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TWO MEN SHOT IN HOLDUP OF WINGATE BANK

Improvement Survey Made for Relief Fund

The city administration is making a survey of Ballinger streets where gravel can be used to the best advantage. A supplemental survey will also be completed within a few days for needed culverts, park improvement and work that would be beneficial about the water pumping plant.

This survey is being made at this time to have everything in readiness if Ballinger receives the expected allotment from the federal emergency relief fund. Recently the chamber of commerce through its civic committee made application for funds for this city to be used during January, February and March. A report on the application is expected within a few days.

If the money is received it will be used to give men jobs who are unemployed and in need of assistance. The work contemplated will be improvements that will benefit everyone in Ballinger, will beautify the city, and increase property values.

With an abundance of gravel and caliche available, one of the first projects to be started will be that of graveling streets where such surfacing can be used to good advantage. The city can furnish the material and use its street machinery to finish after the material is spread. Such a street improvement program would benefit everyone, city officials state, and would help to increase property values.

Another survey will be made of needed improvements in the city park with a view to doing the work there in case the program is commenced in January. Several months' labor was done there last summer and in the early fall but many other improvements should be made during the winter to have the playground in good shape when trees, shrubs and other vegetation begin growing in the spring.

General improvements are contemplated about the city pumping plant.

None of the surveys have been approved but it is necessary that a definite program be mapped out and ready in case the money is received here. A number of other nearby cities commenced their programs in November and have already used a crew for nearly two months on public work. Officials of the chamber of commerce and city delayed the improvements here because cotton picking was furnishing employment to many.

With the cotton about all gathered and illness keeping some from work the need of many has become acute within the last ten days. A program to begin January 1 will remedy the situation here greatly, officials declare.

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PRIMARY CHILDREN ENJOY XMAS TREE

All the children attending the primary school enjoyed their annual Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon just before the close of the last day of school before the year-end holidays.

The tree this year was provided by the Pre-school Parent-Teacher Association and was decorated and lighted by the West Texas Utilities Company. The P.-T. A. also provided goodies for the children which were placed on the tree and distributed at the proper time.

All the children in the first three grades assembled in the gym hall about the tree and sang Christmas carols and said speeches. The program was presented under the direction of Miss Katherine Todd and the room teachers in that building.

Drew Dickson, Jr., student of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, came in Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with his parents.

No Mail Service Sunday, Monday

The Ballinger postoffice will close next Saturday night and remain closed until Tuesday morning. Postmaster J. A. Reese stated that one man would remain on duty Sunday and Monday, to receive and dispatch mail and to deliver special delivery letters and packages. "We will also place the daily papers in boxes," Mr. Reese said, "but no delivery of mail will be made either in the city or on the rural routes before Tuesday."

Mr. Reese stressed the importance of placing special delivery stamps on all out-going parcels from now until Christmas. These packages will arrive late at their destination and all other post-offices will be closed on Sunday and Monday but if the package bears a special delivery stamp it will be taken to the home as soon as received.

Regular mail service will be resumed Tuesday morning and as quickly as possible the accumulation of letters, Christmas cards and papers will be worked out. Mailing of parcels has been pretty steady this week but the local office has kept up with the work and has not allowed long lines to form waiting to get packages checked in. All packages have been sent out on the next train.

During the two days Christmas holidays the general delivery and stamp windows will not be opened. Merchants or patrons expecting to mail letters are requested to secure a supply of stamps before closing time Saturday night.

Practically all other business will be suspended Saturday night until Tuesday morning. A few stores will observe Sunday hours for the two days rendering part time service.

Rotarians Enjoy Christmas Program

Ballinger Rotary Club members heard a splendid Christmas program at their luncheon at the Central Hotel Tuesday. The hotel management had the dining room beautifully decorated for the special occasion including a Christmas tree in the center of the table. Other furnishings in the hall and the lighting made the setting unique.

The program committee had provided humorous gifts for each member and these were piled around the foot of the tree and covered with paper until the proper time. Each member and each guest received a present that caused much hilarity as the embarrassed recipients were handed their presents. At the conclusion of the program all gifts were put in a box and will be turned over to the Goodfellows for poor children on Christmas eve.

The entertainment program was presented by Mrs. Frank Pearce, soprano, with Miss Adda Ward playing the piano accompaniment. Mrs. Pearce sang a group of three songs, "Oh, Holy Night," "Silent Night" and "Song of the Chimes." The selections were well rendered and appropriate.

Warren Lynn will have charge of the program for next Tuesday noon.

MISS ELIZABETH DOSS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Rev. W. H. Doss returned Wednesday from Abilene where he had been to see his granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Doss, who is seriously ill with double pneumonia. Miss Doss has been ill for the past five days but was thought to be slightly improved Wednesday afternoon.

It pays to read the ads.

Five Residences Here Burglarized

At least four Ballinger residences were entered and ransacked by a barefoot burglar Wednesday night. Nearly all the houses entered were near each other on Broadway and after entering and getting money and other valuables the thief left without ceremony. Those whose homes were entered said it occurred sometime between midnight and dawn.

The thief entered the R. T. Williams residence through an unlocked door and took money from the purse of Mrs. Williams and a five-pound box of candy left on a table. He then entered the room of Dr. E. M. Stasney, took his trousers to the front porch and removed cash from the pockets, leaving the pants on the porch.

At the home of E. E. King a screen was removed from a window and set up against the house, the window raised and the house entered. The burglar left signs about the house but nothing was missed Thursday morning.

At the home of L. L. Stroble the man entered the back door, propping the door and screen open with a forked stick so he could make a quick get-away. He took three silver dollars from the pocket of Mr. Stroble's trousers but left the pants in the kitchen. Nothing else was missed.

At the R. W. Bruce home an uninvited visitor broke a window pane, raised the window and entered the house. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce heard a noise at an early hour but thought little of it and did not investigate at the time. The thief took linens, candy, fruit and a number of Christmas gifts which had been wrapped and placed in the living room. He departed by the same route he entered and at noon Thursday officers had no clue to his identity.

Entrance was gained at the residence of E. J. Keen on Broadway and some small change taken from the trousers pocket of J. G. Tuckey. Nothing else was missed. At the home of Mrs. Leila McAdams on Broadway a noise disturbed Mrs. McAdams and her son. They frightened the thief away when the son asked his mother to hand him a gun. The thief was using a flashlight in efforts to get into the house.

Mayor W. C. McCarver was disturbed at an early hour by a man trying to enter the back door. He looked out the window and called to him and the man left, leisurely walking around the north corner of the house.

Officers reported a casing stolen from the car of Ira L. Sims. Three casings and two wheels were taken from a car belonging to Jim Cordell, and another tire was taken from a car at the home of Ralph Willingham.

Numerous calls have come to officers regarding prowling in various parts of the city. The person entering residences Wednesday night left his shoes on the outside after he gained entrance. Footprints were discovered in flower beds below windows and tracks were found inside rooms.

LOCAL STORES TO REMAIN OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK

Ballinger stores will remain open at night the remainder of this week to accommodate Christmas shoppers. A few stores remained open Wednesday evening and many gift seekers took advantage of the opportunity.

