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RUNNELS DROUTH AID SURVEY COMPLETED

\$1,534,000 in Contracts Let for State Highways

AUSTIN, Jan. 21.—The state highway commission today awarded contracts aggregating \$1,534,313 for the improvement of 87.6 miles of designated highways.

The largest single contract let was for 22 miles of paving and other road work in Hale county.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—New roads enough to circle the globe will criss-cross the United States beneath the straining muscles of 300,000 workmen this year at a cost of nearly one billion dollars.

Reports compiled today show 9,000 of the 25,000 miles will be hard-surfaced.

Texas is planning to spend about \$45,000,000 and employ 12,000 men in building new roads.

New Mexico's plans have not yet been announced.

Louisiana contemplates a most ambitious program with 1,000 miles of gravel roads and 2,500 miles of paved roads at a cost of approximately \$75,000,000.

NOEL LEAHMAN BREVARD, BLANTON BABY, HAS 10 LIVING GRANDPARENTS

Noel Leahman Brevard, six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard of Blanton, has ten grandparents—five grandmothers and five grandfathers—making two sets of five generations.

Noel's long list includes as his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby of Herring, as his great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Morton of Glen Cove, and as his great grandpa, "Grandad" Overman of Norton—making five generations of his mother's family. In his father's family Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard of Herring are his grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller, also of Herring, great grandparents; and Mrs. Tabitha Clark of Lubbock, his great great grandpa—making five generations of his father's family.

He can also boast of one great great great aunt, Mrs. Nancy Brister of San Angelo, as well as upward of twenty great great aunts and uncles.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks are attending to business in San Antonio this week.

C. R. Stone Named President Of C. of C. for Ensuing Year

C. R. Stone was elected president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday morning. The board meeting was called several days ago by retiring president, F. M. Pearce, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Seventeen of the 21 directors were present and business was despatched quickly and with considerable optimism.

Mr. Stone in accepting the office asked for the whole hearted cooperation of the directors and officers and promised his best efforts in putting over a sound, business-like administration. He requested a few days time in which to study the situation before naming standing committees for the year. Nine committees are to be appointed and will be announced following the regular meeting of the directorate next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time several other important business items will be brought up.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year were: Grady Stokes, first vice-president; E. E. King, second vice-president; R. G. Erwin, treasurer; J. D. Motley, secretary; and Miss Winnie Trail, assistant secretary. All these individuals were present and accepted their offices, pledging full cooperation for the best interests of the city.

Retiring President Pearce called

Commission Accepts City Hall Building

All work has been completed on the city hall at Ballinger, the final inspection made by the architect and the commission accepted by the commission. Final settlement with the contractors, Suggs & Dunlap, has been made and the building is now ready for the inspection of the people of Ballinger.

This is the last of the city improvement program to be completed here. The water system and tower were accepted in December by the commission and at that time a few changes were necessary at the city which have all been made in compliance with the contract and to the satisfaction of the architect.

The building will be formally opened next Friday, January 23, and all local people and many visitors will be invited to inspect the building from top to bottom and attend a program there.

The city is still improving conditions at the pumping station but will soon have the plant modernized and one of the best systems in operation to be found in this part of the state.

The past week a number of streets were graded and made good for travel just in time to catch the week-end rain. One important and needed piece of work was finished with the completion of the culvert connecting Hamilton Avenue and Broadway. This is the main street leading to Wilke Terrace and a large drain pipe has been placed in the ditch at the side of the concrete paving and covered over opening this street.

All street equipment operated here this week for more than two days and until rains started falling Friday.

FAVORS REDUCTION

TAYLOR, Tex., Jan. 17.—The Taylor branch of the Texas Co-operative Cotton Association went on record favoring reduction of cotton acreage here last week, members pledging to decrease their acreage at least 20%.

Be wise and advertise.

Brady is Denied Rehearing; Youth To Die in Chair

AUSTIN, Jan. 21.—The court of criminal appeals today overruled a second motion for a rehearing for John W. Brady, of Austin, former jurist on the court of civil appeals, who was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary on charges of having murdered Miss Lehlia Highsmith, capitol stenographer. The young woman was stabbed to death on November 9 after the annual homecoming football game of the University of Texas.

His defense in the trial was temporary insanity induced by overindulgence in intoxicating liquor.

The court also overruled a second motion for a rehearing in the case of Clyde Thompson, of Eastland county, sentenced to the electric chair on charges of murdering A. L. Shook September 8, 1928. A sanity hearing recently found Thompson sane.

Thompson and two other youths were arrested after the bodies of Shook and his brother, Leon, were found near the Shook cabin near Leray.

"Make A Job Now" Campaign is Begun

A move is to be urged here for the next few weeks to give work to those who are unemployed. Weather conditions for the past few weeks have made it impossible for many men to work who have jobs and leaders in charity work in Ballinger feel that much good can be accomplished if Ballinger people will have all yard work needed done in the next few days and hire someone to do it now.

C. R. Stephens, chairman of the charity board stated Tuesday afternoon that there are many people here wanting work badly and that he would suggest that everyone in town who can afford it and has some work that will need to be done soon, to have the job done at once and pay a wage of 25 cents per hour for the service.

A merchant interviewed stated that he was sure much good could be done and that in his opinion there could be more than a hundred jobs given at any time. Yards are being made ready for the coming spring, trees, rose bushes and shrubs are being planted and pruned, lawns require dirt to be hauled and spread, weeds are growing, and need cutting and many little repair jobs should be looked after now.

A full day's work will help greatly where families have been without anything to do for several weeks. A number of other West Texas towns have tried this same arrangement with wonderful success and unemployed have received work and yards and houses have been greatly improved by the work done.

The idea here is not to list the jobs but for every family that can create a job for one or more days and then hire someone to do the work. This will be far reaching and of untold benefit. Charity leaders and merchants favor the plan and already a number of people have been placed on jobs that will last from one day to one week. Yards are being landscaped, fences repaired and various other kinds of work done.

Ballinger people are urged to look over their places, arrange what work they will need done before the beginning of spring and start someone to work at once.

Mrs. John F. Currie and Mrs. Lena Hagan returned Monday from Austin, where they had been for a week's visit. On their return trip they spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mangum, of Temple, and visited Mrs. George Royalty, of Waco.

R. A. Perry, county commissioner, was attending to business in Ballinger Monday.

Macune New Health Officer; Sheriff Given New Ford Car

The commissioners' court of Runnels county met in special session Wednesday afternoon in the office of County Judge Paul Trimmer. All members of the court were present to transact several important matters of business and after disposing of all minor details three issues were submitted to the court.

Dr. J. W. Macune was appointed county health officer and took over the duties of that office Thursday morning. He assumes the office held by Dr. W. B. Halley for many years, the latter having retired to look after private practice. Dr. Macune is well

known over the county and is well acquainted with the duties of health officer.

The Higginbotham Funeral Home was selected as county undertaker on a competitive bid and will arrange details of funerals of paupers and others for whom the county is responsible.

It was ordered by the court that a new four-door Ford sedan be purchased for use by Sheriff W. A. Holt. The automobile was purchased Thursday and turned over to the sheriff. Until this time he had been using his own automobile and carrying out the duties of the office.

County Meet Dates Are March 20, 21

Dates for the county interscholastic meet have been set for March 20 and 21. The gathering this year will be held at Winters with the school there and all class A, B, and rural schools of the county will compete in all events.

The tennis, volley ball, playground ball and literary events will begin on the afternoon of March 20 and the meet will close with track and field events on the afternoon of the 21st at Blizzard Field. The meet was held here last year and as has been the custom for a number of years, goes to Winters this year, the towns alternating in entertaining the meet every other year.

All students winning first place in any event will be eligible to go to San Angelo for the district meet on April 17 and 18. Winners in the district will represent schools from this section in the state meet at Austin in May.

A large number of Ballinger students from the juniors up to the high school will be listed in the events at Winters. All events will be filled with entries and many are already rehearsing for their work and will offer hard competition to other class A schools.

There are only three schools in the county who compete in class A. Miles, Winters and Ballinger are rated in this class and rivalry is keen in all games, contests and literary events. Ballinger will invite the meet here for the next session in 1932.

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

County Court Hears Land Case

County court convened here Wednesday morning and the cases of J. H. Wilke et al vs. the City of Ballinger and Mrs. A. S. Wilke et al vs. the City of Ballinger were called for hearing. Both cases were appealed from the condemnation commission to the county court and involve two tracts of land recently condemned by the city. The litigation relates to land adjacent to the new city dam on Elm Creek.

A jury of six men was selected Wednesday morning and testimony was expected to start later in the day, with probably two days required to hear the evidence. A court stenographer from Abilene was sworn in to take down the testimony at the opening of court Wednesday.

Both suits were consolidated by agreement of counsel at the beginning of the trial.

The firm of Crager & Dickey is representing the Wilke interests and A. K. Doss, of Abilene, and City Attorney C. P. Shepherd will present the city's case.

Rev. W. H. Doss, chaplain of the State Senate, writes the Ledger to come to his address as he cannot do without the news from the old home town. Rev. Doss expects to be away from Ballinger for three months or longer.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

District Meet Dates Set for April 17-18

The dates for district interscholastic league meet at San Angelo have been set for April 17 and 18. All county meets will be concluded by that time and first place winners from twelve counties will gather in San Angelo for further eliminations. Counties included in the district are: Runnels, Coke, Concho, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

Directors in charge of special events have been named as follows: H. C. Lyon, Ballinger, essay writing; R. D. Holt, Eldorado, debate; E. W. LeFevre, Eden, senior declamation; W. R. Hardy, Sterling City, junior declamation; A. H. Smith, Winters, extemporaneous speaking; and W. R. Bissett, San Angelo, athletics.

The Ballinger schools will be represented at the district meet by a number of pupils who will not compete in the county meet. A cast of players will be entered in the one-act play contest; the girls' glee club and other musical organizations also entering some events.

The county meet will be held at Winters a week prior to the district meet, all winning individuals and teams being eligible to go into the district competition. Winners at San Angelo will go to Austin soon after to take part in the state meet.

Ballinger students already are preparing for the contests. Entries in volley ball, playground ball, tennis, basketball, track, and all literary divisions are being selected and groomed for the county meet.

Wheat Reduction Meet in Amarillo

AMARILLO, Jan. 20.—Panhandle wheat growers, grain dealers and bankers, joined by representative groups from New Mexico and Oklahoma gathered here today to discuss voluntary wheat acreage reduction to save themselves from "financial ruin."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Senate agricultural committee today approved the bill authorizing the federal farm board to devote the 20,000,000 bushels of wheat purchased by its subsidiaries for relief purposes.

TEXAS TECH PLANNING FOR SHORT COURSE

LUBBOCK, Tex., Jan. 19.—Tentative plans have been made for the third annual Farm and Home Makers Short Course, sponsored by Texas Technological College and to be held at that institution February 10-12.

