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## Bluebonnet No. 1 Well Is Drilling at 900 Feet

Fine progress is being made on Bluebonnet-McMillan No. 1 and drilling Tuesday morning was around the 900-foot mark. Two tours are being used and excellent equipment on the location is sinking the bit many feet daily.

No pipe has been placed in the hole to date with the exception of surface casing. As soon as water is encountered drilling will be shut down while casing is set to that depth. The first strong flow of water was encountered in the McMillan-Vacuum well's around 1,200 feet.

Drilling on this well will continue to 3,500 feet or until oil or gas is found in paying quantities. The pay sand in the Vacuum well was encountered at a little lower than 2,500 feet and according to the structures should be found in the new location slightly higher. A strong flow of gas was struck in the Watchorn-King No. 1, 1 3/4 miles southwest of the discovery well, at 3,475 and it is believed that the contracted depth of 3,500 feet for the Bluebonnet will hit the two paying strata.

The Bluebonnet well is east and north of the discovery and in an area where no tests have been made before. Tests south and west have either proved dry or have had very small showings of oil and scouts are enthusiastic in their belief that the main pool in this field lies in the vicinity of the new location.

Vacuum-McMillan No. 3 is still producing at the rate of between 60 and 100 barrels daily. Nos. 1 and 2 were plugged after producing for several years. The Watchorn-King is still producing and furnished gas to San Angelo until recently when gas was brought to that city from another direction. It is still a producer on the Oklahoma Gas Company line for this section and is occasionally opened to relieve high pressure generated.

So far no trouble has been experienced by the drillers on the Bluebonnet.

### PRE-SCHOOL P.-T. A. MEETING WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Ballinger Pre-School Parent-Teacher Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the home of Mrs. Joe Simmons. All members are requested to be present for the program and business session.

B. W. Claunch, of Winters, is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium following an operation performed last Friday. He is reported to be improving and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Garrett spent the week-end in Winters visiting relatives.

## Democrat Chiefs Hail Shouse, Convention Chairman Choice, "Man of 100,000 Horsepower"

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—Choice of Jouett Shouse as permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention will mean, in the words from party headquarters in Washington, selection of a man with at least "100,000 horsepower in energy."

Shouse generally is credited with having brought the Democratic party up from the depths to which it settled from the shock of defeat in 1928 to its present state of vigor and enthusiasm. The executive chairman of the national committee is looked upon by his associates as a man if he has anything to do today, he "does it yesterday."

He has made probably 1,000 speeches since Chairman Raskob put him in charge of the national committee in May of 1929. He has visited every section of the country, traveling by plane whenever possible, speaking to Democratic organizations, assisting the local bodies in harmonizing difficulties and getting their organizations into fighting shape. Fifty-two years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, Shouse is the debonair and suave type of politician. He is the acme of sartorial elegance.

He has the reputation of being

## Melon Growers Place Seed Order

The Runnels County Melon Growers Association in session here Friday afternoon voted to plant 100 acres this year in Tom Watsons, 50 acres in the Wondermelon and 50 acres in the Schocker. The Tom Watson variety is for shipping purposes mostly and the other two varieties will be used for sales locally.

Lon Muncy, president of the association, was instructed to order the seed at once and planting will be done as soon as the season is sufficient. A few have already planted a small number of vines for early fruit and the remainder of the 26 members have their land ready but have been waiting for rain.

The association will pay attention this year to pruning of vines, spraying and dusting for insects, and marketing problems. These questions will be taken up at regular meetings and melon growing studied from a scientific standpoint.

County Agent C. W. Lehmburg stated Monday that he thought more than 400 acres of melons would be planted in Runnels county this year. A large number of farmers other than those belonging to the association will raise melons this year and the acreage is expected to be slightly larger than in past years.

Officers of the association believe the outlook this year is very bright due to the crops in sections south of here being killed by late freezes.

### TAYLOR TO PREACH HERE WEDNESDAY

Pleasant J. Taylor will preach at the Eighth Street Church of Christ Wednesday evening at 7:30. Rev. Taylor was a pastor here in 1927 and is remembered by many friends. He and his wife are now living at Gainesville and while passing through here Monday he was induced to remain over for a few days and preach at his former church. The public is invited to hear the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and children, of Eldorado, and Mrs. Ward, of San Angelo, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and other relatives.

Willard Reese, of the Blanton community, was in Ballinger Monday and stated that he received a rain which filled his big surface tank and put out plenty of stock water.

Buy your printing at home.

## Highways to Cost \$1,353,000,000 this Year; Texas' Rank is Seventh in the Allotments

By Oscar Leiding  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—Add a little more than 13 per cent to the wholesale value of automobiles produced in 1931 by the United States and the result will be the sum spent in 1932 for the nation's highways.

Altogether, as reported by state authorities to the bureau of public roads, the estimated state and local highway and bridge expenditures this year will total \$1,352,837,261.

Comparison with the cost of 1931 projects cannot be made until late summer, when final figures are collected, but it is known that this year's program represents a 19 per cent decrease from the total sum spent in 1930.

It is possible, however, that the 1932 total may be increased since congress has numerous road appropriation measures pending. The total authorization for federal aid now amounts to \$125,000,000.

State highway departments alone expect to build more than 36,000 miles of roads this year. Though 1932 state highway funds are 10 per cent under the 1930 figure, the decline is considerably less than in local funds because they are largely derived from motor vehicle and gasoline taxation upon which revenues there has been no marked reduction.

Nine states have reported total highway programs estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000,000. Ranked according to the total of their projects, they stand as follows:

Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, California, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Missouri and Michigan.

The local programs of road construction will exceed \$25,000,000

### What States Will Spend On Roads and Bridges

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Below are the estimated amounts, by states, to be spent on state and local highway and bridge construction for the calendar year 1932. The figures were reported to the Bureau of Public Roads by state authorities.

