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## Club Women to Serve C. of C. Banquet Jan. 16

Most of the preliminary details have been completed for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on January 16. Other plans will be turned over to the program and entertainment committee, of which Estes M. Lynn is chairman, and Charles Coombs and George Holman members.

The place for holding the banquet has not been selected but it is probable that a vacant downtown building will be decorated and tables arranged with a kitchen in the rear and turned into a banquet hall.

The home demonstration clubs of this county have accepted the responsibility of serving the meal and will use all Runnels county raised products on the menu. They are entering on their task with enthusiasm and are determined to open the eyes of those attending with the big variety of food raised and preserved in this county.

The banquet will feature the club boys and girls as well as the women and men who have cooperated with the county agent in poultry, dairying, terracing and soil conservation. O. B. Martin, director of the A. & M. extension service department, has been invited here as the principal speaker and is expected to accept the invitation.

A large number of boys, girls, men and women of this county have won honors in state and national campaigns during the past few months and these will be honor guests at the banquet and their work outlined by them. It will be strictly a banquet looking forward to rural constructive work such as is conducted by the county agent and the home demonstration agent and with an all Runnels county menu should have the strongest appeal for people to attend of any banquet ever served here.

Entertainment numbers will be arranged so that the program will have plenty of variety and fun mingled with the more serious matter and at least two weeks prior to the date set everything will be in readiness for the grand occasion.

January 16 will fall on Friday and everyone is asked to reserve that night to attend. Tickets will be offered for sale early as it will be necessary to get all tickets sold early enough to allow the women time to prepare for the number who will be present. The building will be beautifully decorated and at each plate will be found favors and caps and everything necessary to have a good time.

## Northington Gets Guard Promotion

K. V. Northington received notice from the adjutant general's department Thursday evening that he had successfully passed the examination and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Texas National Guard. Northington, who is the second ranking officer in the Ballinger company, took the examination for the higher rating some time ago. Ross Murchison, first lieutenant and commander of the local unit since the transfer of Capt. C. H. Dobbs about a year ago, will soon stand the examination for captain.

Lieut. Northington has been serving with the company for several years as a second lieutenant, attending two summer camps in that rank. He and Lieut. Murchison have been the only two commissioned officers in company C for the past year, but as soon as possible the vacant position of second lieutenant will be filled.

Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard has made one of the best showings of any unit in the division under its present officers. The roster has been maintained at full strength and each Monday night a large percentage of the men are present for drill and instruction. The officers keep the men well informed on military affairs and equipment is always in the best of shape.

Company C has for an armory an entire building on Seventh Street, the building being divided into orderly room, officers' store room and indoor drilling space.

## Miles Banker is Injured in Wreck

MILES, Dec. 18.—Four persons were injured, none seriously, about 9 o'clock last night when two automobiles and a herd of horses figured in an accident near Crow's Nest Creek, three miles west of here.

Bud Johnson and Otho McCorkle, who were en route to Gatesville and were driving east in a small closed car, were bruised and cut by glass when a car struck a horse belonging to a group being driven west along the highway by a man who said his name was John McLendon of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Brown, also driving east, were just behind the other car. Mr. Brown was unable to stop his car and it turned over three times. Mrs. Brown sustained an injured back and Mr. Brown suffered minor injuries. He is cashier of the Miles Guaranty State Bank.

The horse was said to have walked in front of the car and the driver said he was unable to see the animal until he was too close to avoid a collision. The horse was thrown upon the hood of the car. Both automobiles were badly damaged.

## WORKING ON HIGHWAY

ROBERT LEE, Dec. 19.—Work is progressing on the highway to the Tom Green county line and already is open for travel for some 12 miles. The highway on the north side of the county has been completed to the Mitchell county line.

## Bond Issue Hearing Set for January 3

The commissioners' court of Runnels county was in special session here all day Thursday to receive petitions from precinct No. 2 asking that a road bond election be ordered for that district. After the lists were received a hearing was set by the court for Saturday, January 3, and a notice is being prepared for this hearing which will be held at the court house at 10 a. m.

The petitions asked that all of the commissioner's precinct be included in the new road district and that bonds aggregating \$160,000 be voted for the construction of later roads. Of this amount \$44,000 will be used to retire bonds outstanding against the district, and the remainder is for construction. After the hearing, if the court sees fit, the election can be ordered immediately and held 30 days after notice is published.

A few weeks ago parties were here from Winters to discuss the matter with the authorities and at the last meeting of the court, Joe Mapes, commissioner of precinct 2, asked that the district be created and a hearing set as soon as possible. Petitions were prepared and circulated in the Winters vicinity, enough citizens having signed them to secure the hearing.

If the election is finally ordered and the issue carries the district will have about \$116,000 with which to improve lateral roads. Improvements will include a number of cement structures at bad crossings and it is estimated that the sum will put all roads in the precinct in excellent condition. None of the money will be spent on highway No. 4 which crosses the precinct and which is maintained by the state highway commission.

All persons interested in the hearing are asked to be present promptly at 10 a. m., Saturday, January 3, and they will be given an opportunity to express themselves.

Miss Dorothy Chancey, teacher of public school music at Odessa, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chancey.

Earl and Willard Schuhmann, students of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, came in Saturday and will be here Christmas week with their parents and friends.

## Tiny Miss, 14, Produces Champion Beef



The title of junior champion producer of baby beef was won by Sarah Ann Tolan, 14, of Sangamon county, Ill., shown with her Black Angus calf, "Chocolat."

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Sarah Ann Tolan, a mite of a lass 14 years old, is the nation's new junior champion producer of baby beef. The girl from Sangamon county, Illinois, was crowned champion at the International Livestock Show here.

Armed with a shaft of a golf driver, a superb Black Angus calf, a shy look and a wisp of fair hair that peeked from beneath a black leather helmet, Sarah Ann matched the calf she raised against the pick of those raised by other boys and girls.

She wrestled the baby beef crown from Iowa, where it had been for two years. Sangamon county and its Black Angus cattle "walked away" with the baby beef show this year. The reserve champion steer was owned by James Thornton, a neighbor of Sarah Ann's, 17 years old.

Sarah Ann is a freshman in high school. She hasn't the

vaguest notion of what she wants to do after she is through school. "It's too far away, and I have been too busy," she said as she stood beaming in the great show ring after winning the championship.

The black calf is a personable animal, too, with a flashing eye. His name is "Chocolat."

