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## "Undercover" Man Is No-billed by Grand Jury

Willie Henderson, alias Hall Esterling, charged in Brown county with accepting a bribe, was released at Brownwood Monday afternoon when the grand jury investigating the case failed to bill him, and District Attorney C. L. South ordered the sheriff's department of Brown county to release the dry agent from jail. Henderson came to Ballinger Monday night and reported to Sheriff W. A. Holt of this county, where he is subpoenaed as a state and federal witness in a number of prohibition violation cases.

Henderson was arrested in a Brownwood hotel Friday night after he is alleged to have taken a bribe of \$50 from Charles Winans of this city, to not appear against Winans in two cases in Runnels county.

According to information given a reporter for The Ledger by District Attorney South, Henderson acknowledged taking the money offered him by Winans and stated that he had orders to accept any bribe offered him. The Brown county grand jury went into the case thoroughly Monday but failed to establish enough evidence to warrant an indictment, in their opinion, and reported a "no-bill" in the case.

An examining trial was held at Brownwood Saturday following the arrest and a lengthy statement was taken from Winans regarding the preliminary transaction in which the Ballinger man told of holding a telephone conversation with a man at Brownwood who asked him to come down there. That after consulting his attorney here, who in turn conferred with State Ranger R. E. McWilliams, he went to Brownwood twice during the day, on the last trip carrying the money in 15 hills, the numbers of which were recorded here, and gave them to Henderson in the elevator of the hotel. That it had been arranged that if the agent accepted the money he was to leave the elevator with his hat off, which he did, and the man was arrested and the bills found on his person. The statement given by Winans in detail and gave the denomination and number of each bill given to Henderson. After reducing the statement to writing, the following signed the article after being sworn and testifying that they had heard the testimony of Winans and that said testimony was substantially correct insofar as they respectively were connected with said matter. The names signed to the statement were: R. E. McWilliams, M. H. Denman, Frank C. Dickey, W. E. Hallmark and Charlie Winans.

Henderson is a state's witness here in seven or eight liquor cases and has been served with papers to appear here when the next grand jury is in session to testify for the state.

With the exception of District Attorney South local officers offered little comment on the case Tuesday. In a telephone conversation with Judge South at Coleman The Ledger was informed that no other indictments would be filed by his office and that the matter would stand as it is so far as he was concerned.

Willie Henderson, alleged federal prohibition "under cover" agent, was arrested in Brownwood Friday night by State Ranger R. E. McWilliams of Ballinger, and Deputy Sheriff Jack Hallmark of Brownwood, and charged with accepting a bribe. Bond was set in the case at \$2,000 and Henderson was still in the Brown county jail Monday, according to information furnished The Ledger.

Henderson was in Ballinger recently and as the result of complaints filed by him, seven Ballinger people were arrested on prohibition law infractions. In the complaints filed here the "undercover" man claims to have bought intoxicants from the Ballinger defendants.

According to development of the case against Henderson, Charles Winans, one charged in complaints by Henderson, received a telephone call from Brownwood last Friday morning asking him to meet a man there that day in a certain hotel room. The man gave his name as Henderson and is alleged to have told Winans that he knew he was under a liquor charge here and asked him if he would like to "get out from

## Ballinger Winner Of County Meet

Saturday Winters nearly triumphed over the Ballinger contingent in the county interscholastic meet. In field sports the Blizzards showed an exceptional amount of training, taking almost every event, but they were completely outclassed by local track speedsters.

Greenwood, of Ballinger high school, not only set two new county records (10 flat on the 100 and 22.1 on the 220) but also ran the fourth lap of the mile relay at a sensational speed. Though he was not officially clocked, his estimated time was 50, or under. Such a triple threat man stands every chance to qualify for the state meet. "Smokey" Brothers, San Angelo Mercury, may well look to his laurels in the coming district meet.

The final score for the entire senior meet was Ballinger 230, Winters 225, and Miles 220. Ballinger was so tremendously handicapped in the field events that a victory would have been impossible but for the literary victories which were achieved earlier in the day. Local people are especially pleased over their winnings because otherwise Winters would have gained permanent possession of the cup. A crowd of about 2,000 was present during most of the afternoon. The athletic features ran for a longer period of time than was planned, and many left before the concluding events.

Be wise and advertise.

## Runnels Leads In 1930 Cotton

The final cotton crop for Runnels county in 1930 amounted to 32,567 bales. This amount is far short of the 1929 crop when 43,210 bales were ginned in this county.

Runnels county led all counties in West Texas by several thousand bales again last year and maintained the record of the greatest cotton county in West Texas. The crop was cut far short last year and with normal conditions a new county production record would likely have been set.

Nueces by far led all counties in the state for 1930 with a production of 148,442 bales. A number of other counties exceeded 70,000 bales which was about a normal yield for other years. The largest increase for any county in the state was shown by the report from Schleicher with 2,152 bales for 1930 against 1 bale in 1929.

Most West Texas counties revealed a big loss in 1930 from 1929, some going down more than one-half. The loss in Tom Green county was the smallest with 7,632 in 1929 and 7,755 in 1930. Other West Texas counties reported ginnings as follows:

County	1930	1929
Jones	16,302	24,550
Llano	1,302	1,171
McCulloch	11,908	22,070
Menard	620	871
Nolan	8,327	10,645
San Saba	5,337	9,064
Taylor	15,008	21,102
Tom Green	7,682	7,755
Brown	5,033	7,600
Coke	5,019	5,319
Coleman	11,494	26,562
Comanche	4,140	6,049
Concho	9,394	16,411

G. M. Garrett went to Eden and Paint Rock Tuesday afternoon on highway business.

## Concho Bond Issue is Voted by Good Margin

Concho county's road bond issue Thursday was approved by a surplus of about 46 over the necessary two-thirds majority, final returns giving for the bonds 483, against 173. Two voting boxes, at Eden and Paint Rock, served voters in the road district. Voters at Eden gave the issue 278 for and 94 against, while those at Paint Rock voted 205 for and 79 against.

Concho was one of the few counties in the state without any bonded indebtedness. Until this election was held the county did not owe a penny and in this project is getting many times the value of its money in good roads. The state and federal governments are matching the county's money at a ratio of about 4 to 1 in paving of highways Nos. 4 and 9, and when completed the county will have nearly 70 miles of pavement.

This will be the first pavement in Concho county. The project also includes a number of new bridges and drainage structures, the large bridge across the Concho River just north of Paint Rock to be replaced with a modern span.

Quick action is expected on the Concho county project. The bond market is in the best condition since the recent crash and the issue is expected to find ready sale at premium and par. When the county money is ready and right-of-way approved there will be nothing in the way of letting contracts and beginning actual work.

Ballinger citizens rejoiced over approval of the issue as much as its supporters in Concho county. The result means continuation of all-weather roads south of this

city, and adds an important link in a state, national and possibly international route. Work will commence within a week or ten days on the south portion of highway No. 4 in this county and paving will be placed to the Concho county line this summer.

Proponents of the issue in Concho county staged a thorough and effective campaign in favor of the bonds, showing citizens of the district where they would be benefited by surfacing of the two highways. Only two commissioner's precincts are included in the road district; those owning land far away from the roads will not be taxed for the construction.

The first traffic improvement to be made in Concho county will start when two bridges are to be erected. Bids have been advertised for spans over Kickapoo Creek and Frog Pond, and it is believed that the contracts will be let within a few days.

### TWO ARRESTS MADE BY SHERIFF HOLT

Sheriff W. A. Holt went to Winters Thursday where he made two arrests. The first was on a charge of meat stealing, while the second was for a cold check offense. The first offender was not named, but the other was alleged to be J. B. McWilliams, who is wanted on bogus check deals in two counties. Both men were lodged in the county jail here.

The reported hog population of Louisiana is only one-third the amount of pork residents of the state are expected to consume in 1931.

## Work Order Received For Surfacing No. 4

### Dam Site Changed On Irrigation Plan

ABILENE, Mar. 21.—Site of the proposed Colorado River dam in Coke county, which would impound enough flood waters to irrigate 200,000 acres, has been shifted to a location about six miles northwest of the original site, A. K. Doss, Abilene attorney, who is counsel for the project, embracing a large territory in Coke and Runnels county, has announced.

The new site, Doss said, will give additional elevation on the main canal of between 60 and 70 feet. The change also will allow building of the reservoir at less expense, will provide a deeper basin and greater height, and probably impound more water than under original plans.

The new site selected for construction of the Colorado irrigation dam meets with the approval of the district to be supplied and will be a great advantage in distributing the water over fields to be irrigated, according to engineers in charge.

A. K. Doss spent Tuesday in Ballinger after a business trip to Bronte and Robert Lee in interest of the project. Surveying is progressing nicely and the big project appears to be feasible from every angle according to those interested in the work. When the project is finally completed a large tract of land in this county will be placed under irrigation.

Be wise and advertise.

Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett stated Thursday at noon a work order had been received here for the hard surfacing of Highway 4 south to the Concho county line. The arrival of the work order makes it possible for that job to start as soon as contractors Brown & Root are ready to go.

The order gives the contractors 135 working days in which to complete the job after April 2. The state department will start counting time on the contractors after that date and it is expected that a crew will be started to work by then, if not sooner. To date no representative of the firm has been here to look over the proposition or start moving machinery here to do the job.

The 11 miles of road will have a heavy foundation of crushed rock or gravel and asphalt, making it one of the highest type pavings used by the state and federal departments. The work will start just north of the Colorado river bridge on South Seventh street and later the city plans to connect the highway by paving on that street which will connect with the brick paving at Strong avenue.

The number of working days granted for the completion of the road will make it ready for travel about September 1 of this year. The route is served by an excellent detour and in good weather little delay will be experienced by travel over this route.

County Judge Orland Sims, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Saturday afternoon attending to business.

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The first vernal storms struck West Texas Thursday. Desdemona was the scene of much damage by a twister. Many oil derricks were toppled and a number of houses damaged by the wind.

Street and highway maintenance have been made extremely hard for the past five months due to weekly rains. Since October of last year as fast as roads were placed in fair condition another big rain would cause them to be cut up as bad as ever.

Farmers are starting a war against crows in this county before time for them to do any dangerous work to crops and seed planted. The number of the birds in the county caused an alarm to be sent out that brought special workers here to look into the matter and start a campaign to kill the pests.

The matter of passing a law requiring drivers of automobiles in this state to have license is encountering hard opposition and now appears doubtful of becoming a law at this session of the legislature. Some call it an "outrage" and various other names are applied to bills asking drivers' license law and making rigid requirements for those entrusted with a car on state highways.

