Have you felt the thrill of its six-cylinder performance—so smooth, quiet and vibrationless that you almost forget there's a motor?

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Flexibility! Power that flows in a silken stream—and never a trace of "lugging"!

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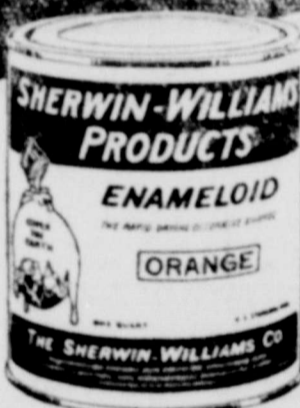
Grapefruit Large Size	6c	Grapes Tokay 1 lb.	7 1/2c
Apples Jonathan Dozen	29c	Potatoes 10 Pounds	33c
YAMS, 1 lb			3c
COMPOUND, 8 lb. pail			\$1.05
PEANUT BUTTER, lb. glass jar			22c
PEANUT BUTTER 2 lb. glass jar			36c
PEABERRY COFFEE, 3 lbs.			\$1.00
SWIFT'S NAPHTHA SOAP, 10 bars			35c
VINEGER, (rolling pin bottle)			31c
SAVEX WASHING POWDERS, 25c size, 3 for			50c
MAX-I-MUM COFFEE, Vacuum Packed, 1 lb.			50c
PURE CANE SYRUP, 1 gallon			83c

MARKET SPECIALS

SLICED BACON, 1 lb.	29c
LONGHORN CHEESE, 1 lb.	31c
PIMIENTO SANDWICH LOAF, 1 lb.	25c

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- Paint
- Varnish
- Brushes
- Window
- Glass
- Brick
- Cement
- Lime
- and
- All Kinds
- Building
- Materials

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SUGGESTIONS

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BALLINGER TEXAS



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District Court Goes Into Second Week

"I suffered so with stomach trouble that for two years I had to live almost entirely on a diet of buttermilk. I lost weight and was terribly rundown. Then I started Sargon, gained 9 pounds,



MRS. LILLIE LIST

and now I feel fine all the time. My liver seemed all out of order and I was badly constipated. My tongue was nearly always coated and the taste in my mouth was awful. I was so nervous that many a night I didn't sleep a wink. No medicine helped me for any length of time and I finally decided to try Sargon. I have finished my sixth bottle, eat anything I want, my indigestion is gone and I am strong and energetic. My nerves don't bother me now. I sleep fine and my friends all tell me how well I look. I was visiting my mother in Uvalde, Texas, and told her what Sargon had done for me. She said many people there were praising it too! Sargon Pills ended my constipation and biliousness. I will always praise this wonderful treatment."—Mrs. Lillie List, 1300 Caldwell St., San Antonio.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., Agents.
Felton Wright left Friday morning for Lampasas to attend the Lampasas-Brady football game. Ballinger will meet the Lampasas team here next week, and Brady on November 11.

After giving Henry Wilson a verdict of acquittal in a liquor charge Monday afternoon, the second day of the criminal docket of district court was taken up Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Wilson case was continued from the previous term of court.

The entire day Tuesday was spent in trying C. Melton for forgery, another case held over from the previous term. Witnesses were examined during the forenoon, and all testimony was completed about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon when the state rested its case.

Opening at 10 o'clock Monday morning the second week of district court was begun here, with the criminal docket being taken up. Jurors were chosen and after being sworn in the first case was called.

Three cases were called in which witnesses were absent. These were cases continued from previous terms of court.

The first case tried was that of the State of Texas vs. Hope Leonard. This was in connection with the robbery of the Walker-Smith grocery warehouse here last August when several thousand cigarettes were taken. Sheriff McWilliams traced the cigarettes located the guilty parties and returned them here where they made a confession and were indicted by the grand jury in session last week. Leonard pleaded guilty to the charge, and after hearing the testimony in the case the jury retired, after about thirty minutes deliberation returning a verdict of guilty and assessing the penalty at two years penal servitude.

R. H. McNurlin, charged jointly with Leonard in the cigarette robbery, was brought before the court, and after the jury was accepted entered a plea of guilty. After the testimony in his case was given the jury retired to reach a decision. After a few minutes deliberation a penalty of two years was assessed.

Juries were excused until 1:30 p. m. when court adjourned for lunch.

District Attorney Walter U. Early was unable to be present at Monday's session of court, being detained in Brownwood to in-

vestigate the robbery there of the Brownwood State Bank last week. He will arrive here Monday night or Tuesday morning for the court session here.

In the case of the State of Texas vs. C. Melton, charged with forgery, the jury in the 35th district court here Tuesday returned a verdict of guilty and the penalty was assessed at two years in the penitentiary. This trial was started Tuesday morning and the entire day was spent on the case, testimony being concluded about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The case went to the jury about 6 o'clock and the verdict was brought in about 7:30.

This case was continued from another term of court, the charge being that Melton had given a forged check for \$5.15 to A. D. Parmer, a Winters grocer, on or about April 24.

Billie Wood, negro, charged with burglarizing a men's furnishings store at Winters, after pleading guilty was sentenced to two years by a jury Wednesday morning.

Robert Heard, negro, charged with forgery, was given a sentence of two years after a plea of guilty Wednesday morning.

Floyd Ribble was brought before Judge Miller in district court Wednesday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. The jury heard the testimony, retired, and after some deliberation returned a verdict of guilty with punishment of two years in the penitentiary assessed.

What is believed to be the shortest jail sentence ever meted out in Runnels county courts was assessed Wednesday morning when Robert Hudman pleaded guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated. District Attorney Walter U. Early asked the jury to give the defendant, a disabled former service man, a light penalty after the prosecutor had studied the facts in the case, and after a short deliberation a verdict of a jail sentence of one hour was returned. This goes to make a record—tried, sentenced, served and freed—in half a day.

