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DEATH LIST IN TRAIN WRECK NOW 18

(By Associated Press)

ROCKMART, Georgia, Dec. 24.—Eighteen persons perished as the result of a head-on collision here last night between the "Ponce DeLeon," North bound train bound from Miami to Chicago, and the "Royal Palm," South bound train of the Southern Railway.

The seriously injured numbered 29.

The death today of little Goldie Williams, of Detroit, in a hospital at Cedar Town, and W. H. Brewer, baggage master on the "Ponce DeLeon," in a hospital at Rome, brought the total known dead to eighteen.

Railroad officials said they did not believe any more bodies would be found in the wreckage which has been thoroughly searched.

The "Ponce DeLeon" with J. M. Pearce, road foreman of engines, at the throttle, was maintaining its schedule with a long train and was under orders to take the siding at Rockmart to pass the "Royal Palm," which had pulled up on the main line to await the Northbound train, railroad officials said in regard to the wreck.

The officials also stated that the siding was occupied partly by a freight train which is also believed to have caused Pearce to think that the Royal Palm was on the side track.

The Ponce DeLeon was coming down an 8-mile grade at a high speed and hit the Royal Palm engine head-on. The day coach of the Northbound special jammed into the diner.

Only three occupants of the dining car are known to have escaped death.

The baggage-club combination car of the Royal Palm was badly damaged.

FAMILY, 9 FOUND IN CAVE DEAD

(By Associated Press)

FARWELL, Tex., Dec. 24.—The bodies of Mrs. George J. Hassell and her eight children were found in a cave-in dugout on their farm, three miles East of here this afternoon. The husband and father, George J. Hassell is in a hospital here suffering from knife wounds.

The family disappeared from their home three weeks ago.

HIJACKERS KILL YOUTH AT CISCO

(By Associated Press)

CISCO, Dec. 24.—A youth who was found fatally wounded here today apparently had been struck on the head and robbed, dying soon after being found.

An express receipt issued to Edgar Hughes, of Sweetwater, was found in the boy's pocket.

TEN-YEAR SUIT IS ENDED TODAY

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ten years of litigation over the \$82,000,000 estate of Jay Gould was ended today in a settlement announced by attorneys for fifty or more litigants.

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At Smyth's Young Men's Class Next Sunday Bill's bunch is leading now. But watch Ross and his gang Next Sunday Up and at'em every body

ONE DEAD; 2 HURT IN SANTONE GARAGE FIRE

(By Associated Press)

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—A. J. Landrum died here today of injuries received last night in a fire which followed an explosion in his automobile and tire shop.

J. L. Jackson was injured and L. V. Fore probably was fatally injured while fighting the blaze. Both are members of the fire department.

JAPAN'S RULER DIES CHRISTMAS

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, Saturday, December 25.—Emperor Yoshihito of Japan died of pneumonia at 1:25 o'clock this morning.

Crown Prince Hirohito, who has been regent since November 1921, succeeds to the throne, becoming Japan's 124th emperor.

When the sovereign's illness became acute, all amusements ceased and Japanese business halted. The nation gave itself up to prayer.

Yoshihito, well beloved by his people, had been an invalid for many years, an affliction dating from his infancy.

SNOWING AT ABILENE AT 1:15 P. M. FRIDAY

Snow was falling at Abilene Friday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, according to Tommy Hall, of the Hicks Rubber Company, who had just conversed with his father, V. Davis Hall, of Abilene.

Mr. Hall said the snow was falling fast and that the ground was covered with a white blanket which promised to give Abilene citizens a white Christmas.

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We have the articles that are most suited for Gifts.

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Greetings



RUMORS A. & S. SALE IS BEING PROMOTED

Rumors are afloat once more in Ballinger, Abilene and this section of West Texas of a railroad deal, which if put over, will probably mean much to the citizens of this part of the state.

Latest news now comes from Washington to Abilene and other Texas cities that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked immediately to confirm and authorize the purchase of the Abilene & Southern, owned by the Morgan Jones estate, by the Texas & Pacific Railway.

It is understood that negotiations have been started by J. L. Lancaster, general manager of the Texas & Pacific, and Morgan Jones, of Abilene, manager of the A. & S., with the sale of the latter line in view.

Ballinger would be benefitted

greatly by this change, it is believed, and should the deal go through West Texas cities along the route of this road would no doubt receive much better rail service.

Following is an excerpt of a story published in the Abilene Morning News:

"A railroad deal of magnitude, and possibly of great significance to West Texas, is pending in the proposed purchase of the Abilene & Southern Railway by the Texas & Pacific system.

"Information that negotiations had been started between J. L. Lancaster, general manager of

(Continued on Page 4)

The Needs of the Living

Caring for the dead is not all our work, though we give them every possible attention. We believe that we have a duty just as high and as sacred to the living.

Hearts made heavy by bereavement deserve all possible consideration. They should have no added burden of practical details, little duties which are none the less important because they are small.

To such as these we bring sympathy and a readiness to serve.

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C. R. Crews, Night Phone 99

C. G. Jennings Night Phone 1248

Mrs. Jess Jones, Attendant Phone 233



Let Christmas Carols Ring

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

D. E. MOODY MUSIC HOUSE

Open Till Late

Special Dinner Christmas Day and Sunday 50c CITY CAFE

TEXAS PROMISED SNOW FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

(By Associated Press)

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 24.—Sleet, followed by snow fell here today giving promise of a white Christmas.

Points in East and South Texas and most of West Texas, including all Panhandle cities and practically all of Oklahoma, lay blanketed with from an inch to several inches of snow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A wet Christmas instead of a white one was the best the Weather Bureau could see for a large part of the country tomorrow, although Santa Claus may find plenty of snow for his

sleigh tonight over the Rocky Mountains and to the Mississippi River regions.

Some other regions may be favored with merrily cloudy skies it was forecast.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The Weather Bureau here today issued storm warnings for the Texas coast. The warnings said strong Northerly winds probably would reach a gale force this afternoon or tonight.

Robert Lowe, of Baylor University, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bessie L. Lowe, a teacher in the city schools.

Christmas Eve

Midnight Matinee

Palace Theatre

BEGINNING AT TWELVE SHARP

FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

BETTY BRONSON and RICARDO CORTEZ

in

"THE CAT'S PAJAMAS"

You love fast, frisky comedy in which there's the sweet flavor of romance, plenty of laughs and a dash of tabasco—and here it is to perfection!

A William Wellman Production with Arlette Marchal and Theodore Roberts

NOTE—This picture will be shown once only. See It!