Crowds attending sales events in Ballinger the past few days do not indicate a spirit of depression in this territory. Local stores have been crowded and report fair business as a result of special effort to sell spring merchandise. Many thousands of dollars are being received in the county just now by World War veterans on loans from their adjusted service certificates and larger sums are expected weekly as the U. S. veterans' bureau is becoming better organized for handling applications.

Ballinger people have been annoyed a great deal lately by prowling, petty theft and otherwise being disturbed. Several houses have been entered lately but before an officer could be called the prowler made his getaway. Cars have been stripped of accessories and casings stolen, and many are shining up the old six-shooter and planning a reception for the next "caller."

Road work is expected to be commenced in Concho county as soon as possible. Transcript of the bonds is being prepared and will be sent to Austin for approval at an early date.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, A. D. 1931, an election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners, for said City.

J. F. Lusk has been appointed presiding officer at said election, with authority to select and name his clerks and assistants. W. C. McCarver, Mayor, City of Ballinger, Texas. d-4-11-18-25 6-4tw

Ballinger voters are reminded that two important elections are to be held here in the near future. The first on April 4 to elect three school trustees to complete the present board and on April 7

to elect an entire city commission. It appears that both the present commission and the three retiring members of the school board will consent to reelection and may be the only names on the ticket. If this be the case it is no reason for people failing to vote. Indifference of voters in non-contested elections is dangerous and any faction or race could at the last few minutes of voting time poll sufficient ballots to carry an election and those who paid no heed to the call for the election would regret their carelessness. Regardless of whether there is opposition or not, go to the polls and cast a ballot and make those willing to serve feel that you are their friends and bind them in their work.

Another road contract is due to get underway here within a short time when Brown & Root start work on the road south of Ballinger to the Concho county line. Ballinger people were delighted to know that this highway would be continued south of this county by passage of the bond issue in Concho county Thursday. The city commission plans to have Brown & Root connect the highway with city paving by constructing a strip on Seventh Street from the brick pavement to the city limits near the Colorado River. This will be done at the time the highway is finished and a good road will lead south from here with no bad spots inside the city. A similar strip is planned on Park Avenue to connect Broadway with the pavement on highway 23 when that road is finished.

The annual Easter egg hunt which has been staged in Ballinger for the past two years on the Saturday before Easter has not been taken up this year for some cause. Apparently this little stunt was something worthwhile and this year was an ideal time to stage it. The prize eggs would have attracted more people than usual and the cost to merchants would have been lighter. Eggs are cheap and the use of a thousand or more right now would help poultry raisers. There is little effort to the staging of this program and if the right ones would interest themselves the same type program could be made very successful this Easter. The bringing to town of crowds is always a good thing and the Easter egg hunt has never failed. Anything that interests the kiddies will bring the older people along.

Clean-Up Week should meet the approval of every citizen in Ballinger this year. The early spring weather is encouraging to people to start a clean-up campaign and already many are busy getting their places cleared of weeds and trash and otherwise beautified. The success of such a campaign in any town is not in getting part of the people to thoroughly cooperate but to get every lot, garage and alley in the town cleaned. When such cooperation is received the entire city is benefited much by eliminating fire hazards, making conditions healthier and more sanitary and by beautifying the appearance of property. The clean-up campaign may go much further than just stage a spring cleaning. In many places the paint-up and brighten up features are added and citizens are encouraged to paint their homes where needed, give fences an overhauling and a coat of paint, trim and whitewash trees and do many other items that go hand in hand with a clean-up campaign. Every piece of work done enhances the value of property and even makes the neighbor's place look better. Ballinger people are asked to stage a campaign from April 5 to 11, inclusive, but those desiring to start early and use more than one week are welcome to begin the campaign now.

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CREWS CLUB BOY SELLS CALF WON AS PRIZE

Ira Klutts from Crews 4-H club, who won one of the prize calves given away by the T. & P. railway company, sold it.

He had a balanced ration to feed this calf and the limited time for feeding was up last week. This calf was sold to Jim Hinkle for \$50 which seems to be a fair price for this year.

Klutts is one of the boys who won a trip to Chicago, the value of his club work for the last year being about \$350.00.

Hayes Dickinson, who resides about ten miles west of Winters, is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium in a serious condition following an emergency operation last week. Mr. Dickinson has a large number of friends here who will be sorry to hear of his illness and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Radio Announcement

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Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright and children left Friday for Junction in response to a death message.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

Local Legionnaires Invited to Winters

Members of the Roy Scroggins Post of the American Legion at Winters spent Tuesday afternoon in Ballinger and while here visited with a number of local Legionnaires, inviting them there on Monday night of next week. It will be charter night for the Winters post and District Committee Earl Earp will present the state charter to the recently organized Winters post.

The invitation extended here Tuesday is for all members of the Pat Williams Post and officials of the Winters post stated that a good program and refreshments would be served to make the evening enjoyable. Plans are being made for a large crowd and some dozen or more posts in this section will have representatives at the meeting.

R. C. Winters of Abilene will be the principal speaker of the evening and will bring a stirring message on matters facing the Legion at this time. Mr. Winters is in the midst of a heated political campaign for the mayorship of Abilene but has accepted the invitation to be in Winters and address the gathering. Earl Earp of Sweetwater will also speak on a vital subject and a speaker from here will be asked to talk.

The Winters post for a number of years was one of the strongest posts in the state but gave up their charter and for several years was without an organization. During that time many were members of the post here and attended practically all meetings. This year it was decided to reorganize and more than 65 members were present when the first session was called and indications are that the new post will have one of the largest memberships in this part of the state.

The Ballinger post will send a large number to Winters next Monday to be present when the charter is given the new post in this county.

HOGS, LIKE BABIES, NEED VITAMINS TO WARD OFF RICKETS

STILLWATER, Okla., Mar. 25.—Check up on the vitamin D, the mineral and the sunlight. Look out for rickets.

It's not a child health lecturer broadcasting, but C. P. Thompson, swine expert of Oklahoma A. & M. College. Brood sows that drag their hind quarters, he says, lack calcium in their bones, the characteristic deficiency in rickets cases.

Lacking vitamins D and mineral in their rations, sows both before and after farrowing supply the required calcium for their litters from their own bodies. Ultimately this causes a breakdown in the backbone and paralysis of the hind quarters.

Green pasture and ground green alfalfa hay are recommended as vitamin sources, in addition to as much sunlight as possible. Calcium should be provided, Thompson says, through a mixture of two parts ground limestone, bone meal or wood ashes to one part common salt. This should be before the animals at all times, in addition to the green feed.

MEN HELD AT SAN ANTONIO MAY BE WANTED HERE

Sheriff W. A. Holt received a telephone message from San Antonio Tuesday night informing him of the arrest of two men there who are believed to have robbed The Hub, local department store, last January.

The Oldsmobile car that was used in the robbery was found in possession of the men arrested. This vehicle originally was stolen from a man at Snyder.

Sheriff Holt on being asked to identify the suspects said the only way he could do so was by clothing in their possession that was taken from the local store.

USE AIRPLANES TO SAVE BEAN CROP

SAN BENITO, Tex., Mar. 19.—Airplanes were used by a San Benito firm to save a 250-acre patch of beans, near Raymondville, recently. The firm, a produce company, chartered two planes. The pilots were instructed to watch the thermometer and when a dangerous low reading was in sight they took off, stirring up the atmosphere over the plants and preventing damage by frost. The same procedure was followed by Brown White of Brownsville last year and is credited with saving his potato crop.

123 Bushels Wins Corn Race ATHENS, Ga., Mar. 25.—(AP)—J. B. Hallford of Stephens county grew 123 bushels of corn per acre on a five-acre contest, the state college of agriculture reports. Mr. Hallford's corn was grown on lowland soil and netted him a profit of \$425.30.

Local Citizens Visit Hog Farm

C. W. Lehmborg, J. D. Motley and Fred Kiechle left Wednesday for Arlington to visit the hog farm of Geo. P. Little at that place where they will inspect the stock and likely select some fine stock to ship to this county.

Mr. Lehmborg is selecting a number of brood sows for club boys in this county. He will not make any purchases while there but will get prices and carefully inspect the stock and after returning from the trip will see how many can be placed here with 4-H club members. Later it is planned to ship some fine hogs here for breeding purposes and encourage the boys in this phase of their work. The Little farm raises fine Poland China hogs and has a statewide reputation for the excellent types produced on that farm.

Mr. Kiechle is interested in hogs and may make some purchases while there and have the animals shipped here for breeding purposes. In case he selects stock from this farm he will have an announcement to make later regarding plans for assisting others in bettering their stock in this county and encouraging the raising of more hogs to provide meat in the rural home.

Mr. Lehmborg stated that he was extremely anxious to encourage hog raising here and that they were short in this county. The last tax roll of the county showed only 300 head of hogs listed which is a very poor showing for this county and only gives about one hog to about every thirty persons. He believes that the best place to start an increased production here is with the boys working in the clubs and through that channel the farmers of tomorrow will be hog raisers and also their parents will become interested in producing more meat.

Upton to Vote on County Seat Shift

RANKIN, Tex., Mar. 25.—County Judge Maburn Harris has ordered an election April 25 to decide on removing the Upton county seat from Rankin to McCamey. He was presented with a petition bearing 350 names.

In September, 1929, an election was held to "remove the courthouse" and those presenting the petition hold that such an election was not to decide on removal of the county seat. Thus, they contend, that election did not decide the matter for five years. The law holds that the results of an election for moving a county seat must stand for five years and that elections cannot be held within that time.

Mr. Harris asked the opinion of the attorney general on the question but the department refused to rule. Whatever the outcome of the election, the belief here is that it will be contested.

The county has 1,500 voters, 1,100 in McCamey, 300 in Rankin and the rest scattered over the county. There will be five voting boxes.

CO-OP DISTRICT 7 LEADS

ABILENE, Mar. 21.—Although district 7 of the Texas Cotton Co-operative Association, of which Abilene has headquarters, trails behind all other districts in the state in total number of bales of cotton delivered to the association the past season, this district tops the list in percentage of production in the area that went into the pool.

Figures announced here show that 60,497 bales from a production of 275,130, or 22 per cent, was handled cooperatively in the association. The district has 7,505 members.

WEIGHERS UNAUTHORIZED TO CUT COTTON WEIGHTS

AUSTIN, Mar. 25.—Public weighers have no authority to dock cotton for supposed moisture content, according to M. S. Frazee, chief of the weights and measures division of the state department of agriculture.