The annual farmers' supper to be held the night of February 11 will be one of the features of the course. Members of the Lubbock county home demonstration clubs will prepare and serve a dinner entirely of Lubbock county products.

Certain districts of northern Mexico have been closed to game hunters from the United States and other foreign countries for one year.

The survey just completed in the drouth stricken area of Runnels county shows that a total of \$47,800 aid is needed. This was announced Tuesday morning by C. R. Stephens, chairman of the American Red Cross chapter of this county and a member of the committee to handle the farm loans through the federal government.

The survey shows 370 families needing help and is divided with \$32,800 being needed for feed and seed and \$13,700 needed for food.

The canvass was made the latter part of last week by school districts and those working on the committees making the canvass were selected for their knowledge of the conditions in the district and were asked to limit requests to the lowest figure. This was done by all committees and yet the amount ran higher than was expected.

O. B. Martin, head of the Extension Service work in Texas, has called a meeting Thursday at Abilene of the county committees and ex-officio members to discuss the plans for securing federal farm loans. Mr. Martin will have all application blanks with him at the meeting in Abilene and will be able to explain every detail of the work necessary for the members to know. The county committee here is composed of C. R. Stephens, R. G. Erwin, J. McCaughan and C. W. Lehman. All four men from this county will attend the session at Abilene. In a letter to Mr. Stephens, Martin stated that he believed that application could be made at once and loans secured by Feb. 1 as the organization was already in good shape and ready to function.

The loans from this federal appropriation can be secured by anyone who can secure the loan with their prospective crop. The loans will be made at 5 per cent interest and will be for the purpose of securing feed and seed for farmers. None of these loans will be for the purchase of food. Some of the farmers who need these loans have already mortgaged for the coming year but it is believed that in some cases a part can be released so that the loans may be properly secured.

The allotment to Texas out of the recent appropriation of \$45,000,000 relief is more than three million dollars and it is thought that all applications for loans will be granted in full.

Speaking of the need of food for family consumption, Mr. Stephens stated that this would have to come through the Red Cross. This organization has already signified their intention of taking over this part of the work throughout the nation. Headquarters has been notified of the amount of aid that will be needed in this county. Mr. Stephens stated that he had filed a complete report with the Red Cross and expected a letter of instructions from them early next week, setting out their plans for immediate relief to such families as are now in destitute circumstances.

The 370 families in this county asking aid do not all need feed, seed and food. Some only need one of these items, some two, and a few are badly in need of all three. The \$32,800 asked for feed and seed will take care of all crops yet to be planted and insure a harvest on every acre of land now in cultivation. It will provide feed for teams and in case of tractors being in use on the farms, will furnish fuel.

As soon as the Abilene meeting is over the committee expects to be in possession of all particulars of the plans and the workings of the federal farm loans and to have material on hand for farmers to make applications.

In making the survey of the county, those in charge of the work, in each district were asked to mark those in dire need "urgent" and as soon as relief in the way of supplying food is available these families will be notified first.

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Funeral Planned For Lubbock Man

(By Associated Press)
LUBBOCK, Tex., Jan. 21.—Funeral services will be held here Friday for L. Herbert Quinn, publisher of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, found dead in the sand hills near here yesterday from exhaustion and exposure, the aftermath of an automobile trip which started Sunday across the sand dunes to look for antelope.

Charles A. Guy, editor of Quinn's paper, and Guy's wife accompanied Quinn in the car which became stalled in the deep sand. Queen went for help Sunday evening, never returning. Guy and his wife were rescued alive.

Airplanes and automobiles were used in a county wide search which preceded finding of the body.

TURKEYS WON AT RAFFLE START WOMAN IN BUSINESS

CALGARY, Alberta, Jan. 19.—Mrs. W. A. Freeman, Ardenode, Alta., won two turkeys at a raffle nine years ago and has become the largest producer of the birds in Canada.

Her original pair has grown to an annual flock of 2,500 and next year she plans to raise 5,000.

The Freeman ranch is a show place of western Canada. A creek furnishes plenty of water and a sandy soil provides good drainage. The main flock is kept on about 300 acres of land, and chicks are raised in incubators.

Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman returned Saturday from Corsicana, Dallas and other points, where they had been for a week visiting and attending to business.

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The amount of bad colds, flu and near-pneumonia cases here and about the county should encourage people to take care of themselves and use every prevention to avoid taking down with cases of flu. A large number of cases have been reported here within the past ten days and the weather is ideal for others.

Sunshine will be welcome here for several weeks. There is considerable work that needs to be done at present and is waiting for the ground to dry. Farmers need to start plowing, the road grading job will get under way in earnest and construction of the causeway on Elm Creek will start with good weather.

Kidnappings are getting too common in Texas. The workings of the gangs are not limited to children as has been the common practice for years, but adults are being held by gangsters and ransom demanded of relatives. Some legislators are offering bills at the present session of the legislature that would make the crime punishable by death and many peace officers believe that with this penalty, the crime would become less.

Every cloud now means a rain. Last summer good opportunities could pass by without any moisture falling but since October last year rain has come regularly and hardly a week has passed without muddied roads and good rains falling. The new road work got in one day's work grading between rains and now will have to wait for dry weather again before work can be resumed.

Farming may get a little late start in this county unless farmers get some plowing done soon. For about six weeks there have been few days dry enough for plows to operate and much of the ground is still unbroken and will require some time to be made ready for spring planting. A large number of farmers are planning to plant spring oats but so far have been unable to get in their fields.

According to recent figures published there are about 200 men given steady employment on highways for each million dollars spent. These figures of course are a general average covering the entire length of the contract and at stages of the work more men are employed than at others. The work in Runnels county at the present time is far ahead of that average, as between 50 and 60 men are working on a \$41,000 contract.

We are far into the winter season and nothing near zero weather has been experienced. Most of those who lived in this county last winter are ready for spring without such severe temperatures. This winter has brought plenty of cold but no cutting blizzards common to this region. Some look forward to February as a cold month but the reason for this prediction is due to the fact that we have had so little frigid weather to date that some is naturally expected.

People forget dates easily and become confused. For the last several days we have heard a number of arguments about the cold weather of January one year ago. The record shows that the coldest night was on January 17 when the government thermometer here registered two degrees below zero. This record was preceded, however, by a number of days when the mercury ranged from nine to twelve above zero for every night. Ice and cold weather started early in the month and reached a peak on January 17.

Terracing and soil conservation work are going on so fast in Runnels county that the county agent is kept on the go all the time. A book of dates for assisting in this work shows him more than a month behind at present and all his time is being given to assisting farmers in running lines on their farms. Better production of terraced farms is convincing Runnels county farmers of the big advantages of this type of farming and they are anxious to move forward with their neighbors. This county leads all counties in the state in terraced acreage at present and many acres will be added to the total before planting time.

Proof that the winter has been extremely mild so far can be seen in a number of rose gardens in

town that are still growing with a heavy foliage and attempting to bloom. Some plants are full of buds which break open into a bloom that is injured by frost and ice and never develop into a full rose. At this same time last year such plants were bare and many shrubs of the evergreen type were frozen and did not get growing again until late in the spring and early summer. These same type shrubs this year are pretty and green and are not injured by weather.

With the wonderful season in the ground it is a fine time to start plans for the yard and lawn for the coming year. A number of local people are already beginning to have fertilizer placed on their lawns so that the spring rains will soak it into the ground. Trees are being trimmed and a number have had their yards completely landscaped and new trees and shrubs set. All trees and shrubs should do well this year and people who need dirt can get it hauled now and serve a double purpose. The yard needs it and there are many people who need employment. A few loads of rich dirt will insure a beautiful green lawn this spring and summer.

Have you paid your taxes? The date for tax payment before a penalty is assessed is short, there being only one week after this one is gone. Ballinger people should bear in mind while paying their taxes that many of them are due a tax to the cemetery association at this time. This is an important tax and lot owners there should be extremely proud of the good work which has been done during the past few years by officers of that association. It is through the taxes paid to the organization that this improvement program is made possible and for the sake of continuing with this work, people should see that their tax is paid.

The need of another good road in Runnels county was plainly seen Friday night when prize winning boys and girls from Maverick and Norton were unable to get here for the chamber of commerce banquet on account of the roads. A hard surfaced road into this section would serve many people and would also be a connecting link in highways that would be of great importance to traffic from Sweetwater through here to San Antonio and other points. Another device is needed into the Olsen community but this will be solved when the surfacing is applied to highway No. 4 south of here to the Concho county line. When that stretch is completed a few miles of surfacing on a lateral road will give that community an all-weather road to Ballinger. Visitors here from Brown, Miles, San Angelo, Winters and Abilene had no trouble in attending the banquet or returning home when it was over.

TRAPPEES WILL REALIZE \$50,000 FROM PELTS

KERRVILLE, Tex., Jan. 21.—Approximately \$50,000 will be paid to trappers this season for furs purchased by five direct-buying houses located at Fredericksburg, Boerne, Del Rio and Sonora and Kerrville, according to estimates of local buyers. The estimate was based on pelts bought so far this season. The season opened December 1 and closes February 1. An average of 5,000 pelts a week is being exported from Kerrville.

Fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum, civit cats, muskrat, weasel, wolf and ringtail make up the bulk of the furs bought. The fur harvest will be only about 65 per cent of the last season catch, because of lower prices this year.

Sheriff Bob Crimm of Lamb county spent Friday and Saturday here attending to business and visiting with relatives.

Bill Griffiths, of Coleman, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Proposed Band Is Voted Down

The Ballinger Fire Department held a meeting of its members Tuesday night and among other things to come before the meeting was the matter of the proposed band.

At the last meeting a committee was appointed to draft an amendment to the constitution which would enable the band officials to enroll enough honorary members to complete a band. This committee made its report and submitted the proposed amendment which was immediately voted down. By the rejection of this amendment it is the voice of the majority of the members of the local fire department that a band for that organization is not believed to be the proper thing. However, some have expressed a desire to see Ballinger have an adult band and will devote their energies toward that end through some other channel.

MOORE FAMILY TO MOVE TO BALLINGER SOON

Bill Moore, who recently purchased the Potter Produce Co., will shortly move his family to Ballinger so that he may be closer to his new business. Mr. Moore has some unfinished business at Talpa and when that is disposed of he will be here all the time to give his business every attention. Ballinger people will gladly welcome these good people and the Ledger feels sure that church, school and social circles will profit by their coming.

CANE HARVESTING MACHINE TO BE USED IN EVERGLADES

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 21.—Machines which cut sugar cane, strip it of blades, cut it again into small pieces and load it into truck cars all in one operation, will be used to harvest cane crops on Everglades plantations this winter.

