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## ROBBERS RAID TWO BANKS AT VENUS

### STATE REBUTTAL IN ROAD CASE

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Feb. 4.—The oral deposition testimony of W. T. Montgomery, road contractor of San Antonio, relating that he was told by Frank Lanham that "Jim Ferguson was responsible for the American Road Company topping contracts, was today admitted to the jury in the Hoffman Construction Company trial.

Frank Lanham, former highway commission chairman, testified last week for the defense and declared that Montgomery's statements were false.

AUSTIN, Feb. 4.—H. J. Cox, state highway engineer in the maintenance department of the highway commission, and the first rebuttal witness called by the state in the Hoffman Construction Company trial, testified today that he did not expect more than two-thirds, or three-fourths of the Hoffman company's yardage to receive a second asphaltic appliance. The witness said, however, that he understood the state had the power to require a second treatment if necessary.

### RUNNELS COUNTY HEADS THE LIST

Picking out a number of West Texas last year, the Fort Worth one-half of the cotton raised in Texas last year, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram heads the list with Runnels county.

Other papers are taking note of Runnels county's lead over all West Texas, and so near the top in the entire state. For several years Runnels county has ranked close to the top in cotton production, occupying thirteenth and fourteenth place in the state.

Not only does Runnels county rank high in cotton production, but it is among the highest in poultry and egg output, as well as occupying a conspicuous place in production of livestock, wool and forage crops.

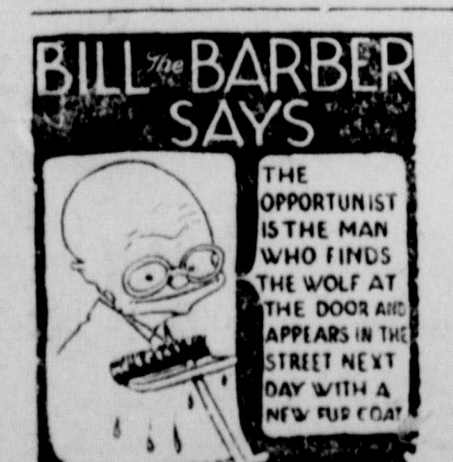
### SELLS SANDY LAND FOR \$60 PER ACRE

T. S. Lankford disposed of the remainder of his sandy land holdings while here from Abilene Thursday. Mr. Lankford sold ten acres, more or less, of sandy land near the cemetery to Mr. Lampe for \$60 an acre. He sold a part of his sandy land in South Ballinger some time ago.

### RADIOS HELP THE TROUBLE SHOOTERS

"Radios help us find current leaks in the lines around town," observes Lon Geer of the West Texas Electric Co. "Folks call up and tell us that our lines are interfering with radio reception in a certain neighborhood. Then we go out and sometimes find where a lightning arrester has broken down or something else happened that causes a leakage of current into the ground in that vicinity."—Sweetwater Reporter.

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**BILL BARBER SAYS**  
THE OPPORTUNIST IS THE MAN WHO FINDS THE WOLF AT THE DOOR AND APPEARS IN THE STREET NEXT DAY WITH A NEW FUR COAT

### SIXTEEN MINERS BELIEVED DEAD

(By Associated Press)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 4.—Abandoning all hope that any of the sixteen miners who are unaccounted for after an explosion in the Horning mine yesterday, rescue workers ceased efforts to reach them alive today, and sealed the entrance to the mine in which the men are entombed in an effort to smother out the fire.

The fire which has been raging makes recovery of the bodies impossible until the fire is checked. Twenty-one men were at work in the mine and were believed to be two miles back in the pit when the blast occurred. Two of the miners escaped alive and three bodies have been recovered. The remaining sixteen were cut off by fire which has been raging since the explosion.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 4.—Five men are reported dead and between thirty-five and forty injured as the result of an explosion in the foundry of the North & Judd Manufacturing Company here today.

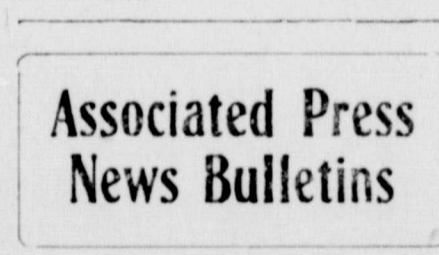
The entire foundry, a one-story brick structure about two hundred feet long, is a mass of ruins.