"There seems to be some uncertainty and difference of opinion as to whether a public weigher should dock cotton for supposed moisture," he said. "A public weigher's certificate, receipt or weight sheet, should give the true beam weight; and the presence of moisture is a matter of adjustment between the buyer and the seller."

Frazee cited an opinion of the attorney general which stated the public weigher had authority to place on the certificate any estimate of how much water is contained in a bale of cotton.

CONTEST EVOKES NOVEL ANSWER TO QUESTION

MULESHOE, Tex., Mar. 25.—Why is a newspaper like a woman? Jess Mitchell, editor of the Muleshoe Journal offered a year's subscription to his paper for the best answer to this question. Miss Aida Scott, Baileyboro, won the prize with the following: "Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbor's."

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeanes, of Coleman, spent Sunday here visiting relatives and friends.

Farmers Saved Million a Day By Tax on Oleo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Major farm and dairy organizations say agriculture will be saved \$1,000,000 a day by the Brigham-Townsend bill, which places a tax of 10 cents a pound on all colored oleomargarine.

The bill was perhaps the biggest farm issue before the closing session of the seventy-first congress and was won with less than 24 hours to spare. It becomes effective in June. Uncolored oleo will be taxable at one-fourth cent a pound, as heretofore.

Demand for the legislation arose last November when David Burnet, commissioner of internal revenue, ruled that oleomargarine manufacturers could use palm oil to color oleo yellow in the semblance of butter without paying the 10 cents tax required on "artificially" colored oleomargarine.

Burnet held that palm oil, sometimes comprising from 10 to 30 per cent of the ingredients in a pound of oleo, was a natural rather than an artificial coloring.

The ruling had the effect of erasing all the previous protection congress had given butter, and dairy specialists said the resulting drop in butter prices represented a loss of \$1,000,000 a day.

Under the Brigham-Townsend bill oleomargarine which looks like butter will be taxed 10 cents a pound regardless of how or with what it is colored. Its purpose is to narrow the competitive advantage which the more cheaply manufactured product has over butter.

Except for federal appropriations for drought and unemployment relief, the bill was about the only important farm legislation of the session.

The president's veto of the Muscle Shoals bill which proposed private manufacture of fertilizer and government production of power—the latter of which might have set a precedent in low cost of rural electrification—closed that measure to agricultural benefit.

And efforts to place embargoes or higher tariffs on numerous farm products likewise failed. Enemies of the proposed embargo on crude oil say its failure saved American farm users of motor vehicles and equipment from \$340,000,000 to \$510,000,000 annually.

NEW ENGLAND PLANNING BIG EGG COOPERATIVE

DURHAM, N. H., Mar. 25.—With competing strictly fresh western eggs selling for 18 cents a dozen, New England poultrymen see themselves approaching the necessity for an egg cooperative marketing association.

W. T. Whittle, of Milford, N. H., envisions lines of trucks making daily trips down through New Hampshire, picking up each day's output of eggs and converging at a convenient cooperative packing plant where the eggs will be graded, cartoned and labeled. Another string of trucks will carry them to the grocer's shelves each day—but only a day's requirement at a time.

"We must realize," he says, "that eggs are judged by their freshness rather than their nearness to market."

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148 Farmers Have Applied for Loans

A check-up in the federal farm loan office in Ballinger shows many farmers have been aided in Runnels county. Wednesday afternoon of this week 148 applications had been filed through this office for loans totaling \$23,646.75. This is an average of \$160.45 for each farmer applying.

Of the 148 applications sent from the local office to St. Louis and Ft. Worth general offices, 85 have been approved and checks received here totaling \$10,978.75 or an average of \$128.10 each. Other checks are due to arrive daily as they have been in the general offices for some time and should be approved and acted on within a short time. All but about ten of the applications filed at the local office have been sent in and those held are being passed on by community committees and will be ready for filing shortly.

Employees of the local office said a number of farmers are now filing applications and the work is rather heavy. Many of these are supplemental applications for food money. A few weeks ago a large appropriation was made available for human food and those who had already received checks for feed and seed were allowed to file supplemental



WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE? Cookie Leonard, racketeer, and Mike O'Dowd, detective, have been pals for years. Both admire Molly Pearson. Molly and Mike try to get Cookie to quit the racket, but he refuses. Larry, Molly's brother, a reporter, incurs the enmity of Marino, rival racketeer, and is kidnapped. Cookie rescues him, but in the getaway gets into a gun fight with some of Marino's gang and kills one. Mike, trailing him, sees the killing but covers up for Cookie by pretending he himself fired the fatal shot. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Chapter Four. "That young brat has spilled over again," growled Cookie to Lefty, his stalwart body guard, as he snatched a copy of the Herald from a passing newsboy. "Go get him and bring him to my apartment. He won't live an hour unless we can get him out of town. Stop on the way back and buy him a one-way ticket to California." Cookie returned to his flat. Half an hour passed by and then Lefty



"I've seen my last parade," said Cookie, turning down their proposal that he quit the racket and string along with them on the straight and narrow.

arrived, with Larry in his custody. Molly followed them in. Molly was anxious. "What is it, Cookie? What has he done?" she asked.

With a shrug he replied, "Spilled over once too often. But he'll be all right. I'll take care of him."

They stood looking at each other. A sudden, sharp knock on the door startled both of them. Neither offered to move. Then Mike's voice was heard. "Cookie," he cried, "Cookie opened the door, and Mike strode in. "Where's the kid," he demanded.

"In there with Lefty," said Cookie. "I'm keeping him under cover a few days—then I'm easing him out of town."

"You beat me to it," said Mike. Molly looked from one to the other. Then she said, "Mike, don't you think—hadn't we better take him—"

Mike reassured her. "If Cookie says he'll take care of him, it's okay," he said.

He turned to Cookie. "I want to have a talk with you," he said, and then, as Molly, uncertainty in her attitude, turned to leave the room, he continued, "Don't go, Molly, you can tune in on this, too. I guess it's as important to you as it is to anyone." His gaze took both of them in, and he spoke seriously. "I just went down to headquarters to resign."

"What for?" Cookie asked. "Because I can't be on the level with them and with you, too. I can't play both ends against the middle any longer." His voice broke, and he looked at the floor. "Cookie, you're the greatest guy I've ever known. I think more of you than anybody else. If I hadn't, I wouldn't have taken the

requests for loans for food. April 30 is the last date for filing any application. The rules state that applications must be in either the St. Louis or Ft. Worth office on that date. This regulation applies to loans for all purposes, but applicants will be granted loans for buying food supplies to last them until July 1. Any person who did not farm last year is not entitled to apply for a loan, a point that has been misunderstood by many. A man who operated a farm at any place last year and has a farm in this county this year may file through the local office, but if this is his first year on the farm or if he was in some other occupation last year he cannot apply.

The Ballinger office will be kept open for accommodation of Runnels county farmers until date, April 30, but will be closed after that date. Those who expect to apply for loans are warned to apply in plenty of time so that all details may be attended to and the application sent to the general office before April 30. All applications approved at the Ft. Worth office will be followed by checks being mailed back here to the county agent.

The local office is operated without expense to anyone except a few Ballinger business men who contributed to employ extra clerical help. Buy your printing at home.

### Shift to Yams From Cotton is Paying Farmer

LEWISVILLE, Tex., Mar. 17.—Cause of the failure of his cotton crop in 1920, J. W. Tucker, who lives four miles southwest of Lewisville on Denton creek, became convinced that cotton raising was an unprofitable business, since that time he has devoted his entire attention to sweet potato raising. Tucker first began raising sweet potatoes on a six-acre patch in 1917, and from this small beginning has built up a profitable business in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1930, he planted 150 acres, and gathered from 50 to 75 bushels per acre which sold from 75 cents to \$1.50 per bushel. He also bedded out 1,000 bushels of seed potatoes. In one day he delivered to a Dallas concern 150,000 slips, requiring two trucks to deliver them. His slips in 1930 brought him an average price of \$2.00.

This year Tucker and his boys are planting 175 acres in yams and are now bedding out 1,800 bushels for slips. He employs 18 to 20 hands for this work and requires about eighty days to bed out the 1,800 bushels. Every bushel is treated to meet government requirements for certified seed before they are bedded out.

In 1919 Tucker bought the 88 acres where he now lives and has it almost paid for out of the proceeds of his potato crop. In 1922 he bought another 40 acres adjoining his home place, and in 1924 added 108 acres to his holdings. In 1929 he bought an additional 78 acres. The proceeds of his crop has paid for most of this land.

In addition to potatoes, Tucker raises feed for his work stock of eight mules, and for four cows. He has 100 Rhode Island Red hens, an orchard and a berry patch. He estimates his potato crop for 1931 will bring \$10,500, if they sell at the average price of 75 cents per bushel.

Tucker is never too busy to fully explain sweet potato culture, how he raises them and how he cares for them in his underground curing plant.

His family consists of his wife and ten children. Eight of these children are interested with him in potato farming.

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### FIRE HERE SATURDAY DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

The local fire department answered a call to 600 Tenth street Saturday afternoon. The building, property of Sam Behringer, was on fire in two rooms, although only one was seriously damaged. The cause of the fire was not determined, neither was an estimate given as to the amount lost in the blaze. Mr. Behringer says that the department did prompt and efficient work, using chemicals only in the work of extinguishing the fire.

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**Urges Early Lamb Sale**  
URBANA, Ill., Mar. 12.—(P)—W. G. Kammlade, of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, says that if the 1931 lamb market is anything like that of 1930 and most previous years, farmers will pocket the most premium by getting early lambs ready for sale before July 1.

A. B. Middleton of San Saba spent Sunday here visiting with friends and attending to business.

Mrs. Crawford Lemberg and b. G. of Mason, are here for a visit to Mrs. Lemberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

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### "Eat More Lamb" Grows in Runnels

Runnels county has at last made a showing in the "Eat More Lamb" campaign being conducted and stands in 38th place. The report issued March 15 contained the name of Runnels county for the first time, tables showing that this county used 25 per cent of its quota last month.

At present 41 counties have taken up the campaign and 59 per cent of the quota for the state has been consumed. Every effort is being made to reach the full quota, and while some counties have exceeded their part others have fallen far short of the mark set for them.

Many markets have featured lamb for the past six weeks and people have been encouraged to eat the meat. Reagan county leads all counties in the state, reporting 118 per cent of its quota during the past 30 days. A number of counties have reached the 90 per cent mark and the next report probably will show a number well over 100 per cent.