Merry Christmas

WE ANNOUNCE OUR 6th ANNUAL SHOW

"Turn to the Right"

Friday, Jan. 7th

Matinee 3:30 p. m.
Night 8:00 p. m.
Mid-Night Matinee 11:00 p. m.

Pat Williams Post No. 8 American Legion

Seats now on sale at Weeks Drug Store

Editors Enriched by Oil Stick to Papers
(By Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—The aroma of printer's ink has more attraction than the odor of oil to the nostrils of two weekly newspaper editors of Oklahoma.

Made independent by the discovery of oil on land owned by them, J. W. Kayser of Chickasha, and W. J. Livingston of Seminole, have announced that they will continue to publish their papers.

A well producing more than 1,000 barrels a day was brought in on Kayser's land in Grady county.

"I am going to get out a better paper," Kayser said. "I like the game."

Kayser was a reporter in Kansas City twenty years ago, before he came to Oklahoma with \$150 and started the Chickasha Star.

Livingston publishes the Seminole County News. The drill is going deeper in search of greater production on his land, but the editor is assured of a producing well. Although the oil boom has increased the population of Seminole from less than 1,000 to more than 5,000, Livingston says he does not yet contemplate enlarging the publication to a daily.

Real Estate Transfers

Warranty Deeds

Mrs. Emma Cornelius to George Brooks, 75 acres of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey No. 117, December 16, for the sum of \$1.

J. S. Poe et ux to W. W. Poe, 236 3/4 acres of the Guion Gregg survey No. 82, December 19, for the sum of \$13,000.

W. W. Poe et ux to George Poe, 122 3/4 acres of the Guion Gregg survey No. 82, December 21, for the sum of \$1.

W. W. Poe et ux to Ozella Bugg, 109 acres of the Guion Gregg survey No. 82, December 21, for the sum of \$1.

John Heck et ux to L. C. Overman, block 16 of the Edward Conley 3,227-acre survey No. 445, December 22, for the sum of \$18,775.

B. E. Baldwin and wife to M. E. Harrell, lots 4 and 5 of block No. 3 of the Vanell addition to the city of Winters, December 18, for the sum of \$1,200.

Oil and Gas Leases

Paul Witter and wife to Red Bank Oil Company, 100 acres of the George W. Dyer survey No. 482, of the Absolon Jett survey No. 530 4-8, and the Domingo Diaz survey No. 532, November 18, for the sum of \$500.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Walter Keeby and Miss Eppie White.

Walter Whalen and Miss Olga Gregory.

Malcolm Morgan and Miss Pauline Burke.

Frank Gruber and Miss Lena Halfmann.

L. L. Reese and Miss Katherine Hogg.

Giffin Miller and Miss Jewel Wheat.

Chris Gambler and Miss Pearl McLaughlin.

A. H. Lovvorn and Miss Vernon Burton.

Get your Xmas Fireworks at Hopper's Cafe. 11-2td-2tw

BEGINNING January 1st 1927

My business will be conducted on strictly a CASH BASIS.

No credit will be extended as I haven't the time to collect my bills on the first.

Please send the money when the children call for work done after the above date.

Bob Carsey
GOODYEAR SHOE SHOP
Shoe Rebuilding for Particular Men and Women
In Old Strobie Market Bldg on 5th Street

Christmas Programs at the Local Churches

Santa Claus will be at the churches of the city today when they call for their annual Christmas tree and a short program for the kiddies of the Sunday schools.

Practically every church in the city is having some kind of a short Christmas program for the children and they are all expected to be present despite the rainy and cold weather which has prevailed during a greater part of the day Christmas Eve.

Christmas song services were held last Sunday at the First Presbyterian church and at the Methodist church. These two services were very inspiring and entertaining. The finest voices of the city were heard at these programs and large crowds were in attendance.

Today, this afternoon and tonight, Christmas trees and short programs for the young folks will be the order of the day in the houses of worship. Regular church services are planned for Sunday, and it is expected that extra large congregations will attend at all services.

Dr. Alvin Swindell of the Baptist church, will preach here for the last times, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and at the Sunday services. Dr. Swindell and family are leaving next week for Hillsboro, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of that city.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church this afternoon.

Rev. Alvin O. Rue announces regular services Sunday at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. A Christmas tree for the youngsters and a short program will be held tonight at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Leslie G. Smyth, of the First Christian church announces regular Sunday services at his church, and a Christmas tree this evening for the young people. The Yuletide program will be held at the church at 7:00 o'clock.

Rev. R. B. Hooper, of the Meth-

odist church, announces regular services for his church on Sunday, and a Christmas tree at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. E. W. McLaurin, of the First Presbyterian church, announces a Christmas tree for the young people of his church this evening, and also regular church services on Sunday. The main program was held last Sunday evening at this church in the form of a Christmas song service.

The programs all promise to be very interesting and will afford the kiddies of the city much joy and pleasure. They are all expected to be present at these programs.

Other churches of the city are expected to hold similar programs, but their plans have not been announced. The Ledger an account of some of the pastors being away from town.

RED PEPPER HEAT ENDS CHEST COLDS

Ease your tight, aching chest. Stop the pain. Break up the congestion. Feel a bad cold loosen up in just a short time.

Red Pepper Rub is the cold remedy that brings quickest relief. It cannot hurt you and it certainly seems to end the tightness and drive the congestion and soreness right out.

Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers, and when heat penetrates right down into colds, congestion, aching muscles and sore, stiff joints relief comes at once.

The moment you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes the congested spot is warmed through and through. When you are suffering from a cold, rheumatism, backache, stiff neck or sore muscles, just get a jar of Rowels Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, at any drug store. You will have the quickest relief known.

Ledger advertising pays.

MAIL SERVICE IS GOOD HERE

Mail trains here have been late for the past few days and that accounts for the delay in the postoffice here in putting up the mail for Ballinger patrons, and it was no fault of the local postal force.

The local force has been working overtime. They have been sorting the mail as fast as possible after the mail trucks and trains arrive and they have been giving some very fine service to Ballinger postal patrons.

The entire force deserves much credit for their untiring service in giving Ballinger citizens the very best possible mail service.

Parcels, packages, letters, Christmas cards, greetings, business letters have been pouring in on every mail line and the local office has been swamped for the past few days but the employees are continuing to give the best of service for Christmas holidays. Mail is sorted and placed in the boxes as quickly as possible after it arrives here from all directions. Bad roads, almost impassable, has been cause of some delay in the Abilene mail truck, while heavy mail, baggage and express in addition to heavy passenger travel has been the cause of the delay of passenger trains.