### BALLINGER BOY'S BAND TO GIVE RADIO PROGRAM

The Baylor University Band, under the direction of Edwin Swindell, will broadcast a program over station WJAD, Waco, Friday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Friends of the young man here will no doubt be pleased to listen in during this program.

Edwin Swindell is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Swindell of this city. He is a Senior in Baylor this year, and was chosen as director of the Baylor Band last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford were here from Abilene Wednesday, Mr. Lankford coming down on business and Mrs. Lankford for a visit.



Associated Press News Bulletins

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, February 4.—The creation of a border patrol to supplement existing agencies in the enforcement of laws along the Canadian and Mexican borders and many miles of seacoast, is proposed in a bill offered today by Representative Hudson, Republican, of Michigan.

PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, Feb. 4.—Commander Franco, pilot of the Spanish seaplane which linked Spain by air with South America, left here today for Rio de Janeiro. The distance which the plane must make on the last leg is about 1064 miles.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—A special investigation has been ordered by the federal trade commission into the Ward Food Products Corporation, a company which was recently organized to deal in material used in the baking industry.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Tackling vital tax schedules the Senate faced new problems today in considering the tax reduction bill, with fights pending against the repeal of the inheritance tax and also the provision allowing publication of income tax payments.



### MOVIE ACTOR IS LOST IN STORM

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—The fate of four persons remained in doubt today as the worst storm in several years still lashed the coast of Southern California.

A search for Reginald Denny, motion picture star, and two companions, aboard a thirty-foot yawl, started at dawn today. A fourth man is reported by fishermen to be adrift without food and water on a barge off Point Dume.

### GUARD BOYS GET CHECKS TONIGHT

Pay checks covering services as National Guardsmen over several months time will be handed out to the local troopers at a meeting of Company C, 142nd Infantry here tonight. This guarantees a good attendance.

In addition to the pay-day ceremonies tonight other important business will come before the company, and with a good attendance Captain Will McCarver expects an enthusiastic meeting of the boys.

Among successful catches of fish reported here recently was that of W. A. Holt, who came in Tuesday evening with two fish that totalled fourteen pounds, a pair of nice blue cat, snagged by use of "stink" bait.

### ENTIRE FAMILY DIES IN BLAZE

(By Associated Press)  
CASSOPOLIS, Mich., Feb. 4.—Five persons, all members of the same family, perished today in a fire which destroyed the home of William Wilkinson. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### BROWNSVILLE TO VOTE NEW CITY AUDITORIUM

(By Associated Press)  
BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 4.—In preparation for the increasing number of conventions which are to be held in Brownsville, a special election will be held in the near future on a bond issue for building a municipal auditorium capable of seating 3,500 persons.

A survey of the approximate cost of the structure now is being made by a chamber of commerce committee and a petition for the election will be submitted to the city commission as soon as this information is available.

If title restrictions do not prevent, the structure likely will be located in Washington Park in the heart of the city. The park was deeded to the city of Brownsville many years ago by the Stillman estate, with provision should it ever be used for any purpose other than a park it would revert to original owners. An investigation is being made to determine whether building the auditorium in the park would void the city's title to the property.

Willie Stephens returned Thursday at noon from Dallas, where he had been on business.

### THINKS SHOULD REDUCE ACREAGE OF 1926 COTTON

(By Associated Press)  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Reduction of cotton acreage, growing of better staple, obtaining of a higher price for the "white gold of the South," and an increase in feed crop acreage in the South, were urged by George B. Terrell, commissioner of agriculture in Texas, before the South-wide Agricultural Conference here today.

The Texan declared the South plants too much cotton and as a consequence gets a low price. He suggested only 36,000,000 acres should be planted this year in comparison with 46,000,000 acres last year, and told of meetings of bankers and agricultural agents in Texas, who are sponsoring the slogan, "Better cotton on fewer acres, and more feed on more acres." He recommended the slogan be adopted by the convention.

