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## "My Home Town" Talk Well Received

Ballinger received good publicity last week when O. B. McCarver, Ballinger high school senior, spoke at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in the "My Home Town" contest. The text for young McCarver's address he prepared himself, and features of this city as seen by the speaker were cited.

Many people from various sections of West Texas heard the talks by the fifty-odd boys and girls in this contest.

Following is a transcript of the speech delivered by McCarver:

"Down in the heart of Runnels county is a little city called the 'star town,' because converging there are five highways which radiate out like the points of a star into some of the most fertile farming districts of the state. It is my honor to present before this convention the virtues of this little city of Ballinger, Texas, which I am proud to call my home town.

"Ballinger's present industrial status is not the result of a boom, or a series of booms, but rather the steady development of its resources by faithful citizens who have had unflinching confidence in its future. Business has not been run with the idea of sudden wealth, but by men with the conservative policy of reasonable and steady profit on investment.

"Our people have realized that the first necessity of life is an economic one, and they have applied themselves industriously to business enterprise. To be selected for leadership in our town, a man must have a proved reputation for industry and hard work as well as good judgment, and no man can have rank, who has work to do and leaves it undone. A community ideal is followed by the business firms of our city; an ideal of business conducted along sound and conservative lines, and a distrust of artificial values of business inflation. Testifying to the soundness of this ideal is that fact that during the severe financial depression of the last several years, only one business firm out of over 120 has failed, no depositor in any bank has lost any part of his deposits, and all city and school employees have been paid all of their salaries regularly.

"Not only has Ballinger been able to meet every obligation, but improvements have also been made. A new city hall and water reservoir have been constructed. Most of Runnels county's cotton is brought there to be ginned and sold. A large oil mill operates and sells its products over the state. A large percentage of West Texas produce is marketed in Ballinger and distributed over the state.

"In harmony with our city we have an up-to-date school system which prepares our younger generation to enter into the contest of life against others equally

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## Lodge Convention Here on June 29

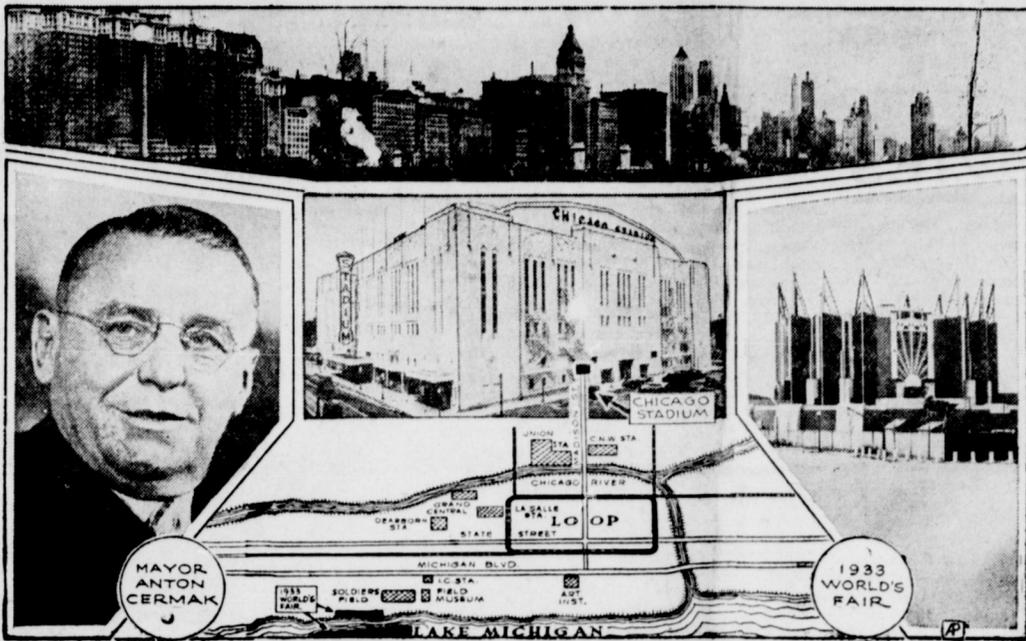
Programs have been completed for the Central West Texas Association convention of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs which will open two-day convention in Ballinger on June 29. These programs are being mailed to about 50 lodges in eight counties of this section and delegations are expected from all these lodges.

Local committees are pushing their assignments on the program and besides the regular programs which will be held in the lodge hall much special entertainment will be provided at off hours.

Parts have been assigned on the program to individuals and teams from Coleman, De Leon, Stacy, Goldwaite, Stamford, Comanche, Brownwood, San Angelo and Bangs. These have accepted the special assignments and will send large delegations.

T. M. Marsh, in charge of the local preliminaries, stated that he was expecting several hundred delegates at the meeting. Contest work by degree teams will be one feature of the program and will attract many Odd Fellows to the Ballinger convention. The entire program will be varied and with the talks and other lodge work, instrumental music, readings, and vocal numbers are to be heard.

## Chicago Sets Stage for Convention Pageantry



Chicago, led by Mayor Anton J. Cermak, has put on its best attire in preparation for playing the role of host to 100,000 or more persons who will attend the national political conventions this summer. Modernistic buildings erected for the

World's Fair of 1933 will be dedicated during the conventions, which are to be held in the huge new Chicago stadium shown in the center. Michigan Boulevard skyline is shown above.

By F. A. Fresch  
CHICAGO, May 23.—(AP)—Chicago's pulse already has begun to quicken in preparation for pageantry that will accompany the premier political parleys of 1932.

It will be the first time in nearly 50 years that a single city has won both the Republican and Democratic conventions, and Chicago wants to assume the role of a particularly grandiose host.

Festivities have been projected on a double-barreled scale for the entertainment of more than 100,000 guests, most of whom will be spectators as the gladiators of American politics spar verbally to shape the nation's destinies for the next four years.

Officials believe the influx for each convention will be 75,000 or more.

