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Concho County Highway Contract Has Been Let

The state highway commission Wednesday let a contract for 16 miles of grading and drainage structures on highway No. 9 in Concho county to Hannah & Hall, contractors, for the consideration of \$137,491. This part of the highway is from the city limits of Eden to the McCulloch county line.

Plans for this section of No. 9, prepared in the office here of the state resident engineer, G. M. Garrett, have been completed for several months. Mr. Garrett will supervise the work which is expected to commence soon.

Concho county has purchased the right-of-way for the road and practically all of it has been fenced. Much of this part of the highway will follow a new route.

Mr. Garrett stated Thursday that building the base on part of highway No. 4 from six miles south of Paint Rock to Eden, a relief project, was moving along steadily. The first base course will be finished Saturday and work will begin on the second course at once. The road will be kept closed to traffic until after it rains. There is no water available to wet the soft caliche surface and traffic on the unpacked material would damage it.

These two jobs are the only ones under the supervision of the local highway office at this time.

Several young people from here are planning to attend the Junior Service League dance at Hotel Brownwood Tuesday night, December 25. Gary Gordon and his eleven-piece orchestra will play for this year's annual entertainment and large attendance is expected from surrounding towns.

Lions Club Votes To Transport Football Players

The Ballinger Lions Club Friday voted greetings to the new high school football coach, Clyde Pratt, and passed a resolution to provide transportation for boys who come to school here by bus next year, so they can remain until after football practice in the afternoon. The plan has not been worked out completely yet but will be before the opening of the term next fall so that boys living outside of Ballinger who attend school here will have transportation home after practice sessions.

This seems to be necessary in order to use all the available material in the Ballinger high school. There are a number of large youths riding the busses here who are unable to report for training the past season. The busses leave the school for their runs back to the country at 3:45 each afternoon and during the past season some of the lads had no other way to get home.

The Lions also agreed to assist the county health officer in seeing that all children in the schools of the county get eye examinations at an early date. The examinations will begin soon after the first of the year and the Lions Club will cooperate in every way possible.

Attendance at the club luncheon Friday was good.

Judge Paul Trimmer and J. D. Motley left Tuesday afternoon for Austin to attend a meeting of the state highway commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Reese, of Stephenville, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Reese's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

City of Ballinger Has Tidy Balance of \$36,315.30

The city of Ballinger's financial statement approved December 1 showed a total balance of \$36,315.30 in cash and securities. Tax collections for November amounted to \$909.54 and since that time many tax accounts have been paid with indications that the remainder of December will bring excellent collections.

The statement showed the following balances in the various accounts: general, \$507.29; water utilities, \$10,838.33; sanitary, \$96.25; waterworks bonds, 1922 issue, \$7,476.74; waterworks bonds, 1930

Cook, Hollingsworth Attend 3-District Meeting of Agents

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo V. Cook and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth returned the past week-end from San Antonio where they attended a called meeting of extension service workers for districts 3, 4 and 5. All the workers in the three districts attended the three-day conference, held last week. The meeting was called by O. B. Martin and Miss Mildred Horton, directors of the extension service at College Station.

Most of the time was spent in discussing plans for 1935 and adopting a program. General and separate sessions for the men and women were held.

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that as soon as she could prepare her annual report she would begin meeting with the home demonstration clubs of the county and reorganizing the girls' clubs. She expects to be busy from now until January 1 making up the 1934 report for this county.

Mr. Cook began Monday morning drafting his annual report, which will be sent to the extension service of A. & M. College, and it will require about two weeks to finish this work. His office has been very active the past year and a summary of the work will be lengthy and difficult to compile. In addition he has tanning schools in progress which he must attend during the next two weeks.

Christmas is Theme Of Rotary Program

The Christmas program held Tuesday noon by the Ballinger Rotary Club was one of the best club affairs of the year. For the past year the members have had unknown "buddies," and the closing number on Tuesday's program was a Christmas tree from which presents were given and the "buddies" revealed. Santa Claus presided over the hilarity while the gifts were distributed.

Preceding the distribution from the tree a trio of high school girls under the direction of Miss Katherine Todd sang a group of carols which was greatly enjoyed and earned for additional numbers. Two little girls, members of Mrs. J. A. Schnable's class, Mary Brian Woody and June Wright, were presented in readings about Santa Claus. Both numbers were good and the children received hearty applause.

The president announced that no meeting would be held next Tuesday, Christmas day, and that every member was to eat at home provided he was not invited out.

The problem of the Goodfellows was discussed and help proposed. A committee, composed of E. M. Lynn and R. G. Erwin, will confer with a committee representing the Lions Club about a banquet for the high school football team.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and little daughter will arrive this week-end to spend the holidays with Mrs. Z. A. Snell and Mrs. A. R. Jones.

Bill Wood and David Baker will come in Friday from Austin where they are students in the University of Texas, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Be wise and advertise.

The First Christmas



Additional Quota Of 500 Cattle Will Be Bought Here

The government cattle purchasing quota for Runnels county was raised 500 head Monday bringing the new total set last week up to 2,500 head. Last week the appraiser bought 1,052 head and expect to buy about 1,500 by Saturday night of this week. Hugh Campbell, county appraiser, stated Monday that the cattle being offered for sale at this time were of a much better grade than those inspected six weeks ago and that very few were being ordered killed by the inspector. He further said that most of the cows were averaging \$16 and \$17 with a few being graded high enough for \$20 per head.

The buyers expect to end the work this week but may have to buy a few next week. When the new quota is completed 14,371 head of cattle will have been sold to the government by Runnels county stockmen this year.

Mr. Campbell stated that when the present quota was exhausted he believed the county would be fairly well taken care of and all distressed cattle removed from the range. A number of growers who did not originally list cattle for sale are now marketing through their community chairmen and most of these will be handled this week.

Shipments are being made in the usual way from the three shipping points in the county—at Ballinger, Winters and Miles. The cattle bought will all be shipped as soon as possible.

36 RENTAL CHECKS ARE RECEIVED HERE

The county agent's office Monday received an additional 36 checks for second rental payments on cotton taken out of production, totalling \$1,508.94. Most of the second rental checks have been distributed and the rest will be here within a short time.

Parity checks have not been received for this county but are expected to begin arriving this week or next. On this part of the cotton program Runnels county farmers are due about \$90,000.

BALLINGER NURSE GOES TO HOSPITAL IN IDAHO

Miss Ida Schilling, registered nurse, and for the past five years superintendent of the Halley & Love Sanitarium, will leave December 28 for Fort Hall, Idaho, where she will become a member of the staff in the government hospital there.

Miss Schilling came here in 1929 from the West Texas Baptist Hospital, Abilene, to take charge of the corps of nurses in the local sanitarium.

Mrs. Saxe, of Houston, graduate of John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, will succeed Miss Schilling as superintendent here.

Help Now!

The Goodfellows of Ballinger have a big job in front of them this year if only the children of the city are looked after and given a little joy for Christmas. A check-up reveals that there are 448 children 12 years of age and under who need the help of the Goodfellows if they see Santa Claus this year.

This is by far a larger job than was anticipated and the funds have been coming in slow. Unless many who can afford it become interested immediately, the work cannot be done. It will require approximately \$250 to provide a little something for all the children in addition to the toys collected at the city hall, according to those in charge of the movement.

Before the survey was made it was thought that less would be

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Only 9 Vacancies Found in Survey Made December 1

A city survey made December 1 showed there were only nine vacancies of all descriptions in the corporate limits and only 18 occupied houses were without city water connections.

Water consumption slumped greatly the past week, an average of 162,500 gallons being used daily, requiring 3 hours and 42 minutes pumping time. Machinery at the pumping plant was checked last week by inspectors for the Hartford Steam Boiler Company and found in good condition.

City collections continued good the past week with the following amounts credited in the various departments: taxes \$1,145.26, water service \$1,344.62, sanitary service \$171.55, and \$3.25 was received.

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ATTENTION GOODFELLOWS

Bring all toys and foods to be contributed to the city hall not later than Saturday night.

Rothal O'Kelly, chairman of the Goodfellow committee has the complete list of those to be helped. To add names or take names from this list see him.

Sunday school classes and organizations looking after families this Christmas are requested to report the names to Mr. O'Kelly so there will be no duplications.

Money is needed badly and those desiring to have a part in this movement should send their contribution to The Ledger office as soon as possible.

Delivery of boxes and packages to the homes will begin at 2:30 Monday (Christmas Eve). Anything received after that time will not be delivered.

Arranging the packages, making purchases and delivering is a big task—help the committee in this work by bringing in toys early and making contributions at once so the purchases can be prorated.

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Martin's Studio

Three Tests in McMillan Field Expected in Soon

Bankhead Act is Okehed by Runnels County Farmers

Runnels county cotton farmers voted the past week 1,633 to 239 in favor of retaining the Bankhead act during 1935. Those participating in the special referendum were land owners and cotton producers who own land or raise cotton in this county. No poll tax receipt was required to vote in this referendum.

A similar vote was polled all over the cotton belt and in all probability the Bankhead act will remain in effect for another twelve months. The federal department of agriculture asked for the referendum to guide it in plans for the next crop year.

Following is the vote in Runnels county by boxes:

Box	For	Against
Ballinger	180	52
Baldwin	37	7
Benoit	14	3
Bethel	48	2
Brookshier	26	2
Cochran	56	15
Crews	109	7
Dale	48	13
Hatchel	45	13
Hagan	63	7
Harmony	31	3
Marie	30	4
Maverick	42	12
Miles	116	22
North Norton	49	6
Oak Creek	26	2
Olfen	76	1
Pumphrey	71	7
Rowena	188	14
South Norton	41	10
Token	59	4
Victory	50	2
Wilmeth	72	5
Wingate	98	6
Winters	78	20

Drew Dickson and Drew Dickson, Jr., are in St. Louis attending the convention of Brown Shoe Company employees. They will return home before Christmas to spend the holidays with Mrs. Dickson.

Christmas Suggestions

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HELP US GET THE NEWS
Everybody will be interested in who comes and goes during the holidays. The Ledger wants to publish who visits in Ballinger and visits of residents elsewhere, but this is impossible without our readers' cooperation. If you have company for Christmas or if you visit relatives or friends, leave town—please phone us the item and it will be greatly appreciated. Our phone number is 27.

Merry Christmas

We wish sincerely that your heart will be joyful this Christmas time.

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Janet Gaynor and Lew Ayres Together Again in "Servants' Entrance" Movie

Reunited for the first time since their initial co-starring venture made "State Fair" memorable, Janet Gaynor and Lew Ayres will be seen again as the gay young sweethearts of "Servants' Entrance" during the two-day engagement of this important Fox picture at the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday.

Unlike anything in which they have appeared before, the story of "Servants' Entrance" will afford spectators the opportunity to laugh at the troubles as they thrill to the romance of the madcap lovers whose young lives it depicts. For while "State Fair" bordered on the heavy drama in spots, "Servants' Entrance" is mostly in the romantic-comedy class.

In their newest roles Janet portrays a merry million-heiress of an automobile manufacturer who goes from riches to poverty, and back again, while Lew is a chauffeur who goes from poverty to riches. Starting from opposite rungs of the social ladder, they meet at the bottom. The climb upward is fraught with humorous and fascinating adventures.

Janet's descent to poverty is motivated by a desire to become a useful woman—to learn to cook, sew, bake a cake, and take care of babies. So she disappears through the front door of her own palatial home, and makes her way to the servants' entrance of another, masquerading as a maid. It is thus that she meets Lew, a chauffeur with an inventive turn of mind whose passion is a new type of motorboat. To win his love, and to make him capitalize his invention without revealing her identity, become Janet's amusing problems.

"Servants' Entrance" boasts the most imposing array of stars, stellar and featured players ever assembled for a Fox production. In addition to Miss Gaynor and Ayres, the cast includes Ned Sparks, Walter Connolly, Louise Dresser, G. P. Huntley, Jr., Astrid Allwyn, John Qualen, Siegfried Rumann, and others.

Jean Harlow Here Again in "The Girl from Missouri" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture which is to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Tuesday (Christmas Day) and Wednesday, brings Jean Harlow back to the screen after an absence of eight months.

In her new starring vehicle, the popular Miss Harlow essays one of her most amusing characterizations, that of Eddie Chapman, a girl who embarks upon a social-climbing career because she is determined to get financial security and position along with her marriage ring.

The picture flits with lightning rapidity from swanky penthouses of New York's ragged skyline to the pleasure palaces of Florida and back again.

Lionel Barrymore, dean of stage

Texas Lady Tells How Black-Draught Laxative Helps All Her Family
Here's how Black-Draught fills the needs of a family laxative in the home of Mrs. J. S. Stoker, Fort Worth, Texas: "The grown-up in my family," she writes, "have always taken powdered Theford's Black-Draught for biliousness, headaches and other ailments (due to constipation) and found it a reliable remedy. I was very pleased when I saw Syrup of Black-Draught advertised. I bought it and gave it to my little daughters, ages 9 and 4. They needed something to cleanse their systems and Syrup of Black-Draught acted well." Your druggist sells this reliable laxative in both forms. "Children like the Syrup."

and screen, shares honors with Miss Harlow in the role of the exceedingly wealthy T. R. Paige, a national political power. It is the second time that Miss Harlow and Barrymore have played together.

Franchot Tone, too, makes his second appearance with Miss Harlow. In "The Girl from Missouri" he plays the son of Barrymore who falls madly in love with Eddie.

Additional humor is supplied by Patay Kelly, popular New York stage comedienne.

Lewis Stone is the fifth member of the notable quintet that leads the cast of the new picture.

TOMATOES PLACED IN SAND WILL KEEP FOR 60 DAYS

BAIRD, Tex., Dec. 19.—D. M. Jones, of Callahan county, will have fresh tomatoes for the Christmas holidays because he packed green tomatoes in dry sand and allowed them to ripen, according to Ross B. Jenkins, farm demonstration agent. Due to the late rains in the fall, Callahan county farmers had a fine crop of green tomatoes, and many inquired as to how they might preserve them for fresh use. Under the direction of the farm demonstration agent, Mr. Jones packed them in dry sand using care that no tomato touched another and leaving about half an inch stem on each tomato. That was done before the first frost, and about 30 days later he exhibited some evenly ripened fruit. He says that he can easily hold the tomatoes for 60 days.

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KING PETER, 11, YOUNGEST MONARCH IN THE WORLD

SOFLA, Dec. 19.—Eleven-year-old King Peter, a gentle child with a troubled and inquiring look on his face nowadays, is by many years the youngest monarch in the world. But there is one living ruler who ascended the throne at an earlier age. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was only 10 when her marriage ring.

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The Day That Black Beans Meant Death



On Sept. 11, 1842, Mexican General Woll with 1,400 troops captured San Antonio, surrounded and exterminated about 50 Texans, and then retired toward the Rio Grande. Immediately General Alexander Somervell set after Woll and the Texans invaded Mexico. Christmas day, 1842, they encountered 2,000 Mexicans at Mier, Mexico, and were forced to surrender. The unlucky Texans were then forced to draw beans, every 10th bean being black and meaning death to the man who drew it. Above is the scene of the drawing of the beans, from an old painting, while left is the old church at Mier. Near here the tragic lottery took place.

she acceded in 1890. Next in youthful accession came three Oriental rulers. The Sultan of Morocco was 16 when he came to the throne in 1927; the King of Afghanistan was 19, and the King of Iraq 21, when they became kings last year.

The temporary King Michael of Rumania was only 7 on his accession.

King Peter has a tradition of hard and long working hours before him one day if he is to follow in the footsteps of his late father. It was possible to have audiences of the scholarly King Alexander in the palace at 8 in the morning, by which time he had motored down from the little palace he had built a few years ago outside the capital. The air there was considered better for the health of his children than that of the city.

WHEELER WOMAN CANS 165 VARIETIES OF FOOD

WHEELER, Tex., Dec. 19.—In checking the list of things she had planned to can Mrs. Glen King, of Wheeler county finds 165 varieties she could not get because of the drought, but she does have 165 varieties on her pantry shelves, according to Miss Viola Jones, home demonstration agent. The

844½ quarts are arranged and labeled, and her pantry also contains special shelves of food for use when unexpected company comes or in other emergencies. Sale of canned products has paid the grocery bill, paid the canning expense, and left a bank balance of \$79.75 for other expenses.

COTTON GINNINGS IN COUNTY TO DECEMBER 1 26,326 BALES

Cotton ginnings in Runnels county to December 1 totaled 26,326 bales, according to an announcement from the department of commerce through the county reporting agent, A. J. H. Borders. Ginnings to the same date in 1933 were 41,435 bales.

Practically all cotton fields in the county have been plowed and sown in small grain. Mr. Borders will compile another report at the end of December, which will be the final total for the year and probably will give the total production for this season.

Rev. Homer Vanderpool, of Oklahoma, was here the first part of the week, visiting relatives and attending to business.

Be wise and advertise.

Pratt is New Coach Of Ballinger High; Begins Duties Jan. 1

Clyde Pratt is the new athletic coach for the Ballinger high school. The position was tendered Mr. Pratt Thursday afternoon and that night he came here and formally accepted and will begin his duties with the local faculty December 31. He will take the place which has been held by Horace Sessions since the resignation of A. F. Ligon several weeks ago. Mr. Sessions will return to his general law practice here.

Mr. Pratt is by no means a stranger to Ballinger sports fans, having coached the Winters Blizzards two years and gave the Ballinger Bearcats plenty of trouble. Before going to Winters he was coach at Corpus Christi for several years after finishing his course at the University of Texas. In addition to his coaching ability he is well known to West Texas fandom because of his baseball ability. He was a member of the Abilene baseball club during the existence of the West Texas League.

Mr. Pratt resigned as manager of the Banner Ice Company plant at Winters and he and Mrs. Pratt will move here next week and take up his new duties at the beginning of the term after the Christmas holidays.

The outlook for the Bearcats in 1935 is not the brightest by any means and the new coach begins his work here with little material in prospect. Four or five good players will form the nucleus, however, including W. L. McMillan, considered the best back in the 18th district the past season. Sidney Hale, another letter man, will be back at tackle, and Luth Reese will be eligible for the other tackle position. Practically all the remainder of the 1935 team must be built from recruits.

21 MURDERED BY ONE MAN

DELHI, India, Dec. 19.—Twenty-four murders have been traced to an Indian fanatic who has terrorized the country between Delhi and Meerut, and police are searching for him. He has operated along the railway line and the victims are youths of about 20 years of age. All have been slain in the same manner, the bodies being found naked, with throats cut and many small body wounds. In nearly every case the face was painted a bright vermilion.

PARASITES STOP HENS LAYING

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Poultrymen say hens will not lay well if they are infested with mites or lice or if the laying room is improperly ventilated.

School Holidays In Runnels County Will Start Friday

The Ballinger schools will be dismissed (tomorrow) Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and study will be resumed Monday, December 31. Pupils and teachers will have a full week away from school during the Christmas season and practically all the teachers who do not live here plan to leave tomorrow evening for their homes.

Nearly all the schools in the county will close Friday for the Christmas season and most of them will allow a full week. A few will begin the next term during the week, however, allowing only time out for the week-end and Christmas day.

Excellent progress has been made during the 1934 term of the school year at Ballinger, with no serious interruptions. Teachers have been on duty without loss of time, illness has not reduced attendance appreciably, and students have moved on in their courses in smooth order. All extra work in preparation for the interscholastic league meet next spring has been started.

One change will become effective in the local faculty at the beginning of school after Christmas. Clyde Pratt, new athletic coach, who will also teach history in the

Changes Office



Though Emory Camp, a member of the expiring 44th Legislature, was an active supporter of James V. Alfred Governor Ferguson has appointed him district attorney of Milam county in advance of his scheduled taking of office Jan. 1. He fills a vacancy created by the death of the incumbent, S. M. Burns, and replaced Burns on the ticket a short time before the general election. (Texas News Photos)

high school, will begin his duties here December 31.

E. M. Lynn and Tom Caudle were among Ballingerites who witnessed the Rock Springs-Roby football game at San Angelo Friday afternoon.

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May we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks for the splendid patronage you have given us during the past year and pledge anew our earnest efforts toward serving you better during the New Year.

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Many Rural Schools Have No Libraries As Required by Law

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Approximately 15,000 white children in Texas schools are still without library facilities, despite the state rural aid law which contains a library aid provision, according to William Ellers, who was for many years in charge of the rural division of the state department of education and was author of that provision of the law. Mr. Ellers contributed an article on this subject to the current issue of the Interscholastic Leaguer, published by the University of Texas bureau of public school interests. In it, he urges all rural schools which have not taken advantage of this library aid to do so at once, before the provision expires at the end of December.

