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## Drenching Rains Cover Large Section of State

Rainfall varying from one to eight inches fell over all of West Texas Sunday. Ballinger received 2.35 inches up to Monday morning and only a few miles south of the city precipitation was estimated at from five to seven inches. The moisture covered area extended north into Oklahoma, south to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Panhandle to Central Texas in the vicinity of Waco.

The heaviest precipitation in this immediate section was recorded just south of Ballinger. After an inspection of his farm three miles south of here, R. W. Bruce stated that approximately five inches fell there. The large excavation for a caliche pit on his place was standing full of water Sunday evening for the first time since more than a year ago. Hugh Campbell said his place about 10 miles south of Ballinger received approximately seven inches. Pony Creek reached flood stage Sunday afternoon and all streams and surface tanks in that portion of Runnels county were full.

From government gauge readings Millersview showed the heaviest rainfall Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock with a total of 3.50 inches. Menard, Junction, Sonora and all that ranching country reported a general 2-inch rain. At Paint Rock 3.25 inches fell Sunday and the Concho River was on a good rise for the first time in several months.

The Colorado River at Ballinger was up six or eight feet and still rising Monday morning. A rise of several feet on Elm Creek Sunday was still holding up Monday and the city supply will be benefited by the washout of the reservoir. For some time city water had been "hard" because the reservoir was being fed by mineralized springs.

Traffic between Ballinger and Abilene was halted Sunday afternoon due to high water on creeks along the detour on highway 4. Traffic continued over highway 23 between Ballinger and Coleman although part of the road was in bad condition. A telephone message received here from Eden Monday said a big rain fell in that section but that automobiles were still using highway 4 with the aid of tractors at very bad spots.

Following is the rain report compiled here Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock by the Southwestern States Telephone Company's district office:

Abilene 1.00  
Ballinger 2.35  
Benoit, good  
Blackwell, good  
Bradshaw 2.00  
Brady 1.50  
Bronte, good  
Brownwood, good  
Coleman 2.00  
Concho 2.50  
Crews, good  
Eden 2.00  
Ft. Chadbourne, shower  
Hatchel 1.50  
Maverick 1.50  
Menard 2.00  
Miles 2.50  
Millersview 3.50  
Norton 2.50  
Olfen 2.15  
Ovalo 1.50  
Paint Rock 3.25  
Pony, good  
Rowena 2.15  
San Angelo 1.00  
Santa Anna 2.00  
Talpa 2.00  
Wilmeth, good  
Wingate 2.00  
Winters 1.50

### PAIR CHARGED HERE WITH BURGLARY

Burglary charges were filed here Monday against George Ivy and Mun Smith. Sheriff W. A. Holt went to Junction the past week-end and brought the two men to Ballinger for investigation. The charges filed against them allege they broke into the barn of T. B. Nichols and stole a quantity of oats. Both are being held in the Runnels county jail awaiting action of the grand jury at the fall term of 119th district court.

Albert Nicholson, of Midland, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Dr. A. S. Love left Sunday afternoon for Brady to look after business.

## Reporters' School For Women, Girls Held in Ballinger

A reporters' school for the women's and girls' home demonstration clubs of the county was held in Ballinger Thursday morning, opening at 10 o'clock and remaining in session the entire day. Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, associate editor of the extension service, A. & M. College, was in charge of the short course. Accompanying Mrs. Cunningham was Miss Sallie Hill, district agent.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, opened the school and introduced Mrs. Cunningham. The visiting official explained to the fifteen reporters how to write interesting news items. She told the clubbers to make the opening sentence of their articles tell some important feature and to follow that with a detailed statement of the event.

Miss Hill told the club members she was impressed with the splendid cooperation found in Runnels county in all lines of endeavor.

Mrs. Hollingsworth delivered a brief talk and gave a demonstration and from this talk each club member present wrote a story which was graded and commented upon by Mrs. Cunningham.

Troy Simpson editor of the Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger, spoke briefly to the reporters, outlining the kind of news sought by newspapers.

The reporters will assemble here at the next meeting of the county council to organize a county unit for further training in correct reporting. Mrs. Henry Leach was appointed delegate from the reporters' meeting to make a report on the school to the council.

## Program at Olfen May 21 to Close School for Year

The Olfen school will close Sunday, May 21, with an evening program to which the general public is invited. Admission of 10 and 25 cents will be charged those who attend the exercises which will commence at 8 o'clock.

The program is divided as follows: Part I, "Scarf Fantasies"; Part II, "Our Aunt from California"; Part III, "Home Run"; Part IV, operetta; and Part V, an address by County Superintendent R. E. White.

The program is being advertised here and in other sections and arrangements are being made for large attendance.

Under the supervision of three teachers the Olfen school has made a remarkable record during the past two years. The student body is large, an active Parent-Teacher Association aids the school and the citizens take a justifiable pride in the school's accomplishments.

### FIVE SCHOOLS WILL END TERMS FRIDAY

The Millar school was the only one in the county to close its term last Friday. Friday of this week schools at Olfen, Content, Harmony, Poe and Mazeland will finish their year's work and present commencement programs.

All rural schools of the county will participate in the county-wide graduation service which will be held here in the near future. Supt. R. E. White is preparing the program at which each seventh grade graduate will receive a diploma. The date for this program will not be set until all schools have certified their graduates.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Bailey returned Friday from Fort Worth, where they attended the State Medical Association meeting.

## Meet the "Sweetheart of Texas"



"Hands up!" commands petite and pretty Miss Genevieve Weldon of Houston, who was chosen "Sweetheart of Texas" at the recent "round-up" celebration of the University of Texas. Along with the honor of being Queen of the Round-Up, Miss Weldon won an airplane trip to Hollywood. She is shown beside the plane that will take her out to crash the gates of the movie capital.

## Scouts Go to Camp Farr for Week of May 29 to June 4

B. W. Draper, of San Angelo, Boy Scout executive for this area, spent Friday in Ballinger in the interest of the encampment to be held at Camp Louis Farr May 29 to June 4. Mr. Draper stated that he expected between 20 and 30 boys from Ballinger to attend the encampment and brought the first application blanks off the press to the Ballinger unit.

The camp is located near Mertz and is one of the most beautiful and convenient places in that section. For several years the camp has been used by the boys and girls of the Concho Valley area. It was established by Fayette Tankersley and named for a close personal friend of his.

Leaders will arrange a program of work and play for the scouts at the camp, the schedule to begin early in the morning and continue until night. Swimming, canoeing, hiking, campfire activities, baseball, fun and foolishness will furnish the entertainment for the scouts and at specified periods scoutcraft will be taught.

Boys who attend the encampment will need outdoor clothes or uniforms, one pair of strong shoes, blankets, soap, towels, comb, toothbrush, plate, knife, fork, spoon, cereal dish, large cup, swimming suit, sleeping garments and folding cot. Kodaks, musical instruments, indoor games, etc., may be brought.

Those desiring to attend the encampment should see their leaders at once and secure application blanks.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche returned home Sunday from Industry, where they had been for a visit. They were accompanied home by Dr. Boelsche's father, H. H. Boelsche, who will visit here.

Be wise and advertise.

## Douglas Promoted After Eight Years At Local Oil Mill

Oscar Douglas, superintendent of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill since 1925, and his family left Friday noon for Plainview where they will make their future home. A transfer was suggested the first part of the week for Mr. Douglas and instructions came later sending him to the new location.

The Plainview mill is the second largest oil mill in this district and the move is a decided promotion for Mr. Douglas. He has been working for oil mills for the past fifteen years and had been superintendent of the Ballinger plant for the past 8 years.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the local mill, stated that it had not been definitely decided who would succeed Mr. Douglas here but that an announcement would be made in the next few days.