The calf was only a fourth place animal at the Illinois State Fair but it did not discourage Sarah Ann. She set to work harder to make him better in the two or three months remaining before the exposition here opened. It was a great day for the Tolans. The girl's father, a veteran reeder of Black Angus cattle, won the grand championship of the show for the best carload of fat cattle on the same day Sarah Ann won her award.

The new champion fed her calf shelled corn and molasses at the start, maintaining a protein content of 20 per cent. Then she added cracked barley, and later, linseed and cotton seed meal.

## Firemen Complete New Organization 4 Ballinger Players On State Honor Roll

The Ballinger Fire Department held a very important and interesting meeting Thursday night at the fire station with a large per cent of the members present. The completion of the organization for the coming year was made and the department is now one of the most thoroughly organized in the west.

Assistant chiefs were named by Fire Chief M. C. Atkins. Clarence Armstrong was named first assistant, Chester Cherry second assistant, and Vernon Webb third assistant. Each will have a separate work to perform and the entire company has been assigned to squads and assigned different work.

Armstrong will have charge of the utility truck and crew and he and his men will be specially trained in electrical work, gas masks, salvage and ventilation. The truck will answer all calls and will carry special equipment such as salvage covers and gas masks and will look after this phase of the firefighting work.

Mr. Cherry will have charge of the big pumper and crew and will look after a plug and hose company in the actual combat of flames. This truck will also answer all calls.

Mr. Webb will have charge of the old pumper and crew assigned to it and this truck will answer all alarms in the business district of the city and report to other fires when called by the chief.

Each member of the company has been assigned to a certain place in the department and will be there and take care of that phase of the work. He will give special study to performing this work and when the company has worked for a while under the new organization plan they feel that their effective work will be bettered and the company made a better unit.

At the conclusion of the business session local Boy Scouts gave a demonstration in first aid work and five boys showed many ways of relieving sufferers from different causes. Their part of the program was highly enjoyed by the firemen and profitable also in relief work.

The Sunday morning issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram carried in its sports section an honor roll of Class B football players of the entire state. Ballinger had four men on the roll and each was selected for the top of the list in his respective position.

Ballinger men were named for guard, center, quarterback and fullback. Leland McWilliams was the second named in the state for a guard position and is entitled to the place. "Mac" was an outstanding performer in all games he played this year and drew favorable comment from all officials who worked in Ballinger games. At center Retae was among the first men chosen and this is the second year he has been given a place on the state roll of honor. Partridge was selected as a quarterback. Partridge this year was a triple threat man, passing, kicking and running with the ball. He was one of the most dreaded players in this district and a great offensive star. At halfback Flynt was an easy choice for that position. This gives him a place on the all-star aggregation in his second year in football. He has two more years in high school and will be one of the best, if not the best in class B football next year.

Ballinger should have had at least one other man on the team this year. Jones was an outstanding performer and perhaps the best man in fullback position in class B football in the state, but due to an injury early in the season he did not enter enough games to be seen by the officials doing the selecting.

In the review accompanying the list it was said there were few outstanding ends in the game this year and only a few were named for this position. Reneau and Robinson of Ballinger high were above the average but were not included in the roll.

Mrs. L. L. Williams left Sunday for El Paso where she will visit relatives during the Christmas holidays.

## Two Stores are Burglarized; Local Boys Arrested, Confess

### Temple Man Held for Slaying of Best Friend

### Runnels Club Boys Win State Awards

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, received a pin for one of his club boys Thursday morning from the extension service department and the letter stated that another was to be sent within a few days. These pins are given for outstanding club work by boys and will be awarded here at the annual chamber of commerce banquet on January 16.

The pin received Thursday by Mr. Lehmburg was for Buster Caudle of Hatchel, who received the distinguished service pin for poultry work. Marion Wood of the Crews club, will be awarded a pin within a few days for his work with sheep, and Ira Klutts of the Crews club, is expected to have a pin issued him for his club work. Klutts was a winner in baby beef and received a free trip to Chicago and also won the T & P calf at the Dallas fair.

Mr. Lehmburg is proud of the boys who have stood out in state and national contests and next year will wear the 4H club pin issued by the department. The pin is a beautiful old gold pin and inclosed in a leather case. Any boy would be proud of the gift and particularly when it is considered what it stands for.

### First Snow Sunday Sends Mercury Low

The first real touch of winter visited Ballinger and this section of West Texas Sunday and a blanket of snow was soon covering the earth with the mercury dropping around the 26-degree mark.

Early Sunday morning the snow started falling from the north and continued most of the time for the entire day. A sweeping wind accompanied the falling snow and drove the snow hard to make the day very disagreeable. Before noon Sunday, the ground was covered with snow and what moisture fell froze upon the ground and drives.

Christmas programs at churches Sunday night had the attendance cut by the weather and only small crowds attended. The majority of Ballinger people stayed home by their fires and listened to radio broadcasts of Christmas services.

Snow north of Ballinger was reported much heavier with the largest fall being reported around Haskell where several inches fell Saturday night and Sunday morning. Traffic was not halted as the snow melted as fast as it fell on roadways where cars were passing every few minutes.

The clouds broke late Sunday afternoon and early Monday morning the snow began melting away and the sun shone out for a pretty day.

### SCHOOL TEACHERS LEAVE FRIDAY FOR THEIR HOMES

The following teachers in the Ballinger schools left Friday for their homes to spend the holidays: A. F. Ligon to Lubbock, Howard Carr to Commerce, John Harvey to DeLeon, Harley Davis to Itasca, Miss Louisa Morgan to Comanche, Miss Elizabeth Parker to Abilene, Miss Liggett to Grand Prairie, Miss Gladys Geistman to Abilene, Miss Eloise Walker to Littlefield, Miss Eugenia Suber to Bryan, Miss Gladys Jones to Conroe, Miss Grace Murchison to Athens.

A number of others will remain in Ballinger for part of the holiday period and will visit relatives and friends elsewhere after Christmas day.

Miss Margaret Kirk, of Dallas, is here for a Christmas visit with her mother and other relatives.

### LITTLE MEADERS GIRL IS STRUCK BY AUTO

Angelyn Meaders, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meaders, was badly injured Tuesday night when she was struck by an automobile driven by Johnny Holt. Mr. Holt lives next door to the Meaders home and as he was coming home the little girl had started across the street. Before anything could be done she had stepped in front of the car and was knocked to the ground.

Mr. Holt rushed the child to the Halley & Love Sanitarium and after she was placed in the care of a physician and nurses he returned and notified the parents and hurriedly took them to the hospital.