"While there are a good many counties in East Texas in which from 80 to 100 per cent of the schools have received state aid almost from the time the first rural aid law was passed, there are a number of counties in South Texas that have never received this aid," Mr. Ellers said in his article.

Before any school can receive state aid, it is required to buy \$25 worth of library books per room, and after that \$10 worth per room per year. After buying the library books for a number of years, they were permitted to use library money to buy encyclopedias and dictionaries. On the other hand, schools that had not received state aid had neither library books nor reference books. I mean the small rural schools that had from one to four teachers. I always thought that a great injustice was done the children in these schools. I wanted to correct this by permitting them to get library aid.

"This past year, according to the record of the rural aid division, schools having not over four teachers that had never received state aid were granted \$13,570 library aid. Since this aid has to be matched by school authorities, it means that \$27,140 were spent for library books in these schools. Since library aid is granted at \$10 per teacher, it means that 1,357 teachers were granted library aid for their schools. If we figure thirty children to the teacher, it means that over 40,000 school children in the small rural school received library facilities for the first time.

"My estimate is that there are still about 15,000 white children in Texas without library facilities. Many of the teachers and trustees have never been informed by their county superintendents of this new provision in the state aid law and, for that reason, have not provided them for their schools. Only a short time ago, a bookman informed me that he recently canvassed in a certain county. He found a school without any library books and informed them they could get library aid if they bought books. The teachers and trustees disputed his word and phoned to the county superintendent who verified his statement.

"The library provision of the state aid law was made effective for two years, so this is the last year schools can qualify for this aid. I would like for every school that can qualify for this aid to do so, and, if they do, every white child in Texas will have access to a library. Schools may get library aid until Christmas."

E. E. King, Charles Coombes, Chester Cherry and Felton Wright went to Mason Sunday to attend the funeral of a sister of J. D. Motley.

New Westex Official



Here is Mr. Jed A. P. of Lubbock, who was recently appointed assistant general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to succeed Maury Hopkins who will go to Oklahoma. Rix will have charge of the Plainview office. (Texas News Photos.)

1935 COTTON ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—All cotton reduction contracts signed in 1934 have been declared effective in 1935 by the secretary of agriculture and require a reduction of 25 per cent of the base acreage with optional reduction and payments being made up to 30 per cent, according to information received from Washington by H. H. Williamson, vice-director and state agent for the extension service. Rental payments of 3½ cents per pound on the average yield and parity payments of not less than 1¼ cents per pound on the farm allotment will be made. New one-year contracts will be offered growers who did not sign contracts this year. These are expected to be ready as soon as that they can be signed and accepted by March 1.

In recommending this program, C. A. Cobb, chief of the cotton production section of the agricultural adjustment administration, emphasized that the rate of reduction would permit an expansion of about 25 per cent of the acreage planted by contracting producers over the acreage planted in 1934.

If the Bankhead act is continued in 1935, the yield is estimated at 12 million bales. If the Bankhead act is discontinued, the total production would be greater and probably would result in a crop of slightly more than 13 million bales. Among the factors which would tend to increase total production if the Bankhead act were not in effect would be the development of new cotton lands and the probability of a smaller per cent of non-signers entering into contracts for the 1935 season. It was pointed out by the cotton production section that probably production without the Bankhead act is a matter of opinion and not subject to precise economic analysis.

After a searching examination of all facts and factors relating to world cotton production, the bureau of agricultural economics, in the recent Outlook Reporter stated that further expansion of cotton acreage in the immediate future outside of the United States is not likely to be a very serious factor in the world cotton situation and that most of the increase that occurred this year represents a restoration of previous reductions rather than new acreage brought in.

FORMER CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY DIES AT BOISE

Jasper Smith, until two years ago a farmer of this county, died November 13 at his home in Boise, Idaho. He and his family resided here for many years before moving to Idaho.

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County's Official 'Family' to Change On First of Month

There will be a number of changes in the county's official "family" on January 1. Most of the newly elected officers have arranged bonds and are only marking time until they are sworn in.

E. C. Grindstaff, county school superintendent-elect, for the past several weeks has been working in the office with County Superintendent R. E. White. Mr. White has given full cooperation to his successor, passing on information gained in ten years' experience in the office.

The same is true with C. C. Sessions, county attorney-elect, who has been assisting County Attorney Roy L. Hill in the investigation of cases which probably will be tried after Mr. Sessions is inducted. Mr. Hill has shown a fine spirit in helping his successor. John Rayburn will take the oath January 1 and begin his duties in the office of district clerk. Drury P. Hathaway, who has completed his term by appointment, is now a member of the firm of McCarver & Lynn, in charge of the abstract department.

Dee Oliver will become a member of the commissioners' court on January 1, succeeding T. J. Parrish, who has served precinct No. 1 for six years. In addition to his work at court meetings Mr. Oliver will look after county road work in this precinct.

Troy M. Carter will become commissioner of precinct No. 3 January 1 and look after the road work in that section of the county as well as the other duties of the office.

Mike C. Boyd will retire from the assessor's office and for the first time in many years will not be a member of the "family" at the court house. He announced two years ago that he would not seek the office after the present term, and was not a candidate in the last election.

The duties of both the assessor's and collector's offices will be supervised by W. A. Forgy commencing January 1.

DROUTH CATTLE PURCHASE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Purchase of drouth cattle in 127 Texas counties from the \$2,730,200 fund set aside for that purpose by the agricultural adjustment administration is progressing rapidly under the direction of county drouth directors, according to George W. Barnes, in charge of Texas drouth cattle purchases.

The total allotment of federal money to be spent in drouth cat-

Youngest Judge



Joe Burkett Jr., barely 21, is believed to be the youngest judge in Texas. He defeated Kerrville veteran justice E. H. Turner, in a general election by a margin of 10 votes. Turner held office 34 years. Young Burkett only recently passed bar examination. (Texas News Photos.)

tle purchases in the western states was definitely fixed at \$115,822,000 and of this amount \$93,351,600 was spent through November 27. Texas farmers were paid \$19,148,190.

When the resumption of the program was announced, the counties in Texas to be allotted money were decided upon by representatives of the United States department of agriculture at Denver November 15, and at that time the extension service was charged with the responsibility of carrying out the plan agreed upon. At the suggestion of O. B. Martin, director of the Texas extension service, Mr. Barnes met with representative cattlemen from all over Texas, and the members of this committee, upon information they had with respect to conditions in the districts they represented, made the allocation

of the number of head to be purchased in each county.

A new plan of movement of cattle from the drouth states to areas where surpluses of feed are available has also been announced by the agricultural administration. The plan is designed to assist producers in the western cattle country to dispose of cattle which they cannot feed during the winter to farmers in other regions who have a surplus of feed and wish to purchase or feed cattle. The government will not buy or sell cattle under this plan but will act merely as a clearing house of information to bring cattlemen and holders of feed together.

TERRACING AND DEEP PLOWING INCREASES YIELD OF HEGARI

EASTLAND, Tex., Dec. 19.—Terracing and deep plowing gave Homer White, of Eastland county, a bumper crop of hegari this year where his neighbors who planted hegari or other grain sorghums on unterraced land and cultivated it in the usual manner made only dwarfed stalks of fodder, according to J. C. Patterson, farm demonstration agent. Mr. White reports that he grew approximately two tons of hegari heads per acre.

Terracing work on this farm was completed last winter and immediately rows were laid off with the contour. The land was plowed as deep as the teams could pull a bull tongue plow. Heavy spring rains soaked the ground thoroughly and a reserve supply of water was held in the deeply plowed ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eubank who have been living at Mason for the past two years have moved to Ballinger to make home. Mr. Eubank is an employee of the West Texas Utilities Company. Advertisd goods move.

Bank Check Tax Will Be Suspended On December 31

The two-cent government tax on checks will be removed at the close of business December 31. Ballinger banks received notice this week to make their final reports on that date and mark them final so that no further correspondence would be necessary on the subject.

This tax has been collected for the government by the banks at no expense to the government since it became effective. Every check as it was posted was raised two cents to include the amount to be sent the federal government.

The tax was put into effect June 21, 1932, and originally was scheduled to continue until July, 1935, but according to the recent treasury order it will cease with the last day of this year. Checks written on January 1 will not be charged this tax and will clear at their face value.

The tax on checks caused many to sign receipts at the bank and receive cash rather than issue so many checks during the month. Collecting the tax caused bank employees a large amount of extra work and their duties will be simplified in the future.

EVANS VICE-PRESIDENT OF BAYLOR FRESH

WACO, Dec. 19.—Harris Evans, of Ballinger, student in Baylor University, has been elected vice-president of the freshman class for the winter quarter.

Be wise and advertise.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
BIGBY
The Tailor

Christmas Greetings to Our Many Friends and Customers

You have given us during the past year a bountiful measure of that greatest of all gifts—

"GOOD WILL"

May joy and pleasure fill your cup to overflowing on Christmas Day, and here are our most cordial remembrances and good wishes for your happiness and prosperity during the coming year.

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The Trade-Mark of Good Banking Service

For over 48 years The First National has been building good will so that today it's name stands as a trade-mark of good banking service. In these more than 48 years the Ballinger Country has passed through both easy and critical times. Under all conditions, however, the efforts of this Bank's Officers have been to build an institution in which you could have complete confidence.

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Merry Christmas And a Happy Prosperous New Year



Security State Bank Of Ballinger

The Christmas Spirit

The spirit of Christmas calls us to a better appreciation of old associations and the value of old friendships. May you have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the happiest New Year you have ever known.

W. B. Currie Produce Co. South Seventh Street Telephone 66

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Let us be your dependence when you have need of something within our line of business. You will not be disappointed. You now have our sincere wishes for the happiest Christmas season of your life and best wishes for the New Year.

Lee Hardware Co.

Greetings for Christmas and the Years to Come

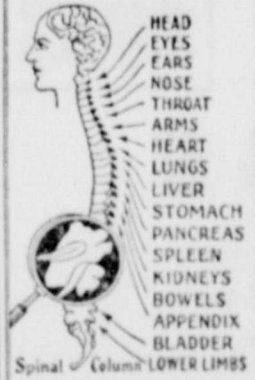
Our wish is that all the good things of this Christmas season may come to you and yours and that the New Year may bring you health, success and happiness.

We thank you for your business during 1934. We'll try harder than ever to please you during 1935 if you favor us with your patronage.

L. R. TIGNER

Jeweler and Optometrist

HEALTH FOLLOWS CHIROPRACTIC CORRECTS PRESSURE ON SPINAL NERVES IN DISEASES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANS



THE LOWER NERVE UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS IS PINCHED BY A MISALIGNED JOINT. PINCHED NERVES CANNOT TRANSMIT HEALTHFUL IMPULSES. CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTING REMOVES THE PRESSURE. THE UPPER NERVE IS FREE AS NATURE INTENDS.

DR. J. E. SMITH Chiropractor and Masseuse

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BETHEL BEAMS

Rev. Leggett, of Paint Rock, was here Sunday and Sunday night to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duke and Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan were guests of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn, of Ballinger, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bigby Sunday.

Grandmother Guest is not resting as well as was hoped for last week and her condition is gradually getting worse.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Leggett and family, Clyde Simmons and Miss Lillian Mae McShan were visitors in the home of Tom Crockett and family Sunday.

The intermediate grades are planning a Christmas program for the P. T. A. meeting Thursday night. The community is invited.

Mrs. W. F. McShan is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reny Silvey, of Brownwood.

The B. Y. P. U. and Epworth League are planning a joint Christmas program for Sunday night, to be presented at the Methodist church. The public is invited to attend.

Misses Thelma, Mable and Ione Bigby, who are teaching in Concho and Tom Green counties, spent the past week-end with home folks.

Marion Hays, of O'Donnell, had business here last week. While here he also visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Chrisman visited Sunday in the home of relatives at Maverick.

This community was given quite a surprise Saturday, when Miss Ada Simmons announced her marriage to Jean Chrisman, of Denison, on July 17. Mrs. Chrisman spent her childhood here and is now one of the faculty of the Bethel school and has many friends here.

Mr. Chrisman made Bethel his home two years ago and was engaged in the ranching business. The young couple plan to make this their home until the end of the school term.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and family and Lem Harvey are planning to leave Friday evening to spend the holidays with Mrs. Adams' parents in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Loika have their new home almost completed and will be moved in it for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Winnie Dierschke returned last week from a visit with relatives in East Texas.

Miss LaNeil Richardson, who is a graduate nurse at San Antonio, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives here and at Spring Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nunley had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Sr. and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMurry and son, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., and daughter, and Mrs. J. O. Nunley and sons, of Concho; John Hamilton, of Ballinger; and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson and son, of Bronco.

Miss Mary Nunley spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., of Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson and son, of Bronco, are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Louise Johnson returned home from Bronco Tuesday where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Elsie Oikerson and Mrs. Ada Chrisman spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Sr. and sons.

Misses Lillian Mae McShan and Maurine Batts spent Tuesday night with Miss Elsie Oikerson.

There was an invitation tournament at Paint Rock Saturday and

Bethel was among the schools that were represented. The volley ball team, basketball team and boys' and girls' indoor teams and boys' and girls' tennis teams were the teams taken.

Henry Travis spent Wednesday night with Foster Greenhill.

Miss Lucille Riley, of Paint Rock, spent Saturday night with Miss Agnes Waldrop.

The Talpa Orchestra came to Bethel Friday night to be with the Bethel Orchestra in a concert. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church entertained with a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lumpkin Friday night. Candy and popcorn were served. Everyone reported a very enjoyable time.

Freshman Club News
The Freshman Club held its regular meeting Friday, December 14. The following program was rendered: "Why We Need More Exercise in the Winter," Mr. Leach; "Exercises Suitable for Winter," Faye Batts; riddles, Anne Knoff; reading, Louise McShan; and songs by the class.

Mr. Leach gave us some new verses to a song to be sung to the tune of "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." By the time for the next meeting he said he would try to have some more songs to practice.

A Christmas program has been planned for Friday, December 21. The club adjourned to meet on its next regular meeting day.

NORTH NORTON NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Robinson and son, Mitchell, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Underwood transacted business at Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wilson visited in Winters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blackwood, of Franklin, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Underwood Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eubank attended the Friday night singing at Wilmett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Underwood motored to Santa Anna Friday to consult a physician in regard to Mrs. Underwood's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Murphy and family visited in San Angelo Tuesday.

Miss Maxine Crockett motored to San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Robinson were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. Robinson's parents near Ballinger.

Miss Daisy Ruth Sebastian was a shopper in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nix and family were shoppers in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan and children were shoppers in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Katrine Townson, of near Santa Anna, came in Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dave Underwood, and her mother, Mrs. Joe L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eubank and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lawler and daughters, and Mrs. Hendrix were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutton, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan visited in Winters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bryan and children, of Wilmett, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan and children were guests in the Patis Bryan home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bryan were guests in the Harvey Bryan home Sunday.

A. K. Murphy transacted business at Winters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Downing were

dinner guests in the Lawrence Bryan home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawler and daughters and F. Y. Little were guests in the Dave Underwood home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutton, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bryan attended church at Norton Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Murphy gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their oldest son, A. K. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Overman, of Wilmett; Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Little and daughter, Myrtice; Mrs. Sam Little, and Miss Vera Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry were in Winters Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Nix and children motored to Winters Saturday morning to attend the Santa Claus show.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira McNeil visited in Winters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Underwood and Dave Underwood transacted business in Ballinger Tuesday.

BENOIT BEATS
Wanda Clayton was operated on for appendicitis last Tuesday night and has been doing nicely. She is to be removed home the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Elam, of Miles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brookshier and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cless Howell, of Ballinger, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoffman Sunday.

Mrs. O. C. Cox was a visitor in the W. T. Hill home Tuesday.

Fonso and Gordon Gressett went to Winters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibson and Sonny visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashton, of Barnett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox and Addie Ruth, Mrs. Cora Clayton, Miss Opal Cox, and B. J. Condra were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Werner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack, and Mr. and Mrs. Werner are all enjoying new radios.

Mrs. O. C. Cox visited Mrs. J. L. Green Wednesday.

Mrs. Arch Brookshier and Miss Lurline Brookshier were callers in the C. M. Gibson home Wednesday.

P. T. A. News
Regular meeting of the Benoit Parent-Teacher Association was held Friday night. Mrs. Georgie Stephens, county health nurse, made an interesting talk on "What Our P. T. A. Means to Us."

Mr. Funderburk, our teacher, and his brother presented a play.

The next meeting will be held January 1, 1935. We urge every parent to be present and help us promote the welfare of our children.

Be wise and advertise.

On Christmas
We wish to take this means and this space, though small, to thank you in a BIG way for all of the patronage in the past and sincerely trust that we will be favored with your 1935 business.

Merry Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

L. E. Bair Furniture Co.

Skins of Condemned Animals Useful



Tom Green county relief officials presented these San Angelo manufactured sheep and goat skin products to state authorities at Austin last week. The skins all came from condemned animals purchased by the government. At left is Max Feage, San Angelo tanner who supervised the work. At right is Andy Andrus, relief supervisor. Jacket, quilts and rugs from sheep parts and goat skins comprised the exhibit. The next approved trade at market for San Angelo is expected to be a relief tannery and manufacturing plant. (Texas News Photos.)

EAGLE BRANCH EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davidson and Mrs. Nick Henson visited Marshall Davidson and family, of Hatchel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cooper were guests of O. V. Cooper and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wood and two little daughters spent Sunday with Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wood, of Blanton.

Charlie Berry and family visited Albert Kurtz and family Sunday.

Raymond Kurtz and family visited Raymond Freeman and family Sunday.

Miss Magness Price visited Mrs. Homer Moore Sunday.

Little Miss Imogene Henson visited her cousin, Novel Davidson, Sunday.

Little Miss Loretta Freeman visited Euna Joan Moore Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene White and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith, of Victory, Sunday.

J. F. White, of Harmony, visited his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Talley, Friday.

Miss Bertha Jacob and her brother, Walter, moved to the Baldwin community recently.

Little Miss Bobbie June White celebrated her fourth birthday Monday evening. She received gifts from the following guests in Monday from Fort Worth, where they were present: Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wilson and son, Joe B., of Victory; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Talley, Mrs. Edith Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Freeman, and Geneva for a visit with relatives.

Boothe. When asked the following day what Santa Claus was going to bring her, she answered: "Nothing, I expect, I got so many presents last night."

On Friday evening, December 21, the students of Eagle Branch will present for your approval a musical play entitled, "The Girl Who Had No Birthday," by Karin Sundelof Asbrand. There will be no admission charges and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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WRONG WOMAN GOES TO ALTAR

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, Dec. 19.—Had it not been for the organist of the Dutch Reformed Church in Villiersdorp, Cape Province, a nervous bridegroom would have been married to the wrong woman. After playing the wedding march the musician noticed that the groom had led someone other than the bride to the altar. "That's not the real bride," he shouted to the minister, who reprimanded him for calling out in church. Then the real bride arrived and the ceremony was started over again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon came gifts from the following guests in Monday from Fort Worth, where they attended the annual convention of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company. From Fort Worth, Mrs. Edith Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Worth they went to Mt. Pleasant for a visit with relatives.

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be as merry as ever and may the day hold in store for you an abundance of happiness, good cheer and peace. While the holly wreaths and the mistletoe are shining in windows of every home and store in the city and the Christmas bells are ringing, we would like to ring a bell of praise to you who have cooperated with us and made the year as successful as you have for us.

To the people of this city we owe a debt of gratitude for the business you have brought us. And may we merit your praise and your patronage during the year 1935.

U. E. Hartman

A Grateful CHRISTMAS

Our real desire is to see each of you in person and to tell you how grateful we are for your patronage, but we cannot do this so we take this means of sending you greetings at Christmas and to thank each of you from the depths of our hearts.

We hope to see you often during the coming year and trust that each of the next three-hundred and sixty-five days will be happy, prosperous ones for you.

Mrs. Ruth Bailey Beauty Shop

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GREETINGS

Again at this glad Christmas season we want to convey to you our appreciation of the business relations enjoyed during the past year, and earnestly and sincerely trust that the New Year will give us many opportunities to be of greater service to you.

THE HUB

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

TEA WAS WIDELY TOUTED AS REDUCER IN OLD DAYS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Tea, in the seventeenth century, was recommended as a means of reducing weight. In an exhibition now in the Victoria and Albert Museum of English silversmiths' work is quoted an old advertisement which says that China tea, or tay (alias tee), is "of great avail to men of corpulent bodies and to such as eat meat." Apparently the ladies were not so keen on slimming in those days.