Alabama	\$ 8,791,625	Nebraska	\$ 18,350,000
Arizona	8,600,000	Nevada	4,323,200
Arkansas	10,855,300	New Hampshire	8,867,000
California	69,600,000	New Jersey	67,187,243
Colorado	10,426,000	New Mexico	5,856,312
Connecticut	18,572,250	New York	113,642,893
Delaware	4,328,000	North Carolina	9,232,000
Florida	10,139,000	North Dakota	27,103,193
Georgia	20,500,000	Ohio	63,500,000
Idaho	5,826,250	Oklahoma	26,155,159
Illinois	79,080,000	Oregon	19,000,000
Indiana	44,975,580	Pennsylvania	118,830,000
Iowa	40,298,000	Rhode Island	5,307,540
Kansas	17,350,000	South Carolina	13,550,000
Kentucky	27,030,000	South Dakota	10,230,000
Louisiana	39,642,375	Tennessee	14,550,000
Maine	21,464,420	Texas	60,000,000
Maryland	13,458,316	Utah	5,675,000
Massachusetts	21,443,000	Vermont	5,837,500
Michigan	52,560,000	Virginia	23,780,000
Minnesota	48,500,000	Washington	24,000,000
Mississippi	4,725,000	West Virginia	24,445,000
Missouri	52,906,300	Wisconsin	33,760,000
Montana	11,950,000	Wyoming	6,634,000

Michigan figure excludes \$4,000,000 for city street widening and \$1,158,000 for maintenance of city streets under supervision of state highway department. South Carolina total excludes \$4,650,402 for reimbursements of counties for county bond payments.

in the following states: Pennsylvania, \$50,000,000; New York, \$50,000,000; California, \$33,200,000; Ohio, \$30,000,000; and Illinois, \$28,000,000.

Eleven states reported estimates of road mileage to be built by state highway departments at or in excess of 1,000 miles. They are as follows:

Missouri, 4,517 miles; Pennsylvania, 2,700 miles; Texas, 2,500 miles; Louisiana, 2,300 miles; North Dakota, 1,870 miles; Okla-

homa, 1,750 miles; Kansas, 1,243 miles; Iowa, 1,225 miles; Minnesota, 1,130 miles; Nebraska, 1,025 miles; and Illinois, 1,000 miles.

Of the highways to be built the total of sand-clay, gravel and macadam roads—17,509 miles—is nearly equal to the mileage of all other types to be constructed. Estimated earth improved roads to be built will total 8,999 miles while asphalt, concrete, and brick highways will amount to 8,863 miles.

## Trustees for 29 Schools Named; Teachers Chosen

### County Graduation Date Set for May 29

County Superintendent R. E. White has set the date for the county-wide seventh grade graduation exercises on May 29. The program will be presented in the Ballinger Baptist Church at 3 p. m. on the above date.

The date this year is about three weeks later than has been the custom, because it was deemed best to hold the graduation program after all the schools of the county had closed for the year.

A letter has been sent to all rural school teachers instructing them regarding the graduation of pupils from the seventh grade and asking them to certify the list of names of all who will complete their courses so that diplomas may be prepared for them. Graduates making high grades in the rural schools will be specially recognized on the program.

The county superintendent will (Continued on page 4)

## Two Talpa Stores Robbed Saturday

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The drug store robbery was discovered early Sunday morning when the place was opened, the safe being found blown open and the stock ransacked. Officers were called and a check up started. It was then learned the burglars had entered the hardware store but had not blown the safe there. The loss of the store belonging to Mrs. Guy consisted of guns, ammunition, knives, scissors and other merchandise. A final invoice has not been completed.

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## Good Rains Fall Over Sections of County

### District Agent Here Thursday

Miss Sallie F. Hill, new district home agent, will spend Thursday with Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home demonstration agent for this county. Miss Hill recently was appointed to take the place of Miss Helen Swift, who has been transferred to an East Texas district.

Miss Hill's first trip over the district will be to meet the county home demonstration agents and become familiar with the work now in progress. A large part of the visit here will be spent in conference with Mrs. Hollingsworth, but the agents plan a few visits to demonstrators who have projects for the year well advanced.

Miss Hill is not new to the extension service, having been engaged in the department several years ago. She has spent many years in this work and is one of the best in the state according to advice received here. She is a personal friend of Mrs. Hollingsworth and for several years has been writing articles of interest to farm women.

The main projects of the Runnels county clubs are well under way, all being well organized and doing good work.

Following her first short visit here Miss Hill will come back for a more thorough inspection of the work in this county, one of the leading counties of the state in club endeavor.

Coach Harley Davis left Saturday for Itasca in response to a message stating that his father was dangerously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Carroll spent Sunday in Coleman with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boyd.

Harvey Hays, of Rankin, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lemburg and baby, of Mason, came in Sunday for a visit to relatives. Mr. Lemburg returned in the afternoon but his wife and baby will remain for a longer visit.

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The section of Runnels county north and east of Ballinger was drenched with rain Sunday night, some communities receiving as much as three inches. The Colorado River at Ballinger began rising Monday morning from hard rains received near Bronte Sunday night and several feet of water was rushing down the stream, cleaning it out for the first time this year.

Sections from Winters north and all the eastern portion of the county received moisture sufficient to fill surface tanks and put creeks up. Farmers from the Blanton and New Home communities in town Monday morning stated that they had received from 3-4 to 1 1/2 inches, that fields were soaked, tanks filled, and plenty of stock water fell in all pastures.

The rain was accompanied by strong wind and some hail but no damage was reported in the sections receiving rain. Parties traveling on the highway between Talpa and Ballinger were forced to stop their cars during the most of the downpour because of engines drowned out. After the worst of the storm was over they were able to proceed.

Citizens residing near Craws here Monday said a two inch rain fell in that community and that farmers would be ready to plant as soon as it was dry enough to get in the fields.

Precipitation reported by the Southwest Telephone Co. was as follows:

- Bronte, three inches
- Blackwell, big rain
- Robert Lee, good rain
- Benoit, one inch
- Bradshaw, one inch
- Norton, .75 inch
- Talpa, one inch
- Hatchel, .25 inch
- Winters, .75 inch
- New Home, one inch
- Blanton, one inch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman spent Sunday in Coleman visiting relatives and friends. They were held on the road for some time Sunday night near Benoit, where a heavy rainstorm halted traffic for more than an hour.