Commissioner Terrell urged the cotton production of 12,000,000 bales, which, he claimed, would prevent a surplus of the staple and would bring a price of \$10 to \$20 more a bale.

Relating the enticement of cotton acreage in 1915 following the bumper crop of 1914 when 16,000,000 bales of cotton were produced and prices dropped to five cents a pound, Commissioner Terrell said the farmers would again reduce their acreage if rightly approached. He suggested a central committee be selected in each state, as done in Texas, to conduct the campaign for less cotton acreage.

He scolded the proposed federal bill to create a division of co-operative marketing in the United States Department of Agriculture, saying that some of the federal experts had "never marketed as much as a pound of peanuts." He asserted the bill is a "camouflage to fool the people and seems to have the endorsement of the administration." Commissioner Terrell said the "government cannot aid the farmers in securing higher prices for surplus products, sold to foreign markets without fixing prices."

The only plan is to grow the necessary food and feed products on the farm, build up the soil in order to make agriculture permanently prosperous, growing of ample food and feed to supply the South, automatically reduce the cotton crop and raise the price to where it is profitable to produce cotton, Commissioner Terrell said.

"No country can prosper when

(By Associated Press)  
VENUS, Tex., Feb. 4.—Robbers raided both banks in this town last night. The night watchman was locked in a vault, while the robbers looted the two banks of a total of \$800.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank lost \$700 and the Citizens State Bank \$100.

Four men drove up to the Farmers & Merchants Bank at 1:00 o'clock and forced J. E. Chambers, age 65, night watchman, into the vault of the bank, and then attempted to burn their way into the inner safe of the bank with a torch.

Failing to get into the inner safe the robbers then locked Chambers in the vault and made their get away with all the loose change in the bank vault.

The robbers also attempted to burn their way into the money safe of the Citizens State Bank. They found \$100 loose change in the outer vault of the Citizens bank.

Ivan Stafford was with Chambers when the robbers appeared on the scene. He was knocked in the head and left unconscious on the sidewalk while the robbers raided the two institutions. Stafford recovered after the robbers had departed and gave the alarm, and rescued Chambers from the bank vault.

Venus is about twenty miles East of Cleburne, the center of a very prosperous community. The bandits were travelling in a high-powered car, but they left before Stafford regained consciousness and it is not known what direction they went.

### LAREDO TO PUT ON AERIAL ADVERTISING

(By Associated Press)  
LAREDO, Feb. 4.—The first aerial advertising perhaps ever done by any American city is being planned by the city of Laredo, "the Gateway to Mexico." The chamber of commerce has undertaken the plan of having the Bern Air Service of Laredo to tour in their two flying machines, fifteen states, advertising Laredo.

The ships will be painted in attractive colors and will carry the wording "From Laredo, Texas, the Gateway City to Old Mexico."

Pamphlets and other literature describing Laredo and its advantages will be distributed by the aviators.

We regret to note that Mrs. M. C. Golden is seriously ill. She has been sick for some time.

agriculture languishes, and we must build the soil by terracing the rolling lands, by rotating crops, by planting legumes, and fertilizing the lands that respond to fertilization," the commissioner declared.

See Tomorrow's Daily Ledger  
Announcing the Opening of



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On Wednesday a ten per cent  
cut was made on cord tires and  
tubes by the United States Rub-  
ber Company. This will be good  
news to car owners as the prices  
on these items had been soaring  
sky high.

A contract was closed Wednes-  
day in which a group of capital-  
ists were given the right to con-  
struct an ocean driveway from  
Corpus Christi to Brownsville by  
way of the islands Mustang and  
Padre. The distance is 131 miles  
and promises to be one of the  
greatest ocean driveways in the  
world.

The state of Missouri is getting  
ready to throw in with Attorney  
General Moody in his request for  
a rehearing of the famous bond  
case, recently passed on by the  
United States supreme court.  
Missouri claims that her prob-  
lems on road bond issues are sim-  
ilar to those of Texas, hence a  
favorable verdict affecting Texas  
will settle the matter for Miss-  
ouri.