Tea-drinking, anyhow, must have been rather a trial when it first was introduced into this country, for the small bowls out of which the liquid was drunk had

no handles, and people were compelled to hold them by the lip or poised in their fingers.

GIRL 11, MARRIED, SORRY

RANGOON, India, Dec. 19.—Declaring that she had been married when 11 years old to a man much older than herself, a girl pleaded in High Court in Rangoon that she be released from the marriage. She tearfully told that her husband was hateful to her, but the English judge said he was powerless to act because of the antiquated sectarian laws of the country.

A good health policy for your child is a sheet of Christmas seals.

Seasons' Joy

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and good will that have made service a pleasure to us we wish you a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of happiness and Prosperity.

BOLER'S BAKERY

We Hope

Your Christmas will each one be better, more joyful than the last!

Your New Year's increasingly more prosperous, happier and full of all things good!

West Texas Cottonoil Co.

GREETINGS

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five years ago on a hill side in Judea the Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night hearkened to the voice of the angel which said unto them.

"Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

That night under the bright star of Bethlehem hope eternal was born in the hearts of men.

It is our hope that you and yours will have the sweetness of life throughout the season and coming year.

Schuhmann Hardware Co.

Rural

HERRING HOURGLASS

Brother Funderburk held his regular church services Sunday morning and night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford had their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Geer, of Oak Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews and Mrs. Jim Matthews and children of California, arrived here the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Clyde Brevard and son, Noel, are in Sweetwater for their health and are taking medical treatment. We wish for them a rapid recovery as Clyde is missed a great deal in church activities, as well as in other affairs.

Herring was well represented at the Talpa carnival Thursday night. The entire affair was very successful in every way.

Friday afternoon the friends of Mrs. J. P. Brevard presented her with a beautiful friendship quilt in honor of her birthday. Those present for the affair, which was held in the home of Mrs. L. A. Faubion, were: Mmes. L. A. Faubion, M. F. Kerby, Marion Kerby, John Rosford, M. S. Hale, Welby Fuller, G. C. Avent, Joe Bragg, E. R. Avent, John Fuller and Brevard. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate were served.

Mrs. W. A. Hale was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hale Sunday. A few cases of flu are reported in this community.

The majority of the people living in this community voted at Crews Friday on the Bankhead question, which carried by a large margin.

The young people were entertained with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller Friday night. A number from Glen Cove attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petree and daughter, who left Thanksgiving for Louisiana, write that they arrived without any bad luck and are enjoying themselves immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Allcorn had their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Flay Brevard, of Glen Cove, and Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale.

Mrs. Clyde Brevard and Miss Kerby visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kerby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Dell, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fuller, of this community; and Mr. and Mrs. Lucian King, of Talpa, were visitors in the J. J. Fuller home Sunday.

Boyd Grissom visited Sammie Doyle Faubion Sunday.

Among those who were Ballinger visitors Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford, Mr. and Mrs. Will White and family, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford entertained friends from Novice Sunday.

Misses Eula Bragg and Naomi and Maggie Ruth Brevard attended the basketball tournament at Brown Ranch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Voss, visiting Mrs. Wesley Gideon and other relatives.

The community regrets to hear of the death of Mrs. Hilliard, who resided at Winters. She had many friends here as she lived here at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent took their daughter, Mona, to Santa Anna Monday to visit a doctor there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jackson visited Mrs. George Matthews, of near Coleman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuller had as their guests Sunday all of his children. This is the first time they have all been together. Those present for the reunion were: Mrs. Jim Matthews and son, of Van Nuys, California; Mr. and Mrs. Berry Matthews and family, of Talpa; Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Dell and family, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fuller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian King, of Talpa; and Mrs. Vera Simpson and family, of Oxien.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard, Mmes. Marvin Hale, Marion Kerby and Welby Fuller motored to Coleman Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Bragg and daughters attended to business at Coleman Tuesday.

Mrs. Muller Hill has been on the sick list this week.

Maggie Ruth and Naomi Brevard had as their guests Wednesday night Misses Bessie May and Ruth Monroe, of Talpa.

The Talpa boys' and girls' basketball teams went to Novice Wednesday night and played games in the gym there, but lost both games.

Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller had as their guests Sunday night Mrs. Jim Matthews and son, Harold, of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr.

Miss Eula Bragg spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mullanax, of Valera.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pittard, of Hill, Saturday and Sunday.

Myrtle Ruth Hale and Maggie Ruth Brevard spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mullanax, of Valera, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Madison and children, of Winters.

Mrs. Ray Sparks, of Leaday, visited her daughter, Mrs. Jack Fuller, over the week-end.

CONTENT CONTRIBUTIONS

We are having all kinds of weather these days. Several have taken advantage of the cold days to butcher their hogs. Other days it looked as though we would

surely have rain, but it didn't happen that way. Today, (Tuesday) we have almost a typical sandstorm.

W. C. Hutchins has been busy the past several days in looking after the sale of the cattle to the government men. Several head of cows and calves were taken away Saturday.

The Methodist pastor, Rev. Gilleland, was visiting in the community last week. He spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mathis.

Bro. McClelland, who has been called as pastor by the Baptist church, preached Sunday and Sunday night.

Several Content folks attended the tri-county singing at Mud Creek on the second Sunday. The next meeting will be at Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cadenhead, of Brownwood, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Carter Sunday.

W. R. Bates was guest of honor on Sunday the 9th when a large number of friends and relatives gathered at his home to enjoy a birthday dinner with him.

Grandpa Goode, of Hico, visited relatives here this past week.

The boys' basketball team is hoping for a successful year.

In the game played here last week the Crews team of girls beat the Content girls 13-12.

Both girls' and boys' teams of Crews played here Tuesday of last week.

Joyce Rose is able to be in school after an absence of several days.

The Content Tigers will play at Oplin Tuesday evening the 18th.

The play which was sponsored by the senior class was enjoyed by everyone present.

On December 24 there will be a community Christmas tree and program in the school auditorium.

HARMONY HERALDS

Rev. Cole filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

The B. T. U. of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, gave an evangelistic program Sunday night.

The theme of the program was "What Think Ye of Christ?" Those having parts on the program were Rev. Frank Burgess, Rev. Paul Wright, Rosemary Malone, Edna Ardis, Clara Welch and Miss A. M. Carpenter, a faculty member.

W. C. Spence, of Cochran, spent the week-end in the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. B. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mosley and daughter, Zelma Mae, were business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. W. T. Knowles and Mrs. Joe Stubblefield were business visitors in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. W. T. Billups visited her mother, Mrs. Cora Maddox, of Goldsboro, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Seals, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seals, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Branham, Mr. and Mrs. Givnn Seals, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Mathis, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Seals attended the funeral services of Mrs. Kate Hilliard at Winters Saturday. Mrs. Hilliard had many friends in this community who were saddened to learn of her death.

Mrs. R. A. Bishop, Shirley Cole, Mrs. J. F. White and Mrs. J. M. Giles have been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Lee Yeager left Thursday for Waco to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, of Victory, have moved to the R. A. Bishop farm.

W. B. Worthington and family, of Victory, Veta Mae Smith, of Cochran; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Billups and daughters, and Miss Nellie Dee Cook and Miss Zelma Mae Mosley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey Sunday.

Nat Alexander and family, of Winters, have moved to the B. Bishop farm.

BLANTON BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huddleston were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tunget Sunday.

Misses Marie Ashton and Amelia Walchert visited Miss Lenora Flanagan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Lester Dietz, of Crews.

Mrs. Ella Foreman and family were week-end visitors in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bryan and Miss Aleda Macune attended a teachers' conference at San Angelo Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lindemann, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macune, and Mrs. J. P. Boothe visited in the C. F. Tounget home Saturday night.

W. F. James, who has been sick for several days, is recovering.

Miss Robbie Foreman spent Sunday night with Miss Laverne Boothe.

The school will render a Christmas program Friday night and will also have a Christmas tree. The public is invited.

BARNETT BELL RINGERS

Rev. M. C. Golden, of Ballinger, brought a very interesting message Sunday morning.

Mrs. Halley Gibson gave a quilting last Wednesday. After quilting for a while, she served hot cocoa and cake. Those present were: Mmes. Clyde Gabbert, Jimmy Wilshire, of Ballinger, Ben Curry, of Norton; D. Jones, Roy Tyree and E. A. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bennett spent this week-end with his brother, Joe Bennett, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Powers, Misses LaVerne Dorsey and Hollis Camp were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman Sunday.

Rev. M. C. Golden was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Patterson were in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman Sunday afternoon.

Misses Clemmie Lee, Theresa and Fiona Laxton spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Minnie Lea Camp.

Barnett did not have school Monday because of the death of Mr. Chastain's brother.

Fay Morgan, of Norton, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Ruth Morgan.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. A. W. Tyree has been on the sick list during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree and son spent Sunday with Mrs. Oscar Skaggs, of Paint Rock.

Miss Goldie Jean Frost spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Skaggs, and family, of Paint Rock.

Each year in the United States alone approximately 10,000 children die of tuberculosis despite the fact that it is curable and preventable.

Misses Annie Davis and Lucille Stokes came in Thursday from Ft. Worth to spend Christmas with their parents.

ZOAR CHURCH TO PRESENT SPECIAL XMAS PROGRAMS

Following is the order of services for Zoar Church, Rowena, for the Christmas period: Sunday, December 23—

9 a. m., German worship
10 a. m., Sunday school
10:45 a. m., English worship
7 p. m., Y. P. L. A special program is being arranged and a play will be presented during the program.

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24—

At 7 o'clock the Sunday school will present its annual Christmas program. Immediately following the Christmas story in music and song, the crowning Christmas service of the age—"White Gifts for the King"—entitled "The Fulfillment" by Earl Daniels, will be given by the school in the church basement. Each class of the school, from the cradle roll to the home department and other organizations of the church will have some worthy part. The choir will sing Christmas hymns. The white decorations, the program, the professional of gift bearers, and other features will lend charm to this great event. The service will offer opportunity for all to participate in the presentation of gifts of substance, service, and self. Friends of the church are cordially invited to mark this date and attend.

Members of the church course, be out in large numbers. The pastor of Zoar Church is the Rev. Wm. E. Scholze.

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25—

9:30 a. m., German worship and celebration of holy communion.
10:30 a. m., English worship and celebration of holy communion.

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BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club women had their regular meeting Thursday, December 13, in the home of Mrs. Blair Hays, with 15 members and one visitor present. Several Christmas gifts were exchanged. A cake decorating demonstration was given and two cakes decorated.

The winter groups are making plans to have their social some time in January.

Fruit cake was served to the members and the visitor and the meeting adjourned to meet January 3 with Mrs. Lewis Loika.

Mrs. J. H. McClain returned Thursday from Waco where she had been for a visit with her sister, Misses Louise and Nell Shepherd, students in Baylor University, of the school are cordially invited to mark this date and attend.

Yuletide Greetings

We wish we could ever find words that would impart fully our appreciation for all you've done for us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your trust and confidence that has made whatever success we have attained a possibility.

Our earnest endeavor for the New Year will be, in an even greater degree, to merit your reliance in us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Here's to Your Happiness

We Greet You

With Sincere Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year

To you, without whose friendship and cooperation our business relations would have been less pleasant and prosperous, we sincerely extend the most cordial greetings of the season.

May the beauty and joy of life be yours, may your troubles and hardships be forgotten, may the happy spirit of Christmas be with you in ever increasing abundance throughout a joyous New Year.

These are the sincere wishes of this firm for all our patrons and friends.

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Let's look forward to the New Year with courage for it should be twelve months of progress.

With each passing year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us and we believe there is no more appropriate time than this in which to put this feeling in words.

You have helped to make management problems easier to solve; your friendly confidence and understanding have been strong assets—for which we wish to say "Thank You!"

According to our usual custom for more than twenty-eight years, we will have for distribution beginning Monday, December 31, 1934, our Calendars for the new year—

"A HAVEN OF HAPPINESS"

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

As long as the supply of 1,250 lasts, they are yours for the asking, whether or not you do your banking with us.

Everyone in our bank is wishing you a well-deserved Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your friends,

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The Season's Greetings

Sent in sincere and friendly appreciation of the only asset money can not buy.

YOUR GOOD WILL!

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The Best of Wishes for the Coming Year

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?

Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their addresses promptly.

The inspection of automobiles here last week was a notable piece of work and Ballinger service clubs, state patrolmen and local police and garage owners are to be congratulated.

Christmas is a happy time for everybody and many feel they must celebrate in some way to make the occasion a complete success.

Will Santa Claus remember unfortunate children in Ballinger this year? This question is worrying the Goodfellows as they are far short of their goal with Christmas only a few days away.

ELEVEN BUSINESS FAILURES REPORTED IN NOVEMBER

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Insofar as commercial failures reflect conditions in Texas business, the situation during November was quite favorable, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research.

IF YOUR BREATH HAS A SMELL YOU CAN'T FEEL WELL

When we eat too much, our food decays in our bowels. Our friends smell the decay coming out of our mouth and call it "bad breath."

TEXAS WOMAN FIRED A CANNON IN THE ARCHIVE WAR... A MRS. BERRY FIRED ON CAPT THOMAS L. SMITH, DELEGATED BY PRES HOUSTON TO TRANSFER FROM AUSTIN TO HOUSTON IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT IN 1842 TO MOVE THE CAPITAL OF TEXAS BACK TO HOUSTON.

WEST TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Mason county cotton ginnings for the year, to December 1, totaled 1,326 bales, according to the government report.

The Eden relief association has made arrangements to furnish hot lunches for school children who are unable to bring lunches from home.

Santa Anna officials are making final preliminary arrangements toward completing the town's water project by finishing the plans and submitting them to PWA officials at Fort Worth.

W. R. Chambers made the principal address at the reception held at Coleman last Friday for Congressman-elect C. L. South.

Officials and employees of the First Coleman National Bank had a bad case of the "jitters" last week when Sheriff Frank Mills received a tip that two men were planning to rob a bank in that vicinity.

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comfortably seated and was apparently relishing the contents of a bottle of vinegar. Nothing else was molested, according to the arresting officers.

Mayor B. A. Hallum, of Brady, received a letter last week from a farmer in Germany who wanted a shipment of turkey eggs.

ON TEXAS FARMS

Mrs. H. A. Jordan, food supply demonstrator in Mason county, has dried 30 pounds of fruit, mostly peaches, and canned 110 containers of fruit and 30 containers of tomatoes.

B. F. Ray, of Killen, made the following observation with reference to the sheep buying program: "I believe that the sheep program will show a more pronounced and lasting benefit than any of the other drouth relief measure for the present, but more lasting benefits will result from the culling."

Bread crumbs from stale graham bread as well as from white bread are on the emergency shelf

of Mrs. Oscar Linman, food supply demonstrator of the Lakeview home demonstration club in Tom Green county, who uses them for making whole wheat pancakes.

According to W. M. Forrest, of Madison county, the 1933 cotton plow-up increased his yield this year 42 bales.

Jeter Newman and Beecher Newman of Harrison county have started a pasture demonstration.

L. W. Watson, of Cordele, in Jackson county states: "In 1932 I made 120 bales of cotton at a net profit of \$120 or only \$1 per bale."

a net return this year of over \$40 per bale on my cotton." According to the farm demonstration agent, Mr. Watson keeps an accurate record of his cost of production and knows wherein his profit lies.

Five hooked mats have been made from discarded silk hose and underwear by Miss Nora Walters, of Haskell county.

CAR REGISTRATIONS OVER STATE DECLINE LAST MONTH

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Passenger car registrations in Texas during November declined sharply from October and were even slightly below those of November, 1933, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research.

2,986 in November last year, down to 13.2 and 1.7 per cent respectively. Total registrations for the first eleven months of the year, however, numbering 44,926, were still 28 per cent above those during the corresponding period last year.

"It is interesting to note that, while the decline in registrations in the lowest price bracket was very sharp compared with October, the decline in the second price bracket was only half as great, and in the two highest price groups sales were equal to those in October."

Marie Antoinette when she passed through Freiburg to marry the Dauphin was presented with a thousand garnets.

FURNITURE WORK I have just completed installing machinery and repair equipment to do all kinds of REPAIRING UPHOLSTERING PICTURE FRAMING REFINISHING

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Spelling Director Says New Bulletins Ready for Issuance

Advice from interscholastic league headquarters at Austin states that 200,000 copies of the current spelling list have been printed and are now ready for distribution, according to W. C. Bryan, recently elected director of spelling for the league in this county. The price of the spelling bulletin of sixteen pages is the same as it was last year, i. e., one cent a copy when ordered in lots of one hundred or more copies. It is pointed out that it would be well for schools needing less than 100 copies to club their orders to get the benefit of the cent-a-copy rate.

Teachers of spelling are cautioned that the league spelling contest involves also a plain writing feature, Mr. Bryan said. "Certain errors in writing are listed in the spelling rules of the current constitution and rules. It would be well to drill pupils to avoid the errors there listed."

The words included in the list have been carefully selected and graded and form an excellent supplement to the state adopted text. None of the words in the state text appear in the spelling list of the league.

"It is hoped that there will be wide participation in this contest in Runnels county. All one hundred per cent papers produced at the county meet are sent to the state office of the league where the papers are re-graded, and, if adjudged perfect, a suitable award is given."

Why the Raw Day Is Bad Explained

LONDON, December 19.—An explanation of the familiar mystery of why cold, damp days of the kind called "raw weather" are so much more uncomfortable and dangerous to health than mere cold days when the air is dry is suggested by the distinguished British physiologist, Sir Leonard Hill, in replying to a recent inquiry to the editors of the London scientific periodical, Nature.

The first part of the explanation is that damp, cold air has a much greater conductivity for heat than has cold, dry air. This means that skin exposed to such damp, cold air is cooled rapidly causing the familiar "raw" feeling of such weather. This alone, however, would not explain the effects of such weather on health.

For these, Sir Leonard deduces the existence of a nervous reflex started by the raw, cold sensation on the nerves of temperature sense in the skin. This reflex then is believed to act throughout the entire nervous system, hardening and tightening the bodily tissues and restricting the circulation of blood in the tinier blood vessels or capillaries.

Sir Leonard believes that such changes probably explain the painful effects of raw weather on sufferers from rheumatism and similar diseases. The decrease of blood circulation probably acts, also, to lower the resistance to germ infections, so that a cold may start.

Last year Sir Leonard reported his discovery of other nervous reflexes acting to increase or decrease congestion of the membranes in the nose when heat rays of specified kinds strike the skin. The imagined effects of cooling the skin in raw weather he now lists as probably on other nervous reflex of this same group.

JACKSON GETS LETTER IN FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Douglas Jackson, 405 Seventh Street, Ballinger, is among the freshmen of St. Edward's University who have been awarded numerals for participation in freshman football. In their two scheduled games, the freshmen were victorious over Allen Academy, Bryan, and Corpus Christi college-academy.

Be wise and advertise.

When Housewives Made Own Stocks of Candles

The candle molding process was invented by one Le Regne of Paris, and for it molds of tin and pewter were employed. There were molds running from singles to two dozen, the tin molds coming in one, two, four, six, eight, twelve and twenty-four accommodations, with the four, sixes and twelves the most common.

It is quite likely that when the house mistress of Colonial days had decided on her candle-making day she collected the molds of her neighbors along with her own to assure turning out a batch that would last her some length of time. At first she did all her own work, taking care to keep the candle wicking straight and tight as it hung in the mold.

Later, perhaps because other tasks took her time or because Mrs. Goodnight Thomas across the way had her candles made by an itinerant candle-maker, and because, too, she was hungry for the bits of gossip and news the itinerants carried as part of their stock in trade with their candle molds, she hired the interesting Hutton Live-right from Boston when he came around to Ballinger to make her wicker supply of candles.

Noisemakers That Are Fragile Most Popular

Noisemakers for the children (and some grownups) are a desideratum on such occasions as Halloween, election day and New Year's eve. But in the selection of such contrivances experience has taught that one must be careful in at least one respect.

Let the conversation of a customer and the purveyor of noise illustrate: "I want something that will make the most noise at the least cost," states the party of the first part.

"We have horns, whistles, rattles and, even better, this very remarkable cowbell that is guaranteed to last for several years," states the party of the second part.

"Give me the most fragile horn you have and throw away those bell things. They last a great deal longer than is necessary. I want something that will serve its purpose tonight and rest on the rubbish heap tomorrow so we can have peace in the household."—New York Sun.