A. F. Ligon, principal of the high school, visited in Lubbock the past week-end, attending to business there.

Be wise and advertise.

## Lehmburg Working With Twelve Boys' 4-H Clubs

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, is devoting a large part of his time now to 4-H boys club work. Twelve clubs with a total membership of 204 are taking an active part in the projects. The agent is meeting with the clubs as often as he can, having a set schedule of visits to each, and meeting each group about once every two weeks.

The twelve clubs are located at Bethel, Offen, Miles, Benoit, Blanton, Crews, Herring, Victory, Maverick, Pumphrey, Hatchel and nels.

A number of members this year are taking as their main project the feeding of livestock, Mr. Lehmburg said. About two cars of lambs are being fed by the boys, who plan to ship in the near future. The Bethel club will have about one car, Benoit half a car, and Crews half a car, to make up the loadings to be shipped from this county.

Twelve baby beeves have been taken as projects, 20 Jersey heifers in the dairy projects, ten brood sows, and about 20 boys have commenced work on poultry. The remainder of the club members will have field crop projects. All those who feed livestock this year will be required to raise their own feed and fatten stock from crops they raise themselves. Each youth will keep a strict record of his project which will show exactly what profit is made.

Besides the club work now before the county agent, he has some eight or ten days more of terracing to do before the season closes. A number of requests have been received from poultry raisers asking him to cull their flocks. The agent also is assisting

the Runco Poultry Association to secure one or two cars of mixed chickens to be shipped during June. A definite announcement of dates will be given all members in a few days.

Turkey improvement is being stressed this year and Mr. Lehmburg said interest in the crop for the ensuing season indicated it would be much larger than for any previous year. One change being advocated probably will require more than a year to be put into effect. Dealers are demanding more small birds and raisers will be asked to select some small, stock variety to meet this requirement. During the past several years growers have been asked to produce as large turkeys as possible and fowls under a certain weight, have been classed as No. 2 and returned much less. Last season those who bought turkeys for table use asked for small birds which would be just enough for the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. This made the large 20-odd pounders hard to sell. Turkey schools to be held this year will bring more information on this subject to the raisers.

Farmers of this county have done much already to improve their seed, Mr. Lehmburg said. The Farm Bureau is shipping a carload of pure registered Mebane cottonseed here for growers of this county and a number of exchange arrangements have been made which will also aid in other crops. Some maize has been planted in the county and is now up. Other planting will begin within the next several days in sections that have received sufficient moisture, it was said.



S. M. N. MARRS  
Who died suddenly at A. & M. College

## S. M. N. Marrs Dies From Heart Attack

S. M. N. Marrs, 70, state superintendent of public instruction, died at 9:30 p. m. Monday, at College Station, from a heart attack. Supt. Marrs was at A. & M. College to attend the Smith-Hughes judging contest and suffered an attack seven hours before death. The stroke occurred on the steps of the administration building as he was on his way to an appointment. He was rushed to the college hospital where he was given every attention until his death. A brother, R. W. Marrs, of Palo Pinto county, was with him when he became ill, and his wife arrived from Austin before he expired.

Marrs was serving his fifth two-year term as state superintendent. The body was taken to Austin Monday night but no announcement has been made as to the time for the funeral and interment. Claude Teer, chairman of the state board of control, said burial in the state cemetery would be tendered the family in recognition of his long service to public education. The state flag on the capitol at Austin was at half mast Tuesday and the Senate chamber had been offered the family where the body probably will lie in state.

Starlin Marion Newberry Marrs was born on January 2, 1862, in Gauley Bridge, Fayette county, West Virginia. He received his bachelor of science degree from the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio.

Elected superintendent of schools at Stephenville when only 23 years old, he served in that



JOUETT SHOUSE

loyal to his friends and a good enemy.

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More attention is being paid to seed improvement in this territory. This year many additional acres will be planted in registered seed and a better yield and a product worth more on the market will result.

The small grain crop in this county has suffered for the past two weeks. Lack of moisture and driving winds have about ended the prospects for a large crop.

Rain in a part of Runnels county Sunday night caused rejoicing among farmers living in those sections. The precipitation varied from one-half to three inches and was sufficient in most places to put out stock water and prepare fields for the planting season.

A traveling man in a nearby town recently stated that in all his territory Ballinger was outstanding, that he sold more to merchants here than anywhere else. A visitor here a few days ago was astonished at the appearance of the city and almost expressed the wish that he had visited here before selecting a home elsewhere.

Notice of Certificate of Authority THE STATE OF TEXAS. Certificate No. 96. Company No. 2304. The Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas. To whom it may concern: Austin, Texas, March 21, 1932.

Given under my hand and my seal of office at Austin, Texas, the date first above written. (SEAL) W. A. TARVER, Chairman of the Board. 5-12-19



HOW'S your HEALTH MOVIES

Edna May Oliver Plays Star Role in 'Fanny Foley Herself'... Comedy that rises from the highest sources and emotions that reach the heart-strings sound the note of RKO Radio Pictures' comedy-drama, 'Fanny Foley Herself.'

EXERCISE AND OBESITY... Obesity, by which is meant excessive body weight due mainly to the deposit of fat in the body, is a menace to health and longevity.

The experience of life insurance companies has shown that lowest death rates prevail among those who when under 35 years of age are a few pounds over the average weight, and when older than 35 are a few pounds under the average weight.

Obesity may be due to a number of causes, but in the last analysis indicates that the afflicted person eats more than he requires. To be rid of the accumulated fat it is necessary to reverse the relationship between energy intake and output.

The first is represented by the food we eat, the second by the work we do. The middle aged individual who has become aware of his obesity and resolves to remedy it, may 'join a gym,' thus hoping to burn off the fat.