Deserted as a convention city since the republicans nominated Warren G. Harding here in 1920, Chicago proposes to handle this summer's gatherings with unsurpassed finesse and a minimum of the congestion which has marked many conventions of past years.

With downtown hotel facilities that have been more than tripled since 1920, and an almost-new convention hall that will seat 25,000, the city expects to accommodate both party conclaves with comparative ease.

In contrast to Chicago's last convention year, when visitors scrambled for sleeping space, there now are 18,000 first-class hotel rooms in the "loop" district alone, and an equal number in near-downtown areas. It is estimated at least one hotel room will

be available for every two guests. And in contrast to the historic coliseum, whose rafters now creak with age, there is the huge Chicago stadium, which is expected to house the largest crowds ever to view a national party's nominating show.

Officials believe reduced railroad rates, the first to be granted for political conventions in more than 30 years, will send spectator registration soaring to record heights.

Perhaps the principal non-convention festivities will be concentrated along the city's man-made lakefront, where visitors will get a preview of the world's fair of 1933.

Some of the newest of the dozen fair buildings already completed will be dedicated during the conventions, and speedboat races

and fireworks displays have been arranged for the thousands expected to visit the modernistic structures that will house Chicago's "century of progress" exposition.

The city itself has laid plans to display the "New Chicago" that has risen along Lake Michigan's shores since 1920. In the last dozen years Chicago has spent millions to dress up its front yard between Michigan boulevard and the lake, while a dozen costly skyscrapers have gone up to make its skyline more impressive.

Politically Chicago and Illinois are in a strategic spot to welcome either democrats or republicans. Chicago's city hall is ruled by Mayor Anton J. Cermak's democratic administration, but republicans retain control of the state government.

## Remaining Schools Will Close Friday

The last nine schools in this county to be closed, at Bethel, Sweet Home, Dale, Maverick, Victory, Cross Roads, Mazeland, Wingate and North Norton, will hold their graduation programs Friday of this week.

Most of these schools will have some kind of a commencement program either on the last day of school or on Friday evening. County Supt. R. E. White will go to Wingate where he will deliver diplomas to the high school graduates. A program will be presented in connection with the school closing there.

A program has been arranged at Bethel for Friday evening when high school graduates will be issued diplomas and a speaker will address the class. Other exercises will be held but the exact nature is not known.

All common district schools and some of the independent district schools will cooperate in the county-wide commencement program which will be held in Ballinger next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Diplomas are being printed for 195 students who will finish the seventh grade courses this year and will be ready for the freshman year of high school next fall.

All school boards have elected teachers for next year.

## FIRE DESTROYS NEGRO HOME HERE MONDAY

Fire Monday afternoon destroyed the home of Adele and Buster Kyle, in the "flat." Preparations were being made to iron clothes when the house burst into flames and by the time the fire department could reach the scene the building was afire all over.

The house and contents were a total loss. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Miss Margaret New left for her home at Hearne Sunday morning after completing her school work here for the year.

## Widespread Effort to Shift Property Tax Burden Shown in Report from 32 States

By J. R. Brackett  
NEW YORK, May 23.—(AP)—Comprehensive efforts to shift the tax burden from property to other sources, to reduce property taxes and to cut taxes generally are indicated by tax commissions of 32 states in analyses for the Associated Press.

The cost of unemployment relief and the business slump have cut into revenues severely, but reductions in levies have been obtained by cuts in appropriations, lowered assessed values and some tax rate cuts.

Income and new and increased excise taxes have helped the states to shift the tax burden, while public demand for economies has forced the taxing bodies to lay on with as light a hand as possible.

The Wisconsin tax commission reports that property taxes of state, political subdivisions and schools were cut 11.38 per cent in 1931 from 1930. The state property tax levy was omitted in 1931 by legal changes, gasoline taxes were increased and more funds were given the political subdivisions from this source.

A general reduction of from ten to twelve million dollars in Iowa taxes is reported officially.

Leigh Watkins of the Mississippi commission reports a reduction in millage rates. Kansas tax rates will not be increased generally, and drastic cuts in assessed values are planned.

C. H. Morrisett, Virginia commissioner, says his state probably has the lowest real estate tax in the nation, because the state

levies none and because centralization of local road administration has helped to save. West Virginia property taxes have been increased, and reduction has become a live political issue.

Commissioner Erwin M. Harvey says Vermont has no state real or tangible property tax and has cut the tax on intangibles with an income tax. South Carolina, by the use of extra taxes, has cut the state property levy from 14 to 5 mills. North Carolina, by centralization of local expenditures, has made considerable savings.

Refusal of financial interests to lend money until budgets were cut forced material reduction of all taxes in New Jersey. Frank A. O'Connor, field secretary of the commission, says, Earl L. Fisher of the Oregon commission says 1932 property taxes have been cut 14 per cent, or \$7,000,000. Tax Commissioner John S. Edwards of Ohio says the counties have cut levies despite lower assessed values.

Commissioner B. W. Baer of South Dakota says economies have enabled a 14.8 per cent property tax cut. New revenue sources have reduced Utah property taxes. Nebraska cut all taxes from \$58,485,000 to \$56,424,000 in 1931. Economies have helped in New Mexico, as in Michigan and Minnesota.

Florida cut the ad valorem mill rate from 14½ to 4½ in 1931. Alabama has reduced assessed valuations. Delaware, with light real estate taxes, has allowed income taxpayers to pay at half rate this year.

Miss Willwood Bridwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, has been elected a member of the Brady school faculty for next year. Miss Bridwell, who at present is attending school at Denton, will complete her course this summer.

Mrs. E. A. Trail, Miss Winnie Trail and Mrs. Ross Murchison spent Sunday in San Angelo, visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. D. Irby, of El Paso, left Tuesday for San Angelo after visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. McLaurin, for several days.

Sheriff W. A. Holt left Monday for Wichita Falls to look after business several days.

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

## Taylor Speaker at County Graduation

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, will address graduates from the seventh grade from the rural schools of Runnels county at the Ballinger Baptist Church. The class numbers 195, consisting of pupils from all the schools, and diplomas will be awarded each child by County Superintendent R. E. White.