Postmaster J. A. Reese declared Friday that the local force had handled more Christmas greetings cards than ever before. "The Christmas card business has been more than good," Mr. Reese asserted, "letter mail has been very heavy, and parcels have been more numerous this year than ever before."

On Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day, the office will be open from 9:00 o'clock until 12:00 noon, for mail service, on account of the day after Christmas being Sunday. First class mail will be received and worked on Christmas day after the closing hour at noon, but no delivery service will be made after 12:00 o'clock.

BAILEY GETS CHRISTMAS PARDON FROM GOVERNOR

T. J. Bailey, of this county, sentenced in 1925 to three years in the penitentiary on a liquor charge, was one of the 24 convicts who received pardons from Governor Miriam Ferguson on December 23rd, according to news received in Ballinger.

Bailey's pardon was recommended by Judge J. O. Woodward, who presided at the trial, the jury, and Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, according to a news story sent out from Austin.

SORE GUMS—You won't be ashamed to smile again, after you use Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists and can not fail to benefit you. Druggists return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Mrs. Worth Claunch, of San Antonio, was in Ballinger Thursday afternoon visiting and shopping. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. VanPelt in Winters.

Ford Battery of standard size for 95 per cent of the automobiles only \$12. 13 plates and a rubber case. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

Mrs. Hart and little son, of San Antonio, were down from Winters visiting friends and shopping Thursday. They are visiting their parents and grandparents in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson and daughter, Miss Mary Virginia, left Friday afternoon for Abilene, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Simpson's parents.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To Everybody THE FAIR A. G. Brennan & Co.



May Your Christmas Be the Merriest Ever

In this Yuletide season, the old message is still the best.

With the spirit of Christmas ever growing stronger, we send our greeting, thankful for the strengthened friendships and still finer good-will the year has brought.



Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Ballinger, Texas

This Bank Will Not Be Open Christmas Day



For 365 Days Of True Happiness

We Desire to Thank You

—for your favors of 1926 and couple the wish with the hope that your New Year may be one of continuous happiness.

Harber's Grocery and Market

A New Beginning

Christmas with all its attractions of cheer and happiness adds even more with the knowledge that a few days hence we come to the opportunity of a new beginning—1927.

As we look to the future we have many plans to put in form to better serve the people of this community in our line.



BALLINGER DRY GOODS CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Movies

Star Cast in Zane Grey's "Desert Gold" at the Palace

Paramount's latest Zane Grey thriller "Desert Gold" which is showing today and Saturday at the Palace Theatre, as a Christmas special, with what is truly an all-star cast. Featured in the four leading roles are Neil Hamilton, Shirley Mason, William Powell, and Robert Frazer. But add to these, George Rigas, who was seen as "Gaal" in "The Wanderer," Frank Lackteen, George Irving, Eddie Gribbon, Josef Swickard and Bernard Siegel, and you have just about started telling who's who in the supporting company.

"Desert Gold" was actually taken right on the locations about which the story is built. The team that worked on "The Vanishing American," George Seitz, director, and Lucien Hubbard, scenarist, are responsible for this film. That ought to be more than enough for anyone who saw their first dual effort.

No Kidding, "The Cat's Pajamas" IS a Picture!

"The Cat's Pajamas" If you ask someone what's to be run at the Palace Theatre on Christmas Eve commencing at midnight, and they reply "It's 'The Cat's Pajamas,'" don't think they're trying to kid you.

"The Cat's Pajamas" is really the title of a Paramount picture. It was chosen because it accurately describes the situation in a delightful story, written by Ernest Vajda, well-known Hungarian playwright. The picture stars Betty Bronson and Ricardo Cortez, and features Theodore Roberts and Arlette Marchal. The film concerns Betty Bronson, a little seamstress taking care of her invalid father, Theodore Roberts. She has a cat, Tommy, for which she makes a small pair of pajamas. Hence the title. It is through the misadventures of this cat-in-pajamas that Betty's dream of meeting and winning the love of Ricardo Cortez, a temperamental opera tenor, is realized.

"The Cat's Pajamas" will be shown at the Palace in midnight matinee only tomorrow night.

Be wise and advertise.

QUART OF WATER A DAY HELPS KIDNEYS

When Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers, Also Take a Little Salts

Eating too much rich food may produce kidney trouble in some form, says a well-known authority, because the acids created excite the kidneys. Then they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region, rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, begin drinking lots of good water and also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity; also to neutralize the acids in the system so that they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to help keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus often avoiding serious kidney disorders.

Houdini Found Farmer Was Hardest to Fool

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Harry Houdini found farmers "harder to fool than city people," and several times the magician's tricks nearly failed when he performed them face to face with rural audiences.

"In country parts, where men themselves perform the magic of making the soil bear harvest, I've found them less gullible," he wrote in an article published today by Farm & Fireside. "They know it's just a trick."

Houdini's first training in legerdemain was in the small towns, with travelling shows and later as a magician at county fairs.

As an example Houdini told of

an experience in an Iowa town, where he undertook to escape from a thief-proof barn within an hour.

"Finger the locks as I would I could make no impression on them," he said. "I exhausted myself and leaned against a door section to rest for a final spurt. To my amazement the door opened and the witnesses applauded me. I bowed with grace and went back to the farm house to dress. The farmer came into the bedroom and explained that, out of pity, he had left that section of the barn door unlocked, unbolted!"

Your Battery should be a Ford Battery with a rubber case, 13 plates. Only \$12. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

Wine for Hens Boosts Egg Yield

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Wine as a stimulant to the egg-laying capacity of hens, is recommended by M. Joubert, professor of Agriculture at Fontainebleau, who has carried out experiments over a period of six months.

M. Joubert found that six hens whose daily food was augmented by a small amount of wine produced 169 more eggs in the six months period than did six other hens of the same breed and age who lived on strictly prohibition fare.

HEAD COLDS Melt in spoon; inhale vapors; apply freely up nostrils. VICKS VAPORUB Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly.

C. W. Lehberg and family have gone to San Antonio, Fredricksburg and other places South of here to spend Christmas and New Year holidays with relatives and friends. They will return about January 3rd.

The bicycle is holding its own in Tokyo. The number increased from 15,210 in 1912 to 177,713 in 1926.

On the Twin Buttes road between Tucson and Continental, Arizona, scientists declare there is every known variety of cactus to be found in the world.