### NEGRO FINED FOR VAGRANCY

B. J. Harris, negro, was fined \$5 and costs in justice court Monday. The charge was vagrancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black came in Sunday from Big Spring and reported good rains over the entire route.

## Driving Rules Test Given High Pupils; One Grade Perfect

Ballinger high school students were given a test on highway laws that regulate driving last week. The questions were furnished the school by the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., and the pupils took the test without previous preparation.

One student scored a perfect grade. Bill Wood, son of Mrs. Gertrude Wood, made a grade of 100 on the questions but was the only one in the school to correctly answer every one of the questions. Teddy Wardlaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw, was second with a grade of 96.

The average grade for the entire student body was 74 and the lowest grade made was 34.

The average score indicates the children do not know how to drive a car on public highways and that they actually are familiar with only three-fourths of the laws. Supt. H. C. Lyon stated that after the examination the subject had been taught but added that this was a matter for both the home and the school.

Information in the test showed that there have been more deaths from automobile accidents in the past fifteen years than the total casualties of the American revolution, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the World War. Deaths from motor vehicle crashes in this period were approximately 325,000, besides many incapacitating injuries.

Mrs. A. Schnable, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, spent Sunday here with relatives. High water between Ballinger and Abilene prevented them from returning home Sunday evening.

## Carpenters Begin Removing Balcony At Court House

A crew of carpenters under the direction of Alex Yarnell began wrecking the balcony in the district court room of the Runnels county court house Monday preparatory to laying a floor in this part of the building and creating six new offices.

At a meeting of the commissioners' court two weeks ago it was voted to remodel the third floor of the court house, eliminating the balcony and building a floor in its stead. This arrangement will add six offices on the floor now used only by the county superintendent.

Three of the offices will be equipped and occupied as soon as completed. County Agent C. W. Lehberg, Home Demonstration Agent Lura Hollingsworth and County Health Nurse Georgie Stephens will move into the offices as soon as they are ready.

The district court room will not be changed with the exception of losing the balcony and having a much lower ceiling. The new arrangement will enable the room to be heated more easily in the winter and will eliminate disturbing noise from the balcony.

## Runnels Farmers Ready for Busy Planting Period

C. W. Lehberg, county agricultural agent, stated Monday that farmers of Runnels county are all set to begin planting as soon as it is dry enough to get in the fields with teams and plows. With a good underground "season" the week-end rain was more than sufficient.

Mr. Lehberg stated that very little planting had been done in this county. He roughly estimated that about 45 per cent of the feedstuff had been planted and that about 10 per cent of the cotton was already in the ground. A portion of the feed crop will have to be replanted because of the dry weather and high winds during the past three weeks. Others will have some replanting to do because of washes from hard showers Sunday.

Practically all farmers have their seed on hand and their land ready for planting. Two weeks of pretty weather will find most of the 1933 crop in the ground.

In commenting on the situation and the late planting season, Mr. Lehberg asserted there was plenty of time for all crops usually grown in this county provided the late spring and early summer rains were right. He said some sections in the county where showers have soaked down to underground moisture in the past ten days have crops up and growing nicely.

A general belief among farmers of the county is that there will be an increase in cotton acreage this year over the past two years. The large amount of feed held, the lateness of the season, and the spirited advance in cotton prices are causing many to plan to increase their acreage in the staple.

Mrs. Jack Rudd spent Sunday with relatives and friends at Bangs.

Jack Wheeler spent Sunday in Abilene with his parents.

## Attendance Light At Baccalaureate Because of Rain

The first program in connection with the closing of the Ballinger high school was held Sunday evening at the Ballinger Baptist Church when Rev. W. D. Wellburn, pastor of the Government Hill Methodist Church, San Antonio, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Rains Sunday and Sunday night kept many away from the union service, but the lower floor of the auditorium and a portion of the balcony were filled before the service began.

Mrs. L. Schermerhorn played the professional as the sixty-one seniors were ushered by juniors to the reserved section in the center of the auditorium. A choir composed of twenty-four local singers furnished a program of anthems and also led the congregation in a hymn. Miss Katherine Todd rendered a violin solo as a special number.

Rev. J. H. McClain, Rev. H. D. Marlin and Rev. E. W. McLaurin assisted in the service.

Supt. H. C. Lyon urged local citizens to attend commencement programs this week and particularly stressed the class day program Wednesday evening when senior will offer their own views of leading questions. He expressed appreciation for the splendid cooperation by patrons during the past term, saying it had been the best in his experience as a teacher.

Rev. Wellburn delivered an inspiring message to the seniors pointing them to right living. He urged the graduates to keep their faces looking up and not to let progress get the best of their lives until God was crowded out. He offered the ten commandments as a guide to right living.

The expression class of Miss Nona Diltz will be heard in recital this (Tuesday) evening, and senior class day will be concluded in appropriate exercises Wednesday evening.

The beginning hour for all programs this week is 8:30 p. m.; the place, the high school auditorium.

## Thousands of Sheep Die From Cold Rain Sunday

### Voting Exemptions Remain the Same As in the Past

During the past few weeks there has been a number of conflicting reports going the rounds regarding exemptions for unders who are eligible to vote. County Tax Collector W. A. Forgey stated that there has been no change on unders or over exemptions and that unless a new law is passed the same rule will apply for the wet-dry vote on August 26.

Unders eligible to vote without a poll tax receipt are those who become 21 years of age after January 1, 1933, and before the day of the election. In towns of less than 10,000 population the law does not require them to make application and receive an exemption certificate. All that is necessary is to go to the polling place, sign an affidavit giving his birthday and cast his ballot.

Runnels county has not been furnished with blanks for the registering of unders or overs.

Unless some new legislation is passed voters on August 26 must have poll tax receipts or be an eligible under or over. There is agitation at the present time for an extension for those who have not paid their poll taxes this year. This would have to be done by the legislature and to date has not been considered.

The voting strength of Texas at present is slightly over 600,000 which is a decrease of 36 per cent from last year and about 60 per cent of a normal year. Last year 4,012 receipts were issued in Runnels county as compared to a little over 2,900 this year, but in previous years whereas the total has been as high as 5,800.

Those advocating the extension of time for the payment of poll taxes point out that a huge amount of money would be raised for the public schools from this source. The price of a poll tax receipt is \$1.75. Of the total \$1.50 goes to the state school fund and 25 cents remains in the general fund of the county.

Bill Griffith spent Sunday with friends at Stamford, returning home Monday morning. He stated that heavy rains fell all the way between Ballinger and Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and children, of Eldorado, spent Mother's Day here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McAuley, of Fort Worth, returned home Friday after a short visit with Mrs. W. L. McAuley.

## Ballinger Recruit In Forest Army Likes Training

A letter received here Monday from Leslie Sheffy, first Ballinger boy to be sent to the federal reforestation army, details events since acceptance here for the work organization. Young Sheffy's letter was mailed to his father from Ft. Bliss, El Paso, where he is stationed for the present. He went from Ballinger to Big Spring, stood his final examination there, and at Ft. Bliss was issued clothing, bedding, and other equipment including safety razor, toothbrush, etc.

The youth said "setting-up" exercises were held each morning before breakfast, work was done from 8 to 11:30 a. m., dinner at noon, work from 1 to 4:30 p. m., and "loafing" the rest of the day. He declared good eats were served and said it was rumored the Texas boys would be employed in Texas camps. As soon as they have a short training period they will be put to work in the forests. Sheffy is well pleased with the work and the treatment the recruits are receiving.