Killed His Luck

One time I saw a temperamental movie director order his crew of workmen to kill a stray dog who had been hanging around making friends. Never shall I forget the look of bewilderment that came into the dog's eyes as his luncheon pals suddenly turned on him with sticks and bludgeons. Incidentally, the director who ordered that dog killed never made another successful picture and steadily and sickeningly dropped to oblivion. I knew another man who had a fighting bulldog that he forced to fight for gamblers after one of her forelegs had been chewed off. That brute lost his own leg and finally wound up in state's prison. Sounds like a little Hollo story, but it's true.—Harry Carr in the Los Angeles Times.

Instinctive Energy

"Libido" is defined by Freud as the energy of those instincts which have to do with all that may be comprised under the word "love." Jung enlarged the concept so that for him it describes the energy resident in all instincts. It is claimed that the energy of intellectual processes is measured by intelligence tests in terms of clearness and speed; but the measurement of the conative energy of a wish is more difficult, because the wish, which may be considered to be the inner feeling of need, together with motor sets appropriate to its appeasement, may fail to find expression in measurable overt conduct on account of opposing repressive (unconscious) and suppressive (conscious) forces.—Washington Star.

Indian Mountain Worshipers

According to Dr. Walter Hough, head curator of anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution, a cult of mountain-peak worship flourished among the ancient Pueblo Indians in northeastern Arizona. Doctor Hough has made extensive archeological studies in those regions and found many evidences of this strange creed in their decorative designs on their pottery. What is more, the Indians lived in a region overshadowed by four great mountain peaks, one approximately at each of the four points of the compass.

Mrs. Brown: "She told me that you told her the secret I told you not to tell her."

Mrs. Green: "The mean thing! I told her not to tell you I told her."

Mrs. Brown: "Well, don't tell her that I told you she told me."

Be wise and advertise.

Work Together on Complete Ranger History



Here are four outstanding Texans who will contribute to a forthcoming book which will contain an authentic and complete history of the Texas Rangers. Owen P. White, fiery Texas writer now living in New York, will write much of the story from voluminous data gathered during recent years by Major Paul Wakefield of Austin. J. Frank Dobie, widely-read Southwest writer, will fill in the lore, and Major John W. Thomason, Jr., will provide the illustrations. (Texas News Photos.)

CONCRETE TILE BRINGS WOMAN GOOD RESULTS

HASKELL, Tex., Dec. 19.—An investment of \$120 for 90 feet of concrete tile netted \$14.50 in fresh vegetables and canned products for Mrs. Paul Frierson of the Midway home demonstration club in Haskell county, according to Miss Peggy Taylor, home demonstration agent. In addition to using 100 pounds of fresh tomatoes, Mrs. Frierson preserved 12 quarts of soup mixture, 12 quarts of tomato juice, 4 quarts of catsup, and 12 quarts of canned tomatoes.

Spinach was grown over the tile in the early spring before the minor felonies were heard and a tomatoe plants were set out. Mrs. Frierson plans to put down 90 feet

more of the tile and plant lettuce, mustard, and radishes before time to set out tomato plants.

FALL TERM OF DISTRICT CLOSING HERE SATURDAY

The fall term of the 119th district court closed here Saturday afternoon. The minutes of the term were prepared and recorded and all unfinished business will be taken up at the next term.

A grand jury and four petit jury venires reported for duty during the term, but the work was not heavy and all important cases were passed to next term. Several

minor felonies were heard and a large number of civil cases disposed of by Judge O. L. Parish.

State Patrolmen Inspect 1,399 Cars Here in Two Days

The inspection of automobiles and trucks in Ballinger's first safety school was declared a huge success by local officers and garage men this week. During the inspections here for two days last week, made by state highway patrolmen with the assistance of local police and garage men, 1,399 cars passed through the lane. Thirty-eight per cent were defective in some way and were labeled with "unsafe" tickets.

State patrolmen probably will return here at intervals for one-day inspections of motor vehicles and to check up on the red stickers which have not been replaced by white stickers showing that the defects have been corrected and the car made safe.

Local garage men declared the inspections were a success and that many automobiles were brought in for repairs before going through the lane and that many others had since been driven in to have brakes and steering wheels adjusted and lights fixed.

The movement was received with full approval by many local motorists who are now interested in the "Safe a Life Safety Association" and desire that one be organized in Ballinger. Such an organization would require a school of inspection one day each month, to be conducted by local garage men with local police directing traffic.

Calling Cards printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Local Boy Scout Officials Called To Area Meeting

The ninth annual meeting of the Concho valley council of the Boy Scouts of America will be held at San Angelo the latter part of January, the date having been tentatively set for Thursday, January 24. Several Ballinger Scout leaders intend to attend the meeting.

T. R. Logan, San Angelo, chairman of the annual meeting committee, has appointed the following representatives of the districts of the Concho valley council to serve as members of his committee: A. M. Blackman, McCamey; H. W. Lynn, Ballinger; R. D. Trainer, Sonora; B. B. Burk, Menard; and Grady Skelton, Brady. "Short one bureau, over, one jack-

noon will begin at 4 o'clock. The banquet will be at 6:15 p. m. Arrangements have been made to entertain the out-of-town women in the afternoon and they are to attend the annual banquet.

Mr. Logan has promised leaders of the council one of the most inspirational meetings in the history of the group. The convention part of the meeting, from 4 to 6 o'clock, will be in the form of a training conference so that officials from the various towns of the council may get new ideas and objectives for 1935 that they can carry back to their communities and put into practice with their various troops.

The freight agent on one of the western roads received a shipment on which was a donkey, described on the freight bill as "one burro." After checking his goods carefully the agent made his report: "Short one bureau, over, one jack-ass."

Happy Days are Here Again

And in appreciation of the friendly good-will that makes it possible for us to know and serve you, we send Christmas and New Year Greetings and best wishes.

Palace Sandwich Shop

Eighth Street

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Winters Are **EASIER** Than They Used To Be? CERTAINLY . . . Underground pipelines made the change

Santa Claus has slick chimney-work in 290 towns in Texas and Oklahoma on the Lone Star network of natural gas, because we've been working 25 years to make your smokeless sky-lines. Since Christmas morning starts very early in most houses, our men are busy at the gas wells, the compressors, and along the field lines, building up a peak load long before day.



We know why the winters are easier now than they used to be—it's because of your natural gas. Why should a winter get out of control when a man can turn on a rich and inexpensive heat all over the place? Why should a north wind upset a household when water heaters are turning out two hot baths on a penny's worth of gas? What's a little sleet, so long as you don't have to bring in wood and kindling, and build fires? Thousands of miles of underground gas lines have changed the winters in this part of the country.

New Gas Inventions

Would you like to help yourself to still more comfort at your house for the New Year? Shop at your appliance dealer's for the new gas inventions, from heaters to refrigerators. We show some of this equipment in the panel below. It does its work, whatever it is, for much less cost than any other method, because of your natural gas.

New Heaters Work Like Furnaces

Have you seen the new enclosed heaters that work like furnaces? Here's one in this picture, the handsome lacquered cabinet. The flame never touches the air you breathe, because the firebox vents out the flue. The Floor Furnace is another popular invention, a highly efficient heater that fits under the floor.



So Modern It Needs No Complicated Machinery

And the Gas Refrigerator runs for much less cost than any other method. Not a speck of noise or vibration. Beautifully finished and equipped with the latest improvements.



It Even Lights Itself

Cool Oven Walls. Temperature dial for CORRECT oven temperatures. Gliding smokeless broiler. New type burners. And gas is much faster and lower-priced than any other cooking heat.



Make This a Real Christmas Spend the Holidays With the Home Folks

Low Round Trip Fares to Most Everywhere

Tickets on Sale Beginning December 13th to and including January 1st, 1935.

Return limit as long as January 15th, 1935.

Travel by Train with Comfort-Speed-Safety.

For Particulars Ask Your Santa Fe Agent

Community Natural Gas Co.

Now

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needed this year as no families are included in the distribution. The local relief office compiled a list of the children from the case records and after every possible child had been culled from the list, there still remained the above number.

The distribution must be made next Monday, Christmas eve, and there is very little time left. The committee cannot do anything until it has an idea how much money will be available, so for this reason citizens are urged to contribute at once.

A number of Sunday school classes and other organizations in the city are adopting families this year, and the Goodfellows want to know what families are to be looked after in this way so there will be no duplications.

- Here are the donations to date: Mrs. A. R. Jones \$ 2.50 Cash 25 Thanksgiving union service 10.81 J. A. Norwood 1.00 Joyce Cabbage 1.00 Rev. W. H. Doss 1.00 Jack Handy McGregor 1.00 Alexander McGregor 1.00 R. P. Canady 1.00 E. Shopper 1.00 James Skinner 1.00 Anonymous 25.00 Howard Turnidge 1.50 Cash 1.00 Marie Norwood 1.00 West Texas Utilities Co. 10.00 W. O. Wallace 1.00 Dr. B. R. Boelache 3.00 R. M. Lowery 1.00 Jack Hampton 1.00 Wington Auto Parts Co. .50 Patrick Chevrolet Co. 1.00 E. H. Conrad 1.00 Higginbotham Bros. & Co. 5.00

Only Nine—

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from other sources. D. G. Poser and other members of the fire department gave time to assisting in the repairing of used toys that will be distributed by the Goodfellows Christmas eve.

The chief of police reported 14 arrests, 1 fine assessed, 33 calls answered, 2 dogs killed, and the police assisted three days in the inspection of automobiles by state patrolmen.

Dr. G. R. Walker, city health officer, established a quarantine in the Mexican village for a case of typhoid fever. Nine persons were given the first injection of typhoid immunization serum.

The street department spent the full week in dragging and improving list streets.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express appreciation for the sympathy and kindly acts in our recent sorrow at the death of our brother, Grady Chastain. We deeply appreciate the many comforting deeds and the beautiful floral offerings.

- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chastain Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robertson Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cobb Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chastain Mrs. Maxie Howell 11

Three Tests

4-B-D L. Brevard had been drilled below 500 feet in lime.

Drilling is below 2,385 feet in Golden Petroleum Co.'s No. 4 McMillan, an east offset to Petroleum No. 3-B, and 8 1/2-inch casing is being set to that depth.

Hall Oil Company was drilling Wednesday afternoon at 710 feet in its No. 2-D L. Brevard.

Melrose Oil Company was drilling in hard lime slightly below 2,350 feet in its Mrs. L. P. Wood No. 1 Thursday noon. A fishing job was reported at 2,330 feet but the crew had little difficulty in getting the tools from the hole.

FOREST RANGERS USE RADIO

WASHINGTON, December 19.—Rangers in national forests use radio to save time and reduce distances in preventing destruction of timber by fire.

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

This Little Ad

Many others will buy larger ads than this but not one will wish you any more happiness than we do, nor can anyone possibly be more thankful for your patronage than we are.

C. C. Davis

Deaths

Grady Chastain

Funeral services for Grady Chastain, 40, were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of his brother, J. L. Chastain, 401 Sixth Street. Mr. Chastain died at San Antonio early Sunday morning and the remains were brought here in a Higginbotham ambulance Sunday night.

Decedent was reared in Ballinger and resided here until manhood when his health failed and he had been in a San Antonio hospital for treatment several years.

Survivors include three brothers, J. L. Chastain, W. W. Chastain and W. F. Chastain, all of Ballinger, and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Robertson, Dallas; Mrs. M. C. Cobb, Paint Rock; and Mrs. Maxie C. Howell, Roswell, New Mexico.

Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, was in charge of the funeral service and was assisted by Rev. D. M. West, of Breonte, a former pastor to the Chastain family in the pioneer days of Ballinger. Interment was made beside his mother and father in Evergreen Cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives and friends here were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Menzies, Menard; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Wainston, Menard; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Runkles, San Angelo; Mrs. J. D. Legg, Paint Rock; T. S. Lankford, Abilene; J. N. Adams, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, Millersview; Mrs. Lee Upton, San Angelo; Mrs. G. L. Lewis, San Angelo; Mrs. O. L. Greer, San Angelo; Rube Queen, Wingate; Mrs. C. R. Fox, San Angelo; J. D. Smith, Winters; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sailors, Paint Rock; Mrs. Frank Mann, Paint Rock; Mrs. Willard Estep, Paint Rock.

Pallbearers were: K. V. Northington, Alex. McGregor, Hubert Zappe, Willard Wooden, Lee Hamilton and Clint Penn.

Higginbotham Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. S. C. Hudson

Mrs. S. C. Hudson, 61, died at her residence on Strong Avenue at 12:30 a. m. Monday, December 17, after illness of short duration. Decedent had been a resident of this county for two years. Survivors include the following her mother, Mrs. E. M. Nail, seven children, Willie Hudson, Concho; Mrs. W. W. Horton, Mrs. Lee Horton, Mrs. John Creswell, all of Peacock, Texas; Mrs. Hop Stevenson, New Mexico; and John Hudson, Lubbock; three brothers, Andrew Nail, Ballinger; Jim Nail, Crews; Amos Nail, Loop; three sisters, Mrs. W. H. West, O'Brien; Mrs. L. J. Conner, Lubbock; and Mrs. Laura Belle Boatright, Ballinger.

The body was taken overland to Peacock Monday night and funeral services held there Wednesday. King-Holt Company funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

B. F. Bogart

Funeral services were held

Kept Taking Cardui Until She Got Rid of the Severe Pains

When Mrs. Ida Hege, of Effingham, Ind., was in a painful, run-down condition, she took Cardui, with the results she describes below: "I had just been what one might say dragging around, feeling miserable and all out of sorts. I remembered how Cardui helped my aunt. I sent for six bottles of Cardui and when I had taken them, I was much better and stronger. I did not suffer so much pain. I continued taking Cardui until I had taken nine bottles. I do not have the severe pains." "Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician."

Air President



C. R. Smith of Fort Worth, Texas, pictured above, has been named president of the American Airlines, one of America's largest aviation concerns. Smith, only 36 years old, worked his way through Texas University and has grown with the aviation industry in the Southwest. (Texas News Photos.)

Wednesday morning for B. F. Bogart, pioneer resident of this county, at the G. C. Bristler home on Tenth Street, where he had made home for some time. Decedent, who had been a resident of Runkles county for over 45 years, is survived by one sister.

Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery, Rev. J. H. McClain officiating. King-Holt Company funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Pablo Silvas

Mrs. Pablo Silvas, 35, died at the family residence on Sixteenth Street at 4 a. m. Saturday, December 15. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. M. Janvier officiating.

Survivors include the husband; nine children; one sister, Josefina Alvarez; and mother, Donaciana Resendez.

Interment was made in the Mexican cemetery. King-Holt funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

Wanted

To rent a residence WINGTON AUTO PARTS CO. 20-11

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reese, of Houston, will arrive this week-end for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese during the Christmas holidays.

You pay for Christmas seals only once, but they work for you the year 'round.

Advertised goods move.

Woman Declares Brazilian Jungle Difficult Abode

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—Housekeeping in the jungle where a fourteen-foot boa constrictor is likely to crawl past your back door on a trip up the Amazon or an army of ants sometimes takes possession of an electric-light socket has its drawbacks. It would stump the average hostess to put up week-end guests without beds or to serve Sunday dinner without butter or cream.

These jungle drawbacks might throw some women into a state of nerves, but not Mrs. John Rogge, wife of the former manager of the Ford rubber plantation at Boa Vista, Brazil.

Mrs. Rogge now lives here, but for many months she kept house near a tributary of the Amazon River. Only three years before alligators and giant snakes slumbered in the sun and black panthers and tigers prowled un molested by white men.

When Mrs. Rogge went there in 1921 to join her husband, who was working for the Ford company to promote a plantation of rubber trees, she found a small city had sprung up like an Aladdin's palace almost overnight. There were houses for 3,000 workmen, attractive homes for American families, electric lights and refrigerators. But even modern science couldn't wholly combat the jungle.

Soon after her arrival she met a 14-foot boa constrictor near her back door. She brought his skin back to the States with her and now shows with pride the lovely salmon-colored spots of his naturally tattooed back, but she didn't like his looks at the time.

"I went to Brazil as other women have done, full of pep and vim," Mrs. Rogge said. "I had an idea I could train the natives to North American ways. I saw no reason why we couldn't keep house like we do here."

"In the first place I belittled the heat. I knew it was hot, but I didn't know heat could cut down your resistance. Before I left there I was quite willing to allow many of the native methods to take their course."

The modern principle that had encroached with sheer force upon the wilds provided many comforts. But the jungle was still there," Mrs. Rogge said, mysteriously flaunting itself like a huge backdrop, with dangerous animals and insects on the stage. Boa Vista was half jungle and half Fordtown, she found, with tre-

mendous machinery roaring one moment and a monkey from the forest stealing the family stockings off the washline the next. "I found a cook, Chinese," Mrs. Rogge related. "Ho Tong was a jewel in many ways, but he wouldn't allow me in the kitchen. He took entire charge of the shopping, the cleaning of the kitchen and cooking.

"I found I had no say so about the kitchen, and this was all right, unless he insisted upon serving boiled monkey or something like that. He was immaculately clean and the kitchen was always shining. He insisted upon serving soup every night for dinner until I thought I could never look at soup again. I said, 'Don't serve soup, Ho Tong, it's too hot.' He said, 'No soup, Missie, no dinner!' So we had soup.

Mrs. Rogge was never able to eat monkey. She never even tasted the dish, loved by many Brazilians, because it looked too much like a baby with clenched hands.

"There are beef cattle in that country, but no milk cows," Mrs. Rogge says. "I shall always think of Para as the town where, on my return to the States, I had cream for my coffee for the first time in months.

Mrs. Rogge would not have anyone think her larder was empty of delicious food when called upon to entertain. On her back porch she always had two huge bunches of the finest bananas. Several bushels of avocado pears and oranges were always on hand. For the meat course she could have turtle, venison or turkey. And maybe a sea cow. There are no game or fish laws in the jungle.

The hammock habit in Brazil has made it comparatively easy for jungle hostesses, she reveals, as Brazilians apparently prefer hammocks to inner-spring mattresses. When they go visiting they take their hammocks with them and attach them to hooks provided for these emergencies.

Mrs. Rogge brought out a beautiful hammock, three or four times as large as the ordinary hammock one sees here. It was made of the fiber used for weaving Panama hats and had a gorgeous fringe. It was woven under water.

"Hammocks originated in Brazil," Mrs. Rogge said, "and Brazilians know how to sleep in them. You don't curl up in one, like you do here, sleeping lengthwise. One sleeps crosswise. There is quite a knack to hammock sleeping."

In the jungle country one makes friends, but oftentimes some of them live hundreds of miles away. An interesting group

of neighbors lived at Santarem, where a small power plant luckily provided light for 5,000 inhabitants, which became too dim for practical use when the town's weekly movie went into operation. These neighbors, Mrs. Rogge learned, were direct descendants of a group of voluntary exiles from the American South who migrated to the Brazilian jungles in 1855 because they did not wish to live under Northern domination. They acquired new slaves in Brazil, but in the 80s Brazil abolished slavery.

SPAIN HAS FLOATING PRISONS

MADRID, Dec. 19.—When men in Spain mention in the future that they have been on a cruise they may be met with suspicious glances. Some of Spain's new prisons are floating ones. Because of the overcrowded conditions of old prisons following enforcement of the new vagrancy act, the government has chartered a few ships and put the superfluous prisoners in them.

Money paid for Christmas seals helps spread the knowledge that saves lives.

Get your Mimeograph Supplies from the Ballinger Printing Co.

Free Picture Show For Children to be Screened at Palace

As a special feature for the children of this territory Manager W. D. Seales announced Wednesday that a free show would be presented on the screen of the Palace Theatre Monday morning, December 24.

The show will be free for all children under 12 years of age, not anything that the tots might wish to bring, such as toys, fruit, canned goods and other food will be taken at the door and given to the Goodfellows for distribution to needy boys and girls in Ballinger. The donation of food and toys is not required for admission to the theatre, but anything in that line will be appreciated by the Good-fellow organization as it will go to a good cause.

The performance will commence promptly at 9 a. m. and if necessary more than one presentation will be made so that all the children who want to see it will have an opportunity to do so.

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We Enjoy Our Business

Duty is a pleasure when it is seasoned with good will and performed among friends. That is why we enjoy the daily routine of our business. It is a joy and a pleasure to be able to thank you for your kindness during the closing season and to wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Bettis & Sturges

Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies Store

Happy Holidays

As this holiday season brings one year to a close and opens the gates to another, we extend to one and all our MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, trusting that the year ahead may bring increasing prosperity and happiness to you.

We thank you sincerely for your patronage of the past and assure you of our continued efforts towards making our business relations more pleasant and profitable for all.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Company BALLINGER, TEXAS

Yuletide Greeting

To you and to those whose happiness is yours—a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

Smith's Red & White Stores

Say Merry Xmas

With a Box of Lovely Hosiery



There's no gift as lovely as hosiery. It's always practical, for no woman ever has enough, yet it remains frivolous enough to deserve a place in the "best of gifts" class. Favored winter shades.