Leaders in the movement in Texas are well pleased with the results and express appreciation to the West Texas counties that have cooperated.

### 643.6 POUNDS OF BUTTER FAT PRODUCED BY COW

CANYON, Tex., Mar. 21.—A two-year old Holstein, Mt. Riga of the H. B. Hales herd in Randall county, is said by County Agent W. H. Upchurch to have set a new state record for Holsteins of class E.

During a 365-day period Mt. Riga produced 16,984.3 pounds of milk and 643.6 pounds of butter fat. The old record, Upchurch said, was 16,625 pounds of milk and 516.7 pounds of butter fat. The cow has produced as high as 99 pounds of milk a day. Her record is being checked by the national Holstein association.

Mt. Riga was purchased from an Oklahoma herd for a calf club project. She has won first place in her class at the Panhandle-Plains Dairy Show, Plainview, and the Tri-State Fair, Amarillo. She has been on the honor roll of the Randall county herd improvement association 12 consecutive months.

### ROTARY CONFERENCE IN PLAINVIEW APRIL 20, 21

The Rotary club at Plainview is extending a special invitation to all Rotary members in the 41st district of Texas to be present for the conference there on April 20 and 21. An excellent program has been announced which includes Al Roth, president of Rotary International and as the International convention meets overseas this year it will be the only opportunity for many in this section to meet Mr. Roth.

Entertainment aside from the regular interesting program will include many novel attractions and special entertainment is being planned for the Rotaryans. A special train of Pullmans will be made up at Sweetwater and a large number in this section have already made reservations on this special.

The Ballinger club will be well represented at this gathering but the club has not named the official delegates yet.

### MRS. R. A. DICKINSON REPORTED IMPROVING

Word received here Sunday stated Mrs. R. A. Dickinson of this city underwent an operation in a San Antonio hospital Friday, and relatives said Sunday she was resting nicely. Mrs. Dickinson is now believed to be out of danger and on her way to complete recovery. Friends who were anxious about her condition will be glad to learn she is better.

Nixon Waldrop and Carl Jones, of Brownwood, are lodged in the local jail on charges of short changing. The arrests were made by the sheriff's department.

### Run-Down, Weak, Nervous?

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### District Meet Program Made

A complete program for the district interscholastic League meet to be held at San Angelo on April 17 and 18 has been received here and it now appears that Ballinger will have a number of entrants in the contests there as the result of winning first places in the county meet at Winters. Two full days will be used for the district competition with track and field events on the last day.

Directors for the meet include the following: debate, Supt. R. D. Holt, Eldorado; senior declamation, Supt. E. W. LeFevre, Eden; junior declamation, Supt. W. R. Hardy, Sterling City; extemporaneous speaking, Supt. A. H. Smith, Winters; essay writing, Supt. H. C. Lyon, Ballinger, athletics, W. R. Bissett, San Angelo.

In addition to the regular events included in the county meets, high school orchestras, and glee clubs will contest in the district meet. The Ballinger glee club has won first place twice in this meet and has an excellent, well balanced club this year to try for honors again. Six or seven clubs will enter this contest. The Ballinger one-act players will enter that phase of the competition for the first time and are hoping to win.

The following events will be held Friday, the opening day of the meet, in the order named, Music—high school orchestras; tennis, singles and doubles; preliminary debates; extemporaneous speaking, declamations, junior and senior and music memory contests.

All-round championship and group contest cups and awards to individual winners will be presented at the end of each contest. These awards are made by the San Angelo Board of City Development and San Angelo merchants.

Out of district judges for the finals in declamation and debates will be provided. Felix Smith is general director of the meet and any one desiring information can secure it from him.

### LOCAL DELEGATES RETURN FROM LODGE MEETINGS

T. M. Marsh has returned from Fort Worth, where he represented the Ballinger I. O. O. F. lodge at the grand lodge convention. Mr. Marsh in commenting on the three-day meeting said it was the best held in the state in many years and furnished real inspiration to those present. The number of delegates in attendance was unusually large and the excellent program of business and entertainment was enjoyed.

Local Odd Fellows will meet Thursday evening, March 26, at which time Mr. Marsh will make a complete report to the lodge. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. I. D. Thompson attended the Rebekah meeting at Fort Worth, held in conjunction with the Odd Fellows convention, and will report to the local chapter March 26.

Firing Hay Costs \$30,000,000  
AMES, Iowa, Mar. 21.—(P)—E. R. Henson of the farm crops department, Iowa State College, says farmers lose \$30,000,000 annually due to the firing of under-cured hay. More than 12 per cent of the cars of baled hay coming to market contain mouldy hay and are graded as sample hay.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd, who is teaching at Tahoka, spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Drew Dickson, George Kirk and C. A. Doose, Jr., returned Sunday to Texas Technological College, Lubbock, after a week-end visit with relatives in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory, of Eldorado, visited relatives in Ballinger Sunday.

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### Ballinger Students Sweep Meet Friday

Ballinger pupils won events in order almost at will in the county interscholastic meet at Winters Friday. Both high school and grammar school contestants were taking first places in a very pleasing manner with some of the events not completed Friday.

For the first time in many years local boys' and girls' debating teams took first honors in the finals. The girls were given a unanimous vote of the five judges, while the boys won by a three to two count of the votes. The girls' team is composed of Carrie Witter and Esta Fulcher, and the boys' team of Bill Duncan and Fred Walter King. Both teams are coached by Howard Carr, manual training instructor. The finals were held Friday night in the Winters high school auditorium, pupils from Miles, Winters and Ballinger taking part. The girls had the negative side of the question and the boys the affirmative.

Pupils of Miss Katherine Todd won easily in the music memory contest, and brought home the blue ribbon. In this grammar school event the following Ballinger pupils took part: Elizabeth and Dorothy Fowler, Luther Reese, Rosemary Lasater and Eula Mae Clark.

First place in essay writing was won by Kathryn Wooten, of the local school. Mrs. Bessie Lowe is in charge of this department here.

The girls' volley ball of Ballinger, coached by Miss Elizabeth Parker, came out of the meet undefeated.

In the high school division of junior playground ball local boys took first and local girls second place.

Many Ballinger pupils left here Saturday morning for Winters to enter various events. Coach Harley Davis, in charge of the track team, accompanied a group of boys who were to enter the preliminaries in the forenoon. Finals in track and field events were to begin at 2 p. m.

Saturday morning the boys from the local school failed to place in tennis while Marcel Stokes and Katherine Barnett took first place in the girls' doubles. Singles were not completed at noon and no report was available.

Elementary playground ball resulted in the boys taking first place and the girls second.

Senior boys' declamation gave Miles a first place and Clarence Morris of Ballinger second. Senior girls' declamation gave Ballinger another first place when Jimmie Taylor was declared winner. In the junior declamations the Ballinger girls failed to place while John Pearce took first honors for the boys in this event.

Ballinger won two third places in extemporaneous speaking with Lester Marsh winning for the boys and Zell Reese for the girls. The local entry failed to place in spelling although the paper was perfect and no word was missed. The contestant was graded off on account of writing and no place given here.

Blizzard field swarmed with athletes all Saturday morning entered in the qualifying events and real competition started with the finals at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilliam, of Brownwood, and Mrs. Leonard Stallings, visited in Ballinger Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Stallings is staying with her parents at Brownwood while Mr. Stallings is attending a military training camp at San Antonio.

Mrs. G. E. Garnett of San Diego, California, is here visiting with Mrs. Lella McAdams. Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. McAdams were school mates together and lifelong friends.

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### Poisoning Crows Begun in County

Floyd W. Dawson, U. S. exterminator of rodents, C. W. Lehmburg and party left Ballinger Tuesday morning for the Simmons farm near Bethel where they will begin the poisoning of crows in this county. Several old horses have been contributed to the party to use as bait and the men in charge of the work planning to slaughter a horse the first thing Tuesday morning and place many baits in the section of the Simmons farm where thousands of crows are said to be roosting. Several other places will be visited in this county where crows are to be found in great numbers and the work carried on until every section infested by the pests is covered with poison. Mr. Dawson mixes the poison and uses a government formula that has given perfect satisfaction in other places and one which the birds eat readily.

So far in this county there has been very little for the crows to damage and the effort is being made to kill them off before planting season starts and the crows begin destroying much of the seed placed in the ground.

The roost on the Simmons farm is considered one of the biggest in this county while another very bad spot is to be found near Miles on a farm where the birds congregate for a roost. Both sites will be visited by the exterminator and poison will be planted convenient for the birds to get.

Any farmer in the county who is bothered with these birds is asked to get in touch with County Agent Lehmburg and assistance will be given in getting rid of these birds before planting begins. A formula for the poison can be obtained here and complete instructions for making the baits and placing them in districts inhabited by the crows.

Floyd W. Dawson, rodent exterminator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Aldous, a chemist, and C. W. Lehmburg worked in the south portion of the county Tuesday placing poison baits and creating feeding stations for crows. Baits were put out at the principal roosts on the John Lee Simmons farm and on the R. W. Bruce farm south of Ballinger.

Most of the work done Tuesday was the placing of meat baits containing no poison at favorite roosts to create feeding stations. Later poison grain will be scattered there when the birds become accustomed to feeding on



### Texas Mother Knew Best

Wise mothers find the things that keep children contented, happy, well. Most of them have learned they can depend on one thing to restore a youngster's good nature when he's cross, fretful, upset.

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that plot of ground and with this plan many of the birds will be killed. A small amount of poison was placed on the locations Tuesday, however, until all the meat is gone the birds are expected to eat little grain.

The government men left here Wednesday morning for Sweetwater but will return here about Saturday for the completion of their work and expect to slaughter many crows here over the week-end.

Mr. Dawson stated that he has had excellent success in West Texas this year fighting crows and that he expected equally as good success here. He has many dates arranged on his route to poison these birds in various sections of West Texas and is getting to them as fast as possible before planting starts in the agricultural sections.

Other sections of the county bothered with crows can get help from the county agent as to how to create feeding stations and later placing poison for the birds.

Innis Dodson (colored) was arrested Friday night on charges of violating the pool hall law. He was placed in the county jail.

Chas. Cohen, of San Angelo, was here Tuesday attending to business and looking over road and bridge construction plans in the office of Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett.

### Ballinger Clerk Helps Plan Meet

ABILENE, Mar. 21.—Preliminary plans for the program of the three-day convention of the county and district clerks of Texas, to be held at Dallas May 28 to 30, were mapped here recently at a meeting of the program committee, composed entirely of West Texas officers.