Merchants point out that some families are only able to shop together after supper and for that reason they will remain open to allow them to inspect Christmas items as late as they desire.

Ben F. Guin returned Tuesday from Marlin, where he had been for the past several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism.

Mrs. J. E. Gressett was reported improved Wednesday after being very low with influenza for the past several days. Her condition Tuesday was so critical that relatives were notified.

Aid, Goodfellows!

Seventy-five Ballinger families must be aided by the Goodfellows Christmas eve if all have Christmas dinners and gifts for the children. A survey made this week in every portion of the city showed 75 families must have aid. A number of others in pitiful circumstances were taken from the list because of the small amount of cash donated. If enough money comes in before late Christmas eve some of these will be included for aid when the baskets are made up.

Some of the cases discovered beggar description and caused those making the canvass to render aid at once from their own pockets. One widowed mother, unable to work, with five small children, the eldest 9, needs clothing to keep the tots warm and food for the table. The undernourished children, poorly clad, provided a pathetic picture that would make the fund grow by leaps and bounds if Goodfellows could only see for themselves.

Committeemen declare the need this year to be the most acute in a decade and are very hopeful that sufficient funds will be contributed. All the money will be spent for food, fuel and medicine. Used clothing and playthings to be donated will call for no outlay of cash.

The clothing and toys being assembled at the city hall is the largest and best collection in several years and will take care of that demand easily. Food is the great need and the committee feels it will be unable to function properly unless funds come in rapidly and immediately.

Every employee of the city had made a contribution Thursday. The total for this group was \$19.25. All are reported in the list below with the exception of Commissioner E. Shepperd, who was reported last week.

Following is the list to date:

Previously reported	\$130.10
C. L. West	1.00
Mrs. Stobaugh's S. S. Class	2.50
W. C. McCarver	2.00
Geo. P. Holman	2.00
J. L. Moreland	2.50
J. G. McMillan	2.50
K. V. Northington	2.50
Mrs. Verna Alexander	1.00
A. D. Smith	1.25
D. G. Posey	1.00
R. F. Zedlitz	1.00
Jeff Thompson	.50
M. C. Barnes	.50
Adam Organ	.50
Herbert Sledge	1.00
Billie O'Neil	1.00
Mary Evelyn O'Neil	1.00
High school glee club	3.25
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders	2.00
Mrs. J. F. Currie	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss	2.00
Mrs. M. P. Orgain	1.00
Cash	3.00
Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche	2.00
Misses Velma and Alma Lampe	1.50
Eubank Floral Co.	1.00
E. P. Talbot	2.50
John D. Sandifer	1.00
Carl Henson	1.00
Miss Muda Jane Tittle	1.00
Joe Morrison	1.00
Ballinger fire department	10.00
Chas. E. Coombes	2.50
Miss Ida Schilling	1.00
West Texas Utilities Co.	7.50

CLASS MAKES QUILTS FOR UNFORTUNATES OF CITY

Eighteen members of the Sunday school class taught by Mrs. B. C. Kirk met at the Ballinger Baptist Church Tuesday, December 13, and made six quilts (or comforts) for charitable purposes. Three of the quilts were given to the poor the same day they were finished. Others have since been placed in needy hands.

The class members enjoyed an old time basket dinner at the noon hour.

To Be Sure

Johnny—"What does it mean here by 'seasoned troops, Dad?'" Dad—"If you were ever in the army you'd know, son. It means mustard by the officers and peppered by the enemy."—Pathfinder.

Cotton Continues To Move in County

Runnels county gins have not completed their run for this year and will probably gin some cotton until almost the end of January. Cotton picking has been delayed somewhat by bad weather but during the past week pickers have been in the fields and gins have run part time in most sections of the county. The delay will retard final production figures for almost one month as most pickers have drifted on and the remainder of the cotton will be gathered by rural families without help.

The Texas Compress Company plant at Ballinger is still receiving cotton from points in West Texas and has many bales on its wharves at this time, waiting to be pressed and shipped to gulf ports. The press here will receive about as much cotton as in any previous year.

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill is operating regular shifts and will continue to run until all the seed is worked up. The mill opened early this year, has operated without shutdown, and probably will continue until early summer. Many thousand bales of linters have not been sold by the mill and are being stacked along the Santa Fe right-of-way.

Local cotton men feel confident that a new production record will be made in Runnels county this year. If so the figure will exceed 71,291 bales.

Mrs. E. W. Nichols and little daughter, Juanita of Moran, arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keel.

Enforcement of Tax Laws Asked by Lynn

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Stricter administration and enforcement of present tax laws has been recommended by State Auditor Moore Lynn as one means of combating declining state revenues and the consequent large deficit in the state's general revenue fund.

The auditor's recommendations were in his annual report on the condition of the general revenue fund, in which a deficit of \$2,854,171 as of August 31, 1933, is forecast.

Loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually was attributed to failure to enforce properly the laws relating to taxation.

"Appropriations for the agencies administering the tax laws should be sufficiently liberal to permit the officials charged with enforcement to detect evasions and vigorously attack every claim," he advised the governor.

"Enforcement of the tax laws, however, will never be fully effective until tax administration is placed under some one agency of the government, that agency to be responsible for all enforcement and at the same time required to make recommendations for improvements.

Lynn suggested that escheat

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Two bandits robbed the Security Bank of Wingate at 1 p. m. Thursday and attempted to make their getaway in a Model A Ford. Before they had traveled two blocks one bandit was shot to death and the other wounded.

According to information received here shortly after the robbery from R. W. Lloyd, justice of the peace at Wingate, the pair entered the bank shortly after noon when Miss Leila Harter was the only employee on duty. The armed bandits told Miss Harter to "stick 'em up." She complied with the demand and the robbers took all the loose change in the cages and left by the front door, entering an automobile which was waiting.

As soon as the men entered the car Miss Harter called for help, informing a number of Wingate business men and citizens on the street what had taken place. The possemen grabbed guns and some eight or ten began shooting at the bandits with pistols and shot-guns. One of the bandits was killed instantly and the other was taken to the office of Dr. T. J. Barron and at 2:30 p. m. was believed dying.

The wounded bandit gave his name as McMinn and stated that he was from Eastland. He said

his dead pal's name was Jim Boles and that he had only "met up with him" a few days previously. A bill of sale found for the car which the bandits were driving was executed at Graham, Texas.

Justice Lloyd stated that the bandits got only about two blocks from the bank before they were shot and that the money taken had been recovered. No inquest was held as there were plenty of eye-witnesses to the shooting.

Duncan Hensley, cashier, had just stepped out on the street when the hold-up occurred. The bandits were only in the bank a few minutes before they tried to make a get-away.

Officers at Ballinger were notified at once of the robbery and killing. Sheriff W. A. Holt, Deputies Carl Henson and Towner Dickinson, Fred Kiechle and Karl Read let at once for Wingate.

The amount of money taken by the bandits was unknown early Thursday afternoon, Mr. Lloyd told County Attorney Roy L. Hill over the telephone.