Special

Friday, Saturday and Monday

79c Hose 3 Pairs for \$2.25

\$1 Hose 3 Pairs for \$2.75

\$1.35 Hose 2 Pairs for \$2.50

\$1.65 Hose 2 Pairs for \$3.00

Bettis & Sturges

Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies Store



PIGGLY WIGGLY

Ballinger, 4 Days December 21 Through December 26 Texas

We Thank You for Your Patronage and Wish You a Very Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS + GOODIES

Maraschino Cherries

3-oz. 9c | 8-oz. 22c | 16-oz. 35c

- Stuffed Olives 6-oz. 15c
- Queen Olives 25-oz. 32c
- Cranberry Sauce 2 for 21c
- Wh. Peeled Apricots 2½ Can 25c
- Clicquot Club Ginger Ale 10c
- Rose Mary Grape Juice
Pints 16c Quarts 27c
- Pint Sweet Pickles 18c
- Pint Sweet Mixed Pickles 18c
- Shrimp, No. 1 Can 12c
- Marshmallows lb. 15c




Fresh Cranberries lb. 20c

- Oranges 1c
- Bananas 1c
- Apples 1c
- Walnuts lb. 19c
- Almonds, Brazils lb. 17c
- Pecans lb. 17c
- Carrots, Lg. Bu. 3 for 5c
- Grapefruit, Texas 3 for 5c
- Cocoanuts 3 for 25c
- Spuds 10 lbs. 15c
- Plenty of Box Fruits

- Prunes 5 lbs. 41c
- Apricots lb. 18c
- Apples lb. 15c
- RAISINS
2 lb. Pkg. 15c
4 lb. Pkg. 29c

Pineheart Pineapple No. 2½ 20c

The Finest of Pineapples



Dole's Pineapple Juice
2 for 17c
An Aid to Digestion

Sea Island
SUGAR
Certified Pure Cane
Cloth Bags

10 lbs. 50c
5 lbs. 25c

- Choice Rice lb. 5c
- Pickles Qts. 15c
- Tasty Extract Vanilla 8-oz. 9c
- Chocolate Covered Cherries lb. 25c
- Cocoanut lb. 19c
- Mince Meat Pkg. 8c
- Pitted Dates 7½-oz. 9c
10-oz. 14c
- Quick Jel 2 for 9c
- Kremel 3 for 10c

- #### GALLON FRUITS
- Prunes 30c
 - Plums 37c
 - Plums 35c
 - Grapes 49c
 - Cherries 55c
 - Strawberries 69c
 - Palm Island, Flats 3 for 23c
 - Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 16c

- #### CANNED MEATS
- La Frontera Chili and Tamales, No. 1½ 12c
 - Walker's Austex Mexican Style Beans 8c
 - L. S. Sandwich Spread 5c
 - Potted Meat 3 for 10c
 - Vienna Sausage 3 for 35c
 - CAMEL LYE 2 for 13c

5 lb. Box Assorted
Chocolates
69c

- Mazola Oil
- PINTOS Old Mexico lb. 7c
New Mexico lb. 8c
- Pints 13c
- Quarts 25c
- Baby Lima Beans lb. 7c
- Pink Beans lb. 7c

All 5c Gums and Candies 3 for 10c

- #### CANNED FISH
- Mackerel, Tall Can 8c
 - Pink Salmon, Tall Can, 2 for 23c
 - Fancy White Meat Tuna 19c
 - Oval Sardines 3 for 25c
 - Underwood Sardines 5c
 - American Sardines 3 for 11c

- Frazier Catsup 10c
- Pillsbury's Pancake 11c
- Mother's Cocoa 2 lb 18c
- Mug Peanut Butter 21c
- 10 lbs. Table Salt 17c
- French Bird Seed, 2 for 25c
- Bi American Tissue, 3 for 13c
- Durkee Worcestershire Sauce 10c
- Powdered and Brown Sugar, 2 for 15c

- #### Mrs. Schiorer's SALAD DRESSING
- 8 oz. 10c
 - 16 oz. 15c
 - 32 oz. 25c
 - Eagle Brand Milk 21c
 - Matches, 6 Boxes 22c
 - Mustard, quart 13c
 - Shaker Mustard 9c

- #### CANNED VEGETABLES
- Demand Square Asparagus Tips 21c
 - Del Monte Early Garden Peas 17c
 - Early June Peas 10c
 - Cut Green Beans 9c
 - No. 2 Corn Tendersweet, 2 for 19c
Country Gentlemen 14c
Whole Kernel 14c
 - Libby's Tomato Juice 2 for 17c
 - Phillip's Tomato Juice 5c

- #### For Candy Making RED KARO
- 1½ Can 12c
 - 3 lb. Can 22c
 - ½ Gallon 34c
 - Gallon 59c

- #### CEREALS
- Malt-o-Meal 22c
 - Fairway Oats, 42-oz. 14c
 - Glassware Oats, Lg. 18c
 - Raisin Bran, 2 for 23c
 - Ralston 24c
 - Wheatena 24c
 - Kellogg's Corn Flakes 10c

SEE OUR COMPLETE STOCK OF CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Give a Food Basket for Christmas



HOLIDAY MEAT SUGGESTIONS

Extra Fancy Beef Roast lb. 10c

- Yorkshire Mince Meat lb. 22½c
- Select Baltimore Oysters Pt. 30c
- Sugar Cured Sliced Bacon, Finest lb. 29c
- Norwegian Mackerel lb. 15c
- Salt Jowls lb. 14c
- Pork Roast lb. 15c

FRYERS HENS TURKEYS

- #### SOAPS AND CLEANSERS
- P. & G. Soap, 6 for 23c
 - All 5c Face Soap 9c
 - Lux Toilet Soap, 3 for 22c
 - White King Toilet Soap 7 for 29c
 - Woodbury's Soap, 2 for 17c
 - Lighthouse Cleanser, 3 for 10c
 - SuperSuds, small 2 for 17c
 - Faultless Starch, 2 for 17c

- #### COFFEE
- Choice Rio 2 lbs. 29c
 - Santos Peaberry 2 lbs. 35c
 - Bright and Early lb. 22c
 - Schilling's lb. 32c
 - Kaffee Hag lb. 47c

FLOUR

Gold Crown First Grade, Extra High Patent \$1.83
Everlite \$1.93 | Gilt Edge \$1.69
A Perfect Flour Guaranteed

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 advertisements accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

FOR RENT—54 acres farm land and will sell pair horses and good Jersey cow. E. T. Braham, Security State Bank. 20-11.

WANTED—To rent four or five room house. Call Joe Eubank at 171. 20-11.

FOR SALE—324 acres land two miles each of Miles near highway. 300 acres in cultivation. Williamson Bros., Novice, Texas. 20-41.

FOR SALE—A baby's bed. Phone 1279. 20-11.

Salesmen Wanted
Man wanted for Raleigh route of 900 families. Write immediately. Raleigh, Dept. TKL-4-SA, Memphis, Tenn. 13-20.

DON'T SCRATCH—Get Paracide Ointment, the guaranteed Itch Remedy. Positively guaranteed to relieve any form of Itch or Eczema within 48 hours or money refunded. Large Jar 50c, postage paid. Sold by Weeks Drug Store. 13-12.

An Appreciable Christmas Gift
No more appreciable gift can be made to your family for a Christmas present, than to acquire a Home of your own and invest them with it, as a Christmas present.
With a small payment down and practically on your own terms, just as if you were paying rent, we can now offer you on these terms, the former Mrs. Don Jackson residence, located 706 Tenth Street.
No trouble to show you this property, nor to answer your questions pertaining same.
Phone 184 or call at office of C. A. DOOSE & CO. 13-21.

FOR SALE—New or used disc plows, oak tongues, fountlives, and general blacksmithing. Paterson's Shop. 13-21.

FOR SALE—Late 1933 V-8 Ford deluxe roadster for \$350.00. See Dan Lazerman, Route A, Ballinger, Texas. 13-21.

FOR SALE—Giant Bronze Turkeys. For information phone 3514. Frank Cro. 4-31.

FOR SALE—Red rust proof Seed Oats. Free of Johnson grass. Adolph Kiesel, Rowena, Texas. 4-31.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. See Mrs. D. C. Simpson. 13-41.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment and bed rooms. Phone 179. 8-41.

Late Model Fords Will be Displayed Here by Harwell

The first announcement concerning the 1935 Ford automobile was made over the signature of Henry Ford in the Sunday newspapers. This statement was to the effect that first showings would be held all over the nation December 29.

R. L. Harwell, local Ford agent, stated Tuesday that he had received no instruction regarding the showing of the first car but expected to have one or more here December 29 and would open his showrooms for inspection by the public. Dealers have no positive information regarding the new model except that they are sure of a few minor changes to be made.

One change anticipated by the dealers is that the front door will open at the back of the seat instead of in the front. It is also rumored that many alterations will be made in the "refinements" which appeal to women. A new and more beautiful panel board for instruments, new upholstery, and body colors will be features to appeal to the eye. Special attention has been given to the rear seat passenger, the seat having been brought forward in front of the rear axle to make riding more comfortable.

As soon as a car is available Mr. Harwell intends to have one on exhibition. He has already sold a number to customers who will wait until a shipment is received. Trucks and pick-ups are being received at this time.

See also and advertise.

Weddings

Hendricks-Whisenant

Miss Ruth Whisenant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whisenant, of Cameron, became the bride of A. J. Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hendricks, last Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Rev. M. C. Golden on Eighth Street.

For the past three years Mrs. Hendricks has made her home here with Mrs. C. A. Orr. She graduated from the Ballinger high school with the '33 class.

Mr. Hendricks is employed by the Hicks Rubber Co. here.

The couple will reside at 803 Twelfth Street.

Russell-Robbins

Miss Golden Robbins, daughter of Mrs. A. Robbins and Harris Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Russell, were married in San Antonio last Saturday afternoon at 4:30 by the Rev. H. P. Bates, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here.

Mrs. Russell has been an employee of the Southwestern States Telephone Co. for the past few years and Mr. Russell is an employee of Kirk & Mack in the Farmall department.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell will live at 706 Ninth Street.

Sparks-Keel

Miss Virginia Keel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keel of this city, and R. B. Sparks were quietly married at 5 o'clock December 6, by J. M. Ray at Houston.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams, of Baytown. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks are making home in Houston, where the former is employed by the Humble Oil Company.

Eubank-Danielson

Word was received here this week by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank of the marriage of their son, Neel Eubank, and Miss Margaret Danielson, of Chicago. The couple were married December 3 by Dr. Henry Hepburn at the Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chicago with only the bride's mother and a few friends present.

A dinner was served for the bridal party in the empire room of the Palmer House after which the bride and groom left for points in Michigan and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Eubank are at home now at 1210 North Cedar Street, Palestine, Texas.

Currie-Penrod

Wix Currie, Jr., and Miss Ruth

Penrod, who were married at Alpine Wednesday, are expected in Ballinger this week-end. Mr. Currie left the first part of the week for Alpine and his parents had not heard from him Thursday but expected the couple to arrive by the end of the week.

The wedding is the result of a courtship started two years ago when Mr. Currie entered Sul Ross College as a student and member of the band. He attended the college for two years, instructing the orchestra the last year there.

Mr. Currie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wix Currie of this city. He graduated from the Ballinger high school and attended Simmons University, Abilene, for two years. While at Simmons he toured Europe with the Cowboy Band and made two concert trips to New York besides a number of other tours. At present he is associated with his father in the produce business.

Mrs. Currie is a graduate of Sul Ross College and the daughter of one of the professors who has taught there for the past 14 years. For the present the young couple will be at home at the Currie residence, 704 Eighth Street.

OLD WALL PAPER STILL GOOD

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Wall paper placed in the home of Willie Blount in Clarksville in 1807 is still on the walls and in good condition.

Children's Operetta Heartily Approved By Large Audience

The Ballinger high school auditorium was practically filled Tuesday evening for the operetta, "The Toys That Had to Wait," presented by Mrs. J. A. Schnable's classes. The presentation was sponsored by the Ballinger Primary Parent-Teacher Association and the net proceeds went to that organization.

The little girls and boys playing parts in the operetta were well rehearsed and displayed much talent. They talked, sang and danced their way to a successful conclusion of the show, the audience evincing full appreciation by unrestrained applause.

Little June Wright, as a nigger doll, drew applause before she finished her song and dance number by the clever interpretation of the part. John Weeks Earnshaw, Myron Mankin and Rethal O'Kelly, Jr., as tin soldiers, drew hearty hand-claps for a perfectly executed song and dance offering in which the trio made every motion in unison. Little Betty Jo Baxter, the acrobat, who became popular with the audience as soon as she entered, went through some intricate stunts. Sunny Clark, as

Mrs. Santa Claus, portrayed a long, difficult role excellently. Every little performer was good and many who witnessed the production said it was one of the best of its kind ever presented here.

Receipts at the door totalled more than \$50 at the small admissions of 10 and 15 cents.

PIONEER HOUSE STILL STANDS

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—An old stone house, in which pioneer citizens took refuge when attacked by Indians, still stands in Clarksville.

Six-ply black cardboard only 10c a sheet. Ballinger Printing Co.

Because of its mountains, the moon casts an irregular shadow during a solar eclipse. Just before and after the moment of total eclipse, the mountains break up the sun's light into points known as "Baily's Beads."

Get your Mimeograph Supplies from the Ballinger Printing Co.

Suggestions For Christmas Dinner

Fresh Cocoanuts	Each 10c	Miracle Whip Salad Dressing	Qt. 39c
Grapefruit	Nice Size 7 for 25c	Selected Spanish Olives	8-oz. 25c
Sweet Relish	C. H. B. Pt. 25c	Red Cherries	No. 2 Can 17c
C. H. B. Product Tops Gets 6 Tomato Juice Glasses Free		Heinz Pudding	Fig and Date 39c
Pickles	Qt. 22c	Campbell's Tomato Juice	3 Cans 25c
C. H. B. Brand Cocktail Sauce	10-oz. 25c	Spaghetti	Heinz No. 2 Can 10c
Dutch Lunch Mustard	9-oz. 15c		

For the Christmas Stocking
Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Mixed Candies and Nuts

Del Monte Products

DEL MONTE Whole Kernel Corn	15c	DEL MONTE Pears	Meiba Halves 26c
DEL MONTE Asparagus	No. 2 Can 30c	DEL MONTE Peaches	No. 2 1/2 Can 21c
DEL MONTE Peas	Early Garden 20c	DEL MONTE Coffee	3 lbs. \$1

In Our Market

Dressed Hens for Xmas

Brookfield Patties	lb. 25c
Beef Roast, tender-juicy	lb. 10c
Picnic Hams	lb. 17c

The Best of Everything for 1935

Not merely because of a time-honored custom but because of the real appreciation of your patronage, and the loyal support and friendship, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to serving you better than ever before in 1925—and realize that our progress and prosperity is but the reflection of yours.

May the New Year hold "The Best of Everything" in Store For You!

Bob Tunnell

Greetings



The officials and employees of the City of Ballinger desire to thank every citizen for the fine cooperation shown under the trying times of recent years.

That 1935 may be a year of renewed prosperity and increased happiness is the wish of each one connected with your city government.



City of Ballinger

With All Good Wishes For HAPPINESS To You Throughout Every Minute of This Joyous HOLIDAY SEASON

The clock of time rolls around to another joyous Christmas day . . . the happiest, merriest season in father time's calendar!

May every minute of this day and all the days of the coming year be filled with as much happiness as this Christmas season affords, is our wish for you.

We thank you every one for your favors of the past year and deeply appreciate the good will and splendid cooperation you have given us. May we merit your continued patronage and influence is our earnest wish.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co.

Ballinger Phone 96

Mr. Average Business Man Finds Humor in Income Tax Return

Upon receiving his income tax blanks recently a small town business man, after looking them over returned them to the treasury department with the following letter:

Treasury Department,
Income Tax Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gents:—
The enclosed blank is herewith returned with my kind regards and appreciation of this subtle form of flattery. I was partially struck by the use of Old English wording and phrases such as "Income From Rents," "Stock Dividends," etc.

One question I got a great kick out of was: "Did you, during the taxable year 1934, have one or more persons living with you and dependent on you for support?" Mr. Secretary, you don't know nothing yet—there are so many people at my house claiming to be related to me that I am what you would call surrounded. Why, just yesterday two of my wife's maiden aunts blew in, making a new high for the movement. And one of them brought a friend. And one of them burned me up when my wife's uncle Oscar who has been living with us over a year walked up to me the other day and said: "Say, haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

I notice that you say you will allow me \$400.00 for each dependent relative and I will say that you are overpricing them. Mr. Secretary, as you can have the whole lot for \$11.50 and I'll throw in a bicycle pump and a magic lantern. Two of my wife's aunts you can have for the asking.

The blank says, "Describe your business on line 2, Schedule A," and I am glad to do it—Lousy Mr. Secretary, LOUSY. And it says to enter net profits received on line 2, Schedule B. Fun is fun, Mr. Secretary, but that's taking things too far.

Heigh ho and alackday. Then there is a line, "Deduct for depreciation and obsolescence." That's where I come in, Mr. Secretary. As an American Business Man, I am depreciated, debunked, deflated and dehydrated. I am devaluated, deranged, delirious, disgusted and devoid. And so is my old man.

—Rising Star Record.

PENSION MEETING HERE ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

A large crowd assembled in Ballinger Sunday afternoon to hear speakers discourse on the Townsend old age revolving pension. The meeting began at 2 o'clock in the district court room at the court house.

Speakers on the program were: Mrs. W. W. Carson, San Angelo; W. T. Coley, Winters; Rev. J. C. Evans, San Angelo; and Rev. M. E. Basel, of Oklahoma.

The speakers discussed salient feature of the pension plan which has developed nation-wide interest.

PEDESTRIANS FORGOTTEN

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Dec. 19.—Belfast recently introduced what officials thought was a solution to the traffic problem. Plates were installed at the approach to street intersections and when a vehicle driver wished to cross he ran over a plate which made a signal warn approaching cars. The plan has been a great success for vehicular traffic, but the officials forgot to care for pedestrians, and this has caused an increase in street casualties. A way to make walkers less careless is being sought.

Wanted
To rent a residence.
WIGINTON AUTO PARTS CO.
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Pearce Window is Winner in Contest

A window display in the J. Y. Pearce Drug Company store here won sixth prize in a national contest held recently by the Fawcett group of women's magazines. The window was designed and dressed by John Neely, who does all the window trimming for the Pearce store.

In this contest as many as five windows could be entered, the judges selecting the best entered and then judging the one selected in the final decision. Only one window of the local store was entered and by winning sixth place in the contest Mr. Neely received a check for \$10 as a prize.

The window contained a display of Mum deodorant and besides featuring this product included an exhibit of the magazines in the Fawcett group.

CENTENNIAL COINS ON SALE AT F. & M. STATE BANK

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank received a shipment of Texas Centennial half dollars Thursday and will offer the coins for sale at \$1 each. The American Legion of Texas has undertaken to distribute 1,500,000 of these coins and the profit of 50 cents from each sale will be used in erecting a state memorial historical building and museum for the purpose of preserving for posterity the glorious history and countless natural resources of the state.

Not being able to sell the coins itself, the American Legion has placed them with banks in the state, at the same time furnishing advertising cards, and in this way hope to dispose of the coins. The new money is shipped to banks on the following conditions: That coins will not be sold for less than \$1, that unsold coins, after the campaign closes, be returned, that 50 cents be paid for all coins received, and that no coins were to be distributed before December 20.

Newby Simpson, of Crane, was in Ballinger Tuesday, visiting relatives. He will spend the holiday season with his parents at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chastain, of St. Louis, came in Thursday morning to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain, Mrs. E. Shepperd.

Miss Nadyne Sonricker is ill this week and unable to be at her desk in the Starlight Refinery offices.

A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS

May this be a peaceful Christmas for one and all, far and near—and may it continue peaceful through all of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the coming year.

We are constantly trying to improve our service to our friends and patrons, and hope that 1935 will find you calling on us, feeling at home and letting us serve you.

BALLINGER VARIETY STORE

COUNTY CLUB COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Members of the Rannels county home demonstration council assembled at the city hall in Ballinger Saturday afternoon for the last meeting of the year. Attendance was good, with the following clubs represented: Bethel, Benoit, Content, Hatchel, Miles, South Ballinger and Norton.

Reports for the year were heard from committees and the year book committee told of its work. Next year each club will be expected to send its president and secretary to each meeting or will arrange for other representatives.