**MORE HOGS IN NOLAN  
COUNTY**

The Board of City Development  
of Sweetwater, assisted by the  
banks of that city, are sponsoring  
a movement for encouraging  
pork production in Nolan county.  
Orders are being booked for a  
carload of brood sows to be dis-  
tributed among the farmers. The  
carload of hogs will be a starter,  
and if more hogs can be placed  
on the farms a second car will be  
ordered.

The state daily papers are  
carrying a story from Jayton,  
Texas, of a farmer who realized  
a net profit of \$241 off one sow  
in twenty-two months, or a little  
more than \$10 per month profit.

This is one of the good solu-  
tions to the too much cotton prob-  
lem. Farmers should raise all  
the cotton they can, but they  
should play safe and be in a po-  
sition to give the cotton speculator  
the ha-ha should over-production  
drive the price down.

More feed and more hogs, more

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- For County Clerk:  
W. A. FORGEY  
MRS. OSCAR HOLLIDAY
- For County Treasurer:  
MRS. JENNIE KIRK
- For Sheriff:  
R. E. McWILLIAMS
- For County Judge:  
PAUL TRIMMER
- For District Clerk:  
GEORGIA SINGLETARY
- For County Attorney:  
C. P. SHEPHERD
- For Tax Collector:  
W. L. BROWN  
G. W. DUNLAP
- For Tax Assessor:  
MIKE C. BOYD
- For County Superintendent:  
R. E. WHITE
- For Commissioner Prect. No. 1:  
R. J. DEENS
- For Public Weigher, Prect. No. 1:  
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achy, bilious, consti-  
pated, sick! One or  
two pleasant, candy-  
like "Cascarets" any  
time will gently  
stimulate your liver  
and start your bow-  
els. Then you will  
both look and feel  
clean, sweet, re-  
freshed; your head clear, stomach right,  
tongue pink and your skin rosy.

Because cheery, harmless "Cascarets"  
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"Cascarets" has become the largest sell-  
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women, children. Buy a box at any  
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problem.

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"ouch" from sore, stiff, aching  
joints. It cannot hurt you, and it  
certainly stops that old rheuma-  
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can hardly get around, just try  
Red Pepper Rub and you will  
have the quickest relief known.  
Nothing has such concentrated,  
penetrating heat as red peppers.  
Just as soon as you apply Red  
Pepper Rub you will feel the  
tingling heat. In three minutes  
it warms the sore spot through  
and through. Pain and soreness  
are gone.

Ask any good druggist for a jar  
of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be  
sure to get the genuine, with the  
name Rowles on each package.  
For Free Sample Mail This Adver-  
tisement to  
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598 Madison Ave. New York, N.Y.

Sometimes we think everybody  
is wrong about everything, but  
we know we are wrong about  
that.

**CREAM FOR CATARRH  
OPENS UP NOSTRILS**

Tells How To Get Quick Relief  
from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged  
nostrils will open, the air pas-  
sages of your head will clear and  
you can breathe freely. No more  
hawking, sniffling, blowing,  
headache, dryness. No struggling  
for breath at night, your cold or  
catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's  
Cream Balm from your druggist  
now. Apply a little of this frag-  
rant, antiseptic, healing cream in  
your nostrils. It penetrates  
through every air passage of the  
head, soothes the inflamed or  
swollen mucous membrane and  
relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay  
stuffed-up with a cold or nasty  
catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

**PLAN EXPANSION  
FOR AIR MAIL**

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, February 2.—  
The air mail service, pioneer in  
commercial aviation in the  
United States and world trail  
blazer in the art of night flying,  
is on the eve of an expansion  
which will benefit a large por-  
tion of the country.

Within the next few months air  
mail service will be provided for  
two score more cities with in-  
direct benefit to other places in a  
wide expanse of territory. This  
progressive step has been taken  
under the law passed last year  
permitting the Postmaster Gen-  
eral to contract with commercial  
aviation enterprise for the carry-  
ing of the mails through the air.

Contracts have let or have been  
advertised for a dozen routes.  
The first to begin service will be  
the Chicago-Detroit and the  
Cleveland-Detroit routes on Feb-  
ruary 15, and by April a majority  
of these routes are expected to be  
in operation.