Flat Furs Fashioned In Sport Like Simplicity Lead The Vogue Today



PAULINE STARKE

The chic fur coat this season is slim, straight and of sport style simplicity. Of the fabrics used in the new coats those with flat surfaces rather than the long haired soft furs lead the vogue. Such furs as pony skin and calf skin are extremely popular for general wear, since they are ideally suited for the straight, slender lines so fashionable today.

This smart coat worn by Pauline Starke, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, is of brown pony skin, fashioned in utmost simplicity, with a deep fold at the bottom that adds chic. A straight cut upstanding collar high in the back is fashioned of the same material.

Be wise and advertise.

Phillip Walker is in Ballinger and brought Phillip back in his car. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker. Mr. Walker went down Be wise and advertise.

We Haven't Forgotten

That you were friend and patron through the year just closing, and that your patronage and good will means a lot to the success of business. And now that the Holidays are here we are wishing for you a very merry Christmas in which all the elements of good cheer will combine to make you happy, and a New Year in which each coming day will add a new measure to your store of joy.

CASH AND TOTE STORE

"The Oldest Rat in the Barn"

Your Confidence and Good Will

will be striven for even more earnestly during the New Year than ever before.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

L. C. Daugherty Drug Store

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Did you know that you can buy a Ford Sedan for

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You Can Buy a Ford Coupe for \$185.83 Less

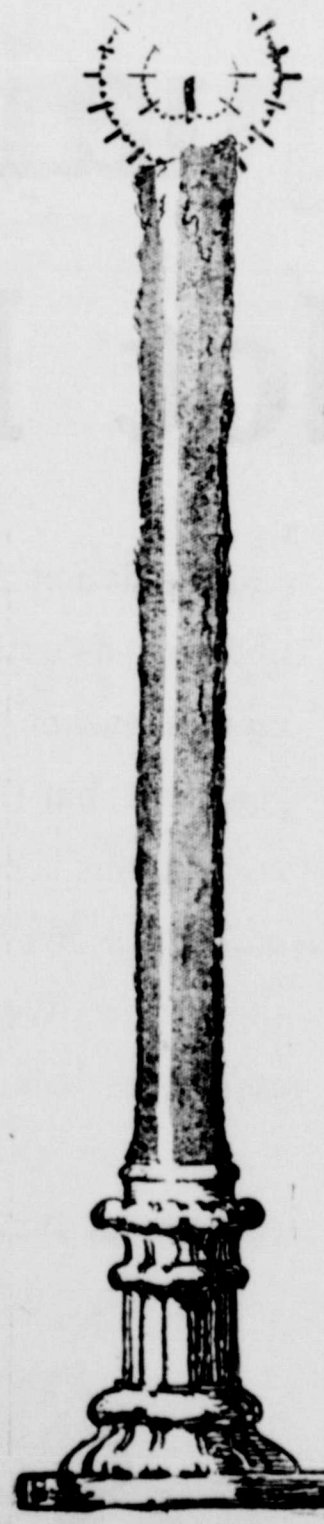
than any other Coupe, or \$57.41 less than a Roadster of any other make. These prices include starter and balloon tires as standard equipment.

All the Newest Models—the Smartest and Best Ever Built by the Ford Motor Company

Color selection, closed models in Drake Green, Royal Maroon, Fawn Gray, Moleskin Gray, Highland Green; open models in Black, Gunmetal Blue and Phoenix Brown. No extra charge for colors.

Ford Battery, 13 Plates, Rubber Case. \$12.00

HARWELL MOTOR CO.



Out across the wires that weave a net of pulsing power across the brown hills and tawny prairies of West Texas comes leaping tonight a radiance to light your fireside.

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry your hearth you may sense something of the warmth of friendship we, your "electric light folks," feel for the thousands of friends we have been privileged to serve during the year now closing?

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry something of the Christmas message of good will and good cheer we would like to send to you?

It has been a good year for most of us here in West Texas—a year crammed full of progress and achievement and jobs well done. Old friendships have ripened and grown sweeter and new friends have come still further to multiply our riches. And before us stands a new year, beckoning with new opportunities, eager with the promise of new conquests to be made.

Well it IS good to be a West Texan in West Texas when Christmas time rolls 'round! Somehow the lights DO shine just a little brighter—handclaps ARE a little stronger!

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Merry Christmas.

The whole world will be cele-
brating another Christmas tomor-
row. May there be many, many
more for this old world.

Cold weather greeted Christ-
mas shoppers Friday, but that
did not prevent them from com-
ing to town. Business here was
just about as it has been during
the whole week.

Kinfolks going home to spend
the Christmas and New Year hol-
idays in automobiles will find
the going hard in most parts of
Runnels county. Recent rains
have made the roads almost im-
passable and will give the motor-
ist something besides work steer-
ing his car if he is not careful
where he drives. Here's hoping
this county will have better roads
before the next Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Ledger force takes off this
afternoon, after the publication
of this issue, and will not report
for work until Monday morning,
December 27th, and as a result
there will be no Ledger Saturday.
As has been the custom for the
past several years, the Ledger
force, like all other humans, will
take a holiday to celebrate an-
other Christmas.

We wish all our subscribers,
patrons and friends a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year, filled with nothing but
prosperity, happiness and the
best of health.

**Rumors A. & S. Sale
Is Being Promoted**

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the T. & P., and Percy Jones, of
Abilene, manager of the A. & S.,
came yesterday in a Washington
dispatch from the Reporter-News
Washington bureau, and was to
the effect that the contract is
consummated, the Interstate
Commerce Commission to be
asked immediately to confirm
and authorize the deal.

"No objection is anticipated,
since the commission has author-
ized the T. & P. to acquire R. Q.
Lee's controlling interest in the
Cisco & Northwestern line. The
two deals are virtually identical,
the C. & N. W. tapping the T. &
P. at Cisco, and the A. & S. tap-
ping it here. It is understood
that the Texas & Pacific and R.
Q. Lee will extend the C. & N. W.
from Breckenridge to Woodson,
and on to Throckmorton, a dis-
tance of 35 miles.

"The Abilene & Southern, a
Texas corporation with \$200,000
capital stock and \$75,000 out-
standing, is owned by the Mor-
gan Jones, D. T. Bomar and
Grenville M. Dodge estates, the
Jones estate holding 86 per cent
of the stock. The line extends
from Hamlin, in Jones county, to
Ballinger, in Runnels county, a
distance of about 100 miles. Serv-
ing one of the finest agricultural

belts in Texas, it is one of the
most profitable—and one of the
best managed—short-line rail-
roads in the country.