A letter has been sent from the county superintendent's office to each graduate whose name has been certified, asking all to meet in the basement of the church at 2:30 p. m. There the pupils will be arranged in order by schools for the professional. This is done to prevent confusion when diplomas are awarded and each will march by and secure the right diploma. The students will be met in the basement by employees of the county superintendent's office and teachers of the various schools.

A choir composed of singers from all churches of the city will present a special musical program, and Dr. Taylor, well known speaker, educator, and humorist, will deliver the message.

An invitation is extended the general public to attend this service. The auditorium will be thrown open and as long as there are seats all will be welcome. Special seats have been reserved for the graduates in the center section of the auditorium.

## Car Hits Woman; Driver Arrested

Mrs. T. E. Counts was painfully injured Monday night about 8 o'clock when struck by an automobile driven by Earl Webb. Mrs. Counts was in front of her home, 1305 Ninth Street, and was partly in the street when the car struck her, knocking her down and inflicting injuries which the attending physician declared were not serious.

Officers later arrested Webb at his home and placed him in jail. County Attorney Roy Hill stated Tuesday morning that no investigation had been held and that he did not know what the charge would be. He expected to make a full investigation of the case later in the day when other officers familiar with the case could be present.

Garland Dickinson, of Brownwood, transacted business here for the Walker-Smith Company Monday.

## Preston Drug is Bought by Weeks

The Preston Drug Company stock, furniture and fixtures were sold Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by W. C. McCarver, assignee, to the highest bidder, John A. Weeks, for a cash offer of \$770. The store had been closed for several weeks while proper proceedings were taken.

The merchandise was invoiced at \$1,126.01. Furniture and fixtures were installed in 1923 at a cost of over \$6,000 and included in the sale were open accounts to the sum of \$341.

At the close of the sale Mr. Weeks stated that he was not ready to announce how he would dispose of the purchase but said it would be moved from Ballinger at once. He declared no part of the store would be consolidated with his local store except the prescription files.

A number of creditors were present for the sale and several out-of-town drug store operators made bids.

Mrs. Thomas B. Hamilton, of Pyote, is here for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Hamilton will be remembered here as Miss Lois Jeanes.

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## Good Grain Crop is in Sight for 1932

Harvest time is growing near in Runnels county and another good yield of oats and wheat is in sight for a large portion of the county. The "comeback" of small grain since the recent rains has been remarkable and fields that had been given up as lost will produce a fair yield. The crop this year is estimated at about two-thirds of last year's.

The northern portion of the county will have good crops as this section was not affected by dry weather as were areas in the southern portion. Grain fields near Miles and Rowena suffered considerably from the lack of rain but even in those sections oats will make a fair yield but will be short and hard to harvest.

C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, stated that farmers were extremely busy right now, planting cotton and other field crops. Approximately 50 per cent of the cotton planted before the heavy rains and hail storms is being replanted. Some other crops were injured by hail and must be replanted.

Cotton men believe that the acreage will be about the same as last year, that little reduction will be made. The staple will be longer due to the seed improvement program which has been conducted here for the past several years. It will be more than a week later before planting is finally completed.

Warnings have been issued farmers to keep close watch for grasshoppers. At the first signs they are urged to put out poison mash and stop the pests before damage is done field crops. Thousands of small hoppers are to be found along streams and a scourge is expected this summer. This warning has been issued in many sections of West Texas and some farmers have already begun poisoning.

Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and little daughter, of Lubbock, are guests in the home of Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn and Mrs. C. R. Stephens spent Sunday in Brownwood, visiting friends.

B. C. Maxwell, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Monday, attending the sale of the Preston Drug Co., and looking after other business.

E. R. Sublett, teacher in the local school this year, left Saturday for his home at Sweetwater.

Miss Abie Kennison visited relatives at Loraine over the weekend.

## Lions' Fishing Trip Set for Thursday

All members of the Ballinger Lions Club will don fishing togs Thursday and depart for the Colorado River for their annual outing. The committee in charge of the affair, headed by R. W. Earnshaw, will leave Thursday noon with bait, trot lines and lanterns to place lines in the river and have everything in readiness at the camp when the crowd arrives later in the afternoon.

The route after leaving the road near the Humble pipe line station will be flagged so that late arrivals will have no trouble in finding the camp, and a negro cook will have a hot supper ready for those who arrive about 7 p. m.

A check-up of the club membership showed that every one on the roster expects to be counted present at the evening meal. Following this meal a short business session will be held about the campfire at which officers for the ensuing year are to be elected. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in July.

A number of guests have been invited to participate in the outing and a large group will be on hand to make war on the fish in the Colorado. The place selected is one of the best on this stream and big catches are anticipated.

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RATS AND MEN

Our American poet and physician, Oliver Wendell Holmes, fittingly observed that "The scientific study of man is the most difficult of all branches of knowledge."

Men do not readily lend themselves to experimentation, and much of scientific study must wait upon nature, fate or accident to supply it with opportunities to acquire knowledge.

One rare illustration is the case of the French Canadian who was accidentally shot in the abdomen and who for many years thereafter enabled his physician to observe the workings of the human stomach because the wound he suffered would not close.

Man is studied by men. Life being short and science long, there is always the handicap of time.

For these reasons, and others besides, the scientific study of man has been pursued through the agency of animals. Among these the rat stands out prominently.

In his book, "The Brains of Rats and Men," Professor C. Judson Herrick pays tribute to this low member of the mammalian family for its aid in the study of the nature and workings of the human nervous system.

For the rat has helped and is helping in the studies of cancer, nutrition and many other problems in medical science.

The life cycle of the rat is short. A year in the rat's life is equivalent to about 30 years of human experience.

The scientist seeking facts can observe, within the space of a few years, generation after generation of rodents, whereas if he confined his studies to humans his own life would end before he had had an opportunity to study two or three consecutive generations.