It can be done, but it is a hard task, and one that is not without danger. Not uncommonly the vital organs, and particularly the circulatory system of the obese person, have already been subjected to undue strain.

A certain amount of exercise is desirable for its psychologic and tonic effect. An excess is injurious. Of interest, too, is the fact that strenuous physical efforts tend to defeat the end of weight reduction, for they increase appetite and lead to overeating.

The obese person must count on a limited energy intake for the loss of fat. Rapid reduction is possible when the food consumption per day is confined to from 600 to 1,000 calories. Such a diet can only be taken on prescription, for to be safe it must be balanced.

Best Black Pepper, 25 cents per pound at U. E. Hartman's store. 19-3t

BROADCASTING OF RECORDS STRIKES SNAG IN GERMANY (By Associated Press) BERLIN, April 18.—German radio fans are being treated to a fight between the government broadcasting chain and manufacturers of phonograph records.

According to the record makers, they have been studying the effect on sales made by playing records over radio and found the effect disadvantageous to them. Consequently notice was served on the radio group to cease broadcasting the records. The manufacturers contend that broadcasting harms sales.

Supt. H. C. Lyon attended to business in Dallas over the weekend.

atre, where it will close Saturday evening.

Jack Holt is starred with Richard Cromwell, Joan Marsh, John Wayne, Robert Alden, Natalie Moorhead and Richard Tucker playing important roles and Walter Catlett and Paul Hurst carrying their usual skillful ease. The story is chiefly concerned with Holt as the father and Cromwell as the son—or, Holt as the 'maker of men'—the college athletic coach whose slogan for human behavior was 'loyalty and courage' and Cromwell as the boy who couldn't take physical punishment.

The story is full of heart throb—the boy doing a thing he hates and despises—a thing that fills him with indescribable terror, just because when he tries to go to the coach as troubled son to a wise, understanding father, he meets only the hard logic of a coach whose ambitions for his team are wrapped up in his ambition to make a great star of his son, no matter how hard it hurts the boy.

Joan Marsh supplies the heart interest and the rest of the cast is capable. Edward Sedgwick directed. The story is by Howard J. Green and Sedgwick.

Ask for Bagley's State registered Mebane cottonseed at Currie Produce Company, 75 cents per bushel. David Bagley 19-4t-

Fresh Home Roasted Coffee—8 pounds for \$1 at U. E. Hartman's. Try this delightful coffee on your next order. 19-3t

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, spent Sunday here as guests of relatives.

Democrat Chiefs—

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lowing which he campaigned for John W. Davis, the nominee. In the 1928 campaign, he was a member of Al Smith's board of strategy.

Before that he was a member of congress from Kansas, serving from 1915 to 1919, representing the largest wheat growing district in the state. At the end of his second term President Wilson appointed him assistant secretary of the treasury with jurisdiction over the revenue agencies.

Born in Kentucky, he later moved to Kansas, where he is now engaged in stock farming and banking when not in Washington. His chief hobby is horse races. On his farm in Kansas he owns some racers—a few of which he says are pretty good.

Shouse has expressed a desire to quit politics when the convention at Chicago is over and the Democratic nomination for the presidency made. If he should do so, then his selection as permanent chairman would be the climax of his years as executive head of the party.

Those who know him best, however, are a bit skeptical about him actually quitting. 'Jouett may believe in his heart he will quit,' said one of his friends, 'but he can't. Politics and political maneuvering are in his blood. And they'll stay there.'

760 Eggs Laid Each Second WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The department of agriculture says 760 hen eggs are produced every second in the United States and \$20 worth of wealth is created.

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Tubercular Cow Causes Excitement

(Coleman Democrat-Voice) When four members of a family in the Mayo community north of Santa Anna developed tuberculosis ladies of the home demonstration club there became alarmed and convinced the disease was the result of the family drinking milk from a tubercular cow. The matter was reported to Miss Gertrude Brent, home demonstration agent and she, with S. W. Cooper, secretary of the Coleman chamber of commerce went to the community last week to conduct an investigation.

The family had disposed of the cow and did not know just who had her and where she could be located. A search was started and information secured from various sources finally led to discovery of the bovine east of Bangs. Miss Brent immediately notified Dr. Lewis, state veterinarian, at San Angelo. Dr. Lewis communicated with the state department at Austin and was instructed to come to Coleman at once and administer tuberculin to the cow. He did so last Thursday and intended to administer several other doses if necessary. Dr. Lewis returned to Coleman Sunday, visited the cow and found her to be a reactor and other doses not necessary.

The cow was to have been sent to Ft. Worth yesterday for a final examination by federal authorities. If the final examination coincides with that of Dr. Lewis the animal will be disposed of and the owner will be paid by the state of Texas, Miss Brent said.

Those who were drinking the milk in the Mayo community have made application for entry into

the state tuberculosis sanitarium at Carlsbad. At the place where the cow was finally found an infant was consuming the milk from the afflicted cow and results are being watched.

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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