"It is not believed, however,
that the Texas & Pacific is inter-
ested chiefly in the Abilene &
Southern as a purely local feeder.
As a member of the Missouri
Pacific group, whose expansion
plans in the past few years have
been notable, the T. & P. is
thought to be interested in exten-
sions both Southward and North-
ward. The Missouri Pacific re-
cently acquired its 'window on
the sea,' by taking over the Gulf
Coast Lines, running to Houston
and Corpus Christi and Brown-
ville, and the rumor is prevalent
that it now intends to compete
with the Santa Fe system as a
North-and-South carrier through
West Texas.

"With either of its new pur-
chases (in event the A. & S. deal
is consummated), the T. & P.
might strike Southward to San
Antonio, and Northward to the
South Plains."

Robert Bruce left Friday after-
noon for Arlington to join his
wife, who is spending the Christ-
mas holidays with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford R. Yates.

Miss Mamie Ray Preston, who
is attending Baylor University at
Waco, has returned to Ballinger
to spend the Christmas holidays
with his aunt and uncle, Dr. and
Mrs. A. S. Loye.

J. B. Pace Jr., has gone to Win-
gate to spend the holidays with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Pace Sr.

Notice

I have moved the Top Shop
from the Service Garage to John
Castor's place of business. I
wish to take this opportunity to
thank my customers for their
past patronage and am soliciting
your future work.

Hoping you a Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year.
HENRY DOSS,
20-5td.*

Alonzo Gray, of Amarillo, ar-
rived in Ballinger Thursday to
spend the holidays here with
friends and relatives.

Yale University used 25,782
tons of coal in its heating system
last year.

"Say It With Flowers"
Ballinger Floral Company—1006
Eighth Street.
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Greetings

May your Christmas hold sweet echoes
of the joys old days have brought;
May it ring with pleasant gladness
and be filled with kindly thought;
May it cheer you and content you
as you pass the other ways,
Where the New Year is awaiting
full of hopeful, happy days.

—Selected.

Just to Say
**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**
To Our
Friends and Customers

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

**Old Acquaintances Are
Not Forgot**

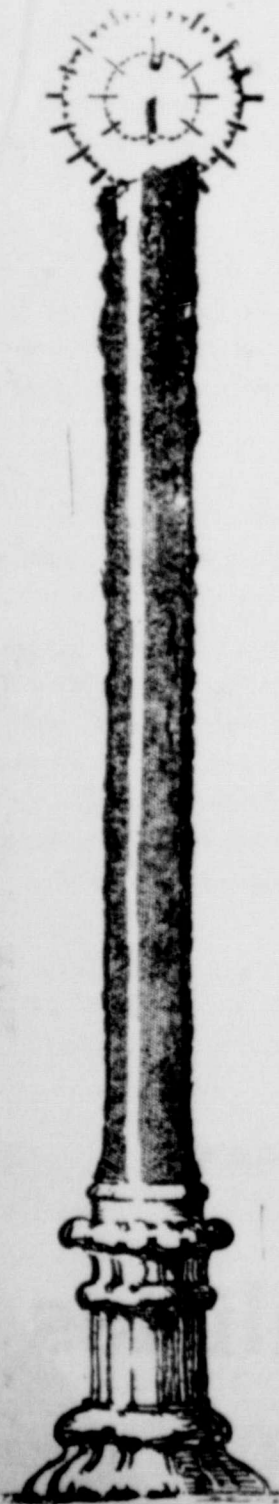
We do not forget our many friends
and patrons with whom we have had so
many pleasant transactions during the
year past, but the memory of our happy
associations is one of the things which
makes our own Christmas brighter all
the while. We are wishing for you a
cup of joy brimming over with good
things for the holiday season, and
throughout 1927.

**Merry
Christmas**

**Happy
New Year**



KING-HOLT
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO.



FORD'S RADIO BEACON WOULD GUIDE PLANES

(By Associated Press)
DETROIT, Dec. 24. — The Henry Ford laboratories have developed a radio beacon, the object of which is to guide planes through inclement weather.

A system of signals tells the pilot of the plane whether he is on a true line, or on either side of the course. On a true line of flight, the pilot receives through his head-set a long single dash. On one side of the course he receives a letter "N" in the wireless code; on the other side he receives the letter "A."

In operation the beacon is automatic and gives signals every three seconds. The equipment is so arranged that the signals can be stopped and weather information radioed with the same transmitter.

Experimental tests with the beacon have been successful. The tests showed that at a distance of 30 miles the broadcasting had a reception "width" of three-tenths of a mile. At 100 miles from the station its width was from one to two miles.

Considerable research work remains to be done before the beacon is placed in regular operation. A head-set capable of receiving signals on a wave length of 1,034 meters and also over a lower wave length is one of the problems radio experts are working on. A radio receiver that will require "off and on" switches, doing away with the "tuning in" of stations is the ultimate aim. "Portable antenna" that can be reeled out when the plane takes the air and drawn in before it lands, is another development to be worked out.

Miss Mae Garlington, who is attending the University of Texas, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garlington.

A. B. Lankford, of Abilene, came in Friday to join his wife and spend Christmas with relatives.

Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger.

Charleston Knee and Jazz Throat New Ills
(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 24. — Many habitual diners in public places in the West End are suffering from an attack of "jazz throat" and suffer so badly from hoarseness that they have to be medically treated. This, says a throat specialist, is caused through attempting to carry on a lively conversation during mealtime thru the din of modern dance music.

And then over on Harley Street the "Charleston knee" is a new ailment occupying the attention of specialists.

Numbers of girls are now going about with bandaged knees because of ligaments strained doing the dance for long periods when unaccustomed to the intricate and unnatural side wave.

Kansas Bonus Records Show "Lost Platoon"
(By Associated Press)

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 24.—Kansas has a "lost platoon" of 54 World War veterans. They have disappeared without claiming the bonus offered by a grateful commonwealth.

Each veteran was entitled to \$300 to \$700, Kansas having awarded a bonus of a dollar a day for service in the war. By virtue of a law which raises the presumption of death seven years after a person's disappearance, the state bonus board will declare the missing men legally dead and ask the legislature to appropriate money for their beneficiaries.

The Chicago Art Institute points out a new way to make

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Has been used for many years for the relief of colds and grippe, or "Flu" in a few hours. A phenomenal success. Pleasant to take. No pills. 35c at Drug Stores.

money—invest in art. A Chicago writer bought a picture, three years ago, paying for it in installments. He has been offered twice the cost price.