Of course it is not possible to translate all, or even a majority of the observations made on the rat, into human significance, but experience has shown that many fundamental facts in physiology and other branches of science are valid for all living things, including man.

BALLINGER STUDENT TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP

A. B. Carr, representative of the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., was in Ballinger Saturday conferring with local school authorities with reference to giving some worthy member of the senior class a scholarship.

Selection of the student will be made within the next two weeks and he will choose the kind of course to be taken.

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MOVIES

Three Broadway Notables Provide Amusement in "This is the Night"

Entertainment values have certainly been weaned away from Broadway, their stronghold for years, by the omnivorous talking pictures—as witness "This is the Night," extravagantly funny and musical offering which comes to the Palace Theatre on Wednesday for two days.

Lily Damita, leading lady of "This is the Night," only recently completed a successful run in the highly remunerative "Sons o' Guns," Charlie Ruggles, who seems to have turned his full time to work in the talkies, was formerly one of the leading funny men of the Great White Way.

Roland Young, always a sure-bet for comedy entertainment whenever his name appeared in lights in connection with "Rollo's Wild Oat," "Beggars on Horseback," and other theatrical works of their kind, is the third member of the hilarity confectioners in "This is the Night."

In this picture Lily Damita is a beautiful Parisian actress who is hired by Charlie Ruggles to pose as the "wife" of Roland Young. This deception is necessary to fool Cary Grant, young business man, with whose wife, Thelma Todd, the bachelor Young had been caught in a gay moment, by Grant, just back from a long trip. When Young displays his "wife" to whom he is very ostentatiously attentive, Grant will be fooled into thinking that Young's "affair" with Thelma was nothing serious. This is Ruggles' theory—and Young gladly plays his part in it.

The five friends take a trip to Venice and there complications begin—for Lily and Young begin to perceive that they are really falling in love with each other—and the complications revolve in a cyclone of farcical predicaments. It all ends up merrily.

Musical Pictures Command Musical Comedy Artists—"One Hour With You" Illustrates

The training in timing and building light comedy derived from the musical comedy stage is invaluable to players who work in films of similar character, recently declared Ernst Lubitsch, director of Maurice Chevalier's latest picture, "One Hour With You," to open a three-day run at the Palace Theatre Sunday afternoon.

"One Hour With You," clearly illustrates the point," said Lubitsch.

"Although the picture has none of the familiar chorus numbers of musical comedy, it is a breezy, lightning-fast, almost farcical production with musical numbers," Lubitsch explains.

Chevalier's entire career before entering pictures was in this realm of entertainment with his seasons in the Folies Bergere and his London musical comedy successes, "Hello America," and "White Birds."

Seven of the eight leading players, including Jeanette Mac-

Donald, played in musical shows before going cinematic.

Society

Opal Kre Honoree at Party

Opal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kre, was honoree at a birthday party Saturday evening in her home near Pony.

The table was beautifully decorated with appliqued linen of various colors to match the occasion. A large angel cake adorned the center, bearing fourteen candles. Quilt blocks were used for invitations cards and the name of each donor will be worked on the square given, completing a birthday quilt which will be a remembrance of Opal's friends.

Numerous games were played, and at the appointed hour ice cream and cake were served to the following guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carroll and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mapes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson, Miss Ada Simmons, Mary Emma Hall, Clara Gehring, Henry McShan, Ralph Fuqua, Patrick, Doris and Marydella Fox, May and Ona Liverman, Johnnie, Barney and Corene Nunley, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davenport and son, Bernadine, Leon, Foster and Flora Irene Greenhill, Mrs. Mary Gilliam and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Webb and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davenport and children, Vilus and Eugene Davenport.

Sheriff's Sale THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, of the 5th day of May, 1932, by District Clerk of said Court for the sum of First Lien of \$8,276.31 and Second Lien of \$2,918.00 and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure Judgment, in favor of H. B. Halfmann, C. A. Dooze and Will Dooze Jr., in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3801, and styled H. B. Halfmann vs. W. B. Davis, Maurice Davis, and Carl Gottschalk, C. A. Dooze and Will Dooze, Jr., placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 5th day of May, 1932, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being 196 1/2 acres, known as the East half of Block No. 20, a subdivision of the Edward Conley Survey No. 445, Patent No. 375, Volume No. 23, Abstract No. 80, situated in Runnels County, Texas.

Beginning at the N. E. corner of Block No. 20, same being the Southeast corner of Block No. 19; Thence S. 60 W. 1190 varas to the S. W. corner of Block No. 19; Thence S. 30 E. 934 varas to S line of said Block No. 20; Thence N. 60 E. 1190 varas to S. E. corner of said Block No. 20; Thence N. 30 W. 934 varas to the place of beginning.

And levied upon as the property of Carl Gottschalk and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1932, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Carl Gottschalk.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of May, 1932.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. By R. C. Henson, Deputy.

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"My Home Town"

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equipped. Besides our institutions of learning we find that Ballinger has fourteen churches. Our young people not only have an environment of learning, but also live in a place of religious atmosphere.

"There is more to life than making a living, and when the day's work is over, our people turn to music, literature and art for relaxation. Our music and literary clubs are active and contribute much to our cultural life.

David Guich, one of the leading composers among American musicians, is a native son of Ballinger, as is Robert Liddell Lowe, a rising young poet whose work is solicited by the best publications of America.

"We believe that the greatest asset of our town is that of its citizenship, and the feeling of mutual helpfulness—genuine neighborliness, and community cooperation which prevails among them.

"One of the first things a visitor notices when approaching Ballinger is a huge electric sign, illuminated with these words, 'Ballinger Welcomes You.' If we ever have the pleasure of entertaining you, you will find that this is no idle sentiment, but it is a reality expressed in the hospitable spirit of our people."

VICTORY BOYS' 4-H CLUB

Members of the Victory Boys' 4-H Club met May 4 for their second meeting. The principal subject was running terraces and learning the drop between the terraces.