Angelyn received a bad gash over the right eye which required several stitches and a number of smaller cuts and abrasions on various parts of her body. She was not resting well Thursday morning, suffering considerably in her hips and lower limbs, but it was believed the pain was from bruises and that there were no broken bones.

The accident was unavoidable.

### SHERIFFS SPLIT REWARD

COLEMAN, Dec. 15.—The \$1,250 reward offered by Van Alstyne and Sherman residents for the arrest and conviction of the slayers of W. L. Echols, Van Alstyne night watchman, will be split between four men who participated in the arrest, it was announced here.

W. E. Bradford, former Midland county sheriff, who arrested Robert Mason and Denny Dixon near Coleman, receives 38 per cent of the fund, Sheriff Frank Mills of Coleman county 35 per cent, Sheriff Hal Hood of Dallas county 15 per cent and Sheriff Vaughan of Grayson county 12 per cent.

Mason and Dixon are serving penitentiary sentences in connection with the slaying, which occurred last year.

### Shepard Guilty; Given Life for Poisoning Wife

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 22.—A jury here today convicted Major Charles A. Shepard, army physician, on the charge of fatally poisoning his wife, at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

The verdict carried a sentence of imprisonment for life, it being specified that capital punishment should not be imposed.

Johnny Walker and Ivy Doss were arrested Sunday night and lodged in jail here and Monday morning were charged with burglary in two cases against each. Following a hearing in justice court Monday, bond was set in each case at \$1,500.

Nightwatchmen C. B. Armstrong and Earl Averitt were on their rounds Sunday night and noticed two young men walking, apparently concealing something under their coats. When they were ordered by the officers to stop they refused and ran in the direction of the laundry in the "flat." Averitt followed and brought them back to town after Armstrong had investigated and found that the Bettis & Sturges store had been entered. As soon as Walker and Doss had been brought back to town Sheriff Earl McWilliams was called and after questioning the men for a while, ordered them locked up for the night.

Officers stated that the pair made a complete confession Monday morning to the sheriff and county attorney, admitting the robbery of two stores here Sunday night. According to their statement, they first entered the Healer Chevrolet company building, took the cash register from that firm and carried it away and broke it open. The register only contained \$1 and a check for \$5.

The pair next entered the Bettis & Sturges store, according to their statement, where five women's coats, a large number of pajamas, underwear and other articles to the value of about \$150 were taken. After the confessions were signed Monday morning Sheriff McWilliams and Chief J. L. Moreland went to the laundry ditch and located the biggest part of the stolen merchandise which was identified by J. C. Sturges and returned to the store. The merchandise was in fair condition, being slightly wet from the melting snow and with a little mud on a few garments.

Walker was convicted of burglary here at the last term of district court and given a two-year suspended sentence.

### Brady Attorneys Ask New Hearing

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Attorneys for John W. Brady, former judge of the court of civil appeals, whose three year sentence upon conviction on charges of having fatally stabbed Miss Lehlia Highsmith, capitalist stenographer, was affirmed by the court of criminal appeals, filed a motion for a rehearing in the court of criminal appeals today.

Brady's attorneys insisted that Judge George Christian, who wrote the opinion affirming his sentence, misapprehended the importance of the trial judge's allegedly prejudicial remarks, and again raised the question of the competence of Dr. Lee Edens as a mental disease expert. Dr. Edens was a witness for the state, testifying that Brady was sane after treating him in jail for a small cut on the hand.

### FLOWERS

Pot Plants, Cut Flowers and Christmas Wreaths. Eubank Floral Company, 905 Sixth Street, phone 171. 18-6td

### Yuletide Greetings

Christmas is here again, bringing with it many treasured memories of friendship and goodwill which have been granted us during the closing year. We can each do our share to make it a Merry Christmas all around and bring to the old year, before its closing, some measure of happiness and contentment by turning our thoughts and hearts away from every selfish ambition and desire and helping to make it a Merry Christmas for others.

To the citizenship of our community—our friends and neighbors—we extend most cordial wishes for a Yuletide of peace and happiness.

### The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas "The Dependable Bank"

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Ballinger hunters have been very fortunate this year and few have come in home empty handed.

Winters citizens will hold their annual chamber of commerce get-together January 22 at Winters and will have a good report to make for the past year's work.

During the past few days many automobile wrecks have been reported from over the state and many have occurred that have not been reported due to requests from some who consider the publicity harmful.

The annual banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be one of the best ever staged in this organization.

A check-up of completed projects and progress made here during the past twelve months will show one of the biggest years in the history of Ballinger.

One piece of legislation to be brought up in congress in the near future as a relief measure, and of interest to many local men, is the proposed cash settlement of adjusted compensation certificates to those who served

in the World War. This measure promises to bring on a bitter fight but support for the bill is increasing daily and after congressmen and senators visit their home districts and hear the favorable comment it is believed many more solons will join the proponents.

Every person in Ballinger happy this Christmas is the motto of the Goodfellows, and those who want to aid this program and will contribute a little can prevent suffering from cold and hunger in this festive season.

How fast may an automobile be driven with safety? This is a question which many legislators are thinking about as they seek means to eliminate many wrecks and make auto travel safer on the highways.

French civil aviation is supervised through regional offices in Paris, Marseilles, and Algiers.

Youths Show 'Em How in Movies

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Through a four-reel motion picture, 4-H clubs will show the world what their work will do for farm boys and girls.

1500 Here Have Been Immunized

Diphtheria immunization continues in this county at a rapid pace, during the past week at least two schools conducting campaigns. At Barnett Wednesday 37 children were given the first dose of toxin antitoxin by Dr. O. R. Lasater of Ballinger, and at Hagart Friday 46 pupils received their first injections by Dr. F. M. Hale of this city.

The record set in immunization in Runnels county this year is said to be one of the best in the state and the county is receiving recognition at every health organization convention.

Getting Up Nights

If getting up nights, headaches, frequent dry spells, loss of sleep, nervousness or burning, due to functional bladder irritation, in said conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test.

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Adults Contract Children's Diseases

Adults can, and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms, an ailment usually associated with children.

No Substitute For True Love

EGG NOG BRANCH IS SMALL STREAM NEAR NACOGDOCHES. NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Dec. 22.—Egg Nog Branch is a small stream that flows across the old San Antonio road or King's Highway three miles east of here.

The First National Bank

1836 Ballinger, Texas 1931

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS: The old year ends. A new year begins. Our bank also goes steadily on year after year and each year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us.