Engineers who announced the machine said if it proves practical, it will be the first instance of such machinery being used successfully in the industry. Cane harvesting machines, similar to the ones to be used here, had been invented in Australia, engineers said, but labor difficulties prevented their use in Australian cane fields. Another device was also tried out in Cuba, but was unsuitable for use there.

Mrs. H. T. Forson left Thursday morning for Stanton to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Lee Richards, who was reported very ill. Mr. Forson accompanied his wife as far as Abilene.

Mrs. Herman Schaus, of New York, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

Arthur Heywood, Paint Rock man, was here Wednesday attending to business.

Friends in Ballinger will be glad to learn that Miss Blanche Yeager, formerly of this city but now residing in Dallas, is recuperating after a long illness.

H. C. Lyon, J. D. Motley, Roy Reeder and Fred Kiechle went to San Angelo Wednesday afternoon to attend to business.

F. L. Gerhart, of Winters, was attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday and renewed his paper for another year. Mr. Gerhart has been reading the Banner-Ledger for 29 years without a lapse.

No Bets on 166-1 Winner
DERBY, England, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Angel Pavement won a race here at odds of 166 to 1—but nobody backed the horse and all money wagered on other horses to win was returned.

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HITCH-HIKER RETURNS TO AUSTIN AFTER LONG TRIP

AUSTIN, Jan. 17.—E. J. Hickley, the hitch-hiking cowboy of the University of Texas is back in Austin, ten-gallon hat and all, after a 35,000 mile trip around the country. He left last June and obtained the signature of governors in 42 states and numerous celebrities.

His list included Calvin Coolidge, Alfred E. Smith, Mayor Jimmie Walker of New York, Admiral R. E. Byrd, Knute Rockne, Franklin Roosevelt, Bobby Jones, Primo Carnera and John Phillip Sousa.

In addition to visiting 40 states, he toured part of Mexico and all Canadian provinces.

He was presented with complimentary tickets to football games by Knute Rockne, Notre Dame coach, and Albie Booth, star Yale quarterback.

Hickey will enroll in the University for the second semester.

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.

BURNING OF LEAVES FOUND TO HARM TREES AND SOIL

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 17.—The autumn practice of burning leaves may seriously injure trees, plants and even the soil itself. So say scientists of the Bartlett tree research laboratories here.

Fire may scar tree trunks, leaving weak points for the entrance of disease. Tender buds of low-growing trees may be killed by flames that rise too high.

Frequent burning-over of soil destroys the leaf mold, bakes the soil, and allows tons of plant food to wash away, it is found.

BALLINGER FIREMEN HAVE PICTURES MADE

Members of the Ballinger fire department gathered at the fire station Sunday for a group picture which had for a background equipment and the facade of the new station. The photographs, which will be ready this week, can be seen at Martin's Studio.

Feed from Honey Locust
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Charles R. Hall, Lee county farmer, has developed what he terms "an excellent sweet feed" for cattle by grinding 100 pounds of honey locust pods with 100 pounds of ear corn and adding 100 pounds each of mill feed and cottonseed meal.

Ballinger Opposes Class A District

School officials and members of the Athletic commission of the board have discussed the proposed class A district in this section of the country in Interscholastic League football and oppose the forming of such a district. They have considered the proposed new district from many sides and believe that it is unsound and would hurt the game rather than help it.

A letter has been sent to R. L. Williams of Brady, who is calling a meeting on the proposition, expressing the views of the local school and while this school might be forced into the district in case it is organized, they do not want any change made at present.

Local authorities point out the fact that by taking the schools mentioned out of class B football it would practically ruin the chances of smaller schools to maintain a district. Another reason pointed out is the fact that the league might not remain that same way for more than a year and then smaller towns would be thrown in a district with large cities where they would have little chance, if any, of winning. A third reason set forth shows that when the district champions were named that these several small towns would have no chance in the race which starts toward a state championship.

Should other towns favor the forming of the new district, Ballinger would almost be forced to join as there would be no one left to play in this section of the state.

The commission and officials believe that for the best interests of the game and school work and the boys the district should remain as it now stands.

The matters will be threshed

out within a short time and it is likely that school officials will meet to discuss the situation and do something definite. So far Ballinger has been able to find plenty of competition in class B football and would like to remain there.

Vegetables Aid Nature Best

There is no substitute in all nature for vegetables. That's why Carter's Little Liver Pills work so naturally when you are troubled with torpid liver, biliousness and constipation. Made only of most pure vegetable calomel, they move your thirty-two ounces of bile thoroughly cleansing system. All druggists. Red bottles. Take Carter's.

WANT EXPERIMENT STATION

BROWNFIELD, Tex., Jan. 20.—The Brownfield Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring a bill at the legislature calling for establishment of an agricultural experiment station on the south plains in the territory comprising Cochran, Yoakum, Baines, Terry and portions of Lynn and Dawson counties. This bill was introduced at the last regular session of the legislature and was passed by the senate and approved by the Agricultural Committee of the House, but failed to reach the floor on account of adjournment.

Fresh roasted coffee—8 pounds \$1.00. U. E. Hartman Grocery. 2-Stw

\$3,000 REALIZED FROM IRRIGATED TRUCK FARM

CANADIAN, Tex., Jan. 19.—Sub-irrigated tracts of land near the Canadian River proved ideal garden spots last year.

Of the many tracts now devoted to truck farming, I. M. Simpson's 12-acre plat near the

Oklahoma line showed a good profit in 1930 with a yield of more than \$3,000 worth of vegetables and fruits. He marketed his products in cities from Western Oklahoma to Pampa, Texas. It was the first year the land was in cultivation, and Simpson did not make a business of the undertaking. He expects to double the yield in shown sales amounting to \$500 an acre.

WHEAT FATTENS PIGS

DIMMITT, Tex., Jan. 16.—As proof that wheat can be fed successfully to hogs in preparing them for market, Barber Eubanks, Castro county farmer, points to the fact that he put 84 pounds of weight on a five-months-old pig in one month. He fed the pig crushed wheat and corn.



After 40 Bowel trouble is Most Dangerous

Constipation may easily become chronic after forty. Continued constipation at that time of life may bring attacks of piles—and a host of other disorders. Watch your bowels at any age. Guard them with particular care after forty. When they need help, remember a doctor should know what is best for them.

"Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin" is a doctor's prescription for the bowels. Tested by 47 years' practice, it has been found thoroughly effective in relieving constipation and its ills for men, women and children of all ages. It has proven perfectly safe even for babies. Made from fresh laxative herbs, pure pepsin and other harmless ingredients, it cannot gripe; will not sicken you or weaken you; can be used without harm as often as your breath is bad, your tongue is coated; whenever a headachy, bilious, gassy condition warns of constipation.

Next time just take a spoonful of this family doctor's laxative. See how good it tastes; how gently and thoroughly it acts. Then you will know why it has become the world's most popular laxative. Big bottles—all druggists.

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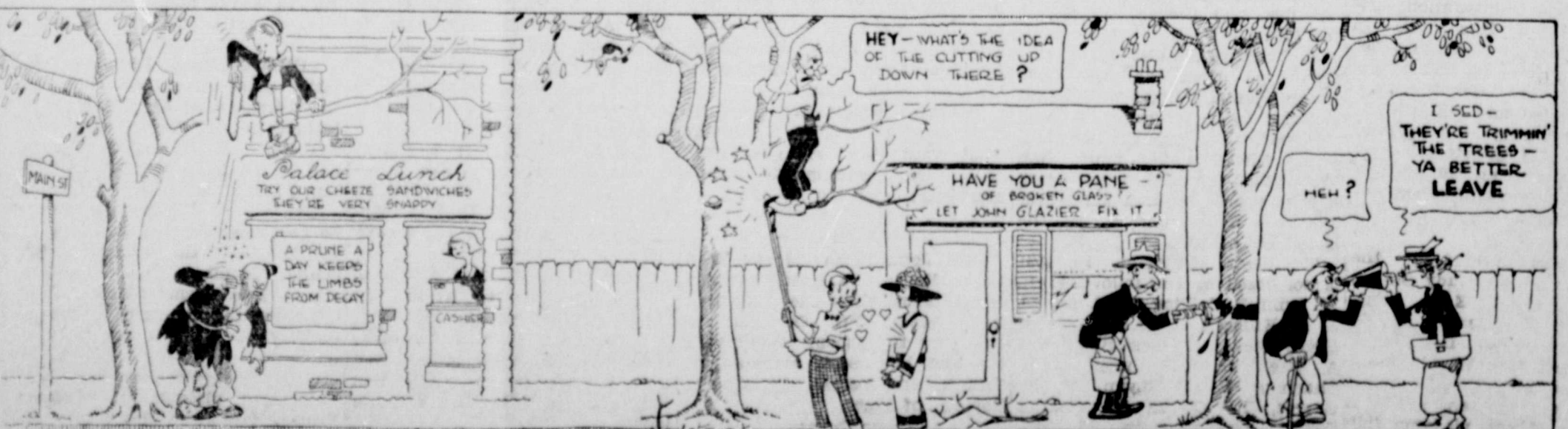
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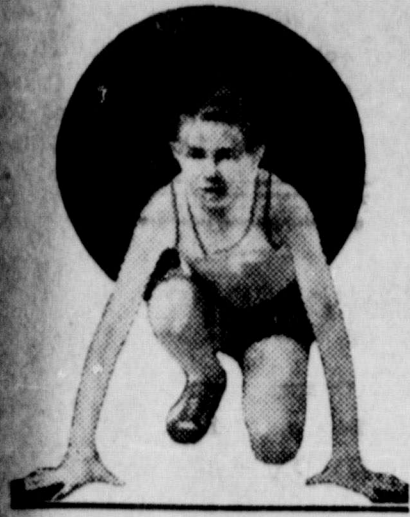
GIVE A THOUGHT TO THE TREES

ALSO A BIT LATE, MAIN STREET HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HER BEAUTIFUL SHADES TREES AND IS GIVING THEM A GOOD PRUNING AND SPRAYING. GREAT MANY UNUSUALLY LONG, HERE, DISCOVERED BY THE GREAT "BOY" BUT WILL BE CUT UP LATE.



By L. F. Van Zelm

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Texas Boy is Healthiest

MY little son, Lee Boyce, had whooping cough," says Mrs. Sam Heyman, 3700 Haynie Avenue, Dallas. "He was having a hard time until I heard of California Fig Syrup and got him some. The first few doses regulated his bowels; brightened him up marvelously; even seemed to ease the coughing spasms a great deal.

"I have since used Fig Syrup with my boy during colds or upsets. It has been a wonderful help to him; has assisted in making him the strong boy you see—perhaps the healthiest one in our neighborhood."

For more than fifty years, mothers have praised California Fig Syrup. Leading physicians advise its use with bilious, headachy, constipated children, or to keep the bowels open during colds or children's diseases. Children love its rich, fruity flavor. It tones and strengthens weakened stomach and bowels; helps make children robust.