Committee members are: Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk of Taylor county and president of the state association; W. E. Burleson, Brown county clerk and secretary; W. H. McDonald and R. L. Jones, district and county clerks, respectively of Eastland county; Miss Georgia Singletary, Runnels county district clerk; Emel L. Walker, Coleman county clerk; and W. P. Bounds, Taylor county clerk.

A. H. Smith, superintendent of schools at Winters, spent Sunday here attending the league institute at the Methodist church. Mr. Smith will be here each evening this week instructing in the school which offers six courses and will run through Thursday night.

Mrs. Jack Rudd has returned home after a visit at Brownwood and other points.

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Gentlemen: I started taking Kruschen every morning as directed as I was very much overweight and wanted to reduce. I had tried going on a diet but would get so hungry that my diet would not last long, so I decided to give "Kruschen Salts" a fair trial. The day I started to take them I weighed 256 lbs. and at present, which has been just four weeks, I weigh 239 lbs. And I must say, I feel better in every way, besides looking much better.

May all large people, both men and women, who want to reduce in an easy way, give Kruschen Salts a fair trial. I am sure it will convince anyone.

A bottle of Kruschen Salts that lasts four weeks costs but 85c at L. C. Daugherty Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., or Weeks Drug Store, or any drugstore in America. Take one half teaspoon in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning. To help reduce swiftly cut out pastry and fatty meats and go light on potatoes, butter, cream and sugar. The Kruschen was the safe way to reduce—Try one bottle and if not joyfully satisfied—money back. G-4

## City Improves Parksite Here

The city report for the past week shows more good improvements made at the municipal park here. The wire fence bordering the thirteen acres of land was torn down, wire rolled, posts stacked and all removed to the city warehouse. This takes all fences out of the plot of ground between the bluff and the creek and gives a better opportunity for the plans of the location of trees and play equipment.

A two-inch water line was laid through the park with hydrants opening at convenient places. This piece of improvement makes water available at all parts of the park and irrigation of trees, shrubs and flowers is possible at this time. The park association in their last trip over the ground decided that water was needed first of all so that beautification could start and with convenient hydrants now set, work can proceed by the different committees.

The road leading to the park over the bluff near the pumping plant was greatly benefited last week when workmen widened places, cut down high spots and leveled the road to make it perfectly safe for travel. The road leads to the opening of the park and from the foot of the bluff a road will be constructed, winding through the park site and leading out so that cars can come back along the bluff to Highway 23 at the Elm Creek crossing.

The office department issued one building permit during the past week and made one gas inspection. The regular force also gave assistance to W. L. Brown who is auditing the books of the city and attended to other routine work including regular billings.

The report of Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, commented on the excellent condition of health here. Little sickness has been reported and the town is almost free of contagious diseases. The police department reported general routine of work. The fire department answered one alarm, attended one practice drill, cleaned equipment and worked on 12 water meters.

The street department reported the completion of block 700 on Tenth street with graveling. This is the third block on this street to be fixed with gravel and the work done there is causing efforts to be made in other sections of the town for similar improvements. Work done during the week included sweeping of the down town pavement, and five days' street work with grader and maintainer in practically all sections of the town.

### Would You Know One If You Saw It?

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henderson, jr., of San Angelo, spent Sunday here with their son, Baker Henderson, who is on The Daily Ledger staff.

Mrs. R. T. Williams and Eleanor Williams, Eleanor Hancock, Dorothy Ruth Lynn and Bobbie Richards returned Saturday from a visit at Rising Star.

## Road Machinery Arrives Tuesday

One car load of road machinery arrived here Tuesday for Brown & Root, contractors for the surfacing of Highway 4 from Ballinger to the Concho county line. The machinery is being held at the Santa Fe tracks awaiting arrival of representatives of the contractors.

W. O. Woolsey, general superintendent for Brown & Root, is expected here this week to start the work off and place a man in charge of the local operations. A work order was received here about a week ago and time will start against the contractors on April 2, giving them 135 working days to finish the job.

In the ear of machinery received here was a large roller and grader and other equipment to be used in the work. Other machinery is expected with a fleet of trucks which will likely come overland.

So far as the county and state are concerned work can start at any time and all concerned are anxious to complete the job as soon as possible. As soon as Mr. Woolsey arrives, announcement will be made regarding the beginning of the work, labor needed, office location and other matters that many are inquiring about daily.

### LOCAL CAFE MAN IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Tommie Miller, proprietor of the Miller Cafe, had a narrow escape from serious injury Thursday afternoon when the automobile he was driving turned over four times on the paving four miles west of Rowena. Mr. Miller was returning to Ballinger about 4 o'clock when the rain and hail storm caught him. In some way a rear wheel skidded off the concrete and hitting the soft wet dirt threw the machine across the road, the front brake apparently locking. Before the driver knew what had happened the heavy coupe had somersaulted four times into a field.

The automobile was completely ruined and Mr. Miller was thrown some 30 feet into the field, but painful bruises were his only injuries. He was able to be at his place of business Friday morning after a nervous night.

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### FIREMEN RECEIVE \$10 CHECK FOR GOOD WORK

The Ballinger Fire Department received a check for \$10 Tuesday from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer as a token of their appreciation for the work of the firemen Saturday afternoon when Mr. Behringer's house on Tenth street became ablaze.

The department made a quick response and soon had the fire under control. Mr. Behringer in his letter stated that the check, he realized, did not cover the cost of the department in answering the alarm but with it was a vote of thanks for the excellent work.

Vember Taylor and George Cape spent the week-end in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, spent Sunday in Ballinger as guests of relatives.

## Program Arranged For Commencement

The complete program for commencement week has been announced by Supt. H. C. Lyon of the Ballinger schools. The first of the series will be held on Sunday, May 10, and the final period for registration will be Tuesday, May 19.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 10, at the Ballinger Baptist Church with Rev. J. William Stephens, pastor of the Christian Church of San Angelo delivering the sermon. A special choir will furnish vocal music for this service and the graduates will form in the basement and march to their reserved section as the opening procession is rendered. The service will take the place of preaching at this hour, and it is expected that all churches of the city will dismiss so their congregations may attend.

Senior class day will be held at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, May 12. Senior speakers were selected at the beginning of school this year and will be ready to fill their places on this program. Senior day is one of the outstanding programs of commencement as it gives the pupil a chance to show what has been accomplished through his education in high school.

The speech arts department will present a recital Wednesday evening, May 13, in the high school auditorium. The varied program under the direction of Miss Nona Diltz will introduce students of all ages in the department, who will render recitations and playlets.

High school graduation has been set this year for Thursday evening, May 14. Heretofore this program has been the closing one of the week but in order to accommodate the principal speaker the date was moved up one day this year. Dr. Paul Horn, president of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will speak to the class. Presentation of diplomas and a few numbers by seniors will also be included in this program.

Grammar school graduation will be held Friday night, May 15, in the high school auditorium. An unusual program will be offered on this occasion by pupils of this school.

Registrations begin Saturday, May 16, and continue on the following schedule: Freshmen, Saturday morning, May 16; sophomores, Monday morning, May 18; juniors, Monday afternoon, May 18; and seniors, Tuesday morning, May 19. It is hoped that all children from rural districts who expect to attend the Ballinger schools next year will be present to register at the specified time.

Fresh ground coffee, 8 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. best Peaberry coffee \$1; 25 lbs. rice for \$1; No. 1 tomatoes 4 cans 25c. U. E. Hartman. 6-4w

### 85 CARLOADS OF CORN ARE SHIPPED TO MEXICO

LAREDO, Mar. 19.—Heavy exportations of American-grown corn into the republic of Mexico during February to meet the shortage created by excessive rains and damaged fields of corn in that country reached 85 carloads. This necessary food product of the Mexican people headed the list of 506 carloads of American goods, merchandise and products exported to Mexico in February.

In addition to the carload exports to Mexico a total of 99 carloads were imported into Mexico in less than carload lots, representing movements by wagon and truck over the international bridge.

Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College at Belton, was here Sunday and delivered the morning sermon to the Baptist congregation.

Miss Ullis Newton, of Big Lake, who formerly was a teacher in the Ballinger high school, was here Sunday visiting friends.

Lyle Deffebach, of Winters, was here Sunday to attend the Epworth League Institute at the First Methodist Church.

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## Interest in Street Work is Growing

A number of Ballinger citizens are becoming interested in graveling of streets. The first block to be surfaced was on Tenth Street, and as soon as this was finished two adjoining blocks entered the movement, the third block being finished at this time.

Residents of one block on Eleventh Street have signed a petition for like improvement, and householders in several other sections are working to get all lot owners to agree to pay one third of the expense for graveling.

The surfacing includes an eight to ten inch layer of gravel and caliche, scattered evenly and rolled by the city street department. The expense is about \$120 per block, the city taking care of one-third and doing the finishing. This makes the expense for the individual property owner very light. The material being used makes a good semi-permanent all-weather street.

In speaking of the city government's cooperation in the work, Mayor W. C. McCarver asserted that it saved the municipality money for maintenance in the long run. Expense of keeping up graveled streets is much less than for those unimproved, the latter type requiring much grading and smoothing following rains.

Several persons living on Hamilton Avenue in Wilke Terrace are endeavoring to improve four blocks on that thoroughfare, and are interviewing property owners on the proposal to pay their part of the cost.

At this time gravel is being supplied particularly cheap and blocks already improved encourage others to join the movement.

### ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U. REVIVAL APRIL 4 TO 12

If the B. Y. P. U.'s of this association reach and maintain the Standard of Excellence, fifty per cent of the members must complete a study course book during the year.

Robert Lee, Paint Rock, Miles, Ballinger, Winters, Pumphrey, Blanton, Content, Bethel, Hopewell, Wingate, Bronte, Harmony, White Point, Bradshaw, and Maverick have asked for workers and are entering into the revival with a wonderful spirit.

MAURINE PUMPHREY,  
Assn. B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

Mrs. O. R. Ferguson, of San Angelo, was here Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garlington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Guin spent Sunday in Winters and Abilene.

## Fire Alarm Phones Installed in Alleys

Southwestern States Telephone Company linemen Thursday completed installation of three telephones in downtown alleys, for use of the police in case of fire at night. The phones were placed in lock-boxes and night watchmen will carry keys to them so they can make quick reports of fires discovered during the night. Heretofore it has been necessary for night police to go to the city hall in order to use a phone after business houses closed and the city commission favor the proposition as a fire prevention measure.

The phones are located in the alley near the H. H. Hardin Lumber Co. yard, at the rear of the Currie Produce Co., and at the rear of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. station on Broadway.