Tommy Hall left Friday afternoon for Abilene, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

The total number of deaths in the British air force in eleven months was 73. The air ministry attributes most of them to errors of judgment by pilots.

Constantinople claims 20 of the 89 newspapers published in Turkey. The total daily circulation throughout Turkey is given as 171,400 copies.

A canal five miles in length and sixty-five feet wide, connecting Marseilles with the Rhone canal and the French inland waterways system, has been completed after fifteen years and an expenditure of more than \$70,000,000.

Prohibition may have prompted the latest Metropolitan offering in wine bottles. The stoppers are padlocked to the silver collars that top their cut crystal forms.

A Junior jazz band set is the favorite novelty in the Christmas toy displays at the Paris stores, raising an appalling prospect for fond parents.

Be wise and advertise. Ledger advertising pays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barrow and daughter, Miss Ollie May, have gone to Mineral Wells to spend the week-end and Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

Clarence Preston is at home from Baylor University at Waco to spend the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Wishes You



A Memie Christmas

QUEEN THEATRE
Nothing But the Best Pictures Shown

CHRISTMAS DAY
Change of Program
ART ACORD IN

'Rustlers Ranch'

A real romance of the western country—cramped with stirring fights, thrilling captures and expert horsemanship—with the added support of "Lightnin'," the famous horse.

A Lariat Production A Blue Streak Western

Also "The Riddle Rider"
And a Two Reel Comedy

10c AND 25c

NEW PALACE THEATRE

TODAY AND CHRISTMAS



Typical Zane Grey western melodrama of thrills, excitement, appealing love theme, wild riding, shooting sweeping sandstorm and mountain avalanche. All done in the Paramount-Zane Grey manner.

Also a Two Reel Comedy.

Floor 35c Balcony 25c Children 10c

Tonight—Mid-Night Matinee
"THE CAT'S PAJAMAS"

Dry Cleaned Without Fear

Rather Wear it Slightly Soiled than Have it Cleaned?
Afraid it Won't Ever Look the Same?

Don't have any qualms—when we dry clean a garment, it is carefully tested first—to see if it will retain its color, and to see whether the fabric will be injured. If (very unlikely) the garment may be spoiled, we return it to you in its original condition.

J. L. Hardin & Co.

TAILORS

Phone 196

We Deliver

The Swift Passing of 1926



May 1927 be Your Happiest

Brings us to a new book in life's history and before we thumb its pages our thoughts dwell in greater appreciation upon those patrons who have placed their trust in us, the evidence of which is your patronage.

Not only for your business, but for your good will, do we return glad thanks.

May 1927 smile on you with much good fortune.

E. J. Carroll

Plumbing

Stepping Out?

You don't need a brand new suit. One that has been dry cleaned gives the same appearance.

And your appearance is really the thing that counts in the social and business world.

Have your suits dry cleaned—pepped up—it adds to their life.

Stepping out—let's go!

Louis Cohen

The Tailor

Phone 63

We Deliver

QUEEN THEATRE

TODAY ONLY
JESSIE JAMES

'Under the Black Flag'

With Jessie James, Jr., Portraying the Role of His Father.


The only authorized version of the picture-sque outlaw.

Also "The Riddle Rider" and a Two Reel Comedy.

10c ADMISSION 30c

Merry
Christmas
to
Everybody
from
City Grocery

KEEP THAT GOITER AWAY



WITH
BEVIS IODIZED SALT
It Shakes It Flows
Ask Your Grocer
Walker Smith Company

CHURCHES

Eighth Street Church of Christ
(Corner of Eighth Street and Bonsal Avenue)
Bible study 9:45 a. m.
Morning service at 11:00 o'clock.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
Everyone has a most hearty welcome to each of these services.

Church of the Nazarene
(Corner of Ninth Street and Harris Avenue)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 6:00 p. m.
Preaching, 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:00 p. m.
We welcome you to worship with us.
NELLIE A. HILL, Pastor.

First Christian Church
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
The public is cordially invited.
"The Working Church."
LESLIE G. SMYTH, Minister.

Episcopal Church
Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock.
Sunday school has been arranged so that it will be held every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.
Everyone invited to attend.

Methodist Church
You have a most cordial invitation to attend all the services at the Methodist church next Sunday.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Sam Behringer, supt.
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning subject, "The Mission of Christ." Evening subject, "The Eye of God."

The Junior League will meet at 3:00 p. m. to be ready to start on their Christmas trip at 3:30 p. m. All Juniors are urged to be present on time—don't miss that Christmas trip. The Senior League will meet at 6:00 p. m. and we are glad to note an increase in attendance and interest.
We wish for everyone a Merry Christmas and the richest blessings of God upon you throughout the coming New Year.
R. B. HOOPER, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. S. P. Hathaway, Superintendent.
Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Subject, "In the Beginning."
Junior C. E. at 3:00 p. m. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, superintendent.
Senior C. E. at 6:00 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:00 o'clock. Subject, "A Spiritual Awakening."
Visitors and strangers will find a most cordial welcome at all services. If you have not a spiritual home, worship with us.
ALVIN O. RUE, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning services.
6:15 p. m., Intermediate Christian Endeavor.
7:00 p. m., evening services.
A cordial welcome is extended to all who do not worship elsewhere to worship with us.
E. W. McLaurin, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service, led by the pastor, at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
This will be the last Sunday of the present pastorate, as the pastor and his family will move to

Hillsboro about the middle of next week where he has accepted the call of the First Baptist church of that place.

Special Workers' Meeting at Winters next Tuesday, the 28th.
ALVIN SWINDELL, Pastor.

Edwin Swindell, of Baylor University, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Swindell and help them move to Hillsboro into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Stephens and family, of San Antonio, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and children are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephenson and young daughter are at home from Lubbock to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory are here from San Angelo to spend the holidays with Mr. Gregory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Morris Nicholson is at home from Fort Worth to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Administrator's Notice
STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels:
To All of Those Indebted to or Holding Claims Against the Estate of Ben Geistman, Deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of Ben Geistmann, deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas, by Paul Trimmier, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 9th day of December, 1926, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law, at the office of the administrator, in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, where he receives his mail.

Dated this the 10th day of December, 1926.
R. T. WILLIAMS,
Administrator of the Estate of Ben Geistmann, Deceased.
d-10-17-24-31

Battery service and recharging on all makes of Batteries. Harwell Motor Company.
23-1td-1tw

Ivan P. Oliver, of Snyder, formerly a teacher in the Ballinger high school, is here spending the holidays with friends.