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Christmas in the Churches

Ballinger churches will observe Christmas with appropriate services of some kind next Sunday, December 25. A few churches presented programs last Sunday but even at these the regular Christmas sermons will be delivered next Sunday morning and night.

The Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas program Sunday evening, featuring songs and the story of the birth of Christ. The First Presbyterian Church will have Christmas music and a short sermon in keeping with the occasion at the morning hour. The Methodist Church presented programs morning and evening last Sunday but will have a Christmas sermon and special music next Sunday morning. The Ballinger Baptist Church presented a pageant last Sunday evening, and the pastor will deliver a sermon on the Nativity and there will be special music by

the choir Sunday morning.

During this week a number of the Sunday school departments and classes had Christmas trees for the members with programs preceding.

All regular religious services also will be held Sunday and special invitations are extended by the pastors.

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday school 9:45 a. m., G. R. Ransbarger, superintendent.
Preaching by the pastor morning and evening.
Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m.
W. M. S., Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Come and let us get acquainted.
I. L. FLYNN, Pastor

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)
Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m.

with competent teachers for all classes.

Morning subject, "Christ's Method of Saving Man."
Night subject, "Death in the Pot."
Ladies' Bible class meets Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. in the church building.
Prayer meeting and young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.
You will find a cordial welcome at any and all these services.

First Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
Christmas sermon and special music by the choir.
3 p. m., Young People's Society.
7 o'clock, evening worship.
E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor

Ballinger Baptist Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, E. King, superintendent.

11:00 a. m., Christmas sermon 6:30 p. m., B. T. S., Ernest Moody, director.
7:30 p. m., preaching service by pastor.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, followed by choir practice, R. E. White, director.
J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
Bible school at 9:45 a. m., Carl Black, superintendent.
Preaching services at regular hours.
Christmas program of music and story at night.
There is a genuine welcome for

strangers as well as members.
J. EDWIN KERR, Minister.

Church of God
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mrs. C. H. Johnson, superintendent.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock
Young people's meeting at 6 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., prayer service.
You are invited to all these services at the "little church with the big welcome."
W. S. HANCOCK, Pastor

First Methodist Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
Christmas sermon at 11 a. m.
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.
Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.
Visitors will find a welcome at any and all services of this church.
H. D. MARLIN, Pastor

Miss Louise Wardlaw, student of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, is at home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Liddell will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schuhard.

Miss Gladys Jones left Thursday morning for Houston to spend Christmas with relatives.

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Presbyterians to Have Xmas Tree

The children of the junior and all lower departments of the First Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas tree Friday evening at 6:30. A short program will be presented by these departments preceding the distribution of gifts.

The service Sunday morning will offer several numbers of special music. The program is as follows:

Processional: "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Invocation
Hymn: "Joy To The World"—the congregation
Anthem: "The Silent, Holy Night"—the choir

Solo: "O Holy Night," (Adams)—Mrs. Frank Pearce
Quartet: "Thou Art Near"—Mrs. Alex McGregor, Miss Margaret Guion, Alex McGregor, Malcolm McGregor
Solo: "Thou Art My God," (Berts)—John I. Guion, Jr.
Offertory
Short talk by pastor
Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night"—the congregation
Benediction.

The service will be concluded a few minutes before 12 o'clock. The offering will go to the relief of old ministers and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose have gone to Caldwell to spend Christmas with relatives.

Adding Machine Paper, Carbon Paper. Ballinger Printing Co.

City Tax Payments Slumped Last Week

City tax collections last week totaled \$607.30, which is only fair for this season of the year. The next two weeks are expected to be good as many business firms pay their current taxes before the first of the new year. Water and sanitary collections have been good for the past month, all but 28 having paid last week. Water service will be discontinued to those unpaid before the end of the month.

The city health department last week quarantined a case of scarlet fever on Tenth Street. This is the first contagious disease reported here in several months.

Many local citizens are suffering with influenza but to date complications have developed in but a few cases. During the past week hardly a family in the city escaped without one or more cases and several entire families have been confined to their beds at the same time. Physicians stated, however, that the disease is declining somewhat and most patients are reported improved. New cases have been less the past two or three days. City Health Officer E. R. Walker has visited a number of charity cases during the past week.

In addition to answering one alarm the fire department has looked after the repair of toys, sorted old clothes and otherwise helped the Goodfellows.

Advertised goods move.

RUNNELS COUNTY CLUB ACTIVE AT SIMMONS

ABILENE, Dec. 22.—One of the most unique clubs at Simmons University is the Runnels County Club. Every officer of the club is a young woman, and every member except two are of the fairer sex.

Ruby Ferguson, of Ballinger, is president of the Runnels County Club. Other officers are: Lou Stokes, vice-president; Lota Fay Terry, secretary; Katherine Hill, reporter, all of Winters.

The club planned before leaving school this week to give a Christmas social sometime during the holiday period.

Other members of the club are: Marguerite Parish, Milburn Harvey, and Albert Koenig, all of Ballinger.

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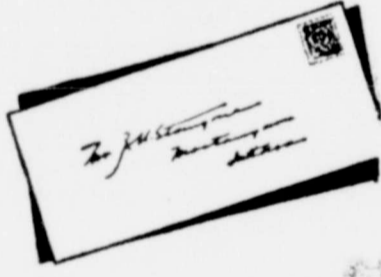
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HAGAN HAPPENINGS

It has been announced that a revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church at Hagan December 25th., and continue a week. Rev. J. M. Cooper of Brownwood will do the preaching beginning with the evening service at 7 p. m. Christmas day. Rev. Clark Mackey of Norton, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Crimm moved from their home in this community to Henderson county recently. Some think of Mr. Crimm being an old man but he seems to be well and strong as he planted and cultivated enough land this year to produce 12 bales of cotton. In 1908 he was considered one of the largest cotton farmers in Runnels county, making 108 bales on the W. E. Allen farm. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Crimm the best of health and success in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine pound girl.

D. Snow and family are moving from the Hagan community to the Ebb Cathey farm near Ballinger.

EAGLE BRANCH EVENTS

Every one is enjoying the beautiful sunshine since about three weeks of cold freezing weather accompanied by some snow, sleet and rain.

There are a large number of cases of influenza reported in our community. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Freeman are said to be quite ill. Among those absent from school on account of flu are, Earl Cooper, Alexander Carter and J. W. Nelson.

School will close Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, opening again Monday, January 2.

The Ladies' Helper Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Freeman, Wednesday afternoon. This is a social meeting and a Christmas program has been arranged. A Christmas tree, prettily trimmed, and containing gifts for each member, will be one feature of the afternoon.

We are glad to report J. D. Moore and sister improving after being very painfully injured in an automobile accident which occurred a few days ago near Blanton. We regret to lose Mr. Galiway and family from our community. They are moving to South Texas, near Houston.

Rev. John Bishop filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

CONTENT NEWS

We are ready and anxious for warmer weather here. A cold norther sent the mercury down on the night of the 6th., and it hasn't been able to rise very much since that time. The cold dry spell has been ideal for the butchering of hogs and many have taken advantage of it. About all the cotton is picked and farmers are hauling feed or plowing, getting ready for next year's crop.