Look for the name California when buying. That marks the genuine.



Unemployed Seize Food from Store

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 20.—A thousand unemployed men raided a grocery store and seized food, here today, within three blocks of the city hall.

A hundred city policemen and scores of other officers made wholesale arrests of the raiders.

ARE YOU READY FOR PROSPERITY?

ABILENE, Texas, Jan. 13, 1931. Press dispatches during the last few days show that hundreds of thousands of men and women are being put to work, these reports coming from widely different sections of the country. These immense payrolls will be spent with merchants, thus increasing their clerical and office forces, and the merchants in turn will have to order more goods, thus increasing the output of the factories, which in turn will have to employ more help, thus rapidly accelerating the return of prosperity.

With the best crop prospects in the history of the Southwest, business leaders predict that within the next few months business will be humming again and making up for lost time. And as nearly all lines of business have been running with reduced forces of all kinds, including office help, there is going to be an enormous demand for young men and women ready to step in and shoulder responsibilities when the rush comes. Those who prepare now will get in on the ground floor and will have the finest opportunities for getting a running start toward success that have existed since the war.

In anticipation of these countless opportunities that are sure to come, the Employment Bureau of Draughon's Colleges is sending during 1931 24,000 messages to business firms likely to need office help to make sure that there will be good positions for those alert enough to be ready, and calls are already coming in. And to help ambitious young people to be ready for the hundreds of places at the beginning of the rush, liberal terms will be arranged through our Student Finance Fund for those who want to begin preparation now, either at College or by Mail. There will be no question about the opportunities, but those who wait until prosperity comes to begin preparation will not get in on the grand rush.

If you would like to know more about these opportunities, and our Students Finance Fund, mail the coupon today to Draughon's Business College, Dep't. BL, Dallas, Wichita Falls, Abilene or Lubbock, Texas, and arrange to get started at once, either at College or by Mail, and be sure of a good position early next fall when the opportunities will be the best. Mail the coupon today.

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Deer are the most numerous of big game animals in the national forest, their number totaling almost 1,000,000.

Juries are Called For District Court

Three petit jury venires and a grand jury venire have been summoned for the February term of 35th district court which convenes in Ballinger on February 12. The call is slightly different from heretofore and according to the notices the grand jury veniremen will report to the court here on Monday, February 9, at 1:30 p. m., instead of at 10 a. m. The petit jury veniremen for the first week will not report until 10 a. m. Tuesday. No petit jury was called for the last week of court.

Heretofore all prospective jurymen were called for four weeks of court and all reported at 10 a. m. of the first day. One jury has been omitted altogether, and the first petit jury venire will have one day off before reporting. This was done because it always requires some time before the docket is ready for cases to be called and the opening day jury usually has no cases to hear. The grand jurors will be sworn in the first afternoon of the session. By the time the first case is ready for trial the first petit jury will be formed.

The court docket for this term is light compared with previous terms, especially in number of criminal cases.

Following are the venires summoned:

Grand Jury

John Dean, C. S. Coleman, Paul Gerhart, Albert Afflerbach, P. R. Dietz, Carl Henslee, Milton Clayton, R. M. Albritton, E. J. Cervenka, Jos. Droll, J. C. Cook, E. P. Talbott, James E. Brewer, A. B. Davis, C. C. Carter and J. W. Ash.

Petit Jury—First Week

R. E. Lane, Everett Witter, H. A. Mitchell, A. J. Pfeiffer, Otto Lange, O. H. Scarbrough, L. M. Guin, M. S. Patrick, J. P. Tountsett, W. J. Fisher, W. S. Riddle, M. C. Wilson, Anton Pospichal, J. L. Holland, J. E. Rogers, Lyle Deffebaugh, R. E. Hart, M. M. Svans, Estes M. Lynn, J. F. Neff, J. T. Wiley, H. J. Kasberg, R. D. Martin, C. L. Baker, C. R. Hightower, George Coleman, I. D. Rogers, J. E. Minshew, C. L. Harter, A. J. Thorp, O. G. Loudamy, J. M. Pyburn, E. A. Saunders, John Simecek, W. W. Parramore, G. H. Dierschke.

Petit Jury—Second Week

C. W. Colburn, Ernest Moody, C. M. Gibson, G. P. Teague, C. G. Meeks, Hugh Campbell, R. L. Stokes, M. S. Karmany, C. H. Ray, R. S. Mack, M. L. Northington, J. H. Hobbs, Joe Oliver, J. T. Stevenson, T. O. Williams, F. G. Lewis, O. K. Jacob, C. L. Cook, Horace Murphy, R. B. Barrett, H. G. Herring, Victor Mika, R. P. Shieder, C. E. McMillan, Louis Underwood, J. W. Seals, E. A. Voelkel, W. O. Railey, H. M. Allagood, W. H. Speer, Bun Morgan, Homer C. Daniels, Frank H. Cameron, G. W. Poe, E. J. Schwartz, S. H. Davidson.

Petit Jury—Third Week

W. R. Johnson, W. R. Hutton, Robert E. Bruce, M. B. Parmer, W. T. Hill, M. H. Williams, T. W. Whigham, John Fink, J. H. Voelkel, C. D. Middleton, F. C. Ueckert, Chas. Meeks, C. L. Grayham, H. A. Neas, Wm. Ashton, M. M. Snellings, John Black, W. A. Nance, F. Gallas, P. A. Pullin, C. R. Jones, C. E. Jordan, W. L. Pratt, R. E. Willingham, Fred Machotka, J. T. Moreland, R. L. Pumphrey, Roy Halstead, J. P. Hutton, M. L. Matchell, R. P. Tunnell, J. W. Wood, Henry Doss, Dan Dorner, C. L. Howell, E. D. Norman.

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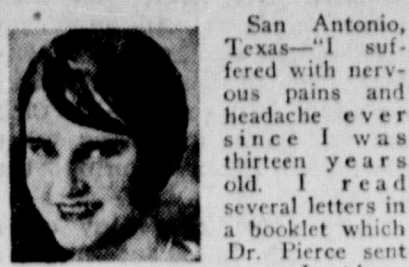
FORMER BALLINGER MAN DIES

R. A. Risser, Sr., 81, was found dead in his bed last Friday morning at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. A. Risser, Jr., of Bonham. Mr. Risser formerly had been the head of a large dry goods store at Bonham and prior to that in Ballinger. The family sold the business here and moved to Bonham a number of years ago.

Mr. Risser made many friends in this section while residing in Ballinger. One son, R. E. Risser, survives. He is manager of the Southwest Pump factory.

Aspirin-Mint advertisement featuring a box of Aspirin-Mint tablets and text describing its benefits for various ailments like headaches and neuralgia.

PAINS AND HEADACHE



San Antonio, Texas.—"I suffered with nervous pains and headache ever since I was thirteen years old. I read several letters in a booklet which Dr. Pierce sent me. I then bought a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it did me so much good that I bought several, and was completely relieved. I recommend its use to all young girls."

—Miss Kathleen Call, Route 4, Box 76. All dealers. Fluid or tablets.

Methodist Revival Dates Announced

Rev. T. E. Bowman at the Sunday night service at the Methodist church announced the spring revival for that congregation which will begin on May 24 and run for two weeks or more. He also announced that Rev. D. P. Doak, pastor of the Methodist church at Plainview, had been secured as a leader in the meeting and would be here for the opening of the services.

Rev. Doak was formerly pastor of the First Methodist Church at Abilene and is an outstanding pastor-evangelist of West Texas. In looking for a man to assist here in the meeting Rev. Bowman was told by Methodist leaders of this section that Rev. Doak was as good as could be found.

The church here was forced to postpone its revival services last year and is making plans far in advance this year so that all the work can be organized and ready to get under way with the approach of the date and the assisting pastor. Rev. Bowman is giving the approaching series of services much thought and will have announcements to make later concerning all phases of the work to be carried on during the two weeks of evangelical effort.

The date will start just at the close of the school year here and everyone will be free to attend night services without the interference of school children and their studies. All denominations will be invited to help in the services which will be held in the Methodist church.

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.

JOHN HOFFER RESIGNS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

John Hoffer, who a number of years ago was mayor of Ballinger, but for the past ten years had been a deputy oil and gas supervisor, is retiring from the service. During his tenure in office Mr. Hoffer has been stationed at San Angelo and covered a large territory in this part of Texas. He has seen much development of the West Texas oil fields.

Buy your printing at home.

Work on Causeway Will Start Soon

Roy Davis, city engineer, is expected to return to Ballinger the first part of this week to supervise construction on the cement causeway at the upper city dam. For several weeks drain lines have been open to drain the upper lake to a point where construction could be started. The water line is now low enough to prevent interference with the construction and as soon as the engineer sets the stakes work will begin.

The upper dam will be used for a portion of the causeway. The creek will be filled in above the dam, making a cement span 20 feet wide and a three-foot banister on either side. When this low bridge is completed traffic will be able to cross when both reservoirs are full of water and it will supersede the old crossing, used for many years. The roadway will have to be changed slightly, building a grade about 100 yards north of the present right-of-way.

Brown & Root hold the contract for the causeway but probably will sublet the job to local contractors. The project will not require much time to complete providing there are no rises on Elm Creek. The natural flow of the stream has been so great for the past several months that it was difficult to drain the reservoirs.

This will be the last of the work connected with the waterworks extension program. The causeway was made necessary because the new dam constructed creates a lake about eight feet deep at the old ford.

Substitute Father Not Wanted

You prefer your own. In like manner, don't accept substitute for old-time, reliable remedy for biliousness, torpid liver and constipation. Take Carter's Little Liver Pills. Starting free flow of nearly two pounds of bile, they thoroughly cleanse system. All druggists. Red bottles. Substitutes are insults. Take Carter's.

MILES BAKERY IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The plant of the Home Baking Company at Miles was considerably damaged by fire and water Friday night. The fire was discovered at 10 p. m. and before the volunteer company could clear the building the property had been damaged to the extent of about \$2,000.

The building was owned by T. A. Boykin and the bakery was operated by J. A. Andert. Mr. Andert said he had no idea of how the fire originated as everything was apparently all right when the shop was closed.

As soon as machinery and supplies can be arranged in another building the bakery will be reopened.

Getting Up Nights

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly allay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 60c at

Weeks Drug Store

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the accounts of firms and individuals upon the merits of prompt, satisfactory and courteous attention and as liberal accommodations as are warranted by Conservative Banking.

Advertisement for THE First National Bank, featuring the text 'A Strong Bank Thoughtfully Managed' and 'SINCE 1886'.

Grading Work is Started Thursday

All crews began work Thursday morning on highway No. 23 between Ballinger and Talpa. Between 50 and 60 men and 124 head of mules went to work in four crews.