Lois Fisher, Raymond Turk and Frank Thomas were named as membership committee. The committee has been busy and some new members are expected at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the L. B. Sawyer place. It will be a work-out in dairy cows.

All members were present at the last meeting and learned some valuable information on terracing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory spent Sunday in Stamford, visiting relatives.

Advertised goods move.

Wrestling Show Wednesday Nite

The first big athletic show under the auspices of Company C, 142nd Infantry, will be staged here Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the national guard armory. The rear of the building has been equipped with a ring and seats so spectators may watch the boxing and wrestling bouts with ease. Flood-lights over the ring will make it easy to see every move. It is far the best arrangement ever offered here for such a show and the talent presented on the opening attraction is some of the best ever booked in West Texas.

Earl Webb, of San Angelo, who is sponsoring the programs, has lined up a circuit in West Texas so that it will be an easy matter to secure the best professionals in the game when offered a schedule around the entire circuit. The programs seen at the local armory will be the same as presented at San Angelo, Abilene, and other of the larger cities in this section.

The national guard unit here will receive 25 per cent of the gross receipts for sponsoring the programs and furnishing the house. The soldiers will be in charge of ticket sales which will begin this week and also at the door the night of the show. Admission prices are 50 cents and \$1.

Preliminary boxing bouts will entertain the audience until the three main wrestling matches commence. The boxing matches will go for three to five rounds and will show some fast fighters in action.

Headlining the wrestling bouts will be "Tuffy" McMullen, Otis Headrick, "Dutch" Tanner, Rob Roy, and the grudge bout between Pete Hallas, Ballinger, and Jack Nolan, Winters.

STRAWBERRY CROP IMPROVES OUTLOOK ON OZARK FARMS

(By Associated Press) SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 23.—Agricultural conditions in this section of the Ozarks don't look as gloomy as in some other areas—thanks to prospects for a bountiful strawberry crop.

Shipping organizations, anticipating a brisk business, laid in supplies of crates well in advance of the picking season. Quotations ranging around \$2.50 per 24-quart

rate at the shipping point were expected to be maintained unless the market became glutted with offerings from other areas.

During the season strawberries are shipped from many south Missouri points in carload lots.

The late winter freeze, working havoc with the nation's peach crop, may prove a help to Ozark orchardists. Late in the summer they will harvest 30,000 acres for sale in a market which will likely be under-supplied.

With only 50 per cent of a normal apple crop anticipated in-come from this source is expected to compare favorably with last year's on account of lower yields reported from the Rockies clear to the Atlantic.

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For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIER, J. N. KEY, VICTOR MILLER
For Sheriff: W. A. HOLT, W. S. (Bill) BYARS
For County Attorney: ROY L. HILL
For Tax Collector: W. A. FORGEY
For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, JESSE SMITH
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By F. B. Colton  
(Associated Press Science Writer)

PASADENA, Calif., May 23.—If an aviator could jump astride a light ray from the sun and ride it out through space, it would take him 300,000,000 years to reach the most distant object ever seen by men.

Such an imaginary flight through space is described by Dr. Walter S. Adams, director of the Mount Wilson observatory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, near here, to give an idea of the present knowledge of the size of known space.

Mounted on his light ray, the space-pilot would cover the 93,000,000 miles to the earth in about eight minutes. Next landmark on the way would be the planet Neptune, which he would reach in about four hours. Then he would plunge into a huge void that would take him 100,000 years to reach cross. At the far side he would pass the dwarf star Alpha Centauri, about as bright as our sun.

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Dr. Walter S. Adams, astronomer (upper left), says a space flier traveling from the sun with the speed of a light ray would need 300,000,000 years to reach known limits of space. He would need 100,000 years to get through Milky Way, a part of which is shown above.

after all this time the space flier would be barely started on his journey.

If he steered a course in the direction of the Milky Way, it would take him 100,000 years to reach the outer limits of our part of the universe or galaxy of stars of which the sun is a member.

700,000 Years Out  
Leaving our universe behind, the space pilot's next important stop would be the Magellanic Clouds, composed of hundreds of thousands of stars. Beyond them, after 700,000 years of flying, he would

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# Massive Rings Adorned Ancient Brides; Moderns Wear Slim Circlets of Gold

The June bride is far luckier than her sister of past ages when it comes to a question of wedding rings. Massive gold bands inscribed with strange hieroglyphics weighted the slender hands of ancient queens and princesses on their wedding days, while now the bride has a slim circle of platinum.

Originals of ancient wedding rings are at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Field Museum in Chicago. The rings date back to early days and remarkable jewelry craftsmanship.

Actually these rings were worn by the aristocracy or the more wealthy classes of antiquity. For instance, a ring of Gallo-Roman period in dull gold is marked with crude figures of the bride and groom in rough peasant clothes. From Etruria comes a thick gold affair with a dove, carved in high relief, resting on fluted gold loops.

Among the most interesting is the ancient Jewish marriage token of tremendous size, representing Solomon's temple. Under the temple dome is a gold plate for an inscription, and the band is covered with raised Hebrew characters.

The sixteenth century German bride wore a complicated ring that looks as if it had been sliced in two and set with a ruby and an emerald. Its Latin inscription reads: "Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Of Grecian origin is a graceful, wide, octagonal band with raised Greek letters; an old French six-sided model is inscribed appropriately: "It is spoken—she holds me."

Saxony is represented by a crude loop of dark, hammered silver, but England of the fifteenth century evinces progress toward more elaborate things

with its quaint silver band formed of clasped hands and a heart, on either side of which are the words: "Gold Helps."

There are other old-time rings as well, one of twisted gold wire from Ireland, a Syrian band of agate, the thumb ring from India, and even a leather circle made from an old glove when a more convenient ring could not be found.

In modern days, the wedding ring is white—either platinum or white gold—as contrasted with the yellow gold ring which was the vogue at the beginning of the twentieth century. It has been shown that modern women even change their wedding rings, as basic styles change, in order to avoid being dated by the ring. And, more and more, the double ring ceremony is becoming increasingly popular, with the groom receiving a ring as well as the bride.