We thank our depositors for the business they have given us. We thank all our friends throughout the community for their good will and confidence and we hope that the New Year will bring us into still closer association.

According to our custom for the past 24 years, we will have for distribution, commencing FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1931, our NEW CALENDARS. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

There are not many opportunities during the brief moments of busy days of service to tell you how much we thank you for your friendship and loyalty and the business you have given us during the past year. But we wish to do so now.

To all our friends, old and new, we wish a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Your friends, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ballinger

B. N. Wilke Buys Ideal Bakery Here

A deal was closed here Saturday in which B. N. Wilke becomes the owner and manager of the Ideal Bakery, buying the equipment and stock from Mrs. Virtie Lewis who has operated it for several years until recently.

Children Like this Safe Prescription

Children's coughs and sore throats before these ailments lead to dangerous ills. Use Thoxine, a doctor's prescription which brings relief within 15 minutes, yet contains no harmful drugs.

Mistletoe Crop Short

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—Kissing under the mistletoe will cost more this year. That parasite, precious as a sentimental Yuletide decoration but pestiferous to the trees on which it lives, is at low ebb this year.

Will Trail Animals With 2 Bloodhounds

COTULLA, Texas, Dec. 22.—Two bloodhounds trained to hunt mountain lions in Colorado, will be used near here to trail panthers and mountain lions, which were said to be more numerous in this section than for many years.

Queen Friday and Saturday

Queen TOM TYLER 'CALL OF THE DESERT'. "Sporting Youth" Added Features "Queen of the Roundup". 666 is a doctor's prescription for Colds and Headaches. It is the most speedy remedy known.

Advertisement for Queen Tom Tyler 'Call of the Desert' featuring a picture of a man and a dog, and text about the film and its availability.

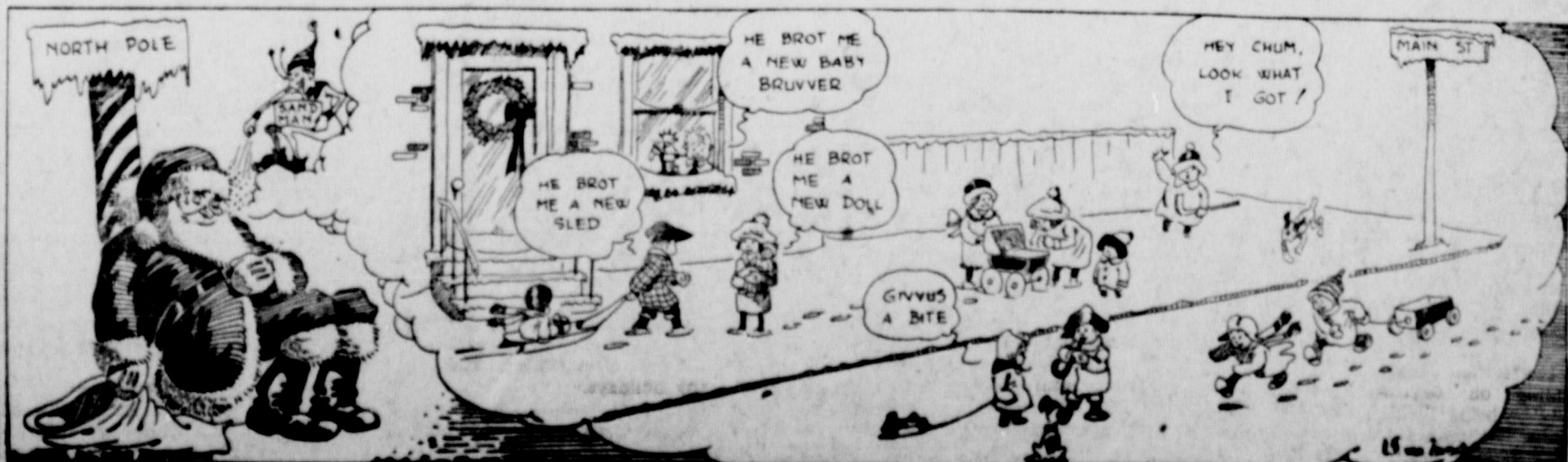
Advertisement for H.G.C. (Hemorrhoid Glycerin Cream) with a picture of the product box and text describing its benefits for hemorrhoids and other ailments.

Advertisement for C. P. Shepherd, Attorney-at-Law, with text about his office and services.

Advertisement for Dr. R. F. Zedlitz, Veterinarian, with text about his residence and office.

"THE MAIN THING ON MAIN STREET"

Daily Buzz MAIN STREET'S LEADING NEWSPAPER. A GOOD JOB WELL DONE. NOW THAT SANTA'S WORK IS DONE HE WISHES YOU ALL A Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.



By L. F. Van Zelm

# Rural

## NEWS

The snowy disagreeable weather Sunday prevented Sunday school or any church gathering both morning and night.

The Christmas trees at the school Friday afternoon were well enjoyed by all. Several patrons were present. School dismissed for a week's vacation.

The social given by the club women Thursday night was well attended. Ten tables were arranged for progressive 42. T. A. Crockett and Mrs. Oscar Nunnally being winners. A prize was presented to each. O. A. Womack and Mrs. David Duke won prizes in a written contest. Another contest was held, the results of which stated that "Eats Are Ready." Christmas plates consisting of sandwiches, fruit cake, assorted candies, hot coffee and chocolate were passed to fifty adults and a number of children. All expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant time and hoped the club members would entertain again at an early date.

Miss Cornelia Bell, accompanied by her domestic science class of 28 girls, visited the 4-H pantry of Mrs. Tom Crockett on Wednesday of last week. S. W. Cooper, secretary of the Winters chamber of commerce, and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home demonstration agent, came here Friday and made a number of pictures of the 4-H pantry.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Ezell, of Sterling City, visited friends here Friday and Saturday. Their cousin, Miss Cornelia Bell, returned with them to spend the holidays.

Miss Ada Simmons, who is teaching near Kerrville, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

David Woods left Friday for Waco to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, of the Hagan community, have recently moved to the part of the Fowler farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harvey.

Harry Warren, of Mullin, spent Friday night with the Tom Crockett family. This neighborhood was his home three years ago.

Mrs. Mary Gilliam and children, of Fisher county, are here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. M. Davenport.

Quite a number of Bethel people were planning to go to Ballinger Monday to see Santa Claus leap from his plane.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Casey and children, of Mullin, were visitors in the home of Tom Crockett Sunday night. They had been to Fort Stockton on business and were on their way home, returning Monday.