One comment shows that the reforestation army is no different from the military army. He was issued a pair of size 38 pants, about four or five sizes too large, and was given a pair of 9 1/2 hobnail shoes to go on a No. 7 foot.

Sheep losses in Runnels and adjoining counties on account of rain and cold Sunday will amount to many thousands according to reports received by The Ledger Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Ranchmen near here listed losses as high as a thousand head. Practically all the heavy losses were sustained where the animals had just been sheared and could not stand the exposure.

Shannon McWilliams was one of the heaviest losers in this section, approximately 700 head dying on his ranch near Norton. Grady and Herman Herring were also heavy losers. George Holliday, residing six miles northwest of Ballinger, counted 17 dead in his flock Monday morning. George Cope, of Norton, also had a considerable loss. M. B. Wardlaw places his loss at between 150 and 200 head. Robert Herring experienced a heavy loss and many other smaller flocks in the territory adjacent to Ballinger were depleted.

The heaviest losses reported here were in the Talpa section. Parties arriving here Monday morning stated that many hundred head of dead sheep could be seen from the highway and several thousand were reported to have been killed on the large ranches of that section. On the Jameson, Spreen, Deaton and Livingston ranches many dead had been counted Monday, according to reports received here.

Steve Hale was in Ballinger Monday and stated that he lost 55 turkeys and 50 chickens in the rain and that many places in his neighborhood had similar losses.

C. L. Baker received word from his Concho county ranch Monday that six inches of rain fell there and so far no sheep had been found dead. His flock was sheared about 18 days ago.

Ranchmen stated today that it would be difficult to determine for several days just how much damage had been done to sheep in this section.

### WINTERS AND GOLDTHWAITE TO CHANGE SCHOOL HEADS

The board of trustees of the Winters independent school district announced last week that an exchange of superintendents had been perfected between the Goldthwaite and Winters schools. A. H. Smith, superintendent at Winters for the past ten years, will move to Goldthwaite as soon as school is out and E. B. Stringer will go to Winters to head the school there.

During the time Mr. Smith was with the Winters school it acquired 21 credits and recognition from the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. All other members of the Winters faculty have been elected and signed contracts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Krabke and family returned to Dallas Monday after spending the week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lehberg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley and son, Walter Edwards, of Cisco, spent Sunday here in the home of Mrs. W. E. Midgley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Runkles, of San Angelo, spent Sunday here with relatives.

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As soon as a few more loads of pipe are brought here and connected, the oil refinery near Hatchel will be ready to make its first run. Soon thereafter citizens of this section will be able to operate their motor vehicles on Runnels county gasoline. Stations handling this gasoline will be opened here.

Within a short time 44 Runnels county youths will be at work in Uncle Sam's reforestation army. Many of these boys have signed an agreement allotting \$25 of their \$30 monthly salary to dependents. This will mean that each month \$1,100 will come to needy families in this county from this federal project and for the period of enlistment a total of \$6,600 will be paid dependent families while the boys will receive \$1,320 for spending money.

Runnels county is ready to begin growing another bumper crop. Rains over a wide area Sunday provided a fine "season," put out stock water, and started grass and weeds to growing again. This section was so sorely in need of rain that little planting had been done and many were waiting for enough moisture to bring up their seed. Streams have been washed out and fishermen rejoice, while citizens generally are feeling more encouraged.

The rain was not a perfect blessing, however, as some ranchmen suffered heavy losses on sheep that had only been sheared a few days. Several fields south of Ballinger where the heaviest precipitation occurred were washed badly and replanting will be necessary. The loss, while affecting a few individuals heavily, is small compared with the great good done the entire county.

Attention is called to a letter elsewhere in this paper written by City Commissioner E. Shepperd, who explains the cost of supplying water in this city. Many have complained because monthly financial statements showed the local plant making money above operation costs and never stopped to think that the plant must stand for a depreciation charge as well as pay interest and principal on outstanding bonds. Ballinger has one of the cheapest water rates in the state and when the total cost is figured the rate will not take care of the huge project. A part of the burden must always be paid by taxation.

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**NORTH NORTON DEMONSTRATION CLUB**  
 Regular meeting of the North Norton Club was held in the home of Mrs. Faye Bryson with ten members present. One new member was received. Dying materials were discussed. Some back dues were collected. Refreshments were served. The next regular meeting on May 22, will be held in the home of Mrs. Crockett.

REPORTER

**By Elimination**

By Paul Hawk

THE "crowd" originally had been composed of some twenty people. As Juniors and Seniors back in high school, they had started being together. Attending different colleges did not break up this companionship—there were still the summer vacations. A few, of course, had travelled other ways, to be replaced by new additions, but the personnel remained largely the same. It was the same, and yet it was different. The group still had the same intense loyalty for each other. But favoritism made its inevitable appearance, selection became the order of the day, and wedding bells rang out at varying intervals. Now there were six married couples, two young unmarried men, and two young unmarried women in the crowd.

The four unmarried members were together in a car. Jimmie Blake nudged Mary Holloway with his elbow and nodded at the rear-view mirror. Mary looked in it too, and nodded silently. The couple in the back seat had a way of gazing at each other as if they would never see each other.

"Have a good time, El?" Jimmie asked.  
 "Uh? Oh—er—sure!" said El. The "El" was short for "Eloquent," for although Gerald Patton was little, he was also loud. "That bunch of married people make me feel like they're in on a secret that we don't know anything about, though," he confessed.

Jimmie nudged Mary again. At Ellen Boswell's house they parted. Jimmie and Mary watched the silhouettes of the two very small people going up the walk. El was only large enough that once, when he rose to his feet to recite in a law class at college, some frivolous fellow student had shouted "Stand up!" But he made up for that shortness of stature by having a tongue directed by a very alert mind. Ellen was just his size.

"That's the cutest pair in the world," Mary announced.  
 "Well—of course, if you except us," said Jimmie mockingly.  
 "But we're together sort of by elimination, you know—the bachelor man and the bachelor woman of the crowd."

"And they're in love," Jimmie added.  
 "And have been for ages," said Mary.  
 "But they don't know it."  
 "Funny! People in love without knowing it!"  
 "Well, it's possible," Jimmie defended. "And in that case it's true."

"Something ought to be done," Mary decided. "They ought to get married. They know the same people, and it'd be too bad if one of them married out of the crowd. If they're bound to marry—and they're the type—they should marry each other."  
 "Yeah. And with their size, too—they were just meant for each other."

"Let's wake them up," Mary said, a light of mischief in her gray eyes.  
 "I'm on," said Jimmie.  
 So, as soon as the bank closed the next day, Jimmie dropped in Gerald's law office.  
 "Going with us tonight, El?" he asked.

"Guess so, Jim. We usually do, don't we?"  
 "Well," Jimmie pursued craftily, "I didn't know. Mary was asking me. What's this I hear about Ellen's sudden interest in some dark horse?"  
 "Huh?" demanded Gerald.  
 "Well, competition's the life of trade," Jimmie said cheerfully. "I'm really sorry to hear it, though, old man."

When Jimmie left, Gerald was thoughtfully inspecting a blank wall.  
 Mary did her part as soon as her employer left the office. She went to see Ellen.  
 "Is it really true, Ellen? About Gerald's being interested in some widow? I'm so sorry. I should think you could keep him always. But then widows are considered dangerous. Especially if the man is young and successful and attractive."

Ellen, rather pale, did not have much to say during the rest of Mary's visit.  
 "Talk about jealousy!" Mary exclaimed later to Jimmie. "You should have seen her! I wonder how they've gone so long without getting wise to themselves?"  
 "It'll work, all right. El sorta blew up too."