BLANTON NEWS

There was no Sunday school last Sunday, due to the rain and muddy roads.

Miss Maude James, of San Angelo, visited home folks over the

week-end.

Miss Enla Fowler visited Blanton school Wednesday.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mrs. J. A. Foreman, Mrs. R. B. Ingle, and Alton Earl Cotten. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Miss Bertha Foreman, who had been visiting Miss Alice Foreman, returned to her home at Concho Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Speir and family, Mr. and Mrs. Toney Rupert and family, Mrs. Holten and Miss Pearl Holten were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe Sunday.

"REPORTER"

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.

MAVERICK MUSINGS

Cotton picking is practically over in this community and quite a few here gone to North Texas and the Plains to pull cotton for a while.

Almost every farmer near here has sown at least a small patch of oats and some have sown a large acreage to grain and should we have sufficient rain this fall and winter, this will be a great help in the way of pasturage this winter and early grain next summer.

School is progressing fine. The attendance is increasing each week and by next week every child in the neighborhood should be in

school.

Miss Florence Smith returned Saturday from a few days stay at the Dallas Fair.

Edmund Burson who has been on an extended visit in Oklahoma and Dallas returned to his home here Friday.

Miss Ruth Martin is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Edith Fowler of Santa Anna and her aunt, Mrs. Casey of Mullin.

Mrs. C. C. Frazier spent last week visiting her daughter at Snyder, Texas. Mrs. Frazier returned Friday and reports a very delightful visit.

Chas. Lee and family spent Sunday in the home of J. L. Lee.

Mrs. John Davis had as her guest over last week end, her sister, Mrs. Frank Mullin of Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lee visited Saturday night and Sunday in the home of K. I. Sharps and family of Norton.

Ernest Marshall, Bob Wiygle and Beryle Burson went to Santa Rita, New Mexico, Tuesday of last week. They report the weather very cold there with snow falling every day last week.

Robert and Ross Lee returned Monday evening from an extended visit at Littlefield and other places on the Plains and say they are having cold weather there.

Mrs. J. H. Young of Fort Worth is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slaughter of this place.

"REPORTER"

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS
Ed Farley was among those who visited Del Rio Sunday.

We are sorry to report a great deal of sickness in our community this week.

Mrs. L. A. Tidwell and son have been very sick but are better at this writing.

Roy Vannort, who has typhoid fever, is doing nicely.

Jim Keen was able to be on the streets again one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan visited in San Angelo last Sunday week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders has been on the sick list, but is better at this time.

Mrs. Dewey Burke is visiting her mother, Mrs. Humble, while Mr. Burke is working on the plains.

We are sorry to report scarlet fever in our midst, but are glad only one family has it.

Mrs. Ed Farley visited in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook, of Coleman, visited Mrs. Cook's sister, Mrs. Ross Smith, last week-end.

We are sorry to report that chicken thieves have visited our neighborhood and have taken

every chicken some had. "REPORTER"

ROWENA PREPARES FOR BIG ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION

The citizens of Rowena has announced a part of their plans for the staging of an all day Armistice Day program in that city on November 11th. Hon. James E. Ferguson, will deliver the principal address of the day, speaking at ten o'clock on Armistice Day morning.

A parade led by the St. Joseph's band will march from the streets to the O. D. H. S. Hall where the program will be carried out.

At noon a home-cooked dinner will be served and the band will furnish music throughout the day. Many forms of entertainment will be held during the afternoon and night.

Mrs. T. C. Sellers, Mrs. Jas. R. Daniels and Mrs. Jay Parks, of Dallas, are here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carr.

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Silk Underwear

\$1.95 Bloomers, now \$1.59
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New Fall Fabrics

- 29c Voiles, 40 inches wide for 19c
- Mercerized Pongee, 50c grade for 39c
- Gilbra Gingham, 50c grade for 38c
- Imperial Chambray, new patterns and colors 25c
- 12 Momme Pongee, sale price 48c
- Skinnors Crepes No. 500, 40 inches wide, all the new fall colors, our regular \$2.75 value, now \$2.29
- All flat crepes, 40 inches wide, \$1.75 grade for \$1.48
- \$1.95 grade for \$1.69
- 29c Pongee Prints, fast colors 23c
- One lot 25c Prints, 36 inches wide, special 16c
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These coveralls are well made, and are unusual values at this low price. Sizes 2 to 8.

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An Address on
The Menace of the Chain Store System

By PHILIP LIEBMAN
(President Shreveport Municipal Building Association)

Have you ever been to the movies when the picturization of news events showed an eruption of Mount Vesuvius? Did you observe the slow but irresistible advance of the stream of molten rock, the lava, stopped neither by nature nor by man, but advancing, creeping, pushing everything before it, inexorably destroying everything in its path—man and beast, trees and buildings, the humble homes and the imposing and gigantic edifices of brick and stone? Did you fail to shudder as scene after scene showed you beautiful towns and smiling fields changed to a storm tossed surface of jagged hot rocks, a solitude and desert of destruction? Did it fail to invoke your sympathy to understand that under a wall of lava forty feet thick lay the crushed remains of centuries of human endeavor—that nothing but poverty and hopelessness remained?

From this scene of physical destruction, adjust your eyes introspectively and look about you nearer at home—in your own city or in any city in your own Nation—our own United States—our own country of big things, where everybody seems to be suffering from a peculiar disease of trying to do big things—big combinations, big mergers, big investment trusts, big power combines, big banks, big manufacturers, (big everything except the people who make our country) especially the big things that are spreading cancer like, over the length and breadth of our land, and like a cancer, taking everything from the healthy tissues with which to feed their abnormality. I speak of the great chain systems that have hundreds and thousands of branches throughout the country, in business for legitimate profit, it is quite true, but illegitimately using their profit for centralization of power, and fortune and not for the upbuilding and benefit of the communities whose very blood and vigor and energy are being thus sapped by the process of everything going out and nothing being put back in. In the advancing wall of hot lava and like the insidious advance of a disease which fails to give its warning until too far advanced for cure, there is a blight spreading, no longer quietly it is true, all over our country, with much already conquered and its tolls, but with many beginning to awaken and call the message that must arouse the people from the lethargy and paralysis into which they have seemingly been lulled by the soporific system in which these outside chains have gained the ascendancy in most of our average communities.