Election of officers for 1935 was the most important item considered at the business session Saturday. Those elected were:

chairman, Mrs. N. S. Wright, Miles; vice-chairman, Mrs. Arch Brookshier, Benoit; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Tom Crockett, Bethel; reporter, Mrs. Erwin Mathis, Hatchel.

Regular monthly meetings will be held by the council next year at which important information will be given representatives to take back to their clubs.

The year book, soon to be ready for distribution to all clubs, will include the program of work for the ensuing year as well as a list of officers, committees, and meeting dates of each club.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, will begin meeting with the clubs soon after the first of the year.

Certain Deafness Is Believed Caused By Brain Adhesion

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A new theory of what causes the kind of deafness mistakenly called otosclerosis, responsible for many cases of slowly increasing deafness in middle-aged people, is suggested by a New York ear specialist, Dr. E. M. Josephson, in a note to the scientific weekly, Science.

The cause is believed to be a kind of "brain bound" condition probably due to scars and adhesions inside the skull, not unlike the "muscle bound" conditions sometimes caused by scars of wounds or germ infections in other parts of the body.

Dr. Josephson's first clue to the new theory came from noticing that patients afflicted with this kind of deafness often show signs of disturbance in the nervous system. Some of these signs suggested trouble with the brain rather than the ear. To test this more directly X-ray photographs were made of the brain, a procedure which requires removing some of the cerebro-spinal fluid in which the brain is bathed and replacing this fluid with air. This air then shows vacant spaces in the X-ray photograph.

In some of Dr. Josephson's cases the X-ray pictures seemed to show this fluid jammed back inside the brain, as though the passage way from the brain into the spinal cord was blocked. Such patients usually experienced strong nervous reactions when the fluid was drawn

off and replaced by air. After this reaction their deafness was surprisingly improved. Dr. Josephson's tentative conclusion is that some germ disease or other previous inflammation of the brain or spinal cord had left the lower part of the brain bound to its covering membranes by adhesions which prevented free flow of the cerebro-spinal fluid and also may have compressed parts of the brain itself.

Replacing the fluid by air apparently broke down some of these old adhesions so that the deafness and other nerve symptoms got better.

AUSTRALIA RECOVERING SAYS PRIME MINISTER

SYDNEY, Dec. 19.—Australia's recovery from depression was one of the most spectacular known in the world, according to Prime Minister Lyons. In a speech at Sydney Lyons claimed that his government had fulfilled its promises to restore the finances of the country to a sound basis, so that Australia was living within her income, and revive industry.

National income had risen by \$300,000,000, and the last budget had shown a surplus of \$5,500,000 in spite of the fact that the cuts in pensions and civil service salaries had been largely restored. "To achieve this we stuck to proved methods of government," declared Lyons roundly.

Carl Henson has accepted a position with the Sykes Motor Co. and will sell Dodges and Plymouths for this firm.

Advertised goods move.

Cotton Ginnings For West Texas Counties Slumps

Following are the cotton ginnings to December 1 for a number of West Texas counties, including the years 1933 and 1934:

County—	1934	1933
Blanco	1,278	1,762
Brown	6,026	8,110
Callahan	5,219	8,239
Coke	2,185	3,948
Coleman	13,389	22,404
Comanche	5,023	6,644
Concho	6,489	9,725
Dickens	3,549	29,414
Eastland	4,514	5,448
El Paso	40,441	34,271
Fisher	10,581	44,215
Gillespie	3,171	4,211
Howard	8,974	9,684
Hudspeth	6,798	4,951
Jones	19,200	85,630
Lampasas	2,366	4,440
Llano	556	782
Lubbock	4,236	72,174
McCulloch	10,319	14,911
Mason	1,326	1,495
Menard	756	—
Midland	1,629	—
Mills	4,292	6,236
Mitchell	10,286	18,638
Nolan	7,166	20,043
Presidio	2,027	1,880
Rannels	20,326	41,435
San Saba	4,690	6,316
Taylor	17,956	31,984
Tom Green	6,683	9,618

PRICES FOR MOSLEM WIVES TAKES SLUMP

BELGRADE, Dec. 19.—Along with other world prices, quotations on wives have taken a decided drop among the Moslems of South Yugoslavia. No longer is there a shortage of beautiful women and no longer is there need for their help.

According to reports current in Belgrade many women from other parts of the country have gone to South Yugoslavia. Numbers of them are actually prepared to bring a dowry to their husbands, which is customary in North Yugoslavia, instead of having to be "bought" from their families. Besides this, the prices which the Moslems obtained for their farm products have fallen, so the value of a wife as a farm laborer has fallen also.

In fact, the drop in produce prices has made it impossible for most men to support more than one wife.

MAN'S SIX WIVES MEET

WARSAW, Dec. 19.—Having six wives in six separate homes is not so bad. But when they meet, that's different. Moses Zelkowitz,

traveling salesman of Warsaw, has a good, substantial character. He found that out. He married the six in six different Polish towns between 1928 and 1930. He maintained six homes at the same time, and Zelkowitz was arrested on a charge of polygamy.

...1935...

We trust that the old year was kind to each of you and hope that you will find all of your hearts desires during the next few months of 1935...

It gives us sincere pleasure at this time to look back upon the cordial relations that have existed between us in the past and to hope for a continuance of your friendship in the months to come... May your Christmas prove a joyous occasion and the New Year bring you Good Fortune, Happiness and Success...

MOORE PRODUCE CO.

Two Old Wishes

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year! These two old wishes have never been beaten and we are sending them today with all the power and warmth they've carried down the years. May all of your dreams come true and the end of 1935 find you richer in all of the things of life ready to face another year with brighter hopes.

Jennings Funeral Home

Appreciation

The good will of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends. You have done much to make this past year worthwhile and successful for us.

We Thank You

May your Christmas be a pleasant one and happiness attend your New Year is the cordial wish of

McShan Motor Co.
Ballinger, Texas

As Friend To Friend

On no other basis than that of sincere friendship do we proclaim to you our sincerest regards and our hope that this Christmas will be to you a season long to be remembered with JOY.

We can not close our books until we have balanced the favors of the past with good wishes for the future. May Happiness and Prosperity and a full measure of success be yours thru the year 1935.

KING-HOLT
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO.

Ballinger, Texas
Merry Christmas

These USED CARS are RIGHT

...in Price and Performance

Our gigantic Winter Sale brings you unheard of Used Car Values! They've been checked and approved for appearance and performance... it's just the SALE you've been waiting for! Here are just a few of the super-values!

- 1—1933 Chevrolet Town Sedan
Black, 6-Wheel De Luxe model in A-1 Condition.
- 1—1934 Chevrolet De Luxe Coach
A real value, demonstration car with only 17,000 miles on it. Perfect condition. Just broken in.
- 1—1933 Ford De Luxe Tudor
This is a maroon colored care in tip-top condition. Good clean job.
- 1—1933 Plymouth Coach
Largest Plymouth of that series. Free wheeling, automatic clutch, in first class shape.

Also Plenty of Used Chevrolet Trucks
Plenty of Cheap Cars from \$50 Up

Patrick Chevrolet Co.

SCHOOL NEWS
By Laura Edith Miller

Clye Holliday gave a talk on photography for the Freshman Science Club Friday morning. It was a very interesting lecture illustrated with some machinery for taking and developing pictures.

The senior girls went on a hike Wednesday. There were eight present, and we walked about six miles.

"Spiced Wine" was presented in chapel Friday by members of the Dramatic Club. It was written by Willis Knapp Jones. The characters were:

The Countess de la Torre Sue Barnett
Celestina, her duenna Laura Edith Miller
Don Jose, a Viceroy of Peru Melvin McMillan

The scene: Lima, the capital city of the viceroyalty of Peru.
The time: a night in springtime at the end of the 16th century.

Friday night "Los Conquistadores" were entertained at the Nixon home with a Spanish party. We played the game "la pinata" first, and you should have seen the rush after that candy when the paper bag broke. Then we played "Donde esta mi cordero?" "Where is my sheep?" which caused a lot of laughs. The Christmas presents were handed out. The president, J. W. Little, received the largest—but size doesn't mean anything. Miss Meyer was agreeably surprised by her gift from the class. After several more games, turkey sandwiches, pickles, cocoa, and nuts were served, with little Spanish hats as plate favors. Christmas decorations were carried out, with the club colors occasionally in use.

The Literary Club party which had been planned for Saturday was postponed because of too full a program.

Dr. E. W. McLaurin gave the devotional talk in chapel Monday. He spoke of the Christmas spirit and the right celebration of that day, reminding us of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The senior class met Monday afternoon and has planned a scavenger party for Friday night. Committees appointed were: transportation—Bobbie Johnson, Helen Thomson, and Tom Gregg; social—Belva Watson, J. W. Little and Bobby Avey; to collect money—Bobby Avey, Denman White and Wiley Skobasch.

Miss Greer has written a letter to Santa Claus asking for the return of her errant erasers. Those boys who know what became of them had better return them, so she will keep on believing that there is a Santa Claus. P. S.—Tuesday two of these erasers were returned. Maybe there is a Santa Claus, really.

Don't these teachers ever stop thinking about school? Miss Williamson wants Santa to bring her some four classes of A students in freshman English.

Mr. Sublett is greatly in need of a good play for the senior production this year. That one has a poor plot. This one has poor lines. Another is just generally nil. We suggest that he write to that fat man with the white beard. He may be able to help.

Selfish, that's what I'd say. Miss Greer also wants Santa to bring her a flashlight. We are wondering if she is scared of burglars or if she wants to "trash their racket." Someone just told us she was not very easily scared, so it sounds bad.

It is rumored that Pat (Horace) Murphy is going to get some new shoes. We wondered why the price of leather was rising!

Miss Elkins entertained the pep squad Monday night in the banquet room of the Central Hotel.

See the write-up elsewhere in this paper.

We thought up a nice blackmail racket—"a Christmas present or I'll put in the paper where you were Friday night," etc. It's too bad our sense of honor or justice or something—or maybe just our fear of being mobbed—keeps us from gaining by it.

We hear that a certain freshman is convinced that the world is flat, and Mr. Sublett can't argue him out of his belief.

The chapel program Friday morning will consist of a miscellaneous collection of songs, readings, and speeches.

Notice in Bankruptcy
In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, San Angelo Division. In the matter of Billie McCasland, Bankrupt.

No. 619 in Bankruptcy. San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 18, 1934. Creditors of Billie McCasland are hereby given notice that on the 11th day of December, 1934, the said Billie McCasland was duly adjudicated a bankrupt on his voluntary petition filed herein, and that the first meeting of creditors of said bankrupt will be held in the office of the Referee at San Angelo, Texas, on the 3rd day of January, 1935, at 2 o'clock p. m., at which time creditors may attend, prove their claims, elect a trustee and examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

CARTER T. DALTON,
Referee in Bankruptcy 20-11

Card of Thanks
We desire to extend thanks to our friends and neighbors, who were so kind to us during the recent sorrow through which we passed. The beautiful flowers sent were a great consolation to us in our sadness and we will never forget the many things done to comfort us in this sad hour.

Ralph Hill and A. M. Hilliard
Mrs. F. M. Steele and family. 20-11

SON OF LOCAL COUPLE WINS PLACE IN BABY COMPETITION

Lynn Edmondson White, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. White, of Ballinger, won a place in a national baby contest held recently at Chicago and received a gold medal as a symbol of recognition.

This is the second contest in which the child has been entered within the past year. In the first competition, sponsored by the Abilene Reporter-News last April, the White baby won first place.

Every tuberculosis Christmas seal sale is a recovery campaign.

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The past year has been a merry and a pleasant one for us and we trust that your dealings with us have been enjoyed by you as much as by us. We hope we have merited your continued loyalty during

1935

Doss Top and Body Works

Lucky Number 16



Sixteen is Jack Lovelace's lucky number. Jack is 16 years old. Recently he went hunting near Marfa, Texas, with his parents, and bagged this 16-point buck without aid from anyone. The deer weighed 250 pounds, and succulent venison graces the table of the Lovelace family and the boards of all of Jack's friends. (Texas News Photos.)

BALLINGER STUDENTS RETURN HOME FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS

Nine students from Ballinger attending Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, are returning home this week to spend the Christmas holidays. They are: Oscar Batts, Freddie Sue Bloxom, Rosa Crockett, Alvah Gray, Albert Koenig, Helen Moore, Corkill Motley, Paul Trimmer, and Hazel Fulton.

Miss Crockett is secretary of the Student Association at the university and was summer queen last summer. She is also a member of the Cowgirls, famous pep organization. Miss Moore is president of the Girls' Tennis Club, and Miss Bloxom is a member of the Social Science Club and the Apprentice Players, dramatic organization. Young Motley is a member of the Cowboy Band.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank are expecting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Neel Eubank, Saturday for the holidays. They are also expecting Mr. Eubank's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hubbard, of Sugarland.

Are you mailing all your letters with tuberculosis Christmas seals pasted on the back?

Rev. W. H. Vanderpool left Wednesday for Dallas to attend to business a few days.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Flora Irene Greenhill

The Lord said "come" to our darling Flo. So she's gone to the house free from grief and woe; She's gone to that home to roam no more. And there we'll meet her on the golden shore.

She was the baby and family queen, And was given the name of Flora Irene. Her hair was black, her eyes were blue; She was unselfish, kind and true.

We feel she was taken to lighten the way, On the path we all will travel some day; So let's all be good and for our sins all atone, And be ready to go when God calls us home.

We were so happy as we drew each breath, Not knowing so near was our loved one's death; But God takes care of all in his own way, So He has called her home with Him to stay.

It was so hard when she passed away.

Don't grieve, God tells us you'll see her some day; So we'll work, listen and pray, For the time to meet Flora Irene on judgment day.

(Composed by her brother, John Shelburne Greenhill, Jr.)

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. A. M. HILLIARD

Funeral services for Mrs. A. M. Hilliard, 44, were held at the Winters Methodist Church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. R. W. McCall, of Norton, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Shelton. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Hilliard died at her home at Norton Friday at 7.45 p. m. from pneumonia which attacked her 11 days before.

Besides the husband, one son, Ralph Hill, of Norton; a sister, Mrs. Lawson Allen, of Norton; and three brothers, Harry Steele, Norton; J. Steele, Happy; and Ollie Steele, Hamlin, survive.

Funeral services were: J. L. Mackey, Aubrey McCarver, Fred Bedford, Jr., Jake Davison, Jack Nolan. Flowers girls were Lois Davidson, Minnie Hayden, Anita Maddox, Eugenia Mann, Sammie Beck, and Omega Martin.

Spill Brothers undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Be wise and advertise.

BURTON ELECTED HEAD OF LOCAL ODD FELLOWS

The Ballinger lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows the past week elected O. T. Burton as noble grand for the ensuing year. Other officers elected at this meeting were: M. L. Jarrett, vice-grand; T. M. Marsh, recording secretary; G. A. Jarrett, treasurer; Homer C. Daniel was made trustee for the next two years, and G. H. Touchstone was selected to fill the unexpired term of the late W. C.

McCarver. A committee was appointed to draft the charter in memory of the late Mayor McCarver. T. M. Marsh was appointed representative to the grand lodge meeting and O. T. Burton alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone and son will go to Sherwood Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Stone's parents.

Advertised goods move.

**Ready to Serve
Ready to Share**

We find it the easiest thing in the world to wish you one and all a holiday season rich in joys and shining with love. We want to share our feeling of happiness and friendliness with you at this gay season, and strive with renewed efforts to make every transaction of the New Year just as satisfactory and pleasant as though it were made on this glorious Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas and Happy Days Throughout the New Year is Our Wish For Everyone!

J. N. NUTT
Feed and Seed Store

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
Jennings Battery Co.

**OUR
"NEW DEAL"
Wish for You---**

This is a day of "New Deals" . . . when a Nation arises solidly in support of a President who strives for, and is succeeding in bringing our Nation back to prosperity.

And with the coming of 1935 . . . and the "New Deal" in full swing, it is our New Year's wish for you, that you and yours will find all of the happiness and prosperity which the New Deal brings.

May the New Year bring a "New" and better deal for all!

WHITAKER BROS.

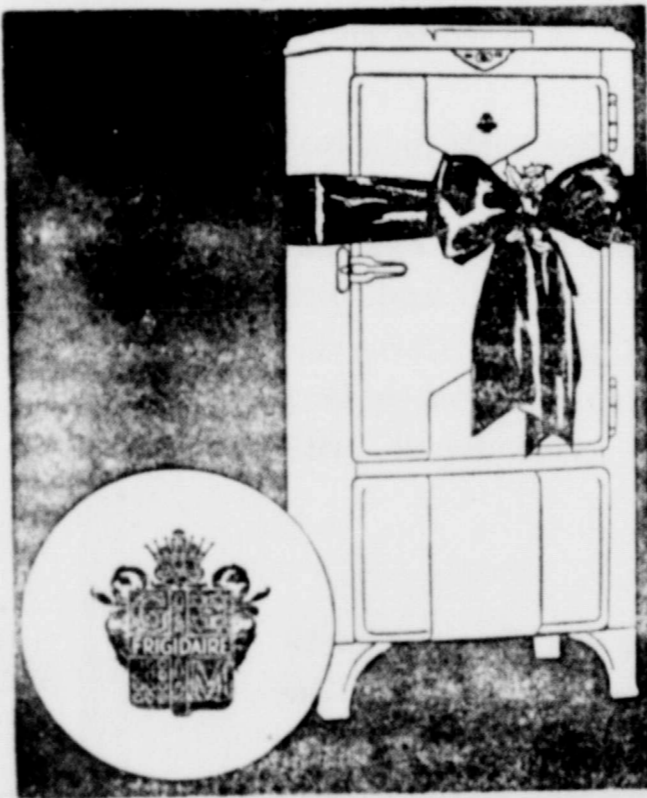
The End of the Year

As the year draws to a close, we pause to reflect on the elements that have entered into it, and it is indeed a privilege to extend to you our gratitude for the success of our work, realizing full well that you have played a great part in making possible our activity.

We extend to you our wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the coming New Year be a Happy and a Prosperous one.

Sykes Motor Co.

**The Christmas Frigidaire...
The Supreme Gift**



Clever husbands, thoughtful brothers, keen sons—all are solving their perplexing problems of what to give the family by selecting THE CHRISTMAS FRIGIDAIRE. It is the expression of your thoughtful loving care through the years—The Gift Supreme.

She will be delighted that your gift is a genuine Frigidaire, with all the Frigidaire features—the super freezer, cold control, hydrator for vegetables, and automatic ice tray release.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

**A
New Year's Greeting**

May the coming three hundred and sixty-five days bring you profound happiness and overwhelming prosperity and the pleasant relations we have had with you in the past become even more friendly in the future.

Hearty Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

Rubin's

IN SOCIETY

Four are Hostesses for Fellowship Class

Memes, H. G. Agnew, Herbert Peoples, Olean Adams, and Miss Bernice Simmons were hostesses to members of the Fellowship Class of the Methodist church school last Friday evening in the Peoples home on Broadway.

A brightly lighted Christmas tree was the featured decoration for the rooms where twenty-five members assembled.

Following the business meeting Santa was welcomed. He presented each guest with a gift from the tree.

Sticks of red candy accompanied the refreshment plate of creamed chicken in patties, shells, stuffed apple compote, toasted cheese crackers and coffee.

Cox Home Scene of Class Party
Philathea Class members of the Methodist Church were welcomed into the home of Mrs. E. S. Cox on Eighth Street last Friday evening when Mrs. Bob Carsey, Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly and Miss Theima Midgley were joint hostesses with her.

A program, which consisted of piano duet numbers by Mrs. Carsey and little Miss Eloise Carsey, and Mrs. Carsey and Miss Lolita Morrison, and vocal numbers by little Marilyn Agnew, was followed by the distribution of gifts from the beautifully decorated tree by Master Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., as Santa Claus.

Plum pudding topped with whipped cream with coffee was served by the hostesses to twenty-five.

Shakespeare Club Has Christmas Program and Social Meeting

At its regular Thursday afternoon meeting last week the Shakespeare Club enjoyed a delightful Christmas program and social in the club room at the library.

A miniature tree centered the lace-laid table from which Mrs. H. C. Lyon poured coffee. Sandwiches were passed by Mrs. Loyd Herring and Mrs. J. A. Williams.

The program which preceded the social hour was as follows:
Leader, Mrs. F. C. Miller
A group of carols by Misses Eula Clark, Audrie Wiltshire and Jewel Fulton; Miss Katharine Todd, accompanist.