But something was wrong. Their plot had just the wrong effect. For a week, El and Ellen were not seen together. Apparently both had withdrawn in the face of competition.  
 "We've surely played the mischief with a real love," Jimmie said ruefully.  
 "I thought you didn't believe in real love, Jimmie Blake?"  
 Jimmie ignored that. "I have

an idea though."  
 He told her.  
 "Oh, that's great. I'm so glad!" said Mary. "They'll really be happy."  
 "I thought you didn't believe in happiness in marriage, young woman!"  
 Mary ignored that. Then, "It does seem like a scurvy trick to pull on them—our being so immune to all that stuff."  
 They left it at that.

A few words whispered among the rest of the crowd did the work. At the very next get-together, Jimmie collared Gerald and took him along, and Mary managed Ellen. They saw to it that the two should arrive—however unwillingly—at the same time and have to walk in together.

A roar met them. "Congratulations!" the crowd yelled. "We're certainly tickled that you two love birds have decided to take the nuptial vows together."  
 "When is it to be?"

Ellen and Gerald flushed and looked embarrassed. They eyed each other furtively. Both seemed in a sort of daze, unmindful of all the uproar going on about them. Then, at the first opportunity, Gerald caught Ellen's hand, and they sneaked out to the dark front porch, like a couple of naughty children. Mary was watching. As soon as she saw them leave, she grabbed Jimmie by the hand and pulled him out too.

"Sh-h," she cautioned.  
 Gerald was proposing, and Ellen was being proposed to. Not for nothing was Gerald called "Eloquent!" There were eloquent phrases—and eloquent silences!  
 Somehow, during this procedure, Jimmie's arm had got around Mary's waist, and somehow Mary had, perhaps, moved just a little closer to Jimmie. So when they looked at each other, it was with a very, startlingly, clear vision—like that afforded by the first glimpse through much-needed spectacles.

It was as if stars moved closer together and fenced them, with the moon for a gate, into an isolated enclosure; as if gentle, perfumed breezes played sighing music into their ears; as if night birds were singing.  
 "Do you believe in nightingales?" Mary asked doubtfully, much as a troubled child might ask, "Do you believe in Santa Claus?"  
 Jimmie came out of his trance to say, "Do—do you suppose people can be in love a long time without realizing it? I mean—like Gerald and Ellen?"

Silence enclosed them again until Jimmie said, with a shaky little laugh, "Well—well—by elimination, that leaves us two to—to be next."  
 Mary was indignant. "If you think I'd—I'd marry anybody just by elimination—"  
 "By elimination of so much excess verbiage," Jimmie interrupted her, "you could find a much better use for your lips."  
 She did.  
 Later, Jimmie murmured, "It looks like a double wedding."  
 It was!

**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 27th day of April, 1933, by John Thomasson, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Three and 19-100 Dollars, besides interest and costs of suit, under a judgment for said sum and the foreclosure of a Vendor's Lien in favor of Nell Alexander, a feme sole, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3890, and styled Nell Alexander, plaintiff, vs. S. D. Fulton, A. E. Simpson and William Spears as defendants, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 28th

day of April, 1933, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

That certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, situated in Winters, Runnels County, Texas, and being all of lot No. 9, Block 18, of Spill's Second Addition to the city of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, as shown by map or plat of said addition of record in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made for a better description of said lot; and levied upon as the property of said defendant, S. D. Fulton, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1933, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment, and foreclosure of said lien, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said S. D. Fulton.

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 Ballinger, Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 28th day of April, 1933.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

**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 27th day of April, 1933, by John Thomasson, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 45-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a foreclosure of a Vendor's Lien, in favor of C. J. Lynn and wife, Emmy Lynn, in a certain cause in said court, No. 3894, and styled C. J. Lynn and wife, Emmy Lynn vs. McKinley Spann and wife, Vina Spann, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 28th day of April, 1933, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land situated in the city of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, being all of lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Block 1, Terry's Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as shown upon map of said addition now on file in the office of the County Clerk of said Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made for a better description thereof, and levied upon as the property of McKinley Spann and wife, Vina Spann, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1933, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment, foreclosing said lien, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said McKinley Spann.

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 Ballinger, Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 28th day of April, 1933.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

L. E. Bair received a message Saturday night, announcing the death of his brother-in-law, W. H. Kiser, of Gonzales. Mr. Kiser, who was 61, is survived by two sons and five daughters.

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

**LETTERS to the Editor**

**Commissioner Shepperd Discusses Water Utilities**

"There are so many erroneous ideas about the financial status of the city water department that if you will spare me the space I will try to correct some of them. Your paper gives, from time to time, a statement showing the amount of revenue and the cost of operation for a certain month, the difference of which is shown at net gain. This is true as far as it goes but some people never figure beyond this amount.

"You will likely be surprised when I say that I do not believe that the revenue that we received from this department is more than 60% of the actual cost of delivering the water to customers. I will give you some figures on which I base this statement and you can make your own calculations.

"Our water department of the city has a bonded indebtedness of \$125,000 plus, which indebtedness draws interest at the rate of 5% to 6% per annum, now using the lowest amount (5%) for the calculation the interest would amount to \$6,250 per annum. Our appraised value of the system is \$212,540, from which a depreciation must be figured. Take a depreciation of 5%, and we all admit that it is more than that, will be \$10,627. Our operating cost for the last year, according to the audit, was \$8,887.18. All of these fixed charges amount to \$25,764.18, not taking into consideration unexpected repairs, extensions, accidents to machinery, hauling and other items that could be mentioned.

"Our gross revenue from the sale of water was \$17,939.10, of which all was collected except \$18.20, shows a deficit of \$9,051.92. Who pays this deficit? The tax payers pay it of course. In other words, the man who pays no property tax gets his water at about 60% of the cost of delivering it to him, the tax payer not only pays the other 40% for both

himself and the non tax payer as well.

"Out of about 40 towns around us, some larger and some smaller, none of them have a cheaper rate, only one has a rate as cheap. (These are domestic and not industrial rates.) So we should not get too cheery about our cheap water rate in Ballinger—the tax payers are the ones you have to thank for this. Many of our citizens think this department is paying a profit, but figure it out for yourself.

"The city has just completed its annual audit and the officials will be glad to have you look it over—its your business—you should be interested.

"E. SHEPPERD."

**MAN'S HEART STOPPED, STOMACH GAS CAUSE**

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Aderika rid him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Mrs. T. R. Jackson and children, of Gainesville, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Drew Dixon, Jr., of Lubbock, was here over the week-end for a visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boswell, of Paint Rock, attended to business in Ballinger Friday.

It pays to read the ads.

**BLANTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

Regular meeting of the Blanton home demonstration club was held May 8, in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Ashton with Mrs. Sid Hale in charge.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, demonstrated spraying plants infested with insects, and soap making.

Five new members were reported, one of whom is a visiting worker. Next regular meeting will be held May 22, in the home of Mrs. W. M. Ashton.

REPORTER

**NEGRO SCHOOL TO HAVE COMMENCEMENT WEEK**

E. F. Jarmon, principal of the Ballinger colored school, has announced five programs which will be held in connection with the closing of the school. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday night, May 17—Drama, "Two Days to Marry," admission 10 cents

Thursday night, May 18—Primary night, admission free

Friday night, May 19—Elementary night, admission 10 cents

Sunday, May 21, 3:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate address, Rev. O. H. Berns, San Angelo

Monday night, May 22—Commencement night, address by Prof. R. H. Harding, Brownwood, admission free.