Rev. Cole was unable to fill his appointment here on the 11th., as he and three members of his family were ill with influenza.

At this writing we are glad to report no cases of flu in this community and no sickness of any kind so far as we have learned. Jim Armour has returned from

San Angelo where he spent a week with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Ford, doing carpenter work. Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Armour returned with him and visited relatives and friends here a few days.

Mrs. Elbert Gladden has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Orland Hudson near Lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are the parents of a fine baby girl.

The Happy Hour Club members and their families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats a few evenings ago and spent a delightful time in conversation and games. About 100 guests were present including a large number of young people and other friends of the club members. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wood and family of Lawn, were among the guests. It was decided that we have a community Christmas tree at the school house following a short program.

The concert given in the school auditorium on December 6th., by the blind musician, J. J. Faulkner of Austin, was enjoyed by a large audience. Mr. Faulkner played the piano and sang several songs. He also made an interesting talk about the state school for the blind at Austin.

Rev. J. D. Farmer filled his appointment here Sunday, preaching two good sermons. His daughter, Aline, accompanied him here from Drasco. Rev. Farmer is the new pastor of the Methodist church, taking the place of Rev. McBrayer and we heartily welcome him as our pastor. Sunday school and B. T. S. sessions were held as usual.

TALPA TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mitchell spent the week-end with relatives in Brownwood. Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Johnson, of that city, returned home with them.

Mrs. S. E. Lowrie and Evelyn Myers of Abilene visited Mrs. J. E. M. Hunt Sunday.

Jamie Traugher of Eden spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Traugher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Evans visited W. D. Evans and family at Eden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander and daughter, Maxine, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freeman and family of Coleman spent Sunday in Talpa visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Freeman and also Mrs. James.

Misses Elizabeth Evans of Abilene, came in Monday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. C. E. Brown and daughters and Mrs. Wess Bomar and Mrs. J. M. McConnell were shopping in Coleman Monday.

Rev. Williams of Abilene preached Sunday morning and evening at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Misses Lurline Brookshier, Cleo Huffman, and Opal Cox of Benoit, and Miss Elgah Jonas of Spring Hill and Woodrow Cox of Benoit, were guests of Miss Stella Herring Saturday night.

SPRING HILL NEWS

Rev. Allen Patterson filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon.

Misses Estell Ingle, Sammie Richardson and Earl Ingle visited in the J. W. Reese home at Blanton

Odd Texas



ton Wednesday night. Mrs. F. L. Harper visited in the Clyde Allison home Tuesday.

We are sorry to report John Dean, Mrs. Nina Davis, Mrs. Earl Wheelless and little son on the sick list this week.

Mrs. L. K. Parr has been at the bedside of her grandchild, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parr, of Ballinger, who has been very ill for several days.

Miss Zell Reese of Blanton is visiting Miss Estelle Ingle.

There will be a Christmas program presented by the pupils of the Spring Hill school Friday night, December 23, at the school building. The public is invited to attend.

BENOIT NEWS

We are glad to see the sunshine this week and everyone is busy preparing for Christmas.

Miss Elgah Jonas of Spring Hill and Miss Lurline Brookshier were week-end guests of Miss Cleo Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dietz, Mrs. Jennie Dietz and Misses Arzel Jones and Miss Estelle Williams were guests in the A. W. Hill home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brookshier and family. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman and family, Misses Opal Cox, Lurline Brookshier and Elgah Jonas and L. B. Rumpy, Jr., of Rowena. Miss Evelyn Hill is spending

the week in the S. B. Dietz home at Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier were visitors in the A. N. Hoffman home Sunday evening.

There will be a Christmas program, given by the school children, Friday afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier and sons, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Clayton, Mrs. Bryan Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, and Mrs. B. A. Dishman and Virginia Bartlett of Ballinger, enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner in the C. M. Gibson home Sunday.

WILMETH EVENTS

W. S. Proctor and John Hood went to Big Spring this week-end to attend to business. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. John Hood, who had been visiting relatives there for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long and family visited in the Roy Jackson home at Eagle Branch Sunday.

The Mazeland basketball boys were victorious in two games both played this week, one defeating the Blackwell team by a score of 28 to 20, the other defeating the

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Regular church services were held at the Methodist church here this week-end.

A Christmas tree, sponsored by the P. T. A. will be given at the Baptist church Friday night, December 23rd. The community is invited to attend and participate in the customary exchange of gifts. A Christmas program will be presented at this time which includes a play rendered by members of the high school.

HOLT RETURNS WITH PRISONERS WEDNESDAY

Sheriff W. A. Holt returned Wednesday night from Oklahoma bringing Neil Byers and Durwood Pogue here to the Runnels county jail. Byers and Pogue, with three others, escaped from the jail here several months ago when a wooden pistol was used to assist in their get-away.

Officers at Gage, Oklahoma, recently notified Mr. Holt that the two men had been arrested there and were being held. Gage authorities were instructed to hold the prisoners until Sheriff Holt came for them.

Mrs. A. S. Love came in Wednesday after a visit with Mrs. Holliday Hayley at Tyler.

Compress Offers Cotton Storage

The Ballinger plant of the Texas Compress Company is offering farmers and cotton men of this section storage at a very cheap rate. An advertisement appears in this issue, quoting rates by the day, week, month and year, and the local plant is ready to receive and take care of cotton for those who plan to hold it until prices are better or for any other reason.

Officials of the Texas Compress Company point to the fact that cotton exposed to all kinds of weather loses in value from \$5 to \$10 per bale in a single year. The rate for storing is only half a cent a day, which offers farmers an economical means to take perfect care of the cotton which they

desire to hold. During the past fall the local plant was improved and storage built for 3,500 more bales. This will enable the local press to house many thousand bales, protected from weather and on concrete floors.

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Miss Margaret New left Wednesday night for her home at Hearne to spend Christmas.

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Potatoes	U. S. No. 1 Idaho Rurals	10-lb. 14c
Lemons	Large size Golden colored, Dozen	25c
Pineapple	Hills Dale No. 2 Broken Slices	2 cans 25c
Pumpkin	Stokely's Finest Pumpkin flavor No. 2 1/2 can	11c
Raisins	Fancy seedless 15-oz. Package	3 Pkgs. 25c
Dates	Fancy New Crop Bulk	2-lbs. 29c
Cocoanut	Finest Shredded Bulk	1-lb 23c
Corn	Stokely's Country Gentleman	2 cans 19c
Coffee	Airway Brand Always Fresh	Lb. 21c

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SMALL SIZE	Dozen	12c

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Decker Smoked

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To all our readers we wish a very merry Christmas.

District court will recess for Christmas Monday but will convene for the last week Tuesday morning of next week. A petit jury panel has been summoned to appear and the criminal docket will be called to dispose of a number of cases pending.

Two events will soon be before local citizens. The annual banquet for the football team and the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce. When the Christmas holidays are over do not crawl in your shell but keep going and doing and thereby help the community to keep awake and accomplish things.