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- Brookshier—R. E. Wolber, Jack Martin, W. H. Crothan
- Olin—W. J. Halfmann, A. B. Halfmann, Robt. Lange
- Drasco—I. L. Toney, W. G. Daniel, B. M. Smith
- Franklin—E. M. Blackwood, J. Stehle, N. M. Stoocher
- Hatchel—Key Williams, W. S. Bales, G. A. Henniger
- Eagle Branch—W. T. Freeman, J. W. Mitchell, H. G. Bradley
- Cochran—W. E. Edwards, William Hoard, B. R. Morgan
- Oak Creek—I. D. Bland, Tom Verner, Jim McKown
- Baldwin—Claude Mills, Willie Patterson, S. C. Coward
- Millar—Altus Stokes, P. A. Pullin, B. E. Kelly
- Harmony—Truitt Billups, J. W. Seals, J. F. England
- Poe—F. C. Poe, L. C. Underwood, Jim McMillan
- Mann—Frank Hale, Luther Smith, J. A. Patterson
- Sweet Home—John Simecek, F. Brash, W. F. Redman
- Twenty-nine of the districts have elected teachers for the ensuing year and nine have made reports. Following is a list of the teachers elected for 1932-33:
- Crews—T. E. Beard, C. M. McGlathery, Mrs. Willeen Alcorn, Nettie Landrum, Louise Stephens, Mrs. T. E. Beard, Clara Meeks
- Content—W. R. Williams, M. S. Shelton, Mrs. W. C. Whittle, Mrs. Lum Gray, Emma Mae Smith, Lovie Cadenhead
- Maverick—E. C. Grindstaff, W. C. Bryan, Mrs. Atha Grindstaff, Maud Brookshier
- Bethel—C. A. Womack, D. C. Hornburg, Elsie Gilkerson, Mrs. Leora Richardson, Pearl Holton, Ada Simmons
- Dale—Mrs. Mellie Pierce, Frankie Pierce
- Dry Ridge—C. H. Robertson, Mrs. C. H. Robertson
- Benoit—Zaza Chenoweth and Mrs. Krehbiel Allison
- Barnett—Annabelle Hash, Louise Hash
- Bell—Daisy Ruth Sebastian
- North Norton—Doxie Swope and Trece Crockett
- Marie—J. L. Carroll and Velva Moreland
- Pumphrey—C. R. Low, Mrs. C. R. Low, Ila Mitchell
- Independence—Finley Moore, Mrs. Ethel Rampy, Fay Mitchell
- Mazeland—Ernest Caskey, Mrs. Ernest Caskey, Eula Mae Virdin, Mrs. Janie Ball
- Cross Roads—Opal Farmer and La Stelle Matejowsky
- Victory—W. T. Gassiot, Mrs. W. T. Gassiot, Jewel Herrington
- Harmony—Mrs. Lucille Tierce, Aletha Schwartz, Irene Smith
- Blanton—H. C. Funderburk, Addie Lou Glass, Ethel Kemp
- Spring Hill—Cordelia Batts, Iona Harris
- Greenwald—Opal Baker, Henry Shiller, Mrs. Henry Shiller
- Kristoff—Hedwig Michaelis
- Herring—J. L. Farmer, Mrs. J. L. Farmer, Thelma Cox
- Brookshier—Clarence Jaeggli, Marion Joergli
- Olsen—Sister Mary Rita, Sister Annie Marie, Pauline Schindler
- Drasco—J. W. McCann, Mrs. J. W. McCann, Ethel Phillips, Zora Mitchell, Verna Patton
- Franklin—Mrs. J. C. Bloxom, Alma Ryan
- Hatchel—H. R. Gassiot, Inez Parker, Lucy Naylor
- Eagle Branch—Mrs. Lela Hill, Mildred Boone
- Sweet Home—Mittie Clifton.

**Thursday is Holiday for Ballinger Banks**

Thursday, April 21, 1932. (San Jacinto Day) being a legal holiday the undersigned banks will be closed. Patrons are requested to attend to necessary banking business on Wednesday as no business be transacted Thursday. business will be transacted Thursday.

- State Bank
- The Security State Bank
- The First National Bank

Fresh Home Roasted Coffee—8 pounds for \$1 at U. E. Hartman's. Try this delightful coffee on your next order. 19-3t

Mrs. J. A. DeMotive, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. V. S. Heflin, returned home from Temple Friday. Mrs. DeMotive having spent the winter there with her daughter. Mrs. Heflin returned home Monday.

**Four Additions at Baptist Revival**

Revival services started at the Ballinger Baptist Church Sunday and workers were rewarded with a big opening day. Large audiences were present at each service Sunday and four additions were made to the church, two adults by conversion. Services will continue this week and next at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m. daily.

All men of the city are invited to attend prayer meeting at 7:30 each evening at the church. Short sessions will be held, dismissing in time for the beginning of the evening service at 8. One of the Sunday school rooms adjoining the auditorium will be used for this purpose.

Women of the church plan to organize daily prayer meetings to work for the success of this meeting and for a great revival to sweep the city.

A "booster band" of young people to be organized by Mrs. J. H. McClain will assist in the music and in holding their own prayer meetings. The hours for these services will be announced from the pulpit.

R. E. White, in charge of the choir, is inviting and urging all the singers of the city to cooperate in making up a large chorus. Music at the opening services was a feature, nearly all the choir being filled. Mr. White urges other vocalists of the city to feel that they are always welcome and when attending services to come to the choir.

Special musical numbers were presented Sunday by the Home-town Colored Quartet. These four negroes will be heard a number of times during the revival, bringing "gospel messages in song."

Rev. Chas. Pierce, evangelist, of Dallas, was on hand Sunday to deliver the first message of the meeting. The two large audiences Sunday were delighted with the sermons and many became enthusiastic in their efforts to help in every possible manner to make the series of services successful and to reach to every portion of the city.

The church will be made comfortable in any kind of weather. Fans are ready if the temperature becomes too warm and the furnace is ready in case of cold weather.

Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor, is desirous that all the Christian people of Ballinger assist in the services, taking an active part in the worship, the prayer meetings and the singing.

**CREWS BOYS' 4-H CLUB**

Members of the Crews boys' 4-H Club met at the Lester Dietz place Friday, April 8, for their first judging demonstration this year. Three Jersey cows were judged.

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, was in charge of the judging. There was a full attendance of the club boys and the agriculture class of the school was present, making a total of thirty-six. Mr. Woods, Mr. Beard, Mr. Dietz, Mr. Tounget, Mr. Stacy and Ira Clutts watched the demonstration.

The cows were placed in three different ways. After each side had given their points, Mr. Lehmburg placed the cows for points. This helped each boy to understand better the judging of Jersey cows.

Another judging was announced for Friday, April 15, at the home of Mr. Woods.

**BALLINGER GIRL HONORED FOR GOOD SCHOOL WORK**

DENTON, April 19.—Miss Carmen Demmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, 400 West Tenth Street, Ballinger, was among the 135 students who were honored in college assembly at the College of Industrial Arts Thursday, for scholastic attainment.