That outside chains realize that the public is sleepy turning over and eyelids are fluttering and that, at any moment now, we may become fully awake, may be shown by the fact that, in our principal business publications and at business gatherings, the heads of these great outside systems are beginning to send out oil with which to calm the storm troubled waters. They are referring to the "bunk" which they call the outspoken sentiments gaining in force against this creeping paralysis of local American Business Industry. Are the ever increasing expressions of alarm, the growing thoughtful consideration of this problem confronting the average American City merely "bunk" the mouthings of the uniformed or the propaganda of the demagogue?

There is a limit to strength and endurance in all things. There is a limit to the heights to which a building may be built on a basis of certain limitation. A building of brick or stone would arrive at such a height that the bottom materials would be crushed while the taller buildings of steel are built, the more extensive their base area must be so as to take the more massive foundation pieces. So this limitation of the base of these outside chain systems being too centralized will be eventually crush the system. Too great centralization of finance, of power and of activities have always torn things down. History records many gigantic achievements only to have seen them crushed out of shape at the moment of their supposed supremacy.

The intelligent, analysing this phase of the Nation's business, cannot conscientiously indict the chain system merely because it is a chain system. But they can and do indict and convict every extensive, every national, every wide spread chain system that under one ownership, seeks to take everything out of the various communities without putting back in return. Of course, great arguments are made that these chains cause buildings to be remodeled for their tenancy; that they employ lots of help; that they occupy buildings and grounds that

would otherwise be vacant. The law of nature demands compensation for everything and natural laws apply to man made affairs as thoroughly as to nature itself. You cannot continue to take out without putting back. The farmer has learned his lesson by rotation or he has to purchase artificial fertilizer.

Now, how have cities been built? The necessity for common meeting places, trading places, amusement places, places of worship, etc., have caused the erection of a store or a trading post or a little church or a hall at some convenient cross road, or on a river. People came to live in these places—the farmers to sell their produce, the trapper to sell their catch, the people living in these places selling their necessary services, making profit if possible, and using the profit to build up their communities. It is a fact that profits, that material excess not merely of receipts over cost but the net excess remaining after expense of existence has been deducted from gross income, have built up our cities. Where have you any record of one of these outside chains building a pioneer store, putting its shoulder to the wheel in the building and development of the cities? It is only after the pioneering days have been accomplished, after these towns afford a sure return that any of these outside chains will consent to go in. That is why the local people in all communities should resent the usurpation of their business life by these outside stores which are really foreign to every good interest.

Are American cities to be in the future mere trading posts? If the outside chain to be the depot of trade hereafter, eliminating the individual tradesman, who has done his share in building up our nation? Are our merchants going to have to buy farm lands and their clerks become tenant farmers? Banking is being subjected to such huge mergers and movements are being quietly initiated for such changes in our laws legalizing branch banking nationally that some day our leading powers—the local bankers will write up in bed to read the papers that they have been promoted to be office boys of the New York Gang. Power trusts, insurance alliances, manufacturers combinations—are we headed for doctors and lawyers' chains, too? Are we headed for educational chains so that, after a variation of the old Spartan custom of the sacrifice of the physically defective, the best and most likely of our youth will be educated under rules and regulations of these rules of the earth, while the great mass of us will revert to the farm and the laboring camp?

In discussing this problem as it makes impression on my mind, I am trying to visualize only the economic and moral effect on the people in general. I do not attack chain stores in general—only that type of chain owned and operated from a central point whose motto is to take everything out of a community and which never think of recultivation or replenishment. I pay no attention to charges and countercharges of false weight and measure and the trickery which is called business acumen. I do, however, feel that one custom of chains in general use is subject to criticism in this age of business fair dealing and ethics of a higher order. All over the country, many of such units have a best seller, something in general demand, a staple article whose value and quality is well known—this article is standardized at a price that is mostly below wholesale cost and is so sold the year round. It is not advertised as special sale but, without special mention, is so sold that the public by comparison receives the psychological impression that everything handled is on the same basis of quality and price. There is one truism all over the world—the people get only what they pay for and the cheap shirt handled by an outside chain cannot compare in style, material or workmanship with any of the dozen national brands that have, by offering the best, built up national reputations. And so it is with any other article. The carpenter does not go into one of these chains to buy a hammer or saw or chisel. He goes to the builders hardware store and buys brands that have stood the test for scores of years. But the painter or ordinary business man, attracted by a price half of what is received for good goods falls for it. The painter will not buy his brushes at the chains, but the carpenter wanting to do a little painting at his home, may also fall. Quality for quality, there is not a great deal of difference, if any, in the cost to the ultimate consumer of purchases from the chains and purchases from the local stores.

Mr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, recently said in Chicago: "Admittedly there has been occasional provocation for

us against the chains. If there is no excuse for trade restraint, for market practices, for vicious reprisals and wherever such offenses are shown, the instruments of the law should be promptly and vigorously applied." What effect has this system on the community generally? I am unable to find one lasting good feature. The story from all cities is practically the same. I have received information from eastern and northern and western and southern cities and they all have the same story of the gradual elimination of the individual tradesman and store and the usurpation by the outside chain. In one of the largest western cities, not over a month ago a financier told me that a very large chain had a year ago entered—the manager told him that it had lost over two hundred thousand dollars the first year there, it expected to lose a hundred thousand this year; break even next year, and then—watch their smoke! What kind of competition is it that can and is willing to do this? A business that must secure a foothold in a community by slashing prices in that fashion, admittedly too low to pay even expenses, is not normally worth a darn to a community. Now how many local business men are forced to the wall every time one of these enormous chains does this?