Christmas Greetings

What would be more appreciated by your family or your friends who are not with you at Christmas time than to hear your voice over the telephone on Christmas Eve?

Our evening rate on station-to-station calls from 7:00 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. is approximately 75 per cent of the day rate, and our night rate on station-to-station calls from 8:30 p. m. until 4:30 a. m. is approximately 50 per cent of the day rate.

Distance is eliminate. Our service is universal. Ask our operators to quote you rate to any point reached by telephone in the United States.

The employees and management of your telephone company extend to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1926 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer!

AT YOUR SERVICE!

West Texas Telephone Co.

Because

Our dealings with you have been most pleasant during 1926, we take advantage of this Christmas season to extend to you sincere, cordial greetings and good wishes for the year ahead.



Connelly's Bakery

In appreciation of the many courtesies shown me during the past year, I thank you and extend best wishes for your good health and happiness at Christmas and in the New Year and trust that I may serve you during 1927.

UNDERWOOD NEWS CO.

HERRING TOPICS

The cold weather of the past week was ideal hog-killing weather and many of our citizens took advantage of it. Some of the hogs dressed as much as 700 pounds.

W. L. Aleorn and wife visited San Angelo last Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon.

H. N. Davis of this community, have moved to their farm near Paint Rock. We are sorry to lose them.

R. S. Lowe has moved to his farm at Pleasant Valley, East of Talpa. We are sorry to see them leave us, but hope they will be pleased with their new home.

Mrs. Jim Coffey and daughter, Lenore Serogins, of San Angelo, are visiting relatives in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Phelan and family of Memphis, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Phelan's sister, Mrs. Grounds, this week.

Grandma Clarke, of San Angelo, is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Miller.

The Herring girls' basketball team played a game with the Crews team at Crews last Friday evening. The score was 10 and 15 in favor of Herring. Prof. Gassiot of Dietz was referee for the game. It was a nice, friendly game and enjoyed by all.

The party at Mr. Hale's Saturday night was well attended and a nice time was reported by all.

Clifford Parker has moved into our community where H. N. Davis moved from. We hope he will be pleased to live among us.
"REPORTER"

Sawdust on Menu in the Best Chickencoops

(By Associated Press)
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Sawdust is a good breakfast food, but it is chickens, not humans, that relish the dish.

Warren L. Beuschlein, professor of chemistry in the University of Washington, has developed a process that utilizes sawdust from the lumber mills of the Northwest in the manufacture of charcoal.

Pacific coast states use more than 15,000 tons of charcoal annually for poultry and other purposes. Ninety per cent of this product is shipped from the East coast where it is made from hardwoods. A small plant for turning sawdust into charcoal is now operating here.

There were 39,013 rickshaws in Tokyo in 1897 and in 1926 the number was 8,343.



The New Bob
A Style for Every Head

You're not in style nowadays unless you have the bob to fit the particular contour of your head.

There's a style for every type. Expert barbers that assure you of satisfactory service.

Woodson & Thomas
BARBER SHOP



Just Wishing
You a Christmas
Full of Happiness

J. G. Dickinson
GROCERIES



SINCE 1886

The First National Bank of Ballinger

Ballinger, Texas

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

With the passing of the year, there comes a desire to express to you, who have so materially added to our progress, a deep appreciation for what you have done to make this year of pleasant associations. We appreciate your friendship, your confidence in us and your loyalty to us.

According to our usual custom, we will have for distribution, commencing January 3rd, 1927, our NEW CALENDARS. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

The picture, "Anne Hathaway's Cottage," is a reproduction of an original painting by Claude Strachan and is a work of art.

As long as the supply lasts they are yours for the asking whether you do your banking with us or not.

We hope the New Year will see all your expectations realized and bring to you success and prosperity in brimming measure.

Your friends,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Ballinger.

Famous Artists On Broadcast Tours West and South



Internationally famous opera and concert artists, regularly broadcasting under the auspices of A. Atwater Kent, have begun their tours of the West and South, broadcasting from one, two and three stations simultaneously. Prominently among the artists already announced for these concerts are Maria Kurenko, the Russian soprano; Albert Spalding, American violinist; Allen McQuinn, the Irish tenor; Mary Lewis, Metropolitan Opera soprano; Reinald Werrenrath, the famous baritone; Lucrezia Bori, Metropolitan Opera; Kathryn Meisle, contralto of the Chicago Civic Opera, and Ann Mack, one of the season's debutantes. The incomplete schedule, already begun, announced radio concerts from San Francisco, Station KPO; and Los Angeles, KFI; Mary Lewis, December 5; and Lucrezia Bori, December 24. Reinald Werrenrath will broadcast from Los Angeles, January 12. Portland, Ore., Station KGW; Seattle, WFOA; and Station KHJ, Spokane; Maria Kurenko, November 10; Kathryn Meisle, January 29.

CREWS NEWS

The party at Clifford Woods' Friday night, was well attended. Everyone reported an enjoyable time. Rev. B. B. Edmiston filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. There was a large crowd at church Sunday morning and also Sunday night, at League and church. Misses Willie and Connie Wood and O. D. Wood of Bethel, visited Miss Beatrice Berry Sunday. Crews boys' basketball team went to Dale Friday and played. The score was 10-28 in favor of Crews. Herring girls came to Crews Friday afternoon and played a game, the score ending 10-15 in favor of Herring. Miss Mabel McBeth went to Sweetwater Saturday to visit her brother, Lloyd McBeth. She will remain there about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Clark, Miss Bonnie Mae Clark and Miss Eulah Lusk visited Mrs. Clark's daughter, Mrs. Ross Harwood, of

Drasco, Sunday.

Miss Florence Gray's sister is visiting her from Goldthwaite. Miss Gray is our primary teacher.

Our school will have a school Christmas tree next Thursday morning. School will dismiss at noon Thursday.

"Reporter."

Ask our battery man, especially equipped to give you service on your battery. Harwell Motor Company. 23-1td-1tw

Christmas Dance

A dance will be given Monday night, December 27th in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena.

Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra. COMMITTEE. 23-2td-1tw

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Jack Cook and little Jack Jr., of Amarillo, came in Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, and sister, Mrs. Ross Smith.

Mrs. J. G. Evans' mother, Mrs. L. M. Whittsey, of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Evans' sister, Mrs. Clarence Ziegler and husband, of Kansas City, Mo., returned to their homes Saturday.

Clinton Reese came home Saturday to spend a few days with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, of Coleman; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, of Cross Plains; spent Friday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, and family. They returned to their homes Saturday.