Christmas is expected to pass by quietly this year, for we are all feeling old Mr. Hard Times this year to some extent.

Mrs. Pearl Franklin and son, of Spur, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe Thursday.

Miss Tula Petty left Friday for Brownwood to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheatley and family and Mrs. Pollard left Saturday for East Texas, where they will visit Mr. Wheatley's folks.

Mrs. J. A. Foreman and Miss Alice Foreman spent Friday with Mrs. J. P. Boothe.

Mrs. Maudie Webb is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon James, Mrs. W. F. James and Mrs. Chas. James and Miss Maude James visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe Friday and helped kill hogs.

Frank Wood, of Bethel, visited in the J. A. Foreman home Friday.

## "REPORTER."

## BENOIT NEWS

School was dismissed Friday for a week's vacation. The Christmas tree and program was enjoyed Friday night by all those who were present. Songs and readings were given by the children commemorating the birth of the Babe who was born nineteen centuries ago. R. E. White of Ballinger was popular with the children as he called out the names of those receiving presents.

The Benoit teachers, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Allison, have asked this correspondent to report the school briefs. This is one among the best rural schools in the county; we have the new water system; and the health nurse, Miss Addie Alexander weighs and examines the children once a month; the water has been analyzed and is free from any contamination; we have excellent teachers, progressive children, a good superintendent, and a health club will be organized soon.

Mrs. L. B. Rumpy and L. B. Jr. motored to San Angelo Saturday to visit Mrs. Rumpy's daughter, Mrs. Albert Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibson spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odum.

Woodrow Cox, who is employed in Ballinger, and friend, Clouis Brown, spent Saturday night with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox, returning on the noon Santa Fe train Sunday.

O. C. Riser, of Dallas, is here to visit his wife and spend Christmas with S. T. Williams and family.

Misses Faye and Leona Hill spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Edna Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alein Rosenbaum and children, of Hawley, spent Wednesday with W. T. Hill and family.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas.

## "REPORTER."

## BUMS FLOCK TO CITY

HOUSTON, Dec. 23.—Seeing the inception of an undesirable situation in the "drifters" flocking to Houston in growing numbers, city officials and executives of the three daily newspapers held a conference to seek means for discouraging such visitors.

They were reassured to some extent by the police chief, Percy Heard, who said: "Other cities are keeping the drifters on the move and we intend to do likewise. I think you will find the 'snowbirds' warning each other to stay away from Houston."

Railroad detectives, meanwhile, had been quoted as saying that the greatest movement of tramps in recent history was converging on Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nunn, of Reagan county, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nunn, of Chino Valley, Arizona, and Roy Nunn, of Jeff Davis county, are here to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. L. A. Nunn, and other relatives.

## BLANTON NEWS

There was no Sunday school of B. Y. P. U. Sunday due to the snow and cold weather.

## All Stores Close On Christmas Day

All Ballinger firms will close late Wednesday night and will not reopen for business until Friday morning. Clerks and employers alike will take all of Christmas day to spend as they please and no business will be transacted.

The local postoffice will be closed all day Thursday and no delivery will be made on any of the routes nor will any mail be put up at the office. Postal clerks have worked night and day to handle added Christmas business and every night before they leave every piece of mail is distributed and the office cleared. They have given good service and deserve a day of rest with other workers in the city.

The day after Christmas local business houses will begin invoice taking preparatory to making out annual statements on January 1.

The Ledger with other business firms in Ballinger will close for the day, and no paper will be issued Friday afternoon, and no work will be done in the commercial department.

Drug stores, restaurants and other businesses that usually remain open on holidays will observe Sunday hours.

The Palace Theatre will show a matinee on Christmas day, and a special midnight matinee will be shown at this theatre Wednesday night, Christmas eve.

## Every Woman Knows

Every woman knows how easy it is to burn or scald herself while working in her home. Every woman knows that these burns and scalds are painful and sometimes very slow to heal. Every woman should know that the pain of burns and scalds will be quickly relieved, infection positively prevented and speedy healing assured if Liquid Borozone is instantly applied. Get a bottle of Liquid Borozone and keep it handy in your medicine cabinet. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

## Will Introduce New Insanity Bill

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 11.—A statute designed to eliminate last minute insanity pleas in behalf of condemned men, which District Judge S. W. Dean believes usually have but one object—to delay the scheduled execution—probably will be introduced in the next legislature at the judge's instance.

Judge Dean, by reason of his residence here where the state penitentiary is located, is frequently disturbed by anxious attorneys, pleading, at almost the hour their clients are to be executed, for sanity hearings in the latter's behalf.

"My plans," the judge said, "are not mature and the bill I would like to see passed is not fully in mind, but as the penitentiary is in my district and I am worried considerably by this matter I already have given it some thought and will mature my plans and my bill later on."

"I believe anyone who has been given the death penalty should have a sanity hearing if the issue is made, but I do not believe such an affidavit should be allowed by a non expert and at such time as it must have been made for delay in the execution only."

The jurist previously had remarked, he went on, that he "would see that a bill was introduced in the next legislature to make it necessary in order to get a delay in an execution to have the affidavit of insanity filed with the trial court early enough to get a trial before the date set for execution, or filed with the governor early enough for him to get an expert from one of the hospitals for the insane to make a thorough examination and see if a trial might be necessary, so as to do away with affidavits filed by relatives or interested parties made to get delay."

## Test New Oats Crops

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Searching for additional forage crops, the Louisiana State University experimental staff is testing 31 varieties of oats. A type of oats that will thrive in Louisiana climate and resist rust is sought.

## ROBBERS TAKE COAT WITH \$20 BILL IN POCKET

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—A devious procedure was followed by two who robbed C. O. Birkhead restaurant operator, of his coat and the \$20 it contained. They shut off the water pipe back of Birkhead's restaurant, and when he came out to turn it on, they set upon him, tearing the coat from his back.

## Personal

Price Middleton and Seidon Robinson left Friday morning for Alpine and will return Saturday with Jervis Robinson, J. B. Arthur, Garland Smith, George Doherty, Elvis Elkins, Walter Middleton, and Jones Parrish, all students of Sul Ross College.

Frank Coker, student of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, came in Saturday and will spend Christmas here with his parents.

Miss Virginia Holman, student of Lindenwood College, at St. Charles, Louisiana, came in Friday and will spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holman.