Any night watchman can reach one of these phones within a few seconds. These phones are for use of officers only and civilians are warned against tampering with the boxes as they are private property.

The city commission is co-operating in every way with the firemen to prevent destructive conflagrations. The city has a good insurance rate because of its good fire record and local firemen believe in fighting flames before they start rather than after a building is partially consumed.

### LARGE TURNIP DISPLAYED AT LUFKIN BY FARMER

LUFKIN, Tex., Mar. 19.—A turnip 33 inches in circumference, 6 inches in height and weight has been on display here, having been grown on the Ray preserve in Trinity county by M. E. Parker, game warden.

When it was in full leafage it weighed 15 pounds, according to the grower who said that it was planted in the fall, took a second growth about December, and expanded 5 inches during February. The body of the monster vegetable fills an ordinary wash pan.

It is the largest ever to be exhibited here, where phenomenal vegetable growth is not uncommon.

Mrs. B. B. Westbrook became critically ill Sunday afternoon. She was reported as slightly better this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn spent Sunday in Coleman.

Marion Flynt and children, of Coleman, visited in Ballinger Sunday.

## Weddings

Sample-Tindall  
Miss Velma Tindall became the bride of Ralph W. Sample Tuesday, March 17, at 4:30 p. m.

The ring ceremony was performed in the parlors of the Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, with the Rev. Boothe officiating. Only close friends of the bride and groom attended.

The bride wore a lovely model in blue, princess style, with deep yolk of cream lace, all accessories harmonizing. For her going-away suit she donned a beautiful model in black and white flat crepe with top coat of spring tweed with collar of handsome white fur.

Miss Tindall is the charming daughter of J. M. Tindall of this city, and during her residence here was popular among the

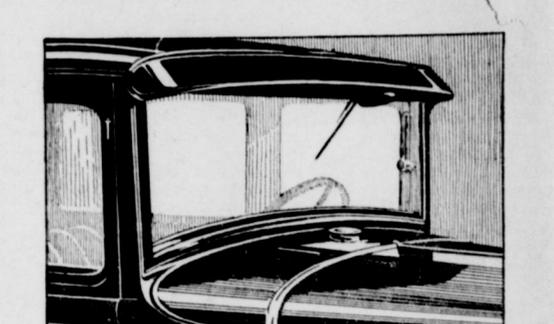
younger set. She graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1922, and received her degree from the school of pharmacy, University of Texas, Galveston, in 1924.

The groom is the son of Mr. Mrs. W. W. Sample of Smiley, Texas. He has been an employee in his father's drug store in that city for a number of years. Mr. Sample is also a graduate of the school of pharmacy at Galveston, class of '24. The romance began while the couple was attending this school and ripened when they met again some two years ago.

After a short honeymoon in Ballinger Mr. and Mrs. Sample left for San Antonio, where they will be at home in the Toltec Apartments.

Wallace Chastain, Willburn Underwood and Robert Lusk, all students at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, spent the week-end in Ballinger, visiting relatives and friends.

# FORD SAFETY

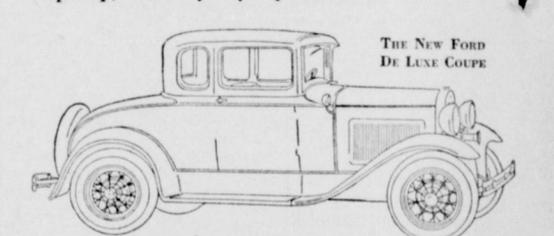


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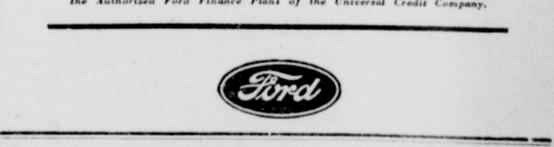
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# Rural

## WINGATE NEWS

The Primitive Baptists held their regular services Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Dalton did the preaching.

Mr. Hising and son, of Santa Anna, visited in this community last week-end.

Mrs. S. H. Wood is spending a few days in the Oxien community with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. McMillan, and family.

Miss Tiny Wood spent Saturday night with Miss Bill Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMillan and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood and son and J. B. Denison.

J. B. Denison spent Saturday night with Arvil Lee Wood.

## BENOIT NEWS

We have had quite a few northers, since last writing, which were followed by sandstorms.

Mrs. O. C. Cox had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rumpy.

Mrs. George Williams' parents from Arizona are visiting her this week.

Henry Rumpy and Miss Ethel Baker, of Wilmeth, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rumpy Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Clifford Parker's brothers and families, of San Angelo, called on her Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett.

Mr. and Mrs. Stagner, of Amherst, are visiting friends and relatives of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson, of Snyder, spent the week-end with Mrs. A. N. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. Pryor Martin and little daughter visited her parents this week-end, also Buster Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odom and daughter, Leota, called on the Hill family Sunday afternoon.

Misses Leona and Faye Hill spent Thursday night with Miss Aileen Williams.

## BETHEL NEWS

The heavy rain Saturday night prevented any church services. It was Rev. L. D. Hardt's appointment but roads were so heavy that services for both Sunday morning and Sunday night were called off.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duke, accompanied by David Duke, Jr., visited relatives at San Angelo and Wall the past week-end.

Grandpa Jones and daughter, Miss Willie, of Paint Rock, were pleasant visitors here last week. They also looked after their farm and ranch lands here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Simmons accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheatly visited relatives at Maverick last Sunday.

A large crowd attended the declamation try-out at the school building Thursday night. Supt. R. E. White, Judge O. L. Parish and Judge Frank Dickey, of Ballinger, were the judges. Winners were: Virginia May Womack, junior girls; Alvin Richardson, junior boys; Velma Lampe, senior girls; Walter Crockett, senior boys.

Part of the Tom Crockett family and Claud Simmons went to Bethel Sunday night, thinking there would be church. On arrival a light was noticed in one of the lower rooms of the school building, and on investigation they found a large banana basket used to hold waste paper burned to the floor and was consuming the floor and blackboard fixtures. Mr. Womack, who lives in the teacherage near by, was summoned at once. He came with the keys, a bucket of water and a small fire extinguisher and the blaze was soon put out. Had it

not been noticed at the time it is feared it would soon have burned through the floor and the building have been destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown unless caused by mice gnawing matches in the waste basket.

Miss Elsie Gilkerson visited home folks at Abilene the past week-end.

Quite a number are planning to attend the county meet at Winters Friday and Saturday.

## School Notes

On Wednesday of last week the Ballinger high school juniors, both girls and boys, baseball teams came over to play with the Bethel teams. The score was 9 to 1 in favor of the Bethel girls and 22 to 12 in favor of the Ballinger boys. Both games were very interesting from start to finish.

On Thursday of last week the junior baseball teams, both boys and girls, motored over to Blanton and played two very interesting games, Bethel winning both.

All contestants who will participate in the league meet, in both literary and field events, are putting in some hard work the remaining few days before the meet.

The senior class enjoyed a social last Friday night, given in the home of Alma and Velma Lampe. Some very interesting games of forty-two and carom were played, after which hot chocolate and cake was served. The class color scheme of green and white was carried out to a certain extent.

In spite of the freshly graded, muddy road the school buses had to travel Monday morning only one was a few minutes late.

Last week was a very busy time with farmers. The hum of tractors and teams was seen and heard in every direction. Although there is a good underground season the rain Saturday night was very much appreciated as the top of the ground had begun to bake and it was feared small seeds would not come up. Some land had been worked too wet and the winds had dried it out during the past several days.

## WILMETH NEWS

Mrs. T. A. Weathered has been ill for the past few days, but is improving now.

H. K. Dickinson was rushed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium at Ballinger Sunday morning. He is seriously ill, doctors say.

Miss Tabitha Broadstee entertained the young people of this community Friday night at her home. Everyone who attended reported a good time.

Miss Lillian Brown, who had been visiting her parents here, returned to her home in Georgia last Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Burns spent the night with Mrs. Cortz Robertson a few nights ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey spent the last week-end in Ballinger with Mrs. Caskey's mother.

Miss Velma Jeffery is visiting her cousin, Miss Mildred Fowler, of this community.

## BLANTON NEWS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended Sunday and good lessons were had.

There will be preaching at Blanton the first Sunday in April instead of the third Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Flannigan visited Joe Cooper and family Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family visited Mrs. Frank Boothe at Eagle Branch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and family visited in the Ed Linderman home Sunday.

A. W. Malone and family visited Sam Malone and family at Ballinger Sunday.

Miss Carrie Witter spent Saturday night with Miss Pauline Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elkins visited in Winters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Toungett had as their guests Saturday night, Sidney Dietz, wife and

mother of near Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cope visited at Bethel this week-end.

The adult B. Y. P. U. class will have a social at Mrs. A. W. Malone's Friday night.

The P.-T. A. will also meet at Mrs. Malone's Friday night, and everyone is urged to attend.

Miss LaNora Flannigan visited Miss Willie Bell Hale Sunday.

Blanton B. Y. P. U. will have a study course which will begin the fourth of April and will last eight nights. Everybody is invited to attend who wishes. It doesn't cost anything except the book studied.

Miss Juanita Huddleston is visiting relatives at Eldorado this week.

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## HATCHEL NEWS

We are having some fine spring weather and the farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather, preparing the land for planting. Some have already planted maize.

Mrs. Roy Reams is sick and is spending a few weeks with her mother.

Steve Fulton has been very sick but was some better at last report.

Mrs. Charley Broadstreet's father, Mr. Pontor, died last Thursday night at Eola.

Mord Tucker and family, and Lonnie Stone and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker Sunday.

Mrs. H. Tierce visited her sister, Mrs. Beddo, last Sunday.

Key Williams and family spent Sunday with Baxter Campbell and family.

Mrs. R. C. Henniger and daughters, Misses Lydia and Ida, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with her son, J. W. Henniger, and wife of Hatchel.

Little Marjorie Barnhill had a doll party on her ninth birthday. Those present were Julia B. Murray, Madons and W. S. Caudle, Jr. and Lillian and La Juana Stone. Cake, hot chocolate and bananas were served.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis have returned from San Antonio where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis and family of Benoit spent Sunday with Edward Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gassett and family visited relatives in Coleman Sunday.

Ross Campbell and Corine Graves won first in sub-junior spelling at the county meet.

The women's club will stage a play Friday night, April 17.