Immediately after Christmas three tax collectors located in Ballinger will be ready to receive the rush of property owners which is expected to keep the offices busy during the entire month of January. The state and county office at the court house, the city office in the city hall, and the school district office in the C. A. Dooze building will collect a major portion of the current year's taxes during January.

Next week is the annual occasion for making resolutions for the new year. The wise man or woman will not resolve to attempt anything impossible but will make good resolutions and then try to keep them. To the business man may we suggest a new determination to strive to increase business and to include in that resolution the use of advertising, the best method of which is recognized around the world and used by every big merchandiser.

Everything is set to spread Christmas cheer among poor families in Ballinger who for various reasons are unable to provide for their children this year. A number of citizens have helped to make this movement possible either by giving their time or money. Trucks will be loaded with baskets of groceries, clothing and toys to be taken to the approximately 75 homes in the city Christmas eve. The size of the baskets will be determined by the amount in the fund Saturday afternoon when purchases are made.

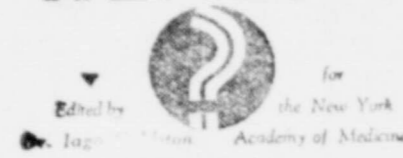
EVEN IF IT IS CHRISTMAS

- Don't set up the tree so that it can topple over easily and don't place it near heating or lighting fixtures.
- Don't use lighted candles on trees.
- Don't use paper, cotton or celluloid ornaments. Incombustible trimmings may now be purchased.
- Don't allow smoking near Christmas trees.
- Don't permit paper to accumulate.
- Don't be careless in the use of electrical equipment or in extension wiring.
- Don't give small children dangerous toys—such as those requiring alcohol, kerosene or gasoline.
- Don't permit use of nitrocellulose film in home motion picture machines. This is dangerous because it is extremely inflammable and, in burning, releases fumes causing death. Use only "safety" film, known as acetate film.
- Don't neglect to keep handy something with which to put out the fire that does happen to start.
- Don't keep the Christmas tree after December 31st. It becomes dried out after a very few days in the house.
- The foregoing are safety suggestions of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

"And Santa, Don't Forget Mamma and Daddy!"



HOW'S your HEALTH



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ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT

How much of the many claims that have been made for the ultraviolet light generated by so-called sun lamps is really valid? An interesting light upon this question has been shed by a set of regulations to govern advertising of ultraviolet generators recently adopted by the American Medical Association.

It appears that the ultraviolet rays have a preventive and curative effect on rickets, on infantile tetany, and on osteomalacia (a disease condition in which the bones become gradually softened). Irradiation of the mother during pregnancy and, later, during the time she nurses her child, appear to have a definite preventive influence on rickets in the child, provided that the mother's entire body is irradiated.

In the disease condition known as arsympelas it has been demonstrated that ultraviolet radiation has a beneficial effect.

Tuberculosis of the bones and joints, tuberculosis of the peritoneum, of the intestines and of the larynx, and tuberculosis of the lymph nodes are definitely benefited by ultraviolet irradiation.

A wide number of skin conditions may be favorably affected by ultraviolet irradiation, but in only one disease of the skin, namely, lupus vulgaris (tuberculosis of the skin), does it act in a specific manner.

A note of warning is attached to this last observation to the effect that in some skin diseases, such as eczema, psoriasis, freckles, and premature senile skin, exposure to ultraviolet irradiation may produce injurious effects.

It would appear that its outstanding virtue lies in the field of rickets prevention, and in the promotion of the development of sound bones and teeth.

Claims that exposure to ultraviolet rays increases or improves the tone of the tissues or of the body as a whole, stimulates metabolism, acts as a tonic, increases mental activity or tends to prevent colds, have not been substantiated.

See our Poinsettias and Cut Flowers for gifts. Ballinger Floral Company. 16-3t

Miss Genevieve Green, of San Angelo, came in Tuesday and began teaching in the Ballinger high school. She has been elected here for the second term but with a number of teachers out on account of illness she was called to duty earlier. She will return here on January 2 to begin her regular work.

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Schools Show How to Produce and Pick Quality Turkeys

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 22.—"The American market is no longer forced to buy the kind of turkey Texas has chosen to send it as was largely true 15 years ago when Texas dominated the United States turkey situation," says Paul A. Cunyus, assistant poultry husbandman in the extension service of Texas A & M. College. "Consumers can now buy northwestern and eastern high quality birds and penalize the Texas turkey in price if quality is not as high."

This is the basis for a series of 36 turkey grading schools just completed for Texas farmers in the great turkey producing areas roughly bounded by lines drawn from Brenham to Goliad to San Angelo to Plainview to McKinney. These meetings, in charge of county and home demonstration agents, were attended by 2,793 producers who learned how to produce and how to select quality birds for market under the direction of extension service poultry specialists.

Texas produces 22% of the American turkey crop, and to make it sell for top prices, it was pointed out, quality must be improved by observing three main points. These are: (1) select only the best birds for breeders, (2) sell only the "ripe" birds for market, and (3) feed the rest until they are "ripe."

Twenty tom shows held in connection with the grading schools brought out 542 toms that were tagged and strong weak points noted on the tags for the owners' guidance. The tom to choose for breeding should be short legged, long breasted, round, plump-bodied bird that matures its feathers early, it was explained. The market does not want extremely heavy birds any more.

but the medium weight fat type that furnishes hens weighing 12 to 14 pounds and toms weighing 16 to 18 pounds. A breeding tom may weigh up to 30 pounds when mature.

A turkey is "ripe" for market when its drumstick is yellowish with fat instead of blue, and if not of that degree of finish should be held and fed. To get turkeys ripe they should be fed for two months before marketing. Five pounds of feed will make one pound of turkey, fed to desirable type birds. One and one-half to two pounds of this should be a fattening mash and the remainder ordinary farm grains available.

At 17 of the schools canning demonstrations were given the women by Miss Zetha McInnis, home industries specialist, who showed how to get the most out of the low grade and crooked breasted birds by converting them into choice canned products for home and market.

Mrs. Alta Mae Montgomery will operate the Modern Beauty Shop at Miles, Texas, over the Childress store. This shop owned by Lela McIntyre Haskin, of the Williams Beauty Parlor, San Angelo. 20-2t

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell left Wednesday afternoon for Granger to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood and other relatives. They will arrive in time to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wood. Miss Williwood Bridwell, who is teaching at Brady, will go to Granger Friday afternoon when her school closes.



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Prohibition Body Continues Work

The Runnels County United Prohibition Force organized here last Sunday afternoon has begun work in all sections of the county, gathering members and workers for the maintaining of prohibition in the United States. A large number of vice-presidents were named at the organization meeting who are working in their respective communities.