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**What Is ATHLETE'S FOOT**

Over 30 Million Americans Now Have It—Is This Dreaded Disease Becoming a Plague?

Athlete's Foot is a fungus germ (Tinea) which appears on the feet in the form of a little yellow blister, causing severe irritation and itching—especially between the toes. This disease is very contagious and is spreading with alarming rapidity among all classes of people. The failure to successfully treat Athlete's Foot in the past has been due largely to the fact that these germs hibernates in the pores of the shoes. Salves and Poultices applied only to the feet DO NOT KILL THESE TRUTH THE PORES OF THE SHOES. Medical Science has recently developed an amazing treatment known as Meritt Foot Powder, which laboratory and clinical tests have proved will positively kill these germs and restore feet so infected to a normal, healthy condition. It is simply rubbed on the feet and into the shoes. Meritt Foot Powder quickly eliminates excessive perspiration and itching of the toes. It heals irritation and is unsurpassed for chafing and as a deodorant. Why suffer another day when this fast working treatment is positively guaranteed to overcome these distressing conditions or your money refunded?

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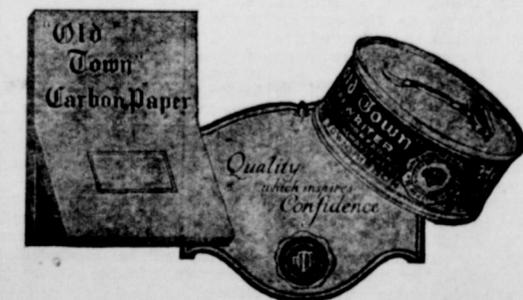
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**DON'T SUFFER ANOTHER DAY**  
 Sufferers from rheumatism need more than the mere temporary relief that comes from the use of pain relievers. The system must be freed from the poisons of the agonizing disease.  
 When your throbbing, swollen joints begin to subside, when aching nerves and muscles begin to relax, when poisons begin to disintegrate and drain from the system, you will know beyond a doubt that the RU-RO-MA prescription is removing the cause of your trouble. RU-RO-MA acts quickly and thoroughly—without its equal in narcotic—absolutely harmless. Ask your druggist about this amazing prescription. Read the guarantee on every box—don't suffer another day.  
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# RUPTURE

**SHIELD EXPERT HERE**  
 H. M. SHEVNER, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at the St. Angelus Hotel, San Angelo, Wednesday only, May 17, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
 Mr. Shevner says: The Zoetic Shield is a tremendous improvement over all former methods, effecting immediate results. It will not only hold the rupture perfectly but increase the circulation, strengthen the weakened parts, thereby closes the opening in ten days on the average case, regardless of heavy lifting, straining or any position the body may assume the size or location. A nationally known scientific method. No under straps or cumbersome arrangements and absolutely no medicines or medical treatments.  
 Mr. Shevner will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Add. 6605 N. Talman Ave., Chicago.  
 For 15 years assistant to F. H. Seeley, famous rupture expert of Chicago.

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# MOVIES

## Famous Playwright Adapts Ten-Author Story "The Woman Accused" for the Talkies

Bayard Veiller, author of the two sensationally successful stage and screen plays, "Within the Law" and "The Trial of Mary Dugan," dramatized for the screen the story, "The Woman Accused," which was written originally by ten of the nation's foremost authors—Rueger Hughes, Vicki Baum, Zane Grey, Vina Delmar, Irvin S. Cobb, Gertrude Atherton, J. P. McEvoy, Ursula Parrott, Polan Banks and Sophie Kerr.  
 The film, with Nancy Carroll, Cary Grant and John Halliday in its major roles, opens a two-day run at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Wednesday).

Veiller has been prominent in literary circles for a score of years.

He began his writing career as a reporter and feature writer on several newspapers, and ending as a dramatic editor of the New York Evening Journal. "Within the Law," produced two decades ago, won him his first fame. It was produced as a film several times, in old silent days, and again in talkie form. "The Trial of Mary Dugan," written a few years ago, duplicated the success of "Within the Law" on stage and screen.

Veiller wrote the movie version of "The Woman Accused" from the story by the ten other well-known authors. The action centers around Miss Carroll, who, on the eve of her wedding to Cary Grant, is confronted by a former lover, who demands that she return to him. She refuses flatly. Furious and excited, he phones a gangster friend, with the announced intention of having Grant "bumped off." But before he can carry his through, Nancy has killed him and become "the woman accused."

Then follow a number of exciting and intriguing incidents which conclude in a triumphal dramatic climax.

## All-Comedy Array Takes Part in "Rackety-Rax," Football-Gangster Yarn

Here is the way Director Al Werker cast the stellar array of comedians and comedienne for "Rackety Rax," the comedy-satire to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Victor McLaglen as a sporting world racketeer who believes there are dollars by the million in college football and sets out to get his representative share;

Greta Nissen as McLaglen's screen sweetie, a blonde in black who wears puce-colored stockings and baby-talks her way into the love life of her associate;  
 Nell O'Day, musical comedy stage favorite, as a pretty and bright newspaper woman who fears she won't get a husband because her press-agent fiancé is always being put on the spot;

Allan Dinehart as a sanctimonious old faker who is graduated from being a racketeer's smooth-talking lawyer-fixer to the ideal post of dean of women at Canarsie College;

Arthur Pierson as "Speed," a dynamic press agent;  
 Vince Barnett, Hollywood's original "ribber," as coming body-guard to a racketeer;

Allen Jenkins as "Mike Dumphy," executive executioner;  
 Stanley Fields, an a football muscle-inner; Esther Howard as a combination of evangelist and sly fixer for her racketeer boss; Marjorie Beebe as a battling wife who doesn't like "sweeties" and Ivan Linow as "Tossilitt," the human steamroller.

David Joseph is visiting friends at Wink and El Paso this week.

Advertised goods move.

## Gas Bills Heavy For Four Months; Lighter for Eight

Now that the house heating season is over, a survey by the gas company reveals that customers pay more than half of their entire year's gas bill in only four months of the year. The survey of gas customers' accounts in this vicinity, according to J. A. Schnable local manager of the Community Natural Gas Co., further shows that between 60 and 80 per cent of the customers use so little gas during the long hot period that they fail to pay for the cost of service rendered during these months.

The average amount received by the company in 1932 was \$46.63 per customer for a year's service, or less than 13 cents a day per customer. This is arrived at by dividing the total revenue by the total number of customers. This average bill for each month in the year is as follows: January \$6.73; February \$6.09; March \$5.63; April \$4.26; May \$2.54; June \$2.15; August \$1.88; September \$1.98; October \$2.66; November \$4.39; December \$6.38.

"It can be seen from the above figures that \$24.83, or more than half of the year's total bill, is paid in four months," said Mr. Schnable. "Nearly three-fourths of the average bill, or \$33.48, is paid in six months of the year, leaving only \$13.15 left to be paid during the other six months."

He pointed out that if gas bills were paid equally each month, such as bills for rent or other necessities in which the amount varies only slightly, it would be easier to see that the cost of dependable gas service is only a few cents a day.

### BEHOIT BOOM

When Benoit gets its courthouse as it will if I'm not fooled. We'll change the program all around.

And have a high grade school.

Frank Hoffman will own a cow ranch.

And won't it be sublime to see him twirl his lasso. And turn them every time.

W. T. Hill will run the postoffice. Hand out the Gal Dal News.

Fonso Gressett will run the delivery hack.

Vonlee Lewis will shine the shoes.

Gordon Gressett will run a barber shop.

And shave the boys here. And ever time he gets a dime. He'll rush the keg for beer.