Miss Etamese Freeman and Miss Virginia Livingston won the girls' tennis doubles Saturday at Coleman. We are glad they won the cup and hope they will win at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kelly of Coleman spent Saturday and Sunday night with Mrs. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen and family, of Big Spring, came in Friday for a week-end visit with Mrs. Nolen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baxter. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lange, of Benoit, were guests in the J. C. Reese home Sunday.

Caswell Tuckey and two children, and mother, Mrs. F. W. Tuckey, of near Crews, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tuckey's daughter, Mrs. George McMillan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Theazle, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Abilene, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Midgley and children, James, Annie and Nellie Mae visited Mrs. Midgley's father, Mr. Roberts, and other relatives of Talpa Sunday.

Luther Reese was among the winners in the music memory contest at Winters and will go to the district meet at San Angelo.

Mrs. H. O. V. Humble and two sons, Houston and Howard, spent

Sunday at Stacy with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith, and other relatives.

L. B. Green spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Ira Cuniff, of near Winters.

Miss Rosemary Lasater, of town, spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Nellie Mae Midgley.

Mrs. Alvin Neely, of Pecos, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Ed Farley.

Mr. and Mrs. Moncrief and little son, of Miles, were guests last Wednesday of Mr. Moncrief's aunt, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. Hilton Baxter and baby, of Abilene, were guests in the J. H. Baxter home last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Melton and children, visited in the R. E. Brown home Sunday night.

James, Annie and Elizabeth Midgley attended the party at the home of Miss Ina Baxter, Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. Floyd Jones spent Tuesday with Mrs. Midgley.

Mrs. Brendon Welch is able to be up and about after several weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Farnes are the proud parents of a boy. Mother and baby are doing fine at this writing.

The club meets next Tuesday afternoon in the club room at the school house.

Rev. W. F. Smith preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

A pageant "All for Christ" was given Sunday evening by members of the Epworth League.

Mrs. Champion, of Brady, and her mother, Mrs. Hale, of Brownwood, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Brownwood, visited in the Will Hale home Sunday.

John Anderson, of Coleman, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Talpa.

Charles Price, of Paris, Texas, was a Talpa visitor this week.

Mrs. J. M. McConnel spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mullein.

Mrs. Jackson and son, Alvin, of Crews, spent Saturday with Mrs. Kelly.

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## HERRING TOPICS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended and the people of our community did some visiting. Bro. Tierce will preach for us next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon had as their guests Tuesday Mrs. Brandon's brother, Jim Norris, of Talpa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion, and their families, and Mr. and Mrs. Brandon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller Sunday.

Marion Kerby was the guest of S. J. Brevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kerby.

Mrs. Kerby entertained her junior Sunday school class Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marvin Hale and Mrs. G. C. Avent and daughter, Ozella, were guests of Mrs. S. H. Miller Saturday.

Miss Mona Avent spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard.

Several attended the county meet at Winters Friday and Saturday. All reported seeing and hearing some very interesting things. We are proud of three Herring pupils who took prizes and also are proud of those who did their best to win although they failed. But look out, they will be back again next year expecting to win. Misses Mona Avent and Maggie Ruth Brevard won first places in senior spelling. Arthur Kerby won third place in vaulting. Our community is very proud of these youngsters.

Miss Lenna Brevard spent Sunday with Miss Ozella Avent.

Mrs. T. C. Payne and little children spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. A. Faubion.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mullanax, of Valera.

Miss Ozella Avent spent Sunday night and Monday with Miss Lenna Brevard.

Little Lexie Brevard had the misfortune to stick a nail in her foot Sunday evening when she jumped from a feed trough while feeding little pet lambs. We hope she will be back in school in a few days.

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were added to the list. As Mrs. Hollingsworth failed to arrive here until a late hour on account of car trouble we had mostly a business program. Another little chest was completed and presented to one of the members. Delicious sandwiches and ice cold soda were served. Adjournment was taken to meet with Mrs. Jack Carroll April 2.

Miss Elsie Gilkerson spent Friday night with home folks at Abilene.

Miss Cornelia Bell was the guest of Mrs. Paul Richardson at Ballinger Friday night.

The Shick test for diphtheria immunization will be given Friday, April 3 at 2 o'clock, at the school building. Dr. Charles Bailey will be there ready to do the work. Everyone desiring a health card for their children be present.

Mrs. Jennie Kirk, Miss Georgia Singletary, Mrs. Pearl Gustavus and Mrs. W. B. Halley left Monday for Brownwood to attend the Eastern Star school of instruction to be held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles and son, of San Angelo, spent Sunday here with Mrs. W. W. Chastain.

Two San Antonians, Mayor C. M. Chambers and Lewis Maverick will entertain the regiments with which they fought during the war, according to W. W. Herring, chairman of regimental reunions.

Miss Loyce Fowler, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, left Friday morning on a two weeks' vacation. She will visit in Hamilton while away.

Miss Griffie Atkins is ill and confined to her home. Her condition is such that she may be away from her work for several weeks.

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# Want Ads

## Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1c per word each insertion.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

**FOR SALE**—30,000 pounds guaranteed Rowden Cotton Seed, 75 cents per bushel. Jack Woodfin, Pumphrey. 27-3tw-

**FOR SALE**—Bundle Maize with Heads. John Zak, Ballinger Rt. A, near Kristoff school. 27-2w-

**WANTED**—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can. Runnels County Creamery. 27-1fw

**FOR SALE**—Big boll Russell Cotton Seed \$1 per bushel. H. E. McElroy, Phone 5712. 21-1td-2tw-

**WANTED**—Reliable man to succeed K. F. Oxford as Rawleigh dealer in North Runnels county. Selling experience unnecessary. Everything furnished except car. A splendid opportunity to step into a permanent and profitable business. Good profits for hustlers. Address W. T. Rawleigh Co., 525 Rawleigh Bldg., Memphis, Tenn. 9-3td-3tw

**FOR SALE**—Inquire for Dietz Bros. pure line seed, sold at most every town in the county. This maize is grown from fourth year bagging record seed. Seed are all home grown and pure line. Dietz Bros., Talpa, Texas, Route 2. 6-4tw-

## "Undercover" Man—

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under it," telling Winans to come to Brownwood by himself. Winans immediately went to his attorney, Frank C. Dickey, who after hearing the story called State Ranger McWilliams and explained the case to him. McWilliams suggested that Winans go to Brownwood and learn the "proposition," which was done.

When Winans returned from Brownwood he again visited his lawyer and in conference with McWilliams decided to apparently accept the proposal of giving Henderson \$50, for which he agreed to get out of the state and not appear against Winans or other Ballinger people charged with offenses. Ranger McWilliams went to a bank and received the \$50 in the following form: three \$10 bills, two \$5's, and ten \$1's. The number of each bill was recorded and the same bills given to Winans who took them to Brownwood late Friday afternoon and is alleged to have "paid off" the bribe.

About 10 o'clock Friday night Henderson came into the lobby of the Brownwood hotel and McWilliams and Hallmark arrested him, and in an interview later, stated they found the fifteen bank-notes in his pocket, and that each number corresponded with those recorded here. A hearing in justice court at Brownwood resulted in the accepting bribe charge, and bond being set for the defendant.

Ranger McWilliams in speaking of the case here Monday said as long as any man helped to catch liquor violators, filed complaints and stood by the testimony given in making appearance in the court, he was "for him," but that any officer who procured evidence and then "sold out" to those named in the indictments should be in the penitentiary according to his belief.

Fresh ground coffee, 8 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. best Peaberry coffee, \$1; 25 lbs. rice for \$1; No. 1 tomatoes 4 cans 25c. U. E. Hartman. 6-4w

# Births

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moser are parents of a fine baby girl, born Thursday, March 19.

**Quality Pedigreed Cotton Seed** Now on sale at Wilmett & Hathaway Feed Store, on Sealy Ave. D. J. GOETZ, District Manager. 27-2tw

In altitude tests at Rockwell Field, Calif., an army 98-foot bomber climbed 21,730 feet. The pilots had to use oxygen apparatus.

## Nichols Funeral Here Saturday

Mrs. Mary Matilda Nichols, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Knight, near Winters Friday evening at 11:30. Mrs. Nichols was an early settler of this county, coming to West Texas in the early days with her husband, W. T. Nichols. Mr. Nichols preceded his wife into the great beyond and since that time she had made home with her daughter.

A short time ago Mrs. Nichols contracted a bad case of influenza and complications soon brought death.

Decedent is survived by the following children: Mrs. Alice Russell, J. M. Nichols, Mrs. J. P. Knight, Mrs. Ludie Davis, Mrs. Irene Davis, of Winters, and Mrs. T. A. Duke, of Ballinger. Ten grandsons acted as pallbearers, as follows: Koran Russell, Cecil Parks, Ted Nichols, Jack Davis, Delma Davis, Jasper Duke, Raymond Knight, Troy Nichols, Foy Davis and Dalley Nichols.

Funeral services were held at the Ballinger Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the local church; Rev. W. T. Hamor, pastor of the Winters Baptist Church; and Rev. P. H. Burton, pastor of the Winters Methodist Church, officiated. The cortege left the Knight home near Winters at 2 o'clock for Ballinger, arriving here shortly before time for the funeral. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

**Notice**  
Hagelstein Monument Co.  
San Angelo, Texas  
See our display before buying.  
13-20td-20tw-

## Announce Three For School Board

The names of Tom Caudle, Horace Murphy and A. J. Thorp were announced by friends Tuesday for reelection as school trustees. These men have been serving on the board and complete present terms this year. Mr. Caudle has served for a number of years and has been president of the board. He has been a valuable member of the board during construction of buildings and other moves, friends say, taking much interest in all school matters including extra-curricula activities. Mr. Thorp was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. C. Sykes a few months ago, and Mr. Murphy recently was appointed to take the place made vacant by H. S. Strain. Both are declared to be thoroughly in sympathy with all school affairs and capable of rendering excellent service as board members.

The three named above have been certified to the board secretary and will be printed on the ticket to be used here Saturday, April 4, when trustee election is held. The Marshall Northington building adjoining the J. C. Penney Company store, has been secured for the place for holding the election. All ballots will be cast there.

## Nine-Tenths Preventable

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

## MANY McCULLOCH FARMERS BUYING PRESSURE COOKERS

BRADY, Mar. 21.—The "live at home" idea is becoming prevalent with the people of McCulloch county.

Many farmers have acquired pressure cookers and are enjoying sufficient meat to supply the family table. Some who have no pressure cookers have made use of the cooker owned by the local home demonstration agent's office.

About 75 animals have been canned under the direction of the home demonstration agent.