Two crews commencing grading. An effort was made to begin this a few days ago but the ground was too muddy and Thursday morning saw the first work of this nature. One crew started on the W. T. Routh place just east of Ballinger and another on the Claude Brookshire place just east of Benoit. Both crews will work eastward from present locations, each using a full crew of men, machinery and draft animals.

Two grubbing gangs are at work, one on the Spreen ranch and the other on the August Herring place. They are making good progress and will soon have all brush and stumps removed from the 100-foot right-of-way.

Contractors have all the laborers they can use and will not be able to employ other men for some time. The next construction on this sector of highway 23 will begin when a work order is received for building drainage structures.

The big crews of men and teams working in four different places on the 14-mile road will be able to make a good showing if the weather permits steady work. The ground has been wet for so long that any work where plows are to be used, grades thrown up with scrapers or drainage ditches dug, is a slow process. Some spots on the right-of-way are still too wet but most of the route was in fair shape for grading Thursday.

WOODSON BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS FRIDAY

A deal was closed Friday morning in which A. T. Buchanan of Ft. Stockton becomes the owner of the Woodson Barber Shop on Eighth Street. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan moved here after selling their shop at Ft. Stockton where he has been for the past three years. He stated that he would continue the shop at the same location, operating one chair and employing Steve Hale and Joe Nail on the other chairs.

Mrs. Buchanan was formerly Mrs. Hoyt Smith of this city and was married to Mr. Buchanan last July. They own their home at 501 Tenth street where they are now living.

Two million tons of jute are produced each year in India.

Ballinger to Share In Charity Offering

According to the plan outlined here Friday night at the annual banquet by Houston Harte of San Angelo, Ballinger will share in the charity benefits from the appearance of Will Rogers in San Angelo. Mr. Harte explained that the entire performance was free of any expense, Mr. Rogers coming to San Angelo on his own expense, the municipal auditorium was offered free, advertising, ushers, tickets, and all manner of work was free, allowing every penny taken in to be given to charity in West Texas.

J. D. Motley has been named chairman of Rannels county for the performance and all tickets bought through him from here will be refunded to this town for charity use. This offer does not mean that any stipulated number of tickets will have to be purchased from here. If only \$50 worth are bought, that \$50 will be returned to this town when the performance is over.

Mr. Harte stated that he expected a gate of \$7,500 for the attraction and that at least 20 west Texas counties would take part. The offer of refunding money to nearby towns has been

made to many places and some have already sent in reservations for tickets.

Admission to her Mr. Rogers on his San Angelo engagement will range in price from \$1.50 to \$25.00. The house has been cut into sections and will accommodate 1,800 people and perhaps 200 additional chairs can be added in case of a large overflow.

Those desiring tickets should get in touch with Mr. Motley at once and give him your order for the priced seat you want. A list will be kept of all orders and seats ordered out at the proper time. Those desiring location of certain priced seats can get this information at the chamber of commerce office.

A large number of Ballinger people went to Merkel Monday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Miss Brooksie Justice, Miss Justice was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Clifford Rhoden of this city and was buried Monday at Merkel.

Miss Rosie Hills has gone to San Antonio, where she will remain for several months attending patients and visiting friends. She expects to return later in the year to resume her work here.

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



Have you passed the noonday of Life?

Then make the down road happy by keeping your strength and health. An unfailing warning of a rundown condition is the diminishing of the red-blood-cells.

A DEFICIENCY of red-cells in the blood is usually followed by physical exhaustion, loss of appetite, underweight, nervousness and pimples and boils. When your red-blood-cells are not 80% you are NOT yourself—60% is very dangerous. Common sense suggests that every possible step be taken to correct such a condition. Take S.S.S. before each meal. It will build up and enrich your blood.

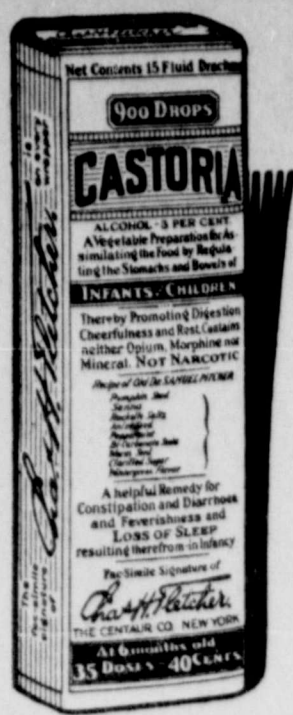
Advertisement for S.S.S. medicine, featuring a bottle of the product and the text 'Builds Sturdy Health'.

Large advertisement for MOORE PRODUCE COMPANY, featuring the text 'POULTRY AND PRODUCE ANNOUNCEMENT' and 'To All the Poultry Raisers in the Ballinger Trade Territory'. It includes contact information for Bill Moore, Proprietor, in Ballinger, Texas.

For TEETHING troubles

FUSSY, fretful . . . of course babies are uncomfortable at teething time! And mothers are worried because of the little upsets which come so suddenly then. But there's one sure way to comfort a restless, teething child. Castoria—a made especially for babies and children! It's perfectly harmless, as the formula on the wrapper tells you. It's mild in taste and action. Yet it rights little upsets with a never-failing effectiveness.

That's the beauty of this child children's remedy! It may be given to tiny infants—as often as there is need. In cases of colic and similar disturbances, it is invaluable. But it has every-day uses all mothers should understand. A coated tongue



calls for a few drops to ward off constipation; so does any suggestion of bad breath. Whenever older children don't eat well, don't rest well, or have any little upset, a more liberal dose of this pure vegetable preparation is usually all that's needed. Genuine Castoria has Chas. H. Fletcher's signature on the wrapper. Doctors prescribe it.

heat and the West Texas Utilities for kitchen stoves and decorations.

The annual report of the chamber of commerce for the year was found in printed form at each plate. Following is the report:

Considering that 1930 was a year of severe depression for our community and our nation, we are sure that our members and citizens interested will not complain if our annual report is confined to the following sentence: We attempted no spectacular achievements, being content to handle innumerable little matters which in some measure can sometimes be considered nobody's business, yet are of vital importance to the progress of all, giving prompt attention to current matters affecting our community and surrounding section and getting our organization in the best possible condition for the next administration, free from all undesirable responsibilities that might be in any way a handicap to succeeding successors, by this we mean that the organization is on a sound financial basis with no embarrassing obligations out.

Fortunately that is not the extent of our report. Despite adverse conditions, we have made real progress. Many worthwhile results have crowned our efforts. While the Chamber of Commerce certainly does not wish to take any undue or entire credit for any of the results listed below, yet we have had an active part in all of them and many times the initiative.

Agricultural Activities—

Our agricultural committee has been so busy and so successful in its efforts that it is impossible for us to even outline its entire work. It helped financially and in other ways in seeing to the largest attendance of rural men, women, boys and girls of Runnels County to the A. & M. College Short Course of any county of all West Texas. This committee gave its best efforts in sponsoring and planning with the County Farm and Home Demonstration Agents the County Agricultural Achievement Week, which was not only looked upon with favor locally, but received both state and national recognition. This committee gave much time, thought and consideration to the program as sponsored by the National Federal Farm Board and exercised every effort consistent in presenting the plans and purpose of the Farm Board to the farmers in this section, who might be interested in giving their consideration to proposed plans. Runnels county agricultural exhibits were shown at the All-West Texas Exposition at San Angelo and the West Texas Fair at Abilene, each exhibit being awarded blue ribbons and total cash prizes of \$350.00, such money received being used to sponsor Runnels County agricultural club activities.

Municipal Improvements—

The Chamber of Commerce rejoices with the city officials and all others responsible for the new, modern and attractive city

hall and fire station, which has just recently been completed at a cost of \$35,000 and is now being occupied by the official staffs of the city and chamber of commerce, also the fire department whose quarters are most conveniently arranged and fully equipped with the most modern fire fighting apparatus that is possible to be purchased, also the new \$110,000 water works improvement program for 1930 has been completed, which is of very great importance to the city's future.

Highway Extensions—

The results of previous efforts have been most apparent in highway construction work in this county. Concrete paved highways have been extended north through precinct No. 1 on Highway No. 4 also west to the Tom Green county line on State Highway No. 30. The State Highway Department has now under construction the building of high type paved roads south of Ballinger to the Concho county line on State Highway No. 4, also east of Ballinger to the Coleman county line on No. 23. While the entire highway program of construction is of great benefit to the development of Runnels county and the State of Texas, yet the construction of the bridge over the Colorado River on Highway No. 4 is of particular importance, and much credit is due our commissioners' court for their special efforts in making this structure possible, also special credit is due Mr. R. J. Deens, former precinct commissioner of precinct No. 1 for the very important concrete paving on Hutchings Avenue, connecting city paving and highway construction. As a result of active work with other equally interested towns on the route, Ballinger is now on State Highway No. 4, extending from Perryton to Brownsville, Texas, also U. S. Highway No. 83, extending from North Dakota to the Gulf of Mexico.

1930 Census—

The Chamber of Commerce put forth much effort in giving full assistance to federal enumerators in taking the 1930 Ballinger census, and aside from receiving credit for a more complete population, the organization was enabled to compile a citizens directory.

Retail Merchants Work—

The activities of the Retail Merchants department of the Chamber of Commerce has increased in volume during 1930 many times greater than any previous year. Through this committee a very interesting window fair was exhibited, also a Santa Claus party program was arranged which attracted and entertained many visitors during the holiday season.

Many Other Activities—

It is going to be impossible for us to do justice to the many other accomplishments of our committees, but we mention among other things our Program and Entertainment Committee has been very active, much time being given the Ballinger-San Angelo Highway opening program held at Miles, Easter Egg hunts, participating with the Live-at-Home Fair at Winters, West

Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Abilene, West Texas Fair at Abilene, All-West Texas Exposition at San Angelo, entertainment to Home Demonstration Club members, 4-H Club boys and girls and many other out-of-town visitors during the past year.

There have been many other activities as important and as successful as these mentioned, however, it might be too much of a drawn out story, therefore, we will not mention all of them. So much of the most valuable work was done so quietly and effectively that it has largely escaped the attention it deserves.

All Together—

What ever result our Chamber of Commerce has been able to produce in 1930 is due to the fine cooperation of our directors, committees, members and the community as a whole. We wish to express a word of appreciation for the help we have received from our neighboring communities.

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BALLINGER STATE BANK NAMES STAFF WEDNESDAY

The board of directors of the Ballinger State Bank was in session Wednesday to complete organization and name officers for the coming year. The election resulted in no changes being made in the officers, they being elected as follows: C. P. Shepherd, president; T. B. Saunders, active vice president and general manager; Wm. Halfman, vice president; Sam Baker, cashier and secretary of the board and Ross Murchison, assistant cashier.