Postmaster General New and  
Second Assistant Postmaster  
General W. Irving Glover, who  
has direct supervision of the air  
mail service, are enthusiastic over  
the prospects of the new air mail  
routes.

The first air mail service was  
initiated in 1918 between New  
York and Washington. A through  
service between New York and  
San Francisco was begun July 1,  
1924, and an overnight service  
between New York and Chicago  
has been in operation since July  
1, 1925.

Air mail pilots have flown more  
than 10,000,000 miles since estab-  
lishment of the service. During  
last year 2,501,555 miles were  
flown. With the new air mail  
contract routes now proposed,  
mail pilots, it is estimated, will  
fly a total of 4,015,804 miles  
yearly.

The new services, with the  
yearly mileage include contract  
routes between:

- Boston and New York via Hart-  
ford, 117,504 miles. Chicago and  
St. Paul-Minneapolis via Milwau-  
kee and La Crosse, 230,724 miles.  
Chicago and Dallas-Ft. Worth  
via Moline, St. Joseph, Kansas  
City, Wichita and Oklahoma City,  
604,044. Chicago and St. Louis  
via Peoria and Springfield, Ill.,  
170,136. Elko, Nev., and Paso,  
Wash., via Boise, Idaho, 256,220.  
Salt Lake City and Los Angeles  
via Las Vegas, Nev., 367,200.  
Seattle and Los Angeles via Port-  
land, Medford, Sacramento, San  
Francisco, Fresno and Bakers-  
field, 686,052. Detroit and Chi-  
cago, 145,044. Detroit and Cleve-  
land, 55,692. Chicago and Bir-  
mingham, Ala., via Indianapolis,  
Louisville, and Nashville, 378,828.  
Chicago and New Orleans, via St.  
Louis, Memphis and Jackson,  
Miss., 532,440. Atlanta and  
Miami, via Jacksonville and  
Tampa, 406,368. Seattle and Vic-  
toria, B. C., 20,832. New Orleans  
and Pilotown, La., 14,720.

Other services of the air mail,  
under operation by the govern-  
ment, are between:  
New York and San Francisco

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bark, magnesium sulph. c. p. gly-  
cerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika.  
This removes stomach GAS in ten  
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ing amount of old poisonous mat-  
ter you never thought was in your  
system.

No matter what you have tried  
for stomach trouble or constipa-  
tion Adlerika is so wonderful in  
its QUICK action that you will be  
astonished. This excellent intes-  
tinal evacuant stops that full,  
bloated feeling and makes you en-  
joy eating. Don't waste time with  
pills or tablets but get REAL Ad-  
lerika action today! J. Y. Pearce  
Drug Co.

via Bellefonte, Cleveland, Bryan,  
Chicago, Iowa City, Des Moines,  
Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne,  
Rawlins, Rock Springs, Salt Lake  
City, Elko, Reno and Sacramento,  
transcontinental service, 1,945-  
450 miles yearly.

New York and Chicago, via  
Bellefonte, Cleveland and Bryan,  
over-night service; 358,644 miles  
yearly.

Owing to the different laws  
establishing the various air mail  
services there are several rates of  
postage. On the transcontinental  
route the rate of 8 cents an ounce  
for each of the three zones, the  
zones ending at Chicago and  
Cheyenne. On the over-night ser-  
vice between New York and Chi-  
cago the rate is 10 cents an ounce.  
On each contract route the rate is  
fixed at 10 cents an ounce for  
1,000 miles or less; 15 cents for  
1,000 to 1,500 miles and 20 cents  
for over 1,500 miles.

Air mail originating on con-  
tract routes and destined for  
points along the transcontinental  
route will be carried over the  
latter route at 5 cents an ounce  
for each zone in addition to the  
contract air mail postage.

You could build yourself a pri-  
vate street car line with what  
it takes to keep up an old auto  
in winter.

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as to bring out the full beau-  
ty of your features is an-  
other thing. Our trained  
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in hair dressing. And they  
know how to bring out your  
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and is in good standing with us  
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day, and went on the warpath  
with The Ledger for cutting him  
off the mailing list when his sub-  
scription expired. He reinstated  
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will power by wearing your  
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to  
Re-Tire  
Get a Fisk  
Sykes Overland Co.**

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etables in town.