The thousands of cans stored in the pantries of local rural homes during the past six-month period contain steak, chili, soup, roast, stew, liver paste, sandwich spread and tongue.

Mrs. R. T. Williams and daughter, Eleanor, Eleanor Hancock, Bobbie Richards and Dorothy Ruth Lynn are spending the week with relatives at Rising Star.

## Give Shick Tests In Local Schools

Doctors, nurses and room mothers were assisting teachers in the primary and elementary schools here Monday and Tuesday with the work of giving the Shick tests to all students. These children were given the immunization serum last year during the health campaign and the test is being given at this time to determine whether they are immune to diphtheria or not.

It will require several days to tell whether the tests are positive or negative and after that time a report will be made of all who are not immune and the children will take the serum again in an attempt to establish immunity.

Prior records of other groups here showed that approximately 97 per cent proved to be immune, however, there have been a few in each group who will have to take the serum again if they wish to be eligible for health buttons and be certain of not taking diphtheria in case of an epidemic.

Those who get a positive reaction from the Shick test will be certified to the parents by the last of this week. Where cases are not immune the test leaves an irritated red place on the arm where the medicine is administered and the child feels the reaction to a small extent.

## BUILDING OR RAIL LINE TO PAINT ROCK MAY MEAN END OF PAINTED ROCKS

PAINT ROCK, Mar. 19.—If the Texas & Pacific Railway is allowed to build through Paint Rock and the Simms quarry is opened up the historic painted rocks may be demolished.

P. W. Gifford, president of the Gifford Hill & Co., of Dallas, who has a contract for the Sims rock said he would have to demolish the face of the bluff which contains the painted rocks which for generations have stood untarnished in the sun and rain.

D. E. Sims, Concho county rancher upon whose land the painted rocks stand, said that his original agreement with Gifford was to leave a strip 25 feet wide the full length of the bluff, preserving a sort of monument there to the Indians whose hieroglyphics on the limestone has been the wonder of scientists and historians for years.

These colored paintings have not faded and appear as bright as the first time they were discovered a half century ago. What dyes were used—where the Indians got the paint—how they came there and what they meant have been a puzzle to the people of the state for years. Scientists from the University of Texas and other schools of the southwest have spent months at Paint Rock studying the signs. They have been one of the principal signs of interest in this part of the country for a generation.

## STEPS TAKEN TO PROTECT TEXAS POTATO GROWERS

AUSTIN, Mar. 19.—Steps to protect the rapidly growing potato industry in Texas and to free growers from quarantines imposed by pest-free states, have been taken by J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, and J. M. Del Curto, chief state entomologist.

Quarantine proclamations embracing Willacy, Cameron and Hidalgo counties, barring importation of other than pest free potatoes, have been issued and will be effective April 1. The proclamations were aimed at the potato tuber moth and the Colorado potato beetle. Neither of these pests have been found in the Rio Grande Valley counties.

The tuber moth quarantine was directed against California, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Louisiana. The potato beetle quarantine would bar importation from all states with the exception of Utah, Nevada, California and parts of Arizona and Idaho.

Cicero Swift, of San Angelo, were here a short time Sunday while en route to his home from San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker spent the week-end on the 17,000-acre old Lomus ranch in Concho county. The ranch is now owned by Campbell brothers. Mr. Baker used to visit this ranch when Mr. Lomus owned it, but this is his first visit there in 30 years. He reports stock on the place in the best of condition.

## MY ICE HOUSE IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We will appreciate your patronage.

E. E. AVEY'S TIRE HOSPITAL

## Local Implement Firm Will Exhibit First Grain Reaper

Kirk & Mack will stage a program here on April 10 celebrating the centennial of the McCormick reaper. All day will be used in staging the program which will include lunch, lectures and a number of moving pictures.

A full-sized working production of the 1831 reaper will be on display here that will attract many. The start will be at 9:30 in the morning at the show rooms of the Ballinger firm when all visitors will be asked to register in 100 hours. Not counting labor and feed, the job actually cost him less than a dollar.

## FARMER TERRACES 150 ACRES WITH 60c MACHINE

McLEAN, Tex., March 24.—At a cost of 60 cents, John E. Price, farmer near McLean, built a machine with which he terraced 150 acres of land.

Price found most of the equipment he needed scattered about his farm. This consisted of two boards, 2x8 inches, 12 feet long, several short boards for braces, and a long bolt. He spent the 60 cents for a 12x12 piece of timber which he used for a mole board.

The terracer was V-shaped. Price plowed two rows to mark off his terrace and then pushed the dirt into place with his home-made contraption. With the aid of a sulky plow and three mules he terraced the 150 acres

## Former Bandmaster Here is Sentenced

Two verdicts of guilt on sale of liquor charges, with punishment of one year assessed in each case, were returned by 104th district court juries yesterday in trials of Joe T. Ward, former West Texas bandmaster.

Trial of the second case, in which Ward was charged with sale of liquor to Fred Guitar, Jr., of Merkel, consumed only two hours, five minutes. The case opened at 2:07 and the jury returned the verdict at 4:12 p. m., after deliberating 28 minutes.

Guitar, the only witness called by the state testified that on March 7, 1931, he went into a house occupied by Ward and purchased from him a pint of liquor for which he paid \$2.

Evidence in the first case, in which Ward is charged with selling a pint of whiskey to Joe Baller Toombs, January 24, 1930, was heard yesterday morning, and the verdict, carrying a one-year term, was returned late yesterday afternoon. The complaining witness said he paid \$2 for the liquor.

Calling it a "grudge" case, attorneys for the defense called Mrs. Ward to the stand. She testified her husband was not at home on the night named in the indictment; that Toombs and Hollis Haynes came to her house, one asking about a purchase. She said that when she replied she

had no liquor one of the men said, "We will have it or stack the furniture." She called police and had them arrested, she said, and after their release the charge against Ward was preferred.

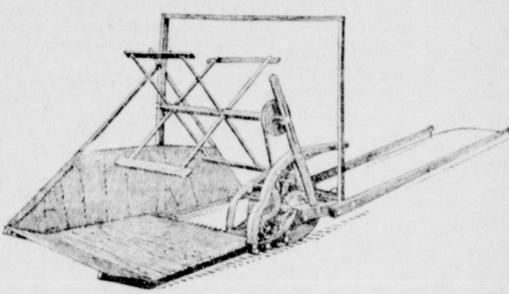
No testimony was introduced by defense counsel in the trial of the second case; neither did attorneys for Ward present argument, the case closing after Gray Browne, county attorney, had opened argument for the state. He was assisting W. J. Cunningham, district attorney.

W. E. Martin, of the firm of Martin, Shipman and Winters, representing Ward, said motion for new trials will be filed—Abilene Morning News

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer left Friday for Nixon to be at the bedside of Mr. Demmer's father. A telegram was received here Friday night stating that the elder Mr. Demmer died before the Ballingerites reached Nixon and that they would remain there for several days after the funeral.

R. G. Erwin returned Thursday from Temple, where he had been at the bedside of his wife who is in a hospital. Mrs. Erwin underwent an operation there last Monday and is reported to be resting well and will soon be able to return home.

**FOR SALE**  
Flowers for weddings and funerals, pot plants, frost proof cabbage, plants and shrubs.  
**EUBANK FLORAL CO.**  
Mrs. E. M. Eubank, Prop.  
905 Sixth St. Telephone 171



The above is a rear view of the world's first reaper invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick in 1831. While this new machine required only two people for operation, a man or boy to ride the horse and a man to rake the cut grain off the platform, it cut as much grain in a day as 4 or 5 men with cradles. McCormick's first reaper combined the following seven basic principles which have ever since been found essential in virtually all grain-cutting machines: 1, the reciprocating knife; 2, fingers or guards; 3, the revolving reel; 4, platform; 5, the master wheel; 6, forward draft; and 7, divider.

# McCormick Reaper Centennial and Power Farming Day

This is the year that marks the centennial of the reaper, that famous machine invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick in 1831, as a fitting means of commemorating this unusual event, Kirk & Mack, local McCormick-Deering dealers, have arranged a full day's program for

## Friday, April 10th

at our salesroom on Ninth Street. This entertainment is for the enjoyment of every farmer and his family in this community.

A full-size working reproduction of the original 1831 reaper will be on display. Seeing this machine would in itself be worth a great deal for its educational and historical value. But there will be much more of interest to you. There will be thousands of feet of mighty interesting motion picture, short talks on subjects of interest to every farmer, and a free lunch at noon for every one.

As a special feature of the centennial program, a five-reel motion picture, "Romance of the Reaper," will be shown. This picture was especially filmed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the McCormick reaper.

"ROMANCE OF THE REAPER" is not a "staged" picture taken on an imaginary lot with built-up scenery. It was actually filmed on Walnut Grove Farm, the old McCormick homestead, near Steele's Tavern, Virginia. Scenes showing the building and assembling of the world's first reaper were taken inside and outside of the log forge shop; the bellows and forge, and the old equipment used 100 years ago are shown. The homestead pictured was actually the home of the McCormick family, built by Cyrus' father in 1822. The building is still in excellent condition. Many of the characters are Virginians—direct descendants of the family who were neighbors of the McCormicks, witnesses of the development and testing of young Cyrus' reaper. Carriages used in the picture are old carriages that were really in use in 1831. As near as it was possible to determine, the scenes showing the first public test of the reaper were taken in the identical location where the original machine proved its worth to a doubting crowd of onlookers.

Following the testing of the first reaper is an epilogue picturing the evolution of modern grain harvesting machines from McCormick's reaper to the harvester-thresher of today. You will see the old self-rake reaper, the Marsh harvester, the wire binder, the twine binder, the modern tractor binder, and a fleet of harvester-threshers harvesting 640 acres a day. Never before has so much real history been packed into a single film of this kind.

## FREE PROGRAM

Starting at 9:30 a. m. at our showroom on Ninth Street.

Visitor register.

Short talks on power farming.

Free lunch at noon.

Talk on reaper at Queen Theatre at 1:00 p. m.

"Romance of the Reaper" at 1:30 p. m. a five-reel motion picture at Queen Theatre for farmers and their families.

Five-reel motion picture for school children at 3:00 p. m. at Queen Theatre.

IT'S ALL FREE—COME

From the first scene to the last, "Romance of the Reaper" is authentic. It is interesting; it is romantic; it is thrilling.

Kirk & Mack invites all farmers and their families to spend the entire day, Friday, April 10th, as their guests. A full day's entertainment has been planned—a morning meeting, noon lunch, and afternoon program.

# Kirk & Mack

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