This meeting completed the annual meetings of Ballinger banks and they all enter the new year's work with the same forces and officers.

Many weed seeds remain in the soil 30 years or more and then grow, says Earl Jones, extension specialist at Ohio State University.

Mrs. Luther Woods, Mrs. Leonard Woods and little daughter, Gall, of Mason, visited Mrs. Crawford Lemburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner Tuesday.

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C. of C. Banquet Honors Rural Club Boys and Girls

The annual chamber of commerce banquet is over and has left the records of 1930 past history. Rain did not keep the crowd away or cut it short. The banquet hall was crowded until every plate was taken with an estimated crowd of 250 present.

The women of the rural clubs served an excellent menu fast and without any waits. As soon as the crowd was seated following the invocation by Rev. E. W. McLaurin the women were ready to serve the meal and did so in a fine way.

An orchestra composed of Ernest Moody, Kelly Bowden, Able Kennison, Burden, Bryant and Wilson furnished music while the crowd was seated and during the first part of the meal. Immediately following the banquet Fred Wellhausen played a saxophone solo, accompanied by Miss Kennison, and Toastmaster McCarver turned the meeting over to F. M. Pearce, president of the organization for a short business session. After a few announcements Mr. Pearce called on Chas. Coombs, chairman of the nominating committee, to make a report on suggested men for the year. Directors to be elected for the coming year. The following men were named and elected for a two-year term: H. W. Lynn, E. E. King, J. L. Chastain, John Weeks, M. C. Atkins, L. C. Daugherty, J. A. Killough, Grady Stokes, T. B. Saunders and Tommie Hall.

Houston Harte, of San Angelo, was introduced and explained to the crowd the coming of Will Rogers to San Angelo in the near future and how this city could share in the charity performance there.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, was next presented and asked to introduce her guests, club girls and women. She gave a short outline of some of the work accomplished in the county and introduced the four girls of her clubs who had won and were to receive prizes offered by the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill later on the program. They were Mattie Lee Tomlinson, of Maverick, and Lois Dietz, of Crews, in poultry, and Winona Cox, of Crews, and Flora Smith, of Maverick, in gardening. Other women of the county who have won prizes during the year were introduced and a short sketch of the work given. They were Miss Evelyn Tullos, Miss Myrtle Borders, Mrs. Kirby Robinson, Mrs. Bernice Gardner, Mrs. Bert Fletcher, Mrs. W. P. Murray, Mrs. W. W. Mitchell and Mrs. T. A. Crockett.

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, next presented the boys who were to receive prizes from the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill. They are Marion Wood and Walter Lange in sheep raising, Walter Crockett and Troy Reese in field crops, Miss Wilma Maddox and Garland Lange, in poultry.

Ira Klutts, of Crews, was introduced by Mr. Lehmburg and a few of his accomplishments recited by Mr. Lehmburg. Buster Caudle was also presented to the crowd and his record in poultry raising given in a report. Ira Klutts and Marion Woods were presented with 4-H club pins and chains for their outstanding work in the state program last year.

Mr. Lehmburg presented the following farmers for their outstanding work of different kinds: Paschal Dietz, diversified farming; Dee Oliver, dairying; D. A. Dobbins, soil conservation; Clarence West, motorized farming; and Benton Neely, poultry.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill, next

presented the prizes to the winners in the boys' and girls' clubs. First prizes were \$15 in gold and second prizes, \$5. Mr. Lynn stated that this for a number of years had been an annual custom of his company.

The following guests were introduced by Secretary J. D. Motley: Sim O'Neal, secretary of the chamber of Commerce at Coleman; Sam Cooper, D. A. Dobbins, J. M. Key and Benton Neely, of Winters; Doss Berry, secretary of the Board of City Development, San Angelo; and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Douglass, and Houston Harte. The guest list was cut short on account of wet weather and most of them having to come over bad roads. A large number of county agents and home demonstration agents had been asked here as well as delegations from Miles, Paint Rock, Coleman, Brady and a number of other towns who telephoned at the last minute they could not make it.

Toastmaster McCarver next presented Dr. Paul W. Horn, president of Texas Technological College at Lubbock, for the principal address of the evening. Dr. Horn began by expressing his appreciation for the honor of talking to the gathering here and especially the boys and girls who were learning to do the important things near them. He began his address using the 4-H's in the clubs' insignia and explaining that they stood for the head, hand, heart and health. He praised the reports made by the boys and girls of the county from their past years, declaring that it stood for more than showed on the surface and that underneath was character building of the boys and girls.

He spoke of athletics and the common practice of giving some winning team a big reception similar to the one at hand, but said that he had rather be given such a banquet for the purpose it was given than any football hero.

Speaking of education and religion, the speaker said that it was not far back when things far away were studied and the head alone educated in such matters. He showed how the education of today means learning the things close at hand and the education of the head, hand, heart and health as well. He pictured Loeb and Leopold, two boys with all the education they could receive in the head, who used it wrong and their hearts were not taught and they became criminals. He then showed how sometimes a choice must be made between education and health and stated firmly that he believed in no education at the risk of ruining health, eyesight or nerves of boy or girl. Here he contrasted the great education the club boys and girls are receiving in development of all the four H's and especially their bodies.

He praised a former Ballinger citizen, M. A. Traylor, now president of the great Chicago bank, for his pushing forward and making the most of every opportunity. Mr. Traylor has been selected for the commencement address at Texas Tech this coming spring.

Dr. Horn closed by declaring the boys and girls the greatest asset of the nation. "People make the country more than the products," he said, "and I congratulate the educational work being done in this country."

In closing Toastmaster McCarver extended thanks to M. E. Harris for furnishing coffee, Wilke Bakery for buns, the Community Natural Gas Co. for stoves and

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BLANTON NEWS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. was well attended and good lessons reported.

The rain which fell last week makes each farmer look forward with joy for a bumper crop next fall.

Miss Laverne Boothe visited Miss Maude James Saturday night and Sunday.

We are glad to report that George Fowler who is in the Haley and Love sanitarium is very much improved and reported to be getting along nicely.

Gene and Charlie Fowler returned to their home at Corpus Christi after a few days stay here at the bedside of their brother George.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. P. Boothe and Miss Mamie Ruth Boothe on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Burgger have moved into our midst. They live on the Herman Linderman place. We are very glad to welcome them to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and family have moved to Valley Creek. We regret to lose these good people from our church and community.

Misses Alice Forman and Gracie Moore, spent Friday night with Mrs. H. F. Boothe.

Miss Gracie Moore spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Alice Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan of Collins county, made a business trip here last week. They visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe while here.

The Red Cross meeting which was held at the school house Thursday seemed to be a great success. We hope that it might help the poor in every way possible.

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BENOIT NEWS

Rain is getting to be so common each week-end we would really be disappointed if we failed to see a good one at that time.

The women's home demonstration club of this place enjoyed the banquet in Ballinger Friday night. The members were especially proud of their table, decorated with tiny lamps of different colored lights, which added much to the appearance of the menu.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang, of near Hatchel, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Horner, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold, of San Angelo, were Benoit visitors Tuesday, while passing through on their way to Brownwood. Arnold and Horner were scheduled to sing at Brownwood Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy motored to Miles and San Angelo Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

Grandma Werner, who has been ill for the past week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshire visited Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman in their new home Sunday. John Curry, of Glen Cove, is in our midst this week.

Miss Lurline Brookshire, who is attending high school in Ballinger, decided to take up her abode in the city, as the weather was getting too bad to make the trip out here as she had been doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Gantt, of Best, gave us a short call last Thursday. They were returning home from Chandler, where they had been visiting Mrs. Gantt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker visited near Winters Sunday.

Tom Bryan, of Glen Cove, spent the week-end with the Bryant family here.

Mrs. S. H. Skelton, who has been sick for some time and who had been at Miles for treatment, it at her home now and is some better.

Mrs. Andy Spreen is convales-

cing at her ranch home, after an operation in a Santa Anna hospital.

Vivian Hill spent Saturday night with Cleo Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Odom.

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BETHEL NEWS

News was scarce last week on account of the continued bad weather, everyone staying close in as the roads were almost impassable.

Sunday being a very pretty day a number attended church. Rev. L. D. Hardt, of Paint Rock, delivered very interesting sermons both morning and night. There were also good crowds at the senior and junior Leagues.

The Happy Home Makers Club met with Mrs. Frank Woods Thursday, January 3, with 13 members present. One new member, Miss Winnie Dierschke, was taken in. Plans were made to help serve the chamber of commerce banquet at Ballinger on January 16. The club met January 15 with Mrs. David Duke, 11 members attended. Further plans for the banquet were discussed. Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth was present to give a program on the 4-H club pantry work for the ensuing year. As our demonstrator was not present this program was postponed until another meeting. The members were served delicious pie topped with whipped cream and coffee. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Tullis February 5. We are hoping to have our new year books at this meeting and ask each member to be present and line up for the new year's work.

Master Curtis Wayne Davenport made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davenport on January 10. He received a very heart welcome and has decided to make his permanent home with them.

Emmett Richardson and family have recently moved to the Spring Hill community. We regret very much to lose this splendid family and are expected them to visit here often.

Grandmother Shelburne is not resting very well. Her many friends and relatives are very anxious for her recovery.

Little Miss Virginia May Womack is entertaining a genuine case of the mumps. Where the unwelcome visitor came from is not known as this is the first case in the neighborhood.

David Woods spent the week-end with friends in Ballinger.

The junior indoor ball players, both boys and girls, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Richardson and D. C. Hornberg, recently played the Paint Rock juniors. Bethel came out victorious in both games. On Wednesday of last week John Adams, of Paint Rock, brought his boys over for another game. This also was in favor of Bethel.

A number of the Methodist women are planning to attend the missionary zone meeting at Paint Rock on Wednesday, January 23. Brother and Sister Hardt have extended a special invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurry have recently moved to the Bruce farm vacated by Emmett Richardson.

Mrs. W. A. Hall is slowly improving from a recent operation. Last reports said she wasn't doing as well as was hoped for.

Mmes. Gene and Paul Richardson, of Ballinger, attended church here Sunday.

The senior boys and girls played Rowena a game of basketball Thursday afternoon. The Bethel girls won but the boys lost to Rowena. The players were accompanied by Miss Cornelia Bell and David Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheatly and children, of Blanton, spent the week-end with their brothers, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee and Claud Simmons.

J. W. Little, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little, missed several days from school last week with a severe case of tonsillitis.

All those attending the chamber of commerce banquet at Ballinger Friday night report a very pleasant time. Especially did they

enjoy the address given by Dr. Paul Horn, of Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Batts were among those who went to the ball game at Rowena Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hooks are pleasant visitors in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hooks.

The many friends and neighbors of Mr. Doherty, of near Ballinger, regret very much to know of his serious illness.