### HAPPY HOME MAKERS DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Happy Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. D. Tullos on its regular meeting day, May 19, there being 21 members and 2 visitors present. After a business session the program was turned over to the leader, Mrs. Halley Howell, and was carried out as follows: Mrs. Hollingsworth gave a very interesting talk on "Canning for Exhibit Purposes"; Mrs. Joe Mueller, talked on "Uses of Pressure Cooker and Sealer"; Mrs. J. D. Tullos and Mrs. T. A. Crockett gave a demonstration on "Canning a Vegetable for Exhibit Purposes." The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Robt. Woods on the next regular meeting date.

# Weddings

Schuchard-Lowe

Edwin Charles Schuchard and Mrs. Bessie Liddell Lowe were married Thursday evening, May 19, at the home of Rev. W. H. Doss, Rev. Doss performing the ceremony that made them man and wife. The couple will be at home on Fourth Street where the groom recently furnished a home.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few witnesses being present for the ceremony. Friends of the couple were not surprised, however, as news of the forthcoming event had become known since furnishing of the home began.

For a number of years Mrs. Schuchard was a member of the Ballinger high school faculty, and last year was a member of the faculty at Rising Star. She returned here a few days ago at the close of school. She has many friends here who have known her during the time she resided in Ballinger.

Mr. Schuchard has practically been reared in Ballinger. For more than 23 years he has been an employee of the local postoffice and has come in contact with many people who count him as a friend. His amiable character has made him many friends in this section who wish the newlyweds a happy, prosperous life.

# MANY GASOLINE PUMPS SHOW INACCURACIES, INSPECTIONS REVEAL

AUSTIN, May 23.—A total of 8,671 scales and pumps were checked by inspectors of the department of agriculture and 13,903 commodities checked for proper labeling of net weight during the last 30-day period, according to M. S. Frazee, chief of the weights and measures division. Of the 8,671 pumps and scales inspected, 3,530 were gasoline pumps. Of this number 2,130 were sealed as accurate, 92 were adjusted and sealed and 1,308 were condemned for repairs.

Of the 5,141 scales tested, 4,182 were sealed as accurate, 464 were adjusted and sealed, 13 were condemned for repairs. Of the 13,903 commodities tested for correct weight, 59 were found to be overweight, 437 were underweight and the remainder correct.

Operators of inaccurate weighing and measuring devices promptly made adjustments or repairs, obviating the necessity of filing charges by the inspectors, Frazee said.

County Judge Paul Trimmer left Sunday for Houston where he will attend the state Democratic convention Tuesday. While in Houston Judge Trimmer will also attend to business at the federal land bank.

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# 56 Seniors are Given Diplomas

Commencement for the senior class of the Ballinger high school was held Friday evening when 56 seniors were given diplomas. This, the last program in connection with the closing of the local school, was attended by a large crowd.

Hon. Coke Stevenson, of Junction, who delivered the principal address, proved one of the finest speakers ever to speak here. His talk was practical and earnestly delivered to the seniors, urging them to prepare for the battles of life and meet them with determination and confidence.

A. F. Ligon, principal, introduced the class, and Supt. H. C. Lyon delivered diplomas and special awards to the honor graduates. Members of the class furnished the other numbers on the program.

Teachers were released for the year Friday afternoon, most of those residing elsewhere departing for their homes Saturday and Sunday.

Shortly before the close of school the 56 seniors were given a questionnaire asking them to indicate their choice of school and profession. Thirty-six filled out these questionnaires, showing the following results:

- John Boler—Texas Technological College; undecided
- David Baker—University of Texas; physician
- Lois Carroll—Undecided, stenographer
- Clarence Morris—Abilene Christian College; undecided
- Velma Lampe—C. I. A.; interior decorator
- Ennie DeWitt—Baylor University; teacher of music and expression
- Annelle Stokes—Some business college; stenographer
- Cozette Gill—Some business college; stenographer
- Marcel Stokes—Some business college; stenographer
- Mary Estelle Middleton—C. I. A.; school teacher
- Hazel Ruth Fulton—Business college; stenographer or book-keeper
- Dora Mae Smith—Business college; undecided
- Maola Jacob—A. C. C.; piano music teacher
- Jean Gressett—A. & I.; undecided
- Morris Sheppard Caudle—Texas Tech; history instructor
- Bob Straley—A. C. C.; linotype operator
- Minnie Ola Cox—Texas Tech; interior decorator
- Eleanor Gates—Texas Tech; speech arts director
- Waynie Byler—Texas Tech; undecided
- Lillian Russell—Business college; stenographer
- Neva Lou Cowlishaw—Nurse
- Lena Serratt—Business college; undecided
- Harry Ringle—General Electric College; electrical engineering

- Walter Lee Atwell—A. & M. College; chemical engineer
- Willie Wiesner, Jr.—University of Texas; physician
- Frank J. Holik, Jr.—Undecided; farmer
- Allyne Straley—Baylor University; attorney
- Jimmie Jewel Taylor—San Angelo college; undecided
- O. B. McCarver—University of Texas; attorney
- Clyde Wilton Simmons—University of Texas; dentist
- Ruth Seipp—Undecided; undecided
- Freddie Sue Bloxom—Baylor College; expression teacher
- Marcella White—Undecided; expression teacher
- Donald Smith—North Texas Agricultural College; aviator
- Alma Lampe—C. I. A.; home economics.

### BALLINGER BOY WILL GET DEGREE AT T. C. U.



FT. WORTH, May 23.—Hayes Barker, son of L. B. Barker of Ballinger, is among the approximately 110 seniors who will receive degrees from Texas Christian University at the 59th annual commencement exercises Monday evening, May 30.

The 1932 commencement season will open with Class Day exercises May 28. Dr. Clinton Lockhart, professor of Bible and past president of T. C. U., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, May 29. Commencement exercises will be held on the campus the following evening, with the Rev. R. C. Snodgrass, pastor of the First Christian Church of Amarillo, delivering the address.