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siderate, systematic and thorough—  
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are able to render the best service  
that modern equipment and pro-  
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**WILL STIMULATE INTEREST IN TEXAS BORDER HISTORY**

(By Associated Press)  
BROWNSVILLE, Feb. 3.—To stimulate interest in the early history of the border country, the Valley Historical Society will hold a number of special entertainments and programs during 1926 to which the public will be invited. The first of these entertainments, an "Old Timers" dinner, was held recently in Brownsville and pioneer citizens and descendants of early settlers related interesting stories of political, social and development beginnings.

The campaign is designed to aid in the collection of valuable records for use in a history of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, which is to be compiled in cooperation with the Historical Society of Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Myrick, of Harlingen, is president of the Valley society.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jay, of Abilene, were visitors to Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Jay was looking after business and Mrs. Jay came along to visit her sister, Mrs. Roscoe DeMerville.

The coast of Southwestern California has been in the grip of a destructive tide for several days. A great many houses along the beach of Santa Monica have been destroyed by incoming waves and some lives lost.

A party has been organized recently in Coleman to take stock in a proposed new \$70,000 hotel. A lot has been purchased in a favorable location for \$11,040.10 and it is expected that the contract will be let February 10th.

**Colds By millions ended**

Hill's stops millions of colds every winter—and in 24 hours. They end headache and fever, open the bowels, tone the whole system. Use nothing less reliable. Colds and Grippe call for prompt, efficient help. Be sure you get it.

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**TELEPHONE CO. IMPROVEMENTS**

The West Texas Telephone Company has appropriated \$80,000 for improving its properties in the various towns which it is serving. Of this amount about \$4,000 will be spent in Ballinger, according to an interview given out by Fred W. Greber, vice-president and general manager of the company, at Brownwood, and published in the Brownwood Bulletin.

"Of this amount, some \$32,000 will be spent in Brownwood," Mr. Greber said, "in construction of an underground conduit for the business district of the city. We expect to spend about \$20,000 which is a part of the \$32,000 allotted for improvements in Brownwood."

About \$4,000 will be spent in Ballinger for station, pole, line and cable.

At Brady about \$3,500 will be expended in laying new cable, a central office and station equipment.

Coleman calls for \$4,000 in pole, cable and line work and also new station equipment.

At Menard about \$4,000 will be expended on cable, pole, line, switchboard and cable equipment.

Winters, a thriving little town in the northern part of Rimmels county, will receive about \$5,000 worth of improvements in cable, pole, line and station equipment.

About \$3,000 will be spent at Bangs and Richland Springs for cable, pole and line construction.

Mr. Greber stated that about \$16,500 would be spent on improving the long distance facilities throughout the district served by his company.

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From Which Kentucky Man Suffered Two or Three Times a Month, Relieved by Black-Draught.

Lawrenceburg, Ky.—Mr. J. P. Nevins, a local coal dealer and farmer, about two years ago learned of the value of Theford's Black-Draught Liver medicine, and now he says:

"Until then I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month. I would get nauseated. I would have dizziness and couldn't work."

"I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple or three times, then I would be very constipated."

"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything."

"It seemed to cleanse my whole system and make me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of 'pep' and could do twice the work."

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**Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT LIVER MEDICINE**

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BETTY COMPSON AND RICARDO CORTEZ IN JAMES CRUZE'S 'THE PONY EXPRESS' A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

**Epic Historic Western Coming to the Queen**

Acclaimed as a monumental screen achievement and hailed as the greatest historical Western since "The Covered Wagon," "The Pony Express," James Cruze's titanic frontier production, begins its local engagement of two days at the Queen Theatre Friday.

In this picturization of the story by Henry James Forman and Walter Woods, Cruze has opened another chapter in the history of America. It is a chapter filled with the glorious romance, the authentic incidents, the thrilling episodes, and above all the wonderful humor of the uncivilized West that has gone, molded together into a great pic-

torial epic of our national life, as only Cruze and Paramount can do it.