Honor Day is observed for the public recognition of students who make honor grades, and the day is observed with appropriate ceremonies. Dr. Morris L. Wardell, of the University of Oklahoma, delivered the address for this program.

Miss Demmer is very popular on the campus, being a member of the Chaparral and Music clubs. She is a pupil of David Hansard, violinist, and is to be presented in junior recital soon.

Best Black Pepper, 25 cents per pound at U. E. Hartman's store. 19-3t

Puts Out Blaze With Egg LIBERAL, Kas., April 18.—(AP)—M. R. Patterson, en route to town with a supply of eggs when his automobile caught fire, used them to extinguish the blaze. "I would only have received 7 cents a dozen for them anyway," he said.

Freshmen co-eds at the University of Texas average five pounds heavier than their upper-class sisters.

**Ramie, Ancient Egyptian Plant, May Give Cotton Region Relief**

By Charles S. Foltz, Jr. (As Written for Baltimore Sunday Sun)

The shrouds of Egyptian pharaohs who died more than 3,000 years ago threaten to dethrone an ailing King Cotton. Ramie, a plant belonging to the nettle family, supplied the fibers from which the wrappings of Egyptian mummies were made and ramie, after more than five years of experimental planting in the Southern States, has been proven adaptable to the soil of the New World.

An American engineer and chemist, Samuel S. Eveland, has developed a process which threatens to revolutionize the textile industry by the thorough purification of ramie, the growing of which promises to supersede cotton in the South.

Ramie is the oldest and strongest vegetable fiber known. According to the chronicles of Nestor, about 904 B. C., the sails of ships on the Volga were made of ramie and Vergil refers to it in his second song on agriculture. For some reason the Egyptians did not use ramie for 600 years and the mummies found which were buried during that period are wrapped in coatings of dust, while ramie wrappings are still intact after 3,000 years of service. In Sanscrit literature ramie was referred to as "grass linen," from which comes the name frequently applied to it—China grass.

In the last fifty years the textile industry has spent millions of dollars endeavoring to purify the nettle and make ramie cloth to compete with linen, silk and wool. A certain amount of ramie has always been used, but the immense amount of labor required to remove the gum and other impurities from it by hand has made it one of the most expensive fibers on the market. Ramie has been grown successfully in India, China and Formosa, where coolies stand waist-deep in pools of water rubbing the ramie stalks between their palms for days before it is decorticated enough for textile use.

The textile industry always has been interested in ramie, but when fifty years of experimentation proved to no avail the industry became "ramie shy." During these years the industrial commissions of the South had discovered that ramie could be grown not only in any place where cotton grew but in many places where it would not. The Eveland method of purifying ramie without the use of sulphuric acid opened fields to the textile trade and the South found on its hands a potential rival to the throne of King Cotton.

Ramie was found capable of making a linen which rivaled the finest of imported Belgian linens and which could undersell Russian linen, the cheapest on the market.

It was found that ramie could be substituted for silk and give added strength to fabrics which mixed with wool. Paper manufacturers discovered that ramie is to paper what nickel is to steel. Ten per cent ramie added to sulphite paper increased the strength of the resulting paper 225 per cent.

Twenty per cent ramie added to the same increased the strength 450 to 500 per cent. Pure ramie used alone in manufacturing paper increased the strength over the strongest linen paper eight times.

Immediately the industrial commissions of the Southern States took to the fields. They found the weed of the East was a bast fiber, as flax is, consisting of a central core containing pith, which is surrounded by woody structure over which is the fiber covered by a rough outer bark.

Ramie plants in Formosa appear to be the same botanically as the ramie which grows in Japan and China, but attains a height of nine feet and, much to the surprise of the Southern commissioners, the same was true of the American-grown ramie.

They found that after the third year the crop of ramie continues apparently indefinitely, reproducing fiber, woodstalk and pith in additional cuttings and in new roots. A cotton grower in the South who became interested in ramie long before its value was increased by research and discoveries raised a field of ramie for thirty-two years with the original plants. Boll weevils and Japanese beetles avoid the nettle.

Ramie gave on the average a crop of from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of fiber to the acre, as compared with the average crop of cotton, which yields from 155 to 166 pounds an acre, according to government reports. On soil which was "cotton starved" and had been drained of its cotton value by continual replantings year after year, ramie grew as well as it grew in rich cotton soil. They also found it was a perennial

plant.

"August Heckscher, philanthropist and farmer, attempted to raise flax for the purpose of developing the linen industry in North Carolina. Some 2,500 acres were planted in flax on his plantation, while a few acres in the center of the flax fields were planted in ramie. That year saw one of the greatest army-worm marches ever known in the South, and Mr. Heckscher's entire 2,500 acres of flax were completely destroyed in less than a week's time, while the ramie plants were not touched by the insects or by other insects which infested the flax.

Gov. Huey P. Long's plan to declare a holiday in the production of cotton in 1932 was passed by both houses of the state of Louisiana last August 30, with the "stone-wall" proviso that five other states must follow suit before the law took effect. At about the same time George B. Elton, industrial commissioner from Baton Rouge, investigated the ramie grown in the South and guaranteed a minimum production of 12,000,000 pounds of ramie fiber in the next year provided the ramie industry be centered in Louisiana.

The newly discovered Eveland method of decortication and purification of ramie simplifies the process of converting raw ramie. In forty minutes the nettle is converted into finished fiber of a single uniform grade. The Russian methods of making fiber from flax require a period of from six to eight weeks with twelve or fourteen grades and much wastage while the Belgians have the same amount of wastage, the

same number of grades and require twelve to fourteen days to complete the process.

The products and by-products of the fibers of ramie have been known for some time, but have been made impractical because of the immense amount of labor required to decorticate or purify the plant. The fibers, which run to 26 inches in length, as compared to cotton's 1½ inches, are used for numerous textile products both alone and mixed with silk, woolen or cotton to supply added strength.