The real estate owner in business districts and the real estate dealer are usually the first beneficiaries of the advent of the chain into a city. And these two have a great deal of argument for the chains. Why? Well, the representative of the chain will select a location and make a deal that it will spend a certain amount of money in alterations and will pay a certain rent for a certain number of years. Then the chain representative will tell the retailer that all their transactions are handled through a certain office and the commission must be split—there is the first cut in price—the wrong way, of course. From the standpoint of the individual owner, the propaganda is very favorable that this great chain is entering the city and spending a lot of money improving the business district and a nice lease is fixed. But what about the half dozen small businesses in half a dozen locations that are forced to quit—what about the half a dozen stores all within a stone's throw of this chain that become vacant and no person of limited capital can get in? Of course, you can have a sandwich stand or a shoe repair shop—or another chain handling a different line.

I believe that it will be an actual experience that the day of the expiration of lease held by these chains will be a day of woe for the present landlords. The success of the chains is bound to create an overabundance of business locations so that there will be many suitable stands vacant—and when these present introductory leases expire, watch out—the chains will have no competition. It will be argued at this point that the location will be an asset to the chain. What is the difference of a block or two to the chain, especially when in any growing community the business district is continually moving? That is one thing that seems to be forgotten.

Now, the local business houses being eliminated, what happens to the army of partners and clerks and delivery men and porters? These chains, in the first place, do not deliver and most do not credit. Here then, are lines of work eliminated and groups of workers thrown out of employment and forced to seek what they can find. It is an actual fact that most of these outside chains are content with clerical help in office and in stores at the cheapest obtainable wage. There have been many popular salesmen and salesladies, working in locally owned stores in any community, whose annual earnings have exceeded the salary paid to many branch chain store managers. Therefore in the change from the individual store to the chain, you have an army of people whose wages and income have become greatly lessened, whose ability to be self supporting has become greatly impaired, whose purchasing power is reduced to a minimum and whose ability to lay aside anything for the proverbial rainy day is nil. Everything must be in proportion. The wages of one class of the people cannot show too great a variance without affecting the earnings of other classes. To the argument that chain stores rent buildings and provide employment for clerks, it may be truthfully answered that, without these outside competitors, a larger number of store buildings would be rented, the business being divided into smaller units, and a larger number of better paid employees would be at work. To the argument of greater efficiency it may be answered that it is far better for people to exchange values and service with each other and the profits of all expended locally for the betterment of the community than to reach the super efficiency which takes every thing that is the result of such

energy away from us. The chain give service? No! The chain give more value? No! I say no. For years the people of the various communities have flocked to their local merchants, demanding and securing the best to be had, obtaining free delivery, often submission of merchandise to their homes with benefit of approval or return, then having charge accounts opened, and some never paid. As against this, take the crowds now flocking into these chains, paying cash for every item, and carrying the bundles home. Any efficient local merchandiser, in association with others in the same line of business in various sections of the country, can purchase pretty nearly as cheaply as these chains and could see as content with the same limited service. They have been ruined by their friends and neighbors who believe that their local man should do ten times as much for them as the strange store just coming in.

The banks will tell you that the outside chains are selling their merchandise and sending their money to headquarters daily, the banks being used as nothing but overnight depositories. There is nothing local that these systems are interested in and their expenditures are the minimum. They have to pay local taxes on their stocks, they have to pay local wages, they have to pay local rent. That is practically all they spend in any community. Do they contribute to civic things? Ask your church workers, your community chest, your educators. Do they own anything except a minimum stock at tax rendering time? Ask your assessor.

The only thing I have in opposition to the chain system is the failure to become a part of the community in which they are making money. Let me be misunderstood, I say it is not the fact but the chains are powerful and rich. In this country any one has the right to engage in any lawful undertaking, and if some concerns have power and finances to do business all over the nation, all well and good, provided that they recognize their obligation to each community that is earning for them the profits. But it is this failure on their part—their thoughtless milking the cow dry, their bleeding the community white, their taking everything out and putting nothing back that will eventually, almost without the public being aware of it, finally stamp out this system.

There are already among the ranks of the outside chain systems some large enough to have monopolized the entire output of factories or to own sufficient stock in them to dictate where, when and to whom certain products shall be sold and at what price. This ownership is being used in

various communities to the utmost in putting the smaller concerns out of business. This problem is the same as that of the competition found in nature and going on all the time, except that it is not the competition of constructive force that is used but the competition of destruction. To the victor belongs the spoils has been a rule of history—but is there honorable victory—but is there a concern that has never had a thing to do with the building up of any community to come in at the height of its power, finance and might and ruthlessly push aside the many individuals who have done the pioneering and consign them to oblivion?

Economists and statisticians will tell you that it is only the inefficient individual merchant who is losing out and that the chain systems owe their success to the super efficiency which they have put into the great problems of distribution—how wonderfully well they are operating their stores, how perfectly the buying, handling and selling of merchandise has been made by them. They will tell you that the chain system has taken the waste out of the merchandising business and that is why they are to succeed and the individual is destined to be laid by the wayside. If this so-called super efficiency must be achieved at the expense of starvation wages for the girls of our nation, at the price of such low compensation for managers and responsible employes that they cannot become factors in their various communities, at the expense of that aloofness from everything civic and moral in which the communities are interested for which outside chains are new famous (or infamous) then I say give us back the old fashioned inefficiency. A prominent real estate dealer told me just the other day that the manager for a new chain store just favoring our local community with its attention complained about having to pay \$0.60 a month for a furnished apartment in this city—he said he would have to get on a little cheaper because his earnings did not justify that amount for rent. If this so called super efficiency is lowering the cost of living, it is indeed lowering the quantity of living, and it is lowering the production of the individual, measured in dollars and cents, and will eventually tend to lower and degrade the people financially. That is not the kind of lowering we need or want. I would rather pay a little bit more for everything I need in the knowledge that my city is being benefited, by my purchasing at home than to eventually even afford a supposed saving in cost of some articles by trading with the outside chains, have to pay what I have so saved into my community in the form of extra taxes, donations to charitable causes

and other things whose general average of solicitation must be increased because of the failure of these outside chains to contribute their share. Is business to become dehumanized—are these outside chains that have no part in our communities and different, after all, from slot machines of the kind that always give you a piece of merchandise for the penny or nickel dropped in? Is there any more feeling or humanity associated with them?