Under the magic hand of this directorial genius, the days of 1860 spring to life. Once again the phantom riders of the Pony Express thunder out of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, carrying the fast mail. Once again sinister political forces plot to gain control of California. Once again the savage Sioux Indians launch a terrific attack on Julesburg, Colorado, and burn part of the town before they are driven out by the troops. Once again news of Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency arouses the country to a frenzy of excitement. And once again a thousand and one

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It follows the trail of the covered wagon in to the heart of every American.

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**To the Ladies of Ballinger**

Beginning February 1st, we will have with us for one week, Miss Lillie Mae Smith, an expert beauty specialist, introducing the—

**LADY BETH TOILET REQUISITES**

Miss Smith will demonstrate scientific methods of caring for your complexion and will show you how to RETAIN and REGAIN your "Youth and Beauty." We have a private booth arranged in our store where she will give free facials.

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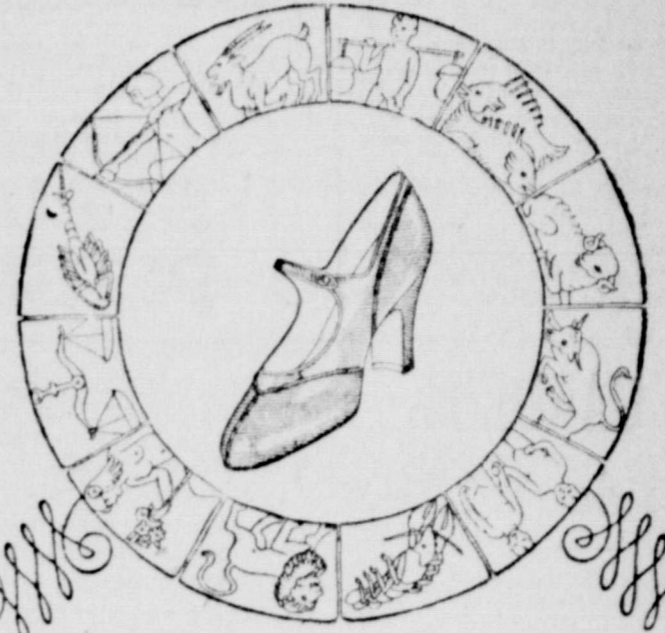
MEMBER TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

**This Explains Mystery of Missing Catsup Bottle**  
(By Associated Press)

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—Re-moving the catsup bottle from the restaurant table and placing it on the sideboard, to be produced only when it is asked for, has reduced the annual consumption of the viand approximately 40 per cent. This has been ascertained by the National Restaurant Association for presentation of such film favorites as Ernest Torrence and Wallace Beery proves conclusively that Cruze was alive to his responsibility in this respect.

It takes experienced players to do justice to such a tremendous story, and the presence in the east of such film favorites as Ernest Torrence and Wallace Beery proves conclusively that Cruze was alive to his responsibility in this respect.

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## "Purges" and "Physics" Bad for Old Folks

While Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, knew that constipation was the curse of advancing age, he did not believe that a "purge" or "physic" every little while was necessary.

To him, it seemed cruel that so many constipated old people had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which helps to "regulate" the bowels of old folks. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but each dose helps to strengthen the bowel

muscles, shortly establishing natural "regularity." It never gripes, sickens, or upsets the system. Besides, it is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take.

If past fifty, buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

### Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN

## SAYS GARDENS PAY DIVIDENDS

(By Associated Press)

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 4.—A good vegetable garden produces larger gross returns with less investment of time and money than any other part of the farm, reports at the home demonstration department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College here show.

It is computed that an average net value of vegetables from 1.20 of an acre is \$43.38 and from one-half acre, \$134.14.

Fresh vegetables from the home garden are more tasty, of a higher quality and are more valuable from a dietary standpoint than those obtained in the market, they conclude.

Every person needs two raw fruits or vegetables and one cooked, leafy vegetable, daily, and tomatoes or oranges three times a week.

Well grown plants of many vegetables for transplanting, such as tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower, egg plants, celery and peppers aid materially in giving the crop a good start.