And then we'll have a circus. A thing of great renown.

With Curtis Hoffman on the trapeze bar.

As the big imported clown.

Arthur Hoffman will be the policeman.

Wiley Lewis will be the squire. Oscar Cox will be the constable.

Arthur Pullin will be the lawyer.

Now there are lots of others whose names I have forgot. But we'll all live at Benoit. And boil the Benoit pot.

—Contributed.

### Attachment Now \$60

The Williams Tractor Attachment now \$60. See R. R. Williams or call collect. Will deliver to your farm. 25-ft

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McElroy spent Sunday with friends at Haskell. High water prevented them from returning home until Monday.

### Extract Medicine from Sharks

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—Hopkins Marine Station, a unit of Stanford University, is perfecting a concentrate of shark liver oil for therapeutic use, it is reported. Its medicinal value as a rejuvenator, preventive of colds and influenza, blood purifier and as an aid to digestion was announced following experiments at the station three years ago.

The Sahara desert is a plateau from 1,300 to 1,600 feet above sea level.

### Side Quit Hurting, Got Stronger, Well; CARDUI Helped Her

WOMEN! Get rid of the handicaps of a weak, debilitated condition with the assistance of Cardui.  
 Mrs. R. L. West, of Huntsville, Ala., writes: "I was weak and run-down. I had a pain in my side, and I kept losing weight. I grew nervous over my condition—this was unusual for me, for I am very cheerful when I am well and don't easily get nervous. I knew I ought to take something. My aunt told me I ought to try Cardui, which I did. I began to feel better. I kept it up until I had taken three or four bottles. My side quit hurting and I was soon feeling strong and well."  
 Cardui is sold at drug stores here.

## Honor Students Are Announced; 61 to Graduate

Jack Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn, is the highest ranking student of the 1933 senior class of the Ballinger high school. Miss Yolanda McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McWilliams, is second highest honor student of the class. The first and second place students were announced Saturday afternoon after teachers had finished averaging grades for the entire four-year high school period.

Young Lynn has a four-year average 94.86 and Miss McWilliams' average for the four years was 88.92. The Ballinger school does not have a valedictorian or a salutatorian but the highest average for a boy and girl student entitles to scholarships at any denominational college upon application.

The final check-up on grades showed that 61 seniors will be granted diplomas next Friday evening. The class contains 31 boys and 30 girls who have been certified for graduation.

Following is the official list of those whose grades have been checked and who will be included as members of the 1933 graduating class:

- Jack Ashton
- Maurice Bartlett
- Walter Biederman
- Clovis Brown
- Landis Cervenka
- Leldon Clifton
- Marion Connelly
- D. B. Crockett
- J. R. Davis
- Lucius Evans
- Harrell Flynt
- Stanley Holik
- Grover Jackson
- Ralph Kettler
- Jack Lynn
- John Q. McAdams
- Sam Malone
- John A. Nicholson
- Lowell Nelson
- John Neely
- Donald Phillips
- Arnold Pustka
- C. R. Richardson
- Troy Reese
- Tyne Smith
- Jack Scales
- Adolph Trojcek
- Charles Thorp
- Chester Taylor
- Eldwin Williams
- Fred Wellhausen
- Lenora Baxter
- Virginia Carter
- Hazel Crockett
- Beatrice Compton
- Claudia Compton
- Florence Davis
- Pearl Duke
- Dorothy Dooze
- Clara Mae Forgy
- Mary Lee Gentry
- Mary Emma Hall
- Hallie Holwegler
- Cleo Hoffman
- Alice Koeng
- Margaret Ladwig
- Mary Alice Leathers
- Yolanda McWilliams
- Opal McLean
- Opal Morris
- Lorene Moreland
- Elsie Motley
- Helen Moore
- Novella Nixon
- Wilma Jean Neas
- Adeline Simecek
- Velma Taylor
- Vera Taylor
- Ruth Whisenant

## Arkansas Reunion Sunday, May 28; Program Complete

The program committee has about completed plans for the "Arkansawers Reunion" which will be held at Oak Creek May 28. Wide publicity is being given the annual meeting and all residents of this section who hail from Arkansas are expected to assemble at Oak Creek for this gala affair. Many visitors will hear the program and enjoy the day with those who organized this unique group two years ago.

Dr. J. D. Sanderfer, president of Simmons University, Abilene, a native of Arkansas, will be the principal speaker. He will be accompanied by the famous Simmons Cowboy Band which will be heard in concerts during the day.

The Winters Male Quartet, one of the best known vocal organizations in this section, has accepted an invitation to attend.

"The Tucker Twins," of Winters, will appear on the afternoon program in stunts which have made them so popular on other "Arkansawers" programs. E. A. Hankins and F. L. Clark, of Bronte, will furnish delightful music on their harmonicas. Mrs. George Thomas will deliver a group of readings; Mrs. C. C. Holder, of Bronte, will be heard in several vocal numbers, and "The Brock Children," two little folks from Bronte, will sing and play. These and other numbers will make up a pleasing program that will attract many.

### Fresh Water Catfish Take Some Home.

Phone 88 Hopper Cafe 12-11

### BALLINGER CLUB WILL OPEN WITH BALL MAY 25

A. C. Bauer has leased the old Ballinger Club hall on the second floor of the Currie Produce Company building on Seventh Street and will reopen the club Wednesday night, May 24, with a ball. For the opening occasion Lawrence Welk's novelty orchestra has been engaged for the dancing and scrip will sell for \$1.35 per couple.

Mr. Bauer intends to refurbish the entire second floor and offer memberships in a social club in the near future. For years the place was maintained as a club, offering pool and billiards, a game room, a library, a private parlor, rest rooms, and a large maple dance floor.

For the opening only the dance floor will be used and opened to everyone holding tickets. Advertising is being distributed in many towns in this part of the state and large attendance is expected.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express to our many friends our deep appreciation for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and the death of our husband and father.

The floral offerings are gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. P. P. Holton and Children. 11

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman spent Mother's Day with Mr. Forman's parents at Coleman.