There is after all only one way in which fairness is going to win victory and that is by the thoughtful cooperation of the people. The people, the thinking people have got to make up their minds to look at this problem from all angles. Local merchants have for years warned us against the use of catalogue houses; the number of people in the past using these was very small compared to the total purchasing population. But this not the case with the outside chain that moves into the community, remodels a building, puts in bright new fixtures, and keeps everything fresh and bright, out-sells on a few carefully selected items and make its own price on everything else. They are receiving the bulk of the purchasers of the community and will do so until the people wake up to what the continuous shipment of their earnings out of the City and out of the State will in the end amount to.

The success of the chains will teach our old time merchandisers their lesson, if it has not already done so. Local people putting their business on an efficient basis should have and possess the preference of the people of their respective communities, and this argument is not a plea for local people to get the business irrespective of service and value. To that end, this bitter experience of local industry against the outside chains will prove of lasting value in its ultimate lesson teaching experience.

It is a peculiar thing that all writers who take up for the chain system and defend the chains so very vigorously are noticeable silent on the great question whether the chains become community benefactors, of what is done with the profits made out of these communities. In addition to draining these various communities by the withdrawal of profits from circulation locally, where they have in the past been used for development and building and investment and banking locally, there is a pernicious feature of the outside chain, centralized in one large city. It destroys local initiative. It tends to make of every one in this particular line of business endeavor a mere routine trained creature of habit, not thinking for himself, trained only to do as the central power directs. What of the future if this system takes the place of our past business? Some say that this is

the age of inevitable change in the manner of doing business—will these same ones say that this will make if they are correct the same kind of change in the thoughts, habits, education, training and environment of our future generations—of your boy and girl and of any boy or girl? In the field of business in its various branches are the opportunities of devoting their talent to individualism going to be forever denied them?

Is business headed for such a super degree of centralization that there will ultimately be one great national chain system for each commodity or group of kindred commodities until each chain will dictate quality of food, style of clothes and kind of living quarters?

Are the United States of America to resolve into a feudal system of one hundred and twenty-five million souls with a couple of hundred over-lords and all of the rest of us eternally consigned to a condition of peasantry, whose chief duty will be to bring to the laps of these Molochs of business the fruits of our unremitting labor? The answer is in the hands of and the solution in the hands of our people themselves.

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Sheriff R. E. McWilliams left Monday night for Temple to be with his wife during an operation. Mrs. McWilliams has been in the King's Daughters Sanitarium at Temple for some time, receiving treatment prior to the operation which was performed Tuesday morning. No news has been received here concerning her condition following the operation.

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Club Girl Tells of Trip to State Fair

By Florence Smith

Mrs. Hollingsworth, as my chaperone, and I left Ballinger Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, stopping at Brownwood and picked up the rest of our group. We arrived at Dallas Monday at 8:30 a. m. All were as hungry as starved wolves, so we soon found a hotel where we enjoyed a nice breakfast. We then started out to see some of the city. First, we called on the Dallas News publishing company where we were shown through the magnificent plant with all its modern equipment. Leaving here we visited several of the largest department stores in Dallas. By this time it was 12 o'clock, so we went to the Baker Hotel cafeteria where we devoured a square meal. After lunch we visited the Adolphus Hotel, then to a magnificent theatre building, the Palace, which was showing "The Saturday Night Kid," and it was a very thrilling story. Upon leaving the theatre we visited several other department stores, now back to the Scott Hotel for our luggage and journeyed on to the fair grounds to our dormitory, and were assigned our rooms. After supper we watched the fireworks, then retired for the night. There were twenty-five of us including two chaperones in my room. Meals were served in the dormitory. Tuesday morning we assembled in front of the dormitory for opening exercises. Pictures were made of the group. Then we went sight-seeing, and visited the following places: poultry home demonstration, and county exhibits in the agricultural building and the fish hatchery. The afternoon was spent at the circus. That evening we went to the auditorium to see "The Red Robe." This was a story which portrayed some skillful acting. Wednesday we marched to town, where we visited the following places: Neiman-Marcus dry goods store, the largest department store in the south, and I considered one of the best. Then to the Magnolia building, which is 29 stories high. This is the tallest building in Dallas; from the roof we could see the entire city. From there we went to the new telephone building, the interior of which is being hand-painted very beautifully by a young lady from Oklahoma. After this sight-seeing excursion we returned to camp for the noon hour. We then went sight-seeing to the following places: the exhibition hall, the educational and art building, and livestock department. After supper we went to the horse show. Thursday morning we took a ride around the fair grounds and on to the automobile building, where we saw many beautiful cars. In this building we saw scenes illustrating the Carlsbad Caverns, then to the "Alamo," a miniature reproduction of the Alamo at San Antonio; from there to see another portion of the livestock division. In the afternoon we went to the carnival grounds, where we saw many interesting things, the most amusing to me being riding through the "mill." We returned to camp, ate supper, and started home. We left Dallas at 9:15 p. m. and arrived in Ballinger at 11:45 Friday morning. Words cannot express how much I enjoyed my trip, for which I wish to express my thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for sending me.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks went to Abilene Friday morning. Mr. Weeks to attend to business there.

Misses Gladys Oliver and Bendina Spill, of Denters, are visiting in Ballinger for a few days.

East Bernard—A huge celebration was held here recently in commemoration of the completion of three important highways, No. 3, No. 12 and No. 60, through this territory.