Some of the garden products re-

garded as valuable include these leafy vegetables: artichoke, globe artichoke, Jerusalem, Brussels sprouts, chard, Swiss and Chinese cabbage, collards, lettuce, cauliflower, eggplant, kale, kohlrabi, New Zealand spinach, parsley, rhubarb and spinach.

Root vegetables recommended embrace carrots, dasheen, garlic, kale beets, salsify, oyster plant, parsnips, winter radish and rutabaga.

Herbs recommended are mint, horse radish, sage, and the miscellaneous are: lima beans, cassaba, citron melon, egg plant, gherkins, honey dew melon, peppers and sweet squash.

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### Juvenile Courts Asked for Mexico by Society

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO, D. F., Feb. 4.—Juvenile courts for Mexico are urged by the Society for the Protection of Children of this country.

The society has petitioned President Calles to issue a decree under the "extraordinary authority" given him by congress for immediate creation of these courts. If the president thinks he has not this authority the society will submit a bill to the next session of congress.

## METERS INDEX TO POPULATION

While it may not figure out accurately on such a basis, taking electric current consumers as an index, and counting so many people to the meter, the population of Ballinger, San Angelo, Abilene and Winters can be very easily estimated.

The West Texas Utilities Company is serving all these cities, and in round numbers they have 5,500 customers at Abilene, 3,500 at San Angelo, 1,100 at Ballinger and 800 at Winters, according to meter connections.

Figuring five persons to the meter, which has been estimated as a fair average per family, Abilene has a population of 27,500; San Angelo, 18,500; Ballinger, 5,500; and Winters 4,000. This ratio may be a little high, but it goes to show the comparative sizes of the cities named.

Abilene and San Angelo have both experienced building booms during the last year, and the booms continue. The Reagan and other Western counties oil development have been the means of putting San Angelo on the map boldly, various oil companies and other allied lines of business making that city headquarters for the Western oil fields.

As an educational center and a wholesale point Abilene has gained a lead over neighboring cities, and threatens to become the hub of West Texas. Ninety-

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two water and sewerage connections were made in Abilene during January, indicating the rapid growth of the city.

While Ballinger has not experienced an oil boom, and has not enjoyed any special advantages through development of her natural resources, the town has kept pace with her neighbors, and a gradual and substantial growth has maintained a steady gain in population.

### ARE YOU SICK?

Do you have stomach trouble, loss of weight, loss of sleep, nervousness, frequent headaches, dizziness, despondency and loss of energy? If so, I have a FREE message for you. Write W. C. Rountree, M. D., Texarkana, Texas.

### Art Director Once Wrote Songs for Montmartre Cabaret

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Feb. 4.—Maurice Conyba, who has been appointed director of the State School of Decorative Arts, once wrote songs for the celebrated Montmartre cabaret, the "Chat Noir," and occasionally sang them there himself.

He signed them "Bankay." He has published several books of verse. One of his songs "Stanzas to Manon," has been sung the world over.

## Aspirin Gargle in Sore Throat or Tonsilitis

Prepare a harmless and effective gargle by dissolving two "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" in four tablespoonfuls of water. Gargle throat thoroughly. Repeat in two hours if necessary.

Be sure you use only the genuine Bayer Aspirin, marked with the Bayer Cross, which can be had in tin boxes of twelve tablets for few cents.

Bedford Caperton returned home Tuesday evening from Austin where he had been since last November at the bedside of his mother, who died last week. Mr. Caperton was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Alpha, who will spend a few days here. Miss Caperton is a teacher in the Austin schools. She was for several years a teacher in the Ballinger schools.

### Royal Neighbors Meeting Friday

The Royal Neighbors will meet Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance will come before the meeting and all members urged to be present.

Mattie Middleton, Oracle  
Abby Pogue, Recorder

### LEGION MEMBERS TO WORK TONIGHT

All Legion members are requested to be at the Library tonight at 7:30 o'clock to do some needed work. The first floor is getting in good shape, but about twenty men are needed to work for a couple of hours in order to put everything in place and set up. The new front doors have come and have been put on with the old lock on them so that all Legion members holding keys can get into the club rooms now.

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