Talk, "Christmas in Art and Music," Mrs. Lyon
Violin solo, Miss Todd; with Mrs. L. Schermerhorn, accompanist.

Gifts of canned goods were brought by each member to be given to the Goodfellows for distribution.

Mrs. Warren McCullough was elected an associate member.

Misses Scales and Farris Hostesses

Last Friday evening Miss Kathryn Scales and Miss Juanita Farris were hostesses at the Ballinger Country Club.

Dancing was enjoyed to radio and victrola music and punch and sandwiches were served the following: Misses Evelyn Branham, Teddie Wardlaw, Jewel Fulton, Jessie Rose Wallace, Rosemary Lasater, Dorothy Lynn, Wilma Malone, Jennie Krempin, Estelle Key, Mary Donham, Helen Routh, Willie Belle Hale, Wanda Lane, Lois B. Evans, Kathryn Wilson, Eleanor Williams, Mary Ruth Reese, and J. W. Little, John Pearce, Wylie Stobaugh, W. L. McMillan, Denman White, Bill Garrett, Leonard Scales, Jack Scales, Lucius Evans, Sam Malone, Louis Ruhmann, Sam Hollingsworth, Roy Jacob, Rex Nixon, Lenox Witcher, Wilson Middleton, Fred Middleton, Alden Thorp, Arthur Doose, Jr., Tom Gregg, Sidney Hale, Messrs. and Mmes. J. T. Gregory, Joe Flynn and A. L. Burden.

Miss Elkins Entertains Pep Squad

An elaborate Christmas decoration was given the banquet room at the Central Hotel Monday evening when Miss Sarah Elkins was

hostess to the members of the '34 pep squad.

A program of fun, which consisted of talks pertaining to unusual happenings of the season, was given by Alice Psenick, Mary Lou Creasy, Margaret Burk, Freda Lampe, Frances Smith, Gladys Kemp, Pauline Morris, Marjorie Lynn, Laura Edith Miller and Eleanor Williams. A tap dance was given by Mary Fry of Abilene and a reading by Bobbie Marie Avey.

The club presented Miss Elkins with a surprise gift, a silver sugar and cream set engraved with "Pep Squad, 1934."

Chocolate cake with a black "B" on red icing was served with tea, candy Santa Clauses, and salted peanuts.

Those present were: Eleanor Williams, Juanita Farris, Bobby Avey, Evelyn Branham, Marcella Fryar, Jessie Rose Wallace, Virginia Williams, Margaret Burk, Cyrene Andrews, Margaret Bean, Margaret Batts, Bitsy Lynn, Camille Behringer, Mabel McMillan, Gladys Kemp, Adalyn Horn, Alice Psenick, Mary Fry, Addie Beth Wood, Margaret Ransbarger, Annie Davis, Mary Lou Creasy, Eloise Mullins, Ruth Smith, Frances Smith, Laura Edith Miller, Margaret Clark, Sid Reese, Grace Hendricks, Pauline Morris, Opal Bradshaw, Freda Lampe, Ma Mae West, Wanda Lane, Lois B. Evans, Frances Routh, Molinda Brown, Bee Bryan, Kathryn Scales, Juanita Farris, Mozelle Brown, Myrtle Mollie Horn, Ruth Stokes, Mary Edith Wellhausen, Ota Bell Caudle, Mary Ava Burton, Kathleen Embry, Geraldine Ransbarger, Willie Mae McMillan, Billy Joe Embry, Esther Eckerman, Kathryn Morris, Mildred Brown, Ollie Baxter, Frances McKay, Dorothy Caudle, Theima Milsap, Gertrude VanNort, Nada Doherty, Doris Lane, Alma Drennan, LaVerne Pratt, Angelyn Meaders, Lillian Dodson.

Dinner for Club

A three-course turkey dinner at the Ballinger Country Club Tuesday evening was the favor extended by Mmes. J. G. Tuckey, Misses Frances and Verda Nell Trail to the members of their afternoon sewing club and husbands and friends.

The large living room presented a festive air for the occasion with branches of mistletoe and cedar being used attractively. A large Christmas tree with a gift for each guest occupied a prominent place. The long table had a lovely arrangement of cut poinsettias with a tinsel tree as centerpiece. Silver candelabra held red tapers. Place cards were miniature trees and favors were chocolate Santa Clauses.

Present were Messrs. and Mmes. George Garrett, W. C. Rhoden, C. C. Sessions, E. W. Stasney, Levy Lee, Neil McAlpine, Billie Cordill, Messrs. Tuckey, Horace Sessions and H. J. Zappie.

Contract Club Entertained by Mrs. Stasney

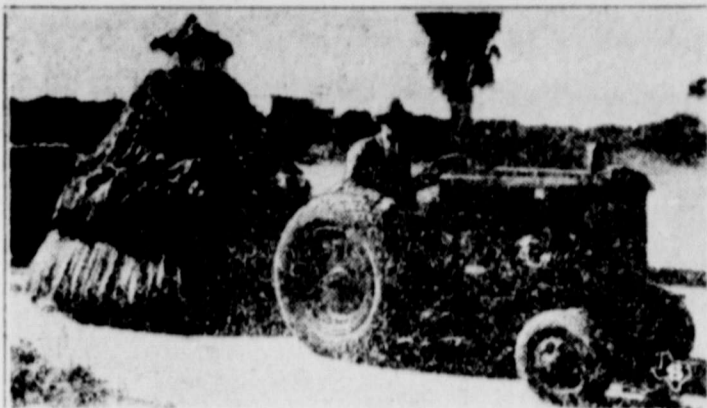
Mrs. E. W. Stasney entertained contract club members and additional friends in her pretty home on Eighth Street Wednesday afternoon.

Poinsettias in pots were given vantage placings about the rooms where all game and table appointments stressed the Christmas theme. A lighted tree centered the dining room table with gifts piled about its base.

A plate containing salads and sweets with hot spiced tea was served.

Included were: Mmes. F. M. Pearce, Delbert Vancil, Paul Trimmier, Jack Rudd, Leslie Baker, Arthur Giesecke, Robert Lowery, J. C. Sturges, Jr., Sam Dunlap, Edward Sommer, W. B. Woody, C. F. Bailey, Tom Agnew, J. B. Stripplin, R. W. Earnshaw, C. R. Stone, Harry Lynn, L. R. Tigner, Troy

Prize-Winner at Valley Celebration



Thousands of people attended the annual Birthday Party of West-laco, Texas Valley city in the heart of the citrus area. Pictured above is the parade exhibit of the Westlaco Agricultural association, which won first prize. As the tractor moved along, the cone at the rear turned slowly, displaying more than 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables raised in the warm and fertile Valley area. (Texas News Photos.)

Simpson, Alex McGregor, Ross Mur-chison, J. A. Schnable, K. V. North-ington, Robert Bruce, Loyd Herring, Leonard Stallings, C. W. Cheatham, Charles Miller, Jr., Dexter Eoff, Misses Verda Nell Trail, Frances Trail and Louise Batts.

J. O. Y. Class Honors Husbands

J. O. Y. Class members of the Baptist Sunday school were hostesses at a delightfully planned Christmas party on Monday evening in the parlors in the church basement with husbands being honor guests.

Mmes. Fred Caudle, J. G. Tuckey, Carl Black and Ernest Moody sponsored the affair and conducted group games.

Gifts from a gay tree were distributed by Ernest Moody as Santa. At this time "joys" were revealed. Minced pie topped with whipped cream was served with coffee and cheese balls to sixty.

Bride-to-be Honored

Honoring Miss Goldeen Robbins, bride-to-be, the employees of the Southwestern States Telephone Co. entertained Thursday evening with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Marie Thomas.

Guests were greeted at the door by Miss Isabelle Richardson and were taken to the bride's book to register. The register was presided over by Miss Gene Gressett. Music and conversation provided diversion for the evening.

The honoree was blindfolded and taken from the room and upon her return found her chair surrounded with many beautiful and appropriate gifts.

The hostess served chicken salad, wafers, hot chocolate, and cake to the honoree and Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Cal Adair, Russell, R. P. Canady and Grace Thomas, and Misses Jewell Hicks, Grace Hornsby and Ruby Garrett, both of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Are Hosts

A Christmas color scheme and a scottie motif in black and red were used effectively by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery on last Friday evening when they were hosts at dinner to compliment Miss Jeffie Bell, of Robert Lee.

A delicious three-course turkey dinner was followed by games of contract with high score award going to Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney and high cut to A. C. Bauer, Jr.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Leslie Baker, Stasney, Landon Dorn of Abilene, Bauer, Homer Carsey, George Kirk, Misses Bell, Adda Ward and Edna Mae Lowery.

Presbyterian Auxiliary in Social Meeting

The young woman's circle was hostess on Monday afternoon to the entire Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. E. W. Stasney as secretary of ministerial relief arranged and conducted the program.

Pecan pie was served with coffee to thirty.

PICTURE OF PREHISTORIC SKULL RECEIVED HERE

H. F. Demmer received a letter this week from an old friend, Eugene Gross, of near Yorktown, who recently found a mammoth skull of some prehistoric monster which has not yet been identified. Mr. Demmer attended school with Mr. Gross 35 years ago and had not heard from him until he saw an account of the discovery in a newspaper.

The skull, taken from deep in the ground, weighs more than 1,000 pounds, and has horns 7 feet and 2 inches long and 8 inches thick. A number of Texas schools are trying to secure the bones for their museums. Mr. Gross enclosed a very clear photograph of the skull in his letter to Mr. Demmer.

XMAS NEARS BUT SHERIFF'S FORCE POURS OUT LIQUOR

Heedless of the plaints of parched-throated friends and disregarding the fact that Christmas is just around the corner, Sheriff W. A. Holt and deputies Wednesday morning destroyed two large stills which had been held at the county jail for some time and also broached a barrel and poured out 30 gallons of whiskey that had been ageing at the jail for the past year.

District Judge O. L. Parish destroyed the stills and whiskey ordered at the last term of court when the cases involving the equipment and liquor were disposed of.

Mr. and Mrs. New Wardlaw and children of Del Rio, are here for a visit with relatives during the Christmas holidays.

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

BLIND TOT GIVES MASCOT

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 19.—A small black kitten, mascot of the Manchester football team, was presented recently to Sam Cowan, the captain, by Pauline, a 3-year-

old blind inmate of Home for Blind Babies. A first time that Pauline had handled a kitten, and she was excited when she found that it had a tail that she forgot her presentation speech.

To Our Friends

There are friends we meet as we go along who like ships that pass in the night, we meet one day and they drift away silently out of sight. There are others we meet who prove loyal and staunch and true, who tug at our hearts when the Yuletide starts—that's the sort of friends we want to count you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

JACK NIXON

Southwestern Life Insurance Company
Agent

A Thankful Christmas

A Christmas full of thanks for living in this year of 1934—full of thanks for the Christmas spirit that is prevalent in the hearts of all of you . . . and especially thankful for the LOYAL SUPPORT of all our customers.

We are looking forward to the pleasure of serving each of you better during the coming year.

CARR'S DRY CLEANERS
Horace Atnipp, Mgr.

Merry Merry Christmas

Our wish is that Christmas may Bring Happiness and Prosperity to you and that your house may be their dwelling place the livelong New Year through. May your gifts be many, your heart be gay and all the joys be yours on this glad holiday.

Along with these wishes let us also offer our thanks to you for your patronage in the past and your good will. We hope that we have served you in such a way that you will find it pleasant and profitable to give us your business in the future. We expect and hope to see you the majority of the days in the next twelve months.

Campbell & Forson Barber Shop

On Christmas Morn



In the quiet gray dawn, just before the world awakens to the joys of the Christmas Season . . . just as the morning star sparkles its brightest in the Eastern skies our thoughts turn to our friends whom it has been a pleasure to serve and it is our sincere wish that you have a joyous Yuletide Season and a Bountiful New Year.



- Paul Trimmier
County Judge
- W. W. (Bill) Chastain
County Clerk
- W. A. Forgey
County Tax Collector-Assessor
- C. C. Sessions
County Attorney-Elect
- R. E. White
County Superintendent
- E. C. Grindstaff
County Superintendent-Elect
- Mrs. W. A. Francis
County Treasurer
- W. A. Holt
Sheriff of Runnels County

At This Happy Yuletide Season

We would be ungrateful indeed if we did not express our appreciation for all the favors you have accorded us, and extend our hearty good wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

We want all our friends and customers to know how much we appreciate your patronage and good will, and all our new patrons to know that you can continue counting on us for the very best service we know how to render.

May Your New Year be Fruitful and Each Day be Blest With Happiness and Good Cheer!

We are looking forward with keen anticipation of a New Year filled with possibilities of advancement, and we are starting it off with the same old resolution to do everything we can to improve our service and usefulness to everyone with whom we have business relations.

Patrick Chevrolet Co.
Sales and Service



FLOWERS for CHRISTMAS
And All Occasions
Prices Reasonable
Eubank Floral Company
Mrs. E. M. Eubank
945 Sixth St. Phone 171

**"Just Another Ad." He Thought
But it Was a Check for a Story**

(Devil's River News)
When Fred Jungk, service station and tourist camp owner, on the Ozona road, opened an envelope from a publishing house the other day he thought he had "just another ad. there's more and more of them every day in the mail..."

Still that check for \$5 looked odd. However, some outfit was always writing some sort of a check and letting that piece of paper be a credit on a set of books or a magazine or what not. Probably amounted to nothing.

But it was a genuine check being sent to him as second prize for a story, "The Last Wish of an Honest Man," in a competition conducted by Short Stories magazine.

The contest, known as "The Bunk Detail or Veterans' Paradise" and conducted by one who calls himself Dan Edwards, mess officer, is for the best stories from ex-service men. Mr Jungk served the first seven months of the World War at Fort William McKinley in the Philippine Islands. He was a member of the 8th Cavalry, U. S. Army. The remainder of the war he was stationed on the border as a member of the patrol there.

The story which was published is reprinted here:

"Those who saw service in the Philippines know what it is to have Dohbi itch. Iodine was all they would put on one no matter how it hurt. But iodine was the only known remedy that would stop the infernal itch for any length of time. We had been ordered from the Islands after three years service. We were on our way to France in '17.

"Two or three days out of Manila we got into a typhoon. It was about the worst on record. The typhoon lasted about five days and at its height we struck a coral reef. Hatches had all been battened down with us below. Naturally, we thought we were doomed. The ship's officers couldn't allow us on deck lest we be swept overboard by one of those mountainous waves. Our own officers didn't dare try to visit from their quarters lest they meet the same fate.

"The ship's chaplain did come to visit us. He had come to comfort us. Every man Jack of us thought the last hour had arrived and that the chaplain had merely been sent

to prepare us sinners for our watery grave. After we had calmed down somewhat the chaplain asked if there was anything he could do, though he admitted there was little he could do save pray for anyone who might desire him to. Was there anyone who would like the chaplain to pray for him? There was!

"A man who had been suffering torments from Dohbi itch moaned his request from a far corner: 'Yes—Chaplain, will you please pray that they have plenty of iodine in hell.'"

**Advertising Helps
Merchandise Sales
For Gas Company**

The Ledger received a letter Wednesday from Will C. Grant, advertising manager for the Community Natural Gas Company, wishing the force a merry Christmas and saying it with a larger ad than usual.

This company has been a consistent advertiser during the past twelve months and is well pleased with the results obtained in this territory. Credit for a share of the results is given to the space used in The Ledger which has netted good returns in every campaign conducted during the year.

Every merchandise campaign held here during 1934 has been successful. The quota on every article has been reached and in some instances oversold. Much of the success of these campaigns has been due to the hard work and competency of the local manager, J. A. Schnable. Mr. Schnable has given his best to the company since coming to Ballinger and is always on the job when gas equipment is to be sold or better gas service is to be rendered. In addition he has also filled a valuable place in the life of the city, doing his full share in every progressive movement. He is a member of the Ballinger Lions Club, has served on committees for the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, assisted in the merchants' cooperative Christmas program, is a member of the Ballinger fire department, helps

Texas 4-H Club Delegation to National Conference



When the national 4-H Club conference was held recently in Chicago, the State of Texas was well represented. Here is the Texas delegation of 4-H Club boys pictured in Chicago. Each boy was selected and given the trip by the Texas Extension service for his outstanding club work. (Texas News Photos.)

in the Goodfellow work here, and in several other organizations he is a willing and efficient worker.

This company enjoys the friendship of its patrons and gives service that is above criticism.

**FORGETFUL IN GLASGOW
SUPPLY MANY BARGAINS**

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 19.—Football shoes for half a team, enough music stands for a band, and a sufficient number of umbrellas for a small town, all left by forgetful travelers in Glas-

gow within six months were publicly auctioned recently.

Odd lots that went cheaply included a set of false teeth, twenty-one babies' feeding bottles, 53 foreign coins and twenty-one pairs of shoes. A man who had just lost his umbrella popped into the sale and was lucky enough to get another for 8 cents, but he had to buy it in a bundle with eleven others at the same price each. Umbrellas of quality, selected by the transport department, brought 25 cents each.

**GOLD FROM BOWLDER
PUZZLES COMMUNITY**

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 19.—When an aged inmate of a county hospital finds a bowlder containing \$80 worth of gold in the road and the government pays a bonus of \$50 for it, who gets the surplus? That was put the county council of Coromandel, New Zealand.

The county clerk had taken out a miner's license in order to have the bowlder crushed, and wanted his share. A teamster charged

**Bill Moore Sells
Turkeys at Profit
In New York City**

Bill Moore, manager of the Moore Produce Company, is in New York city this week, concluding sales of about ten earloads of dressed turkeys shipped to the eastern seaboard by his firm. In a telephone conversation with a party here Wednesday night Mr. Moore stated that the market was holding firm and looking extremely good for profitable sales which he expected to make this week.

Mr. Moore made the trip to New York to personally attend to the sale of his produce. He has found that this is the best way to get turkeys on the market on time and received the best prices.

He left Ballinger last Saturday after the market was closed here and all shipments had been made from this point. The first part of the week he spent in contacting buyers and distributors in the metropolitan area.

Mr. Moore said he expected to conclude his sales in time to reach home for Christmas.

\$15.50 to cart it. The county foreman helped to move it, and he wanted something. After all expenses were paid the surplus was \$50, just equal to the bonus. The council refused to take part in the dispute.

Cotton acreage is increasing in Kansas, 4,000 acres being planted to the crop in 1934.

**PALACE
Christmas Eve Mid-Night
QUEEN**

Monday and Tuesday



"The Girl from Missouri"

She held all men in the palm of her hand till the one man held her in his arms. Harlow days are here again. Gayety! Thrillist Romance!



PALACE

"The Best for Less"
Friday and Saturday



Also Comedy
"Good Luck, Best Wishes"

SUNDAY and MONDAY



Plus
Paramount News

Children, Notice
Free Xmas Show

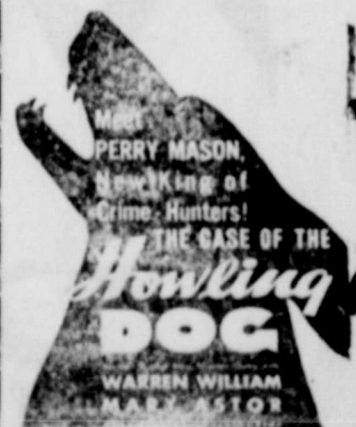
Christmas Eve Morning, 9 o'clock

For all children 12 years of age and under.

The management cordially invites you to his free Christmas Show a joyous program of gala attraction specially arranged.

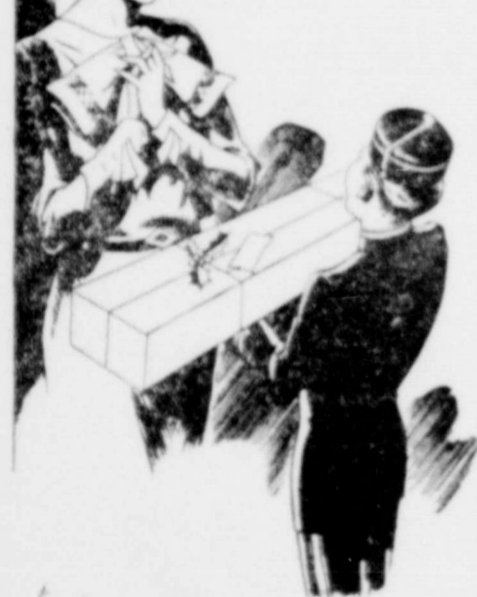
Bring your friends for a jolly good time.