Wallace Chastain, Wilbourn Underwood and Robert, students of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, came in Friday and will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mrs. M. C. Smith and daughter, Miss Maryatt, left Saturday morning for Gainesville, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Turbeville.

Miss Helen Brewer, member of the faculty of Southwestern University, Georgetown, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer.

Miss Louise Kirk came in from Austin Sunday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. R. P. Kirk.

John A. Weeks, R. W. Earnshaw and J. C. Richards returned Sunday evening from Wichita Falls, where they had been attending to business.

Mrs. Uel Stephens and son are here from San Antonio to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

Mrs. Troy Simpson and daughter left Sunday for Abilene to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goss.

Miss Ruth Holliday left Sunday for Colorado City to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. M. H. Watson.

Six former champions either failed to qualify or were eliminated on the first day in the last national amateur golf championship.

Neil Eubank came in Saturday from Norman, Oklahoma, where he is attending the University of Oklahoma and will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank.

Chester Afferbach, student of St. Edwards University, Austin, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Afferbach.

J. B. Pace came in from Tahoka Friday evening and left Saturday for Ozona where he will be married during the holidays. He was accompanied to Ozona Saturday by Herbert Sledge who will act as best man at his wedding.

Mrs. Fred Kiechle and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh returned Saturday afternoon from Fort Worth, and were accompanied by Misses Mary Jane Kiechle and Evelyn Stobaugh, students of Texas Christian University. Misses Kiechle and Stobaugh will remain here with their parents during the year-end holidays.

James Baskin came in Saturday from Norman, Oklahoma, where he is attending the University of Oklahoma. He will visit here during the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

Glenn Forman came in Friday from Lubbock where he is attending school and will spend the holidays here and at Coleman.

George Kerley, student of Texas Tech at Lubbock, is here to spend Christmas with his parents and friends.

Geo. Kirk, student of Texas Tech, Lubbock, for the past term, came in Friday to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Reese came in Friday from Cisco where they are teaching school this year.

W. C. McCarver, Miss Bess Corbett, Mrs. Lennie Harris and Ernest Schott returned Friday night from Orange where they had been to attend the funeral of Ed. S. McCarver.

Coch and Mrs. Felton Wright left Saturday for Girvin to visit Mrs. Wright's parents for a few days and will return to Junction

for a visit before the holidays are over.

Miss Eugenia Baskin, who is teaching in the Wingate schools this term, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Eleanor Gates, who was operated on at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Friday, was reported to be resting nicely Saturday.

R. W. Earnshaw will leave early Sunday morning for Wichita Falls to look after business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody will leave Sunday morning for Temple to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Joe Forman will leave Sunday morning to spend the holidays with her parents at Alice, Texas.

Ten sets of twins and a set of triplets are enrolled in the Uintah grade school at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Nanell Jones is here from Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones.

Rev. E. W. McLaurin returned Thursday from Marshall, where he had been for the past week at the bedside of his father. He reports his father's condition improved.

Mrs. R. P. Conn and daughter, Miss Doris, have returned to their home at San Antonio after a visit here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Emma Knotts and grandson, Ray Hancock, have returned to their home at Washington, D. C., after being here at attend the funeral of Mrs. Knotts' brother, R. T. Trail.

Cuba topped the list of countries delivering imports to the port of New Orleans last year with 1,195,390 long tons.

University of California's dairy division is manufacturing cottage cheese from milk powder.

Capt Charles P. Maxson, commander of the Southern Pacific fleet, has retired after 46 years and five months' continuous service, having sailed 3,900,000 nautical miles without losing a ship or passenger.

Great Britain imported 3,408,212 dozen pairs of cotton hosiery in the first nine months of 1930.

A ferry capable of carrying 10 autos has been placed in service on the Missouri river at Phelps City, Mo.

Miss Clara Mae Forgey was operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday night and Thursday morning was reported to be recovering after the shock of the operation. Miss Forgey was taken with a sudden attack of of appendicitis Tuesday at noon and was rushed to the local institution late in the afternoon for an emergency operation.

Billy Banker, Tulane's former "blond blizzard" halfback, after a trial in the movies now is playing professional football with the Memphis Tigers.

Miss Willwood Bridwell, student of North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.

Chas. Boyd came in Sunday night from San Antonio to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Boyd.

Miss Lois Kennison is here from Lorenzo to spend Christmas with her sister, Miss Abie Kennison.

Mrs. Frank A. Miller, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, came in Sunday and will visit here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wenter.

Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh and children, of Lubbock, are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett and other relatives.

Youra (Bud) Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holloway of this city, has returned after having spent some time at Happy, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Herring are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Herring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holloway.

Burton Reese is here from Stephenville to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

Owen Boone, student of Sul Ross College, Alpine, is here for the Christmas holidays with home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gardner are here from Newcastle to spend the holidays with Mrs. C. C. Gannaway.

## DEER HUNTER KILLS BIG MEXICAN MOUNTAIN LION

LAREDO, December 15.—A Laredo deer hunter in quest of a supply of venison returned with mountain lion instead, as a result of having been compelled to bring down one of the more dangerous animals instead of a buck. He was just getting ready to fire at a big buck some distance away when a Mexican lion crossed his path and he brought down the six-foot animal.

For a number of years past Mexican ormountain lions have been killed on some of the big ranches in the northeastern portion of Webb county. The latest lion killed was about 20 miles to the north of Laredo. Ranchmen have sought these lions after they have depredated herds of sheep or goats and now deer hunters going into the thickness of the chaparral go prepared to bring down a lion on short notice if one shows up. During the year 1928 seven of the lions were slain on one ranch in northeast Webb county.

The dairyman alleged that oil and gas fumes from the refinery got into the milk causing great deterioration to sale of his products. A jury awarded his damages of \$5,700.

FRUIT FOR VETERANS

HARLINGEN, Tex., Dec. 23.—Fifty bushel baskets of citrus fruits will be shipped to the war veterans hospital at Legion, near Kerrville, by the Harlingen post of the American Legion as a Christmas gift.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

"CUSS-THE-EDITOR-WEEK" BRINGS MANY FUNNY NOTES

DALHART, Tex., Dec. 22.—Dalhart's second annual "Cuss-the-Editor Week," originated last year by John L. McCarty, editor of the Dalhart Texan, has come to a close. Two letters were outstanding.