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(On board the sloop) July 10.

Amusing, the celebrity with which youth thinks and acts. Tonight Jane and I—and Peter Geiss—are rolling gaily to our anchor in Bass Cove, close enough in to be quiet and far enough out to escape the mosquitoes.

The sloop is tiny. Is even fairly seaworthy. Her bottom has today been scrubbed with a broom, and her sails, slightly mildewed, still present from a distance a certain impressive nose.

"What," I shout at Peter Geiss, "is that small sail in front? Forward, I mean."

"How's that?"

"The sail there, what's its name? I say, pointing. "Name?"

"I'll say it's a shame," he says. "Canvas on this boat cost the old Zenith a lot of money."

By and by, however, I learn the job and the flying jib.

We have a small cabin, with four bunks in it, and two of these are now neatly and geometrically made up ready for the night. In Jane's small closet there is food of all sorts, neat rows of tins and was-paper packages. If we are washed out to sea we can, I imagine, live indefinitely on deviled ham, sardines and cheese. And I have always my fishing line.

"Ah! a tug at it!"

July 11.

Iy worries are dropping from me. Helena Lear is with Edith, and no doubt Halliday is camped on their doorstep, as vigilant as a watch dog, and certainly more dependable than Jack. I can see, too, with better perspective how absurd my anxiety has been as to Greenough. It is his business to believe every man guilty until he has proved himself innocent. And am I not now in the act of proving my innocence?

But my problem remains. And trying to solve it is like playing solitaire with a card missing. I have, we will say, lost the knave of clubs out of my pack, and without it the game cannot go on.

Halliday, I know, believes that there is a possible connection between the letter and Uncle Horace's letter. He believes, in other words, that some serious and perhaps monstrous idea lies behind the sheep-killing, and that it may be the same idea to which the letter refers.

"There is something behind it," he asserts. "Something so vital to the man who believes it that he is ready to kill—has killed certainly once and possibly twice—to protect it."

But the nature of the idea, or conviction, he nobly evades.

"And this monstrous idea was to kill sheep, and build a stone altar?"

"How do we know that isn't merely a prophylactic sacrifice, Skipper? A sort of preliminary to the real thing?"

"And what is to be the real thing?"

"What is the wickedest crime you can name, against society?"

"The taking of human life."

"Exactly."

But this, as he says, is as far as he goes. He is, however, careful to say that his theory has got him some where; that is, that there is a definite idea behind what has happened.

"An insane one, then?"

"Not necessarily," he objects. "You Uncle Horace didn't write that letter to a man he considered insane."

Peter Geiss has his own theory about poor Carroway's death. Carroway, he says, probably located the boat; he could do that by cutting off his engine and listening for the oars. Then, in black darkness, he steered toward it, probably with the idea of driving the fellow back. But Peter does not think that Carroway would have closed in on the murderer, as argued as he was.

"The chances are," he said today, "that the fellow crept upon him, quiet-like, and leaped into the launch."

"But he was unarmed, too. I said remembering the knife under our slip. It seemed to me that Peter not only heard that with surprising distinctness, but that he shot a stealthy glance at me."

"He had an oar," he said, and fell back into his customary taciturnity. In our fore-rigging hangs our riding light. It should be white, but as in a burst of energy this evening I scraped a snapper plate over the side, I also scraped off the lantern. So it is red, our red sailing light. It reminds me of the lamp at home. I think about light in general. What do I know about light, anyhow? That it is a wave, a vibration, and that only within a certain fixed range can it be perceived by a human sensorium; that, below the infra-red, and above the ultra-violet, are waves our human eye cannot perceive. Then, all around us are things to which our human senses do not react. How far dare I extend that? From invisible things to invisible beings is not so far, I dare say.

What is reality and what is not? Only what we can see, hear, touch or taste? But that is absurd. Thought is a reality; perhaps the only reality. But can thought exist independent of the body? The spiritualists believe it can. And undoubtedly the universe is full of subtler essences; all the senses in the world go schooling around our unhearing ears for contraband, and then comes the radio and begins to pick them up for us.

But the radio requires a peculiar sort of receiving instrument, and so with the sights and sounds beyond our normal ken. Jane may be such an instrument. So for all I know may be

(Note: I fell asleep here, and the entry is incomplete.)

July 12.

Just what did Peter Geiss see last night?

If I were asked to name, in order of their psychic quality, the three persons on this boat, I would put Jane first and Peter last.

He is a materialist. Not for him the interesting abstractions, the controversial problems of the universe. The life of the mind, the questions of the soul, are hidden from him. His food, his tobacco, the direction of the wind, the state of the tide, these cover the field of his speculations and anxieties. And yet—Peter saw something last night.

It was about one o'clock in the morning, and he had wakened and crawled out of his bunk tent, with, according to him, "the feeling that we were in for a blow. There was a cold wind across my feet."

So he rose, and he saw that our red lantern was burning low, and gingerly stepping across me, reached into a locker for the oil can. When he straightened up he saw a shadowy figure standing in the bow of the boat, directly under the lantern.

He thought at first that it was I, but the next moment he had stumbled across me as I lay supine, and the oil can fell and went a rattling. The noise did not disturb the figure, and Peter gave a long look at it before he howled like a hyena and brought me up all standing.

It was only then that it disappeared. "Just blew to windward," according to Peter. I never saw it at all.

Peter did not go to bed again all night, but sat huddled by the wheel.

July 13.

Edith was on the veranda when the detective came, and young Gordon was with her. During our absence he has struck up with her an acquaintance of sorts, but she dislikes him extremely. She has, Jane tells me, nicknamed him Shifty.

As Hayward was still upstairs, I sparred politely with Greenough for a few minutes. We had had good weather for the trip; fishing was only fair. It was too bad to be brought back to sea waves. Yes, but if things like that were going on, it was better to be on the ground. "What sort of things?" he asked.