THURSDAY ONLY
Every Thursday Night is Bank Night!



also
Selected Short Subjects

**Forgotten
Anyone?**



Remember Them With
FLOWERS

Isn't there someone to whom Christmas wouldn't be quite complete without a remembrance from you? Match her loveliness with fresh, fragrant flowers—the sweetest Christmas gift of all—from our greenhouse. Pot plants and cut flowers from Ballinger Floral Company always carry an extra note of thoughtfulness, for their freshness and outstanding beauty are a result of scientific growth. Yet they cost no more than ordinary flowers!

Ballinger Floral Co.
Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders Phone 263

**A WISH FOR ALL
OUR FRIENDS**

May good luck sit beside your fire and good cheer be your friend.

Perry Bros., Inc.

Merry Christmas

Safeway Stores are stocked with an abundance of fancy holiday foods—and, of course, all at our usual low prices. Prices effective Friday, Saturday and Monday, Dec. 21, 22, 24.

Holiday Chocolates
Caramels - Creams - Nougats
2 1/2 lb. box 59c 5 lb. box 98c

Chocolate Drops
Satin Mix, Orange Slices, Jelly Beans
2 lbs. 25c
5 lbs. 59c
10 lbs. \$1.15

Peppermint STICKS Jumbo size EACH 5c
Peanut Brittle SLABS 12 oz. EACH 10c
Marshmallows 1 Lb. 15c
Cherry Chocolates 1 Lb. 25c
Ribbon Mixed 1 lb. 15c
Mixed Nuts 2 lbs. 35c
Walnuts 1 lb. 19c Soft Shells
Cocoanuts 3 for 25c Large size

Vanilla Extract large 8 oz. bottle 10c
Guaranteed Eggs doz. 29c
Rain-bow Salad Dressing Introductory Price Qt. Jar 25c
Sugar PURE CANE 25 Pound Cloth Sack \$1.25
Crisco 3 lb. can 52c

HENS
Selected fat bakers, large size, fully dressed 15c
OYSTERS
Extra Select Pint 33c

Airway Coffee 1 lb. 19c
Pop Corn Black Beauty 2 lbs. 29c
Pork and Beans tall can 5c
Dates, new pack 2 lbs. 22c
Brown Sugar 2 lbs. 15c
Cocoanut in bulk 1 lb. 20c

Beef Roast choice cut 1 lb. 10c
Cheese-Longhorn 1 lb. 18c
Sliced Bacon Like we slice 1 lb. 19c
Pork Roast 1 lb. 15c
Pork Sausage Made right 1 lb. 15c
Spare Ribs 1 lb. 12c

Oranges
Sweet California Navels No Seeds
Medium Size doz. 15c
Large Size doz. 25c
Extra Large doz. 29c
Case Half Case \$2.00 \$2.50

Apples
Extra Fancy Delicious
Large size DOZEN 29c Extra Large DOZEN 39c Box \$2.59
Fancy Box Winesaps
Large size DOZEN 25c Your Choice BOX \$2.00
Cranberries Fancy late Howes 1 lb. 25c
Celery Large well bleached stalk bunch 12c
Bananas Golden Ripe 2 doz. 25c

SAFEWAY STORES

Christmas Church Services

Ballinger Baptist Church
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, E. E. King, superintendent.
 11 a. m., preaching service by the pastor.
 6 p. m., B. T. S. meeting, Ernest Moody, director.
 7 p. m., preaching by pastor.
 7 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.
 8 p. m., Wednesday, choir practice, R. E. White, director.
 J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.
 11 a. m., morning service.
 6:15 p. m., senior Endeavor.
 7 p. m., evening service.
 7 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting followed by choir practice.
 W. H. F. MOORE, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
 (Ninth Street and Harrison Ave.)
 Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages. John Morris, superintendent.
 Morning worship 11 a. m. Devotional and inspirational. Preaching by pastor.
 Meeting of Junior Band 4 to 5 p. m.
 Young people's meeting 7 p. m.
 Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
 Come and worship with us. You are always welcome.
 R. E. CUMMINGS, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.
 5 p. m., Intermediate Society.
 7 p. m., evening worship.
 If you do not worship elsewhere, you are cordially welcome at all of our services.
 E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor

Church of Christ
 (Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)
 Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. with competent teachers for all classes.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Communion following service.
 Ladies' Bible class meets in the church building Monday at 4 p. m.
 Prayer meeting and young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.
 The public is invited to attend any and all these services.
 HARVEY CHILDRRESS, Minister

First Christian Church
 (Broadway and Murrell)
 9:45 a. m., Bible school. A class for every age. We are never too old to learn something new from the Bible.
 11 a. m., worship and communion service.
 7 p. m., Christmas pageant.
 LEE WHIPPLE, Minister

Church of God
 (Corner of Sixth and Strong)
 Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., S. H. Skelton, superintendent.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.
 Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.
 Preaching at 8 p. m. by pastor.
 Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
 Woman's Missionary Society each Thursday.
 W. S. HANCOCK, Pastor

First Methodist Church
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Sam Behringer, superintendent.
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 6:30 p. m., young people's meeting.
 7 p. m., preaching by pastor.
 A cordial welcome awaits you at all our services.
 W. H. VANDERPOOL, Pastor

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE OFFERED AT 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

The First Christian Church will present "The Christmas Pageant" in the church auditorium Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. This pageant tells the old story of the Nativity in a new way, employing music, reading and pantomime, and will be climaxed with a white gift service.
 The minister, Rev. Lee Whipple, and others have been working for the past several weeks in arranging the special service which will be presented in seven scenes with special settings and lighting effects. Platforms have been erected for the stages and the front of the building will be curtained so that the scenes may be portrayed most effectively.
 The seven scenes include: 1. The Annunciation of Mary; 2. Wise Men following the Star; 3. Wise Men before King Herod; 4. The Star of the East; 5. The Shepherd Scene; 6. The Manger; 7. Joy to the World. Immediately following the pageant Mrs. Charles F. Bailey will read "Why the Chimes Ring."

PALACE TO HAVE PREVIEW OF GINGER ROGERS FILM

The Palace Theatre has scheduled a special preview showing of what promises to be one of the motion picture hits of 1935, entitled "Romance in Manhattan," and starring Ginger Rogers and Francis Lederer. The showing is next Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, matinee and evening.
 Miss Rogers is starred in this picture after completing "The Gay Divorcee," and needs no introduction to motion picture fans. Her most recent role is one she has never heretofore had opportunity to play. She has played mostly in comedy and musical comedy, but in "Romance in Manhattan" she has the opportunity to do highly dramatic scenes.

Board of Trustees Elects F. T. Wright To Coach Athletics

The board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent school district in a called meeting Thursday afternoon elected Felton T. ("Pooch") Wright head athletic coach. He will begin his school work December 31, teaching history in the high school and have charge of athletics.

The election of Mr. Wright meets with the approval of the citizens of Ballinger. For five years he directed athletics in the Ballinger school, turning out five good football teams, one a regional champion, in 1929. His ability to handle boys and young men and his knowledge of football makes him one of the best known and most esteemed coaches in West Texas high schools.

Mr. Wright resigned here in 1931 to enter business but has decided to go back to his original profession. Since quitting the job of coaching here he has kept up closely with football and worked every season as an official in games in West Texas. He will resign as local manager of the Banner Ice Company within the next few days to accept the position in the school.

Mr. Wright stated Thursday afternoon that he was glad to again be back at his old job and that he would promise Ballinger fans a hustling team every time the Bearcats took the field. He complimented the fans and sportsmanship of the citizens here and asserted it was a pleasure to work with and for them.

Within the past eight days the local school board has employed two managers of Banner plants to coach here. One trustee said Thursday afternoon that they did not "have it in" for the company but were merely seeking a good man for the coaching position.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Streckert and Miss Mary Louise Wright, of Brownwood, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Henderson.

Pete Giesecke left Thursday morning for San Antonio to spend Christmas with relatives. He went via Del Rio, where he had business to transact.

Pratt is Released By School Board; To Manage Banner

Clyde Pratt, of Winters, recently elected athletic coach for the Ballinger high school, was here Wednesday to request the board to release him from his contract. The board granted the request and the school is without a coach again.

For the past two years Mr. Pratt has been manager of the Banner Ice Company plant at Winters. This week the company offered him the management of the San Angelo plant and all territory west of that city. The position carries a much larger salary than the coaching and teaching place here and for that reason Mr. Pratt asked to be released here.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger is a story regarding the election of Mr. Pratt as coach of the Ballinger high school. One "run" of the edition was made before the resignation was received and acted upon.

Hilliard Will Play For Junction Stars Against Ramblers

The Ballinger Ramblers, local independent football team, will play their next game of the season Christmas day at Junction, against probably the toughest squad they have clashed with.

The Junction aggregation will have such stars as Bohn Hilliard, of the Texas University Longhorns; McCauley and Witt, of the Rice Institute Owls, both stars of the past season; and other college and university players of much experience.

The local eleven will have in addition to its regular line-up Joe Bailey Cheaney, star of the Texas conference for four years and now coach of the Texas conference champions, the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets; Hilton Gilliam, also a former Howard Payne and Texas conference star; Ray Taylor, another Texas conference berth holder; and others who have played lots of football in recent years.

The best carbon paper for typewriters at Ledger office.

Feature Ball Game Slated for Friday Afternoon at Park

Tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock a feature football game will be played at Fair Park between teams designated as the Self team and the Pratt team. The former eleven is so-called because only those high school players will play on it who served under Coach H. B. Self and those who will finish school this year. The Pratt team will be composed of the "hold-overs" that is the players who will play next year for Ballinger high, and those who will have a chance to play next year under the new coach, Clyde Pratt.


This is to be a benefit game, the proceeds of which will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the coaches of the 1934 team, Mr. Self and George Stowe. The 1934 team wishes to express its appreciation to the coaches for their work this season and take this means of raising money and also providing entertainment for the football fans of the city.

This game probably will give fans of the city some idea of what to expect in the way of a grid team for next year, although many of the players on the Pratt team will be a little ragged now as compared to what they will be next season.

Six-ply black cardboard only 10¢ a sheet. Ballinger Printing Co.

PALACE
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 Matinee and Night
 Francis Lederer
 Ginger Rogers
 in
 "Romance In Manhattan"
 Comedy-drama about an immigrant in New York trying to get along and how he goes to the aid of those who befriended him.
 Also Musical
 "The Policy Girl"

Ledger Want Ads Pay.
 With Sincere Gratitude and Appreciation

We Offer
Seasons Best Wishes

E. Shepperd & Co.
 Visit Us in Our New Home in
 F. & M. Bank Bldg.

We Don't Forget
 The best interest of our host of patrons never take second place on our business calendar nor does our memory slip when there comes an opportunity to serve you. Neither at Christmas are we slow in wishing you the Best that Old Santa has in his entire collection of Joys.
 We are glad and joyful over the patronage you have accorded us in the past, and to show our appreciation we are promising you better service than ever before. This day you will find us planning, working and striving to please you, with your welfare foremost in our minds at all times.
 A SEASON FULL OF CHEER
McBee Bros. Service
 Tenth Street and Hutchings Ave. Phone 177

Our Holiday Greetings To You
 For your share in the success we have enjoyed in the past year we offer our sincere thanks. May you have a pleasant Holiday season, followed by a most prosperous New Year.
CITY CAFE

Let Joy Reign Supreme
 May this Christmas find the world as a whole more joyful than ever before and more eager to help their fellowmen in the trials of life. With lively remembrance of your good will let us renew our wishes for your happiness and prosperity during the coming year, and voice our prayer that other Yuletides to come will find us both rich in the coin of mutual esteem.
Banner Ice Co.

Good Cheer
 A Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are merely code words in our message of good cheer. Their interpretation encompasses our deepest appreciation of the business you have given us and the good will existing between you and our employees. We sincerely wish for you and yours better days and increased happiness during the coming year, 1935.
 Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year
Kirk & Mack

SPONSOR
FRIENDLY BUILDERS TRUST

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



December 1, 1934
Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a football and a Dick Tracy set, some apples and oranges, nuts and candy, and if you don't mind, a pair of socks.
Your friend,
K. V. NORTHINGTON, JR.

December 9, 1934
Dear Santa:
I am a boy 10 years old. I have one little brother and two half brothers. You can bring anything you wish us to have. Jack, my brother, is 6; J. L., my half-brother, is 5; and Billy is 3.
Love to Santa,
DONALD CLUBB
c-o J. L. Low

Ballinger Rt. 1, Dec. 8, 1934
Santa's Toyland, North Pole
Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy and I want a little bronze racer, a gun, a knife, firecrackers, cowboy suit, apples, oranges, bananas and nuts.
(Unsigned)

Robert Lee, Texas, Dec. 9, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
Billy and I were sure glad to see you at Ballinger yesterday. Please do not forget to come to see us. We have been real good. Billy is 7 and I am 8 and Baby Holliday is 6 months. Don't forget him because he is so sweet. Anything you have to spare is all right with us. I couldn't find any ink, so I guess mother hasn't any, so bring her some. We thank you for the package. We wish you a Merry Christmas.
Yours truly,
FRANKIE BETH STROM

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 10, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 10 years old. My little brother is 6 years old. We want you to bring me some black girl boots to wear to school, it is so cold to go to school, and a black coat-suit, some fruit and candy. My little brother wants some boots and a suit of clothes, some toys, candy and apples. Please don't fail Santa. We are looking for you.
DOROTHY MAE WISEMAN

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 9, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
I am 9 years old and want a doll and a little trunk. I would like some books and games. I want a

color book and a paper doll book. I want a little week-end bag so I can come to see you. That is all but don't forget the other children and Rosemary Buntion in Winters. Don't forget mother and daddy and my baby brother, bring him something he can't tear up and I don't know what it will be. That's all but fruit, nuts and candy.
JEWELL CHRISTINE WHITE

Dearest Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old and I try to be real good, so will you please bring me a ball, some skates, a doll, a wagon, a little set of dishes and a little house, some candy, apples and oranges. Please don't forget all the good little boys and girls.
JUANITA COSBY

Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 9, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old and I will write you a letter as I don't want you to pass me up. I live in South Ballinger No. 3 white house (Flid's house). Please bring me a cap gun and caps, firecrackers, tricycle or a wagon, candy, fruit and nuts.
Best wishes,
ERNEST DUPRE

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 15, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a rubber doll, doll stove, a rocking chair, so I can rock my doll to sleep, some nuts and candy. Also think of my baby brother who is 2 years old. He wants a kiddy cart truck and candy and fruit.
DORTHIA DUPRE

Dear Santa Claus:
Please, I want a pair of skates, wrist watch, a ring and a rubber doll, candy and nuts. Bring my baby sister a rubber doll, little house, stove and a broom, also candy and fruit. Thanks a lot.
ANNA MAE and NELDA SANDERS

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 8 years old. I want you to bring me a gun, some nuts and things to eat. And wishing you all the good wishes.
MONROE POWELL
P. S.—I am camped at the San Angelo bridge.

Ballinger, Texas
Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a little baby doll, some candy, an apple

Alfred Greeted Mexican Ex-President



Abelardo Rodriguez, who retired from the presidency of the Republic of Mexico last week, was welcomed to the United States by Governor West James V. Alfred of Texas. Alfred is shown at left; Rodriguez (right) is pictured with Senora Rodriguez. The former president of Mexico is flying to New York for treatment of his eyes. "I don't want to get a cure, not to give a statement," (Texas News)

and an orange. I am 3 years old. I am Merry Lois Powell, baby sister of Wanda Louise Powell.
MARY LOIS POWELL and WANDA LOUISE POWELL

Ballinger, Texas
Dear Santa—Bring me a little doll, too, and some nuts, and apples and oranges. I am another little Powell girl. My name is Martha Marie Powell. I am 5 years old. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.
MARTHA MARIE POWELL

Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 18, 1934
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a baby doll and a mirror set. Remember father and mother and all the little orphan children. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
As ever,
EDITH MAE LEDGER

MOTLEYS ATTEND FUNERAL OF SISTER IN MASON COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley returned Sunday night from Mason where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Motley's sister, Mrs. G. W. Herring, who died Saturday night. For several weeks Mrs. Herring had been at the point of death. Funeral services were held Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Martin, in the Grit community, with whom decedent was making home. Interment was made in the family burial plot near the ranch home in Mason county.

Decedent was preceded in death only six weeks ago by her husband.
One son and two daughters survive: Carroll Herring, Mrs. Neal Sharp and Mrs. Johnnie Martin.

PARISH GOES TO DALLAS TO ASSIST WITH COURT

Judge O. L. Parish left Sunday for Dallas to preside over a district court there and assist Judge Watkins with cases this week. He will be away until the latter part of the week, returning home for the Christmas holidays. This is the second week Judge Parish has spent in the Dallas court recently.

MANY NEW ORCHARDS ARE STARTED IN TRAVIS COUNTY

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Six hundred and sixty-seven new orchards have been started in Travis county during the past three years as the result of an orchard program carried on by the 4-H club members of the county, according to T. H. Royder, farm demonstration agent. The number of trees in the orchards has been increased from 2,614 to 6,899, showing an increase of 4,285 trees. Of these, 1,384 were donated by a local civic organization while 2,871 were bought by the club members themselves. Twelve different kinds of fruit are grown in the orchards.

Mrs. J. L. Byars was able to return to her home Tuesday after recuperating from an operation in the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Motor Transport Men To Map Progressive Plans for Industry

AUSTIN, December 19.—Looking forward to mapping a more progressive program for their growing industry, motor transportation men of Texas will meet in a three-day convention at Austin the latter part of December.

Conclave plans have received such unusually good response, according to Walter Beck, in charge of Texas Motor Transportation Association activities, that arrangements are being developed for a comprehensive exposition to be held in connection with the business sessions which will open December 27 and close three days later.

Splendid facilities of the University of Texas will be employed for both convention and exposition. Business meetings will be conducted in huge Gregory gymnasium, on the university campus, and a paved and parked area, 120 by 550 feet, will be the scene of the exhibition of the most modern machines and equipment.

The convention is to be held to iron out a variety of problems confronting the industry, Beck said. "Out of the meetings and show will come a clear picture of both good and retarding conditions existing in the industry."

Some of the convention purposes will be consolidating trucking code gains, talking over problems of each class of operators, and learning the latest developments in equipment, operating practices and services.

Discussions and expert speakers will be parts of special meetings of various groups, including private, local cartage and dump truck operators, common carriers, oil field haulers, and topics to be aired will be of deep interest to everyone, from the operator of one truck to the owner of a fleet.

Texas Motor Transportation Association members have elected the following new officers:

Henry English, Lufkin; Harry E. Stewart, E. D. Balcom and E. J. Kahn, all of Dallas; A. W. Dunn, Marshall; W. M. Dewey, F. G. Dorsey, R. L. Lohse, and Campbell Sewall, all of Houston; Harry Leonard, San Antonio; J. E. Weaver, Jr., Midlothian; John E. Collier, Fort Worth; Eugene T. Thompson, Beaumont; E. A. Brown, Austin; A. R. Dalby, Lubbock; and Charles Herder, Weimar. Dorsey was made president of the association; Balcom vice-president; Walter Beck, executive

GREAT SPANISH DAM READY FOR OPERATION

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Spain's great Esla dam project is practically completed and is expected to begin operations soon. Equipped with the latest American machinery of 200,000 horsepower it is expected to produce 450,000,000 kilowatt hours a year.

The Esla dam, located on the Duero River about twelve miles west of Zamora, is by far the largest in Spain in capacity and extension, and among those in western Europe can be compared only with that being built by the French at Rodano. The dam itself is a concrete structure of 400,000 cubic meters, 92 meters high and 9 meters wide at the top.

The plan of the company is to build, eventually, six great installations, starting with the Esla and followed down the valley from Zamora to the Portuguese border by five others.

Chester Taylor, Harris Evans and Miss Ennie DeWitt will arrive tomorrow (Friday) from Baylor University, Waco, to spend Christmas with relatives.

MEDALS GIVEN SOLDIER ARE SOLD AT AUCTION

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Medals awarded a valiant man were offered for sale at an auction at London recently. They were a field officer's gold medal for the Battle of Corunna, January 16, 1808; General Service Medal, Fuentes d'Honor Breast Star of Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Bath, and three other decorations, all awarded to Major Sir Charles Napier.

Sir Charles served in the Irish rebellion in 1798. In the Peninsular War two horses were shot under him, and at the Battle of Busaco he was shot through the face. On February 17, 1843, with 2,800 troops he defeated 22,000 of the enemy posted at Mecanee. On February 21 Hyderabad surrendered to him. On March 24 with 5,000 men he defeated 20,000 of the enemy at Dubba, completing the subjugation of Scinde. But there were few bidders for the medals.

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Merry Christmas

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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



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We pledge you a still greater service for the coming year. May the season's joys be yours.



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