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**Pioneer Citizen Dies at Concho**

Andrew J. Nichols, one of the oldest pioneer citizens of this section of West Texas, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. T. Tickle, near Concho, Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Nichols has been a resident of this section of West Texas for more than a half century and has lived his entire life in Texas, having been born in Guadalupe county on January 10, 1844. His father moved to Texas when it was a republic and Mr. Nichols has seen the West when it was a real frontier.

He was well known in Ballinger and was often here to attend to business and buy supplies. He has made his home near Concho for many years and was an early settler in that part of the county. He moved to Runnels county in 1879, just seven years before the town of Ballinger was organized.

Funeral services were held at the ranch home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 with Rev. L. D. Hardt, pastor of the Methodist Church at Paint Rock, in charge. Interment was made in the cemetery at Pony at 3 o'clock.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Tickle, Mrs. M. Hulise of Olympia, Wahsington, Mrs. C. D. Harris of Ballinger, and Mrs. Deliah Lott of Beeville; one son, J. A. Nichols of San Angelo, and a sister, Mrs. T. H. Miller of San Antonio. There are also fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lott is a daughter by Mr. Nichols' first marriage.

**Unintentional Suicide**  
Many people are slowly poisoning themselves just as surely as if they drank iodine every morning for breakfast. They are daily absorbing the toxins, or poisons, created by accumulated waste matter in their constipated digestive system. Sooner or later disease will conquer their weakened bodies.

If you have dizzy spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, insomnia, no appetite, bilious attacks or pains in the back and limbs, you are probably suffering from self poisoning caused by constipation. The surest and pleasantest relief for this condition is Herbine, the vegetable cathartic which acts in the natural way. Get a bottle today from Weeks Drug Store.

**SLATON WOMAN CANS MUCH FARM PRODUCTS**

SLATON, Tex., Dec. 23.—The high cost of living doesn't bother Mrs. E. R. Slater, farm wife who lives eight miles southwest of Slaton in the Union community. In fact there is no high cost of living in the Slater home because Mrs. Slater had on her pantry shelves 1,507 quarts containers of food—vegetables, fruit and meats.

This was believed to be one of the most remarkable records made by members of Texas home demonstration clubs since that work was started under direction of the home demonstration agents and A. & M. College. Because of her success, Mrs. Slater is competing for first prize in home canning in Lubbock county and for a like honor in the statewide contest.

Thirty different kinds of vegetables and fruits were included in the exhibit which graces Mrs. Slater's pantry. All the staple foods were there, among them 100 quarts of canned meats. Value of the entire lot was placed at \$544.10.

Mrs. Slater did her canning largely under the supervision of Miss Ruth Stockton, Lubbock county home demonstration agent, and every can and jar was said to have met government standards.

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E. E. Holt, Sr., came in Wednesday afternoon to spend the week here visiting relatives.

**Winters Man Is Chairman of College Campaign**

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 23.—Under the leadership of the Rev. W. R. White, state secretary of the Baptist general convention of Texas, a \$20,000 emergency campaign for Howard Payne College was launched at a meeting here recently.

The Rev. W. T. Hamor, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Winters, was elected general chairman of the campaign.

The meeting was attended by members of the board of trustees of Howard Payne College and pastors and laymen from the Howard Payne District.

Relative to the campaign women of the Women's Missionary Union of this district held a meeting and pledged \$2,500 of the \$20,000. Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of the college, said faculty members had pledged a total of \$6,000. He also said certain individuals would contribute \$3,000 or more.

A plan to secure one thousand donors who would give \$10 or more a year for two years also was introduced. J. J. Kellam, representative of the state board, said this plan had worked successfully in campaigns for other Baptist institutions.

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**Many Dogs are Poisoned in City**

Dogs have been poisoned in Ballinger by the wholesale since Sunday and a canvass Tuesday by Chief of Police Lee Moreland showed at least twelve dogs already dead and a number of others sick. Pieces of meat have been found along sidewalks and while no analysis has been made to see if it contained poison, the officers feel sure that it does as the meat is split several times with a knife and usually placed in front of houses where there are watch dogs.

Just what the meaning is the officers do not know but they are of the opinion that crooks are killing the canines so they can crawl through homes and around premises without molestation later. The faithful animal guardians make it difficult for thieves to enter yards as their growls and barks wake the sleeping masters.

Chief Moreland requests that all citizens keep a close watch and report to him any information they gain regarding the distribution of poison over the city, and he also asks that citizens observe any untoward action at night about their homes.

Prowling and burglary reported here so far has been done by local people it is said, but in other parts of the state a series of house-breakings have made officers believe that gangs of professional robbers are at work.

**TEXAN SELLS PECANS AT DOLLAR A POUND**

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—When J. S. Kingsberry of San Antonio says he raises pecans, he doesn't mean anything else. That is if the price received for his product is known. It is \$1, and up, per pound.

While a recent visitor to the state department of agriculture, Kingsberry reported he had sold a life contract to a leading business man of El Reno, Oklahoma, whereby he is to deliver 100 pounds of pecans each holiday season.

Kingsberry said his pecans also had found great favor with leading business men of the country, included in his regular customers being Henry Ford and Albert R. Erskine, automobile manufacturers.

Kingsberry stresses the production of his pecans from a lime soil.

Miss Edna Mae Lowry came in Saturday from Abilene and has accepted employment with the First National Bank.

Emma Smith, Horace Gustavus, Ruby Ferguson, Thelma and Velma Parrish, students of Simmons University, Abilene, to spend Christmas with parents and relatives.

Miss Fern Killam, student of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, came in Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Killam.

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**City Report Good For Past 8 Days**

The weekly city report issued Monday showed all lines of work connected with the city progressing nicely for the past seven days. No work was done the past week on the new city hall but the replacing of the roof is expected to start as soon as the required colors of tile arrive. Dirt was hauled all during the week and places in the yard at the building and as soon as it is leveled will complete the filling work there.

Workmen have been working at the upper dam this week cutting a channel through the masonry portion of the dam to drain the upper reservoir faster and allow work to begin on the causeway at that place to serve the public road which formerly crossed the creek just below the dam. Water in the upper reservoir has been lowered about three and one-half feet but the natural flow of the creek is retarding the work. A large drain pipe will be placed in the channel cut in the dam with a valve that can be opened and closed as needed.

At the pumping plant workmen have completed tearing out concrete to move the Cameron pump. A large amount of lumber has been stacked and the grounds cleaned up at the plant. A two-inch gate valve has also been installed on the sprinkler line to irrigate grass on the earthen embankments.

The police department has put an extra man on duty during the holidays and will closely watch the business district during that time. Two arrests were reported during the past week, no fines assessed and one old fine collected.