Following are the resolutions passed at the mass meeting last Sunday at the Ballinger Baptist Church:

"Whereas the 18th amendment to our national constitution, the Volstead act, the amendment to our state constitution and the Dean law and all other similar legislative enactments in these states are the accomplishments of untiring efforts of the noblest men and women this country or any other has ever produced; and, whereas there is being put forth the greatest effort on the part of wet propagandists to repeal or annul such legislation against the diabolical liquor traffic; and, whereas the coming session of our state legislature will be besieged by every organized effort and urged to abolish the Dean law and bring back to our fair state the legal use of alcoholic beverages which will result in increased drunkenness, riotousness, accidents, broken homes, penniless mothers with their hungry children, and lower standards of living.

"Therefore, be it resolved by this body of law abiding citizens of Runnels county assembled in Ballinger Baptist Church, Sunday,



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"Second: That we urgently request our duly elected senators and representatives to use their influence to stop every move on the part of individuals, lobbyists, and the liquor crowd from annulling our constitution and making it ineffective against the liquor traffic;

"Third: That we pledge our local, county, state, and national enforcement officers our best support;

"Fourth: That we pray for Divine wisdom to be given men who hold the balance of power as do our senators and representatives that they might be cautious in the undoing of any state law or constitutional amendment that would flood our country with liquor for the sake of revenue dollars.

"W. T. Hamor, chairman; H. O. Jones, L. W. Seymour, Scott H. Mack, F. D. McCoy, J. E. Kerr, W. E. Puckett, R. T. Williams, Mrs. A. B. Legate, committee."

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CITY SCHOOLS DISMISSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Ballinger schools were dismissed Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. During the past three days only about half of the pupils attended regularly and a number of teachers were out on account of illness.

The schools will begin work again January 2 according to the announcement of the board of trustees who set the length of the holidays.

Practically all teachers who do not reside in Ballinger left Wednesday afternoon for their homes to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

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And now we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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MOVIES

"Back Street" Opens Xmas Eve

Universal's picturization of "Back Street," Fannie Hurst's most absorbing story, opens a run at the Palace Theatre with a special midnight preview Christmas eve night, which will be followed by regular showings Sunday and Monday. Irene Dunne and John Boles are starred.

This powerful and fascinating love-drama follows the romance of a girl and a man, held together by a sincere love in spite of the fact that the man is a husband and father. For twenty years, the attachment endures, ever increasing in intensity, until a tragedy brings the most extraordinary affair of its kind ever picturized into sharp focus.

Throughout her life, the woman has sacrificed everything else to the man she loved, while the man has maintained his position in the social world and remained a respected member of the community in which he lives.

The supporting cast includes June Clyde, George Meeker, William Bakewell, Arletta Duncan, Doris Lloyd, Walter Catlett and other favorites. The picture was directed by John M. Stahl.

Picturesque Portuguese Wedding Ceremony Marks Edward G. Robinson Hit

The picturesque glamor of a Portuguese wedding ceremony and the hilarity of celebration that follows, at the home of the bride and groom, is faithfully reproduced in "Tiger Shark," which comes to the Palace Theatre Thursday and Friday with Edward G. Robinson and Richard Arlen as co-stars.

It is a momentous occasion when Captain Mike Mascarena, "de bes' dam' fees herman in Pacific Ocean," takes the lovely orphan Quita for his bride. The little fishing village along the Pacific forgets everything, for the time being, but the excitement of seeing that they are started off properly on their matrimonial adventure.

The whole episode is a delightful interlude between the grim, perilous adventures of the tuna fishermen in the shark-infested waters of the Pacific which form a large part of the thrilling story of "Tiger Shark."

Edward G. Robinson, star of "Little Caesar" and "Five Star Final," is starred in "Tiger Shark." The popular Richard Arlen plays the role of Robinson's first mate and pal, Zita Johann, one of Broadway's most brilliant younger actresses, has the leading feminine role. Others in the cast are J. Carroll Naish, William Ricciardi and Vince Barnett. The picture is based on Houston Branch's original story, "Tuna," with screen play by Wells Root.

Howard Hawks directed. It is a First National picture.

Miss Freddie Sue Bloxom came in Tuesday from Baylor College, Belton, and will be here during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Wayne Byler is here from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams are spending the holidays with Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keel.

Miss Myrtle Howard, of Indianapolis, was dealt a perfect bridge hand the third time she played the game.

Fifteen Gridsters Awarded Sweaters

Ballinger high school authorities awarded 15 football players and the student manager sweaters Wednesday morning. Supt. H. C. Lyon made the speech delivering the awards to those who had played enough quarters to receive sweaters and the players marched to the office where Coach Sterling Prince handed each man his sweater.

The sweaters this year are the same black and red type as have been awarded in the past with the exception that players were given their option of taking either pull-on or a coat sweater. Some of both styles were issued.

Players receiving sweaters with service stripes were as follows: Harrell Flynt, four years; Claude McIntyre, three years; Jack Lynn, two years; Clovis Brown, two years; Edgar Hutcheson, two years; Fred Middleton, two years; Harris Evans, two years; Nelson, two years; Clarence Marsh, two years; Elwin Williams, two years; Bailey, one year; Wayne Morgan, one year; T. R. Burnette, one year; Wilson Middleton, one year; Douglas Jackson, one year. Clarence Winans, student manager, was awarded the sixteenth sweater and the "B" for the service rendered the team last season.

Harrell Flynt is the only player who has lettered all the four years in high school.

MASON ATTENDS FUNERAL OF MOTHER AT HAMILTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mason have returned from Hamilton where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Mason's mother, Mrs. W. T. Mason.

Mrs. Mason, 77, fell and broke a hip December 1 and became gradually worse until death relieved her suffering Monday afternoon of this week. Mr. Mason was called to the bedside of his mother last week and later Mrs. Mason was summoned.

Decedent had lived in Hamilton for the past fifty years and was well known throughout that section.

Mrs. Katherine Heck, who underwent an operation for a serious mastoid involvement the first of this week at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, is convalescing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams, Mrs. J. H. Keel and Mrs. E. W. Nichols were visitors in San Angelo Wednesday.

Three Bearcats on All-District Team

An all-district football team from district 13, class B, has been selected and made public through the office of "Smitty" Smith of Brady. Coaches and sports writers over the entire district, both eastern and western divisions, sent in their selections for the team and the players with the most votes were given the places.

Ballinger placed three men on the "paper" team, which is supposed to be the best in the entire district. Lynn, captain of the Bearcats and one of the hardest players ever to don a red and black sweater, was given the call for center. Bailey, guard and tackle here, playing his first and last year with the Bearcats, was sent to guard on the all-district team. Claude McIntire, three-year backfield man, good on both offense and defense, was placed in the backfield.

The full team finally decided as the "all-district" included: ends, Terry (Brady) and Wheeler (Santa Anna); tackles, Sullivan (Winters) and Johnson (Brady); guards, Looney (Brady) and Bailey (Ballinger); quarter, Dunn (Winters); halves, Lankford (Brady) and McIntire (Ballinger);

fullback, Short (Brady). There is no doubt that some of the best men in the district have been left off the team and some teams have been slighted because they did not play before enough crowds.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB PRESENTS FINE PROGRAM

A number of citizens heard the girls glee club in the cantata, "The First Christmas," at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening.

The production was well directed and pleasingly performed. Epidemics in the city prevented attendance from being much larger.