"We have had two murderous attacks, haven't we? One successful and one not."

"So you class this little affair of young Halliday's with the other?"

"Don't you?"

"Not until I've got something that ties them together, Mr. Porter."

Hayward had come in and stood in side the doorway, gazing at his finger and listening.

"But if you found something did tie them together?"

"For instance?"

"I'm going to ask you something. Was there or was there not something drawn on the top of the engine box of the boat from which Carroway disappeared?"

"How do you know that?" he shot at me. And like a fool I said, thinking long to please Peter Geiss: "That doesn't matter, does it? It's the fact I'm after."

"Suppose there were. What would that prove?"

"And suppose I can show you an other, and similar mark on my car made there by Halliday's assailant before he struck at him?"

"It was then that Greenough seethed horribly, dumbly."

"It's there, is it?" he said, and looked up at Hayward.

"It is there."

"He got up, the remains of that smile still plastered on his face, and confronted me."

"That's curious," he said. "I examined that car in the ditch, before they moved it, Mr. Porter. And I've been over it here with the doctor's force. If there's anything there, it's the sort you describe. It's been put there since yesterday afternoon."

And then I saw where I stood. They believed that, finding Halliday assaulted during my absence, I was attempting to link that assault with the sheep-killing and with Carroway's death, and turn it to my own advantage. In other words, to prove that the reign of terror had gone on in my absence!

A drowning man, swimming exhaustedly toward a log which sinks when he touches it, must have much the same sensation that I had, as I stood there facing Greenough's vile smile and the doctor's searching gaze.

"You can go out and look," I said feebly. "It's there."

I did not go with them. I heard Edith and Gordon follow them out, and then I sat down and faced my situation.

And indeed it has passed the point of philosophical endurance. Even if Carroway's body is not found and no other evidence can be brought in, it is not hard to see what power lies in this detective's hands, backed by his conviction of my guilt. He may not imprison me, but he can cost me my reputation, even my position in the university. He can bound me out of the only life I know, and an fitted for

his silence, was covering some sort of scintillating motion, "or something," he adds, rather vaguely.

"And of course he had his gun. Ly lug across his knees as well as I could make out."

"They had gone about a mile by 'har time, and then Halliday began to scowl a queer odor."

"He was not trying to anesthetize me," he is certain. "He'd had it in his pocket, and something had gone wrong; the cork came out, perhaps. Anyhow, all at once it struck me that either was a queer thing for one of Starr's deputies to be carrying, and I felt I was in for trouble."

He took his left hand quietly from the steering wheel, and began to fumble in the left hand pocket of the car where he had put his revolver. And although he is confident he made no sound the fellow must have had ears like a bat, for just then Halliday saw him raise the gun, and as he ducked forward the barrel of it hit the seat floor.

But he had somehow turned the wheel of the car, and the next moment it had left the road. Halliday made a clutch at it, but it was too late; he saw, as the car swung, the lights of another car ahead and coming toward them; then they struck a fence, and the machine turned over.

He had been found, by the people in the other car, unconscious in the wreckage, and brought to the Lodge. No sign of the other man was discovered.

But this story, curious and ominous as it is, is as nothing to my sensations today when I visited my small garage, where my car is awaiting in surly adjustment before undergoing repairs.

The point of the matter is this: Greenough has already been to see our invalid, and has assured him that he has been the victim of an ordinary attempt at a hold-up.

So Greenough dismisses the possibility of any connection between Halliday's trouble and the unknown male factor; in a word, my absence has probably not altered his suspicion of me a raggle. Or, had not, for within the next half hour I propose to show him that an absolute connection exists between the two.

On the right-hand cushion of my car, while during the salvaging of it was thrown upside down into the rear, there was marked an infinitesimal electric chalk, enclosing a crude triangle I have sent for Greenough.

Later: Truly the way of the innocent is hard.

Doctor Hayward was making his afternoon call on Halliday when the detective came, and as I feel confident that the doctor is in Greenough's confidence I was glad to spring my little bombshell on them both like bun yards Man in an Iron Cage. "I am now a man of despair, and am shut up in it."

"When I left him a few minutes ago, he had Edith's memory copy of the paper found in the garage, and was propped up in bed with a pencil."

"If we had the original we'd be better off," he said. "It oughtn't to be hard to find the typewriter in the vicinity that wrote it. And if Greenough is so sure of himself, let him look for it now."

I glanced at my own portable machine, sitting on the table, and he followed my eyes and smiled.

"You've got your best ally right there," he said. "If it turns out to be a cipher, And I think it is."

He has it, appears, some small knowledge of ciphers, and from the mixture of capitals and small letters he believes he recognizes this one. But it requires a key word, or two key words.

"Even without it," he says. "It could be solved, possibly, if I had enough of it. But with only this scrap— And I don't get the number added to it."

The idea of this type of cipher, I gather, is to take a word, or two words containing thirteen letters of the alphabet, no one used twice. Written first in small or lower case, the first thirteen letters represent the first thirteen letters of the alphabet. The same word or words repeated in capitals becomes the second half of the alphabet.

"Thus the words 'subnormal diet' becomes a key in this fashion: subnormaldiet SUBNORMALDIET s u b n o r m a l d i e t S U B N O R M A L D I E T

But as "subnormal diet" was the only key phrase we could think of, and it obviously did not fit, I left him still biting the end of his pencil, and came to complete this record.

Sunday, July 15.

Again a quiet morning, and I am still at large. Jane is worried. She knows nothing, but she suspects everything. By that, I mean that she is somehow aware, after her own curious fashion, that there is something wrong with her world. She watches me, when I am not looking at her. She has an odd, rather furtive, dislike of Doctor Hayward. And she is almost continually forwarding Edith's love affair.

Since Halliday was brought here Jane and I have shared her bedroom, and this morning, buttoning my collar, I said:

"The sooner that boy goes back to the boat-house, the better."