The street department used the grader for three days and a large number of drainage ditches in the south part of town were opened and practically all work completed just in time for the snow and another day of bad weather to cut up the streets which are not paved. All pavements here were swept and dirt hauled to the dump ground.

The water department's report was as follows: cutoffs 35, curns 34, remaining delinquents 3, new meters set 5, boxes set 3, dead ends drained twice, one stop sign and old ones repainted. The rest of the week was used in repairing a few jobs.

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Miss Evelyn Shepherd came in Friday evening from Tahoka where she is a member of the high school faculty, and will spend Christmas at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Drew Dickson, Jr., J. P. Ruhmann, C. A. Doose, Jr., and Woodrow Wilson came in Friday from Lubbock where they are attending Texas Tech and will be here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter, Mary, came in Friday night from Lubbock to spend Christmas with Mrs. Z. A. Snell and other relatives.

**Weddings**

**West-McKown**  
A wedding of interest to many people of Ballinger and Runnels county was performed here Sunday at high noon at the First Methodist Church, Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor, officiating. Miss Ima McKown, popular young lady of Ballinger and county clerk of Runnels county became the bride of Clarence West, of Miles.

The young couple accompanied by a few close friends and relatives of both contracting parties came to the church at the close of the morning service and were married. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. West left for a short honeymoon trip after which they will be at home in Ballinger in the residence formerly occupied by O. C. Sykes, 705 Sixth Street.

Mr. West is a popular young farmer of the Miles section, having lived there for many years. He is well known in that part of the county as well as in Ballinger and has a host of friends. He will make his home here and will still look after his interests in the Miles community.

Mrs. West has served this county as clerk for two years and will begin her second term in the office January 1. Prior to election to that office she was deputy clerk under W. A. Forgey and before that was connected with local business establishments. She has made her home here for the past ten years and resided practically all her life in this county.

**Elliott-Copeland Nuptials**  
In a beautiful setting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Miss Jennie Louise Copeland of Cleburne became the bride of Rainey Elliott of Hobbs, N. Mexico, this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The beauty of the Douglass home on Broadway was enhanced with a lovely floral decoration throughout the entire reception suite. Gorgeous white chrysanthemums and Lady Hillingdon roses with maiden hair fern were used in artistic arrangement. The fireplace with its embankment of maiden hair ferns and white chrysanthemums, formed the background for the wedding.

Rev. T. E. Bowman officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony. Only very close friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Frank Pearce sang "At Dawning" preceding the service with Mrs. Robert Bruce playing her accompaniment. Miss Marjorie McAdams played Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the entrance of the couple and their two attendants.

The bride was wearing a chocolate brown crepe model with all accessories in the same shade.

Miss Frances Veale, of Breckenridge, the maid of honor, wore an attractive tailored wool crepe frock in a new blue shade.

The groom's only attendant was Gordon Copeland of Cleburne, a brother of the bride.

For traveling the bride changed to a sport suit of cobalt blue with felt hat, bag, and other accessories in brown.

Immediately following the

wedding Mr. and Mrs. Elliott left for their home in Hobbs.

Mrs. Elliott is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Copeland of Cleburne and a niece of Mrs. Douglass. She has spent much time here visiting and has a host of friends among the older people as well as among those of the younger set. She graduated from the Cleburne high school four years ago and attended Texas Christian University for two years.

Mr. Elliott is the son of Judge and Mrs. J. M. Elliott of Memphis and lived there until leaving for college. He graduated from T. C. U. with spring class of 1930 and since the time has been an employee of the Oil Well Supply company at Hobbs, N. M.

It was during Mrs. Elliott's freshman year in T. C. U. that the romance started which culminated in the wedding today.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Copeland, her brothers, Gordon and Bob, and a sister, Mary, were here for the wedding.

**WHITE CALLS ATTENTION TO ATTENDANCE LAW**

Supt. R. E. White stated Wednesday morning that notices regarding compulsory attendance had been sent to all teachers of the county but so far no complaints had been filed by any. The date of attendance started on December 1 and a few had reported that their children were not in school because they had no suitable clothing to wear. In these cases teachers in these schools were trying to arrange for the needed clothing in the community and expected to make it possible for such children to enroll at once. A few others had not been enrolled because the families expected to leave this county during the month of December to live elsewhere and would not start their children until after the first of the year and in their new homes. Mr. White stated that a strict check would be made after the first of the year and an effort made to have every child in the county within the ages enter school for at least 100 days.

Most schools of the county will close Friday evening for the Christmas holidays, however, a few will teach until Tuesday, December 23. Schools in the county will take up on December 29 and run with out any interruptions thereafter.

Mrs. J. R. Lusk and son, Robert Jr., are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor.

Stephen Francis, student of Baylor Medical School, Dallas, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn and Mrs. Lucy Townsend will leave Sunday morning for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Frances Cotten, student of Simmons University, Abilene, came in Friday and will spend the Christmas holidays in Ballinger.

**Seniors Too Much For Underclassmen**

A good sized crowd of football fans witnessed one of the best games of the year at Fair Park Thursday afternoon when the seniors of Ballinger high school met and defeated the lower classmen 13 to 0. The game was hard fought from start to finish and started with the lower classmen carrying the ball down the field within a short distance of the goal line, only to lose it on downs, not being able to carry the ball across for a counter.

Due to the regular Bearcat line being on the senior team, the lowerclassmen resorted to a passing game and completed many for good gains. Hard luck fell to them in the last quarter when Partridge received a pass from Marsh and rushed across the senior line only to be called back and receive a penalty. Marsh had been passing too near the line of scrimmage and this was responsible for the penalty after the touchdown had been made.

"Sad" Sam Jones started a campaign of line smashing for the seniors in the second quarter and kept it up for the remainder of the game. His terrific smashes at the line with the help of the husky seniors in their own line made him impossible to stop and he reeled off many yards and twice carried the ball across the line for touchdowns. After one score a pass for extra point was incomplete and the last score Sims carried the ball over behind good interference.

For the underclassmen several men starred and it is to these boys that the fans must look for the club next year. Bailey at tackle stopped many plays and showed lots of fight all the way. Kemp, another big fellow, looked good at tackle and fought a hard game. McIntire proved that he can catch passes and carry the ball for the underclassmen and turned in a nice game for them. Partridge, Marsh, Flynt and McWilliams also showed up well in the backfield, and in the line Lynn, McWilliams, Straley and Hutto played good games.

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