Included in the products of the ramie fiber are nitro cellulose products—celluloid, explosives, films, lacquer and artificial leather. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, made rayon spun from ramie fiber, which also proved to have greater strength in tenacity and elongation than the regular rayon.

Tests made by the du Pont parent corporation in its experimental laboratories demonstrated that ramie "has similar dyeing properties to cotton," and takes dye as well as similar fibers.

**NO SLEEP, NO REST, STOMACH GAS IS CAUSE**

Mrs. A. Cloud says: "For years I had a bad stomach and gas. Was nervous and could not sleep. Ad-lerika rid me of all stomach trouble and now I sleep fine." J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

**Films Train French Firemen**

PARIS, April 18.—(AP)—Moving picture films of famous fires are to form part of the training of French firemen. The Paris fire brigade has mounted a cinema camera on a side car.

**S. M. N. Marrs---**

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position from 1885 to 1888. He then served successively at Hamilton (1888-90), Cleburne (1890-93) and Terrell (1893-98).

He accepted a place as chief clerk of the state department of education in 1898, but returned to Terrell as superintendent of schools in 1899 and stayed in that position for 20 years. In 1919 he became supervisor of state high schools and in 1921 he was appointed first assistant state superintendent.

He first was elected state superintendent in 1923. Mr. Marrs was a member of the National Educational Association, and in 1907 he served as president of the Texas State Teachers' Association, having been a member for many years.

**"INVOLUNTARY DRUNK" PLEA WINS SLAYER ACQUITTAL**

(By Associated Press) PALMYRA, Mo., April 18.—Add "involutionary drunkenness" to the long list of defense pleas. It won Clarence Baker, negro, acquittal on a homicide charge here.

Involutionary drunkenness, the court held, really can happen. It's intoxication brought about "by fraud, fear or force."

The negro, testimony at the trial indicated, killed a man at a wedding celebration after the latter had influenced him to drink.

Lighthouse 50 Years Old WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The present Cape Henry lighthouse, which replaced the first lighthouse built by the federal government, is 50 years old. The original lighthouse at Cape Henry was constructed in 1791.

Advertised goods move.

**QUAIL THICK IN OKLAHOMA FROM RECENT RESTOCKING**

(By Associated Press) OKLAHOMA CITY, Apr. 18.—Almost exterminated a few years ago, quail are now plentiful in Oklahoma.

A recent survey by the state game department showed its restocking program had increased the number of birds from five to 500 per cent in various counties. Restocking, with birds from Mexico, started in 1925.

**Restless, could not sleep**

"THERE were days when I felt like I could not get my work done. I would get so nervous and 'trembly' I would have to lie down. I was very restless, and could not sleep at night.

My mother advised me to take Cardui, and I certainly am glad she did. It is the first thing that seemed to give me any strength. I felt better after the first bottle. I kept it up and am now feeling fine."—Mrs. T. R. Gibson, Fort Payne, Ala.



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FOR SALE—Tomato and cabbage plants 35 cents per hundred. Eggplant and sweet pepper plants 50 cents per hundred. G. A. Henninger. 19-21\*

WANTED—Sewing. Prices reasonable. House dresses, two for \$1.00. Mrs. Gurley, 704 Eighth Street. 19-11\*

WANTED—Men to do evening home work. Earn \$15 to \$20 weekly in spare time. Write George Adel, Mgr., 230 Fifth Ave., New York. 19-31\*

WANTED—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can. Runnels County Creamery. 19-11\*

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer went to Denton Saturday to visit their daughters, Misses Carmen and Joe Demmer, students of C. I. A. Mr. and Mrs. Demmer will remain there for several days and be present when Miss Carmen is presented in a violin recital.

Mrs. W. P. Howard, of O'Donnell, returned home Sunday after spending several days here with her mother, Mrs. H. G. Hays.

Texarkana—Old buildings have been razed to make way for a new \$300,000 post office building.

# Deaths

### Lonnie R. Gaston

Funeral services for Lonnie R. Gaston, prominent landowner of the Winters section, were held in the Winters Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at 3:30. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Gaston died at his home at Winters at 6:30 Sunday evening. He was recovering from an attack of pneumonia when stricken a few days ago with meningitis.

Mr. Gaston was a leader in church life, serving as an elder of the Winters church and acting as superintendent of the Sunday school. On April 2 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Winters schools.

Besides the widow survivors include four children, Geraldine, 16; Lawrence, 12; Marie, 10; and Robert, 8; step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sears, Whitewright.

County Judge Paul Trimmier and County Superintendent R. E. White, of Ballinger, attended the funeral services.

### County Graduation—

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send out a set of questions for examination of seventh graders before the close of the term. The percentage made on this set of questions will not in any way prevent the promotion of any whom the teacher in charge believes entitled to be advanced but will be a thorough test of seventh grade work.

This will be the third county-wide graduation program held for rural schools of this county. At the two "previously held large audiences filled the Baptist church auditorium, the largest in the city, for the program and presentation of diplomas. Supt. White will begin at once arranging the program for this event and will make an announcement as soon as the various numbers have been obtained.

The exercises will be open to the public and everyone will be welcome just as long as the auditorium will take care of the attendance. Special seats will be reserved in the center of the auditorium for graduates.

Best Black Pepper, 25 cents per pound at U. E. Hartman's store. 19-31\*

Mrs. Viola Allison spent the week-end with relatives in Mineral Wells.

Be wise and advertise.

# Farm Loan Office Will Close April 30

The last date for securing a federal farm loan is April 30. All applications for loans must be properly filled out and in the Ballinger office on that date in order to receive action by the board. Will Dooze, chairman of the county board, is anxious to close the work and is urging that any farmer in the county who desires to apply for a loan, call at once and fill out the papers so that there will be no last minute delay which might prevent the application being acted upon.

A meeting was held in Dallas last Saturday with all field workers and one member of each county board present. Nothing new was presented and most of the meeting was in regard to the proper filling out of papers. The local office has had no trouble on this account, representatives having attended a meeting at Abilene early in the year and learning there the requirements of the state board in this regard.