Leo Mapes, of Dallas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes, and other relatives.

Jones Taylor, of Dallas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. O. Brown, of Marie, returned home Saturday night

after a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, who has been sick.

Mrs. E. L. McFarland and children, of Houston, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barron, and family.

Mrs. Luther Brown and little daughter, of Maverick, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Dalton.

Mrs. Jack Cook is able to about after having her tonsils removed.

Mrs. R. E. Brown is able to be up after several days in bed with flu and tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans are the proud parents of a son. The mother and baby are doing fine. "BLUE BONNET."

"Say It With Flowers" Ballinger Floral Company—1006 Eighth Street.

Family Must Beat 24 to Win This Contest BARNESLEY, Yorkshire, Dec. 23.—Villages in this part of England are vying for the largest family.

The first claim was made by the village of Denaby Main, when Mrs. William Manchester, wife of a miner, became the mother of her nineteenth child.

The village of Blacker Hill then put up Noah Bissell and his next door neighbor, Thomas Hazelwood, both of whom are fathers of 22 children, and pointed to Matthew Dawson, of the same village, who has a family of seventeen. Bessell organized a football team among his sons and challenged all comers.

The record, however, is held by Mrs. John Austen of Platts Common, near Barnesley, who is mother of 24, and has, in addition, reared four adopted children. One of Mrs. Austen's daughters has 12 children and two others 11 each.

Not for the Size

But We Wish

to Extend

to You

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Hyatt-Nichols Co.

Happy Recollections

Cluster around the Christmas enjoyments like flowers in the fragrant fields of May. May your Christmas holidays this year add another host of pleasant memories to afford you comfort and inspiration all through the coming hours of the New Year.



BETTIS & STURGES



The Candles of 1926 are Burning Low

Our year of business and pleasure has about come to a close. We are well pleased with the business of the year; we are gratified over the friendship and good will of our many patrons, and now

We are Ready to Light the Candles of 1927

By renewing our obligations to serve you one and all for another twelve months to the very best of our ability; letting nothing remain undone that we reasonably may do to accommodate our friends.

We Begin by Wishing Every One of You

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

G. A. LADWIG

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

LOST—Picture wrapped up in a blanket on the streets of Ballinger. Finder leave at Ledger office for reward. 24-1d.*

FOUND—A signet ring between city schools and business district on Eighth Street. Owner can get same by calling at Ledger office, identifying ring and paying for this ad. 23-3td

LOST—Brown case, containing insurance papers and records; also a small package of insurance application blanks, in Ballinger. Leave at Ledger office for reward. 23-2td.*

FOR SALE—New Perfection oil cook stove, 4 burners, with mantle and oven; one Perfection oil heater; one small air tight wood heater; one 50 gallon tank with faucet. Alvin Swindell, 800 Broadway. 22-3td

FOR SALE—Choice pecans. Phone 160. W. T. Padgett. 22-12td 2tw

FOR SALE—Four room house on Twelfth Street at a bargain. Phone 179. 11-1td.*

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 179. 26-1td

Miss Margaret McCarver and O. B. McCarver, of Orange, are here to spend the holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. O. B. Corbett.

GOODFELLOW FUND

Previously reported	\$17.00
Ballinger Fire Co.	5.00
Rev. R. B. Hooper	1.00
Niek Stallworth	2.50
Harry Thomson	2.00
Chas. Grant	1.00
A. B. Legate	2.00
J. M. Hill	1.00
Cash	4.00
Charity Board	25.00
Moody Music Store	2.00
Mrs. Gertrude Wood	1.00
W. W. Fowler	2.50
Miss Cordelia Lynn	1.00
First National Bank	5.00
R. G. Erwin	2.50
J. J. Beck	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stroble	2.00
Dave Baker	1.00
Mrs. E. A. Trail	1.00
Mrs. L. A. Jeanes	2.00
Miss Louise Orgain	1.00
A. J. Thorp	2.00
Dr. Nettie Montgomery	1.00
Mrs. Peyton Orgain	1.00
Hugh Campbell	1.00
C. L. Baker	2.00
H. S. Strain	1.00
Paul Trimmer	1.00
G. G. Odom	5.00
C. P. Shepherd	1.00
H. F. Demmer	1.00
J. J. Erwin	1.50

WEDDING BELLS

Morgan Burke
Miss Pauline Burke and Malcolm Morgan, both of this city, were quietly married Thursday night at the home of Rev. J. R. McCorkle, 205 Eighth Street. Only a few friends were present, they acting as witnesses.

MERCURY DROPS TO 29 DEGREES HERE

The mercury dropped to 29 degrees above zero here Friday when the cold wave from the North struck the city early in the morning. Rain and sleet fell, and for a time snow was promised, but the moisture was dissipated and colder weather was more evident. The temperature is predicted to drop to 18 degrees above zero to night, but warmer weather is forecast for Christmas Day.

STATE CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Practically every department of the state capital was closed today to give the employes an opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

W. C. Penn and daughter, Miss Katharine, and son, Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parks and daughter, Miss Mary, have gone to Jernyn to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Tucker.

H. B. O'Kelly is here from Abilene to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. O'Kelly.

Mrs. A. B. Lankford, of Abilene, is here to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays

with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby.

Birth Control Threatens Split Among Socialists

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Socialist Party in England is threatened with a split over birth control.

Proponents of the idea want an understanding that in a future general election, the Socialist Party will adopt birth control teaching as a part of its platform. They say that the advice which is open to any married woman who has the money to pay her private physician should be given the poor woman free of charge.

The executives of the party, however, reported that birth control was a matter for individual decision and could not be made a party cry. The report, however, was referred back for further consideration.

Be wise and advertise

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drews and children, of Dallas, came in Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Drews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Brown are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, mother, Mrs. Bartlett.

of South Ballinger.

"Say It With Flowers"
Ballinger Floral Company—1006 Eighth Street. 22-3td

CHRISTMAS AND YOUR DINNER

It's a satisfaction to know that the food is the best—the finest the market affords. If you buy here you are assured of highest quality, with lowest prices.

We also have a fresh lint of Candy, Oranges, Apples, Nuts and other good things to bring Christmas Cheer.

L. B. STUBBS GROCERIES

QUALITY — COURTESY — SERVICE
93 — Phones — 94



To All Our Friends

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Could we say more in a whole page



OUR WISH

May the Angels who first brought Christmas songs into the world bring you much joy in this present Christmastide and guard your steps for good in all the days to come.



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