Mozele Whitworth Aline Williams

### RAINFALL as Shown by U. S. Weather Gauge at Ballinger, Texas

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Cotton
1895	0.57	2.92	0.00	1.89	3.68	2.48	4.16	2.37	2.04	2.13	0.94	2.93	26.11	
1896	1.86	0.98	0.04	1.22	0.11	2.06	5.74	1.47	5.68	4.93	0.27	2.22	26.58	
1897	1.17	0.01	2.62	0.65	2.75	1.23	3.28	2.67	1.08	2.01	0.11	1.03	18.61	
1898	0.70	0.26	0.16	2.57	2.78	10.85	1.29	0.74	4.97	0.09	0.30	2.37	26.99	
1899	0.10	Tr.	0.01	2.65	5.21	7.27	1.73	0.00	0.31	1.92	2.55	2.38	24.14	3.069
1900	0.57	0.39	1.84	7.53	6.08	0.07	2.99	4.12	7.55	2.54	0.93	0.62	35.23	9.722
1901	0.16	1.01	0.08	2.19	3.25	0.12	0.83	0.63	1.06	2.54	4.19	Tr.	25.84	40.887
1902	0.27	0.50	0.75	0.58	7.08	2.20	5.98	0.62	1.25	0.88	4.09	0.24	24.44	6.888
1903	2.14	3.67	0.08	0.14	4.44	2.91	1.47	2.97	0.02	0.67	0.00	0.25	26.75	14.773
1904	0.65	0.79	0.00	1.57	0.91	2.12	1.00	0.92	2.71	1.41	0.79	0.54	13.41	17.184
1905	0.11	1.39	4.54	3.57	2.29	2.68	1.86	0.17	0.78	1.82	0.83	0.77	20.81	19.454
1906	0.35	0.45	1.09	2.64	2.85	4.55	7.19	11.54	4.11	0.95	1.25	0.85	37.82	33.808
1907	0.05	Tr.	0.40	0.20	2.04	0.19	3.27	0.00	2.40	6.69	2.50	0.70	18.44	15.832
1908	0.40	0.20	1.40	7.22	5.62	Tr.	2.12	2.44	6.92	0.16	2.84	Tr.	29.54	52.700
1909	Tr.	0.00	0.14	0.06	1.30	3.21	1.82	2.05	2.67	3.65	0.99	1.16	17.05	25.979
1910	0.00	Tr.	0.26	2.92	0.82	1.72	0.60	0.35	2.02	1.42	0.85	0.58	11.54	10.501
1911	0.10	4.55	0.43	3.04	1.40	Tr.	2.12	0.03	3.70	2.20	0.76	3.94	22.27	31.671
1912	0.00	1.61	0.56	1.39	5.05	1.50	Tr.	1.16	Tr.	1.35	1.75	1.38	15.75	25.663
1913	1.01	1.02	0.86	1.85	4.01	2.03	0.43	0.90	3.70	2.28	8.75	2.90	29.54	16.847
1914	0.00	0.22	0.69	0.83	3.07	4.37	1.75	6.20	0.00	3.45	3.00	2.15	31.13	62.687
1915	0.72	0.90	0.68	6.00	1.40	3.02	0.81	4.72	9.45	0.75	0.00	0.90	29.35	43.843
1916	0.10	Tr.	0.25	4.25	2.62	0.62	Tr.	0.30	4.32	1.75	0.55	Tr.	14.76	32.010
1917	0.87	Tr.	1.60	1.57	3.78	0.42	0.95	1.02	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.61	12.508
1918	1.30	0.05	0.90	Tr.	2.10	0.97	Tr.	0.40	1.31	4.00	3.05	2.65	16.73	2.638
1919	3.05	0.70	2.20	1.50	3.35	7.05	4.85	2.00	2.45	5.90	2.05	0.15	35.25	47.245
1920	1.30	0.80	0.50	Tr.	3.40	1.05	0.75	3.45	1.65	3.75	0.85	Tr.	17.55	57.878
1921	1.65	1.05	1.90	1.10	3.02	4.85	Tr.	0.45	0.55	Tr.	Tr.	0.22	14.79	24.236
1922	0.30	0.10	0.65	6.89	4.60	1.25	1.75	0.55	3.00	2.65	4.10	Tr.	25.84	40.887
1923	2.70	3.75	2.35	7.47	7.10	0.25	1.35	1.75	1.65	7.90	3.05	1.72	36.04	46.587
1924	0.10	1.30	2.50	1.40	5.80	Tr.	0.60	0.80	3.30	1.00	0.25	2.15	19.20	53.276
1925	0.30	0.35	Tr.	3.40	4.25	2.15	0.40	2.76	2.75	1.66	1.80	Tr.	19.82	71.291
1926	1.35	0.00	3.27	4.60	0.60	2.60	2.60	1.40	1.70	3.53	0.90	4.60	27.15	62.526
1927	0.50	3.20	1.40	0.57	1.03	1.95	1.25	0.69	2.55	2.17	Tr.	1.95	17.26	54.136
1928	0.80	2.10	1.37	1.82	1.95	0.85	4.45	1.15	2.70	1.15	1.85	1.60	21.79	60.260
1929	0.30	1.22	2.10	2.00	4.70	0.35	1.50	0.10	1.52	4.15	0.30	0.25	18.49	43.210
1930	Tr.	0.00	0.80	1.25	6.90	3.70	Tr.	0.67	0.80	15.65	40	1.94	32.11	32.134
1931	2.35	1.85	1.40	2.70	6.7	1.17	9.7	6.5	7.1	3.12	10	2.10	17.82	65.235
1932	2.10	2.22	Tr.	2.25	7.70	4.55	1.68	4.87	8.00	10	5.5	3.20	73.12	78.712
1933	1.45	1.45	.45	1.76	2.35									

1933 Report only includes precipitation up to May 15th.

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## Rotarians Hear Talk On Schools

At the club luncheon Tuesday Ballinger Rotarians heard a short report by President E. E. King on the district conference held last week at San Angelo. Mr. King only touched a few of the high points of the convention which was in session May 1 and 2.

K. V. Northington made a short report on RFC work started and accomplished in Ballinger since January 1. The report showed completion of the stone building at the pumping plant, twenty blocks of streets surfaced, two large stone culverts built, two ditches completed, four drain lines laid under streets, opening of the laundry ditch for better drainage, improvement of city park, lowering 2,000 feet of water mains and 1,500 feet of house lines, work in Evergreen Cemetery, road work in commissioner's precinct No. 1, work at Ballinger Country Club grounds, at Fair Park, and a number of other places.

Supt. H. C. Lyon delivered a short message on schools. He asserted it was not his purpose to urge educational system needs upon the citizens or to boost the schools but that he wished to list a number of outstanding facts for the consideration of the public.

The speaker discussed the tax situation and how many schools were operating on budgets that showed a large amount of delinquent taxes. He placed his approval on some kind of sales tax that would cause the person who owns no property to help pay the expense of educating his children. The lowering of standards in schools as a depression measure was deplored. Mr. Lyon showing that this school and others have been forced to cut entire departments and disperse with teachers in order to save money. He

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# Deaths

**B. J. Billington**  
B. J. Billington, 57, was found dead at the Middleton & Crockett feed barns on Tenth Street Thursday afternoon. Only a short time before the body was found decedent had been seen about the offices and his death is thought to have been caused by a heart attack or acute indigestion.

A daughter, Mrs. C. E. Kimbrough, stated that her father had suffered severe stomach attacks recently. Billington was found in the doorway of an office by W. T. Crockett, who at first believed him asleep. He left home at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and did not return during the day. He was making home here with his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough. Mr. Kimbrough is employed by a road construction company between Ballinger and the Coleman county line.

Survivors include three daughters and three sons.  
Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3:30 at the King-Holt Company chapel. Fred Ross, minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ, officiated.  
King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Mary Helen Bynum**  
Mrs. Mary Helen Bynum, 28, died in the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday morning at 3 o'clock following an operation several days ago. Mr. Bynum is an employee of the Cicero Smith ranch west of Ballinger, he and his wife moving here January 1 of this year.

Besides the husband, survivors include decedent's mother, Mrs. M. Z. House, of Sterling City; three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Sterling City Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. W. S. Ezell officiating. Interment was made in the Sterling City cemetery.  
The body was prepared for burial by Higginbotham Funeral Home undertakers and carried overland to Sterling City Tuesday morning.

**Card of Thanks**  
We take this method of expressing our appreciation to all who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. W. E. Allen. The comforting words, the floral offering, and the true spirit of friendship expressed, did much to comfort us in our great sorrow.

Miss Ada Allen  
Walt Allen  
Charlie Allen  
Mrs. T. D. Watkins  
and children. 1t

C. R. Stone returned Friday from Fort Worth and Dallas, where he had been to buy merchandise for his store.

Frank C. Dickey is attending district court at Brady, where he is counsel in civil cases this week.

## Winning Bathing Suits at Galveston



The attendance will be good at the bathing beaches this summer if the bathing suits and bathing beauties are as attractive as those shown above. These young ladies won the three first prizes in the annual Splash Day swimming suit contest last week on the Galveston beach. They are, left to right: First prize, Miss Ruth Jonietz; second prize, Miss Evelyn Johnson; third prize, Miss Olga Bernsten. The largest crowd in five or six years attended the contest.