To date 36 Runnels county farmers have applied for loans and so far as the local board knows the office here will be closed on April 30 at the close of business for that day.

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### CIVIL WAR VETERAN WALKS 6 MILES "TO KEEP IN TRIM"

(By Associated Press) STARR, S. C., April 18.—Gus Dean, 92-year-old Civil War veteran, says battle days did more to improve than to impair his health.

To prove his point Dean picked 2,225 pounds of cotton last fall and thinks nothing of a six-mile hike. Dean is Anderson county's oldest man. He's a farmer and says he intends to go "right on farming. It's staying out in the open that keeps me in good health and makes for long life."

He often walks six miles "just to keep in trim" and when he rounded out his 92nd year the other day, he walked just a little further and did a little extra farming to celebrate the occasion.

# Star Program's Star



Ed Wynn, grotesque star of the comedy stage, who will be the brightest of a scintillating galaxy of luminaries on the weekly Texaco Fire Chief program, commencing Tuesday, April 26, over the NBC-WEAF network at 9:30 p. m. (EDT).

# NORTHWEST FOREST FIRES COST U. S. \$1,211 A PIECE

(By Associated Press) MISSOULA, Mont., April 18.—It cost Uncle Sam an average of \$1,211 to combat each of the 1,587 forest fires which broke out in western Montana and northern Idaho during 1931.

While this was the highest average cost in the four worst fire seasons since 1919, figures at forest service headquarters here reveal the average size of each fire has been reduced steadily from 670 acres in 1919 to 89 acres in 1931.

A comparison of the total number of fires in 1919 and 1931 with the acreage they covered shows how modernized fire-fighting methods have checked the red demon. In 1919, 2,258 fires burned over 1,329,276 acres, while the 1,587 blazes of last year covered 124,556 acres.

# FARMERS STOP AUCTIONS IN GERMAN TAX CASES

(By Associated Press) SCHWERIN, Germany, Apr. 18.—Passive resistance in being resorted to by farmers in certain parts of northern Germany, where agricultural distress is acute.

Enforced sales of property because of non-payment of taxes are rendered ineffective by refusals to bid. At Juliusburg a crowd of 300 countrymen, carrying black flags, prevented the selling out of two farmers under a distress warrant.

# Local Hi Debaters Take First Place

The Ballinger high school debating team, composed of Misses Ailyn Straley and Hazel Fulton, will go to the state finals at Austin, May 6-7, as a result of winning first place in the district meet held Friday and Saturday at San Angelo. The two young women were the only Ballinger entries in literary events to win a first place. Miss Jean Gressett was given third place in extemporaneous speaking, and Miss Jimmie Jewel Taylor won third place in senior girls declamation.

Misses Straley and Fulton have met a large number of debating teams this year and won every contest. The team is strong in its presentation and delivery and it is believed has a fine chance of taking the finals in the state meet. Competition there will be harder, however, as every team entered will be a district champion.

J. P. Burk, mile runner, set a new district record in the track event Saturday afternoon, winning first place with a time of 4:56. He will go to Austin for the mile run a favorite. Burk has only been working a short time on track and since coming out for the mile event has done exceedingly well. He will continue training until time to go to Austin and is expected to make better time there. The high wind at San Angelo was a disadvantage and no doubt slowed him down somewhat.

Four Ballinger track men will attend the state meet this year as a result of placing in events at San Angelo. Others who will accompany Burk to Austin are: Bailey, who won second place in the pole vault and tied for second place in the high jump; Morris, second place winner in the high hurdles; and Nelson, fourth place winner in the 100-yard dash.

Burk will strive to make his time equal the state record which is 4:38 for the mile.

Ballinger won fourth place in the district meet, San Angelo taking first, Midland second, and Big Lake third.

The district meet closed the track season here for all except those named above, and all others will be free now to take part in spring football training which is being conducted each afternoon at Fair Park.

Between 35 and 40 are reporting daily and plays are being taught the entrants for next year's team. Coaches Prince and Davis are using plays that they

expect to give the team next fall and the spring workout will give members of the team a jump on other teams of this section not in training.

# BALLINGER PEOPLE ATTEND NEELY FAMILY REUNION

In celebration of the 72nd birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary J. Neely, her eight children, thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren joined in a family reunion here Saturday and Sunday, for which two of her daughters, Mrs. C. C. Prater, of Hamlin, and Mrs. W. H. Stephens, of Abilene, were hostesses here in the Stephens home, 1718 Walnut Street.

Those attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lake, Zephyr; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Johnson and daughter, Norma Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Latham, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Guion Gregg and children, Guion, Jr., Mary Irene, Jewell, Josephine and Jo, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker and son, David, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neely and their grandchildren, Thomas and Betty Jo, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Prater and son, Charles, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neely and children, Mary Jane and J. B., and Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deats and daughters, Mrs. Grover King and Mrs. Lorene Pistole, Albany, old-

time friends of the honor guest, were visitors at the reunion.—Abilene News.

# ISTANBUL AVIATOR CLAIMS OTTOMANS FIRST TO FLY

(By Associated Press) ISTANBUL, April 18.—Opening of Turkey's first civil aviation club brought a claim by the national ace, Vedjhi Bey, that the first aviators in the world were Turks.

Bewailing the fact that he is the sole commercial aviator in Turkey, Vedjhi Bey called on his countrymen to emulate their ancestors.

Eight centuries ago, he said, a Turk made a pair of wings with which he flew safely from the minaret of a mosque in Tashkent. He was then killed by his government as a sorcerer.

Next, 300 years ago, another Turk flew across a deep valley near the town of Off, in Anatolia, and two centuries ago, the orator concluded, one Hezerefen Ahmed Celebi made a plane which carried him from Galata Tower in Istanbul to Scutari, across the Bosphorus.

# Melting Pots Get Gems

AUCKLAND, April 18.—(AP)—Large quantities of jewelry which New Zealanders accumulated in prosperous days are being melted down to help make ends meet. Gold and diamond buyers report a boom business.



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