The free will offering taken for the Goodfellows totaled \$325.

Miss Katherine Todd left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas to spend Christmas with relatives.

Alfred Zedlitz is at home for Christmas from John Tarleton College, Stephenville.

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Local C. of C. to Hold Annual Meet

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting soon after the first of January. The exact nature of the meeting has not been decided but will be announced as soon as the directors hold a regular meeting.

For several years the annual meeting has been a city-wide banquet with a good program and a short business session. Eleven new directors will be elected this year to take the place of those who have served for the past two years. The eleven will serve with ten holdovers on the board. As soon as the new members of the board are elected a meeting will be held to form the organization for 1933.

Joe Neff is the retiring president of the local organization. Serving for a year, he has been extremely active in the work of the commercial organization. When officers are elected from members of the board, standing committees will be named by the president to look after special duty for the next year.

J. D. Motley is finishing his

tenth year with the chamber and at the annual meeting will report on the projects accomplished during the past twelve months.

Clarence McCarver is at home from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

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Matinee Daily 2:30 p. m.

He wanted REVENGE!
Two men and a wife and a villainous hate inspiring horrible vengeance! . . . Blood-thirsty monsters in deep-sea jungles! Every second a new thrill!

D.W. G. ROBINSON
in **"TIGER SHARK"**

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A First National Picture

A Little Caesar of the High Seas!

MIDNITE MATINEE
Saturday Nite 11:30

No Christmas Could be Complete Without a Real Turkey Dinner only 40c at CITY CAFE MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS 1933

PALACE
SUNDAY-MONDAY—Matinee Each Day



Hers is a story of waiting. His is a story of taking. They are kindled by the lightning of passion and dominated by the thunder of events.

FANNIE HURST'S BACK STREET

WITH RENE DUNNE, JOHN BOLES, George Meeker, Zasu Pitts, June Clyde, William Bakewell, Arletta Duncan, Doris Lloyd, Paul Weigel, Walter Catlett.

Free Show for Kiddies Xmas Eve Morning at 9:30

MIDNIGHT MATINEE XMAS EVE 11:30 'tilt!

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

WISH ALL

A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 1933

The **First National Bank Of Ballinger**

Ballinger, Texas

1886 1933

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

The old year ends. A new year begins. Our Bank also goes steadily on year after year and each year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us.

We thank our depositors for the business they have given us. We thank all our friends throughout the community for their good will and confidence and we hope that the New Year brings us into closer association.

According to our custom for the past 26 years, we will have for distribution, commencing on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1933, our NEW CALENDARS. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. The picture this year will be:

"TOWER CREEK"
Reproduction of original painting by Thos. Moran

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

There are not many opportunities during the brief moments of busy days of service to tell you how much we thank you for your friendship and loyalty and the business you have given us during the past year. But we wish to do so now.

To all our friends, old and new, we wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Your friends,

The First National Bank

SAVE AT Sam Behringer's

Celery Stalk 12 1/2c	Bananas doz. 12c	Cranberries 2-lbs. 35c
Pickles Sweet Quart 25c	Turkeys FULLY DRESSED Large Size \$1.33 Each Smaller Size 98c Each	Yams Porto Rico 10 lbs. 19c
Grape Juice Pints 15c	FIREWORKS	Peaches Sunkist No. 2 1/2 19c
Candy Chocolate Covered Cherries Box 19c		Pineapple Sliced and Crushed No. 2 12 1/2c

Want Ads

Rates and Rules

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

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

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

FOR SALE—Farm, 110 acres, 21-3 miles east of Winters. Apply Park Hotel. 23-11*

LOST—Brown suitcase containing clothing on Hagan-Ballinger road. Return to Clyde Bennett at Spann Grocery Co. 11*

FOR SALE—Milk cow, Rhode Island Red roosters. Phone 6102. 23-2t

FOR SALE—Nice small bungalow, hot and cold water, modern throughout. Possession at once. Phone Joe Huffman. 20-10t

Deaths

Otto Schmickle

Otto Schmickle, 58, died at the family residence here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock after a brief illness. Death was attributed to a heart complication following influenza.

Mr. Schmickle came to Ballinger in 1900 and made his home here since. For years he was associated with the Ballinger Oil Mill and in recent years operated mines and other machinery.

Funeral services will be held at the family residence Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. H. McClain officiating. The body will be taken to San Angelo for interment following rites here.

Survivors include the widow, three sons, Aubrey Schmickle, Maurice Schmickle, and Fred Schmickle, San Angelo; and two daughters, Mrs. Raymon Taylor, San Angelo; and Mrs. Earl Ellis, Coleman. A niece, Miss Ruby Schmickle, has made her home here for several years.

King-Holt Company undertakes, here in charge of arrangements.

Ballinger Floral Company has Holly for your window decorations. 16-3t

Robert Lowe, of Lafayette, Indiana, will be here this week-end to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Schuhard. Mr. Lowe is a member of the faculty at Purdue University.

Enforcement of—

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laws be amended to require all municipal and court officers, fiduciaries, trustees, etc., to submit regular reports of property, deposits, and other things of value in their hands when the owner is unknown and where the property is unclaimed after a certain period.

He also highly recommended a close study of plans to be submitted by the joint legislative committee on organization and economy, "which will present practical plans for reducing state expenses without injuring the services rendered to the people by the departments, institutions and other agencies of government."

"The committee's program will be worthy of the most careful study on the part of the state board of control, the present governor, the governor-elect, the legislature and the people, and will provide necessary information for assisting in balancing the state budget," he said.

"The committee will present what will virtually be an economy budget for the state. The recommendations will be made on a constructive basis with a view to making possible a truly economic operation of the state government."

Included in the report was an interesting table showing how the state's money was spent. The expenditures were segregated on the governmental function achieved or sought to be achieved in making the expenditure. It showed expenditures for the current fiscal year as follows:

Judicial, \$2,538,820, of which \$2,056,150 was for court officials and fee officers paid by the comptroller; executive and administrative offices, \$1,304,604; military and law enforcement, \$462,745; regulation of business and industry, \$1,123,757; conservation of health and sanitation, \$251,593; development and conservation of natural resources, \$1,582,339; eleemosynary and correctional, \$5,663,833; educational, \$9,705,214; state parks and monuments, \$24,213; and miscellaneous, \$185,031, or a total of \$22,842,154.

The auditor stated that a decline in tax revenues was largely responsible for the amount of the deficit, nearly every tax source falling below earlier expectations.

Revenues which failed to measure up to the expected return, with the amount they were short, were: ad valorem, \$83,520; occupation, \$51,551; interest on county deposits, \$18,952; sulphur production tax, \$139,406; express gross receipts tax, \$125,774; natural gas tax, \$24,206; miscellaneous business taxes, \$41,989; franchise tax, \$200,312; charter fees, \$18,018; other collections by secretary of state, \$10,078; revenues from other departments, \$8,293, and other miscellaneous decreases total a drop of \$818,174 in the reasonably anticipated revenues for the year 1932.

Patronize our advertisers.