"Why?" she demanded, almost militantly.

"Well, if you can't see what's going on under your eyes, my dear—"

"I don't see why it shouldn't go on. There's not too much love in the world."

"Nor enough bread and cheese."

"We didn't have very much when we started, William," she said, looking up at me wistfully.

"And we haven't much more now," I said, and kissed her.

But the plain truth is that Jane's nerves are shaken. She wants Edith settled; she would like nothing better than a speedy marriage. If that would take us back to the city at once, all her old hatred and distrust of this place have been steadily reviving, and the attack on Halliday has about eaten away her resistance.

Later: Poor Carroway's body has been found. The tide was unusually low at two this afternoon and a jaw from Bass Cove, crossing the bay, saw

it, but without difficulty. The post had had been tied with the end of an anchor rope, and the anchor thrown over with him. Thus for days the body has been only a few feet beneath the surface, floating at the end of its tragic tether.

From the doctor, making his afternoon call here, we heard the details. He was summoned as soon as the body was brought in, and made a hasty examination. From that it appears that Carroway was beaten over the head first and then thrown into the sea.

"He was probably dead before he touched the water," is Hayward's opinion. "If there is no water in the middle ear or the lungs, we can be certain."

But from Peter Geiss, who wandered in this afternoon after salvaging certain of his personal possessions from the sloop, we learned other facts. Thus, Peter declares that the man who killed Carroway was a sailor, or at least knew how to use a rope, sailor fashion.

And as Halliday said to me, aside this was cheering news, for my best friend could not accuse me of any nautical knowledge.

The body, it seems, was tied with two half-ropes around the wrists; from there the rope extended to the ankle, with similar half-ropes, and to these ends, again, the anchor had been affixed.

But, the recovery of the body has roused the neighborhood to fever heat.

There have been those, up to now, who have half-believed that Carroway had been the victim of an accident; had somehow stumbled and fallen overboard, and to prove this they brought out the fact that, like many of the men on the waterside, he could not swim.

There were others, too, who still inclined to the belief that some supernatural influence had been at work; that Carroway, indeed, had been the victim of some other-world folk play. But even these superstition folk can no longer blame the red lamp. Carroway has been murdered, by hands which wadded the ear that strangled him, and which tied the half-ropes.

The anchor presents the only possibility, and that is a feeble one. There was no anchor on the boat. Carroway took out on the other hand, there is a sort of half-hearted recognition of it by Doctor Hayward as one stolen from his small knockabout sometime late in June.

"Of course, all these anchors are as like as peas," he said this afternoon "but the boys down at the wharf say it's mine, and they can tell two fish-hooks apart, same size and same kind."

The county authorities have finally rounded themselves and the sheriff, Benedict, is in Oakville. Under the excuse of examining our float Greenough dressed and went with them to show where he had found the knife. On their return they stopped in and looked at my car.

When Halliday came back he was grave and quiet. In vain did Edith try to coax him into his usual light-heartedness. While I have no idea as to what happened, I can make a fair guess, for he was announced at supper that he was through playing the invalid.

"It's time for me to be up and about," he said.

Benedict has increased the county's reward to twenty-five hundred dollars, and this with Livingstone's makes three thousand. As a result, until twilight frightened them back to their berths, the vicinity was filled this afternoon with amateur detectives.

According to Annie Cochran, one of them was skulking around the hedge of the main house when Mr. Bethel saw him and drove him off.

Just what that irritable and excitable gentleman makes of the situation I do not know. He must have burned, through Gordon, of our trouble here, but he makes no sign.

He is so consistently unpleasant that one must respect it, as consistent eney of any sort is respected.

My own position is rather strengthened then weakened by today's developments, and I imagine Greenough himself is somewhat at sea. Not only am I no sailor, and obviously no sailor, but I am not a physically muscular man. In the pursuit of English literature the wear and tear is on trousers seats rather than on muscles; in ten years, my one annual physical orgy has been putting up the fly-screens each April.

I could no more strangle a man than I could bulldog a steer.

And, unless Greenough is more beset with prejudices and theory than I think he is, he must know this. On only two points do I plead guilty, and there with reservations. For the murderer shows a knowledge of the countryside, not only equal to my own, but better. And Halliday says he got in to the car as would a man of middle life, rather than youth. I am middle-aged—if that be not the next period just ahead and never quite reached until some day we waken to find that we have passed it in the night and are now old, and taking an ingenious pride in that age.

(To be continued)

J. E. McCall, former chief of police of this city, came in Friday morning to look after business for a few days.

Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son Pat, of Abilene, spent Sunday in Ballinger visiting with Mr. J. A. Williams and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth has returned from Dallas where she spent a number of days at the State Fair of Texas. The home demonstration agent acted as chaperone for club girls from Rannels, Brown, Bosque and Titus counties at the girls' educational encampment at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter of San Angelo, were visitors to Ballinger Sunday.



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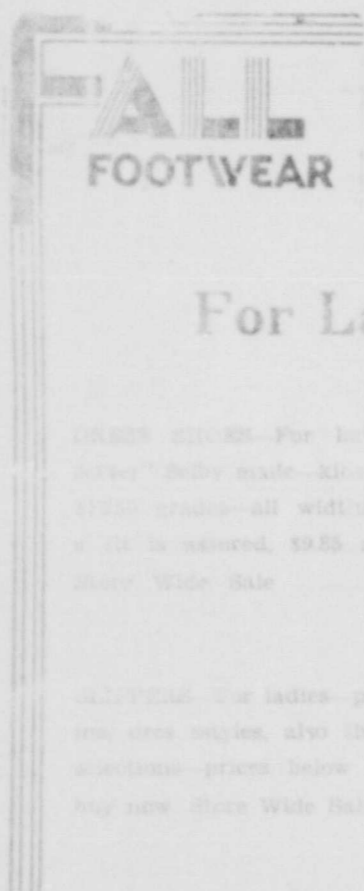
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