Mrs. Calvin Roberson, of Maverick, is helping to entertain the new grandson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davenport.

Miss Mary Nunnally has recently returned from an extended visit with relatives at Bronte.

C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, was here Monday and reorganized the 4-H boys' club, the organization beginning the new year with a number of members.

The senior class of the Bethel high school has received a letter from the engraving house announcing recognition of the class' order for a class pin, and asking for an O. K. Each one is very anxious that the O. K. and first payment be sent in that the pins may be received within a few weeks.

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HERRING TOPICS

The farmers are not getting their land put up very fast as it has rained almost every week. Although West Texas was rather dry, as very little rain fell last year, the people are still saying "let it pour."

Walter (Son) Hale, of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hale, of Dallas, and granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Jones, of Ft. Worth, were visitors in the W. A. Hale home this week-end. "Son" will be here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allcorn and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ament, Mrs. Joe Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale, of this community, and Steve Hale and son, of Ballinger, were guests in the W. A. Hale home Sunday.

Leslie Allcorn of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Rosford and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn Sunday.

Miss Marie Fuller spent Saturday night with Miss Mona Ament.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer spent the week-end with relatives near Coleman.

We are sorry to report Grandma Barmore seriously ill at this writing, but her many friends are hoping she will soon be better and on the road to recovery.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kerby are doing what they can in trying to help them in their heavy loss when their house and nearly everything in it went up in flames. The women have pieced a "friendship" quilt and will go to Mr. Lewallen's Tuesday where they will quilt it and it will soon be ready for use. These good neighbors have the sympathy of their many friends.

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CREWS NEWS

Sunday was the appointed day for the quarterly conference at the Methodist church, but continued rains caused the roads to

be almost impassable for those who live any distance, and only a small crowd met and had Sunday school.

Mrs. Alan Young and Mrs. Sallie Lawler were on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Madison spent Tuesday with Mrs. W. T. White.

Mr. Perry, of Abilene, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Odie Clark, and family.

The juniors of the high school were delightfully entertained with a class social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bradley Thursday night. Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Bonnie Mae Clark were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth on Thursday afternoon.

E. W. Ranlwater had the misfortune to be accidentally struck on the head by the handle of the Fresno with which he was working one day's last week. A painful, though we trust not serious wound, was the result.

Miss Nadine Wilkerson spent Saturday night with Miss Ouidanella Rainwater.

Mancie King spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin.

Mrs. W. C. Matis spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Jno. Conner, of Ballinger.

M. M. Smith is reported some better at this writing. He has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps and Alma, and Johnnie B. Fortson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young spent Tuesday in Santa Anna.

Mrs. W. P. King spent Wednesday with Mrs. Hill of Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Seals and Mrs. Edgar Branham, of Harmony, were also visitors.

Mrs. W. W. King spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wayne Jones at Herring.

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CREWS SCHOOL NOTES

Cooperation Aids School
School seems to be progressing nicely; teachers, pupils and patrons all seem to be loyally supporting the school and cooperating in most every way. Cooperation and loyalty are the two things that are really essential for success in any undertaking, especially in school work. The teachers alone cannot be successful; the pupils alone cannot be successful; the patrons alone cannot be successful; but all of them can be successful, if they work together. This means that each one must work for the good of all and not for himself alone, it means that each must make, at times, some sacrifice for the good of the others. We think that the Crews teachers and patrons understand this and are doing their best to make this a successful year.

Local P.-T. A. Is Enthusiastic
The Crews P.-T. A. met the first Tuesday night in December with about sixty members present. All seemed to enjoy the interesting program that was rendered. Mr. Ground's room won the picture for this month. We think that we have the largest and best P.-T. A. in the county. Our attendance is usually from fifty to

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Mrs. S. A. Solomon, New Bern, N. C., Jan. 1930. "P. S. You may think I am exaggerating by writing such a long letter but truly I feel so indebted to you for putting out such wonderful sales that I cannot say enough."

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Cage Games Booked 20, 21, 24
Our boys played a game of basketball with Ballinger at Winters late Saturday night. It was a good game, but Ballinger won by a few points. Our boys will play Maverick at Winters on the night of the 20th, and our girls will play Ballinger at Winters the night of the 21st. Our boys will play Ballinger at Winters again the night of the 24th. Come and see the games.

Club Work, Agriculture, Joined
Our 4-H clubs are doing fine work and expect to make a better showing this year than they did last year. We are correlating club work and agriculture in school this year. Our farm agent, Mr. Lehmborg, will meet with us the afternoon of the 19th, to judge small grains.

Preparations Begun For Meet
We now have our basketballs paid for, but we need a few dollars more for a few things that are necessary before we can enter the Interscholastic League contests this year.

Reporter

John Jost, of the Rowena section, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business affairs and had his paper extended for another year. Mr. Jost, who has recently returned from a trip to points in South Texas, stated that he was pleased with conditions in his own county.

ENDORSEMENT OF COTTON ACREAGE CUT IS EXPECTED

HOUSTON, Jan. 15.—The probable endorsement of the Garrett five-year cotton reduction program by eleven southern state banking associations was seen here by J. E. Garrett of Corpus Christi, president of the Southern Cotton Reduction Association and author of the Garrett plan.

After a conference here with a group of Louisianians and Mississippians, Clay Rand of Gulfport, Miss., was appointed to direct the work of the association in all states east of the Mississippi River. It was planned, he said, to send 60 to 80 men in the field soon to obtain pledges from bankers not to advance loans to farmers who would not agree to cut acreage.

The program for 1931 is to secure a reduction of 25 per cent.

5 SETS OF TWINS IN SCHOOL

DIMITT, Tex., Jan. 20.—The little town of Nazareth, in Castro county, probably holds a world's record of some kind because of the frequency with

which the stork delivers new inhabitants in pairs.

There are boy twins, and boy and girl twins in the community, ranging in age from a few months to nine years. One family has had three sets, two of them still living.

Five sets of twins attend three of the lower grades in the Nazareth school.

Sisters of St. Benedict direct the school at Nazareth. The enrollment is 142. Teachers are Sisters Joseph, Donata, Victoria, Jerome and Germaine.

A. K. Doss, of Abilene, came in Wednesday and will be here several days attending to legal business.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain of this city have gone to Waco on business and to visit relatives.

Editor Reed of the Rowena Reporter was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tindall returned Thursday from an extended visit with relatives at Shamrock and Olney.

FRESH VEGETABLES

We are now running our own truck to the Winter Gardens each week and you will always find the best assortment and finest quality to be had in our store every day at a reasonable price. Below are a few prices

LETTUCE, 2 for	13c
Large Heads	
CELERY, bunch	15c
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BUNCH VEGETABLES	7c
Turnips and Tops, Mustard, Beets, Green Onions	
CARROTS, bunch	5c
FRESH TOMATOES, lb.	10c
CABBAGE, lb.	2c
Nice Hard Heads	
ONION PLANTS, 100 for	10c
Fresh White Bermuda	
NEW POTATOES, 5 lbs.	19c
FRESH STRAWBERRIES	30c
APPLES, 2 dozen	43c
Winesap	
FRESH FISH, lb.	25c

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1½-quart gray enamel stew pan each	15c	9-inch plain white plates each	5c
Children's Silk Dresses each	79c	Plain white cup and saucer complete	5c

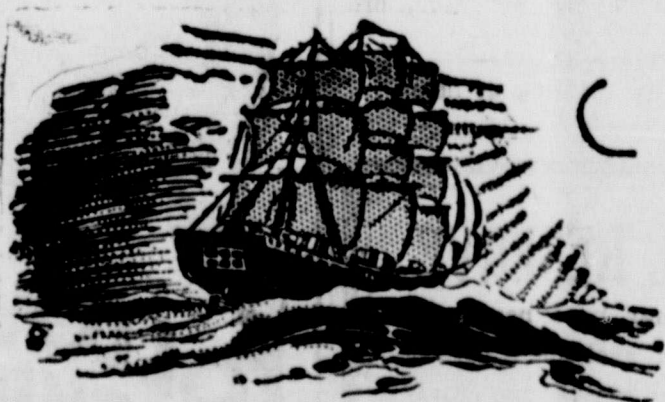
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Ballinger State Bank

Want Ads

FOR SALE White Leghorn eggs, Hollywood strain, Phone 3402. C. T. Michaels, Hatchel. 23-4w*

WANTED—To rent a farm, prefer on halves, by man, wife and son, 19. Can give references. J. T. Mercer, Rt. No. 5, Winters, Texas. 17-2td-1tw-*

SHEEP FOR SALE—460 Rambouillet Sheep for \$2,000.00. More than 400 of the number are good, young sheep. If interested get in touch with M. B. Whatley, Box 1593, Wichita Falls, Texas, or J. G. Whatley, Snyder, Texas. 16-2w*

FOUND—Brown mare and bay horse. Now in city pound. See Chief Moreland. 15-1td-1tw-*

Many Invited to Legion Gathering

Post Adjutant Joe Simmons has completed mailing invitation cards to more than 100 out-of-American Legion members and their families, inviting them here to a meeting of the Pat Williams Post Wednesday night. Plans are being made to entertain one of the largest crowds ever to attend a business session of this organization.

The meeting will open with an entertainment number. A cast of players from the Ballinger high school will be presented in the one-act play, "The Vaillant," the curtain rising in the auditorium of Legion Hall at 7:30 p. m. This is the play that will be used by the school this year in the district interscholastic meet at San Angelo. The production is under the direction of A. F. Ligon, principal of the high school, and its premiere is to be offered to the Legion audience. Mr. Ligon plans other local presentations of the play before final offering at San Angelo in April.

Following the stage attraction the men and women will convene in separate sessions for business, the auxiliary meeting in the women's room and the men in the large downstairs room. After several bits of pressing local business the Legionnaires will be addressed by V. Earl Earp, of Sweetwater, district committeeman. Mr. Earp is visiting as many posts as possible in the 17th district before the convention at Abilene on February 21-22. He is endeavoring to make that convention the largest in point of attendance ever held in this district. Abilene Legionnaires are meeting this by offering entertainment that will attract numerous visitors.

At the conclusion of the business sessions here Wednesday night the local Auxiliary members will serve refreshments, the steaming hot coffee to be issued by Legion K. P.'s.

A blanket invitation is extended every friend of the Legion to be present. Especially does this apply to the performance on the stage by the high school players. Anyone desiring to attend that part of the program only may do so and leave when the curtain is dropped. The play, a highly diverting skit, will last for about thirty minutes.

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HERE'S LATEST TAX—IT'S ON WATERFLEAS

BERNBURG, Germany, Jan. 20.—Now that cats, dogs, horses and other animals have become regular tax-payers, why shouldn't waterfleas also contribute to the empty town treasury?

A large pond belonging to the village Gross Poley, near here, is infested with waterfleas. So the wardens decided to place a tax on the catching of these "community fleas."