Gas Kills Three



A stove turned high on a cold night; a servant room with all windows shut; an unemployed man, his wife and baby asleep inside. The result—Harry Becker, Carrie Lee Becker his wife, and their little girl, Marilee, aged one, are dead in Dallas. The other occupant of the room, Mrs. Becker's mother, is severely ill, but will recover.

Lions Club Renders Excellent Service

During the past year the Ballinger Lions Club has rendered services that have been county-wide and beneficial to the public in general. This organization has been called upon in many movements and each time has accepted the responsibility and successfully put over the assignments. President Charles Coombes, a tireless worker, has had the full cooperation of the membership in all the projects and the club committees have functioned in a commendable manner.

The last task assigned the club was that of gathering used clothing for use by the Goodfellows at Christmas. A day was set apart and an announcement asked Ballingerites to make up bundles and place them on their front porches. This one-day campaign brought in many useful pieces of apparel and bed clothing but the drive fell short of local needs. In its next meeting the club decided to make an after-supper canvass of the city and Monday evening Lions called at every residence in Ballinger, asking personally that if possible bundles be made up and they would be called for Tuesday and Wednesday. This effort successfully closed the campaign, bringing in enough clothing to care for the poor.

The club was responsible for special duty during the Runnels County Fair and attended to it well. The organization accepted the responsibility of staging the annual banquet for the football team January 6. Lions took special assignments during Ballinger's birthday celebration last June 29, and on various other occasions have tendered their services to the public. Last summer when trade trips were being

made in the county they handled transportation for the bandsmen and others on the program and canvassed the city a number of times to increase attendance for the excursions.

Shakespeare Club Has Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Shakespeare Club was a gala event of last week. Members were welcomed into the hospitable home of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, the club president, on Thursday afternoon. The social committee composed of Meses. E. C. Baskin, Leonard Stallings, and H. C. Lyon assisted Mrs. Shepherd in dispensing all hospitalities.

Mrs. J. E. Kerr was leader for the afternoon's program and read the story of "Christmas in the Holy Land." Homer Lee Davis, a pupil of Miss Diltz, was guest artist and read "Just Before Christmas." Mrs. Sam Cottle was at the piano for the singing of a group of Christmas carols.

The rooms of the Shepherd home had been given a beautiful yuletide decoration with a brilliantly lighted and elaborately adorned Christmas tree occupying a place of prominence. Mrs. Joe Forman as "Mrs. Santa Claus," presented gifts to each member.

A Christmas plate was passed to seventeen members and guests.

Mark your eggs and butter with Rubber Stamps. Ballinger Printing Co. 1t

Two Cases Heard In District Court

Mrs. Mary Cox was acquitted by a jury in district court here Monday on a liquor violation charge. The case was the only contested case tried this week and it required but a short time to present the evidence. After a few minutes the evidence. After a few minutes the evidence. After a few minutes the evidence.

Last Thursday, Jesse Jackson, negro, charged with murder of Henry Williams, negro, was given a five-year suspended sentence. The charge grew out of a killing at Winters several months ago when Jackson shot Williams. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and the sentence was recommended by the state.

All Thursday morning was used in selecting a jury and the evidence was presented in a short time Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Francis came in Wednesday from Abilene where she has been attending school. She plans to visit her daughter in Big Spring and return here in time to be sworn in as county treasurer December 31.

Bad Taste in Mouth, Sour Stomach

For quick relief from constipation troubles, such as are mentioned below, get a 25-cent package of Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT and begin taking it today.

"I have suffered a great deal from biliousness and constipation," writes Mrs. D. C. Jones, of Waterloo, Ala. "When I get bilious I have a bad taste in my mouth, have sour stomach, my color is bad, and I get dizzy and feel awfully bad. I have headache constantly. When I take Black-Draught it relieves me and I feel like a new person. I don't think there is a better medicine than Black-Draught."

Now you can get Black-Draught in the form of a SYRUP, for CHILDREN.



Santa Smiles Approvingly

For the freshest Cut Flowers and sturdiest Potted Plants see us. May we suggest:

Talisman Roses, dozen \$2.50 (Others priced accordingly.)

Ballinger Floral Co.

1006 Eighth St. Phone 263

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR WEST HOTEL

Mrs. Addie Dillard and daughter, Miss Margaret, recently of San Angelo, have bought the property known as the West Hotel on Ninth Street. Mrs. Dillard has for fifteen years

been in the hotel business at San Angelo and enjoyed a satisfactory patronage.

The new proprietors were accompanied to Ballinger by one of their boarders, Earl Mathis, who will make home in Ballinger.

Be wise and advertise

CHRISTMAS

In this Brightest, Merriest Season of all the Year here's the hope that the fullest Christmas Joys may be Yours.

Happiness that comes through doing things for others—kindness and good fellowship—truly in these the real spirit of Christmas is shown.

With this greatest of holidays before us, we join in the good wishes of the world—grateful, too, for the spirit of friendship which links so many of our customers to us.

This Bank will be closed Monday, December 26th. Also Christmas Eve at Noon.

The Winters State Bank

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WE WOULDN'T SAY SO, IF WE DIDN'T MEAN IT— WE WISH OUR FRIENDS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

—but with us it is not a one day proposition—we would that you should have many happy days ahead of you in the coming year. A welcome always awaits you at this store and we have no hesitancy in saying that

Everybody at Our House Wishes Everybody at Your House MUCH HAPPINESS

W. B. CURRIE PRODUCE COMPANY J. N. (Neal) NUTT, Proprietor

A Personal Message from

KING-HOLT

Deep down in our hearts we have a feeling of gratitude for those loyal patrons who have been with us day in and day out, month in and month out for the past years. In all sincerity we want you to know we appreciate you.

We Thank You



Santa Claus

Arrives Just One Time

Each Year

It is not too late to select that Gift out of our stock, which will please.

L. C. DAUGHERTY DRUG STORE

Merry Christmas to All

HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETING

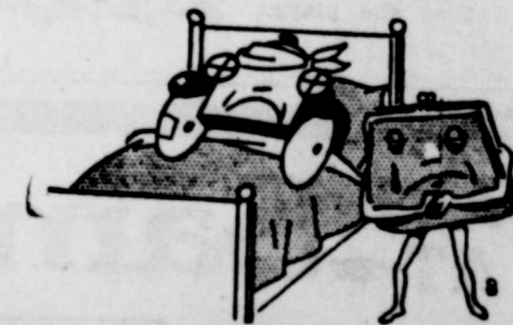
At this happy holiday season when all the world takes occasion to send greetings—to wish all the very best in life—to wish that you and your family may prosper—to thank one and all for their splendid patronage and kindly consideration during the past year and for the many favors you have conferred upon us, the officers, directors and employees of this bank wish for you that

THIS MAY BE THE BEST CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED AND THAT THE COMING YEAR WILL BRING HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

Security State Bank

BALLINGER,

TEXAS



THE LAST GASP of a dying automobile is pitiful to the ear of the pocketbook — long lived cars are those whose owners have cared for radiators and batteries in winter weather, used chains and insured thorough lubrication....

Cameron's Garage