### She's Pirate Queen



GAINESVILLE, Fla., May 23.—(AP)—Jane Graham has been chosen "Queen of the Pirates" at the University of Florida.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN LUMBER PRODUCTION

AUSTIN, May 23.—For the third consecutive month, there has been an increase in output at lumber mills whose reports are summarized by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. While the usual seasonal tendency is for a slight increase in production from March to April, average weekly production per unit in April this year amounted to 191,240 feet, a gain of 12 per cent over the previous month.

Average weekly shipments per unit also gained during April. At 209,825 feet, average weekly shipments per unit increased 3.8 per cent over those for the previous month and exceeded average weekly output by approximately 10,000 feet.

Unfilled orders at southern pine mills have been gradually declining since the week ending March 26 when the peak for the year so far, 598,657 feet, was reached. At the end of April, bookings were only 499,800 feet, a decline of 12 per cent from those at the end of March.

### Eastern Star Meeting for Wednesday Evening Postponed

There will not be a called meeting of Ballinger Chapter No. 266, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, May 25, as deputy grand matron can not be present.

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**Mrs. M. C. Brister**  
Mrs. M. C. Brister, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. McMillan, in San Angelo, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. She had been ill for the past month and her condition gradually became worse until death relieved.

Decedent and her husband moved to Runnels county in 1897 and settled in the Herring community where they made home. Mrs. Brister made many friends in that section who have known her for many years and admired her for her sterling qualities.

Besides the husband seven children survive: Mrs. G. C. Avent, Herring; Mrs. J. M. McMillan, W. M. Brister, San Angelo; J. M. Brister, Abilene; Mrs. Viola Simms, Arkansas; Mrs. Emma Stovall, Ranger; and E. S. Brister, West. A sister, Mrs. W. A. Clark, resides at Herring.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Crews, Rev. M. C. Golden officiating.

San Angelo undertakers brought the body to the family home Saturday morning and were in charge of arrangements.

## Berries

Will begin picking Wednesday, May 25. Prices 8 cents per pound if picked; 6 cents per pound if you pick them. 2 cents per pound paid for picking. Berries weigh 5 pounds per gallon. Berries are scarce and don't expect too many this year, will do the best I can for you. Bring gallon buckets to pick in.

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## MISS PARISH WINNER OF BEAUTY CONTEST

Miss Esther Parish, daughter of Judge and Mrs. O. L. Parish of this city, is winner of the beauty contest at Simmons University this year.

The contest was judged by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Miss Parish was selected by him from photographs of 20 young women students of the school.

Ballinger friends of Miss Parish are delighted at the honor accorded her. As a result of her win a full page in the college annual will be devoted to her pictures.

Other beauties picked by Fairbanks were: Mildred Richeson, Mankins; Edelweiss Jenkins, Abilene; Jewel Wofford, Abilene; and Angie McCurdy, Archer City.

## COWBELL, SHOTGUN USED TO ROUT HORDE OF ROBINS

(By Associated Press)  
**PLANT CITY, Fla., May 23.**—Weather prophets variously construed the appearance of a horde of robins on strawberry fields here to indicate rain and cold weather in the offing.

Meantime the robins, swooped down upon the ripening strawberries and threatened serious damage to the profits from the crop.

Farmers mobilized all available men, women and children, who armed with cowbells, shotguns and other noise making implements, added their shouts to the babel and routed the "cloud of birds."

Old-timers here said it is common for robins to visit the strawberry fields, but never before had such numbers of them arrived on the scene.

Padgett Maddox, of Lubbock, is here this week for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

## All Football Boys Eligible for Team

A final check-up of football players in the Ballinger high school showed every candidate for the team next year eligible as far as grades are concerned. Included in the list of eligibles are a few who will be a great help to the team and who will make it hard going for the best in the district.

Ten letter men will be back trying for positions and a number of promising substitutes from last season's squad will be ready for action. The team will be heavy, the line one of the heaviest since 1929.

Dalley is one of the best players to become eligible this season. He will be used in the backfield and local fans already know what to expect from him in case he gets in good condition. He weighs about 170 at present and will be even heavier than that next fall. He is fast, shifty, a good side-stepper and can lug the ball plenty. Another excellent prospect is Wilson Middleton at tackle. This year the Middleton brothers will likely play the two regular tackle positions and they will be enough for competition in this district. Wilson weighs 190 while Fred tips the beam at about the 220 mark. Brown, last season's tackle, probably will be shifted to guard to fill one of the vacancies left by the graduation of the two regulars. Marsh, one of the best passers in the district, a member of the 1929 team, is eligible again next season. He also punts and drop-kicks well and will see plenty of service next fall. In addition to Marsh and Bailey the entire last season's regular backfield will be out for places.

Coach Sterling Prince stated Monday that the following men probably would compose the squad for the start next season: Backs—Flynt, Williams, Nelson, McIntire, Jones, F. Marsh, Bailey, Jones, H. C. Nicholson, Stobaugh, Seales, McMillan and Brown; ends—Evans, Hutchinson, Branham, Ruth, Winans and Burk; tackles—Hale, Middleton, F. Middleton, W. and Dennis; guards—Brown, Barnett, Crockett, Gray, Morgan, Willingham and Pierce; Center—Lynn and White.

Football training will start about the first of September and school will open on Sept. 5. The district committee will meet in Brady Sept. 10 to arrange schedules and decide at that time whether or not the district will be divided into classes B and C.

Members of last season's squad who graduated this year and will not be on the team another year are: Straley, McWilliams, McCarver, Batts, Morris, Reneau, Boier, Crockett and Wootton.

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## ANTI-FASCISTS IN MILAN FIDGET ON ANXIOUS SEAT

MILAN, Italy, May 23.—Italians whose names are on the mailing list of newspapers, banned for their opposition to the fascist regime and now printed across the border, are uneasy.

A copy of one of the prohibited sheets which fell into the hands of the police carried an appeal to its subscribers to pay their back subscriptions and threatened to publish the names and addresses of delinquents.