## West Texas News Notes

The Melvin American Legion post served a barbecue supper to its membership the past weekend. The affair was well attended, more than fifty members being present. Delegates were elected to the 17th district convention at Cisco May 20.

The Winters Parent-Teacher Association will hold a summer round-up May 25. A downtown building has been secured and will be fitted out for examination of pre-school age children and all those who expect to enter school next September. Winters doctors and dentists will cooperate with the P-T. A. in making free diagnoses.

A class of 40 will graduate from the Rising Star high school May 28. The class is composed of 16 girls and 24 boys. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached May 21 with all churches of the town cooperating.

The Coleman Methodist Church is preparing to celebrate its 52nd anniversary June 4. More than twenty churches of the county will cooperate in the services of the day and many members will attend the noon luncheon. Bishop Sam R. Hay will be the principal speaker.

A class of 83 seniors will graduate from the Coleman high school Friday evening, May 19. Dr. Frederick Eby, of the University of Texas, will deliver the commencement address. Fifty girls and thirty-three boys are certified to receive diplomas.

Surfacing of approaches to bridges has been commenced on highway 4 in Menard county. Asphalt will be spread on top of caliche and crushed rock on the grades leading to bridges recently completed.

The movement of sheep from Menard last week led all livestock shipments. About thirty carloads were shipped, the largest single day's movement being 15 cars of sheep and 2 of cattle.

Dr. B. O. Wood, of San Angelo, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the class of 17 seniors

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and cash, checks, books, and valuable papers were taken. Several citizens noticed a fire near town during the night. Officers searched the remains of the fire and found where the checks and papers had been burned.

The Mason county commissioners' court voted last week to retain the county agent. The decision was reached after a conference between the commissioners, ranchmen, farmers, and business men. Club boys also presented reasons in favor of retaining the agent in which they told of their recent achievements in feeding livestock and the winnings of club members at fat stock shows.

The Brazos Valley Pecan Growers Association will meet at Comanche Tuesday, May 16. Leading horticulturists and nursery men of the state will be heard on the one-day program. Lunch will be served at noon at the Price orchard, one of the largest of its kind in the state.

## SOCIETY.

### Breakfast is Compliment to Senior

Miss Mary Alice Leathers, a member of the '33 Senior class of the Ballinger high school, was named guest of honor on last Saturday morning by Mrs. W. B. Woody when eight very close friends were bidden to breakfast.

Hand-painted silhouettes of girl graduates marked places at the table beautifully laid in filet with runners of pink. A big crepe paper hat filled to overflowing with dainty pink Dorothy Perkins roses centered the table—from this pink ribbons extended to each place and tied tiny diplomas. When these were read they were found to be a "story of wishes" revealing gifts hidden in the hat centerpiece. Miss Mary Copeland gave a clever original toast to the honoree.

Mrs. Woody was assisted by Mmes. C. F. Bailey, W. B. Halley, Leonard Stallings, and her little daughter, Mary Brian, in serving a delectable breakfast menu in three courses to Misses Leathers, Copeland, Belva Watson, Mary Parks, Helen Moore, Marcella White, Clara Mae Forgey, Helen Thomson and Emma Jean Jones.

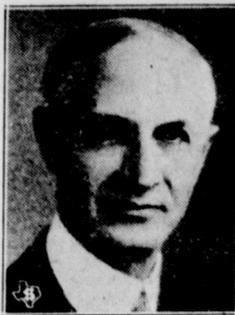
### Sommers are Hosts to Club

On last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sommer were hosts to their bridge club, entertaining in their pretty home on Ninth Street.

Pink roses and larkspur used to decorate the rooms, introduced the pink and green color theme given prominence in silhouette tallies, matched Denison table covers and in the refreshment plate of cherry cream, angel squares iced in green and fruit punch.

High score prize went to Mr.

## Heads College Prexy's



Dean Colby D. Hall of Texas Christian University has been elected president of the Association of Texas Colleges.

and Mrs. Garrett Daugherty, and high cut to Mrs. Fred Holliday.

Included were: Mr. and Mrs. Rothall O'Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. George Sallee, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flynt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Burnie Cervenka of Rowena, Mr. and Mrs. Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mr. and Mrs. Brendon Wilke and Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty.

Club Entertained by Mrs. Parrish  
Mrs. James Parrish welcomed club members and additional friends into her Ninth Street home on Tuesday of last week when games of contract bridge were played at four tables.

Nasturtiums and roses in graceful arrangement adorned the game rooms where dainty floral tallies denoted places for the games in which high score prize, a deck of contract cards, went to Mrs. Pete McKenzie. Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr., was presented a gift at the same time, tied with a long pink ribbon the end of which was tied to a basket filled with gifts.

A salad course with iced tea was served.  
Guests were: Mmes. Beck, McKenzie, Raleigh Reese, W. S. Wood, G. A. Swann, Jack Hampton, Harry Corbett, Raymond McShan, J. J. Beck, C. E. Bodkin, Oran Shackelford, A. L. Burden, Lawrence Grier, George Sallee, J. C. Sturges, Jr., J. G. Tuckey, Misses Marjorie McAdams, Evelyn Brewer and Bernice Simmons.

### Y. W. A. Has Picnic at City Park

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the Ballinger Baptist Church entertained with a picnic at city park on the first Tuesday in May.

Miss Esther Parish, president, presided at the business session, after which a picnic lunch was served to Misses Grace Murchison, Esther Parish, Zemma Street, Margaret New, Vhelma Parrish, Nona Diltz, Hazel Fulton, Winona Jones, Muda Jane Tittle, Loyce Fowler, Marie Norwood, Mary Elizabeth Truly, Verda Belle Allen, Lucy Scarborough, Clara Mae Forgey, Mmes. Myron Pumphrey of Winters, E. P. Talbot, J. H. McClain and Master James Mc-

Clain.

As a surprise to Miss Grace Murchison, bride-elect of O. T. Toney, a shower of handkerchiefs was presented her following the lunch.

### Bride-Elect Honored

Complimenting Miss Grace Murchison, bride-elect of O. T. Toney, the Fidelis Class of the Ballinger Baptist Church entertained with a breakfast at the home of their teacher, Mrs. J. H. McClain, on last Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Guests and members of the class were seated at cleverly arranged tables, with miniature brides as place cards.

Toasts to the bride were given by Misses Zemma Street, Vhelma Parrish, Mary Elizabeth Truly, Margaret New, Esther Parish, Elizabeth Parker, and Mrs. McClain, after which the honoree was presented with a bride's book, containing a copy of each toast and a list of those present.

Breakfast was served in three courses to Misses Grace Murchison, Anna and Rena Walker, Esther Parish, Zemma Street, Elizabeth Parker, Vhelma Parrish, Margaret New, Verda Belle Allen, Lucy Scarborough, Mary Elizabeth Truly, Winona Jones, Mrs. J. H. McClain and Master James McClain.

### EXPORTS OF CANADIAN CATTLE SHOW INCREASE

HALIFAX, N. S., May 15.—Cattle exports through St. John and Halifax to Great Britain showed a tremendous increase during the first three months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1932, according to the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways. For the period January 1 to March 31, 1932, the exports amounted to only 409 head of cattle, but for the corresponding period of the current year the exports totaled 7,863 head. A new development of this trade is the finishing of export cattle on farms in the Maritimes. The cattle come from the West, but are fattened on Maritime farms for export. This experiment has proved so successful that steps are taken to extend it.

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