When an inhabitant acquired the sole right to catch fleas in the pond he had to sign a lease which provides that the annual tax of \$25 on waterfleas must be prepaid.

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next to J. C. Penny. Hair cuts 25c Shaves 20c, expert service and business appreciated. Jarrett's Barber Shop. 22-3d-1w*

Two Georgia oak trees, one in Athens and one in Oxford, own themselves, having been thus decided by former owners for "love and affection."

Wright Resigns As Mentor Here

Felton Wright, for five years coach in the Ballinger high school and director of physical education, has tendered his resignation to the board to take effect at the end of the school year. The board has accepted the resignation of Mr. Wright with great regret but feel that he is entitled to a bigger place after the wonderful record he has made here in football.

Supt. H. C. Lyon stated Wednesday that a new coach would be selected in the spring at the same time other teachers were elected. This meeting of the board usually takes place about the first of May and teachers who are re-elected are tendered contracts before the close of the school year here.

Wright has coached the Ballinger Bearcats for the past five years and during that time has lost few conference games. In 1929 he took his aggregation through the entire season undefeated and unscored upon in class B competition, winning the regional championship. The past season, with very little material, he beat back all foes and went to the finals with Lampasas where a badly crippled team lost their first conference game. During the last two years here he has lost only one game in District 11 competition and has been successful in defeating a large number of teams where the odds were against him.

Wright's strongest point as a coach and a trainer of boys has not been in the knowledge of the game altogether, but in building character and teaching a crowd of boys discipline. He has a way of making a team love him to a man, of pleasing fans and having perfect support from them, and of getting hard training from boys who play the game because they love to win. Ballinger fans feel his loss keenly but because of the high esteem for him are delighted to feel that he is to get a better place where his opportunities will be better to develop real football machines.

Four of the five years Coach Wright has been here the Ballinger team has gone to the district finals. His average of wins and losses would give him a percentage standing of better than .900 for the five years and about one loss each year has been the average since he took charge of the Bearcats.

Mr. Wright is being considered by the San Angelo high school at the present time. Leading fans in that town are pulling for him and doing so because of his record here as a coach and a "square shooter" in all athletics.

Who will head the Ballinger Bearcats for another year is not known. Applications for the place will not be considered until about the first of May and at that time the board will name a man to take charge of the team at the beginning of the season next fall. Harley Davis for the past two years has assisted Wright in making the team here.

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. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults—White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at Weeks Drug Store.

THIS FARMER CLAIMS IRRIGATION PAYS BIG

MULESHOE, Tex., Jan. 15.—Farmers of the Blackwater Valley in this section are losing \$2,000,000 annually because of their failure to irrigate, in the opinion of O. P. Burnham, who has operated an irrigated farm in Iowa 15 years.

Burnham recently drilled his first irrigation well on a 400-acre tract in Bailey county. He expects to irrigate 10 acres in 1931. His first well is producing 1,500 gallons of water a minute, with a lift of only 30 feet.

With the light draft and low drawdown, Burnham estimated irrigation in row style could be done for 25 to 40 cents an acre, and from 60 to 75 cents an acre flood style.

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Produce Houses Do Good Business

Poultry dealers in Ballinger have been experiencing a busy week owing to the good prices being paid for heavy hens and turkeys. Choice hens are bringing 15c and turkeys are topping the late market at 18c. Spring chickens are bringing 14c and cocks 6c. Eggs are bringing from 12c to 15c with the market well supplied.

The Mid-West Poultry Association and the Western Produce Co. were perhaps the heaviest shippers during the week and it is the consensus of opinion of the poultry dealers that eggs will increase in volume when the shipping season opens. Several cars of eggs will be shipped from Ballinger in the next several weeks.

Fresh butter is at the lowest level in several years, being quoted from 18 to 25 cents owing to quality and the supply is far in excess of the local demand.

Sweet or sour cream is selling at 19c per pound at the local creamery.

The Currie Produce Co. and the Moore Produce Co. both are handling their share of the live poultry being brought to the local market and when the shipments of all the different concerns are calculated as a single unit, the money derived from the sale of poultry and eggs becomes a major farm product that is steadily being turned into the channels of commerce.

Several of the Ballinger dealers make truck shipments of their products every day and occasionally ship in car lots by rail.

THANKS FOR COMPLIMENTS

The home demonstration clubs who so perfectly served the menu for the chamber of commerce banquet Friday evening, January 16, are anxious that all who so willingly contributed to their efforts in serving, accept their full thanks of appreciation, and ask that special mention be made of the Woman's Club coffee donated by the Radford Grocery Co., and served by their manager, M. E. Harris, also the delicious hot rolls, baked and donated by the Wilke Bakery. And while the chamber of commerce feels grateful to all who so liberally contributed to the success of the occasion, yet they wish to make special mention of W. D. Scales, for the free use of the building, the West Texas Utilities Co. for all electricity and decorations, the Community Natural Gas Co. for gas, Phillip Stroud, manager, Ballinger Plumbing Co., for plumbing work, Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. for lumber furnished, J. E. Gressett, carpentry. Also for the splendid music furnished by the orchestra, composed of Misses Abie Kinnison and Kelley Bowden, Ernest Moody, Paul Bryant, Owen Burden and Mr. Wilson; also for solo saxophone numbers rendered by Fred Wellhausen.

Home Demonstration Clubs Chamber of Commerce

POTTER PRODUCE CO. IS BOUGHT BY TALPA MAN

Mrs. John Potter sold the Potter Produce Company plant here Thursday to Bill Moore, of Talpa. Possession of the plant is now held by Mr. Moore, who will move to Ballinger and operate the business in the future.

Mr. Moore is well known in this section, having been in business at Talpa for a number of years.

519 Co-ops in Egypt

CAIRO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Egypt has dinanc requiring the numbering 519 registered cooperative societies, with 42,142 members. The Cooperative of Tala sold during October 500 kantars of cotton, the produce of 35 of its members. The price obtained was a dollar higher than the prevailing price.

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

Firemen Hear Annual Report

The Ballinger fire department met in regular session at the station Thursday night with a majority of the members present. One of the important items reported was the report of the recording secretary, D. G. Posey, on the past year's work.

Fire losses here for the entire year on buildings and contents were shown to be \$21,383.19. This is slightly more than for the previous year, but there were eleven more fires in 1930 and the destruction is light when the value of the property involved is considered. Total value of buildings and contents damaged was placed at \$151,975, with insurance coverage of \$93,550.

The company responded to 35 fires last year. A number of these were practically in ashes before being turned in for an alarm. Two fires last January were hard to figure on account of extremely cold weather and frozen pipes.

Nine meetings and twelve drills were held by the firemen during the past year. The average membership was 36, average attendance at meetings and fires 29. Five called meetings were held. Chemicals used totalled 634 gallons, hose laid, 23,700 feet.

Follows a financial summary:
Loss on buildings—\$13,208.71
Loss on contents—8,182.48

\$21,383.19
Value of buildings \$105,775.00
Value of contents—46,200.00

\$151,975.00

Insurance on bldgs. \$78,700.00
Insurance, contents 14,850.00

\$93,550.00

J. D. Motley is president of the department; M. C. Atkins, chief; Walter Bigby, secretary-treasurer; D. G. Posey, recording secretary; C. L. Armstrong, first assistant chief; Chester Cherry, second assistant chief; and Vernon Webb, third assistant chief. At this time there are thirty-three active members.

The matter of sponsoring a band was discussed and a committee appointed to make such changes as necessary in the constitution and by-laws to receive members in the company for musical purposes only. These members will conform to the rules and regulations of the department. A special meeting will be held next Tuesday night at which time this committee will report.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hampton are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born to them last Saturday. The young man weighed 9 pounds. He and his mother are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bauer are the proud parents of a fine eight and a half pound baby girl, born at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Wednesday, January 14. Mrs. Bauer is resting nicely and the baby is getting along equally as well.

TO REBUILD PRINT SHOP WHERE 2 WERE KILLED

TEXHOMA, Okla., Jan. 17.—Efforts are under way to salvage equipment from the plant of the Texhoma Times, which was wrecked by a mysterious blast December 17. Mrs. I. D. Divine, wife of the publisher, and Burdette Smith, a printer, were killed in the explosion, and Divine was badly injured.

It is planned to rebuild the plant under the direction of John Divine of Merimac, Okla., brother of the publisher.

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Pecan Industry In Texas Has Big Possibilities

AUSTIN, Jan. 15.—The pecan industry of Texas has unlimited possibilities and, with organized direction, can become of more than passing value to hundreds of farmers, according to J. E. McDonald, agricultural commissioner. McDonald said he had postponed appointment of a chief of the nursery and pecan division until he had ample time to look the field over in an effort to obtain the best man possible for the job.

Texas last year produced approximately 90 per cent of the pecans in the United States. A large portion of the production, however, was of the hardshell variety, the soft-shelled, or commercial variety being generally a market favorite.

McDonald said he would confer with federal pecan experts and with the leading pecan producers before announcing the appointment of the pecan division head. "I want a man who knows pecans and who has the best interests of this industry at heart. I am vitally interested in it myself, and shall do everything in my power to advance and give impetus to the growing of commercial pecans in profitable amounts."

The pecan industry in Texas has a brilliant future, McDonald said, because the trees are native to the state and are more hardy and sturdy than trees in other sections. The commercial pecan can be grafted on the native variety with little difficulty without slowing down the production, he said.

The tree's root systems have been firmly established and all that is necessary to put the trees into profitable production is extensive topping and grafting of the commercial bud on the shoots, McDonald said.

Full cooperation to the United States department of agriculture, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and the pecan growers will be accorded by the state department of agriculture, McDonald said.

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SHOOTING PRESERVES SAVES TEXAS GAME

DEL RIO, Tex., Jan. 20.—"Uncle shooting preserve system has aided in preserving wild game in Texas, according to J. G. Burr, director of natural research of the game, fish and oyster commission. Burr said the system had shown remarkable results and eventually would replenish the stocks of wild game which was seriously depleted the past 30 years.

Burr said the number of shooting preserves in Texas had doubled in the past two years. Within the last year the number of acres increased 1,000,000, the acreage at the end of 1930 totaling 500,000.

The system is one that permits land owners to charge a fee for hunting. Game commission officials said such a system caused land owners to take precautions against illegal loss of game because they would thereby lose a source of revenue.

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Place of standing, Westbrook place, South Ballinger. Terms of service, \$2 cash or its equivalent.

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d-8-10 4tw

FRUIT TREES BUDDING

TAYLOR, Jan. 19.—Fruit trees are budding in Williamson county and fear for the safety of fruit in this section has been felt as the weather has been unusually warm with plenty of rain. A thin coating of ice for a few mornings and the temperature reaching 28 for two days measured the winter in this section so far.

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