If the list is published it is good for a sentence to Lipari Island for any one named.

## ROPE AND PULLEY PROBLEM BALKS FRENCH ACADEMY

PARIS, May 23.—After 30 years of vain efforts by the "Immortals" of the French academy to solve the intricacies of the automatic elevator in the Institute of France, the "best minds" have given it up. They are going to install a modern one.

The old lift looked like an ancient dumbwaiter, worked by a complicated system of cables and weights. It went up so slowly that walking was faster, and it came down in a series of jerks.

Even the patience of the academy, famous for its years of work on the French dictionary, was exhausted by it.

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## Graduates Guests Of Lions Club

Ballinger Lions will nominate officers for the ensuing year at the next meeting of the local club. The election will be in accordance with the by-laws, and a president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain and two directors will be named.

President R. E. Bruce at the last meeting appointed Tommy Hall, R. E. White and C. R. Stone as nominating committee.

The club voted to spend next Thursday evening on the river and the election will be held around the camp fires as the Lions enjoy their annual fishing trip. The Colorado River was selected for the annual trip and a committee of fishermen will leave here Thursday noon to spend the afternoon fishing and have supper ready for the others who will arrive later. A point near the Humble pipe line station has been secured for the outing. No meeting will be held here Friday as attendance on the river Thursday night will be counted by the secretary.

The club had as its guests Friday the honor graduates of the 1932 senior class, David Baker and Miss Louise Wardlaw. Miss Wardlaw made an excellent impromptu speech to the club and Mr. Baker responded after the introduction in a pleasing manner. Both have made fine records and these were given in the presentation talk.

O. B. McCarver, "My Home Town" speaker at the Sweetwater convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, delivered his talk to the Lions. This was an enjoyable feature of the program.

## College Honors Ballinger Pastor

Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, was honored by Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, at the school's commencement exercises Monday morning when the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him. The news was received Monday afternoon in a telegram to the Ledger from a correspondent in that city.

Rev. McLaurin delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the Daniel Baker senior class at the First Presbyterian Church of Brownwood Sunday morning. He returned here Sunday evening and did not know of the honor accorded him until shown the telegram Monday afternoon.

The local minister expressed deep appreciation for the honor and was impressed by it coming so unexpectedly. The honor was conferred at the closing program of the year in the Daniel Baker chapel.

In previous years Rev. McLaurin has visited the college on many occasions while serving as pastor of a church of the same denomination.

The senior class at Daniel Baker this year was composed of twenty-four candidates who received degrees Monday. All but one was present for the baccalaureate service Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McLaurin and two children, of Lubbock, spent Sunday here as guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. McLaurin.

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## Increase is Cash Circulation Seen

AUSTIN, May 23.—The short term money market continued to become easier throughout the past month, bankers' bill rates and treasury certificate rates declining to less than one per cent, the monthly financial report of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research said.

"On the other side of the ledger, however, should be mentioned the slight tendency for the quantity of money in circulation to increase, which has been in evidence the past two weeks, and the fairly heavy outward flow of gold. During the four weeks ending May 11, net gold exports aggregated approximately \$70,000,000, most of the metal going to Holland, which country has announced her intention to withdraw the bulk of her New York deposits.

"These gold withdrawals doubtless reflect some continental uneasiness over the doings of congress, in particular the passing of the naive Goldsborough Bill by the House, but they are more likely to be predicated upon the sharp decline in New York money rates.

"The most significant banking development of the past month has been the continued open market purchasing of the Federal reserve system, such purchases having averaged in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 a week. The object of this policy, apparently, is not so much to ease money rates in the short term credit markets, as it is to force more lending by member banks. The theory is that continued purchases of government securities from the open market will result in increasing member bank reserve balances. As these balances draw no interest, it is thought that the member banks will be tempted to employ these excess idle credits either in more lending to their customers, or in purchasing of high grade bonds for investment.

"So far the effect of this policy has been to decrease member bank indebtedness to the reserve system and to facilitate the withdrawal of gold for export. However, it is quite possible that the policy, if pursued persistently, will result in a material improvement in the high grade bond market. The consolidated statement of reporting member banks in leading cities, as of May 4 showed an increase in bond holdings of some \$322,000,000 as compared with April 6, and a decrease of \$108,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal reserve.

"The condition of reporting banks in the Eleventh district appears to have become somewhat less favorable during the past month. Total debts to individual accounts for April declined slightly in comparison with March figures, as did total deposits and loans extended. Holdings of government securities declined sharply and borrowings from the Dallas Reserve Bank increased noticeably. The changes in the last two accounts would suggest liquidation to meet deposit withdrawals."

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## Curtaiment of Texas Spindles is Less Last Month

AUSTIN, May 23.—While April is ordinarily a month of curtailment in Texas cotton mill activity, this year reduction in production has been considerably greater than usual. The 21 mills reporting to the University of Texas bureau of business research produced only 2,700,000 yards of cloth during April, a decline of about one-fourth from March output, against a five-year average decline in output for these two months of only 5.2 per cent. Approximately the same relative decline occurred in bales of cotton used, the total for April amounting to 3,125 bales as against 4,150 in March and 4,613 in April a year ago.

Sales picked up during April, increasing from 2,208,000 yards in March to a total of 2,321,000 yards for April, or 5.1 per cent. Unfilled orders, on the other hand, dropped to 3,309,000 yards, the lowest figure on record except for September, 1930, when bookings were only 2,995,000 yards.

Oscar Williams, of Abilene, looked after business for the Banner Ice Company in Ballinger Monday.

## MONEY SMUGGLING BECOMES FINE ART ON SPAIN'S BORDER

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, May 23.—Carmen, that alluring operatic tobacco smuggler, could have wished for no better accomplices than those who today try to run cash out of Spain.

Since the republic forbade removal of more than 5,000 pesetas (about \$500) at a time, customs guards along this border have struggled against new reaches of smuggling ingenuity.

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